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A Note from the EDITOR



Welcome to this week's Killarney Outlook, jam packed with all that is happening in Killarney and beyond.

Models In Recovery took to the catwalk for another outstanding fundraiser and we have all the photos from a night to remember at the Gleneagle Arena in aid of the Kerry Hospice Foundation.

The roar of the red deer will return to Killarney over the coming weeks as the annual rut gets underway, and Kilcummin Comhaltas celebrated a year of success with a night of music, song and dance at the Klub Bar in the parish.

Killarney man is taking on the Dublin City Marathon in memory of his fiancée and to raise funds for Breast Cancer Research, Pink Ribbon Day has been launched and we take a look at Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Teens are being invited to take part in the Relove Fashion Challenge, Billy Ryle takes a look at all things Education and Anne Lucey has her weekly take on local and national news.

With all the news from the courts, pitches and fairways, along with Jimmy's take on All Things Sport, I hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie



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Running in Memory of a Much-Loved Fiancée



Scan the QR Code to raise funds in memory of Adele.

A group of family and friends will take on the Irish Life Dublin City Marathon this October in memory of Adele McKenna, raising vital funds for breast cancer research.

Among the runners will be Killarney's Shane O'Neill, a member of Dr Crokes and son of Harry and Anne O'Neill, who will take on the 26.2-mile challenge alongside Daryll, Matthew, Cabrina, Audrey, Aoife, David, Mike and PJ as part of the Miles for Adele fundraising campaign.

The marathon takes place on October 25 and will be a particularly poignant challenge for Shane and those closest to Adele, who sadly passed away in May 2026 following her battle with breast cancer.

Rather than allowing their grief to define Adele's story, her family and friends have channelled their love for her into a remarkable fundraising effort, with the aim of helping other families in the future.

The group has already shown the extraordinary lengths they are prepared to go to in Adele's memory. In June, they took part in a 100km challenge and succeeded in raising more than €32,000 for the National Breast Cancer Research Institute.

Now Shane, Daryll, Matthew, Cabrina, Audrey, Aoife, David, Mike and PJ will be running in the Irish Life Dublin Marathon, continuing their fundraising efforts and helping to support vital breast cancer research.

The National Breast Cancer Research Institute funds research aimed at improving the



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understanding, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. For Adele's family and friends, supporting research is a fitting way to honour her life and hopefully help create a future where fewer families experience the pain of losing someone they love to the disease.

The campaign's message, "Her strength. Her love. Our motivation," captures the spirit behind the marathon challenge.

For Shane and the other runners, every mile will carry special meaning. The training, the early mornings, the tired legs and eventually the 26.2-mile journey through the streets of Dublin will all be undertaken with Adele firmly in their thoughts.

As Breast Cancer Awareness Month takes place throughout October, the Miles for Adele campaign is a powerful reminder of the devastating impact breast cancer can have on families, but also of the strength, love and generosity that can emerge from the darkest of times.

The nine runners are now hoping that people will get behind them once again and help them raise even more vital funds.

Every donation, no matter how large or small, will help support breast cancer research and ensure that Adele's legacy continues to make a difference.

People can follow the campaign on Instagram at @milesforadele, while donations can be made through the Miles for Adele fundraising page for the National Breast Cancer Research Institute.

On October 25, as Shane, Daryll, Matthew, Cabrina, Audrey, Aoife, David, Mike and PJ make their way around the Dublin Marathon course, they will have one very special person at the heart of every mile.

Running 26.2 miles for Adele - her strength, her love, their motivation.

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More than 60 events across Kerry's five Municipal Districts brought communities together in a county-wide celebration of culture

Culture Night Kerry 2026 has been hailed as a wonderful celebration of creativity and community, following a memorable evening of events across the county on Friday, 18 September.

From music, dance and live performance to exhibitions, workshops, storytelling, film, heritage and family events, this year's programme offered an exceptionally broad snapshot of cultural life in Kerry. Established cultural venues opened their doors alongside libraries, community spaces, heritage locations and other venues, bringing Culture Night into the heart of communities across the Kingdom. The programme drew on Kerry's strong cultural traditions while also reflecting the richness of contemporary life in the county. Irish and English could be heard throughout the programme, alongside the voices, music, stories and creative traditions of communities from many different backgrounds who now call Kerry home.

One of the standout moments of Culture Night Kerry 2026 was RTÉ's live national Culture Night television broadcast from Killarney. The broadcast put Kerry centre stage in the national Culture Night celebrations and offered audiences throughout Ireland a glimpse of the creativity, character and cultural energy of the

county.

There was strong local support across the five Municipal Districts throughout the evening, with the Cathaoirleach of each district visiting key Culture Night events and meeting artists, performers, organisers, volunteers and audiences. The 2026 programme also had a distinctly European dimension. As Ireland holds the Presidency of the Council of the European Union this year, a number of events were supported through Culture Ireland / Cultúr Éireann, creating opportunities for international cultural exchange. Ireland is paired with the Czech Republic (Czechia) in the Presidency cultural programme, and Kerry was delighted to welcome Czech poet Šimon Leitgeb, bringing a further international voice to the county's Culture Night celebrations.

Looking back on the success of the programme, Kerry County Council Arts Officer and Creative Ireland Co-ordinator Kate Kennelly paid tribute to everyone who contributed:

"Míle buíochas le gach éinne who helped make Culture Night Kerry 2026 such a memorable celebration. The success of the night belongs to the artists, performers, venues, community organisations, volunteers and audiences who embraced it with such generosity and enthusiasm. What was particularly special was seeing that sense of excitement spread right across the county. From our villages to our towns, people came together to experience something, make something, hear a story, enjoy a performance or simply share in the

atmosphere. The RTÉ broadcast from Killarney gave us a wonderful opportunity to showcase Kerry nationally, while at the same time so many brilliant cultural experiences were unfolding in communities throughout the county."

Leas-Chathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Jimmy Moloney, said the response to Culture Night demonstrated the important place of arts and culture in communities throughout Kerry:

"Culture Night was a tremendous celebration of the people, places and creativity that make Kerry such a special county. To see more than 60 events taking place across all five Municipal Districts, and communities coming out in such numbers to support them, was hugely encouraging. I want to acknowledge everyone who played a part in its success. The energy and welcome evident across Kerry on the night were a credit to our artists, cultural organisations, community groups and volunteers. It was a night when the Kingdom truly came alive."

Culture Night is a national initiative celebrating culture, creativity and the arts and providing opportunities for people to experience cultural activity free of charge. Culture Night is supported by The Arts Council / An Chomhairle Ealaíon and, in Kerry, is coordinated and resourced by the Kerry County Council Arts Office, working with artists, arts and cultural organisations, venues and communities throughout the county.



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Junior Ranger+ Youth in The Park Day

To mark European Youth in the Park Day, Killarney National Park Junior Ranger+ kicked off their third season with a hike into Glaisín na Marbh (the little stream of the dead) in one of the most inaccessible parts of the National Park.

Glaisín na Marbh is an area of ancient oak woodland in the western part of the park on the lower slopes of Shehy Mountain. The area has been continuously wooded for around 9,000 years, since woodland first covered the land after the last ice age.

The hike was strenuous and was across blanket bog and mountainous terrain. Along the way, many different topics such as control of *Rhododendron Ponticum*, conservation of peatlands, continuous monitoring of vegetation, control of grazing pressures and minimization of visitor impact.

A number of ancient, deserted settlements were visited in the woodland. The Junior Rangers learnt that people lived in the area up until the famine in the 1840s & 1850s and that the woodland gets its name "Glaisín na Marbh" meaning "little stream of the dead" because there is a burial ground in the woodland from the time of the famine.

The highlight of the day was meeting "The Great Alder"! Deep in the shelter of the Glaisín na Marbh valley, the group were introduced to an enormous, ancient alder tree, which is the biggest of three known, ancient alders which grow in the woodland.

Chris Barron and Tara Buckley, Killarney National Park Education Centre providing the old door class with Junior Rangers, Samuel O'Neill, Jake Dunlea, Sam Moore and Eoghan O'Sullivan.

Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan



Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of 'Arthur Young's Walk' Muckross Peninsula Killarney National Park

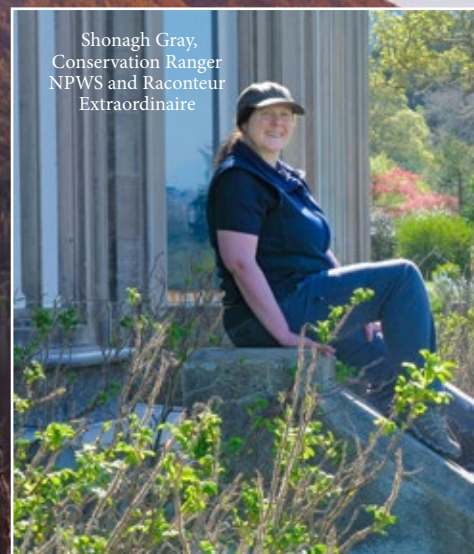
To celebrate the 250th anniversary of one of the most endearing walks in Killarney National Park, on Sunday 27th September, Shonagh Gray, Conservation Ranger NPWS, will bring to life this magnificent trail, with her insight into some of the rarest flora found in Ireland, the heritage and lore of Arthur Young's Walk.

Arthur Young (1741-1820) was an influential English Writer, Agriculturist, and the First Secretary of the British Board of Agriculture. He visited the landed gentry Herberts of Muckross Estate in September 1776, as research for his acclaimed best seller 'A Tour Of Ireland'. While staying with the influential Landlord family for four nights, he took a walk around the Muckross Peninsula. So mesmerised by the landscape and natural beauty of the Peninsula, he explored the magnificent native Oak Woods, the rare Reenadinna Yew Wood, its limestone

formations and rare flora. His glowing writings about the Muckross walk were honoured by establishing 'Arthur Young Walk' on the 27th September 1776.

Arthur Young's Walk is clearly marked. Should you wish to take the trail in your own time. It begins to the right of Muckross Lake about 200 metres from Muckross House and follows a route along the Muckross Peninsula between Lough Leane and Muckross Lake. extensive Yew Woods at Reenadinna - which have varied carpets of mosses and liverworts underneath. There are also many fine specimens of oak, arbutus and holly trees. It is a special area of conservation. Arthur Young (1741-1820) was widely regarded by his contemporaries as the leading agricultural writer of the time.

Shonagh Gray,
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"Enough lives have been lost in deer accidents in Kerry – we cannot wait for another tragedy"

Fianna Fáil TD Michael Cahill calls for emergency action following latest deer collision at Ballymalis.

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry Michael Cahill has called for urgent action to tackle the growing danger posed by deer on Kerry roads following another collision at Ballymalis last night, between Killarney and Killorglin.

Deputy Cahill said the occupants of the vehicle were incredibly lucky to escape without being killed or seriously injured with significant damage caused to their car.

Deputy Cahill's son, Kerry County Councillor Tommy Cahill, came upon the scene shortly after the collision and saw the extent of the damage caused.

Deputy Cahill said the incident demonstrates how widely deer are now travelling across the county and warned that enough lives have already been lost in deer-related incidents in Kerry.

"Thankfully, the people involved in this collision were not seriously injured, but they were incredibly lucky. The damage done to the car demonstrates the force involved when a deer suddenly comes onto a road."

"My son Tommy came upon the scene shortly after the collision and saw first-hand the damage that had been caused. Thankfully, those involved escaped without serious injury, but it could have had a very different outcome."

"This happened at Ballymalis, roughly halfway between Killarney and Killorglin. It shows just how far deer are now ranging and the very real danger they pose to motorists across Kerry."

"The timing is also particularly concerning, as we are now entering the deer rutting season, when deer behaviour and movement can change and animals can become much more active. This makes it all the more important that motorists and the relevant authorities are alert to the increased risk."



"Enough lives have been lost in deer accidents in Kerry. We cannot simply wait until another person is killed before this issue is treated with the urgency it deserves."

"This is not about blaming one particular organisation. It is about getting the relevant bodies around the table and putting effective measures in place to protect road users."

"I have already raised this issue with the Ministers for Agriculture, Housing and Local Government, Transport and Public Expenditure, calling for emergency measures to prevent deer from causing death and serious injury to motorists and other road users."

"There needs to be a coordinated response involving the relevant Government Departments, the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Kerry County Council and the road authorities."

"We need to look seriously at deer management, fencing in high-risk locations, warning and detection systems and any other practical

measures that can reduce the risk to motorists."

"We have had repeated warnings about this problem in Kerry. We have seen cars badly damaged, motorists injured and lives lost. The fact that collisions are continuing should be a matter of serious concern."

"Last night's incident is another reminder that this is not some distant or isolated problem. Deer are appearing on roads throughout Kerry, including major routes between our towns."

"The occupants of this vehicle were incredibly lucky not to be killed or seriously injured. It is only a matter of time before we see another fatality if this issue continues to be treated as though it is not an urgent problem. Enough is enough. We need action now."

Deputy Cahill has submitted Parliamentary Questions to the Ministers for Agriculture, Food and the Marine; Housing and Local Government; Transport; and Public Expenditure, seeking emergency measures to address the risk posed by deer to motorists and other road users.

Minister Foley welcomes progress on four Kerry school projects

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has welcomed confirmation of progress on four Kerry school projects.

Holy Family national school in Rathmore has received initial project approval from the Department of Education for an extension containing two special education classrooms.

Meentogues national school in Headford has received approval to proceed to tender for one special



education teaching room. Filemore national school in Caherciveen has received approval to proceed to tender for one special education teaching room.

Caherdaniel national school in Caherdaniel has received approval to proceed to tender for one special education teaching room. Special education teaching rooms can be used as a resource area for one-to-one teaching or as a multi-activity room for pupils with additional needs.

Minister Foley said:

"I wish to congratulate all these national schools for the excellent work they do every day in providing for the education of young people in their care. The growth and development of their schools are testament to the hard work and endeavour of the board of management, school staff and school community. I wish them well with these latest school developments."



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MINOR INJURIES CLINIC A MAJOR WIN FOR KILLARNEY

The new Kerry minor injuries clinic is to open in St Columbanus' in 2027. Great news for Killarney and all south Kerry. It was not without a push back from Tralee, we recall.

The news was on foot of a question at the South West Regional Health Forum in Cork by Councillor Marie Moloney.

Marie also sought information about future plans for the District Hospital. There is no decision yet on the future of the District, Kenneth Tobin of the HSE said.

A motion by Councillor Deirdre Ferris (SF) sought a minor injuries clinic for Tralee too. People from north Kerry would be unlikely to

pass the door of the Emergency Department in Tralee to travel to Killarney, Deirdre said.

She was not saying there should be either or. But it was a fact some 63 per cent of presentations to the ED at UHK were from the north of the County. "Tralee is the largest residential town," Councillor Ferris said.

"People from Tralee will not pass the ED and drive to Killarney. So we need to pursue a second minor injuries unit for the county," she said. Councillor Norma Moriarty however said it was very important the minor injuries clinic was "realised" for Killarney. The residential population of Killarney was not a reflection of true numbers. There was a significant population of tourists and the length of the tourist season was increasing. It was quicker for people from Waterville and Cahersiveen to get

to Killarney than Tralee, Norma said.

The other key take out from the meeting was the great potential of Primary Care centres. As well as mental health and occupational therapy, public health nursing, baby, and speech and language and dental services, they are to be looked at favourably for stroke clinics. Strokes were happening now to younger and younger people the meeting heard. Caherisveen will shortly have a fully fledged primary care centre, Councillor Jackie Healy-Rae was told. And while there are 11 primary care or health centres in Kerry, Killarney still has none. So, can our TDs go on an all out and secure a primary care centre in the District Hospital?

KILLARNEY V TRALEE

The minor injuries clinic is a rare win for Killarney. Tralee is surging ahead with services and public improvements. Killarney alas is bottom of the class. The point was driven home to me again last week in the announcement of significant funding for Kerry under the towns regeneration fund. Killarney gets 150,000 for a study on St Finan's. Tralee is to get over 7.5 million. Hats off to Minister Norma Foley. Quietly and consistently and without any fuss, this Fianna Fail TD is looking after her hometown. In the last 12 months alone, Euro 14.5 million has been allocated to Tralee Radio Kerry estimates. Euro 150,000 is going to a plan for the Tralee Eastern Corridor also in this round.

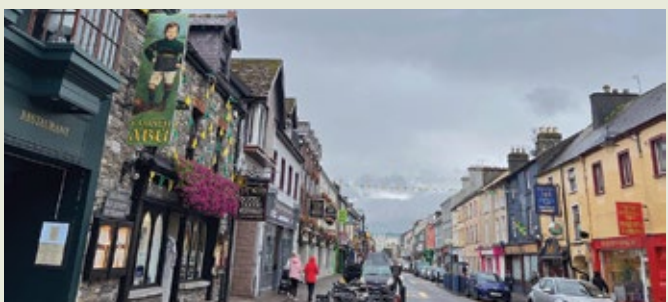
Meanwhile Killarney badly needs a bigger library, and a town museum. And a primary care centre. Not to mention footpaths.

The recent Municipal District meeting was told that there is no progress at all on old plans for a craft area in Killarney. (I think that plan for the Milk Market area was first put forward 40 odd years ago and architect Harry Wallace was commissioned and drew up gorgeous crafts shops.) Frustrated councillors said they were being "totally fobbed off".

There was a culture in Killarney of "tell them that and that will fob them off for another six to seven weeks," is how Maura Healy-Rae put it. This was in relation to the years long saga of unsafe footpaths and nothing being done. Councillor Niall O'Callaghan described the whole situation as "utterly frustrating". Other councillors vented their frustration at the slow pace of progress in Killarney. Councillor Niall Kelleher asked for an update on the proposed development of the Glebe/Milk Market Craft Quarter in Killarney decided on more than three years ago.

He was told there was no funding and no progress.

I wonder at this stage could funding for the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism or some independent body be found to appoint a local development officer for Killarney to sift through grants, identify projects and monitor progress? Something needs to be done.



POLITICS UNDER ATTACK

The attack on Michael Healy-Rae is unacceptable. There have been previous incidents too, all in Dublin. Clearly, there is a different view of Michael in Dublin than in Kerry.

Michael as I said on TG4 has had an "annus horribilis". As Councillor Charlie Farrelly put it in Tralee on Monday, "any assault" on a national, non-national, a tourist or a member of the oireachtas cannot be condoned.

Stories about politicians of all hues being threatened are being aired in its wake. Society and social media is being blamed.

But also emerging is disillusion with politics and national politicians.

The reasons are not rocket science. Basic provisions like housing and health care with the country awash with money seem completely beyond the ability of the modern Irish TD. Only now are TDs across all parties recognizing the need for a conversation about sudden large scale immigration in their own communities.

Meanwhile 70 per cent of Irish young people are considering emigrating. The cost of living is affecting everyone; but even the fuel crisis only dawned on our TDs late in the day. Yet anytime you open any social media, Simon Harris, Micheal Martin or some politician jumps out at you looking for likes and attention the way celebrities do.

There is also a feeling that too many politicians have "their snouts in the feeding trough" to quote

the great Joe Higgins during the property boom.

During that era - 2000 to be precise - TDs voted themselves salaries and allowances among the most generous in the western world. So they could concentrate on politics, not private business. And not be tempted to take bribes. Yet from landlords to farmers to IPAS / Ukrainian refugee accommodation, the Dail today is a hive of business with much of the additional income including generous salaries for wives and children acting as advisors and assistants - all derived from the same State which already pays them handsomely. The Minister for Agriculture avails of EU payments for his 245 acre farm! All transparent and within the letter of the law. But not a state of affairs James Connolly or De Valera, Garret Fitz or even Charles Haughey would recognise. None of this is an excuse for violence. But maybe as well as rating effectiveness, we should have a conversation about standards in Irish politics - Caesar's wife needing to be above suspicion and all that.



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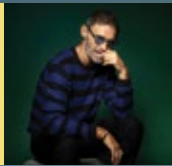
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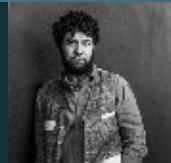


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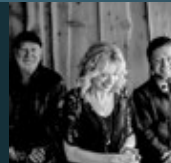
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Pink Ribbon Day

Launched in Killarney

The Killarney Branch of the Irish Cancer Society has officially launched preparations for this year's Pink Ribbon Day, one of the organisation's most important annual fundraising initiatives in aid of breast cancer services.

The launch took place this week, led by local committee members Katherine Breen and Eleanor Doherty, who are encouraging the people of Killarney and surrounding areas to give their support. A street collection has been organised for Friday, October 2nd, with funds raised going directly towards breast cancer research, patient care, and vital support services for those affected by the disease.

Pink Ribbon Day is a familiar sight in towns and villages across Ireland each year, with thousands of volunteers taking to the streets to sell the iconic pink ribbons. The money raised plays a crucial role in funding the Irish Cancer Society's work, including free counselling sessions, night nursing services for patients, and information and advocacy campaigns that benefit individuals and families nationwide.

Speaking at the launch, organisers said the event depends greatly on the generosity of both volunteers and the public. "Every ribbon sold helps make a real difference," Katherine told Killarney Outlook. "We are appealing to as many people as possible to get involved, either by giving a little of their time to help with the collection or by supporting the cause on the day."

The Killarney branch is now seeking volunteers to assist with the street collection. Anyone who can spare even an hour or two on October 3rd is asked to join the effort. Those interested can contact Katherine Breen on 087 2612992 for more information.

With community support, Pink Ribbon Day continues to shine a light of hope for those battling breast cancer, while also funding the ongoing search for better treatments and, ultimately, a cure.



Committee members Katherine Breen and Eleanor Doherty, who are encouraging the people of Killarney and surrounding areas to give their support.

Teens invited to take part in Relove Fashion challenge

Kerry teenagers are being encouraged to get creative and help tackle textile waste as the Relove Fashion national teen upcycle challenge comes to Kerry County Council. The initiative invites young people to transform old and unwanted textiles into something new, creating unique fashion pieces while promoting sustainability and keeping materials out of landfill.

Almost any textile can be given a new lease of life, including old shirts, dresses, jeans with holes, bedsheets and hats. Participants are encouraged to reimagine and repurpose materials that might otherwise be thrown away.

As well as promoting sustainable fashion, the challenge provides young people with an opportunity to develop practical skills in sewing, design and creative problem-solving. The competition is open to 12 to 19-year-olds, who can participate through their school, a youth group or as individuals.

Young people interested in taking part are encouraged to register their interest through the Relove Fashion website.

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Call of the wild...An Irish Red Stag bellowing in cloghereen, Muckross, on Monday, during the annual rutting season - a favourite time in Killarney National Park in 2024.

Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

The distinctive roar of Ireland's native red deer will once again echo through Killarney National Park over the coming weeks as the annual red deer rut gets underway. The rut is one of the most spectacular wildlife events of the year in Killarney and takes place annually from September through November, reaching its peak during late September and October.

During this period, mature stags compete for access to the hinds, with the normally peaceful autumn landscape transformed by the deep, powerful roar of the males as they establish their territory and challenge rivals.

Killarney is home to Ireland's last remaining native herd of red deer, a population with a history stretching back thousands of years. The herd is an important part of the natural heritage of the National Park and attracts considerable interest from both local people and visitors each autumn.

The most familiar sign of the rut is the distinctive bellow or roar of the stags. The deep calls can carry considerable distances through the woodland and open areas of the Park and are used by the males to advertise their strength and establish their presence.

Rival stags may also face off against each other, with their impressive antlers being used in clashes to establish dominance. While these encounters can be dramatic to witness, they are also an important part of the natural behaviour of the herd.

Visitors are reminded that these are wild animals and that rutting stags can become unpredictable and aggressive, particularly when protecting their territory or competing with another male.

There are a number of areas around Killarney where deer may be encountered.

The Knockreer area, close to the main entrance to Killarney National Park opposite St Mary's Cathedral, is one of the most accessible locations. It is within walking distance of Killarney town and offers opportunities to see deer in the surrounding parkland.

The Muckross area, around Muckross House and its surrounding grounds, is another popular location. Deer can often be seen from the designated paths and roads in the area.

The shores of the Lower Lakes and some of the surrounding hotel grounds can also provide sightings, particularly where deer are grazing in open areas.

However, sightings can never be guaranteed and visitors should never approach or attempt to drive animals into a particular position for photographs.

Those hoping to hear or see the deer at their most active should consider visiting during the early morning or late evening.

Dawn and dusk are particularly good times for wildlife watching, when deer are often more active and the cooler autumn conditions can provide an atmospheric setting for hearing the stags calling across the Park.

The rut can be particularly impressive on cool, misty autumn mornings, when the sound of the roaring stags carries through the landscape.

While seeing a rutting stag at close quarters can make for an impressive photograph, visitors are strongly advised to maintain a safe distance.

Stags experience significant hormonal changes during the rut and can be extremely powerful and unpredictable. Visitors should never approach a stag, attempt to feed a deer or deliberately position themselves between animals.

People should remain on designated paths and walking routes rather than leaving trails in an attempt to get closer to wildlife.

Drivers should also take extra care on roads around the National Park, particularly around dawn and dusk. Deer can move suddenly across roads and motorists should be prepared to slow down if animals are spotted nearby.

The annual rut provides a unique opportunity to witness one of Killarney's most remarkable natural spectacles, but enjoying it responsibly is essential to ensuring both the safety of visitors and the welfare of the deer.

For those living locally, the weeks ahead offer the chance to experience one of the most distinctive sounds of autumn in Killarney, the powerful roar of the native red deer echoing across the National Park.



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From Trash To Splash: Paint Recycling Initiative Launched In Kerry

Unwanted paint now being collected at Coolcaslagh Civic Amenity Site for a new 'ReLove Paint' Initiative

A circular economy initiative, 'ReLove Paint', has been launched in Kerry this week. Supported by Kerry County Council, the EPA, the Rediscovery Centre and the Paint Reuse Network, the initiative is being delivered by a social enterprise of the South Kerry Development Partnership.

Leftover water-based interior paint is being accepted at Kerry County Council's Coolcaslagh Civic Amenity Site in Killarney for a nominal fee. The paint will then be filtered, re-coloured and mixed into new, unique colours by the SKDP Social Enterprise.

The 'ReLove Paint' collaboration will provide affordable, high-quality paint in a great range of colours for reuse in Kerry communities. Not only will the project benefit the environment, but it will also deliver in terms of reduced costs for the community groups and individuals who use the paint.

Cathaoirleach of the Killarney Municipal District, Cllr John O'Donoghue, welcomed the initiative: 'Many households have old, half-empty paint cans lying around in attics and sheds and this is a really simple way to get rid of them while benefitting the environment.' Chief Executive of the South Kerry Development Partnership, Noel Spillane said: 'We are delighted to collaborate with Kerry



At the launch, from left, Clare O'Shea, SKDP, Chris Fitzgerald, SKDP, Noel Spillane, CEO, SKDP, Ger Moynihan, SKDP, Environmental Awareness Officer with Kerry County Council, Breda Moriarty, John Cronin, SKDP, Cathaoirleach Kerry County Council, Cllr. John O'Donoghue, Daniel Leahy, SKDP. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

County Council on this new "ReLove Paint initiative." The project will deliver significant environmental benefits by diverting unused paint from landfill and giving it a new lease of life. It will also provide community groups with access to affordable paint, while creating valuable employment opportunities within the local community. We look forward to collecting

unused paint from Coolcaslagh and preparing it for reuse, with the first paint expected to be available from October 2026.

Paints will be available to purchase in due course from the South Kerry Development Partnership.



Retired Nurses/ Kerry Branch enjoying a recent boat trip on Lough Leine on a beautiful summers day. A fantastic facility on our door step.



Irish artist Liam O'Neill presenting his painting "Duinin" to Mahmood Hussain who won the first prize at An Evening with Liam O'Neill in conversation with Brendan Griffin in St Michael's Church, Killorglin with all the proceeds going to Kiltallagh National School.

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"Proposals are among the most meaningful moments in a person's life, yet they often come with significant pressure," said Brian Bowler, General Manager of Aghadoe Heights Hotel & Spa. "Our Engagement Concierge allows guests to focus entirely on the moment itself. We discreetly manage every detail behind the scenes. We want each proposal to feel effortless, personal and unforgettable."

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For further information or to begin planning a proposal, visit www.aghadoeheights.com/engagement-concierge/, email weddings@aghadoeheights.com or call +353 64 6631766 to speak directly with the Engagement Concierge team.

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Pictured are Dermot O'Reilly, Alan Oliver and Cathal Walshe.





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Early Start for Killarney Tidy Towns Volunteers

Killarney Tidy Towns volunteers were up bright and early last Saturday morning for a community clean-up at the Pike Hill area, before enjoying a complimentary breakfast at Hotel Killarney as a gesture of appreciation for their efforts.

Pictured are members of Killarney Tidy Towns with management and staff at Hotel Killarney following the morning's meitheal.

The Killarney Tidy Towns Committee would like to thank all of the volunteers who continue to give their time and energy to the ongoing campaign to keep Killarney looking its best.

The committee also acknowledges the hard work and dedication of Kerry County Council's outdoor staff, whose continued efforts play an important role in maintaining the town and its surroundings. It is the combined efforts of volunteers, local businesses and council staff that help keep Killarney clean, tidy and welcoming for everyone.

Ní neart go cur le chéile



Dingle Food Festival 2026:

Food, Fun and Community Take Centre Stage in Dingle

Dingle will once again become a food lover's paradise when the Dingle Food Festival – Féile Bia Dhaingean Uí Chúis returns on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th October 2026, celebrating the extraordinary food, people and community of Corca Dhuibhne.

With its much-loved Taste Trail, street markets, workshops, children's events, music and street entertainment, the festival offers something for everyone, while continuing its commitment to sustainability and its ambition to be Ireland's first "Zero Landfill Waste" festival.

At the heart of the weekend is the Taste Trail, with more than 50 local businesses taking part, alongside more than 50 market stalls. Visitors can explore Dingle's pubs, cafés, restaurants, galleries and shops while sampling an extraordinary range of food and drink. The Bia Dingle Marketplace, in the centre of the town, will highlight the local food of the Dingle Peninsula as festival goers can meet local producers and literally taste the peninsula!

Community events with a difference

The festival programme extends well beyond food, with a number of events bringing the wider community together.

One of the highlights will be the Garvey's, Great Corca Dhuibhne Milk Race, raising funds for Kerry Mental Health and adding an extra dash of fun and community spirit to the weekend. The popular Great Daingean Uí Chúis Bake Off will also return, giving young bakers the

opportunity to showcase their skills and creativity in a celebration of home baking. And not forgetting the Children's Events that will take place Saturday and Sunday in the Dingle Town Park.

Get hands-on at the workshops

Food lovers can also get involved in a varied programme of workshops covering everything from wine and cheese to foraging, beekeeping and nutrition.

Highlights include Italian Wines with local sommelier Dáire Ó Lúing, a Potions from the Hedgerows session with the Dingle Druid Juli Ní Mhaoileoin, a Beekeeping Workshop with experienced local beekeeper Tadhg Leahy, and Building Healthy Habits with nutritionist Nell Ní Chíobháin of Anam Nutrition. There will also be

a Cheese & Wine Tasting, pairing Irish cheeses with selected wines.

The festival weekend also coincides with Blas na hÉireann – The Irish Food Awards, taking place in Dingle from 1st–4th October, bringing some of Ireland's leading food producers and food industry professionals to the town.

Sustainability remains central to the festival. Visitors are encouraged to "bear leat do bhabhla" – bring your own bowl, while reusable tableware will be used across the Taste Trail and markets to reduce disposable waste.

With more than 10,000 visitors expected and approximately 150,000 food tastings on offer, Dingle Food Festival 2026 promises a weekend of great food, community, creativity and plenty of fun.



Pictured at WAVE Dingle for the launch of the Dingle Food Festival which take place in the county Kerry town on October 3rd & 4th 2026 were Niamh O'Kennedy, chef Martin Bealin and pirate Jamie Flannery with some freshly caught local fish including Hake, Mussels and Oysters.

Full details of the festival are available on www.dinglefood.com Photo: Don MacMonagle



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Killarney National Park

Autumn Talks Series 2026

From the most important surviving records of medieval Ireland - The Annals of Innisfallen to the mystical Starling Murmurations in Lough Ennell

This year marks the 38th year of the annual Killarney National Park 'Autumn Talks Series' 2026, set to return to Killarney House Auditorium (V93 HE3C) commencing Thursday, 8th October, and will continue each Thursday night for six weeks. The popular weekly event will take place at Killarney House Auditorium at 8.00pm. The talks series is free, seating is limited, it will also be live-streamed via the Killarney National Park Facebook page @killarneynationalpark

Long time organiser of the Talks Series and recently retired NPWS Conservation Ranger, Padruig O'Sullivan, added "The success of the talks is the incredible engagement with our community and in recent years, live-streaming the events has greatly enhanced the experience with audiences joining us from all parts of the globe. The diversity of speakers stemming from every walk of life with challenging and engaging topics, always an invaluable source of new information to share."

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'Exploring the Annals of Innisfallen' by Pádraig Ó Macháin, Professor of Modern Irish, UCC, will prove to be another very popular evening. Currently on public display at the Glucksman Art Gallery, UCC. The monks documented their lives and a legacy of early Irish history, as it was known to them. Almost a thousand years old and hand-

written in Irish and Latin, the 57 vellum leaves of The Annals of Innisfallen document the history of Ireland before the arrival of St Patrick and afterwards. The Annals present a continuous, year-by-year narrative of death, conflict, dramatic weather events and unusual occurrences in one of the most important surviving records of medieval Ireland.

Other talks of notable interest are 'Shadows of Splendour: 300 years of Kenmare House' by Rachel Kavanagh of Killarney House. She will give a fascinating account of the arrival of the Kenmare's and their legacy, from their time at Ross Castle, to the splendour of 'the mansion' to Knockreer House and Killarney House.

The 2nd talk is 'The importance of Native Honey Bees and other Pollinators and current threats to their Survival' by Prof. Grace McCormack, UCC. Thursday 22nd October is the much loved Dinis Cottage, 'Going Green' by Kerry Corkery, Sustainability Engineer/TEM and finishing the series with Dr Dheeraj Rathore, Senior Research Officer Teagasc, who will speak on 'Securing the Future of Ireland's Ash and Elm: From Conservation to Recovery'.

The Killarney National Park Autumn Talks Series is widely believed to be the longest running and most successful nature talks in the Country.

Facebook page or instagram page. For further info: Padruig O'Sullivan: 087 2589306

List of Talks and Speakers:

- Thursday October 8th: 8.00 pm
Starling Murmurations
Speaker: James Crombie Multi Award Winning Photographer

- Thursday October 15th: 8.00 pm
The importance of Native Honey Bees and other Pollinators and current threats to their Survival
Speaker: Prof. Grace McCormack, UCC

- Thursday October 22nd: 8.00 pm
Dinis Cottage Going Green
Speaker: Kerry Corkery Sustainability Engineer/TEM

- Thursday October 29th: 8.00 pm
Exploring the Annals of Innisfallen
Speaker: Pádraig Ó Macháin, Professor of Modern Irish at UCC

- Thursday November 5th: 8.00 pm
Shadows of Splendour: 300 years of Kenmare House
Speaker: Rachel Kavanagh Killarney House

- Thursday November 12th: 8.00 pm
Securing the Future of Ireland's Ash and Elm: From Conservation to Recovery
Speaker: Dr. Dheeraj Rathore, Senior Research Officer Teagasc



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Kerry's youth celebrated at the Lee Strand/ Kerry Garda Youth Achievement Awards 2026



people across Kerry. Every year, the stories from the Awards remind us of the incredible potential, resilience, and power of our younger generation. On behalf of An Garda Síochána, it is an absolute privilege to congratulate this year's recipients and celebrate these remarkable young people alongside their families. These young people do not seek the spotlight; they simply identify a need in their communities and step up to meet it. Acknowledging their courage and leadership is vital—not only to show our gratitude but to inspire others to follow their example. An Garda Síochána remains deeply committed to ensuring our youth are recognised for their vital role in shaping the future of our society. We also extend our sincere gratitude to the parents, families, teachers, coaches, youth leaders, and friends whose unwavering support makes these achievements possible."

Two hundred people from across the county attended the 29th celebration of the Lee Strand Kerry Garda Youth Achievement Awards 2026 in the Rose Hotel, Tralee on Friday, September 18th. Twenty-five awards were presented accompanied with an inspiring citation of each winner's achievements. The awards scheme which first commenced in 1998 are held for youths between the ages of thirteen and twenty-one years and recognise the great contribution young people have made and continue to make to their communities in Kerry. Seventeen-year-old Kayla McGalely from Castleisland announced as the Overall Winner of the Lee Strand Kerry Garda Youth Achievement Awards 2026. The Lee Strand Kerry Garda Group Award was presented

to Five Young Swimmers – One Big Cause. The Lee Strand Kerry Garda Youth Special Achievement Award was presented to Kacper Robak, Killarney. The Lee Strand Kerry Garda Youth Achievement Community Safety Award was presented to Brian Enright, Listowel. The Inspiring our Youth Award was presented to Liz Twomey. Twenty Lee Strand Kerry Garda Youth Achievement Merit Award Certificates were presented to individuals who have made a positive contribution to their community and make it a better place to live. Superintendent John Ryan stated "For nearly 30 years An Garda Síochána, in partnership with Lee Strand, at the annual Kerry Garda Youth Achievement Awards celebrates the outstanding accomplishments of young

Ronan Savage, Chairperson, Lee Strand commented "Lee Strand is delighted to support the Kerry Garda Youth Achievement Awards since 1998. Over the past 29 years Lee Strand in association with An Garda Síochána have always been proactive in acknowledging and identifying the positive work by young people and voluntary groups to enhance community life in Kerry. The awards are a fantastic celebration of their outstanding achievements. We would like to congratulate all of this year's winners and thank our customers for supporting Lee Strand. It is only with the continued support of our customers that enables Lee Strand to continue to sponsor great celebrations like the Kerry Garda Youth Achievement Awards."





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Lee Strand Kerry Garda Youth Achievement Award Winners 2026

Individual Overall Winner - Kayla McGaley, Castleisland
Group Award - Five Young Swimmers – One Big Cause (Cathal Slattery, Ewan Kennelly, Noah Connolly, Adam Burns & JJ Liston)
Special Achievement Award - Kacper Robak, Killarney
Community Safety Award - Brian Enright, Listowel

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Culann Dowling, Mercy Secondary School Mounthawk, Tralee
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Grace McGovern, Scartaglin
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Jamie Manning, Abbeydorney
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Inspiring our Youth Award - Liz Twomey



Maureen Fogerty, Mary McEvoy, Cecily O'Donoghue and Tess O'Shea at the Models in Recovery Fashion Show in the INEC, Gleneagle, Killarney on Wednesday. Photo: Michelle Cooper Galvin



Caroline and Ciara Fehilly Stout, Shauna Moroney and Teresa Courtney at An Evening with Liam O'Neill in conversation with Brendan Griffin in St Michael's Church, Killorglin with all the proceeds going to Kiltallagh National School on Wednesday. Photo: Michelle Cooper Galvin

SPA GAA GOES GREEN WITH Green Club Programme

Spa GAA is continuing its journey towards becoming a more sustainable club, with a range of initiatives helping to make its grounds and facilities greener for the benefit of the local community and future generations. The Killarney club is taking part in the GAA Green Club Programme, an initiative supporting clubs across Ireland to take practical steps towards improving environmental sustainability and protecting and enhancing their local environment.

As part of the programme, Spa GAA has formally adopted the Green Club Charter, demonstrating the club's commitment to sustainability both within its grounds and in the wider community.

The club's Green Clubs work has focused particularly on energy and biodiversity, with a number of projects already making a difference.

On the energy side, solar PV panels at the club are helping to generate renewable energy on site.

This year, the club building was also fully insulated, helping to improve energy efficiency, reduce heat loss and make the facility more sustainable into the future.

There has also been a focus on biodiversity around the club grounds, with initiatives including Plants for Biodiversity, Creating Habitats for Wild Bees and Planting in Club Colours.

The latest planting in Spa's blue and yellow club colours can be seen along the south-facing bank beside the walking track. As the plants become established, they will bring additional colour and life to an area



Spa GAA's new pollinator-friendly planting, with the club grounds and clubhouse in the background, as part of the club's Green Clubs initiative.



Members of the Spa GAA Green Club Committee, Brendan Lynch, Teresa Baker and Tadhg Hickey, at the recent launch of the club's Green Clubs activities.

regularly enjoyed by club members and the wider community.

There have already been some encouraging signs, with bees spotted visiting the biodiversity planting — a positive indication of the difference that small changes can make.

Members of the Spa GAA Green Team recently gathered at the club grounds to officially launch the club's Green Clubs activities and mark the adoption of the Green Club Charter. An information poster has also been installed at the grounds to raise awareness among members, players, families and visitors.

Spa GAA is proud of the progress made so far and would like to thank everyone who has supported the Green Clubs initiatives, with particular thanks to the Spa Green Clubs Committee for their work and commitment in progressing the project.

The club looks forward to seeing its biodiversity areas continue to grow, welcoming more pollinators to Spa and building on its work to create a greener and more sustainable club for generations to come.

Killarney Musical Society Calls for Singers, Dancers and Performers for “Sister Act”

Killarney Musical Society is inviting performers, both new and experienced, to step into the spotlight for its 2026/27 production of the much-loved musical comedy “Sister Act.”

With opportunities for singers, dancers and actors, the society is encouraging anyone with a passion for performing to come along and audition. Whether you have years of experience on stage or have always wanted to give musical theatre a try, everyone is welcome to put themselves forward.

Vice-Chairperson Debra Hayden is looking forward to welcoming both returning members and plenty of new faces to this year's production. She says that while performing on stage is a huge part of being involved in a musical, it is the friendships, fun and memories



created along the way that make being part of Killarney Musical Society so rewarding.

Auditions will take place on Sunday, 11 October at the Castleross Hotel, Killarney, and advance booking is essential.

Those interested can scan the QR code to choose the character roles they would like to audition for, book an audition time and access the audition pack containing all the information they need to prepare.

So, if you have ever fancied taking to the stage, this could be your chance to answer the call and become part of Killarney Musical Society's next production!

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Models in Recovery Fashion Show a Fantastic Success

The models Norann Moran, Dan O'Donoghue, Sheila McGillicuddy, Jenny O'Sullivan, Siobhan Lewis, Sheila Ryan, Catherine O'Reilly, Brian Lynch (back row from left) Tom Moriarty, Lisa Fleming, Eugene Cotter, Siobhan Kelliher, Helen Kerins, Noel Cunningham MC, Helena Murphy, Kathleen McEnery, Marie Shannon, Pat Gill, Therese Carmody and Silvano with the Kerry Hospice Palliative Care Committee at the Models in Recovery Fashion Show in the Gleneagle Arena, Killarney.

Photos by Michelle Cooper Galvin

The 2026 Models in Recovery Fashion Show proved to be a fantastic evening of fashion, entertainment and celebration at the Gleneagle Arena in Killarney, while raising vital funds for Kerry Hospice Foundation and Palliative Care.

Organised by the Killarney Branch of Kerry Hospice Foundation and Palliative Care, the annual event once again brought together a wonderful audience to support an inspirational group of men and women who have experienced cancer and are now in recovery.

The evening began with a wine reception before the entertainment got underway, with the Liam O'Connor Family providing a fantastic performance. Noel Cunningham once again took to the stage as host, keeping the evening moving and adding plenty of fun and laughter.

The real stars of the night, however, were the models themselves, who took to the catwalk with confidence, style and a wonderful sense of occasion. Family and friends turned out in large numbers to support them, creating a warm and

emotional atmosphere throughout the evening. The fashion show was not only a celebration of the models and their journeys, but also an important fundraising event for Kerry Hospice. All proceeds will go towards the planned five-bed extension to the existing palliative care unit, a major project estimated to cost €6.5 million.

There was plenty of excitement throughout the evening, with a fantastic selection of door and raffle prizes adding to the celebrations.

The Models in Recovery Fashion Show once again demonstrated the incredible community spirit in Killarney, with everyone coming together to support Kerry Hospice and celebrate the courage, strength and resilience of those who took part.

The organisers expressed their sincere thanks to everyone who supported the event, including the models, sponsors, volunteers, performers, prize donors and, of course, the many people who came along on the night to show their support.



Margaret McLellan, Maria Davidson, Pamala Grey and Maura Culloty at the Models in Recovery Fashion Show.



Irene O'Leary and Ann Mangan at the Models in Recovery Fashion Show.



Eileen O'Donoghue, Joana and Sheila O'Sullivan Gneeveguilla



Margaret Myers and Norma O'Doherty.



The model Catherine O'Reilly, Siobhan Lewis, Patricia Barrett and Helena Murphy participants in the Models in Recovery Fashion Show in the Gleneagle Arena, Killarney.



Kilcummin Comhaltas

Celebrates Success at annual celebration evening

Kilcummin CCÉ wishes to thank all of our members and supporters who joined us for a fantastic night of celebrating the success of all of our competitors in Comhaltas competitions through out the year on Friday last. A wonderful night full of music, song, stories and dance was enjoyed by all.

A very special word of thanks to John and the staff at The Klub Bar in Kilcummin and Kilcummin GAA club in helping make this night possible. It is fantastic to have such an amazing and obliging facility on our doorstep.

As always, toes were kept tapping by the maestro that is Neily O'Connor. Neily has played this night for years and never fails to fill the dancefloor with young and old. Thank you Neily for providing the music to the sets and backing for singers as well.

Thank you to each singer, musician, narrator and dancer who performed on the night. It is wonderful to see such talent in our community.

As a branch we are incredibly proud of every competitor who represented us across the Comhaltas competitions this year - it is an amazing achievement to compete at such a high level, and is a testament to each individual's talent and commitment to their craft. Our thanks also to the tutors in the Moriarty School Dance, and to Stephen O' Leary and Conor Moriarty for preparing competitors to such a high standard. The vision of Comhaltas in preserving and promoting Irish Culture through Music, Song, Dance & Comhrá is alive and well in Kilcummin and will be for generations to come!



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ScallyWags PreSchool

awarded the Silver Stag intermediate level award

ScallyWags PreSchool in the heart of Muckross has been awarded the Silver Stag intermediate level award, which is "awarded to schools that have successfully integrated deeper hands-on outdoor actions, active pupil-led environmental committees, and tangible habitat improvements"

The award is for embracing biodiversity, outdoor learning, and awareness of nature for a group of averagely 3-4 year old ScallyWags! It was ScallyWags first time submitting an entry and to get silver is wonderful achievement.

The PreSchool planted hawthorn, willow, and holly hedgerow often from cuttings and replants found hiding under other shrubs. Not all the trees in the PreSchool's outdoor space are native, but they honoured the diversity and pruned back some of the non natives to give native a chance. Bird boxes were put up, some made by staff members and pupils; a bat box, a bird care station out of an old dog bowl, a bee and a bug hotel, upcycled and sustainable. They drew a map to see what we needed to do.

One of the favourite things the PreSchool did was building a pond out

of a flower box, and enjoying watching what creatures arrived to it. ScallyWags also embraced no mow, not just for May but ongoing by picking shapes to create and strips to facilitate play for cars, ball etc and and micro meadow of grass and wild growing.

ScallyWags PreSchool were the only school, not just preschool, who won an award in South Kerry.



Teen WellFest 2026, hosted by TeenZone in collaboration with Cromane Seafest, on Friday.

The event brought together young people from across Kerry for a day of workshops, activities and entertainment, with a focus on wellbeing, creativity, confidence and connection.

Teen WellFest 2026



From left: Ronan Buckley, Catherine Green, with students from Pobalscoil Inbhear Scéin, Kenmar; Leon O'Neill, Cleo Schmidt, Alex O'Sullivan, Alison O'Sullivan, Ruby Tangney, Kevin Tuohy and Emili Rukits and Lorraine Griffin of KCYS, at Teen WellFest 2026 hosted by Teenzone in collaboration with Cromane Seafest on Friday.

Photo: Tatyana McGough.



From left: Amy Noonan, Meaghan Barrero, Caoimhe Shanahan and Hannah Roche of Mercy Mounthawk, Tralee, at Teen WellFest 2026 hosted by Teenzone in collaboration with Cromane Seafest on Friday. Photo: Tatyana McGough.



Lily MacMonagle, Director of The MACAcademy Performing Arts School, and Lillie Foley (left) leading a songwriting and music production workshop with young people at Teen WellFest 2026 hosted by Teenzone in collaboration with Cromane Seafest on Friday.

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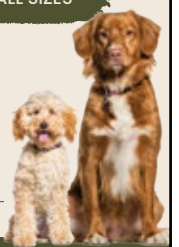
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SVP SOUTHWEST LAUNCHES 2026 CAR DRAW



Pictured at the launch of the 2026 SVP Southwest Car Draw from left to right - Cllr. Terry Coleman, Cork City South-West, Francis Brennan, Bishop Fintan Gavin, Bishop of Cork and Kerry, Mary Frances Behan, Regional President, SVP Southwest and Richard Murphy, Regional Vice-President, SVP Southwest

Fundraiser more important than ever as growing numbers across Cork and Kerry seek help with food, energy and education costs

SVP Southwest has today launched its 2026 Car Draw fundraising campaign, calling for support for the charity's work across Cork and Kerry as demand for assistance remains at unprecedented levels.

The annual fundraiser comes at a time when increasing numbers of individuals and families are turning to SVP for help with everyday essentials including food, electricity, gas and education-related costs.

In 2025, SVP received more than 18,600 requests for assistance from people across Cork and Kerry. More than 1,100 SVP members and volunteers responded to over 8,000 of these requests, representing a 20% increase on the previous year.

SVP Southwest spent €5.8 million on direct assistance to households throughout the region, including €4.19 million on food, fuel and education supports. This included the distribution of more than 12,000 food hampers and 10,600 food vouchers.

According to Mary Frances Behan, SVP Southwest Regional President, the figures highlight both the growing need in communities and the importance of local fundraising initiatives such as the annual Car Draw.

"Behind every request for support is a person, a family, a child or an older person who is facing real challenges and difficult choices," she said.

"Many of the people who come to us are struggling with the rising cost of everyday essentials and are finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet. The generosity of the public through initiatives such as the

Car Draw allows our Members and volunteers to respond quickly and compassionately when help is needed most."

Funds raised through the Car Draw will support SVP's work across Cork and Kerry and help fund the operation of a range of services and community programmes throughout the region, including:

Knockadoon Holiday Camp, Co Cork, which provides a residential summer holiday experience each year for 80 children aged between seven and 12.

Castleisland Family Resource Centre, Co Kerry, which provides family support services, community education programmes, parenting supports and activities that strengthen families and promote social inclusion.

Killorglin Community Care Centre, Co Kerry, a day care service for older people that promotes health, wellbeing and social connection through activities, exercise and nutritious meals.

Launching the 2026 campaign, Francis Brennan, Hotelier, TV Personality and SVP Car Draw Campaign Champion, said he was proud to support a fundraising initiative that delivers such tangible benefits to local communities.

"One of the things that I admire most about SVP is that its Members are deeply rooted in the communities that they serve. Every ticket purchased helps support people locally who may be going through an exceptionally difficult time," he said.

"Of course, there is also the excitement of winning a fantastic new car or one of the

other wonderful prizes, but the real prize is knowing that your support is helping families across Cork and Kerry access the assistance they need."

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Last year's Car Draw raised over €250,000, with a young man from Carrigaline winning a brand-new Ford Focus in the Society's 2025 Car Draw.

Mary Frances Behan said the success of the fundraiser has a direct impact on the Society's ability to support people experiencing poverty and disadvantage across the region.

"Every €10 ticket makes a difference. It helps us provide practical support with food, heating, electricity and education costs, while also helping to sustain services that enhance the lives of children, families and older people throughout Cork and Kerry.

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Each year, our Christmas edition looks back at life in Killarney over the years, and we would love your help in making this year's edition a special trip down memory lane.

We are looking for old photographs connected with Killarney – photographs of people, families, streets, shops, businesses, schools, sports teams, clubs, celebrations, events and familiar places that may have changed over the years.

Perhaps you have an old family photograph tucked away in an album, a picture of a long-gone Killarney business, a school class photograph, a sporting team from years ago, or a photograph taken at an event that brings back wonderful memories.

We would particularly love to hear from people who grew up in Killarney but now live elsewhere. Thanks to the online edition at www.outlookmags.com,

our magazine continues to be read by Killarney people all over Ireland and around the world, and we would love to include memories from those who now live away from home.

So, have a look through those old albums, boxes and drawers and see what you can find.

If you have photographs you would like to share for possible publication in our Christmas Souvenir Edition, please email them to:

news@outlookmags.com or contact Aisling on 086-0400958.

Please include, where possible, the names of the people pictured, the location, the approximate year and any story or information you know about the photograph.

Your photograph could help bring back a special memory for someone who remembers those days – or introduce a younger generation to a little piece of Killarney's past.

We'd love to hear from you and help keep Killarney's memories alive in print.

**Killarney Outlook are looking for
YOUR OLD PHOTOGRAPHS
for our 2026 Souvenir edition.**

*If you have an old picture of Killarney
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Our Souvenir edition is very popular with Killarney people at home and abroad and we appreciate all the photographs that are given to us so we can share them with everyone.

CLOSURE OF VISITOR SEASON AT SCEILG MHICHÍL

Due to inclement weather and sea conditions, the Office of Public Works (OPW) has made the decision to conclude the 2026 visitor season at Sceilg Mhichíl from Monday, 21 September 2026.

The decision has been taken in the interests of the health and safety of visitors and OPW staff. Access to Sceilg Mhichíl is dependent on favourable weather, sea and island conditions, and the challenging

nature of the site requires particular regard to visitor and staff safety.

The OPW would like to thank all visitors who travelled to Sceilg Mhichíl during the 2026 season, as well as the boat operators and other local stakeholders for their continued cooperation and professionalism. It has been a very successful season and the OPW looks forward to welcoming visitors back to Sceilg Mhichíl in 2027.

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Getting your home ready for winter

There is something about September in Killarney that tells us winter is on the way. The evenings are drawing in, there is a cooler feel in the air and before long the heating will be back on and the winter coats will be out.

While there is still plenty of autumn ahead, now is a good time to give the house a little attention and get some of those winter jobs out of the way.

Living in Kerry, we know only too well how quickly the weather can change. A wet and windy spell can soon highlight a problem with a roof, gutters or draughty windows, so a little preparation now can save plenty of hassle later.

GIVE THE HEATING A CHECK

If your heating has been off for the summer, switch it on for a short time and make sure everything is working properly. If your boiler is due a service, autumn is a good time to arrange it rather than waiting until the first really cold evening.

Check your radiators too. If they are cold at the top but warm at the bottom, they may need bleeding. Make sure furniture and curtains are not blocking them and check that your heating timer and thermostat are working as they should.

LOOK UP – AND LOOK OUT

Our autumn weather can be hard on roofs, so take a quick look for missing or damaged slates or tiles. If you have noticed a damp patch on a ceiling or around a chimney, don't ignore it. Gutters also deserve some attention. With leaves beginning to fall, they can quickly become blocked, particularly around trees.

Clearing them before the heavier winter rain arrives can help prevent overflowing water and damp problems.

KEEP THE WARMTH IN

A draughty window or door might not seem like a major problem, but small gaps can make a room feel considerably colder.

Check the seals around doors and windows and replace any that are worn or damaged. Draught excluders can also be useful, particularly around external doors.

Closing curtains in the evening is another simple way of keeping rooms warmer, while opening them during the day allows in as much natural light and warmth as possible.

DON'T FORGET THE PIPES

During a particularly cold spell, exposed pipes in sheds, garages, attics and other unheated areas can be vulnerable to freezing.

Pipe insulation is inexpensive and can help protect against frozen or burst pipes. It is also worth knowing where your stopcock is, just in case you ever need to turn off the water quickly.

BEFORE LIGHTING THE FIRE

For those lucky enough to have a stove or open fire, autumn is the time to get everything ready. Have chimneys and flues cleaned as recommended and make sure your stove or fireplace is in good working order before using it regularly. Check that smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are working and replace batteries where necessary.

A cosy fire is one of the great pleasures of a Kerry winter, but it is important to make sure everything is safe before settling down for the evening.

A LITTLE GARDEN PREPARATION

The garden doesn't escape the change in seasons either. Clear leaves from paths and steps, particularly where they can become slippery when wet.

Bring in or protect plants that are vulnerable to frost and check that garden furniture, pots and other loose items are secure before the winter winds arrive.

It's also a good time to check fences and gates for loose or damaged sections.

PREPARE FOR THE DARKER EVENINGS

As the days shorten, make sure outdoor lights are working properly, particularly around entrances, paths and steps. It is also worth checking that house numbers are clearly visible for visitors and deliveries during the darker months.

Inside the house, check smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and make sure everyone knows what to do in the event of a power cut.

A FEW SMALL JOBS NOW

Getting the house ready for winter doesn't have to mean spending a fortune or tackling everything in one weekend.

Start with the simple jobs – clear the gutters, check the heating, deal with draughts, inspect the roof, prepare the garden and make sure your alarms are working.

September and October are ideal months for getting these jobs done while the weather is still reasonably kind.

Then, when the first really cold and wet evening arrives, you can sit back, put the kettle on, draw the curtains and enjoy the best part of a Killarney winter – being warm and cosy indoors while the weather does its worst outside.



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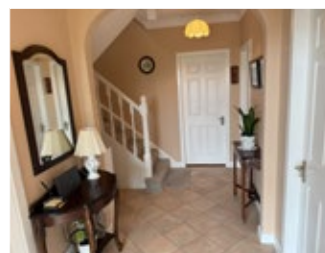
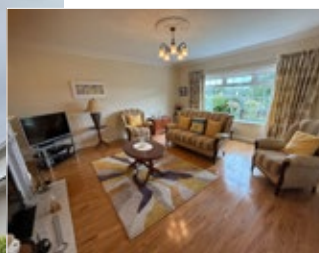


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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

Kilcummin Looking Good will hold a meeting re The Jingle & Mingle Christmas Event on Tuesday, 29th September, at 8pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to attend.

JUNIOR SET DANCING

Classes will commence on Friday, 25th at 7pm for beginners/ intermediates and 8pm for advanced. All children are welcome, including children from outside the Parish. For info contact Mary on 087 9620135.

GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS FOR 50+

Gentle Exercise Class for 50+ will take place in the Kilcummin Recreational Hall on Tuesdays morning from 10:30am. Exercises include Standing & Seated Exercises Only, No floor work – Meditation Included. All abilities welcome. Come early to be your best self. For more information contact Mary Coleman (M) 087 975 7951.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

Kilcummin Community Games will hold their Annual Church Gate Collection on the 26th & 27th of September. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

TONY MOYNIHAN MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

A brilliant day in Rathbeg at the Tony Moynihan Memorial tournament for our Kilcummin boys U12 team, who delivered top-class football along with teams from Spa, Rathmore, Gneeveguilla and Listry. Every boy played his part — fantastic teamwork, work-rate, and skill. After some impressive scores throughout the group games, the boys faced the hosts Rathmore in a cracking final. With just two points between the sides and two minutes left, Kilcummin dug deep and finished strong to win 2-06 to 1-04 and lifted the cup. Huge thanks to all parents for the fantastic support, and to Rathmore GAA for their hospitality and a superbly organised event. Tony Moynihan was a great Rathmore club man, and it's a real honour for Kilcummin to be the first winners of the Tony Moynihan Memorial Cup — led superbly by our captain Rory Leane. Massive credit to the boys for their effort, and commitment throughout the year.



U12 Tony Moynihan Tournament winners.

KILCUMMIN GAA

MCELLIGOTT CUP; Kilcummin 3-11 Fossa 2-21

Sean Doolan, Colin O'Leary and Ger Sheehan were the goal scorers as we lost out to Fossa on Thursday last in Fossa. This meant we were scheduled to play in the Shield competition.

MCELLIGOTT SHIELD; John Mitchells 2 -20 Kilcummin 2-08

Despite a good first half performance capped by goals from Paudie Moynihan and Colin O'Leary, Mitchells were too strong in the second half and ran out comfortable winners at the end.

KILCUMMIN GAA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 21st September 2026 for the Jackpot of €10,500. Numbers drawn were 11,12,14,27. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Carl Lyons, Michael Piggott Cockhill, Tim & Kathleen Ryan, Danny O'Leary. Our next draw will be on Monday 05th October for Jackpot of €10,750. Thank you for your continued support.

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Guide Price: €425,000



Amber Rise, Coolnagarragh, Kilcummin, Killarney V93 D7A4

Set on approximately 1.01 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds, this substantial detached 4 bed 4 bath residence (approx. 2,112ft²) offers an exceptional amount of living space in a peaceful countryside setting just 10 minutes from Killarney town centre. While the property is well maintained as it stands, it also presents a fantastic opportunity for new owners to modernise the décor and create a home tailored to their own tastes and lifestyle.

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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 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €202 and the winner was Elaine Carmmody

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.

TEAM IRELAND TRIATHLON

Best of luck to Declan O'Donoghue of Triumph Spinning and Beheenagh, Rathmore as he represents Ireland as part of Team Ireland Triathlon competitors in the upcoming 2026 World Triathlon Championships Finals Pontevedra, Spain next week. We wish him all the best.

GNEEVEGUILLA ATHLETES

Reminder that we are back training, Gneeveguilla at the GAA grounds @7pm, all athletes born 2019 and older.

Throws and Jumps in Glash this Sunday September 27th at 11am.

Seniors & Masters running training Mondays 7pm, contact Cheryl 087 6413612

LOTTO

No winner of last weeks Lotto, Jackpot for this coming Friday September 25th,€15,800 + Bonus draw for €100

KERRY PETROLEUM SENIOR CLUB FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Full Time: Rathmore: 2-10(16) Dr. Crokes: 0-12(12)

Congratulations to Rathmore team & panel & Management & everyone involved in Rathmore club, great achievement

MILLSTREET PIP BAND

Save the Date Saturday 3rd October at 7.00p.m. Millstreet Pipe Band 75th Anniversary Parade. A Massed Band comprising of Millstreet Pipe Band & a number of other Pipe Bands will parade together from the West End to Millstreet Town Square where we will play a number of tunes to celebrate our 75th Anniversary. All welcome to join us at the Bush Bar after the parade where entertainment will be provided by Comhaltas & The Kelts.

VIGIL FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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GNEEVEGUILLA COMMUNITY ALERT AGM on Thursday 1st October @8pm. In the club room members of Garda siochana will attendance.All welcome

GNEEVEGUILLA CARNIVAL

A special thanks to everyone who helped and volunteered over the weekend and the weeks leading up to the carnival. Congratulations to our new Lord Mayor, John Murphy, representing Gullane. Well done to all 4 candidates on the tremendous work over the last few weeks! See ye all in 2027!



Pictured is Chairman of Kerry Co Board of GAA presenting Rathmore captain Dan Murphy with the Club Senior Championship Cup after their win over Dr Crokes on Sunday last in Fitzgerald Stadium.

THE HOLY ROSARY IS PRAYED in Gneeveguilla church every Wednesday @8pm. Livestream on Gneeveguilla MCN

CLLR MAURA HEALY-RAE

Cllr Maura Healy-Rae has requested KCC to consider putting a turning off lane at Shrone Cross on the N72. There has been significant road improvements jacent to the junction and with increased speed and traffic, road users are highlighting significant danger when trying to exit the main road as they feel very isolated and often find traffic from the Killarney direction trying to overtake them.KCC have assured Cllr Healy-Rae that the junction will be examined closely in conjunction with the TII Safety Division to establish to most appropriate intervention.

Cllr Maura Healy-Rae has asked KCC and TII for an update on providing additional public lighting between Gortahaneboy East and Rathbeg along the N72 to enhance safety given serious accidents that have occurred there. KCC have committed to assessing this location with the TII Safety Division.

PETITION

The road between Lisheen Junction and the Quarry Cross poses a threat to life and limb. Councillors and Engineers have visited the site. Two Councillors have already promised a contribution from their personal allowance for 2027, if necessary. It is imperative that pressure is brought to bear on the Council. Please sign the PETITION in the Club or in Pet(e)ros. Don't wait for a tragedy to occur.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DANIEL HERLIHY Inches, Rathmore who competed in the world Skills Ireland Competition and came first in the apprentice awards for heating and plumbing.

Wishing Daniel all the best and every success for the future.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DARRAGH O SULLIVAN Maughatoorig, Gneeveguilla who won in the world skills Ireland in the RDS Dublin.

BALLYDALY HALL SET DANCING In Ballydaly Hall on Wednesday's 8-30 to 10pm .Everyone welcome

NOTES

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

BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

LOTTO

Sept. 20th 2026, Jackpot €3,450. Numbers Drawn: 3,7,20,21. No Winner. €100 Niall Kennedy, Ballymalis. €50 Tim McCarthy, Ballytrasna. €50 Michael McCarthy, Miltown. €25 Jamie Mannix, Faha. €25 Gary Maloney, Lahard. Jackpot next weekend 27/09/26 €3,600

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Spa U12 Boys who won the Tony Moynihan Memorial Shield in Rathmore



Spa Senior Ladies before their Championship match vs Fossa at the weekend

SPA PARISH

SCÓR ENTRIES

Entries are now being sought for Scór na nÓg and Scór na bPáistí in Spa GAA. Whether it's singing, dancing, music or performance, Scór is a great opportunity to get involved, try something new and represent the club. No previous experience is required. Spa is also looking to add a few more young members to its Scór na nÓg Novelty Act, with two members already involved and a coach in place. All that's needed is a willingness to have some fun and give something different a go. The deadline for Scór na nÓg entries is Wednesday, 30th September. For more information, contact Anna on 086 210 7874 or Sarah on 086 103 8116.

SPA LADIES NARROWLY DEFEATED BY FOSSA

Spa Ladies were narrowly defeated by Fossa in the Bon Secours County Championship Junior Premier Semi Final, losing out 2-8 to 0-12. After trailing 2-6 to 0-3 at half time, Spa produced a determined second-half comeback, outscoring Fossa by 0-9 to 0-2 and reducing the deficit to just two points, but ultimately ran out of time. Despite the result, the second-half performance showed plenty of character and provides plenty of positives to take forward. Best of luck to Fossa, who face Ballymacelligott in the final.

SPA JUNIORS REACH CAHILL CUP FINAL

Spa Men's Junior Team have progressed to the Cahill Cup Final after receiving a walkover from Currow in their final group match. Spa will now face Annascaul B in the decider, which is scheduled to take place at Strand Road (Kerins O'Rahillys) on Saturday, 26th September at 5:00pm. Please note that fixture details are subject to change. Keep an eye on our social media channels and website for any updates.

SPA U12 BOYS ROUND OFF SEASON IN STYLE

Spa U12 Boys rounded off their year in style at the Tony Moynihan Memorial Tournament in blustery Rath Beg, Rathmore GAA. After defeats to eventual Cup winners Kilcummin and hosts Rathmore, the boys responded with wins over Listry and Gneeveguilla to reach the Shield Final against Listry. In an exciting final, a last-minute Listry point sent the game to extra time, but Spa showed great character to overcome a four-point deficit and secure victory and the Shield. It was a fitting reward for a team that has improved throughout the year, with thanks to the players, coaches and parents for their hard work and support throughout the season.

U8 GIRLS ENJOY END OF SEASON DAY OUT

Spa GAA's U8 girls enjoyed a fantastic day out last weekend, taking a break from football for some fun, adventure and team building. After a weather-related postponement, the girls finally enjoyed some sunshine as they

sailed from Ross Castle to Inisfallen Island. The day included exploring the island and its ancient ruins, a picnic and a well-earned treat. It was a great opportunity for the girls to spend time together away from the pitch, building friendships and making plenty of memories. A big thank you to Club 7s and Coiste na nÓg for sponsoring the trip.

UNDERAGE FOOTBALL UPDATE

There was plenty of action for our underage footballers this week, with the season now drawing to a close for some teams. The Boys U8s enjoyed a fantastic day at the National U8 Go Games Blitz in Tralee, showcasing great skill, teamwork and plenty of enthusiasm. The Girls U10s hosted Firies in Spa, with three Spa teams and two Firies teams taking part in an enjoyable evening of football. The Girls U12s travelled to Macroom for a competitive game against strong Cork opposition, with both teams producing some excellent football in a fast-paced and sporting encounter. Well done to all our young players, coaches and families for their continued commitment and support throughout the year.

SPA MOTHERS & OTHERS ENJOY DR CROKES BLITZ

Spa Mothers & Others would like to thank Dr Crokes for hosting a fantastic blitz. From the music quartet leading the parade to the excellent facilities, food, coffee dock and entertainment, everything was very well organised and created a brilliant atmosphere. Thanks to Catherine and everyone at Dr Crokes for their hard work, and to all the teams who took part and made it such an enjoyable day. It was a great day of football, fun and friendship for Spa Mothers & Others.

HEALTHY HABITS PROGRAMME

Spa GAA is encouraging members and the wider community to take part in the Irish Life GAA Healthy Clubs Healthy Habits programme. The free four-week wellbeing programme provides practical advice, expert content and simple tools focused on healthy eating, mental fitness and physical activity, helping participants to build healthier habits that can last. New content is added each week, giving participants the opportunity to work through the programme at their own pace. For more information and details on how to take part, visit the Spa GAA website.

CLUB LOTTO

Spa Lotto 21/09/2026 Results. Numbers drawn: 3, 6, 12, 29. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Craig Power, Matt Leacy, Kathleen O'Leary, Batty O'Sullivan, Donie Mulcahy.

Next week's draw will be on Monday 28 September for a jackpot of €12,000. Play online via www.spagaa.com/draws



Spa U8 Girls enjoy a day out to Inisfallen Island last weekend



Spa Boys U8s at the National U8 Go Games Blitz in Tralee



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October:

A Time to Remember, Support and Hope

This October, as Breast Cancer Awareness Month brings its familiar splash of pink to communities across Ireland, it is worth remembering that behind every statistic is a person, a family and a story.

For some, breast cancer is a distant concern. For others, it is a word that changed everything. It may have arrived in the middle of an ordinary day, during a doctor's appointment, a mammogram or a conversation that no one ever wants to have. And from that moment, life can take an unexpected turn. Yet October is not only about cancer. It is about hope, courage, friendship, remembrance and the extraordinary strength of people facing one of life's most difficult journeys.

Across Killarney and communities throughout Kerry, families have been touched by breast cancer. Many have supported a mother, daughter, sister, wife, friend or colleague through diagnosis and treatment. Others are remembering someone they loved who is no longer here.

And there are countless survivors whose stories are stories of resilience, determination and hope.

BEHIND EVERY PINK RIBBON

The pink ribbon has become one of the most recognisable symbols of breast cancer awareness. But behind every ribbon there is a story. There is the woman waiting anxiously for the results of a scan. There is the husband, partner, daughter or son trying to remain strong while quietly worrying about what the future may hold.

There are the friends who organise fundraisers, the colleagues who cover shifts, the neighbours who drop in with a meal, and the family members who accompany someone to hospital appointments. There are also the healthcare professionals who support people through some of the most frightening days of their lives. Breast cancer does not affect just one person. Its impact reaches far beyond the individual diagnosis. That is why awareness matters.

KNOW YOUR OWN NORMAL

One of the most important

messages of Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a simple one, know your own breasts and be aware of any changes.

For women, this means becoming familiar with how their breasts normally look and feel. A new lump, a change in size or shape, dimpling of the skin, a change to the nipple, unusual discharge or swelling around the breast or armpit should be checked by a GP.

Most breast changes will not be cancer, but any new or unusual change is worth discussing with a doctor.

There is no need to wait until something becomes painful or obvious. Sometimes the earliest signs are subtle.

And while it can be frightening to make that appointment, knowing that something is wrong is better than living with uncertainty.

SCREENING SAVES LIVES

For women aged 50 to 69, BreastCheck provides free breast screening every two years.

A mammogram can detect changes that are too small to see or feel, which is why attending screening when invited is so important.

For some women, that appointment may simply provide reassurance. For others, it can be the appointment that detects a cancer at an early stage.

It is easy to put off appointments. Life gets busy. There are children and grandchildren, work, family commitments and a hundred other things that seem more urgent.

But your health matters too. That invitation through the letterbox is not just another appointment. It is an opportunity to look after yourself.

WHEN CANCER ENTERS A FAMILY

A cancer diagnosis can change the rhythm of family life.

Suddenly there are hospital appointments, tests, treatments and conversations that nobody expected to be having.

There can be days of optimism and days when fear takes over.

For the person going through treatment, there may be physical changes, tiredness and uncertainty.

For those around them, there can be an equally difficult feeling of helplessness, wanting to make everything better but not knowing how.

Sometimes the most valuable thing is simply being there.

A cup of tea. A lift to an appointment. A phone call. A hug. Sitting quietly together when there are no words. Small gestures can mean everything.

THE STRENGTH OF COMMUNITY

One of the things that makes Killarney and the surrounding communities so special is the way people rally around those who need support.

Throughout the year, local clubs, businesses, schools, sporting organisations and community groups organise walks, coffee mornings, charity events and fundraisers for cancer charities.

Money raised through these events helps fund research, support services, information and practical assistance for people living with cancer and their families.

But fundraising also does something else.

It tells people that they are not alone.

When a community turns out in pink, when people walk together, bake together, raise sponsorship or simply share a message of support, it sends a powerful message to those facing cancer: we are thinking of you, and we are standing with you.

Remembering those we have lost. For many, October can also be a bittersweet month.

Awareness campaigns can bring memories flooding back of someone who once stood beside us.

A mother whose laugh filled the kitchen.

A sister who was always the first to pick up the phone.

A friend whose friendship made difficult days easier.

A wife, daughter, aunt, grandmother or colleague whose absence is still felt.

Cancer may have taken them from us, but it did not erase the lives they lived or the love they left behind.

Their stories remain part of the

families and communities they helped shape.

Breast cancer treatment and care have continued to develop, and many people diagnosed with breast cancer go on to live long and fulfilling lives.

That does not make the journey easy. Every diagnosis is different, and treatment can be physically and emotionally demanding.

But there is hope.

There is hope in early detection.

There is hope in research.

There is hope in better treatments.

There is hope in the expertise of medical teams.

And there is hope in the support of family, friends and community.

For anyone currently facing breast cancer, October is a reminder that they do not have to face it alone.

Perhaps the most important thing we can take from Breast Cancer Awareness Month is to stop for a moment and think about our own health.

Make that appointment you have been putting off.

Attend your BreastCheck screening when you are invited.

Know what is normal for you.

And if something changes, don't ignore it.

It is easy to spend our lives looking after everyone else. October gives us an opportunity to remember that we need looking after too.

So this month, when you see a pink ribbon, take a moment.

Think of the women who have fought breast cancer.

Think of those who are fighting it today.

Think of the survivors celebrating another year.

Think of the families supporting loved ones.

And remember those whose lives were cut short.

Most importantly, remember that behind every pink ribbon is a person.

A person with a name.

A family.

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This October, let the message be simple: check, support, remember and hope.



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The thoughts that you have right now - in this moment, are the ones that are quietly shaping your experience of your life. We often think about the worst-case scenario, but imagine for a moment how you would feel if you focused on the best that can happen. This is exciting because it gives us a sense of personal empowerment. You get to choose the thoughts that uplift, soothe, calm and excite you.

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SCREEN TIME, FACTS FOR PARENTS

Most parents worry about how much time children are spending on digital devices. Here are the facts

WHAT IS BLUE LIGHT?

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Depending on where they fall on the spectrum, light rays have long wavelengths (with less energy) or short wavelengths (with more energy).

Blue light is a high-energy visible light and has shorter wavelengths. It is known as blue light because it is on the violet-blue band of the spectrum.

Blue light is naturally present in sunlight but is also something we can see from screens such as TVs, computers, smartphones and tablets.

Can blue light damage my child's eyes?

There is currently no scientific evidence that blue light causes damage to the eyes. However, there is evidence to suggest that carrying out near tasks, involving looking at something close-up, such as using mobile devices, screen time and reading a book, can increase eye strain for those who do this for long periods of time.

What is digital eye strain?

Digital eye strain happens when a lot of time is spent using near vision, for example, reading on screen or playing online games. One of the main symptoms is temporary blurred vision but other signs such as sore and tired eyes, dry eye and headaches are also associated with digital eye strain.

Can blue light affect my child's sleep pattern?

Using screens close to bedtime may contribute to poorer sleep,

which may mean your child's concentration levels are lower during the day. This may be because blue light is linked to the suppression of the hormone melatonin which makes us feel sleepy. However, there is a range of other factors linked to disrupted sleep.

Can blue light filtered lenses help?

Some people report that lens coatings that filter blue light make their eyes feel more comfortable or are helpful before bed.

IS THERE A LINK BETWEEN SCREEN TIME AND SHORT-SIGHTEDNESS?

Short-sightedness, or myopia, is increasing throughout the world. Family history, ethnic background, environment (living indoors, in cities) and carrying out near tasks, such as screen use, have all been linked to the development of myopia. However, there is no clear evidence to suggest that screen time alone is the direct cause. But, there is good evidence to suggest that children who spend more time outdoors are at lower risk of developing short-sightedness.

TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR CHILD'S EYES HEALTHY

Get them outdoors – regular play and exercise can help prevent or reduce the development of myopia (short-sightedness). Studies show two hours of outdoor activity a day is ideal! Use night settings - using night settings, if your device has them, may help children sleep by reducing the amount of blue light given off by the screen during night-time hours

Make sure digital devices are turned off at least an hour before bedtime

Book your child in for a sight test at least every two years, from the age of three.



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Post Leaving Cert (PLC) courses offer a pathway to higher education or employment

ALTERNATIVE

Post Leaving Cert (PLC) courses, which are provided by Education and Training Boards (ETB), are an attractive alternative to higher education and provide a link between 2nd level and 3rd level. The CAO route doesn't suit everybody directly after Leaving Cert. Some may not feel ready for 3rd level. Others may not have secured a CAO offer or may be unhappy with the offer received. PLC courses provide an alternative route into CAO courses other than Leaving Cert exam results. Colleges of Further Education throughout the country offer PLC courses leading to awards at Levels 5 & 6 in Further Education and Training (FET) from Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI).

OPPORTUNITY

A PLC course is ideal for a person who has completed the Leaving Cert and requires further vocational education and training to enhance her/his employment prospects. A PLC course provides students with the opportunity to try out a course before committing to 3rd level studies. It's also tailor made for a student with the Leaving Cert Applied (LCA), Senior Cycle Level 1 and Level 2 Learning Programmes and for mature students, who are returning to education.

FULLTIME

PLC courses are full time, mainly one year, offering a blend of academic work, practical work and work experience. Many PLC courses lead directly to employment. Increasingly, PLC courses are used to access 3rd level education,

with more than 775 courses in the CAO system now accepting a PLC qualification for entry. This year, 12,917 applications to the CAO offered a PLC qualification. This is a very healthy development as it provides an alternative route into 3rd level.

LINKS

The CAO website provides links to a host of full-time higher education, further education and training and apprenticeship options available to post-second level applicants. For all queries and information about Further Education and Training or Apprenticeship options, click on the further education and training tab on the CAO website to enter the FET HUB.

APPLY

Just click on the 'Course Finder' tab on the FET course hub for further information on these courses. Select your course. Click on "Apply Now." Create your Fetchcourse.ie account and complete the application form. You can access over 6,000 FET courses nationally, on www.fetchcourses.ie where applications for FET courses are open throughout the year.

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The centralised application system has made the application process for PLC courses much easier. Entry requirements normally consist of Leaving Cert standard and satisfactory performance at interview. Mature applicants are assessed on their life's experiences. Individual PLC colleges are still advertising courses for 2026 entry and are still accepting applications for courses that

have vacancies. Keep in touch through the FET course hub or the website, www.fetchcourses.ie or contact your local PLC provider, Kerry College of Further Education and Training, www.kerrycollege.ie, for information about PLC vacancies in your locality.

CHECKLIST

- Post Leaving Cert courses are offered by Education & Training Boards (ETB)
- PLC courses provide a link between 2nd level and 3rd level.
- PLC courses also provide a direct route to employment
- PLC courses lead to Levels 5/6 awards on the National Framework of Qualifications
- Click on the further education and training tab on the CAO website for PLC info.
- You can access over 6,000 FET courses nationally, on www.fetchcourses.ie
- Individual PLC colleges still have vacancies
- Kerry College of Further Education has five campus locations with 180 programmes
- KCFE has campus locations in Monavalley, Denny St, Clash Road (all Tralee), Killorglin and Listowel
- CAO 2027 online application facility opens on 5th November

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St Brendan's College Reunion for the class of 1976

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Minister James Browne announces new public information campaign for Starter Homes Supports

'Starter Home Supports' brings together information on five key supports designed to help buyers, renters and renovators move into their new home

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne TD today announced that a new national communications campaign is being launched this week to raise awareness of the types of affordable supports available for people to own, rent or renovate a home.

The multi-media advertising campaign (including TV, radio, print, digital, social media and 5-part podcast series) will inform the public how to easily access Starter Homes Supports which include the following schemes:

- The Starter Home Purchase Scheme
- The Help to Buy Scheme
- The First Home Scheme
- Cost Rental Housing
- The Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Speaking, Minister Browne emphasised:

"Right now, thousands of people are utilising Starter Home Supports to get moving in.

"These supports are assisting people to put together a deposit, to find secure rented accommodation, or to breathe new life into vacant properties.

"Getting sorted with a tenancy or even being on the path to buy a home can be massively overwhelming. There are a lot of financial pressures and a lot of things to figure out. I want to make sure that the resources we have put in place are accessible and that people get as much support as possible to get moving into their own place. As Minister, I am focused on driving on with getting badly needed supply increased and accelerating the development of homes for families and individuals to buy and rent across our towns and cities. It's critical to me that we make it clearer that there are



Photo launch of affordable housing scheme at 'Cúl Caisleán', Taghmon, Co. Wexford.
Photo; Mary Browne

options out there.

"It's essential that people starting out know where to go for information. 'Starter Home Supports' brings together five individual key supports designed to help buyers, renters and renovators.

"This communications campaign is designed make sure the public are fully informed of all these schemes and I would encourage anyone who is interested in our supports to check out our dedicated website, gov.ie/StarterHomeSupports, to find out more."

The Government is funding an ambitious Starter Homes programme nationwide, as a key component of the new housing action plan Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025

– 2030. This programme brings together the range of affordable housing measures under one umbrella and will support the delivery of an average of 15,000 Starter Homes supports annually to 2030.

The programme provides first time buyers and those needing a fresh start with a range of supports to assist them to purchase or rent a home. In addition, support is provided for the refurbishment of vacant or derelict properties. Delivering Homes, Building Communities 2025 – 2030 committed to delivering a communications campaign to ensure that the public has an awareness of these supports and the opportunities they might present in helping them to find a new home.

Cahill calls for Skellig Michael to reopen for additional days following premature closure

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry Michael Cahill has called on the Office of Public Works to consider reopening Skellig Michael for additional days following its closure to visitors today.

Deputy Cahill was contacted by local businesses who raised concerns that the decision to close the site came unexpectedly with boat operators reportedly only informed around lunchtime that the season was being brought to an abrupt end.

"The Skellig Michael visitor season is already very short and every day of operation is hugely important to the local economy," said Deputy Cahill.

"I have been contacted by local businesses who are extremely disappointed by the decision to close the site at this stage of September, particularly given that conditions are expected to be suitable for landings over the coming days. Many of the boats are fully booked for the coming days and into the weekend."

"Boat operators, guides, accommodation providers, restaurants, shops and other businesses in the area all benefit from visitors travelling to Skellig Michael. When a day is lost, that is income that cannot be

recovered."

"The published 2026 visitor season runs from May to September 30th and is, of course, subject to weather and operational considerations. However, given the circumstances, I have made a direct representation to Minister Boxer Moran asking whether it would be possible to facilitate additional landing days before the end of the season."

Deputy Cahill concluded, "I fully recognise the need to protect and properly manage Skellig Michael, given its status as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and its environmental and cultural importance. But where conditions are suitable and operationally possible, I believe every effort should be made to maximise the remaining opportunities for visitors and the local economy. I hope the Minister and OPW will consider whether the site can be reopened for a number of additional days before the season ends."



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Minister Foley officially opens a new home in Listowel for people with disabilities

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has officially opened a new home in Listowel for people with disabilities. Ashfield Lodge in Listowel is now home to three people with disabilities and also provides a respite service to another adult with a disability.

It is being funded by the Department of Children via the HSE and run by Saint John of God Community Services Kerry.

Minister Foley said: "I am very pleased to open Ashfield Lodge. I hope that it will be filled with friendship, laughter, shared meals, personal achievements and all the ordinary moments that turn a house into a home." Last year, HSE South West provided funding of around €27.5 million to Saint John of God Community Services Kerry, including for the opening of Ashfield Lodge.

Saint John of God Community Services Kerry works with more than 300 children and adults with disabilities through its training, employment, social and residential programmes.

Minister Foley said: "I would like to thank Saint John of God Community Services Kerry for its commitment to delivering services to people with intellectual disabilities here in Listowel and right across County Kerry. I also want to acknowledge HSE South West and all those involved in helping bring this service to fruition. The opening of Ashfield Lodge is a testament to what can be achieved when people work together with a shared purpose." Mr. Kevin Madigan, CEO Saint John of God Community Services said:

"I want to acknowledge the tremendous effort of everyone involved in realising this home. We are committed to advocating for the rights of individuals with intellectual disabilities and this is the first of many developments we are planning into the future"

There are over 9,000 people with disabilities living in residential services around the country. Providing further residential places is a key priority for Government.



Minister Foley at the opening of Ashfield Lodge in Listowel.



Cahills welcome commencement of major N70 road improvement works in Cahersiveen

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry Michael Cahill and local Councillor Tommy Cahill have welcomed confirmation that major road improvement works on the N70 in Cahersiveen will commence on 28 September 2026.

The works are being delivered by Kerry County Council in conjunction with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), with GLAS Civil Engineering Ltd. appointed as contractor.

The first Works Contract will comprise two sections:

•Section 1: Approximately 600 metres from the Ring of Kerry Hotel to the junction of Fertha Drive/New Street.

•Section 2: Approximately 400 metres from the junction of Reenrusheen Road/N70 to approximately 160 metres west of Iveragh Heights B&B.

The works will improve the road network and pedestrian facilities in Cahersiveen with the programme expected to continue until December.

Deputy Michael Cahill said:

"I very much welcome confirmation that these

works are now about to get underway. The N70 is a hugely important route for Cahersiveen and investment in its condition and pedestrian infrastructure is essential for the town. This improvement works are long overdue."

"I want to particularly thank my Government colleague, Minister for Transport Darragh O'Brien, for his support in providing the funding for these works and for recognising the importance of continued investment in our national road network."

"This is an important first step, but there is further pavement work required throughout Cahersiveen. I will continue to work with the Minister, TII and Kerry County Council to ensure that the necessary funding is secured to allow the remaining works to progress. I certainly won't be found wanting when it comes to pursuing that funding on behalf of the town."

"I appreciate that there will be some disruption while the works are underway but the long-term benefits for the town will make this investment worthwhile."

Councillor Tommy Cahill said:

"This is very welcome news for Cahersiveen and I am pleased to see these works now moving into the construction phase."

"From a local authority perspective, a significant amount of work has gone into progressing this project and I want to acknowledge the National Roads Office and the relevant Kerry County Council teams for their work in bringing it to this stage."

"The improvements will make a real difference to the condition of the road and to pedestrian facilities in the town. It is also important that access for residents and businesses will be maintained throughout the works and that essential services can continue to operate."

"I look forward to seeing the works commence next week and will continue to engage with the Council and the local community as the project progresses. I would encourage everyone to bear with the traffic management arrangements and support the contractors while these important works are carried out."

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THE RETURN OF THE DARK EVENINGS

There is a definite change in the air around Killarney as September progresses. The evenings are getting shorter, mornings are darker and before long many of us will be leaving for work or school and coming home in the dark.

For motorists, pedestrians and cyclists, the changing light is a timely reminder to take a little extra care on the roads.

Early morning and evening journeys can be particularly challenging, especially on roads around Killarney where pedestrians, cyclists, walkers and traffic often share the same routes. For anyone walking or cycling after dark, being visible is one of the simplest ways to improve safety. Bright or reflective clothing can make a significant difference, while cyclists should ensure their front and rear lights are working properly.

A small reflective band, high-visibility jacket or reflective detail on a schoolbag or coat can help drivers spot someone much sooner.

Children returning home from school or activities should also be reminded about the importance of being visible and taking care near roads.

As darkness falls, it becomes more difficult to see pedestrians, cyclists and animals, particularly on rural roads and poorly lit stretches.

Drivers should make sure their lights are clean and working properly and should adjust their speed to suit the conditions. A journey that is straightforward during daylight can require considerably more concentration once visibility is reduced.

Wet roads can make matters more difficult, with rain and reflections from streetlights and headlights affecting visibility.

Autumn is still a popular time for cycling, both for commuting and leisure. Cyclists should use



appropriate lights and reflective clothing and make sure their bikes are roadworthy.

Motorists should give cyclists plenty of space when overtaking and be particularly careful at junctions, bends and narrow roads.

Killarney's walking routes remain busy throughout autumn, with locals and visitors enjoying the National Park and surrounding countryside.

Pedestrians should use footpaths where available and take extra care when crossing roads, particularly at busy junctions and during the morning and evening rush.

If walking on an unlit road, wearing something reflective and carrying a light can make a walker much easier to see.

The shorter days also mean increased wildlife activity around dawn and dusk. Deer are

particularly relevant around Killarney as the annual red deer rut gets underway.

Drivers travelling near the National Park and on surrounding rural roads should be alert for deer crossing unexpectedly, particularly during the early morning and evening.

A few simple habits

As the dark evenings return, a few simple habits can make journeys safer for everyone – slow down, leave extra stopping distance, keep your windscreen clean, use your lights properly and stay alert to what is happening around you.

The return of the dark evenings is an inevitable sign that autumn is here, but with a little extra care from everyone using our roads, we can all get home safely.



Muckross Music Group performed in the Iconic St. Finbarr's Oratory on Sunday last 20th. September. Left to Right: Eoin Doherty, Paddy Hughes, William O'Sullivan, Martin and Dillon O'Brien, Diarmuid Dineen, Gene Doherty, Lisa Barton, Margaret Looney, Oisin Doyle, Maura Doyle, Johnny Doolan, Eimear Doyle, Breda Daly, Colm O'Sullivan and Tony McCarthy. Picture taken by Marie Cronin.



Ciara O'Sullivan one of the younger members of the Muckross Music Group doing a fantastic rendition of "The Brush Dance"

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MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

WORLD ROWING MASTERS REGATTA

Congratulations and well done to John Buckley, Paul Griffin, Paul Kennedy, Brendan O'Neill, Jim Breen and Marko Tot who represented Muckross RC with great success at the World Rowing Masters Regatta in Bled, Slovenia held between 9th – 13th September. The Muckross contingent was in action over the first three days of the largest regatta to be held globally. Over 4,700 rowers from 51 countries representing over 880 rowing clubs competed. Following consecutive seasons of dedicated training, the Muckross crews recorded historic results for the club. Following last year's success winning gold as a composite crew, it was two all Muckross line ups from the stroke to bow seat, that went on to win gold this year in both the Masters C and Masters D coxed Four events. The Masters C crew of Paul Kennedy, Brendan O'Neill, John Buckley and Paul Griffin were first to win on day 1 of racing while Jim Breen joined Brendan, John and Paul in securing the second gold in the Masters D event. Both crews were coxed by Philomena Burrows of Marlow RC, London. Other highlights included two second place finishes for Marko Tot, racing in both the Masters B Single and Masters B Pair. Superb results from Bled, congrats again to all!

EVENTS

As the new flatwater rowing season for 2026/27 gets underway in earnest, the club has also been busy participating in the final coastal regattas of 2026. On Saturday, September 5th, the club enjoyed a successful day out at the Kenmare Endurance Regatta. The club was winner in four events including the Mens J18, J16 and J14 Quads as well as the Womens Masters Double with six second place finishes rounding out a highly enjoyable day. On Saturday, September 12th, 16 Muckross crews travelled to Bantry for the Irish Junior Coastal Scull Championships Regatta. The club was second in the Mixed J16 Quad and third in three further events including the Mens J18 Quad, Womens J14 Quad and Mixed J18 Quad. Well done to all!

UPCOMING

The club's first time trial event of the new rowing season will be the St. Michael's Autumn Head Of the River (HOR) on Saturday October 10th with a return to the River Shannon at O'Briensbridge, Co. Clare. Other events include Castleconnell HOR, Sat Oct 24th, Castleconnell; Skibbereen HOR, Sat Nov 14th, Cork Marina; Irish Provinces Indoor Rowing Championships, Sat Nov 21st, UL Arena; Muckross HOR, Sat Dec 5th, National Rowing Centre, Farran, Cork.

WORKMEN'S ROWING CLUB

ROWING IRELAND 1K CLASSIC 2026

The excitement continued over the weekend with the Rowing Ireland 1K Classic 2026 at Lough Rinn, Co. Leitrim.

This two-day event brought together some of the finest rowing talent from around the country, and our rowers were right in the mix

throughout the weekend.

Despite challenging weather conditions, our athletes showed great determination and resilience, putting their training and experience into action and proudly representing Workmen's Rowing Club.

Our junior rowers, in particular, demonstrated tremendous commitment, effort and determination, with podium finishes throughout the weekend. The dedication shown by the entire squad is a great credit to both the athletes and our coaching team.

A huge thank you to our coaches Michael J & Mary Burns, for his continued guidance, encouragement, and support throughout the weekend. A huge well done to all our competitors, coaches and supporters for another memorable weekend of rowing.

THANK YOU

Workmen's Rowing Club would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank the Local Enhancement Programme 2026 for the financial assistance received. This support is greatly appreciated and contributes to the continued development of our club and athletes.

FOSSA ROWING CLUB

WELL DONE DONAL

A huge well done to Donal Daly who won his Master Mens final over the weekend in Lough Rinn. A mighty row in a tough cross wind to finish up our 2026 racing season! Donal received a fine welcome home on Sunday! Well done Donal!

CLUB SOCIAL

Our club social has been set for Saturday the 17th of October at Kate Kearneys. We will have



Killarney Pickleball members at the West of Ireland Tournament Michael Crawley and Tony Duggan.

a drinks reception followed by a 3 course meal with music and a DJ until close. This promises to be a brilliant night. A fully ticketed event so tickets must be bought in advance and the closing date for purchasing tickets is the 11th of October. Check out Clubzap for tickets or call Laura on 083-8055095 for more.

KILLARNEY PICKLEBALL CLUB

Last weekend Galway hosted the West Of Ireland pickleball tournament. Great success for Killarney where Michael Crawley won gold in the 18+ section. Playing with Tony Duggan from Tralee, they narrowly won the final by 2 points in a long game. Not to be outdone, Michael Lyne won gold in the 50+ category playing with his regular partner from Castlegregory, Tommy McCarthy.

The Leisure centre is still under repair so Killarney Pickleball is now playing Tuesday mornings in the Parish hall 10am, in the evening St Brendan's at 7pm. Wednesdays at SPA GAA 8pm and also Saturday at 5pm

KILLARNEY RFC CLUB

SENIOR MEN LIFT MCELLIGOTT CUP

Congratulations to the Killarney RFC Senior Men, who secured the McElligott Cup with an excellent 31-20 victory over Killorglin RFC at Aghadoe on Sunday. Killarney crossed for five tries in a strong team performance to finish their pre-season cup campaign on a high.

The Senior Men now turn their attention to the Munster Junior League Division 2 campaign, which begins this Sunday, 27 September,



Killarney Pickleball members at the West of Ireland Tournament Tommy McCarthy and Michael Lyne.



Fossa Rowing Clubs Donal Daly who won his master's race at the weekend in Lough Rinn and received a heroes welcome.



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Killarney RFC Senior Men celebrate their 31-20 victory over Killorglin RFC in the McElligott Cup Final at Aghadoe.



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SENIOR WOMEN'S RUGBY

Senior Women's rugby continued at Aghadoe on Friday evening. Training takes place every Friday from 7:30pm to 9:00pm, with new and returning players always welcome. No previous playing experience is required.

MINI RUGBY

Mini rugby continues every Saturday morning at Aghadoe from 9:45am to 11:00am. New players are very welcome to come along, meet the coaches and enjoy a fun introduction to rugby.

YOUTH AND GIRLS RUGBY

Training continues across our youth and girls sections during the week. U14 Boys train on Monday and Thursday evenings, U14 Girls on Tuesday, U18 Boys on Tuesday and Thursday, U18 Girls on Wednesday, and U16 Boys on Thursday. Families should check ClubZap and club social media for team notices and fixture updates.

THANK YOU THOMAS KELLEHER

The club again extends its sincere thanks to Thomas Kelleher, who completed the Kerry Ultra Marathon and raised an outstanding €3,780 for the Killarney RFC Clubhouse Build. Club chairman Ger Moynihan presented Thomas with a small token of appreciation in recognition of his tremendous effort and generosity.

REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2026/27 season remains open. Players and families are encouraged to complete registration through ClubZap. New members are welcome across minis, youth, girls, Senior Women's and Senior Men's rugby.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR THE 17TH SEPTEMBER

N/S

1st: President Michael McHugh & Anne Looney

2nd: Marie O'Sullivan Kenmare & Horst Rosler

3rd: Hanneke Nieman & Don O'Sullivan

E/W

1st: Margaret O'Sullivan & Maura Horan

2nd: Breda Counihan & Ann Wren

3rd: Mary Gleeson & Evelyn O' Leary

Well done everyone.

It is wonderful to see our members back for the season ahead and as always very competitive bridge with great laughs in-between.

BRIDGE CONTINUES every Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel. New members are very welcome.

KILLARNEY BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

North/South

1st: Therese McCarthy and John O'Shea

2nd: Anne Looney and Marie Moloney

3rd: Therese O'Donoghue and Brenda Moynihan

East/West

1st: Sheila Spillane and Bridie Brosnan

2nd: Tim and Mai Corcoran

3rd: Imelda Healy and Maura Horan

Congratulations to all the winners.

Bridge on Mondays at the Monastery School, New Road at 7pm

Killarney Triathlon Club celebrates Orla Houlihan's Hardman victory

Killarney Triathlon Club is celebrating a fantastic achievement by club member Orla Houlihan, Ross Road, Killarney who was the first female home at the Hardman Full Distance Triathlon in Killarney.

The Hardman is one of Ireland's toughest endurance challenges, involving a 3.8km swim in the Lakes of Killarney, a 180km cycle around the Ring of Kerry and a full 42.2km marathon through Killarney National Park, a staggering 226km of endurance racing.

Orla took on the challenge with determination and commitment completing the demanding course and finishing as the first woman across the line.

She is a great ambassador for women in sport. Her achievement is a fantastic reflection of the dedication and hard work she puts into her sport. Orla has also been a wonderful leader and role

model within Killarney Triathlon Club, supporting and encouraging others and demonstrating the commitment, resilience and positive attitude that are at the heart of the club.

Her success comes after a number of strong performances in triathlon. Earlier this year, Orla also claimed a podium place in the National Series, producing the fastest run split of the day to secure third place in Schull.

Killarney Triathlon Club would like to extend its huge congratulations to Orla on this outstanding achievement. Her performance is a source of great pride for the club and an inspiration to athletes and women in sport of all abilities.

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3rd: Margaret Campion (06) 38 pts (last 9 holes)
4th: Ailish Mulcahy (13) 38 pts (last 9 holes)
5th: Amy Arthur (05) 37 pts (last 9 holes)
Winner of the 11 Hole Stableford Competition
Pat Collins (18) 18 pts.

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

RESULTS 19TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Winner of the 18-hole single Stableford competition: Kitty O Grady 29 (41)

Results of 9-hole single Stableford competition

1st: Muireann Hayes 21 (19)
2nd: Kathleen Fitzgerald 13 (21)
3rd: Mona Looney 13 (25)

COMPETITIONS

26th September 2026; 9 & 18 - hole single Stableford competition. Enter via the BRS App
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ROSS GOLF CLUB - GENTS

ON SEPT 19TH & 20TH WE HELD THE MAURICE O'DONOGHUE MEMORIAL CUP STROKEPLAY COMPETITION

Kindly sponsored by The Gleneagle Group

The winners were:-

1st: Barry O'Grady 64 (9)
2nd: Lucas Cronin 68 (16)
Gross Prize: David Murphy 79

Division 1

1st: Renaldas Bendikas 69 (11)
2nd: Shane Dennehy 71 (11)

Division 2

1st: Paul Favier 69 (18)
2nd: Donie Broderick 70 (12)

Division 3

1st: John O'Driscoll 71 (22)
2nd: Denis Casey 72 (20)

ON THURSDAY 17TH OUR SENIORS HELD THEIR WEEKLY 10 HOLE COMPETITION.

The winners were

1st: John Ivory 22pts.
2nd: Dan O Sullivan 17 pts
3rd: Dermot O Connor 17 pts
4th: M J Casey 17pts

CLUB MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

The Killarney Medal & Trophy Centre sponsored club matchplay final was played last Saturday and after a very tight and intense battle Ryan Scott won on the 18th over David Murphy. Well done to both on their performances and congratulations to Ryan.



Prizewinners from last Sunday's County U16 Pitch & Putt Matchplay Championships in Tralee pictured after the official presentation of prizes.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

CLUB STROKEPLAY

Thanks to all those who took part in our Club Strokeplay last weekend as there was a poignancy and significance to James Foley retaining the Ian O'Leary Memorial Shield as it has been done in a year of great sadness for his family and sponsors Charlie Foley's Bar but also it a rare retention of the Shield over the last 30 years.

RESULTS

Overall Nett: James Foley 86, Overall Gross: John McGrath 94, Second Nett: Dave Spillane 87, +3-7 Nett: David Harnett 88, 8-16 Nett: Dan Kiely 89 (B18), Ladies Nett: Margaret O'Brien 93, 18 Nett: Denis Duggan 41 and 18 Gross: Damien Fleming 48.

U16 COUNTY MATCHPLAY

Congratulations to Fionn McMonagle and Aodhan O'Halloran on retaining the Boys U16 and U13 titles respectively in Tralee last Sunday as Ella Lowe also reached the Girls Final. Cillian Healy won the Boys U16 Plate meanwhile as Ryan Lowe also won the Boys U13 Plate.

U16 CAPTAINS PRIZE:

Thanks very much to everyone who took part in last Saturday morning's U16 Captain's Prize for Ben O'Sullivan. The winner was Fionn O'Callaghan as Ben and his brother Scott were also in the prizes. Results -36 Hole Stableford- Overall Nett: Fionn O'Callaghan 88 points, Overall Gross: Fionn Culloty 79 points, Second Nett: Ben O'Sullivan 87 points, 18 Nett: Scott O'Sullivan 43 points and U12 Prize: Colm Murphy 79 points.

NATIONAL INTER-COUNTY CHALLENGE

Michael Cronin, James Fleming, Connie O'Sullivan and Dan Broderick finished third with the Kerry Intermediate Mens team in this event last Sunday in Larkspur Park, Cashel.

Well Done: To Paddy Murphy on winning the Ardnacrusha Junior Scratch Cup in Clare last Saturday.

CORK COUNTY BOARD SCRAMBLE

Best Wishes to club members taking part in this event this coming weekend across the county bounds.

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

- MEN'S

RESULTS FOR - THE GREENKEEPERS CUP -

SAT19/SUN20 SEPTEMBER

Men's Section 18 Hole Stableford format - White tees. Sponsor - Padraig Bruton

1st: Donnacha Foley 43 points (35)
2nd: Conor Bohane 40 points (7)
3rd: Stephen Crookes 38 points (5)

NEXT MEN'S COMPETITION

Sat 26/Sun27 September. 18 Hole Stableford format - White and Yellow tees. Sponsor - The Men's Club

CASTLEROSSE GOLF CLUB

- LADIES

GET INTO GOLF

Our Get into Golf September Finale took place on a very wet evening, but the weather certainly didn't dampen the spirits. All the participants played well and enjoyed a great evening of golf. Afterwards, everyone gathered in the Castlerosse Hotel for delicious sandwiches, tea and coffee, followed by the prize giving. The evening was hosted by our Lady Captain Finola Geary & Golf Pro Kieran Crehan.

Get into Golf (GIG) Results

1st Place - Vivienne Buckley
2nd Place - Eavan O'Donoghue
3rd Place - Nessa Keogh
4th Place - Marnie O'Sullivan

10 Hole Scramble Results

1st Place - Tomas Lyne, Fiona Geary (38) net 25.35
2nd Place - Roy Stone, Brendan Brosnan (45) net 33.8
3rd Place - Liam Sweeney, Barbara O'Shea, Nial Myers (44) net 36.1
4th Place - Donal O'Reilly, Donal Dowd (46) net 36.75

COURSE DEVELOPMENT

We welcome the opening of the new green on the 5th hole which is an excellent test of our golf skills, please also note that there is a temporary tee box on the 3rd Hole whilst works takes place on the new layout.

SOCIAL GOLF

Social golf every Wednesday at 10.30am. Book on BRS.

GOLF LESSONS

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KERRY PITCH & PUTT

Last Sunday saw the final County U16 event of



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Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club members Fionn McMonagle (U16 Winner) and Aodhan O'Halloran (U13 Winner) pictured with the County U16 Matchplay Cups after they both retained their respective titles in Tralee last Sunday.



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club U16 Captain Ben O'Sullivan (second right) presenting the prizes for his Captains Prize event last Saturday. Also included in Photo L to R: Michael Cronin (Deerpark U16 Officer), Colm Murphy (U12 Prize), Fionn Culloty (Overall Gross), Fionn O'Callaghan (Overall Nett) and Scott O'Sullivan (18 Nett).

the year take place in good conditions in Tralee as the U16 Matchplay saw a large entry from Deerpark, Listowel and Tralee for the various different categories.

In the Championship events all three titles were retained by last year's winners. Both Deerpark's Fionn McMonagle and his club-mate Aodhan

O'Halloran retained the Boys U16 and U13 titles respectively as they beat their Inter-County team-mates from their recent second place finish in the National Inter-County -Daniel Quinlan of Deerpark (U16) and Tralee's Joey Blake (U13)- in the respective deciders. In the Girls event Listowel's Shona Griffin retained her title and did

another County Strokeplay and Matchplay with victory over Ella Lowe of Deerpark in the Final.

The U16 Boys Plate final was an all Deerpark affair meanwhile as Cillian Healy beat his Deerpark club-mate Adam Twomey in the final while the U13 Plate also went to Deerpark with victory for Ryan Lowe over Listowel's Sean Stack in the decider. Our thanks to those who took part along with our U16 Officers Tom O'Connor and Monty Galvin for their efforts throughout the year. We wish those from the county taking part in the Munster Secondary Schools event in St Stephens in Cork this week (Thursday September 24th) the very best of luck.

Elsewhere at the weekend the Kerry Intermediate Mens team of Michael Cronin, James Fleming, Michael Creagh, Mark Lucey, Connie O'Sullivan, Tony Blake and Dan Broderick came third at the National Inter-County Challenge in Larkspur Park in Cashel last Sunday. The team finished a combined 22 under par for their Scotch Foursomes and Singles rounds, four off runners-up Meath's total of -26 but a total of 17 shots off Tipperary's winning score of 39 under. Our thanks to the team for their efforts this year along with their manager John Fitzgerald (Tralee).

Finally, well done to Deerpark's Paddy Murphy on winning the Ardnacrusha Junior Scratch Cup last Saturday in Co Clare. We prepare for the final five weekends of competitive action as the Cork and Kildare Shortgrass Scramble events over the next two weekends take us up to the hosting of the National Scotch Foursomes by Tralee on the weekend of October 11th.



GIG Presentation by Lady Captain Finola Geary - 1st Place Vivienne Buckley.



GIG Presentation by Lady Captain Finola Geary - 2nd Place Eavan O'Donoghue.



GIG Presentation by Kieran Crehan - 3rd Place Nessa Keogh.



GIG Presentation by Kieran Crehan - 4th Place Marnie O'Sullivan.

Tim O' Trophy Winner at Mahony's Point

Recently, the Tim O' Shea Perpetual Trophy was played at Mahony's Point, Killarney Golf and Fishing Club. Playing in the competition only for the second time, Ger O'Meara took the spoils with a fine score of 43 points.

The prestigious event was first played

in 1995 and was won by the late Maurice O'Donoghue.

Results

Ger O'Meara (22) – 43 pts
Enda Curtayne (23) – 40 pts
Tim O'Meara (21) – 40 pts
Teddy O'Sullivan (25) – 39 pts



Kieran O'Connor manager Killarney Golf & Fishing Club Seniors presents the Tim O'Shea Cup to Ger O'Meara



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KERRY PLAYER FINDS €1 Million EuroMillions Ticket in Car Glovebox

A Kerry player recently claimed a €1,005,000 EuroMillions Ireland Only Raffle top prize after discovering their winning ticket had been sitting unnoticed in their car glovebox for more than a week. The winning ticket was sold at Centra, The Reeks, Reeks Gateway, Tralee Road, Killarney, Co. Kerry.

Recalling the moment they realised they had become a millionaire, the winner said:

"I left the ticket in the car glovebox, it must've been sitting there for over a week! I had no idea the ticket was even there, and less so it was a ticket worth €1 million.

I heard there had been a win in the town, and I had even been chatting



to people about the win and what you would do if you ever won a prize like that! Little did I know a €1 million ticket was in my driveway!

The winner has already started planning how they might enjoy their €1,005,000 million prize, with a Mediterranean cruise high on their wish list.

The Kerry player won the EuroMillions special 'Ireland Only' Raffle event, which saw a guaranteed €1,005,000 prize for one player. As with every EuroMillions draw, ten players win €5,000 with their unique raffle ticket number, and among them was the Kerry player who had an additional €1,000,000 added to their prize.

NOTICE OF MOTION from Cllr. Martin Grady

"That Kerry County Council writes to the Minister for Justice requesting a review of Section 26 of the International Protection Act 2015, which prohibits the publication or broadcast of information likely to identify an applicant for international protection without their consent."

Section 26 of the International Protection Act 2015 provides important confidentiality protections for people who apply for international protection. In particular, it prohibits the publication or broadcast of information likely to identify a person as an international protection applicant without their consent. Breaching that provision can itself constitute a criminal offence.

There are sound reasons for protecting the confidentiality of the international protection process. The Department of Justice has explained that disclosure can potentially place an applicant, or their family or friends in their country of origin, at risk.

This motion is not seeking to remove that legitimate protection. What I am asking is whether the law strikes the correct balance when an applicant becomes involved in separate criminal proceedings.

If a person is charged with a criminal offence, the normal rules of criminal justice, court reporting and any other applicable reporting restrictions should operate consistently. Equally, where An Garda Síochána considers it necessary and lawful to make a public appeal concerning a person before the courts, a person's status within the international protection system should not, of itself, create a different standard.

This is particularly important from the perspective of public confidence. The public should be able to understand that the law applies consistently, while at the same time preserving the fundamental principle that a person who is charged with an offence remains innocent unless and until proven guilty.

I am simply asking that we write to the Minister for Justice requesting a review of the provision and asking whether a clearer distinction can be made between protecting the confidentiality of a person's international protection application and the publication of their identity where they are separately before the criminal courts or are the subject of a lawful Garda public appeal.

This is about getting the balance right: protecting genuine confidentiality where it is required, respecting due process and the presumption of innocence, while ensuring consistency, transparency and public confidence in the administration of justice.

Fuel , Energy and Carbon Tax Relief motion Danny Healy Rae:

I thank Deputy Michael Collins and Independent Ireland for giving us this opportunity to talk about these important issues. The carbon tax has to be got rid of.

Fuel is dear enough. The purpose it was brought in for in the first place does not exist now.

I want to talk about people in Kerry who use heating oil or kerosene. The cost of it has come up from 90 cent to €1.68 this week. People just cannot afford that. They will only be able to purchase far less than what they need to keep themselves warm for the winter. It is the same with green diesel. Some people were not included in the packages given out in May. The agricultural contractors and farmers were given packages at that time to help them to reduce the cost of the green diesel. Many of them could not draw it down because they had infringements for spreading slurry outside of the time. Maybe some of them were not up to date with Revenue. They were not eligible. That is why the Government has some money left over. I am asking the Minister of State to check with the people who were refused and give it to them forthwith.

Another sector was left out completely. The Taoiseach was sitting where the Minister of State is now and said construction vehicles would be included. He said that sometime around 5 May. That has not happened. The construction sector has not been included at all. I raised with the Minister, Deputy O'Brien, last week, and he said that he was beginning to work on it now. I asked who the Minister in charge was. He did not know. He was not the Minister in charge. The Minister, Deputy Heydon, is not the Minister in charge of it. Is any Minister responsible to help the people with construction vehicles, whether it is diggers, rollers, cranes, or teleports? They are all the different vehicles that use green diesel to keep them rolling in the construction and civil sector. They do maintenance along our roads, repair our water breaks and all those things. Quarries were meant to have been included. Those people did not get a bob. The Tánaiste said that they were going to be covered. He said it to the media around that time. If a person does not have their word, they have nothing at all. The Taoiseach said in this Chamber that construction vehicles would be covered. They are not. It has gone from 90 cent up to €1.68 since. How long will it be before these vehicles grind to a halt? A lot of these contractors have entered into fixed contracts. They are losing money, hand over fist.

I am asking the Government to come out and do something about it.

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KILLARNEY ATHLETIC FC

SENIOR MEN

Killarney Athletic A got their Kerry District League Premier campaign off to a winning start with a 3-2 victory over local rivals Killarney Celtic at Ferndale. Josh Bolwer, Terry Sparling and Leo Allen were on target for Athletic in an entertaining local derby.

U17 BOYS

The U17 A team enjoyed cup success with a 3-0 away victory over Avenue United in the first round of the National Cup. Eoin Bennett, Shea Driver and Oisín Cryan scored as Athletic produced a strong performance and kept a clean sheet.

U15 GIRLS

The U15 girls secured a 2-1 victory over Tralee Dynamos in a competitive encounter. After going behind to a penalty, Roisín O'Sullivan levelled early in the second half before Michaela Carney struck the winning goal.

U14 BOYS PREMIER

The U14 Premier side began their league campaign with a 3-2 home win over Camp. Brayane Ouattara and William Sjogren put Athletic ahead on two occasions before Trey Hurley scored the decisive goal to secure the points.

U14 BOYS DIVISION 2

The Athletic Cs recorded an impressive 4-1 away win over MEK Bs. Sean Doolan, Nathan Horgan and Rian Horgan, who scored twice, were the Athletic scorers.

U13 GIRLS DIVISION 1

The U13 girls recorded a 2-1 away victory over LB Rovers. Hollie Shevlin scored both Athletic goals, including a late winner, as the girls showed great determination to secure the points.

U13 GIRLS DIVISION 2

The Division 2 girls were beaten 5-2 away to Ballyhar. Megan Daly scored both Athletic goals, with the young side producing some excellent attacking football despite the result.

U13 BOYS

The U13 A team opened their Kerry Schoolboys and Girls League campaign with a scoreless draw away to Listowel Celtic. Athletic dominated possession for long periods but were unable to find a breakthrough against a well-organised Listowel defence.

U12 BOYS A

The U12 A team made an excellent start to their National Cup campaign with a 5-0 victory over



Killarney Athletic U12 Boys who defeated St Ita's in the National Cup.

St Ita's AFC from Limerick. Hugo Taylor-Curran and Ollie Pyne scored twice each, with Carlos Gonzalez Romero also on target.

U12 BOYS C

The C team suffered a narrow 5-3 defeat to Listowel B in their first league game. Athletic made an excellent start and raced into a 2-0 lead, but Listowel eventually came back to take the points in a competitive encounter.

U11 BOYS RED

The U11 Red team began their season with a 2-1 away victory over Listowel. Cillian Mulcahy and Colm Óg Ó Súilleabháin scored the Athletic goals, with the defence holding firm under late pressure to secure the win.

U11 BOYS WHITE

The U11 White team produced a strong performance against Kenmare. Alexander scored five goals, with Majec adding two more as Athletic finished with a convincing result after an entertaining end-to-end game.

U11 BOYS YELLOW

The U11 Yellow team opened their league campaign against Fenit in Woodlawn. Fenit claimed the victory in a high-scoring game, but Athletic showed plenty of determination and continued to battle until the final whistle.

BOYS AND GIRLS ACADEMY

The Season continues for the boys on Sunday at 10am with great fun and excitement.

If your son is born between 2018 and 2022, you can contact 0863684108 for more details.

The Girls Academy returned last Sunday and continues each week at 11:30am. Contact 0879365322 for more details.

MASTERGEEHA

U12 BOY'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 1

GB Rovers 4 v Mastergeeha FC 3

U14 BOY'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 1

Tulla United 9 v Mastergeeha FC 2

U16 BOY'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 2

Listowel Celtic 2 v Mastergeeha 0

U12 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Camp A 7 v Mastergeeha B 1

U15 BOY'S PREMIER

Mastergeeha A 2 v Dingle A 3 16/9

U16 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Park B 1 v Mastergeeha B 4

Goal Scorers Tyler Lenihan with a hat trick and Eduardo Garcia

TEAM OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Cathal Buckley and Oliva O Connor on making Kerry Schoolboys & Girls League team of the week.

MASTERGEEHA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on 18th September 2026 for the Jackpot of €11,000. Numbers drawn were 3,17,22,24. Consolations Prizes of €50 each to the following William Healy C/o Village Inn, Caoimhe Lehané Annual Ticket, Charlie Lenihan Rathanane, Mary Brosnan Online .Our next draw will take place on Friday 25th September 2026 at the Village Inn for a



Killarney Athletic U12 Boys who played against Listowel Celtic.



Killarney Athletic U13 Girls who played against Ballyhar.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u13 Division 1 girls who defeated Killarney Athletic B at Murt Scott Park on Saturday last.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u14 B, Div 2 North squad who were defeated by

Jackpot of €11,200.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 2,3,8,15. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winner received €25. Next jackpot €13,400 on Monday September 28th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through Clubzap.

COACHES WANTED FOR THE UPCOMING 2026/27 SEASON

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NATIONAL LEAGUE GROUP 3

Newbridge Town FC 2-2 Killarney Celtic

Victor Udeze. Matt Keane

A late goal from Matt Keane ensured that Killarney Celtic gained their 1st point in the National League in Kildare last Saturday. Newbridge were fast out of the blocks and were in front after only 2 mins through Ruairi Brown. 1-0 at half time. Celtic were back on level terms after 50mins. Good play up the left side saw Trpimir Vrljicak cross for Victor Udeze to finish from close range. Newbridge were back in front thanks to a goal by Moses Alabi. Time was ebbing away but Celtic found the goal to share the spoils. Good interplay saw Trpimir Vrljicak

set up Matt Keane to shoot home and give the club its 1st point in the National League. Free weekend upcoming for the squad.

KDL PREMIER

Killarney Athletic 3-2 Killarney Celtic

Eoghan Crowley

Life in the KDL Premier for a much changed squad began with a narrow defeat to Killarney Athletic. Celtic opened the scoring with an Eoghan Crowley goal but Athletic responded to lead 2-1 at half time. Celtic were back on level terms by 50 mins but Athletic grabbed a late winner to take the points.

FAI U17 CUP

Creeves Celtic 1-4 Killarney Celtic

Simon Sirotiak, Aiden Huggard, Tristan Murphy, Dominic Courtney

Killarney progressed to the next round after a strong 2nd half sealed the win. Simon Sirotiak opened the scoring after 16 minutes but Creeves were back level before half time. Aiden Huggard restored the Killarney advantage on 59 minutes. Tristan Murphy put Killarney clear with a goal on 83 minutes. The win was sealed in injury time when Dominic Courtney goaled.

SFAI U16 NATIONAL CUP

GB Rovers 4-1 Killarney Celtic

Kian Brosnahan

Celtic drop out of the National Cup into the Trophy after a defeat in Limerick.

U16 DIV 3

Castleisland B 5-3 Killarney Celtic C

Ryley Bolster 2, Malik Jinad

Celtic B gave their all in a very entertaining game which Celtic never gave up despite trailing at half time.

U14 NATIONAL CUP

Blackhill FC 1-3 Killarney Celtic

Josh Buckley 2, Dylan McCarthy

A good win in Limerick for the U14A squad as they progressed to the next round. Blackhill never gave up but Celtic had the edge to gain the win. Celtic led 2-0 at half time. Blackhill pulled a goal back but Celtic stayed strong to advance.

U14 DIV 1

Killarney Celtic B 0-3 Ballyhar Dyn

Celtic B played some nice football but a fine Ballyhar team got on top in the 2nd half to run out winners.

U12 DIV 2

Castleisland B 0-1 Killarney Celtic B

James Keane

A fine win in Castleisland for the B team

U12 DIV 3

Killarney Celtic C were defeated by Inter Kenmare

GIRLS

U15 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 3-0 Dingle Bay Rovers

Leah Mannix 3, Molly Philpott 3

A clear cut win for Celtic last weekend against Dingle.

CONGRATS to Rory Murphy U14 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week and to Aimee Shine U15 who made the Girls Roll of Honour.

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

U13 GIRL'S PREMIER

Camp A 5-0 Iveragh A



Killarney Athletic U13 Girls who played against LB Rovers.



Killarney Celtic U12B Squad vs Castleisland



Killarney Celtic U14 Boys Nat Cup.



Castleisland U13 Girls

U13 GIRL'S DIVISION 1

Castleisland 2-1 Killorglin
LB Rovers 1-2 Killarney Athletic
Fenit 1-0 Dingle

U13 GIRL'S DIVISION 2

Ballyhar 5-2 Killarney Athletic B
Tralee Dynamos 4-1 Inter Kenmare

U15 GIRLS PREMIER

Killorglin 1-4 Castleisland
Killorglin scorer: Siomha Quinn
Castleisland scorers: Niamh O'Sullivan, Roisin Cronin, Bella Clifford
Killarney Celtic 5-0 Dingle
Killarney Celtic scorers: Leah Mannix, Molly Philpott x2 each, Olga Kumor

Killarney Athletic 2-1 Tralee Dynamos

Killarney Athletic scorer: Roisin O'Sullivan, Michaela Carney

Tralee Dynamos scorer: Tia Falvey

U15 GIRLS DIVISION 1

Fenit 2-0 Ballyhar
Fenit scorers: Saoirse Reen, Hannah Redican
LB Rovers 3-0 MEK
LB scorers: Lily Bowler, Lydia Lyne, Addison Walsh

BOYS FIXTURES

U11 BOY'S PREMIER

Listowel Celtic 0-2 Killarney Athletic

U11 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Castlemaine 6-3 Ballyhar A
Killarney Athletic B 6-12 Fenit B
Inter Kenmare A 6-5 Castlemaine

U11 BOY'S DIVISION 3 SOUTH

Inter Kenmare B 6-8 Killarney Athletic D

U12 BOY'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 1

Killarney Athletic AFC 5-0 St. Itas
Inter Kenmare 3-4 Tulla United Blue
Shelbourne 5-1 St. Brendan's Park FC B
St. Brendan's Park FC A 3-0 Aisling Annacotty
Mungret Regional 3-0 Fenit Samphires w/o
St. Brendan's Park C 1-4 Avenue United Yellow
Bunratty Cratloe FC Black 7-1 MEK Galaxy B
Broadford United 0-5 Killorglin AFC
MEK Galaxy A 3-9 Ballymackey FC
GB Rovers 4-3 Mastergeeha FC
Creeves Celtic 3-2 Castleisland AFC
Milltown FC 3-5 Lifford AFC

U12 BOY'S DIVISION 1

LB Rovers A 3-0 Ballyhar A W/O
Tralee Dynamos B 6-3 Iveragh A

U12 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Park C 1-2 Ferry Rangers
Castleisland B 0-1 Killarney Celtic B
Camp A 7-1 Mastergeeha B

U12 BOY'S DIVISION 3

Tralee Dynamos C 2-3 Camp B
Fenit B 4-3 Killorglin B
LB Rovers B 3-5 Dingle B
Killarney Athletic C 3-5 Listowel Celtic B 2

U13 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Milltown 4-4 Park B
Killarney Celtic B 1-1 Killarney Celtic C
Park B 2-8 Camp A

U13 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Tralee Dynamos B 2-6 Listowel Celtic B
U14 BOY'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 1
Newmarket Celtic FC 6-1 Tralee Dynamos
Geraldines AFC 1-7 St. Brendan's Park A
Knigh United 3-0 Milltown FC
Castleisland AFC 6-0 Bunratty Cratloe FC Black
Inter Kenmare FC 0-1 Newport Town
St. Brendan's Park B 1-7 Bunratty Cratloe FC Blue
Tulla United 8-2 Mastergeeha FC
Blackhill FC 1-3 Killarney Celtic
Fenit Samphires 4-3 Breska Rovers U14 Boys
Killorglin AFC 1-2 Caherdavin Celtic FC

U14 BOY'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 2

Dingle Bay Rovers 7-0 Moyross Utd

U14 BOY'S PREMIER

Killarney Athletic 3-2 Camp

U14 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Park B 2-2 Milltown
Killarney Celtic B 0-3 Ballyhar
Killarney Athletic D 3-6 MEK A
Ferry Rangers 6-2 Iveragh
Killarney Athletic B 1-5 LB Rovers A

U14 BOY'S DIVISION 2 (NORTH)

Ballyhar B 4-7 Fenit B

U14 BOY'S DIVISION 2 (SOUTH)

Castlemaine 3-0 Killorglin B
MEK B 1-4 Killarney Athletic C

U15 BOY'S PREMIER

Killarney Celtic A 1-2 Park A
Mastergeeha A 2-3 Dingle A
U16 BOY'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 1

St. Brendan's Park FC 1-3
Bunratty Cratloe FC
Killorglin AFC 4-1 Regional United
Kildysart Celtic 0-3 Killarney Athletic AFC w/o
Monegall Football Club 0-3
Ballyhar Dynamos w/o
Aisling Annacotty U16C 6-1
Tralee Dynamos
GB Rovers 4-1 Killarney

Celtic

Shannon Town 1-2 Dingle Bay Rovers

U16 BOY'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 2

Listowel Celtic 2-0 Mastergeeha

U16 BOY'S PREMIER

Castleisland A 4-4 Fenit A

U16 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Camp A 1-4 Iveragh A

U16 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Fenit B 1-2 LB Rovers A
Castleisland B 5-3 Killarney Celtic B
Park B 1-4 Mastergeeha B
Killorglin B 5-1 Ferry Rangers

BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK

1. Timmy McCarthy (Tralee Dynamos U12)
2. Rory Murphy (Killarney Celtic U14)
4. Igor Czajkowski (Killorglin U12)
5. Jotham Kiwunaka (St Brendan's Park U16)
3. Cathal Buckley (Mastergeeha U12)
6. Fiach Doherty (Dingle Bay Rovers U12)
8. Sean Ó Currain (Camp Juniors U12)
10. Tom O'Donnell (Ferry Rangers U14)
7. Ben Crowley (Fenit Samphires U12)
9. Aodhan Quinn (Listowel Celtic U13)
11. Conor O'Sullivan (Iveragh U16)

GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR:

1. Faye Enright (Fenit Samphires)
2. Sadhbh O'Donnell (Fenit Samphires)
4. Aoibheann Hegarty (Killarney Athletic)
5. Kayla Lyne (Inter Kenmare)
3. Emma Gilbride (Tralee Dynamos)
6. Saoirse O'Neill (Castlemaine United)
8. Erin Wallace (Camp Juniors)
7. Aimee Shine (Killarney Celtic)
10. Sadhbh O'Shea (Tralee Dynamos)
9. Addison Walsh (LB Rovers)
11. Anna-Kate Daly (Ballyhar Dynamos)



Park U12 A Nat Cup.

SSE AIRTRICITY MEN'S FIRST DIVISION

MATCHDAY 32

Athlone Town 3-0 Kerry FC

By David Moriarty

Kerry FC travelled to the Midlands on Friday to take on Athlone Town in County Westmeath, a big game in the playoff push. Kerry FC sat in fifth place going into the game, just a point ahead of the evening's hosts. A win for the Kingdom would be huge, with just four games left in the regular season, and a loss could prove costly.

The last time the two sides met was back in June. A single goal on the evening from Ryan Perez secured all three points for Kerry FC that night. The last time Kerry FC travelled to Athlone, it was a 0-0 stalemate at the beginning of May.

Athlone Town are the only team that Kerry FC have played in the First Division in their recent history to have a better head-to-head statistic against. The Kingdom have won six, Athlone Town five and five draws.

A large support came up from the south-west to get behind the players as they pushed for promotion spots come the end of the season in what was a blustery, damp evening in the centre of the country.

FIRST HALF

Kerry FC got the game underway in Athlone Town Stadium, with both sides settling into the contest during a quiet opening period. Neither team was able to create a clear-cut opportunity in the opening stages, as the game remained goalless.

Athlone Town registered the first effort of note in the seventeenth minute when Peter Grogan rose to meet a cross, but his header went safely into the hands of Matt Connor.

Four minutes later, the hosts came close again. Kyle O'Connor sent a dangerous cross into the Kerry FC penalty area, but the ball evaded everyone and struck the right-hand post of Matthew Connor's goal before, thankfully, being cleared from danger.

Kerry FC found it difficult to establish a foothold in the game as the half progressed and Athlone Town took the lead in the thirty-third minute when Sean Brennan found the net to make it 1-0.

Kerry FC looked for an immediate response and, in the thirty-fourth minute, Sean O'Connell delivered a free kick from the left towards Colin Healy. The Kerry FC attacker connected with a header, but his effort went over the crossbar.

The visitors continued to look for a way back into the contest, but Athlone Town held their advantage as the referee brought the opening half to a close after one minute of added time.

Kerry FC went into the interval trailing 1-0, with Luke Palmer replacing Colin Healy at half-time.



Sean McGrath and Cian Bargary with their August awards.

SECOND HALF

Kerry FC started the second half with renewed intent and, in the forty-seventh minute, Sean O'Connell had an opportunity from a free kick in a central position from some distance. His effort was on target, but Brendan Clarke made the save to keep Athlone Town in front.

Jonas Häkkinen was shown a yellow card in the forty-ninth minute before Matt Connor was called upon to make two brilliant saves in quick succession in the fiftieth minute, denying the hosts and keeping Kerry FC within touching distance.

Athlone Town continued to threaten, with Gradi Lomboto heading wide at the back post in the sixty-fifth minute.

A minute later, Kerry FC created one of their best openings of the match. Sean O'Connell produced a brilliant piece of skill to work his way into a good area inside the box before playing the ball across the six-yard box. However, neither Cian Murphy nor Ewan Lee could get the important touch to turn the opportunity into an equaliser.

Athlone Town doubled their advantage in the sixty-eighth minute when Callum Cleary scored to make it 2-0.

Kerry FC responded with a double substitution in the seventy-first minute, as Cian Brosnan and Rob Keane replaced Sean McGrath and Vince Borden.

Cian Murphy then tried his luck from the edge of the box in the seventy-sixth minute, but his effort rose over the crossbar. Ryan Perez was shown a yellow card a minute later as Kerry FC

continued to battle for a route back into the game.

Sean O'Connell sent a cross towards the Athlone Town penalty area in the eighty-fifth minute, but it was slightly too high and went wide of the mark.

Athlone Town continued to threaten late on, with Gradi Lomboto forcing Matt Connor into another save in the eighty-ninth minute.

The hosts added a third goal in the ninetieth minute when Patrick Ferry found the net, putting the result beyond doubt.

Kerry FC continued to compete until the final whistle, but Athlone Town held on to secure a 3-0 victory.

Kerry FC will now look to regroup and prepare for their next fixture, as they play their penultimate home game of the season next Friday night against Wexford FC, with 12 points still on offer in the hunt for an end-of-season playoff place.

Athlone Town Team: Brendan Clarke (C); Kyle O'Connor, Dylan Connolly, Brian McManus, Sean Brennan (GOAL '33), Gradi Lomboto, Peter Grogan, William Smith, Callum Cleary (GOAL '69), James Crawford, Jonathan Kehir.

Subs Used: Patrick Ferry (GOAL '91), Robert Lyons.

Kerry FC Team: Matthew Connor; Sean O'Connell, Sean McGrath (C), Cian Murphy, Jonas Häkkinen, Samuel Aladesanusi, Ryan Perez, Vince Borden, Ewan Lee, Arran Healy, Colin Healy.

Subs Used: Cian Brosnan, Luke Palmer, Rob Keane.

FOSSA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 20/09/2026 for a jackpot of €11,100 were 4, 9, 13, 28. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Katie Rintoul, Willie Buckley, Noreen Lyne, Aileen Buckley, Carmel Griffin.

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>

MCELLIGOTT CUP

After a win over Kilcummin on Friday night our Senior B team faced Kerins O'Rahilly's B in the semifinal on Sunday in Fossa and what a contest it turned out to be. It was three points apiece when Fossa struck for the first goal of the game, excellent link play by Dan O'Keeffe resulted in Ryan O'Leary finishing to the net in the 13th minute. In the 21st minute, Mark Donnellan was quickest to react to a broken ball in the square to score Fossa's second goal, this was followed by points from the outstanding Dan O'Keeffe and David Butler to put Fossa eight points up at this stage. Rahillys were dangerous and struck for two goals in quick succession to leave just three between the sides at the break, Fossa 2-9, Rahillys 2-6.

Rahillys were level by the 5th minute and they then scored two goals in the 12th minute to race into a six point lead, Fossa never gave up the fight and with Rian Colleran and David Butler leading the charge they set about reducing the deficit. Rocco Sheehan, Jack Clifford and Rian Colleran were all on target but it took a goal from Peadar Kelliher in the closing moments of the game to get Fossa back on level terms, the sides swapped scores but it finished level at full time, Fossa 3-19, Rahillys 5-13.

In extra time, scores from Dan O'Keeffe and Rocco Sheehan gave Fossa a one point lead at the break. Their fitness told in the second half where the accurate Jack Clifford kicked 1-1, Rocco Sheehan, David Butler and Peadar Kelliher all scored to leave Fossa winners after a fantastic game of football on a score of Fossa 4-27, Kerins O'Rahilly's 6-15.

SENIOR LADIES

Fossa secured their place in the Bons Secours sponsored Junior Premier County Final with a determined and deserved two point victory over a strong and physical Spa side in a gripping home semi final contest.

From the outset, Fossa set the tone with an excellent first half display. Their work rate, intensity and tireless running were outstanding as they moved the ball well, supported each other all over the pitch and played some excellent football. Every player contributed, showing real commitment both in possession and defensively, and the team's physicality and determination matched everything Spa threw at them.

The second half proved a different challenge. Spa came back slowly and Fossa were wasteful in attack and not as fluent as they had been before the break. Turnovers crept into their game and periods of sustained pressure tested the team's resilience. However, when the game demanded character, Fossa responded. The work rate never dropped, the tackling remained fierce, and the

players continued to show up physically in every battle across the field.

With the contest in the balance entering the closing stages, Fossa dug deep. The defence stood firm, midfielders continued to cover every blade of grass, and the forwards worked tirelessly to relieve pressure whenever opportunities arose. It may not have been the football of the opening half, but it was a display full of determination.

Ultimately, Fossa did enough to keep Spa at bay and held on for a deserved two point victory, earning their place back in the County final in two weeks' time.

This was a true squad effort. Every player who started and every player who came on made an important contribution. The commitment, attitude and togetherness shown throughout the game were a credit to the entire panel.

Well done to all involved. Enjoy the achievement, and now the focus turns to the final. One more big performance awaits.

DR. CROKES

SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Dr. Crokes 0:12 Rathmore 2:10.

Our senior footballers fell short following a hard-fought encounter with Rathmore on Sunday. Rathmore made the brighter start and found the net in the 10th minute before adding a point shortly afterwards. We responded strongly, with Tony Brosnan opening our account from a free before Micheál Burns added a two-pointer. Tony Brosnan continued to keep the scoreboard moving, kicking further scores, while Cian McMahon and Micheál Burns also got on the scoresheet. A number of promising Crokes attacks were narrowly missed, including a David Shaw effort on goal which was brilliantly saved. We trailed 0:06 to 1:04 at the break. The second half saw both sides continue to battle for control. Rathmore extended their lead with a two-pointer early in the half, but we responded through scores from Tony Brosnan and Cian McMahon. Rathmore found the net again in the 46th minute following controversial finish, putting further daylight between the sides. We continued to push until the final whistle, with Tony Brosnan adding further points and Cian McMahon going close to a goal. There were also late goal chances for Gavin White and Michael Potts however Rathmore held firm.

U14 EAST KERRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Our U14s bowed out of the East Kerry Championship semi final against a strong Furies team in Fereanfore on Tuesday night. Despite scoring 2:13 of which the outstanding Sean Quill contributed 1:11, Furies proved too strong for us despite our best efforts. Unfortunately injuries on the night meant we had to line out without 5 of our 14 year olds and despite our best efforts Furies played great football to win deservedly. The week before we went down narrowly to Rathmore in Dr. Crokes Park in a thrilling game on a score line of 5:14 to 4:14. Again Sean Quill gave a masterclass in scoring 3:10 of our total.

U13'S

Our under 13s played in the Colm Cooper blitz on last weekend and did the club proud going down narrowly in the semi final of the cup

competition to Navan O'Mahony. Unfortunately again injuries took its toll on our boys but those who played showed great commitment and determination. We won our first game with 2 late goals from Captain Danny Dowling and won our second game convincingly. This qualified us so in our next game we faced the eventual champions Maynooth and were well beaten. In the semi final we had a great game against Navan O'Mahonys and led at half time with Danny Dowling and Oran Barrett and Ross Griffin getting goals. Despite our best efforts O'Mahonys finished stronger to win by 5 points. Unfortunately we lost Oisín Carey Brickley to injury in first game and we wish him a speedy recovery.

LOTTO took place on September 21st. Numbers drawn were 19, 21, 23, 24. Jackpot of €5,300 was NOT WON. 4 patrons matched 3 and received €100 each. Jackpot for draw on September 28th will be €5,600. Play online by following the link below <https://member.clubspot.app/club/drcrokes-gaa/fundraisers>

BINGO

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

KATHLEEN'S GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS resume on Monday October 5th at 11am in the clubhouse. All welcome

GENTLE YOGA for men and women continues on Thursday's from 6:15pm-7pm. €40 for 5 weeks.

NOTES

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

LEGION

LOTTO

Lotto Numbers: 6, 7, 9, 22. Bonus 21. Match 3/Lucky dips: Kisha Carroll, Louise Sheahan, Grainne O Carroll

U14 BOYS

East Kerry Under 14 Championship Division 4 Champions; Legion 5-15 Rathmore 2-8

Under lights and played in Johnny Culloty Park on Friday night our Under 14 Division 4 team saved their best performance for their final game of the season. Made up primarily of players that are all under age again next year they more than competed from the start with a bigger and more physical Rathmore side. From the throw in they dug deep and whilst it took a little time to find their stride they picked off some great scores to lead at the break by 5 points. The second half was a display of great teamwork and the fact that there was 8 different scorers tells the story. Despite the final scoreline Rathmore battled bravely throughout and contributed to a great final. The slippery conditions didn't deter from the skill levels and it's great to see the improvement in the players as the season has progressed. Winning a final is a bonus and this particular group of boys fully deserve some silverware for their dedication and determination. Special mention to referee Tom Corbett for doing a great job officiating and to the large Legion support from parents, siblings and club members.



Rathmore claimed the Senior Club Championship title after a great battle with Dr Crokes.
Final score: Rathmore 2-10 | Dr Crokes 0-12
Photos by Lucy Shalimova, Fitzgerald Stadium PR

U12 GIRLS

Our 12 girls finished the football playing season off in style hosting a football blitz in Johnny Culloty park today.

178 girls from Killarney legion, Dr Crokes, Kilcummin, Spa, Fossa, Beaufort and Laune rangers Took part in a hugely entertaining football blitz played in great spirits by all. In all every team enjoyed 80 minutes of football action and had time for good fun's and friendships also. Huge thanks to the visiting teams and volunteers who helped organise the day . Also our 6 referees that gave up their time to help make the day a big success .

This marks the end of the football for the girls for 2026

Huge thanks to coaches Laura, Denise, Shirley and Trevor for their efforts and commitment during the year .

U16 BOYS

Killarney Legion 2-17 Dr Crokes 1-11

Our U16 Boys travelled to Dr Crokes Park for the delayed East Kerry League Final against our great local rivals Dr Crokes. The team worked very hard through the first half to establish a lead of 1-8 to 0-4 at half time.

The teams traded scores throughout the second half and the boys did enough through the half to keep their noses ahead at the end.

And so ends a good East Kerry League campaign for the team, with good wins against Fossa and Kilgarvan, a draw against Kilcummin and a narrow loss to Scartaglin.

Thanks to Dr Crokes for a great sporting game and to Padraig O'Sullivan for excellent officiating. Captain Sean Lyne accepted the trophy on behalf of the team, a great achievement by Sean after working so hard to get back after a year out injured

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to former senior star defender Sean McCarthy and his beautiful new bride Megan who tied the knot last weekend. Wishing ye a lifetime of happiness from all at the club

SYMPATHIES

The club extends its deepest sympathies on the death of Elizabeth (Betty) Browne, grandmother of two Legion players, Raegan and Ronan Browne and mother in law of Shelley Brown, U16 girls Coach/FLO and Vice Chairperson of Legion LGFA. May she rest in peace.

EAST KERRY NEWS

COUNTY MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

East Kerry 3-09 North Kerry 1-16

U14 EAST KERRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Division 3 Final

Glenflesk 3-13 Fossa 3-07

Division 4 Final

Legion B 5-15 Rathmore B 0-05

Semi Final

Spa 5-18 Kenmare Kilgarvan 5-22

Firies 5-22 Dr Crokes 2-13

Kilcummin 5-21 Listry 0-10

Rathmore 5-11 Killarney Legion 3-08

U16 EAST KERRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday Sept 27th 11.00 am

Pot 1 V Pot 2: Listry V Scartaglen, Dr Crokes V

Legion, Spa V Kilcummin, Fossa V Firies

Pot 3: Kenmare V Gneeveguilla, Currow V

Kilgarvan, Glenflesk V Rathmore

Fixtures possible to change.

EAST KERRY HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI FINAL

Kenmare 2-11 Laochra Og 2-15 AET

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Well done to Rathmore on winning Club Championship Final.



Young supporters enjoying the Rathmore v Dr Crokes Senior Club Championship game
Photos by Lucy Shalimova, Fitzgerald Stadium PR



JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

ALL THINGS SPORT

There's a lot going on this week, maybe a bit too much to give fair coverage to everything. It's an awful shame that the mens' and ladies' main county championships are running concurrently. I've struggled to make any of the ladies' games, not because I don't want to, but simply because Doctor Who won't let me borrow his Tardis – don't you worry, that will be remembered.

There's two big topics in sport making the headlines recently, and neither have much leeway for humour, quite the opposite, in fact. I believe that the GAA are running a very strong, very impressive PR machine in response to Mary McAleese stepping away as Chairperson of the Integration Committee, stating that she feels that the momentum for integration of GAA, LGFA, and Camogie is 'fading'. Given that the GAA have recently stated that they cannot commit to any kind of timeframe – not just extending the 2027 deadline originally agreed by the three organisations – any time frame at all, she is absolutely right. She isn't acting on a personal pinion; she is acting on a stated fact. One, by the way, that should have been obvious to everyone in the GAA for quite a while now. Among all the many, many other indicators is that fact that incoming Uachtarán Derek Kent made it clear during his campaign that he wasn't a supporter of integration. Fair enough, I respect the man for coming out and saying it. I honestly don't believe that it is misogyny that is the problem – believe me, I gave it long and hard consideration, because there really is an awful lot of misogyny when it comes to womens' sports, a colossal amount in fact. The GAA have increasing numbers (great), increasing schedules (runaway trains at all grades) and very limited facilities (not getting any easier). The GAA have by far the biggest amount of resources and as such, would be the biggest contributors. That's the big problem for them; they made promises that they just can't realistically fulfil. But are they going to come out and admit that? No, you have nonsensical attempts to make LGFA and camogie sound like the problem-makers. They simply aren't, and McAleese is quite right to point out that they are wasting her time.

I like Jarlath Burns. I think he has been a very straight, very proactive President. Yes, he stuck his head up above the parapet a few times when he didn't have to, he's certainly no politician, but give me a guy who tries a lot and fails in some things than someone just going through the motions. But his statements on this matter...yees. Yes, the spending on intercounty teams has gone out of control, that has been raised before – but the LGFA were the exact opposite of militant on that. Check the receipts, Jarlath. As for his response to McAleese stepping down....well, "Integration is happening every day. We see examples here

where boys and girls are playing hurling and camogie together. That's going on in every club every day and every decision we make at the moment, we're making it from an integrated perspective. The three organisations are still very committed to integration, but we want to achieve an integration that is sustainable and robust, and something we can be very proud of."

If that's meant to be satire, then the man is a genius. If he actually thought that meaningless gobbledygook was going to be taken seriously, then I'm actually embarrassed.

The issue is simple for me. All three are community based organisations, and it's the same communities in every case. This really should not be hard.

I'll not dwell on the issue of whether the Irish soccer team should play Israel. No, we really shouldn't. And everybody knows that. I actually have sympathy for the FAI, it's FIFA who lack any kind of integrity or cojones here – I don't think that's in doubt by anyone. Israel is absolutely committing genocide in Gaza; I'm not opening that up to debate either. Is that antisemitic? Absolutely not. Because 'semitic' is a linguistic grouping that includes Arabs, Phoenicians, Babylonians, Akkadians, Israelis, Palestinians, Canaanites....interestingly, yiddish is a proto Germanic language, although it does have a big semitic component.

Israeli, Palestinian, Zionist, Jew, Christian, Askenazi, Sephardic, Semite....these words have separate meanings based on language, ethnicity, culture, and religion. For example, more Palestinians are semitic than Israeli Jews. Yup. Most of the people you hear throwing these words around are people who think the word 'woke' is always an adequate counter-argument.

I'm not doing any political polemic. The world has enough self-important eejits doing that already. Genocide is wrong, and genocide is happening in Gaza. That bit just isn't complicated. A national Government, Israel, is deliberately and consciously inflicting genocide. And the Irish soccer team are going to play them on the international stage. I don't blame the Israeli soccer players, I doubt if too many of them approve of what is being done in their name, but they are representing that State and Ireland playing them gives validity to that State's actions. We should tell FIFA that we aren't doing it. And everybody knows it. This doesn't even require a lot of moral courage, not in the face of dead children.

In all the long list of the FAI's failures, and that's a very long list, this will be the absolute worst.

On to happier things. Kerry had a total of seven All Star nominations, Shane Murphy, Jason Foley, Mark O'Shea, Paudie Clifford, David Clifford and Dylan Geaney. Seven is the lowest number of All Star nominations for the losing team in the All Ireland Final, but I think the All Stars are far too weighted in favour of the

final already. I think seven nominations is fair enough.

RATHMORE LIFT SECOND EVER KERRY CLUB CROWN

Senior Club Final:
Rathmore 2-10 Dr. Crokes 0-12

It wasn't the best football match we have seen all year, I don't think anyone would claim that it was. I feel myself that it falls too much at the end of a gruelling enough championship campaign and the start of another one that may overshadow it. I still say that's a conversation that will have to be had at some stage, and frankly all the discussion about county players in the district championships is only a poor distraction from that rather large elephant in the room.

Tony Brosnan had Crokes' first attempt, a booming long range effort that drifted left. Rathmore's first effort was a high ball into Mark Ryan from Fionn Murphy, but Dr. Crokes had been forewarned from previous games about the effectiveness of that tactic and Fionn Fitzgerald neatly cleared the danger. Rathmore had their homework done as well though, pressing up hard to prevent Dr. Crokes playing it out fast between the lines. In fact, you'd have to say that both sides knew each other so well that they effectively cancelled each other out. Dr. Crokes had efforts from Micheál Burns and David Shaw drop short. Cian McMahon made a nice turn to open a chance but his fisted effort went left, while Evan Looney, after a great direct run, had yet another effort drop into William Casey's grateful hands. Both sides seemed to be bringing players out so that the ball could be kicked into space inside; it wasn't really working out in terms of scoring return.

The first score was also Rathmore's first actual shot on target. It was a lovely offload from Cathal Ryan and a perfectly timed burst by Fionn Murphy that carried him clear before rolling it smoothly under the advancing Shane Murphy. Brilliantly taken goal, and Ciaran Collins followed up with a point.

Crokes tried to respond, but Micheál Burns was just wide. It did seem to me that Crokes were maybe playing a bit too deep in their own half. I know how fast they can break forward – it's a club speciality – but for me they were a little too far back to build rapid momentum. Their opening score, just at the end of the first quarter, was more direct, a simple pass into Tony Brosnan and a quick and clever finish off his left boot to open their account. 1-1 to 0-1.

At last, a nice bit of link play on the move by Crokes to pen space, and Micheál Burns sent a tw pointer perfectly over the crossbar. A big score, and badly wanted. Fionn Murphy replied



*Action from the Rathmore v Dr Crokes, claimed Senior Club Championship
Photos by Lucy Shalimova, Fitzgerald Stadium PR*

with a neat Rathmore pint, curling over off his right.

And then things got messy. Mark O'Shea contested a big man and collided with a Rathmore player in doing so – no intent to foul on either side. Cathal Ryan came in and shouldered Mark at that point – ball was already gone up the field, referee's discretion but it was clean contact, I would say verbal warning at most. And then a few more players get involved, Fionn Holohan collides with Micheál Burns and knocks him to the ground. Micheál gets up, catches Fionn's leg, and pushes him backwards a few steps. The Rathmore physio berates Micheál, who pushes him back and to the ground....

Arrah, lads, it's not exactly MMA, is it? I'm not condoning anything, black card for Cathal Ryan as third man in was absolutely correct and Micheál's red is the proper sanction for laying hands on a team official. Yellow was correct for the physio; he isn't supposed to enter the pitch until given permission by the referee. But, frankly, I've already devoted more space to the incident than it's worth. Nobody got injured. If all the same lads met up later that night in town, they would have a pint together and a laugh about it. No big deal, that's my honest opinion.

David Shaw tried to provide a big Crokes' response, but once again his long effort dipped too long and William Casey gathered comfortably. A foul on the lively Evan Looney did see Tony Brosnan curl over a free in the 20th minute. 1-2 to 0-4. Good reply by Rathmore, working it forward, neat little jimik by Fionn Murphy before giving it to Darragh Nagle for a simple finish. Could they have worked a goal chance? I think they were absolutely right to take the point on offer.

Tony Brosnan were another point but it was followed by a wide from Charlie Keating. This was uncharacteristic shooting by Dr. Crokes, not helped by a great burst and nice finish by Ciarán Collins to keep Rathmore a point in front. Then came another moment of big drama, Gavin White and Tony Brosnan combining to put David Shaw through, but William Casey making a superb save. Tony Brosnan had a clever effort at a point off his left, but it curled

the wrong way – a seventh wide for the black and amber,

Evan Looney was one of Crokes' best players and a fantastic run by him was unceremoniously ended in the Rathmore square. Tony Brosnan stepped up to the penalty spot but had to content himself with a point to still leave them two adrift, 1-6 to 0-7.

At the other end Alan Dineen cut in along the endline before fisting over. In a way, a simple score – but a very valuable one.

Evan Looney made another fantastic break to give Crokes a chance. Tony Brosnan's initial effort was blocked but Cian McMahon was sharp enough to rescue the loose ball and rework it for Tony to have another chance, splitting the posts this time to trim the gap once more. Crokes were starting to look more lively and more dangerous now, Cian McMahon snapping over another. Just a one point game now, 1-7 to 0-9.

A great carry by Andrew Moynihan and lay-off to John Moynihan saw the substitute score a good point on the turn.

At the start of the third quarter, Rathmore raced forward again. Fionn Murphy bore down on the square after being fed by Cian Dineen but was turned back. He gave it back out to Dineen again, who went to the endline and fisted across to the square....where John Moynihan, one of the great goalpoachers in Kerry club football, timed his burst into the square perfectly and fisted home. A real fillip for Rathmore and a huge blow for the reigning champions. 2-9 to 0-9.

Rathmore moved the ball well and almost added a point but Cathal Ryan didn't get enough into the shot. Tony Brosnan sent a good ball across to Cian McMahon, who tried to find space but Rathmore had it covered and his goal effort went harmlessly wide. Likewise Gavin White's rocket after a good run, but it had taken a touch and Tony Brosnan converted the '45.

Crokes were making most of the running now but struggled to find a cutting edge aside from Tony Brosnan. That said, Rathmore had chances too, with Andrew Moynihan unable to get enough power into his effort to fist over the bar. Tony Brosnan pointed another effort – four points in it now.

Gavin White was doing everything he could to inspire his team, feeding Micheal Potts, who looked very sharp and hungry off the bench, for a good effort at goal, but an alert William Csey parried. On this occasion the '45 was a rare miss for Tony Brosnan.

Rathmore were a bit unlucky when a defender slipped after making a good interception and ended up handling it on the ground. Tony Brosnan clipped over the free and it was a one score game, 2-9 to 0-12. Two minutes on the clock.

One last '45 for Dr. Crokes. A perfect trajectory into the square....big Cathal Ryan had made a lot of hugely important catches all day....this one may have been the best of them. With seconds left and Crokes desperately pressing forward, it was left to Brian Friel to calmly slot over the insurance score in the dying seconds to confirm that Aidan O'Mahony's charges would be lifting the Michael O'Connor Cup for only the second time ever, having first done so back in 2011.

This victory, of course, carries a huge added bonus in that if a divisional team wins the Senior County Championship, then Rathmore will go on to represent Kerry in the Munster Senior Club Championship and possibly the All Ireland series.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

Look, it's very early days. Frankly, it's an old conundrum coming into play again. Obviously, a divisional team is dependent on the strength of its components, but those components are clubs, some of which are just coming off the back of hard campaigns themselves in the club championships. The amount of collective training that each divisional team has been able to do will have varied, but it certainly can't be a lot. In fairness, the format allows some leeway by having these preliminary rounds with a back door. I still have issues, though. You are not going to see teams at their best until the knockout rounds, to be truthful about it, and by then fatigue has to start taking a toll. I don't



Action from the Rathmore v Dr Crokes, claimed Senior Club Championship
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believe that there is enough time for rest and recovery and that, yes, it certainly does carry forward into the following year.

It isn't that long ago that the Bishop Moynihan Cup, first presented to none other than John Dowling of Kerin's O'Rahillys in 1953, was by far and away the most coveted prize within Kerry GAA. Part of that, of course, is that if Kerry should win the Sam Maguire (and, rightly or wrongly, we always think that they should), it is the nominated representative of the County Champions who captains the team and raises the cup. Kerry is one of only two counties to retain that tradition (Kilkenny the other).

The format this year is definitely an improvement. Rather than drawn out group stages, which honestly could feel like a bit of an endurance test at times (admittedly, there was nearly always one group that went all the way down to the wire, but never enough), there is a 'back door' format. It makes games a lot more meaningful. It also helps to counterbalance the disparity in preparation time between senior club sides and divisional teams (most of those have only a bare handful of collective training sessions done). As such the preliminary rounds are for divisional teams only, and even those who lose still have a second chance to go on and win the competition out. Perfect? Oh, jaysus, no, not even close. But it is better than it was.

For quite a while, relegation only applied to the senior club sides. The club team eliminated earliest from the County Championship was relegated. If two or three club sides all lost in the opening round, they would play off to see who went down. It meant they were automatically in apocryphal position, while some divisional teams still had players introducing themselves to their teammates. It wasn't just unfair on the club sides, it was detrimental to the standard of the competition and I don't believe that it did Kerry football any favours in the long run. Mind you, in the past five years, Kerry have won two All Ireland Finals, lost two All Ireland finals, and lost a semi-final. There are a lot of things that need fixing, but I think people should remember to appreciate the amount of things we get right as well.

West Kerry 0-21 St.Brendans 2-14

West Kerry was always a powerhouse of Kerry football, going back to the days of Thomas Ashe and even further. But historians take note; 'Dingle' was the whole area, not just the town. Once Dingle and An Ghaeltacht both qualified for senior status, it was not unreasonable to expect the remainder – Lios Póil, Castlegregory, and Annascaul – to struggle to put a competitive team together. Not unreasonable – just not correct, either, because they most certainly do bat above their weight.

I had St. Brendans down to win this. To be honest, I still feel that when they had Austin Stacks on board, almost two districts, St. Brendans and Tralee town, in one team, they had everything they needed to win a County Championship....except enough time to turn it into a really formidable team. They rattled hard one the door twice, but never got through it. But I certainly fancied them to win this opening round.

St.Brendans had the better of the opening exchanges, with Conor Hayes, Odhran Ferris, and Darragh O'Connor all splitting the posts. West Kerry midfielder Cian O'Grady hit back with a trademark two pointer (he has been kicking them all year for the club – and Cathal Ferriter brought it level. Gearóid White teed up Darragh O'Connor for an early goal. Michael Scanlon raced up the field for another West Kerry two pointer, but St.Brendans struck for another goal, Joe Linehan rising high to gather in the middle and teeing up dual player Odhran Ferris for the finish.

Despite playing against the wind it was St.Brendans who were driving forward. West Kerry did have chances but that wind wasn't actually helpful to shooters, carrying a number of decent efforts wide. Seán Broderick, on the other hand, showed exactly why Kerry rate him so highly with a great long distance kick for two points and Conor Hayes extended the lead further. Cormac Ó Cinnéide did kick a badly needed beauty just before the half-time whistle, but down 2-8 to 0-9 and turning into the wind, things looked bleaker than ever for the underdogs.

The impressive Michael Scanlon opened the second half with his second point but

Joe Linehan quickly replied in kind. Caolan O'Connell notched another for West Kerry, but Gearóid White nullified that. West Kerry were definitely looking more purposeful now though, with O'Grady, Killian Falvey, Colm Moriarty, and utility player Scanlon starting to cut wreck. Four points on the trot from Tomás Mac an Piarais ('45), James Crean, Falvey, and Moriarty sliced into the deficit. Eoin McElligott halted the flow with a Brendans' score, but it was a brief interruption before Killian Falvey and Cormac Ó Cinnéide brought the sides level. Colm Moriarty, a colossus at this stage, nudged them in front for the first time with twelve minutes left.

It was St. Brendans' turn to kick a few wides now – as I said, that wind was fairly strong but not especially helpful – before Conor Hayes once again tied things up. West Kerry were rampant, though, with Cathal Ferriter and Cian O'Grady (2, 1f). pushing them clear.

St. Brendans managed to hit back through Darragh O'Connor (f) and Seán Maloney. With the minimum between the sides, Tomás Mac an Piarais gathered a good Cian McKenna effort and booted clear. St. Brendans' last throw of the dice was a very long range sideline effort that could, conceivably, have earned two points and an undeserved win, but Seán Broderick's hugely creditable effort didn't quite have the legs and it's West Kerry who have won the first surprise result of this year's County Championship, though surely not the last.

St. Kierans 3-17 South Kerry 2-12

South Kerry football is struggling. That's the stark reality. St. Marys' relegation from Intermediate means that there is no South Kerry team playing above Premier Junior grade next year. By rule, you need an Intermediate team to form a divisional side to contest the Senior County Championship – look, as far as I am concerned, that's only a technicality. There will be a way around that next year; nobody's excluding an entire swathe of Kerry footballers from our premier competition. Imagine Kerry's history without Jack Murphy, Jerome O'Shea, Mick O'Dwyer, Jack O'Shea, Maurice Fitz? O'Connell himself?

But by the same token, exactly how can you

reverse rural depopulation? The Wild Atlantic Way is a lot more than just a tourism venture; it's vital. And yes, I do see that nonsense about the notion that the GAA should start building hospitals. Sure. And the Irish Farmers' Association should be in charge of building hospitals. Let the Order of Malta start investing in dairy herds. I have no idea who came up with that utterly embarrassing nonsense; even less what fool of an editor thought it was worth printing. But whoever it was, Donald Trump will probably appoint them to his cabinet soon. That's how stupid an idea it is.

Let us move on.

A lively Oisín Breen got the scoreboard moving for South Kerry, with Emmett Daly unlucky to see an effort off the post. Adam Barry replied for St. Kierans and then Cathal Brosnan set up Donal Daly for a St. Kierans' goal. That was the key score in a half that never really rose too far above mediocrity – both sides are capable of a lot better and I suspect that a lack of preparation time had a lot to do with it. Chris Farley slotted a free for South Kerry. Tadhg Brick and Philip O'Connor both came very close to goaling but South Kerry managed to scramble clear. Sean Óg Ó Ciardubhain was narrowly wide with the resultant '45. Jamie O'Sullivan pointed a beauty for St. Kierans and Philip O'Connor added a free to push the lead out to three. Austin Murphy kicked another great long distance free to trim it back and Emmett Daly pointed another South Kerry free to leave one between them. Austin Murphy came out of his goal to fist a dangerous ball clear and denied Kieran Dennehy a goal soon afterwards. Oisín Breen kicked a beautiful equaliser after a magnificent catch by Niall O'Connor.

An Adam Barry free had St. Kierans in front by the minimum at the break, 1-4 to 0-6. At that stage, if you had predicted a pulsating second half, I'd have gently agreed with you...and surreptitiously tried to move any metal cutlery away from you.

A booming two pointer free from Adam O'Donoghue put St. Kierans three points up but goalkeeper Austin Murphy replied in kind – he has been kicking those all year for Reenard. Man of the match Cathal Brosnan had a long effort drop short but Jack Joy was on hand to poke it home for a goal. Alex Coffey won a great turnover at the other end and scored a great goal of his own.

St. Kierans had left some good scoring chances behind them so far but they were starting to really find their rhythm and reeled off an impressive 1-3 on the trot, Kieran Dennehy combining with Adam O'Donoghue for the goal. Adam Barry had a free, Cathal Brosnan landed a great score from play, At 3-11 to 1-8, it was a long way back for South Kerry, but midfielder Kieran O'Sullivan gave them hope with a superb goal. Graham O'Sullivan added a two pointer and the gap was back to a manageable four points again. That was really as close as they could come, though, with St. Kierans pulling away to book their spot in Round Three. They certainly looked a different team at the end of the game than they did at the start – I'd certainly suspect that this game will have brought them on a world of good.



*Rathmore players celebrate after winning the Senior Club Championship title after a great battle with Dr Crokes.
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South Kerry drew what must surely count as the short straw, in that they will play East Kerry next weekend in Round Two and it's hard to see them progressing any further than that – mind you, I didn't predict Rathmore winning the Club Championship either, so take my opinion with a serious grain of salt!

Mid Kerry 2-14 North Kerry 1-16

It was expected to be the game of the round and it certainly lived up to all the billing. Mid Kerry looked in control, only to be overhauled and North Kerry should really have seen it out, but they left that door slightly ajar and Mid Kerry had just enough fumes left in the tank in the dying seconds to get over the finish line. Cillian Trant, who put in a very solid shift, got the scoreboard rolling for North Kerry, with Fergal Hallissey (f) replying for Mid Kerry. Goalkeeper Kevin O'Connor's two pointer free along with a good score from Jerh. Brosnan had them in front by 0-4 to 0-1, but that wasn't reflective of their early dominance in play and Mike Bren helped set up Liam Carey for a point. Eoin Clifford – once again a Mid Kerry mainstay – teed up Liam Carey for a trademark goal after good initial work by Darragh O'Connor. They were back in again straight away, Fergal Hallissey setting it up for Adam O'Neill to rattle the net. North Kerry's response was impressive, with Cormac Dillon, Robert Stack, Cillian Trant, and Eddie Healy all picking off points. Jason Foley prevented Liam Carey getting another goal and Kevin O'Connor parried Adam O'Neill's follow-up. Mid Kerry closed out the first half with the last two points to lead by that margin at the break.

Ciarán Kennedy kicked a fantastic opening score of the second half to lead but Darragh Lynch kicked two superb two pointers, one from play and one from a free. Points from Robert Stack, Jerh Brosnan, and Pa Walsh had North Kerry leading by 0-15 to 2-6.

With Mike Breen inspirational, Eoin Clifford sent over a vital two pointer to put the game back in the mixer. However, Cillian Trant and Eddie Healy combined to set up Darragh Lynch and

he hit an absolute rocket to the net. That left North Kerry four points clear, 1-15 to 0-12, early in the fourth quarter.

Fergal Hallissey tapped over a handy enough free. Daire Cleary had a goal chance after great work by Adam O'Neill but his cheeky chip went over for a point. Eddie Healy, very influential in the engine room, steadied North Kerry with a point.

North Kerry coughed up a free for handling it on the ground. Worse than that, they failed to hand the ball back. The free was moved up and, as a technical breach, Fergal Hallissey had and took the option of placing it outside the arc and taking the two points. A hugely expensive mistake by North Kerry. 1-16 to 2-12 now in favour of North Kerry and time getting very tight. Could they hold on?

The short answer is no. Another ball brought forward, another easy free for Mid Kerry after North Kerry failed to keep three forwards up. Your heart would go out to them after all the great football they had played but I'm sorry, County Championship football, mistakes like that will always stop you in your tracks.

Jason Foley made a great interception and Eddie Healy won a free for North Kerry. Dissent (Mid Kerry weren't infallible either!) saw the free brought forward for Kevin O'Connor to have a two pointer free but, agonisingly, it went just right and wide. One last chance for Mid Kerry to seek a winner.

Yet another North Kerry breach! Mid Kerry played on, a high ball in....Stephen Gannon darted out brilliantly before spinning to leave him inside with the goal gaping. He struck a powerful shot...only for Joe Joe Grimes to fling himself across and somehow clear it off the line! Cruelly, it didn't matter....all Fergal Hallissey had to do was tap over the free from the breach and that was that. Mid Kerry by a point.

Deservedly? Mmm...I mean, Mid Kerry were very, very good. But I really think North Kerry left a lot of this one behind them and I strongly suspect that they will have reason to regret it.

NORTH KERRY LIFT FRANK KING CUP

COUNTY MINOR FINAL: *North Kerry 1-16 East Kerry 3-9*

It was very tough luck on an East Kerry minor side who opened the game with all guns blazing and looked like the better side for a long time but were eventually, and perhaps slightly controversially, overhauled in the final minutes by a gallantly resilient and gritty North Kerry side who produced quite a few moments of magic themselves. The fact that it was a great game won't be much consolation to East Kerry but it is encouraging in terms of Kerry football in general.

It was actually a slow start to the game, both sides probing a bit for openings. Tadhg O'Connell raised the first white flag after five minutes for North Kerry; it took as long again for Liam O'Brien to equalise. Kerry minor Daragh Keane looked razor sharp right from the start and struck midway through the half for two lightning goals. East Kerry were winning duels all over the field at this stage – North Kerry looked slightly stronger in physical terms, but East Kerry were that little bit faster to the ball, with Cathal Casey in particular outstanding. North Kerry did get possession, but were guilty of overworking the scoring chances when simplicity might have been a better option. East Kerry led by 2-3 to 0-2 at the end of the first quarter and, while they could be grateful to Jonah Casey for a superb save to deny Brody Mulvihill a North Kerry goal, they could have been further ahead than 2-4 to 0-4 at half-time. North Kerry made a few changes at half-time and began to grow in confidence. Tadhg O'Connell boomed over a long range free for two points. Daithí Laide clipped over another. However, back came East Kerry, the impressive Keane finding Intermediate winner Jack Hallissey, who laid off to Oisín O'Leary for a third goal. Liam O'Brien's free made it 3-6 to 0-8



*Young supporters enjoying the Rathmore v Dr Crokes Senior Club Championship game
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and North Kerry were left with a mountain to climb.

Undeterred, that's exactly what they set out to do, Tadhg O'Connell raising two more orange flags in quick succession and Ryan Hurley notching a point. Just two in it now. Moreover, the likes of John Curtin, Mikey Somers, and especially Odhran Buckley were taking control of the middle third.

East Kerry weren't dropping their heads, though, and in Keane, they had the most dangerous player on the pitch. He nailed a two point free and added a white flag from play to stretch the gap out again.

A foul on Brody Mulvihill was duly punished by Tadhg O'Connell. With minutes left on the clock, Timmy Kennelly powered through and sent the ball in to Ryan Hurley for an equalising goal. Dylan Costello launched a monster down on the square, where Brody Mulvihill gathered at the back post and coolly fisted over. They led for the first – and obviously most crucial – time since the opening minutes. There was still time for East Kerry to equalise and force extra-time, but Ronan Sheridan intercepted their first effort and even when Fionn Doyle, another Intermediate winner with Fossa, fisted over, the handpass to him was deemed illegal.

North Kerry: Christian O'Donnell (0-1, 1'45) John Breen, Ronan Sheridan, Oscar McElligott, Dylan Twomey, John Curtin (0-1), Fionn Byrne, Mikey Somers (0-1, 1'45), James Kissane, Odhran Buckley, Tadhg O'Connell (0-8, 2tpf, 1tp, 1f), Dylan Costello, Brody Mulvihill (0-2), Adam Heffernan, Cathal Byrne (0-1). Subs: Ryan Hurley 1-1 (for Adam Heffernan, half-time), Daithí Laide 0-1 (for Cathal Byrne, half-time), Timmy Kennelly (for Mikey Somers, 49 mins), Oran Doorley (for Fionn Byrne, 51 mins), Dylan Buckley (for Brody Mulvihill, 60 mins).

East Kerry: Jonah Casey, Anthony Cremin, Zach Cronin, Jack Ahern, Tadhg Jack O'Leary, Cian Stack, Roan Guerin, Daniel Cronin, Oisín Hurley, Damien Moynihan (Rathmore), Liam O'Brien 0-3, 2f, Cathal Casey, Liam Harmon (0-1), Oisín O'Leary (1-0), Darragh Keane, (2-5. 1tpf, 1f). Subs: Jack Hallissey (for Tadhg Jack O'Leary, 23 mins), Fionn Doyle (for Oisín Hurley, 33 mins), James Kelly (for Roan Guerin, 39 mins), John Henderson (for Liam O'Brien, 47 mins), Dean O'Riordan (for Damien Moynihan (55).

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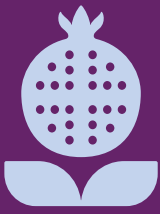
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Killarney Community College students Aoibhinn O Connor and Luke Hurley took part in the Danone Cook Off at the Macroom Food Festival last Sunday. They did a fantastic job creating a delicious Honey Glazed Salmon dish. The competition was judged by Mark Doe from Just Cooking, and it was wonderful to see these students getting involved, showcasing their creativity and enjoying the experience.



In good old fashioned tradition...

The 18th September is a very special day for Donncha Crowley (centre). It is marked in the calendar by all his friends at Sheahan's Centra, Muckcross Road and his neighbours from Woodlawn Park and beyond. The staff at Sheahan's present Donncha with his favourite cake every year and everyone joins in to wish him a happy Birthday.

Donncha is well known cycling his bike in and out of town. He has new hobbies to add to his already busy schedule, which include, playing sudoku, bingo, a natural at quizzes, playing hurley, loves science, playing the piano, reading about the planets. He's one clever guy! Not forgetting getting an A1 in honours maths in his leaving certificate all those years ago! Same time, same place next year!

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A Word of Victory

"The mountains melt like wax at the Presence of the Lord, before the LORD of all the earth" (Psalm 97:5).

Welcome back dear student, problems and busyness can easily pile up into mountains. Time goes by very quickly when demands are high. Some work better with deadlines; others carefully plan and prepare well in advance. 'Pressure is for tyres' they say, but it's easy to get stressed. There are seasons where one's sleep may not be great. It affects many people. Night-time, when things get quiet, is when thoughts start drumming. Worries swirling inside the head can cause sleep to flee. It's easier to face things if you've had a good night's sleep, because if you don't the body feels sluggish, emotions are strained, and the mind is tired. Worse again if it's an ongoing problem. There's much negative news nowadays. We are the most informed generation in many ways, yet the most exhausted – with all the advances, technologies, and gadgets, we are completely overstimulated. It's hard to switch off to relax and rest. Sometimes we don't even notice this – because we just have to get on with it, which is why it's important to stop and reflect, like we spoke of last week. God's Word is clear. . . "guard your heart, for out of it flow, the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23). We each of us are responsible for watching over what is coming in and going out of our hearts.

There are simple changes we can make that might help, but the greatest help comes from how spiritually healthy we are – that is, our relationship with God. If you ever watch programmes about people who hoard things it's hard to imagine how a person lives amongst the piles, but it didn't happen overnight – no doubt, it was a series of events that happened, or a collection of decisions that weren't made. It may reflect something deeper that's going on inside the person – a loss of hope; heartache; oppression; chaos from having to deal with the fall out of trauma, or addictions; fear of letting go, or fear of being in future want. There's multiples of reasons, but it all makes for a perfect storm, and suddenly, there's a mountain that seems too much to tackle. Think about the lead Scripture above '... mountains melt like wax in the Presence of the Lord'. Seek the Presence of the Living God! Grow to know Him through His Word and believe His promises. The peace that comes from relationship with His Son Jesus Christ, results in the huge problems that intimidate and loom overhead melting away! And tension and fear will go too. What's left? Circumstances may still be difficult during the cleanup, but now, instead of feeling alone, hopeless, defeated, or confused, it's possible to move forward, and see solutions forming - changing expectation from dread to joy (Philippians 4:4-8). What seemed like disaster can be brought into order, when the True Light of the World comes in (Psalm 119:105; John 8:12). You can lie down peacefully, and give all your worries and fears to God, trusting that He will protect you and turn things around, for He loves you (Psalm 3:5; Psalm 55:22). "If you are willing and obedient you will eat the fat of the land" (Isaiah 1:19). This means that we all have a personal responsibility to find God's plan and be transformed by our spiritual connection to the Lord, through obedience (John 14:15-27). This week the government sent out leaflets – perhaps they are preparing for chaos or war (Psalm 2). Remember, when you hear of 'rumours of wars', Jesus said, 'don't panic' (Matthew 24:6; Jeremiah 29:11-14). Yahweh, our Creator, will have the last say, and He has good plans – to give His children Hope and a future!

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2027

For your planning, please note that bookings for 1st Anniversary Masses only will be taken at the Parish Office on Tuesday Oct 27th and all other Mass Intentions can be arranged from Wednesday Oct 28th onwards. Call into Parish Office only on those days - no bookings will be taken over the phone that week.

LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Holy God, we praise thy name! Lord of all, we bow before thee! All on Earth thy sceptre own, All in Heav'n above adore thee; Infinite thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign Spare thy people, Lord, we pray, By a thousand snares surrounded; Keep us without sin today; Never let us be confounded! Lo! I put my trust in thee; Never, Lord, abandon me.

PRAYER TO THE LITTLE FLOWER ST THERESE

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus, please pick for me a rose from the heavenly gardens and send it to me as a message of love. O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favors
I now place with confidence in your hands . .
(mention in silence here)
St. Therese, help me to always believe as you did in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate your "Little Way" each day.
Amen

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

You have said O Divine Jesus, ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be opened to you. Relying on these promises, I come with confidence during this novena to beg of you the favours that I need (make request). From whom shall I ask Lord Jesus if not from you whose heart is an unfailing source of graces and merits. Most loving heart of my God. I believe in your power, I believe in your knowledge I believe in your personal love for me, and therefore O Sacred Heart of Jesus I place all my trust in you. Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory. Say 3 times for 3 days and request will be granted.
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NOVENA PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.
O Saint Joseph, assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.
O Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath.
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You who were so compassionate toward miserable sinners, regard not the unworthiness of those who pray to you, but the glory of God that it may once again be magnified by the granting of the particular request (State your intention) which I now ask for with persevering earnestness. Amen
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