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Bridie Doyle unveiling of the bench in memory of her late husband Michael Doyle, Fossa with their family Jim, Sheena, Caoimhe, Niamh, Siobhan and Nessa on the Fossa Way, Killarney on Sunday last.  
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# A Note from the **E** DITOR



In the week that Killarney basked in glorious sunshine, we have lots for you to enjoy in this week's magazine.

A bench has been unveiled to a much loved family and community man on the Fossa Way, the Bourn Vincent Story is set to bring Killarney's rich history to life and another fundraiser has been launched to help a family, following the devastating fire pit accident in Loreto.

Minister Norma Foley was in town, opening a new classroom at Coolick and turning the sod at Listry GAA Club's new astro turf pitch, it's time to follow the fortunes of the Irish cuckoos as they head south to Africa and Anne Lucey calls for transparency as to who gets social houses in Killarney.

There was a heroes welcome for the Kerry Stars Athletes who brought home medals galore from the Special Olympics Ireland Games, Killarney Lions Club have donated thousands of euros to worthy causes and Ballyhar Church has marked its 200th anniversary.

Flesk Fest ended on a high note, it was prize giving time at Killarney Golf & Fishing Club and Kerry FC sealed the deal against UCD AFC.

All this and lots more in this week's Killarney Outlook - Enjoy!

*Aisling Crosbie*



*Alanna Mauritzen,  
Virginia USA, captured  
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# Bourn Vincent Story

## *to Bring Killarney's Rich History to Life*

A captivating new theatrical production, *The Bourn Vincent Story*, is set to transport audiences back to the elegance and intrigue of early twentieth-century Ireland as part of the Summer in Killarney Festival.

Described as an Irish version of *Downton Abbey*, the dramatisation tells the remarkable true story of the Bourn Vincent family, whose lives became intertwined with some of the most significant events in Irish history. The production follows the romantic tale of an American millionaire's daughter and an Irish barrister from the gentry class, set against the backdrop of the Easter Rising, the War of Independence and the Civil War.

Audiences will be immersed in a world of wealth, privilege and social change, while also gaining insight into the lives of the local families who worked for the Bourn Vincents. The story traces the fortunes and misfortunes of the family and reveals how the iconic Muckross House ultimately passed from private ownership into the care of the nation, becoming a cornerstone of what is now Killarney National Park.

Featuring a talented cast of well-known local performers, the production, which is written and directed by Noel O'Sullivan, promises an unforgettable evening of entertainment,



*A scene depicting the life and influences of the McShain and Bourn Vincent Families who resided in Killarney in the 20th century. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan (file photo)*

combining song, drama, dance, poetry, laughter and emotion.

Set in the uniquely charming courtyard of Killarney House, the event will begin with a wine and cheese reception at 7pm, followed by the performance at 8pm.

Performances will take place on Friday, July

17, and Saturday, July 18. With tickets limited, organisers are encouraging audiences to book early to avoid disappointment.

For ticket information and bookings, visit the Summer in Killarney Festival website.

## *Community Rallies Around Loreto Fire Victims Following Devastating Fire Pit Accident*



The community of Loreto is coming together in support of a local family following a devastating garden fire pit accident that left one man with serious burn injuries and facing a lengthy recovery.

River James and his husband, Dale, were recently involved in a severe fire pit accident that has had a profound impact on their lives. River sustained significant burns and is currently undergoing treatment, with a long and challenging road to recovery ahead.

Friends, neighbours, and members of the wider community have launched a fundraising

campaign to help ease the financial strain caused by the accident. The funds raised will assist with specialised medical treatments, rehabilitation costs, and everyday living expenses while River focuses on healing.

Those closest to the couple describe River as a generous, resilient, and kind-hearted person who has always been willing to help others in times of need.

"Anyone who knows River knows how incredibly generous and caring they are," said a supporter involved in the fundraising effort. "Now it is our turn to rally around them and provide support during this difficult time."

The campaign organisers say that, in addition to the physical and emotional challenges the family is facing, the financial burden associated with recovery can be overwhelming. They are encouraging anyone who can help to make a contribution, no matter how small.

For those unable to donate, supporters are asking people to share the fundraising page and keep River, Dale, and their family in their thoughts and prayers.

The response from the community has already demonstrated the compassion and solidarity

that Loreto is known for, with many residents offering messages of encouragement and practical assistance as the family navigates the months ahead.

Donations can be made through the online fundraising page established to support River and Dale during their recovery.

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# Bench Unveiled on Fossa Way in Memory of Michael Doyle

A commemorative bench has been unveiled on Fossa Way in memory of the late Michael Doyle, a man whose vision and dedication played a key role in the development of the popular walkway.

Speaking on behalf of the Doyle family at the unveiling, Michael's daughter, Nessa, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved in creating the lasting tribute.

“Thank you for this bench in Dad's memory. To have Dad remembered here, in a place he loved so deeply, is priceless to us,” she said.

Nessa reflected on a passage from the Fossa and Aghadoe History Book that she felt was particularly fitting for the occasion: “What is before me will be after me; with the knowledgeable person I leave the sifting.”

She said the words speak of what endures after a person is gone - the work they do, the care they give, and the legacy they leave behind.

The inscription on the bench acknowledges Michael's contribution to the walkway, noting that his vision and commitment helped bring the project to life because he believed the area mattered to the community.

The new bench now forms part of that story, providing a place for people to pause, remember, and enjoy the peaceful surroundings that Michael cherished so much.

“What Dad gave is still here,” Nessa said. “Still part of the place, still part of the community, and still part of all of us.”

The family also extended their sincere thanks to Mick Spillane and all those who contributed to the creation of the tribute, as well as the many friends and community members who attended the unveiling.

The bench stands as a lasting reminder of Michael Doyle's commitment to Fossa Way and the enduring impact he made on his local community.



Bridie Doyle unveiling the bench in memory of her late husband Michael Doyle Fossa with their family Jim,, Sheena, Caoimhe, Niamh, Siobhan, Nessa and members of the Fossa Historical Society on Sunday last. Photos: Michelle Cooper Galvin



Friends of The late Michael Doyle Lily Cronin, Phil Coffey, Bridie Collins (back from left) Maurice Coffey, Sean Clancy, Mary R O'Donoghue, Siobhan Clancy, Dano Coffey, Sean and Peggy Landers at the unveiling of the bench in memory of the late Michael Doyle Fossa on the Fossa Way, Killarney on Sunday last.



Bridie Doyle unveiling of the bench in memory of the late Michael Doyle Fossa on the Fossa Way, Killarney on Sunday last.



Right; The late Michael Doyle's grandchildren Meadhbh, Lelia, Ellie, Laoise (back from left) Aisling, Ruairi, John, Cian and Bobby at the unveiling of the bench in memory of their late grandad Michael Doyle, Fossa.

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# Minister Norma Foley Opens New Classroom at Coolick National School

Coolick National School welcomed Minister for Children, Disability and Equality Norma Foley on Thursday, June 18, for the official opening of its new modular classroom and to view plans for a major extension of the school.

Minister Foley was greeted by Principal Gearóid O'Sullivan, members of the Board of Management, staff, pupils, parents, local councillor Marie Moloney and representatives of the wider community.

Speaking at the event, Mr O'Sullivan thanked the Minister for her visit and for her continued support of the school's ongoing development. The new state-of-the-art modular classroom represents a significant investment in educational facilities and will provide a modern learning environment for pupils.

During her visit, the Minister was presented with plans for the school's approved extension project, which recently received planning permission. The development includes a two-storey extension with a new lower ground floor, internal reconfiguration works throughout the existing building, facilities for a Special Class, and a dedicated parking area to improve safety and accessibility.

Minister Foley expressed her admiration for the ambitious plans, which will significantly enhance the school's facilities and capacity for future generations.

Pupils provided a warm welcome through a programme of entertainment, including performances by the school's set dancers, choral group and music ensembles. The choral group recently participated in the Cork Choral Festival.

A blessing of the new classroom was performed by Fr Joe Begley, who joined the school community in marking the occasion.

Throughout the visit, Minister Foley met with pupils, staff, parents and members of the local community.

Speaking afterwards, Principal Gearóid O'Sullivan said the school was honoured to welcome the Minister and showcase its plans for the future. "We are extremely grateful



Minister Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley, T.D., visited Coolick National School, Co Kerry, on Thursday, for the official opening of its new state-of-the-art Modular Classroom and to view the exciting plans for the school's future development. School Principal Gearóid O'Sullivan with Minister Foley, Deputy Principal Tara O'Donoghue, with members of the staff at Coolick National School. Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan



Minister Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley, T.D., Chair of the Board of Management Ciara Irwin-Foley, left and Cllr Marie Moloney.



Choir Director, Sorcha O'Connor, with her School Choir, performing for the Minister.

for her continued support and recognition of the vital role rural schools play within their communities," he said. The visit marked another important milestone in the continued

development of Coolick National School and its commitment to providing high-quality educational facilities for its pupils.



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Pupils showing their set dancing skills.



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## Master Craftsman Praises Goran Loncar's Award-Nominated Gap of Dunloe Photograph

When renowned master craftsman, historian and furniture restorer James Flynn was flicking through last week's edition of the Killarney Outlook, he was delighted to discover that Killarney-based photographer Goran Loncar had two images shortlisted in the prestigious 2026 Reach for the Stars Astrophotography Competition.

One photograph in particular caught James's attention – an image featuring a small cottage in the Gap of Dunloe, a building with a unique and significant connection to Killarney's rich craft heritage.

James Flynn is widely recognised for his dedication to preserving the history of the world-famous Killarney Arbutus Furniture industry. Since retiring from the ESB, he has devoted himself to researching, documenting and restoring rare pieces of handcrafted Killarney furniture, ensuring that an important chapter of local history is not forgotten.

Speaking about Goran's shortlisted image, James explained the significance of the cottage featured in the photograph.

"I was delighted to see Goran's photograph of the small house in the Gap of Dunloe," he said. "I purchased a print from him of that actual cottage because it was Kernan's House and Workshop, the last workshop to produce the world-famous Killarney Arbutus Furniture."

James recalled the tragic events that marked the end of the workshop's history.

"The workshop accidentally burned down in late 1952, and one of the workmen, John 'Jackie' O'Donoghue, died a few days later from smoke inhalation. Several workshops in the town and



Master Craftsman James Flynn, restores the world famous distinctive Killarney Arbutus furniture. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Goran's photograph of the small house in the Gap of Dunloe,

the Gap had existed before that, but Kernan's was the last. There were no more after that."

He said he was astonished when he first saw the image featured on Goran's website a few months ago.

"I could not believe it when I saw it. I thought

it was a very fitting photograph, especially the darker image, which to me symbolises the extinguishing of a world-famous industry. I told Goran the history behind the building."

James also praised the dedication and commitment that Goran brings to his photography.

"The amount of time he puts into getting the right shot is incredible, hours and hours. I hope everyone votes for Goran."

The Reach for the Stars competition is organised by DIAS in partnership with The Irish Times and is sponsored by MKC Communications and the Astronomical Observatories of Ireland. The Irish Astronomical Society is also supporting the initiative. To vote visit [www.reachforthestars.ie/](http://www.reachforthestars.ie/) exhibition.

## Follow the fortunes of Irish cuckoos as they migrate south to Africa

The race is on! The movements of three Irish cuckoos are being tracked this year in conservation efforts to understand their decline and safeguard their future

Minister for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity, Christopher O'Sullivan TD, is encouraging members of the public to follow Irish cuckoos on their great summer migration to Africa. Using satellite technology, the Cuckoo Tracking Project will trace the routes of three cuckoos – Cuach Sean from Wicklow Mountains National Park, Cuach Rua from the Burren National Park and Cuach Cores from Killarney National Park. Their fortunes can be followed on the website of the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO, [www.bto.org/cuckoos](http://www.bto.org/cuckoos)).

Since 2011, the Cuckoo Tracking Project has been following the journeys of a number of Cuckoos from Ireland and the UK using satellite technology, in order to investigate the many facets of these fascinating birds' lives and to better understand the causes behind their decline. The National Parks and

Wildlife Service (NPWS) is a partner on this project which is led by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO). This year, the project is tracking seven new birds from Ireland and the UK.

Cuach Cores is trailing behind having not left his breeding grounds in Killarney National Park, where he was tagged three years ago. He is due to leave any day now and begin his fourth tracked migration to Africa, having spent almost two months at the Park.

Over the past fifteen years, the project has been providing useful insights into the pressures faced by the cuckoo population.

Follow the fortunes of Cuach Sean, Cuach Rua and Cuach Cores here: [www.bto.org/cuckoos](http://www.bto.org/cuckoos)





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**Anne Lucey** looks at the positive news happening in Killarney



**TRANSPARENCY CALLED FOR AS TO WHO GETS SOCIAL HOUSES**

There is very little transparency about who gets houses in Killarney and how long people are languishing on the housing list. I am not sure there has ever been complete openness. Councillors themselves now have very little say in allocations.

The council is bottom of the class in direct house building and is overly dependent on social housing bodies, dealing with 26 housing bodies. It has a poorer record than most when it comes to affordable housing and there won't be any at all until 2027. Housing in other words is a more vexed issue in Kerry than in other local authorities. Could the council in Kerry then not be more open to questions especially when those questions are reasonable?

Councillor Brendan Cronin is concerned the wrong message is getting out and "the vibe" is going around non-nationals are getting most

of the houses in Cronins Wood in Killarney. And this is false, Brendan says. Marie Moloney said the rumors are "rampant" and she would like the information to counteract them. A lot of people are on the housing waiting list for a long time, Marie said.

It is a reasonable request. What must also be made available is how long applicants given houses are on the waiting lists.

Sinn Fein's Deirdre Ferris issued a broadside to Marie and Brendan warning against "inflammatory language" and of fueling the fires of racism in seeking the nationality of those getting houses. Seriously?

I am intrigued about how sensitive we are now to other people's nationality in Ireland. Remember when sex was taboo in official Ireland? No one could mention the subject. There would be the gravest of warnings around raising reproduction and womanly stuff. Or even whispers of homosexuality. Danger to our souls. Moral pitfalls. Fires of hell looming. Well, nationality and race is the new taboo.



Cronins Wood in Killarney

Sinn Fein and the Soc Dems have taken over the ground left recently fallow by the church on sexuality. The left's big crusade is race and nationality. The way the Church and the authorities once warned about the dangers of sex, the Socks and Shiners are missionary about the perils of straying into racism. They are searching for racists and nationalists under every bed and behind every bush in Ireland. Then again, some would say they might know where to look!

**WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE AND NOT A DROP THAT'S PURE**

The latest report from the agency monitoring our lakes and rivers is again quite shocking. Or at least it should be shocking, for a town that builds its whole self on the country's first national park and also a Unesco biosphere reserve.

Once again we have one of the four worst rivers in Ireland and once again it is because of the waste water from the sewage treatment plant in the Demesne area of the the Ross Road.

To spell the problem out, we are living with a waste water treatment plant that is the cause of the pollution in the water body of our national park.

I asked the EPA for further info just for clarity.

"The Laune is a large river which is monitored in several locations. One water body, the Laune\_010 is deemed unsatisfactory. This is driven by excess nutrients in the Folies Stream impacting the biology there. Killarney wastewater treatment plant is the

significant pressure and was recently placed on the Priority Areas List (PAL) in the category 'Significant pressure on waters at risk of pollution'."

The Folies or Folly is the stream from the plant going into the Lower Lake. There are questions now about development in this town. The plant is essentially what was built three decades ago. As well as having to deal with the sewage from Kilcummin hundreds of new houses are in train. How is it going to do this? And not further endanger the lakes of Killarney.

Meanwhile a mere one of the three lakes of Killarney has achieved high quality water status.

The Lower Lough Leane and the Upper Lake are both classed only moderate.

There is now an increase non-native fish species and a reduction in trout in Lough Leane. All indicators of declining water quality. Exactly what anglers have been reporting with forty years.

Muckross Lake is thankfully in high water quality status. But it is the only one.

So there is it is. We have a treatment plant that is again not only inadequate but causing pollution to the very resource we have built our tourist industry and reputation on. And we are building hundreds of houses. Why is there not more concern?



**PLANNING FOR MEDIC CENTRE NOT DEAD IN WATER**

Planning has again lodged for an urgent care centre in what was the Ulster Bank at the corner of Beech Road and New Street.

People were looking forward to this building finally being put into use. However the planners were not satisfied as to the use of such a prominent building as a medical centre and permission was refused in March.

The Planner's Report is interesting and centres on covered windows resulting in "a dead shopfront". An unfortunate choice of words, given the proposal is for a health centre!

"This is a very prominent corner building at the junction of New Street and Beech Road. The Planning Authority has concerns that any effort to opaque or cover over these windows would have a negative impact on the streetscape," the council planners said.

The centre was to have a vinyl film on all of the streetfront windows. The planners said the shopfront "wraps" around the corner of the building at the junction of the two streets and is in a very prominent location. And so the proposed development would result "in a dead shopfront", where there would be no active engagement with the street.

"While medical uses are open to consideration in the Killarney Town Centre, the proposed development would be contrary to Objective KCDP KY-33 to 'facilitate and support the regeneration and enhancement of retail shopping in Killarney Town Centre' due to the proposal for extensive non-active shop frontage with vinyl covered windows to this prominent corner site."

Now, on the opposite corner of Beech Road directly opposite the proposed medical centre there is a betting shop with opaque windows. In fact there are several other betting places around the town centre and other premises that are boarded up and not at all transparent.

There is for and against opaque.

There are so many nail bars now in New Stree, do we really need to see people having their nails done? A good shellac covering on the nail bar windows might not go astray.



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Chris Murray (CSG), Laura Dillon (CSG), Ciaran Doyle (CSG) and Damian Clifford (CSG) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon in The Fiadh Restaurant at The Gleneagle Hotel Killarney.

*Pictures: Eamonn Keogh*



Breffni Ingerton (Gleneagle Group Director of Business Tourism), Johnny McGuire (Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President) and Patrick O'Donoghue (Gleneagle Group CEO) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce.

# Killarney Could Become Ireland's First 'Lighthouse Town', Chamber Luncheon Told

Former European Commission director Marie Donnelly told a Chamber luncheon at the Gleneagle Hotel that Killarney is already leading the way on energy and sustainability and could become Ireland's first "lighthouse town". Before the afternoon got under way, Chamber President Johnny McGuire welcomed members to the Gleneagle Hotel and took a moment to pay tribute to the late John O'Mahony. "John dedicated a lifetime of service to the public good and was one of Killarney's most passionate champions," McGuire told the room. "His contribution to our town, county and community is immeasurable. He was a steadfast supporter of the Chamber and of countless initiatives that enhanced and promoted Killarney and Kerry over many decades; his wisdom, commitment and generosity of spirit

will be greatly missed," he added, extending sincere sympathies to John's family and friends on behalf of the Chamber. Johnny McGuire then welcomed Marie Donnelly, who spoke on "Energy Efficiency and the Road to a Sustainable Future". Drawing on her experience shaping European energy and climate policy, Ms. Donnelly outlined how EU legislation eventually impacts communities such as Killarney, from fossil fuel heating regulations to building automation and zero-emission construction. She highlighted Ireland's energy vulnerability, noting that the country imports 80% of its energy and depends heavily on gas supplies from Scotland. "We are very exposed as a country: an island off an island, off a mainland," she said.

However, Marie Donnelly stressed that Ireland also has significant opportunities through its wind, solar and marine energy resources. The challenge, she said, is ensuring communities feel connected to and benefit from local energy infrastructure.

Turning to Killarney, she praised the progress already being made, pointing to solar thermal systems, rooftop solar PV and smart energy technologies available to tourism businesses, supported by SEAI grants.

"If I take Killarney, you're already well ahead, I have to say," she told attendees, encouraging businesses to "grab the grants while they're there". Ms. Donnelly also suggested Killarney could position itself as Ireland's first "lighthouse town" - a place where an entire community works together to achieve ambitious sustainability goals.

"A lighthouse is where you have a collective response, a whole community endeavour to achieve a result," she explained.

Referencing Killarney's UNESCO Biosphere status and ongoing sustainability initiatives, she said the town had already laid the foundations to lead nationally.

"I wish you every success in that journey," she concluded, "and I'm looking forward to the day it's announced."



Paul Byrne, Bridget O'Keeffe, Diarmuid Leen (Summer In Killarney Festival Chairman) and Claire Frawley (Killarney Chamber Events Manager) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon in The Fiadh Restaurant at The Gleneagle Hotel Killarney.



Johnny McGuire (Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President) and Elmo Mattock (Kingdom Social) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon in The Fiadh Restaurant at The Gleneagle Hotel Killarney.



Guest speaker Marie Donnelly (former European Commission Director), Patrick O'Donoghue (Gleneagle Group CEO), Johnny McGuire (Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President), Mike Stack (Tricel) and Norma O'Regan (Killarney Chamber CEO)



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Orbitus representatives Jennifer O'Brien, Geraldine Conroy, Danielle Hartnett and Rachel McKenna with Darren Fitzgerald, Tommy Walsh and Pat Sheehan.



Karena McCarthy and Elma Culloty (Killarney Credit Union), Johnny McGuire (Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President) and Breffni Ingerton (Gleneagle Group Director of Business Tourism)



Aoife McBride (MacBees) and Bridget O'Keefe.



Sandra Rusk (Tralee Chamber Alliance President and Wardrobe Boutique) and Johnny McGuire (Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President)



A crowd scene at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon in The Fiadh Restaurant at The Gleneagle Hotel Killarney.



Tomas Griffin (AIB Bank), Branka Vlado Stankovic (AIB Bank), Johnny McGuire (Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President) and Diarmuid Leen (Summer In Killarney Festival Chairman) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members luncheon in The Fiadh



Breffni Ingerton (Gleneagle Group Director of Business Tourism), Johnny McGuire (Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President), Norma O'Regan (Killarney Chamber CEO) and Conor Hennigan (Hennigan Hospitality Services)

# Heroes' Welcome

## for Kerry Stars Athletes Following Special Olympics Ireland Games Success

KILLARNEY was alive with celebration on Monday night as family, friends, supporters and members of the community gathered to welcome home four outstanding Kerry Stars Special Olympics athletes following their remarkable achievements at the Special Olympics Ireland Games in Dublin.

The Games, which took place from June 18th to 21st, showcased the incredible talent, determination and sportsmanship of athletes from across the country. Representing Kerry Stars Special Olympics Sports Club with pride were Caoimhe Brosnan, Sophie Twiss, Luke Scollard and Joe Buckley, who returned home with an impressive collection of medals and memories to last a lifetime.

A special homecoming celebration in Killarney recognised not only their sporting success but also the dedication, perseverance and commitment they have shown throughout the year.

Among the many supporters present were club volunteers Denise, Liam and Cathleen, who volunteered in the athletics events during the Games in Dublin. Club members Pat, Jane, Cliona and Siobhan also travelled to support and cheer on the athletes throughout the competition.

The club paid tribute to all four athletes, acknowledging the hard work and dedication they put in week after week and the inspiration they provide to everyone around them.

"Their passion, determination and team spirit are an inspiration to us all," a club spokesperson said. "We would like to thank them from the bottom of our hearts for representing our club and community so proudly over the last few days in Dublin."

### Outstanding Results

Caoimhe Brosnan (Kilcummin)

Gold Medal – 25m Freestyle Swimming

Silver Medal – 25m Backstroke Swimming

Bronze Medal – 25m Relay

Sophie Twiss (Milltown)

Gold Medal – 25m Relay

Silver Medal – 25m Freestyle

Silver Medal – 25m Backstroke

Luke Scollard (Scartaglen)

Gold Medal – 25m Shot Putt

Gold Medal – Relay Race

Silver Medal – 200m Run

Joe Buckley (Faha)

Gold Medal – 100m Run

4th Place Ribbon – Mini Javelin

4th Place Ribbon – Relay Race

The club also expressed its gratitude to all those who helped make the homecoming celebrations so memorable. Thanks were extended to An Garda Síochána, Radio Kerry, Minister Norma Foley and the staff of the Plaza Hotel for helping create a spectacular evening of celebrations for the athletes and their families.

Special recognition was also given to the coaches, volunteers and club members whose support throughout the year makes opportunities like this possible.

"Whether someone gives one hour a week or one hour a month, that contribution makes an enormous difference in all our lives. We are truly blessed to have such amazing people who helped these four athletes not only to dream, but to achieve."

The club also acknowledged the many individuals, groups and organisations who supported their fundraising efforts throughout the year, including Elma and the staff at the Credit Union for hosting a coffee morning, Nessa and the team at Kilcummin GAA Hall, John and Anmaire for their work on the club's table quiz, Madeline and the Killarney



St Patrick's Day Dunk Tank Committee, the AbleFest Committee for providing a platform to showcase the athletes, the Opel Vauxhall Manta Fest organisers, and everyone who attended events, donated and showed their support.

As the celebrations continued long into the evening, there was a strong sense of pride throughout Killarney and beyond. The achievements of these four athletes serve as a powerful reminder of what can be accomplished through determination, teamwork and community support.

Kerry Stars Special Olympics Sports Club thanked everyone who played a part in the athletes' journey and congratulated all competitors who took part in this year's Special Olympics Ireland Games.

*"Kerry Stars Special Olympics athletes receive a hero's welcome in Killarney following their medal-winning performances at the Special Olympics Ireland Games in Dublin. Family, friends, volunteers and supporters gathered to celebrate their remarkable achievements."*



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# New Community Network Launched to Protect Kerry's Lakes and Watershed

A new community initiative, Lochanna Beo, has been established to connect voluntary and funded environmental action across the Kerry Biosphere, with a particular focus on the condition of the region's watershed and lake systems.

The network brings together local groups, landowners, organisations and residents in a shared effort to address growing concerns about water quality in Lough Leane and surrounding catchment areas.

Environmental concern has been highlighted in academic work, including Dr Catherine Dalton's book *Lakes in Ireland – Mirrors of Change*, which notes that Lough Leane, once regarded as one of Europe's best examples of an intermediate-alkalinity lake, is showing signs of significant ecological change. The work references comparisons with other heavily impacted lake systems, underlining concerns about ongoing eutrophication in vulnerable waters.

Organisers of Lochanna Beo describe the situation as a "quietly unfolding environmental crisis" affecting Killarney, Killorglin and wider surrounding areas. They warn that the condition of local waters will have lasting consequences for future generations if not addressed through coordinated action.

The group is calling on members of the public

## Lochanna Beo



to get involved by offering time, expertise or support, or by signing up for updates to strengthen community engagement and advocacy efforts.

They emphasise that change can only be achieved through collaboration between

public bodies, schools, businesses, farmers, residents and environmental groups working together across the entire catchment area.

Anyone wishing to learn more or get involved can visit Lochanna Beo or contact Tom at 086 326 0193 or Valerie at 086 803 3747.

## Dental Health Foundation Ireland Launches New Child Oral Health Initiative for Traveller Families

The Dental Health Foundation Ireland has launched a new child oral health initiative designed to support Traveller parents in caring for the dental health of children from birth to eight years of age.

At the centre of the initiative is *Caring for Your Child's Gums and Teeth*, a practical and culturally inclusive educational flipbook, developed in collaboration with Kerry Traveller Health & Community Development Project. It is accompanied by a colourful fridge magnet featuring simple tooth care tips for families, and a new animated online video which will be available at [www.dentalhealth.ie](http://www.dentalhealth.ie)

Designed with accessibility in mind, the flipbook uses Plain English, colour-coded sections, and imagery that reflects Traveller culture and identity. The evidence-based resource was created by the Dental Health Foundation Ireland, and its scientific advisory group, with significant input from Traveller Community Health Workers in Kerry to ensure that it speaks directly to the needs and experiences of Traveller families.

Over the coming months, Community Health Workers in Kerry will participate in oral health workshops that will equip them with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to deliver the resource locally within their communities. In time, the Foundation plans to expand the initiative nationally through a wider network of Community Health Workers.



Orlaith Kennedy, CEO Dental Health Foundation with Eileen Burke, Traveller Visibility Group, Noreen Casey, Kerry Travellers Healthy Community Development Project Noreen O'Reilly, TVG, Liz McGrath, TVG, Orlaith Maria Stokes and Amanda O'Donnell, TVG at the launch of a new child oral health initiative for Traveller parents developed by Dental Health Foundation Ireland in collaboration with Cork Traveller Visibility Group and Kerry Traveller Health & Community Development Project.

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Killarney Lions Club members donate funds to Kerry Mental Health Association

# Killarney Lions Club Donates €11.5k to Community Groups and Schools

Killarney Lions Club has donated €11,500 to seven community groups and schools in the Killarney area and Childhood Cancer in Cork. The money was raised through a variety of Lions activities and events during the year, in particular the Club's Annual Golf Classic and Scrap Metal Collection. The local organisations that received donations were Kerry Hospice Foundation, Irish Kidney Association, Kerry Cancer Support Group, Killarney Cardiac Response Unit, Kerry Mental Health Association, Killarney Community College and St. Brendan's College Killarney.

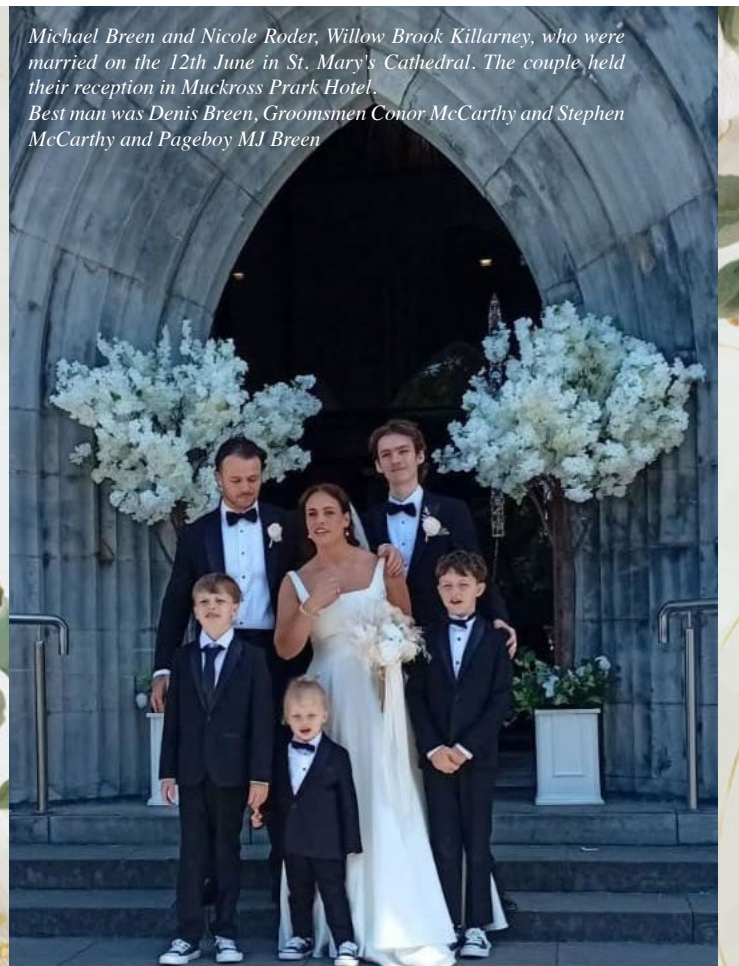
"We had great support for our Golf Classic this year, with 26 teams taking part at Killarney Golf Club on April 24th, and the Scrap Metal Collection was supported by MF Quirke's Sand and Gravel, builder Keith McMahon and our partners KWD Recycling" said Jason Higgins, President, Killarney Lions Club. "Thanks to everyone's generosity we are now able to make these donations to a variety of organisations in the local area, and we hope it will help them to continue providing great support and services in our community."



Jason Higgins, Paul Keating, Dermot and Maud McGuckin, Killarney Lions Club with Teresa Looney and Michael Leahy, Irish Kidney Association



Jason Higgins, John Fuller and Denis Doolan, Killarney Lions Club with Loretta Maher, TY Coordinator, Killarney Community College



Michael Breen and Nicole Roder, Willow Brook Killarney, who were married on the 12th June in St. Mary's Cathedral. The couple held their reception in Muckross Park Hotel. Best man was Denis Breen, Groomsmen Conor McCarthy and Stephen McCarthy and Pageboy MJ Breen

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# Ballyhar Marks Historic 200th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Church



*Bishop Ray Browne, Bob O'Connor, Fr. Padraig Kennelly PP and Des O'Connor*

A memorable and historic day was celebrated on June 21st as parishioners, former residents and visitors gathered to mark the 200th anniversary of Sacred Heart Church, Ballyhar. For two centuries, the church has stood at the heart of community life, witnessing generations of baptisms, First Holy Communions, weddings and family celebrations. The bicentenary provided an opportunity to reflect on the rich heritage, faith and community spirit that have defined Ballyhar over the past 200 years. As part of the celebrations, parishioners have been working on a commemorative book featuring photographs and memories from families connected to the church, helping to preserve its unique history for future generations.

The anniversary celebrations brought together people from near and far, honouring not only the church building itself but also the generations of parishioners whose faith, dedication and community involvement have kept it at the centre of local life.

The occasion was a fitting tribute to Sacred Heart Church's remarkable legacy and a celebration of the enduring spirit of the Ballyhar community.



*L to R - Planting a Tree to mark the 200th Anniversary are Fr Nicolas Flynn, Bishop Ray Browne, Dermie O'Mahony, Fr Padraig Kennelly PP and Tom Corkery.*



*Megan O'Neill Soprano pictured with Jerry and Maureen Mc Mahon.*





The Inch Beach workshop takes place on Saturday 19th July at 12 noon.



## FREE SUMMER CITIZEN SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

### Return to Kerry's Blue Flag Beaches

Kerry County Council is delighted to announce a series of free Summer Citizen Science Workshops at Blue Flag beaches across County Kerry this July. Delivered as part of the Council's environmental awareness programme, the workshops will offer participants a unique opportunity to explore Kerry's spectacular coastline alongside an experienced marine biologist and learn more about the rich biodiversity of our beaches and coastal habitats.

The interactive workshops will be facilitated by marine biologist Cath Russell of StreamScapes, who brings more than a decade of experience in environmental education, marine conservation and community engagement. Participants will investigate rockpools, identify marine species, explore the intertidal zone and learn about the importance of protecting Natura 2000 sites, including Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs).

The workshops are designed to be fun, educational and accessible for all ages. They will also highlight how everyday actions can help protect Kerry's marine environment. Participants will gain a greater understanding of coastal conservation, and the role communities can play in safeguarding these important natural resources for future generations.

The programme will visit twelve Blue Flag beaches across the county, providing local

communities and visitors alike with an opportunity to connect with nature and discover the fascinating wildlife that exists along Kerry's coastline.

The workshops are free to attend and will last approximately 90 minutes. While registration is encouraged, all are welcome to participate. Children must be accompanied by an adult, and attendees are advised to wear appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear suitable for beach environments. Learn more at <https://streamscapes.ie/education/kerryblueflags>

#### WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

##### Thursday, 3 July

Ballybunion – 11:30am

Ballyheigue – 2:30pm

##### Friday, 4 July

Banna – 12:00pm

Fenit – 2:30pm

##### Saturday, 5 July

Maharees/Magherabeg – 1:00pm

Ventry – 3:30pm

##### Thursday, 17 Jul

Kells – 11:30am

White Strand – 2:00pm

##### Friday, 18 July

Ballinskelligs – 12:00pm

Derrynane – 2:30pm

##### Saturday, 19 Jul

Inch – 12:00pm

Rossbeigh – 2:30pm

## Historic Live Aid Concerts showcased in New Kerry Photo Exhibition



A photographic exhibition has opened to the public in Government Offices, Killarney, Co Kerry, showcasing images from the landmark Live Aid concerts held at Wembley Stadium and JFK Stadium in July 1985, alongside audiovisual displays has proved very popular in recent days. The National Library of Ireland's Live Aid Exhibition includes over seventy photographs, capturing the epoch-making event. The

concerts fused cross-national musical talents, focusing global attention on the scourge and traumas wrought by world hunger.

An estimated audience of 1.9 billion people – spread over 150 countries – tuned into a series of unprecedented satellite linkups, making it one of the biggest television broadcasts in history.

The exhibition features photographs of various

performers who were among the most popular acts in the world during that period, including Status Quo, Madonna, U2, David Bowie, Tina Turner and Run DMC.

The suite of images has been curated from the Band Aid Trust Archive, donated to the National Library of Ireland in 2017.

The exhibition is now open to the public from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday.

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# JULY RACING FESTIVAL

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Scan for full racing schedule, entertainment line-up, and tickets:



# Minister Foley welcomes commencement of major extension at St Oliver's NS, Killarney

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley TD, has welcomed the commencement of construction on a significant 10-classroom extension at St Oliver's National School, Killarney, describing the project as a major step forward in meeting the future needs of special education in Kerry.

The substantial development will provide three new mainstream classrooms, three Special Educational Needs (SEN) rooms, and four Special Education Teacher (SET) rooms, significantly enhancing the school's capacity to support inclusive education and pupils with additional needs.

Speaking during her recent visit to the school to mark the beginning of works, Minister Foley paid tribute not only to the ambition of the project but also to the commitment of the entire school community:

"This is a landmark development for St Oliver's National School and for the wider Kerry region. I want to commend the outstanding commitment and collaboration of the Principal, staff, parents and Board of Management, whose sustained engagement and vision have been critical in bringing this project to fruition. This extension represents a forward-looking investment that will enable the school to meet the evolving and increasingly complex needs of children requiring special education supports, both now and into the future."

The extension will create capacity for an additional 42 student places, helping

to respond to growing demographic demand while strengthening the provision of specialist supports within the region.

Principal Colm O Súilleabháin acknowledged the importance of the milestone and the long-term efforts behind it:

"We are extremely grateful for the Minister's continued support in progressing this project over a number of years. I would also like to acknowledge the work of past principals and Boards of Management whose vision and determination made this possible. This extension will be transformative for our school community, enhancing how we support all of our pupils and allowing us to build on our strong tradition of inclusive education."

This significant investment forms part of a broader national programme funded by the Department of Education aimed at expanding special educational capacity within existing schools.

Critically, the development will be of enormous benefit to children and families across Kerry who rely on high-quality special education provision. By expanding access to purpose-built SEN and SET facilities, the school will be better positioned to meet local demand, reduce pressure on existing services, and ensure that more children can receive the tailored supports they need within their own community.

Construction commenced earlier this month with the new extension scheduled to be completed by early 2028.



*Pictured on a recent visit to St. Oliver's NS was Minister Norma Foley with members of St. Oliver's Student Council*



*Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley TD (centre) pictured with L-R: Colm O Súilleabháin, Principal; Mary O'Connell, MOC Architects; Chairperson Ms. Sheila Casey, Chairperson of St Oliver's Board of Management and Nathan Breen, QS, Cahalane Bros Builders.*

## *Killarney's July Racing Festival Promises Style, Scenery and Summer Vibes*

Following a spectacular May Festival curtain-raiser, Killarney Racecourse is gearing up for one of the highlights of its racing calendar. Racegoers are in for a real summer treat as the highly anticipated Killarney Races July Festival returns for five spectacular days of top-class racing, live music, and an electric festival atmosphere, running from Monday 13th July to Friday 17th July.

The action kicks off on Monday 13th July with an exciting evening of Flat racing, with the first race scheduled to post at 5:00pm. The high-energy Flat racing continues into the week, with Tuesday 14th July commencing at 4:35pm and Wednesday 15th July starting at 4:55pm.

The excitement shifts gears on Thursday 16th July as the track switches to National Hunt racing, with the first race at 4:30pm. Headline sponsored by Noel C Duggan Structural Steel,

Thursday promises to be a brilliant evening on and off the track, featuring RaceDay TV and Frankie Foster at the track, live music on the lawn from Karen Dolan, and a buzzing post-race after-party with The Rising.

The festival builds to a grand crescendo on Friday 17th July, concluding with a thrilling National Hunt card starting at 1:32pm. Friday also hosts the prestigious and highly anticipated Lee Strand Best Dressed Day, where fashion takes centre stage alongside the track action. The final day's festivities will be complemented by live music on the lawn from Shane Kennedy, followed by a lively wrap-up after-party with The Blow Ins.

With an unbeatable combination of sport, live entertainment, and vibrant social events, Killarney Racecourse is the place to be this July. Tickets and hospitality packages are already

moving fast.

General Manager, Karl McCay commented on the upcoming festival saying:

"We are delighted to be back with the first of our two Summer Racing festivals this July 13th -17th. From hospitality to general ticket sales, we are seeing an uptake in demand for racing in Killarney this Summer. Corporate hospitality is sold out on Thursday and Friday with some limited availability still left for Monday, Tuesday Wednesday. We are also delighted to see such incredible support from the local business community. This July we welcome several new race sponsors which is very encouraging for us, and we look to continue to invest in our race day experience. We can't wait to welcome everyone back for five exciting days of racing" For tickets and more information visit <https://killarneyracecourse.ie/july-festival/>



# Parking Notices and Road Closures

[www.ringofkerrycycle.ie](http://www.ringofkerrycycle.ie)



#ROKcycle

The Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle committee are asking for your cooperation and assistance with parking and access to the town on the weekend of the 3rd & 4th July. This is the biggest fundraising event in Killarney and we really do appreciate your patience and assistance.

**Please be advised that lower side of New Street Car Park will be closed for parking from 7am on Friday, July 3rd until Midnight, Saturday July 4th.**

Alternative car parking will be available for short stays and cars only at the Cathedral field, entrance on Port Road (with the kind permission of St. Brendans Trust). **FREE Parking for cyclists** will be provided at Daffodil

Field, Cleeney, Tralee Road (kind permission of Micheál O'Shea) and the Old Rugby Field off the Killarney Bypass (kind permission of Kerry County Council) from 5am to 8pm, Saturday, 4th July. All cyclists are being asked to use these facilities to ensure smooth traffic flow and ease congestion during this time.

### ROAD CLOSURES KILLARNEY TOWN

Saturday, 4th July, Mission Road will be closed to traffic from 5am to 9am and from 11.30am to 8pm and Beech Road will be closed to traffic from 5am to 9am and 12noon to 8pm. Please obey the stewards and follow the extensive diversion routes.

*For full details on all intended road closures associated with this event please go to: [www.kerrycoco.ie/roadsmain/road-closures/](http://www.kerrycoco.ie/roadsmain/road-closures/)*

*Thank you again for your cooperation in securing the success of this Charity Event.*



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Some of the teams that took part in the Mothers and Others Blitz at Flesk Fest last Saturday.

# FLESK FEST 2026

*Ends on a High Note*

Flesk Fest has come to a successful close for another year, with organisers expressing their gratitude to all who attended and supported the festival over the weekend.

The annual event attracted large crowds and showcased a strong sense of community spirit, which organisers described as one of the highlights of this year's festival.

A special word of thanks was extended to the festival's dedicated team of volunteers, whose hard work, commitment and enthusiasm played a vital role in ensuring the event ran smoothly. Organisers said the success of the festival would not have been possible without their efforts.

Appreciation was also expressed to the festival's sponsors, performers, and the team at Barraduff Community Field for their support and contribution. Thanks were also extended to everyone who assisted in any way before, during and after the event.

"The fantastic community spirit on display throughout the festival was a credit to everyone involved," organisers said.

As another successful chapter of Flesk Fest comes to an end, organisers thanked all those who participated and helped make Flesk Fest 2026 a memorable occasion for the local community and visitors alike.

*Photos: Seamus Healy*



Sinead Favier, Danielle O'Halloran, Brendan Fuller MC and Marian Favier at Flesk Fest last Friday night.



Noreen Kelleher entertaining the crowd at Flesk Fest last Saturday.



Mary Kelly with her son Gavin Kelly.



Abby Cronin entertaining the crowd at Flesk Fest on Saturday.



Kerry Rose Caoimhe Lynch with Eabha Healy on Friday night at Flesk Fest.



Most Stylish Lady winner Marguerite O'Donoghue (left) with her friend Aileen Doherty.



Killian Horgan, Andrea Horgan and Tanya Murphy in happy mood at Fleisk Fest on Saturday.



Ada Nolan, Cathy Duggan and Erin Nolan happy to be at Fleisk Fest on Saturday.



Putting on the style at Fleisk Fest on Friday night Joan Bowler, Danielle O'Halloran and Mary O'Brien.



Sisters Molly O'Donoghue, Aoise O'Donoghue and Sarah Nell O'Donoghue looking great at Fleisk Fest.



Happy ladies at Fleisk Fest on Saturday Lorna O'Sullivan, Ciara O'Connor and Nicole Donnelly.



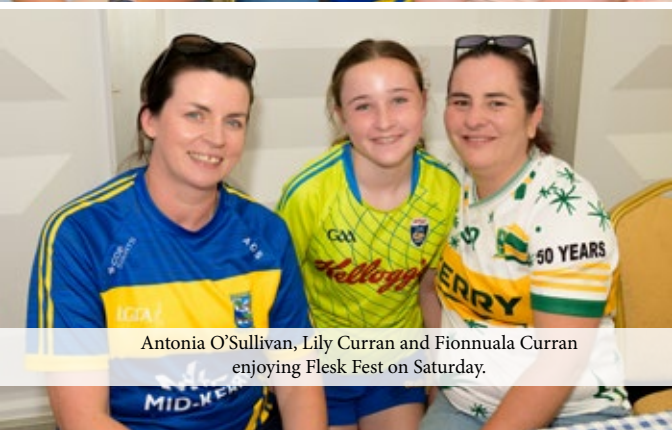
Siobhan Carmody, Anita O'Connell and Aoife Fleming at Fleisk Fest last Saturday.



All smiles at Fleisk Fest last Saturday, Aisling O'Sullivan, Triona Maloney and Maura O'Connor.



Baby Riley Lynch with Jill Lynch, Anita Lodge, Susan Waters and Anita O'Donoghue enjoying Fleisk Fest on Saturday.



Antonia O'Sullivan, Lily Curran and Fionnuala Curran enjoying Fleisk Fest on Saturday.

# National Biodiversity Data Centre Celebrates

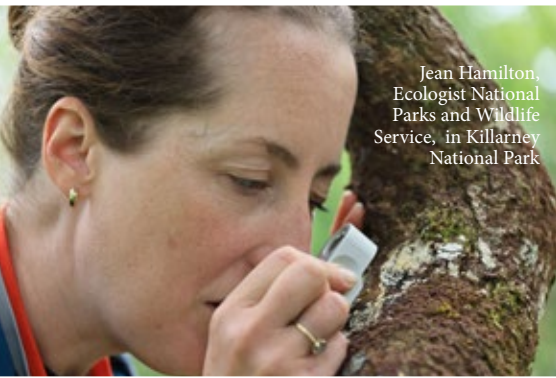
## 20th Anniversary

The National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC) is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. The Centre is dedicated to collecting, collating, and recording accurate information on Ireland's biodiversity, helping to support targeted conservation measures and environmental protection efforts across the country. To mark the occasion, wildlife experts and volunteers from around Ireland gathered in Killarney National Park to record and observe the park's rich biodiversity, including a number of rare species. The event provided an opportunity for participants to contribute valuable data while increasing awareness of

Ireland's natural heritage. The weekend was hosted by the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and supported by the Killarney National Park Education Centre. Participants worked together to identify and document a wide range of plant and animal species, highlighting the importance of ongoing biodiversity monitoring and conservation. The anniversary event celebrated two decades of the NBDC's contribution to understanding and protecting Ireland's wildlife and ecosystems.



A volunteer hearing a bird as part of the National Biodiversity Data Centre weekend 20th Anniversary celebrations this year. National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC) is dedicated to collating and recording accurate information on Irish biodiversity to help support targeted conservation measures. Wildlife experts and volunteers from around Ireland met in Killarney National Park to record and observe the biodiversity and rare species growing in the Park. The Weekend was hosted by National Parks & Wildlife Service and supported by the Killarney National Park Education Centre. Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan



Jean Hamilton, Ecologist National Parks and Wildlife Service, in Killarney National Park



The Marsh Fritillary is a European protected species and is listed in Annex II of the Habitats Directive.



Brian Power, Ornithologist, National Parks and Wildlife Service



The lesser spotted flora experts, Dr Rory Hoddd, Ecologist and Bryologist, Dr. Liam Lysaght, CEO, National Biodiversity Data Centre, Mary Sheehan, District Conservation Ranger, National Parks and Wildlife Service.



Lorcan McDonnell examining a Valerian, in Killarney National Park



Volunteer Jane O'Sullivan, in Killarney National Park.



Dr Dave Lamacroft, expert field lichenologist.



Dr. Liam Lysaght, CEO, National Biodiversity Data Centre, Mary Sheehan, left, District Conservation Ranger, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Dr Una FitzPatrick, Chief Scientific Officer.



Volunteer Mary Brennan, in Killarney National Park.

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# Golden Jubilee Celebrations for Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kilcummin

A large congregation gathered on Saturday, June 21st, as Bishop Ray Browne celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kilcummin, marking 50 years since its opening in 1976.

Bishop Ray welcomed former clergy who ministered in the parish over the past five decades, including Fr Kieran O'Brien, Fr Joe Begley, Fr Larry Kelly, Fr Tom Looney, Fr Jim Lenihan and Deacon Thady O'Connor. He praised the strong community spirit within the parish and reflected on the church's remarkable record over 50 years, during which 1,920 baptisms, 520 weddings and 850 funerals have taken place.

A highlight of the celebrations was the launch of a 19-page colour booklet researched and written by sixth-class pupils from Anabla, Coolick and Kilcummin National Schools. The publication documents

the church, grotto, Mass Rock and parish cemeteries and was described by Fr Kieran O'Brien as a wonderful legacy from the students as they prepare to move on to secondary school. Special thanks were extended to Éamonn Fitzgerald for overseeing the project.

The congregation also welcomed several people closely connected with the church's earliest days, including representatives of the first wedding and first baptism celebrated in the church, as well as members of the original parish building committee.

Following Mass, parishioners gathered in Kilcummin School Gym for refreshments and socialising, where the commemorative booklet received widespread praise.

Copies of the booklet are available from Parish Secretary Siobhán



Fr. John Ahern, Carmel o Riordan, Fr. Larry Kelly, Eamonn Fitzgerald, Maura Fitzgerald and John Mangan. Front row Ross, Colm, Ann Marie and Mark.



Bishop Ray and Fr Kieran with Kilcummin parishioners  
Pics by Sean Kelly.

## Kerry house prices increase 7.7pc in twelve months

The price of the average second-hand three-bed semi in county Kerry rose by 7.7pc to €385,000 in the last twelve months, according to a national survey by REA.

Prices remained unchanged this quarter across the county, while the average time taken to reach sale agreed was seven weeks, the Q2 REA Average House Price Index shows.

Average Killarney prices currently sit at €410,000, while Tralee prices are currently averaging at €360,000.

"The number of viewings and bidders are well down in last six months," said Donal Culloty of REA Coyne and Culloty, Killarney.

The survey shows that across the county, 58pc of purchasers were first-time buyers, while a total of 38pc of sales in the county this quarter were attributed to landlords leaving the market.

Additionally, agents across the county reported that the BER ratings of properties saw A-rated properties command 5pc price increases in comparison to comparable C-rated properties.

The REA Average House Price Index concentrates on the actual sale price of Ireland's typical stock home, the three-bed semi, giving an accurate picture of the second-hand property market in towns and cities countrywide.



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## Kerry psychology wait list initiative trebles number of families accessing supports

An innovative HSE South West approach to providing psychology service has allowed for a three-fold increase in the number of families supported through a partnership approach.

In July 2025, HSE South West launched an initiative to address waiting times for psychology through partnerships with external providers, who are now providing individual, group-based, parenting, and psychoeducational interventions. Dr Sophia Kalafati, Principal Psychology Manager for HSE Kerry said:

"This partnership approach has allowed us to work collaboratively with community and

voluntary agencies. We are grateful to our partners in Listowel Family Resource Centre, South West Counselling, Killorglin Family Resource Centre, and Kerry Family Resource and Counselling Centre. Working in partnership with these local organisations has allowed us to better deliver on the Sláintecare principles of delivering the Right Care, in the Right Place, at the Right Time. We look forward to continued work with these and other partners."

The number of families supported through the initiative has increased from 80 in 2025 to 391 so far this year, representing a 338.8% increase.

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# Huge turnout for First Kerry Conference on Literacy and Wellbeing

Over 100 service providers from health, education, community, and the voluntary sectors in Kerry turned out for the first ever Kerry Literacy and Wellbeing Conference in the Rose Hotel Tralee this week. Delegates heard that one in every five adults in Ireland have difficulty with basic reading and writing. This number increases for digital literacy, numeracy, health literacy, and financial literacy. As we move to a digital society, this results in many people being unable to access services if they are all provided digitally. Service providers at the conference pledged practical support such as help with form filling, making forms easier to read, simplifying written communication, and providing alternatives to digital-only communication such as a phone call or in-person support. Funded through the Collaboration and Innovation Fund under the Adult Literacy for Life Strategy, this conference was co-ordinated by the Health Promotion and Improvement Team at HSE Southwest and by the Kerry County Council Kerry Public Participation Network, on behalf of the Kerry Regional Adult Literacy Coalition.

Máire O'Leary, Senior Health Promotion Officer, HSE Southwest, said: "This conference offered practical guidance on using plain language, designing clearer forms and digital content, and recognising hidden literacy challenges. It also provided a space for collaboration and shared learning across organisations."



Delegates at the First Kerry Conference on Literacy and Wellbeing

The conference focused on the five key areas of literacy:

Literacy - reading, writing, understanding information and building confidence

Financial literacy - budgeting, bills, banking and financial decision-making  
Family literacy - supporting children's learning and engaging with schools

Digital literacy - using online services, forms, apps, and digital tools

Health literacy - understanding medical information, appointments, and care pathways

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**FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR FR. PAT O'DONNELL**

A parish-wide farewell celebration for Fr. Pat O'Donnell is being planned following his Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday, July 10. To make this a truly special occasion, volunteers are needed from across the parish. Whether you have ideas to share, can help set up the gym, have a talent for baking, or can assist with the clean-up afterwards, your contribution will be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to attend the planning meeting but would still like to help, please contact: Eileen Fleming – 087 147 5386, Nuala McCormack – 087 280 6037, Maureen Cremin – 086 243 9645 Míle Buíochas from the Pastoral Council.

**KERRY PARENTS & FRIENDS**

At a recent meeting of the Rathmore Branch of Kerry Parents & Friends, Mr Hugh Ryan presented a cheque for €8,005 to Neil Ashworth, CEO of Kerry Parents & Friends, at the Old Monastery, Killarney. The funds were raised through the annual Pantomime Bingo and various fundraising events held throughout the year. Sincere thanks are extended to everyone who contributed and supported these events.

**GNEEVUILLA ATHLETES SHINE AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

Congratulations to the local athletes who achieved outstanding success at the Special Olympics Ireland Games held at Gormanston College.

Luke Scollard won Gold in the Shot Putt.  
Coach Sheila O'Donoghue and her basketball team secured Silver medals.  
Nicola Dwyer won Bronze in Badminton.  
Well done to all involved on these fantastic achievements.

**SYMPATHY**

Deepest sympathies are extended to the Scannell family, Knocknagreigh, on the death of John Joe Scannell, The Terrace, Knocknagree. Sympathy is extended to his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family, neighbours and friends. His funeral took place on Monday, June 15. Sympathies are also extended to Noreen Brosnan, her sons Michael, John, Séamie, Denis and Tim, daughter Noreen, and all family members on the death of Seamus Brosnan, Glountane. Beloved husband, father and grandfather, Seamus is also mourned by his brothers Timmy Joe, Michael and Gerard, extended family and friends. His funeral took place on Wednesday, June 17, in Knocknagree. May John Joe and Seamus rest in peace.

**ALL-IRELAND FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Congratulations to the Kerry senior football team and management on their impressive Round 3 All-Ireland Championship victory over Armagh at Fitzgerald Stadium. A special word of congratulations to local players Paul Murphy and Shane Ryan. The final score was Kerry 4-18, Armagh 3-10.

**GNEEVUILLA COMMUNITY FACILITY GROUP**

The Share the Bucket draw continues every Friday evening at Teach Fáilte



Congratulations to Daniel O'Connor Ballinahulla, Ballydesmond, who was presented with his Jackpot win of €11,000 tonight by our Lotto Officer Donal O'Connor.

at 8pm and can be viewed live on the Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook page. This week's winner was Mike O'Keeffe, who won €206. Tickets cost €2 each or three for €5 and are available at Teach Fáilte, participating local businesses, or online. All funds raised go towards the proposed new community facility. The committee wishes to thank the many local businesses, shops, pubs and supporters who continue to support the project and purchase tickets each week.

**SHEILANN'S EARLY LEARNING CENTRE**

Two preschool places remain available for September 2026 at Tureencahill, Gneeveguilla. Places are free of charge for eligible children.

**Summer Camp**

July 27 – 31, 10.00am to 1.00pm daily. €75 for the week or €15 per day  
The camp is open to preschool children and those due to start preschool in September, including children attending other preschools.

**RATHMORE GAA CLUB**

**Lotto Results – June 15, 2026**

Numbers drawn: 04, 05, 10, 16. Congratulations to Daniel O'Connor, Ballinahulla, Ballydesmond, who won the €11,000 jackpot.

**COMMUNITY NOTES**

If you would like to include an item in the Rathmore/Gneeveguilla Notes, please email Michael O'Mahony at momahony14@gmail.com or text/ring 087 667 6817 before 6.00pm on Sunday evening.

*Happy 21st Birthday Stevie!*

*Stevie Murphy, Listry, pictured with his family and friends at a celebration at his home for his 21st Birthday at the weekend.*





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## KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

### KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

Kilcummin Looking Good Committee would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported our recent Coffee Morning. We're very grateful to all who contributed with beautiful home baking, their time and generous donations. Your combined effort and support made the event a great success and will help us continue our efforts in enhancing the community for everyone to enjoy.

### CHURCH EVENTS

Holy Cross Graveyard Mass on Wednesday, 1st July @ 7.30pm and Old Kilcummin Graveyard Mass on Wednesday, 5th August @ 7.30pm.

### KILCUMMIN GAA

#### CO LEAGUE DIV 1, Dr Crokes 3-14 Kilcummin 2-13

Despite a much improved performance than of late our senior team lost out to Dr Crokes by four points on Sunday. Two first half goals from Philip O'Leary saw us lead at half time 2-10 to 1-09 but two Crokes goals in the second half laid the foundation for a valuable win for them leaving us facing relegation.

Team and scorers: Dylan Cronin, Jack Fogarty 0-1, Dara Stack, James Nagle 0-1, Sean O'Leary, Dara O'Callaghan, Keelan O'Shea, Mark O'Shea, 0-3, Paul O'Shea 0-2, Cian Foley, Kevin Gorman, Philip O'Leary 2-01, Mikey Casey 0-3, Gary O'Leary 0-1, Paudie Moynihan 0-1. The match saw a welcome return after four years of Kevin McCarthy.

Final game of the league is away to Rathmore in two weeks.



Siun O'Callaghan and Charlie Jay Kelliher



Sinead Coleman

### LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 15th June for the Jackpot of €8,750. Numbers drawn were 02,07,10,23. Consolation prizes of €50 Susan O'Gorman, Helen Moynihan, Brendan O'Sullivan, D. Will. Our next draw will be on Monday 29th June for Jackpot of €9,000. Thank you for your continued support.

### KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

#### ATHLETICS COUNTY FINALS

Athletics County Finals took place on the 20th & 21st of June in An Ríocht Athletic Club, Castleisland. Sinead Coleman came 2nd in the U14 80m Hurdles and now progresses on to the regionals. Charlie Jay Kelliher came 2nd in the U12 Long Jump. Siun O'Callaghan came 2nd place in the U12 Long Jump. Rachel O'Riordan came 4th place in the U8 60m. Congratulations to everyone who participated over the weekend and thanks to parents and mentors for their ongoing support. Best of luck to Charlie Jay and Siun as they progress onto to the All-Ireland Finals.

### ANABLA NATIONAL SCHOOL

#### A Special Handover

As the school year comes to a close, Mrs. Tricia O'Shea officially handed over the principalship of Anabla NS to Denise Lynch.

We thank Tricia for her dedication and leadership and wish Denise every success as she begins her new role as Principal.



Trish O'Shea and Denise Lynch

## BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

### RESULTS

John Mitchel's 4.10 Beaufort 0.11 in senior men's Co League, Div. 7A, Phase 2.

Beaufort 1.15 Dingle 1.18 in senior men's Co League, Div.1

### LOTTO

There was no Jackpot winner on Sunday, 21st June. Numbers: 10, 22, 23, 26. Consolation prizes: €80 Paudie Coffey, Cullenagh Upper, €50, Darragh O'Mahony c/o Christy, Pat O'Leary, Killarney, Garry Tangney, Black Valley. The lotto jackpot will be €4,400 on Sunday 5th July. Tickets, €2 each or 3 for €5 are available from usual sellers, shops, public houses and online on [www.clubforce.com](http://www.clubforce.com). Yearly tickets are also available for €50. Thank you to everybody who support the lotto.

### HEALTH SCREENING

As part of our Healthy Club initiative, the Dillon Quirke foundation will be holding free health screening at Beaufort G.A.A. Club on Wednesday, 8th July. It is for 45 players from 12 to 18 years of age. To book a place for your child, please contact Mary 086 0640065 or Bridget 087 9975737.

### GOLF CLASSIC

Beaufort G.A.A Club wishes to thank all the teams, tee box sponsors, the organisers, Beaufort Golf Club and all who helped in any way with their golf classic last Friday.

#### Results:

1st 84 points, Tim Coffey Team: Mary Geaney, Sheila Crowley, Mary Jo Coffey.

2nd Colm Kelly, team: 83 points: Michael J, O'Connor, Brian O'Connor, Michael O'Connor Jnr.

3rd Michael Ladden Construction, 82 points. Michael Ladden, William O'Shea, Aidan Spillane

4th Paudie Lynch team; 80 points. Paudie Lynch, Ger Power, Seamus O'Connor.

Longest Drive: Laura Furlong.

Nearest to the pin: Pádraig O'Sullivan

### MEMBERSHIP

Beaufort G.A.A. Club membership is still open. For information on Club and Gym membership, please contact Patie on 087 2515311.

### SUMMER CAMP

As part of their Healthy Club initiative, Beaufort will host a summer camp from 6th to 10th July in Beaufort G.A.A. Complex. It is open to ages 4 to 14 and will run from 10am to 2pm. Cost is €65 for one child, 2nd child, €60 and 3rd and subsequent children is €55. Open to members and non-members. More information from Mary 086 0640065 or Tara 087 6032774.

### USED CLOTHES COLLECTION

A used clothes collection will be held in Beaufort G.A.A. Club on Wednesday, 1st July. Accepted are clothes, shoes, handbags, curtains and sheets. Duvet covers and pillows not accepted. Clothes can be dropped off at the Clubhouse before the 1st July.

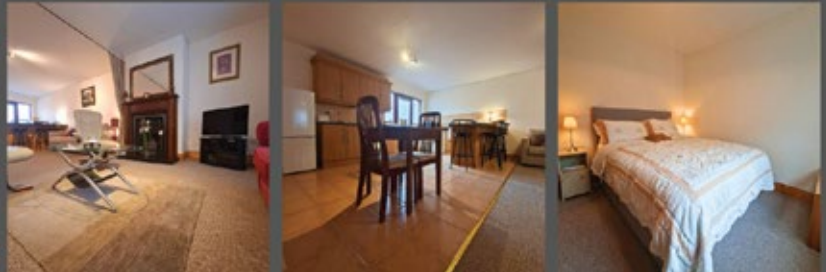
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**GLENFLESK PARISH**

*Written by: Sean Daly*

**FLESK FEST 26**

Flesk Fest has come to a close for another year. We would like to sincerely thank everyone who attended and supported the festival over the weekend. A special word of thanks goes to our huge team of volunteers, whose hard work, dedication and enthusiasm made the event possible. We are also grateful to our sponsors, performers, Barraduff Community Field and all those who helped in any way. The fantastic community spirit on display throughout the festival was a credit to everyone involved. Thank you all for making Flesk Fest 2026 such a memorable occasion.

**COMMUNITY GAMES**

Well done to all the participants who competed and represented Glenflesk so well at the Athletics County finals in An Ríocht, Castleisland last weekend. Congratulations to the following medal winners: Robbie O'Donoghue gold in U8 80m, Dylan O'Connor gold in U10 100m, Kaylee Lynch gold in U10 100m, Jacob O'Donoghue silver in U10 200m, Séimí Favier pewter in U10 200m, Ryan O'Donoghue silver in U14 800m and silver for the mixed U10 relay panel of Aoife McSwiney, Dylan O'Connor, Jacob O'Donoghue, Kaylee Lynch, Séimí Favier and Seodín Dunne. Jacob and Ryan now go on to Regional finals in July and Robbie, Dylan and Kaylee go straight to National finals in August. Well done to all!

**COUNTY LEAGUE**

**McCarthy Insurance Group Senior County League Division 1 Round 10. Glenflesk 2-19 Rathmore 2-19**

For the second time in a matter of weeks, Glenflesk and Rathmore were involved in a high-scoring game of football, with the sides taking a point each after a terrific second-half comeback from Rathmore. Glenflesk started the game at an intense pace with early scores from Callum Cronin and a 45 from Mark Kelliher, plus a 2-pointer from Luke Crowley, giving them a 4-point to 1 lead after 5 minutes. It got better for them when a powerful run from Crowley saw him find Darragh Roche. Roche smashed the ball to the net with his left foot. Three minutes later, Crowley and Roche combined again, this time Liam O'Brien doing the finishing, firing in an unstoppable shot into the corner of the net. Rathmore responded with points from Dean Fitzgerald and Michael Dennehy. Glenflesk, though, with Daniel O'Brien

and John Kelliher strong in midfield, were well worthy of their 2-12 to 0-06 half-time lead, with a late 2-pointer from goalkeeper Kelliher sending them into the dressing room on a positive note. Rathmore's comeback attempt was boosted early by a trio of 2-pointers from Ciaran Collins and Mark Ryan. After a scrappy goal from Alan Dineen, they had reduced the lead to just 2 points. Collins then added another goal and a point, with the goal coming from a well-struck penalty. Darragh Roche got a badly needed point for Glenflesk. Sean McAuliffe put Rathmore ahead again. The teams were now locked in battle and it looked as if another Collins 2-pointer would steal the points for Rathmore. Glenflesk managed to force a 45, with the clock in injury time. Kelliher stepped forward again, and his sweetly struck shot split the posts and earned Glenflesk a point. A highly entertaining game with great scores, high fielding and strong tackling throughout. Glenflesk's chances of County League glory are over, while Rathmore must wait and see if the point will be enough to retain their Division 1 status. Glenflesk: Darragh Roche 1-04, Mark Kelliher 0-06, Liam O'Brien 1-00, John Kelliher 0-03, Luke Crowley 0-02, Callum Cronin 0-02, Patrick Darcy 0-01, Tommy Bowler 0-01. Rathmore: Ciaran Collins 1-06, Mark Ryan 0-04, Alan Dineen 1-00, Fionn Murphy 0-02, Dean Fitzgerald 0-02, Mark Reen 0-01, Darragh Nagle 0-01, Michael Dennehy 0-01, Sean McCauliffe 0-01, Eoin Lawlor 0-01. Thanks to Michael Healy for the match report. Meanwhile in Division 6, the Glenflesk B team had a good win away against Austin Stacks B, 1:07 to 4:16.

**HALL RENOVATIONS**

Glenflesk St Agatha's GAA Club & Community Centre acknowledges the support of the Department of Rural and Community Development through the Community Centres Investment Fund 2024 for grant aid for the recent renovations and improvement of our Community Centre facilities. This project is supported by the Department of Rural and Community Development through the Community Centres Investment Fund 2024. We are grateful for this investment, which has enhanced our facilities and strengthened our ability to serve the members of our club and the wider Glenflesk community.




Well done to all the participants who competed and represented Glenflesk so well at the Athletics County finals in An Ríocht, Castleisland last weekend. Ryan O'Donoghue silver in U14 800m

Phoebe Fehilly-Stoat who graduated from Kiltallagh National School Castlemain with her parents Caroline and Ciara, brother Noah and School Principal Paula Ni Bhriain on Thursday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin



Spa GAA Men's Junior Team v Keel Last Friday

**IMPORTANT WIN FOR MEN'S SENIOR TEAM IN COUNTY LEAGUE**

Spa produced one of their best performances of the season on Sunday afternoon to record a vital 2-13 to 0-17 victory away to newly crowned Division 1 champions Kenmare Shamrocks. Needing points in the battle to avoid relegation, Spa made a dream start with goals from Eoin Fitzgerald and Evan Cronin helping them build a six-point lead before half-time. Kenmare showed why they are league champions with a determined second-half comeback and reduced the gap to a single point in the closing stages, but Spa showed tremendous character and resilience to withstand the pressure. Important late scores from Gary Vaughan and Evan Cronin, combined with a superb defensive effort, ensured the visitors secured two invaluable league points. The win lifts Spa to 7th place in the table on 10 points, two points clear of the relegation zone heading into the final round of fixtures. We thank all of the Spa supporters who travelled to Kenmare and congratulate Kenmare Shamrocks on winning their first Senior County League title since 1972. Attention now turns to our final league game at home to Gneeveguilla next week, where a positive result will secure Division 1 status for 2027.

**MEN'S JUNIOR TEAM STILL GOING STRONG IN COUNTY LEAGUE**

Spa's Junior Men continued their excellent form in County League Division 7B with an impressive 3-15 to 1-12 victory over Keel last Friday evening. The win leaves the team with an unbeaten record of four wins and two draws from their six league outings to date. Attention now turns to their final fixture away to Kerins O'Rahillys next week, where victory would secure the Division 7B Shield title. Fixture details will be announced in due course.

**SPA MOTHERS & OTHERS COMPETE AT FLESK FEST**

Spa Mothers & Others enjoyed another wonderful day at the annual Flesk

Fest, once again fielding two teams despite a number of players being unavailable. Congratulations to debutants Jill Duggan, Norma Murphy and Fiona Ashe, who proudly wore the Spa jersey for the first time. The day was filled with enjoyable football, great camaraderie and plenty of fun, with the group making the most of everything the festival had to offer. A sincere thank you to Glenflesk GAA for hosting another superbly organised event, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved.

**CLUB LOTTO**

Spa Lotto 22/06/2026 Results. Numbers drawn: 11, 15, 25, 28. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Rachel & Ruby Healy, Kieran & Ciara Herlihy, Tina Lenihan, Myles O'Donoghue, Ann Marie Jones.

Next week's draw will be on Monday 29 June for a jackpot of €8,100. Play online via [www.spagaa.com/draws](http://www.spagaa.com/draws)



Spa Mothers & Others Team at Flesk Fest

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie



Bernard Murphy pictured with his family, wife Christina, daughter Shauna and son Gearoid at his surprise 60th Birthday Party in Faha Court at the weekend.

**LOTTO**


Jackpot €3,150. Numbers Drawn: 1, 8, 24, 25. No Winner. €100 Michelle Keane, Culleenmore. €50 Conor Broderick, Kilbonane. €50 Tomas Griffin, Lissivane. €25 Anthony & Mary O'Leary, Knockreigh. €25 Niall Kennedy Ballymalis. Jackpot next weekend 28th June 2026 €3,300

**SENIORS**

Congratulations to the Listry senior team and management who have won the Div 3 County league after a win over Annascaul on Sunday.


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**By Dermot Cronin**  
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## Listry GAA Club Reaches for the Stars as Development Goes from Strength to Strength

*Turning the sod: Members of Dail Eireann, along with members of Listry GAA Club at the grounds.*



Listry GAA Chairperson Denis Murphy addressing the gathering.

Listry GAA Club celebrated another major milestone in its remarkable development journey recently when all five Kerry TDs gathered to turn the sod on the club's new astro turf pitch.

Securing the attendance of Kerry's five Dáil representatives was a significant achievement in itself, but for club chairperson Denis Murphy it was just one of many successes that Listry GAA has enjoyed in recent years. Among those present were Minister for Children, Disability and Equality Norma Foley TD, Michael Healy-Rae TD, Danny Healy-Rae TD, Michael Cahill TD and Pa Daly TD. They were joined by councillors Brendan Cronin, Niall "Botty" O'Callaghan, Maura Healy-Rae, Tommy Cahill and Marie Moloney.

Representing pitch contractors PST were former Kerry footballer Kieran Donaghy and Dylan Casey, both currently involved with the Kerry senior football setup.

Addressing the gathering, Denis Murphy, Listry GAA Club Chairperson, outlined the scale of investment undertaken by the club over the past number of years.

"In the last three to five years we have spent €1.1 million on capital expenditure," he said. Projects completed include a €100,000 car park, a €93,000 sensory garden funded through CLÁR, and €47,000 worth of fencing around the club grounds.

The centrepiece of the club's latest development programme is the new astro turf pitch, which will cost approximately

€800,000 and is expected to be completed in July. Denis Murphy also highlighted the extensive fundraising efforts undertaken by the club, noting that approximately €700,000 has been raised locally over the last three to four years.

"Seventy per cent of the funding has been raised by the club itself," he said. "The level of fundraising has been unbelievable."

Public funding of approximately €400,000 has also been secured through a variety of sources, including a €143,000 Sports Capital grant, €100,000 from South Kerry Development Partnership (SKDP), and €20,000 from Tim Murphy, Chairman of Munster GAA Council.





John Joe Tangney, Tim Murphy, Chair of the Munster GAA Council.



????????? Anthony Clifford, Jerome Kennedy and Denis Murphy.

Murphy thanked all political representatives, both local and national, for their support and outlined further funding applications currently before government agencies, including a CLÁR application and a request for €65,000 towards a tractor and maintenance equipment to ensure the new astro turf surface is maintained to the manufacturer's standards.

The club is also planning to upgrade its floodlighting, including the installation of lighting for the new astro turf facility, a project expected to cost approximately €200,000 and for which Sports Capital funding will be sought. "We are a proud community and we look to our political representatives to continue helping us as we develop these facilities," Denis said.

He paid tribute to the many people who have driven the astro turf project forward, including Pa Murphy, who played a key role in planning and overseeing the tender process, as well as Jerome Kennedy, Richard Walsh, Mark Curran and Seán de Buitléir. Murphy also praised PST for their professionalism throughout the project.

Minister Norma Foley congratulated the club on its achievements and said the large attendance of elected representatives reflected the respect in which Listry GAA is held.

"It is wonderful to see all five Kerry TDs and local councillors here today," she said. "It reflects the strong sense of loyalty to Listry and the amazing volunteers who drive this club forward."

She praised the club's determination in securing funding from a wide range of sources. "The tenacity that Listry has shown in pursuing different streams of funding is exceptional," she



Junior Listry GAA Club members listen intently as Minister Norma Foley addresses the gathering at the turning of the sod for the Astro Turf pitch.

said.

Minister Foley also highlighted the strong working relationship among Kerry's TDs.

"When it comes to the five TDs in Kerry, we work very well together and we will ensure that Listry continues to thrive into the future."

In a light-hearted moment, the Minister apologised for wearing an orange jacket, joking that she had selected it in the early hours of the morning despite Kerry's upcoming championship clash with Armagh.

She also paid tribute to Tim Murphy, describing Kerry as "immensely proud" to have him serving as Chairman of Munster GAA Council.

Norma Foley praised the younger members of

the club who attended the event.

"It is fantastic to see the younger generation here today. They are the future of the club," she said.

"What this club has achieved through its relentless fundraising, combined with state support, is truly spectacular."

She reserved special praise for the volunteers who keep the club operating.

"The volunteers are at the heart of this club. They coach, train, organise, support, wash jerseys and carry out countless jobs behind the scenes. They represent the hand and the heart of what it means to be part of Listry GAA."

Chairman of Munster GAA Council Tim Murphy also commended the club's vision and ambition.

"We are facing into a new reality within the GAA, with more people living in larger towns and cities, so clubs like Listry are ahead of the curve," he said.

"Facilities are a major issue for clubs and what Listry has achieved is admirable. The standard of dressing rooms and ancillary facilities here is outstanding."

He described clubs as "the bedrock of the entire GAA association" and pledged continued support for facility development.

"This is exactly what we want to promote. From a Munster Council perspective, ensuring clubs can access grant aid and develop facilities to the highest standards is hugely important."


The celebrations were made even sweeter for Listry when, just days later, the club captured the Division 3 title with victory over Annascaul, adding further momentum to what has been a landmark year both on and off the field.



The cafe at Listry GAA Club. At your service... Linda Murphy, Frances Clifford and Joanne Murphy




Deputy Danny Healy Rae enjoying a few treats at the Sideline Cafe.



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- have high blood pressure
- have high cholesterol

- develop a serious illness such as sepsis or pneumonia
- are pregnant
- are of Asian or Afro-Caribbean background

Reduce your risk of developing diabetic retinopathy or help stop it getting worse. Keep your blood sugar levels, blood pressure and cholesterol levels under control.


**Symptoms of diabetic retinopathy**  
 You will not usually notice diabetic retinopathy in the early stages. It does not tend to have any obvious symptoms until it's more advanced. Early signs of the condition can be picked up during an eye examination.


**Treatments for diabetic retinopathy**  
 Treatment is only necessary if screening detects your vision is at risk. If the condition has not reached this stage, you should continue to manage your diabetes. The main treatments for more advanced diabetic retinopathy are:

- laser treatment
- injections of medication into your eyes
- an operation to remove blood or scar tissue from your eyes

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Machaela O'Leary

## Killarney Woman Urges Action as Kerry Food Waste Tops €20 Million

A Killarney woman is encouraging households to take simple steps to reduce food waste after new figures revealed that Kerry homes have wasted more than €20 million worth of food so far this year.

Machaela O'Leary, a Killarney native and Key Accounts Manager with Too Good To Go Ireland, said small changes in daily habits could make a significant difference to both household budgets and the environment.

The food-saving organisation estimates that Irish households waste more than €3 million worth of food every day, with the average household throwing away over €700 of edible food each year.

"It's hard to grasp that over €3 million of food is wasted in Ireland every single day," said Ms

O'Leary. "But small changes can really add up in the long term. Simple, everyday actions like meal planning, freezing leftover bread, or looking, smelling and tasting something before throwing it away can help keep money in your pocket, reduce food waste and have a positive impact on the environment."

Too Good To Go is encouraging people to plan meals, shop with a list, store food correctly and make use of leftovers to help tackle food waste and reduce unnecessary spending.

There are a wide range of businesses in Killarney who are part of To Good To Go, offering reduced price food at the end of business.

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## Minister Foley welcomes latest funding approval for enhanced domestic violence refuge in Kerry

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has welcomed confirmation of the latest funding approval for the development of an enhanced domestic violence refuge in Tralee. The project is being delivered by ADAPT Kerry Women's Refuge and Support Services, in partnership with Kerry County Council.

This project has now received Stage 2 approval by the Department of Housing under the Capital Assistance Scheme. This will allow the project to progress to the planning phase with construction expected to be completed by Q2 2029.

Once completed the refuge will provide 13 family residential units together with a comprehensive range of support and therapeutic



facilities. These will include shared communal kitchen and living spaces, an emergency response room, therapeutic spaces for children, teenagers and adults, including study areas to support residents accessing education. Staff offices and administrative areas will also form part of the development.

The development will replace and significantly expand ADAPT Kerry's existing six-unit refuge.

Kerry County Council have given over an adjoining site which will be developed as car parking for the refuge.

Minister Foley said:

"I welcome the this funding approval for an enhanced women's refuge in Tralee to help victims of domestic violence. Domestic violence profoundly affects the physical, emotional, social and financial wellbeing of individuals and families. This facility will be a

vital support for women who have to leave their home immediately for their own safety. I would like to thank my cabinet colleagues, Minister for Housing James Browne and Minister for Justice Jim O'Callaghan for their strong support for this project."

Minister Foley also paid tribute to the work of ADAPT Kerry.

"I especially want to acknowledge the outstanding work of the management, staff and board of ADAPT Kerry. We are fortunate to have such dedicated and expert personnel providing this enormously important service for the benefit of those who need it." Minister Foley also thanked Kerry County Council for their support and input.

## Healy-Rae Raises TV Concerns Ahead of Tyrone Clash

Kerry TD Danny Healy-Rae used a Dáil debate on Tuesday, June 23rd, to highlight concerns over transport arrangements and television coverage ahead of Kerry's All-Ireland clash with Tyrone.

While the deputy has welcomed the news that Iarnród Éireann that an additional special train service will operate for Kerry supporters travelling to Croke Park for Saturday's All-Ireland Quarter Final clash with Tyrone.

It has been confirmed that a special service will depart Tralee at 9:40am on Saturday morning, with a return service leaving Dublin at 10:00pm on Saturday night.

However, Deputy Healy Rae criticised the fact that the high-profile game was not being shown on RTÉ, arguing that many elderly supporters would be unable to watch one of the biggest matches of the year.

"It is unfortunate that Kerry people, and elderly people in particular, cannot watch this massive game on TV," he said.

He urged the Government not to forget Kerry supporters and stressed the importance of ensuring both adequate transport and access to the game for those unable to travel to Dublin.





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## Cahill Welcomes Dedicated Plan to Prioritise Older Patients at University Hospital Kerry Emergency Department

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry and Party Spokesperson on Older People, Michael Cahill, has welcomed confirmation that a dedicated Quality Improvement Plan is underway at University Hospital Kerry (UHK) aimed at improving the experience and care of older people attending the Emergency Department.

Deputy Cahill, who is also a member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health, had raised the issue directly with the Minister for Health, calling for urgent action to address waiting times for senior citizens attending UHK's Emergency Department.

Following his representations, UHK confirmed that a Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) is now well underway, with a particular focus on patients aged 75 and older.

Deputy Cahill said, "Older people who attend our Emergency Department are often among the most vulnerable patients in our healthcare system. They deserve timely, appropriate and compassionate care and I am pleased to receive confirmation that a specific plan is now in place in University Hospital Kerry to prioritise their needs."

The Kerry TD said the measures being implemented will ensure patients aged over 75 along with those approaching a stay of more than 24

hours in the Emergency Department are identified and prioritised appropriately.

"I have consistently raised the unacceptable reality that some older patients have been left waiting in Emergency Departments for periods approaching or exceeding 24 hours and have continuously called for these delays to be reduced. I will continue to work through my role on the Oireachtas Health Committee to ensure older people in Kerry and across Ireland receive the level of care they deserve," the Kerry TD added. "I welcome the continued development of services such as Pathfinder, early supported discharge, Integrated Care Programmes for Older Persons (ICPOP), and the developing Memory Assessment and Support Service which are hugely important. Supporting people to receive care closer to home where possible is better for patients, better for families and better for our hospitals."

Deputy Cahill concluded, "There is always more work to do, particularly in tackling pressures facing Emergency Departments but this targeted focus on older patients in Kerry is welcome progress. I will continue to advocate strongly for investment in UHK and for improved healthcare services for older people throughout our county."

## Cahills Welcome Confirmation of Additional Kerry Supporters Train for All-Ireland Quarter Final

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry Michael Cahill and Councillor Tommy Cahill have welcomed confirmation from Iarnród Éireann that an additional special train service will operate for Kerry supporters travelling to Croke Park for Saturday's All-Ireland Quarter Final clash with Tyrone.

Following representations and ongoing communication with Iarnród Éireann, Iarnród Éireann have confirmed to the Cahills that a special service will depart Tralee at 9:40am on Saturday morning, with a return service leaving Dublin at 10:00pm on Saturday night.

"We are delighted that Iarnród Éireann have responded positively and put this additional service in place for the Kerry faithful," said Deputy Michael Cahill. "Since the final whistle against Armagh, we have been working to secure extra capacity for the thousands of supporters eager to make the journey to Dublin and this is a very welcome announcement."

Councillor Tommy Cahill added, "We have been inundated with calls, emails and messages from Kerry supporters looking for extra train services so we are delighted to see this confirmed. Kerry people always travel in huge numbers and this special train will give more supporters the opportunity to get to Croke Park and get behind the team."

"We expect tickets for this service to be snapped up quickly so we would encourage supporters to make their arrangements and book their tickets as soon as possible when they go live on the website," said Deputy Cahill.

"Now it's time to bring the colour, the noise and the passion. Let's turn Croke Park green and gold once again and drive Kerry on," concluded Councillor Tommy Cahill.

## MIKEY SHEEHY ELECTED CATHAOIRLEACH OF KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Fianna Fáil councillor, Mikey Sheehy, has been elected Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council at its annual meeting today.

Cllr Sheehy, who was first elected to represent the Tralee Municipal District in 2019, takes over the role from Cllr Michael Foley of Fine Gael.

Cllr Jimmy Moloney was elected as Leas-Chathaoirleach of Kerry County Council.

A father of three, Cllr Sheehy has served as Mayor of Tralee on two occasions.

Following his election, Cllr Sheehy said he looked forward to working with his elected colleagues and Council management over the coming year.

"The strength of local government in Kerry is in its people, in collaboration, in relationships, and in the shared commitment we all have to our communities.

"I'm genuinely humbled by my election, and I will do my very best to represent this office in a way that reflects the people and the place we come from," said Cllr Sheehy.



Cllr John O'Donoghue (Kerry Independent Alliance) who has today been elected as Cathaoirleach of the Killarney Municipal District.

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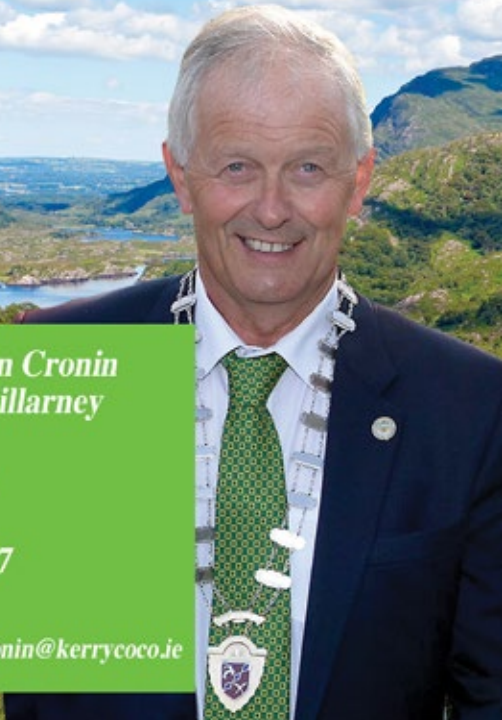


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### KVAC TEAMS SHINE IN THE ATHLETICS

Ireland National League

Saturday was a historic day for Killarney Valley AC as both our Women's and Men's Teams qualified for the Premier Division Final of the Athletics Ireland National League in Tullamore.

Competing against 16 of the country's leading clubs, the women's team finished third overall, while the men's team placed fourth, earning both teams a place among Ireland's top eight clubs for the National League Final in Dublin on August 9th and significantly outperforming expectations.

With the overall winners progressing to the European Club League of Track and Field, there will be plenty at stake in the final.

The results are a reflection of the efforts of our athletes, coaches and supporters resulting in an outstanding team performance. Congratulations also to the Kerry county teams, who finished top of the County Team League standings.

### NATIONAL CHILDREN'S GAMES AND U12 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Killarney Valley AC's youngest athletes enjoyed a memorable day at the National Children's Games and U12 Championships in Tullamore, bringing home national gold and silver medals and continuing the club's proud tradition of success on the sprint track.

The highlight came in the U9 Girls Relay, where Kaylee Lynch, Aoife McSwiney, Amelia Duggan, Aria Casey and Elle O'Donoghue claimed the national title in 67.79 seconds. Lynch and McSwiney also combined to win silver in the U9 Girls 60m Sprint Pairs event.

In the U12 competitions, James Doody produced another strong national performance to finish



Ballinskelligs on Saturday hosted a very successful community triathlon in partnership with Killarney Triathlon Club. We were delighted with the fantastic turnout and were fortunate to enjoy excellent weather throughout the day.

A big thank you to all the participants, volunteers, marshals, and supporters who helped make the event run so smoothly. It was great to see the community come

seventh in the boys' 600m in 1:42.74, while Reece O'Donoghue placed 11th in the Turbo Javelin with a throw of 25.26m.

There were also encouraging relay performances from the U12 Girls and U12 Boys teams, both competing strongly against the country's best young athletes.

Congratulations to all athletes, coaches and families, as qualification for a national championship at such a young age is a significant achievement and a reward for months of dedication and hard work.

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### RESULTS FOR THE 11TH JUNE

N/S

1st: Horst Rosler & Marie O'Sullivan Kenmare

2nd: Marie Moloney & Joan Lenihan  
3rd: Phyllis O'Regan & Pauline Lyne E/W

1st: Hanneke Nieman & Don O'Sullivan  
2nd: Mary Gleeson & Evelyn O'Leary  
3rd: Evelyn Breen & Joan King

### RESULTS FOR THE 18TH JUNE

1st: President Michael McHugh & Anne Looney  
2nd: Horst Rosler & Marie O'Sullivan Kenmare  
3rd: Tim & Mai Corcoran  
Well done to all.

### CONGRESS

We would like to congratulate the Killarney Bridge Congress committee on another very successful Congress recently held at The Castlerosse Hotel.

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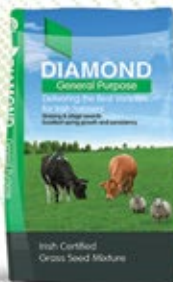
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### KILLARNEY REGATTA

The excitement is building right across the club as we prepare for the biggest day in the rowing calendar - the Killarney Regatta. This promises to be a huge event with the Killarney clubs competing for the honours and preparations are well and truly underway. The sixes are out for the training sessions with young and older crews enjoying the beauty of the lakes. wishing the very best to all the crews, coxes, coaches and supporters. All support very welcome! Just be sure to wear the red!



## SPA MUCROSS EXCEL AT COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Spa Mucross athletes excelled at An Riocht at the weekend bringing home a haul of medals. Congratulations to the athletes who made Nationals: Reece O'Donoghue, James Doody, Kayla O'Sullivan and Aoife Delaney, along with the boys U12 Relay Team and the girls U14 Relay Team. Nationals will take place in

Carlow in August where these young athletes will represent their county. Congratulations to our Regional Finalists, Gary Arthur, Beibhinn O'Donnell, Kiley Biggins, and Elsie O'Doherty, who will represent at the regional level in July.

Gold Reece O'Donoghue U12 Ball Throw;  
Gold Boys U12 Relay 4x100M (Gary Arthur, James Doody, Denis Doolan, Diarmuid O'Regan, Reece O'Donoghue, Oisín O'Donoghue Sheehan);  
Gold James Doody U12 600M;  
Gold Girls U14 Relay (Aoife Delaney, Kiley

Biggins, Lucy Devane, Kayla O'Sullivan, Allannah McGlynn, Anabelle Casey);  
Gold Kayla O'Sullivan 100M;  
Gold Aoife Delaney U14 100M Hurdles;  
Silver Gary Arthur U12 200M;  
Silver Beibhinn O'Donnell U10 200M;  
Silver Kiley Biggins U14 200M;  
Silver Elsie O'Doherty U16 200M;  
Bronze Denis Doolan U12 Long Jump.  
Pewter Alannah McGlynn Long Jump.



Kayla O'Sullivan, Elsie O'Doherty, Allannah McGlynn, Lucy Devane, Anabelle Casey, Kate Doolan and Aoife Delaney.



Boys U12 Relay Team Gold: Diarmuid O'Regan, Dneis Doolan, Gary Arthur and James Doody.



Kayla O'Sullivan and Aoife Delaney Gold Medalists



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## ROSS GOLF CLUB - GENTS

ON JUNE 20TH AND 21ST WE HELD THE JUNE MEDAL COMPETITION KINDLY SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HOTEL/HAYFIELD COLLECTION.

**The winners were:**

1st: Mike Doody 65 (16)  
2nd: Peter Wickham 67 (12)  
Best Gross: David MacIndoe 75

**Division 1**

1st: Aidan O'Connor 68 (11)  
2nd: Daniel Cronin 68 (11)

**Division 2**

1st: Derek McAllister 70 (15)  
2nd: Sean Hickey 70 (17)

**Division 3**

1st: Dan O'Sullivan 71 (28)  
2nd: Gerard Murphy 72 (21)

ON FRIDAY JUNE 19TH WE HELD OUR FRIDAY EVENING MIXED SCRAMBLE.

**The winners were:**

1st: Luke Looney, Mary Moynihan, Donie Greene, Brian O'Keeffe  
2nd: David Murphy, Doreen Brosnan, John Fleming, Mike Casey  
3rd: Danial Cronin, Sean Hickey, Noreen Hayes, Patrick Gallagher  
4th: Renaldas Bendikas, Sheila O'Mahony, Daragh Collins, Pauline Lyne.

## CASTLEROSSE GOLF CLUB - LADIES

LADIES EXCHANGE DAY AT MAINE VALLEY GOLF CLUB

The Ladies enjoyed a wonderful day out at Maine Valley Golf Club on the 20th June as part of our annual Exchange Day. The course was presented in excellent condition, and members were warmly welcomed by our hosts. Friendly competition, good golf and great company made for a most enjoyable occasion. Many thanks to Maine Valley Golf Club for their hospitality and to everyone who took part in making the day such a success.

**Exchange Day Results:**

18 hole: 1st Helen Feeney (35pts)  
2nd Barbara O'Shea (23pts)  
9 hole: 1st Siobhan Creedon (19pts)  
2nd Nuala Ward (16pts)

**MIXED SCRAMBLE 16TH JUNE RESULTS**

1st: Liam Sweeney, Nuala Ward, Rose O'Connor, Sheila Rahilly (35) net 24.3  
2nd: Kieran O'Brien, Eilish Culloty, Finola Geary (36) net 26.4

**WEEKLY COMPETITION**

This week's competitions are 9 & 18 hole Stableford's: Thursday - Anytime. Friday and Saturday - Meet at 10.30am for draw, play commences 11am.

**SOCIAL GOLF**

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

**MIXED SCRAMBLES**

Mixed scrambles will be every Tuesday at 6pm, book on BRS, Visitors welcome

**Information Evening - Everyone Welcome**

We are holding an information session on the Golfing Apps: BRS, Golf Ireland and Masterscoreboard, next Thursday 25th June at 7:30pm in the Victoria Suite at the Castlerosse



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**GET INTO GOLF**

The Get in to Golf course is underway Monday evenings, a great opportunity to learn with a Professional in a very friendly and helpful atmosphere. Contact Kieran 087 2748777.

**GOLF LESSONS**

Kieran Crehan is available to give golf lessons. Contact Kieran directly on: 087 2748777.

## BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB - LADIES

18 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION PLAYED ON SATURDAY 20TH AND SUNDAY 21ST JUNE

*The competition was very generously sponsored by Beauty Within.*

1st: Marian Kerrisk (24) 37 pts  
2nd: Rita Kelleher (26) 36 pts  
3rd: Noeleen MacKessy (29) 31 pts

**BEST OF LUCK**

Lady Captain Mary would like to wish Captain Charlie McAuley the very Best of Luck with his Captains Day on Sunday 28th June.

Hopefully the sun will remain shining and there will be some super scores to win the big prize.

## KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB - LADIES

18 HOLE STROKE COMPETITION HELD IN O'MAHONY'S POINT COURSE ON 20TH & 21ST JUNE

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1st: Bernie Galvin (30) 72  
2nd: Carmel O'Brien (23) 73 (last 9 holes)  
Best Gross: Anne Moynihan (3) 77  
3rd: Mary Kearney (10) 73  
4th: Fidelma O'Connor (11) 73  
5th: Fiona O'Donovan (13) 73

## DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

**PAUL O'SULLIVAN MEMORIAL OPEN**

Congratulations to Eileen McCarthy on retaining the Claret Jug dedicated to the Kerry Ladies 1995 National Inter-County win after winning the Ladies Gross prize in Listowel last week. The club's other prizewinners included Connie O'Sullivan (Inter Gross) and Denis Duggan (Junior Gross) as James Foley was beaten on countback for the Junior Nett prize.

**SUNDAY DRAWS**

Two Ball Betterball- First Nett: Gearóid Cronin & Dave Spillane 36½, Gross: Gearóid Cronin & Niall O'Loughlin 46, Second Nett: James Foley & Denis Duggan 39½ and Hole-In-One: Stephen Battle (14th Hole).

**FLESK RESTAURANT SUMMER SERIES**

Wednesday June 17th Results- Winners: Daniel Kelly, Connie Kelly, Fionn O'Callaghan & Fionn Culloty 35 Runners-Up: Jason Reen, Cillian Healy & Colin Murphy 35¼ and Third: John Looney, Dan Kiely & Lucas Uchytill 35¾. Please note the Wednesday night July 1st competition will be the last until Wednesday July 22nd with the closure of the course for **THE MUNSTER STROKEPLAY PREPARATION.**

**CLUB STROKEPLAY**

Please note it has been decided to defer this event (sponsored by Charlie Foleys Bar) for one week to Friday July 3rd-Sunday July 5th. Further details next week.

**COLLINS U16 SCRATCH CUP**

Well done to Aodhan O'Halloran on winning the U16 section of the event held in Cork on Monday night.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mike 'Seve' O'Leary on winning a silver medal with the Munster team in the Golf Event in the recent Special Olympics National Finals.

**CASTLEISLAND SCRATCH CUP**

Takes place this Saturday (June 27th) with cards from 8am-3pm. We encourage our club members to support this event.

**BEST WISHES**

We have a number of members heading outside the county this weekend for events. Firstly we wish Connie O'Sullivan and Dan Broderick the best of luck in the National O55 Intermediate Strokeplay Championship in Rochfortbridge, Westmeath this weekend along with our U16 members who are heading to Collins for the Munster U16 Matchplay.

**SONGO**

Best Wishes to the Kerry County Board with their 'Songo' fundraiser in Tralee on Saturday night in the Na Gaeil clubhouse. This is a fundraiser for this year's Inter-County teams.

**MUNSTER STROKEPLAY**

Please note in advance of this event which the club are hosting on the weekend of July 19th next month, the Committee have decided that the course will close to all general play from Monday July 6th. An announcement regarding official practice times for competitors will be made in due course.

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Captain Annette McNeice (right) presenting first prize in the Aherns.ie Motor Group Team of Three ladies competition to winners Grace Dennehy and Geraldine Rosney at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday. *Photos: Michelle Cooper Galvin*



Captain Annette McNeice (right) presenting first prize in the Adams of Tralee Team of 2 competition at the Tralee Exchange Day to winners Sinead Lynch and Kathleen Wall at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday.



Captain Annette McNeice (right) presenting first prize in the Calor Cork Exchange Day to winner Carmel Fitzgerald with (left) Noreen O'Callaghan 2nd at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday.



Captain Annette McNeice (right) presenting first prize in the ACME Blinds ladies stableford competition to winner Geraldine Rosney with (left) Pat Collins 4th and Sandra Chute 3rd at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday.



Tracy O'Meara of Truffle Honey presenting first prize in the Joint Captain's Charity Day in aid of Jack and Jill Foundation to winning team Niall O'Meara (back) Stuart Graham, John O'Shea and Bernard O'Shea at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday.



Captain Annette McNeice (right) presenting the joint Capt'n's Charity Day cheque for €19,450.00 to Siobhan Reen Liason Nurse Manager Jack and Jill Foundation at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday.



Captain Annette McNeice (right) presenting first prize in the Gleneagle Group and Killarney Cups competition to winner Maureen Creedon with (left) Sheila Crowley 2nd at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney



Captain Annette McNeice (right) presenting first prize in the Spring League Knockout competition to winner Breda Duggan with (left) Jane Dwyer winner (H18.9 and under) at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney.

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Captain Annette McNeice (right) presenting first prize in the Donagh Hickey Motors ladies competition and Australian Spoons qualifier to winners Lorna O'Leary and Sandra Chute at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney.  
*Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*



Frank and Geraldine Doran presenting first prize in the Safeguard Security and New Strands Ladies competition to winners Marie O'Brien and Maureen Creedon with (right) Captain Annette McNeice at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Friday.  
*Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*



## Young Killarney Valley AC Athletes Shine at National Championships



Killarney Valley AC's youngest athletes enjoyed a memorable day at the National Track and Field Championships last Sunday, bringing home both gold and silver medals and proudly continuing the club's tradition of producing national medal-winning sprinters. The Under-9 girls' 4x100m relay team of Kaylee Lynch, Aoife McSwiney, Amelia Duggan, Aria Casey and Elle O'Donoghue delivered an outstanding performance, clocking 67.79 seconds to claim the national title and gold medals. The medals were presented by Athletics Ireland President Brid Golden. There was further success for the club in the Under-9 pairs event, where Kaylee Lynch (9.85) and Aoife McSwiney (9.87) combined to secure the silver medal at national level. Elsewhere, James Doody produced a strong run to finish seventh in the 600m in a time of 1:42.74, while Reece O'Donoghue placed 11th in the javelin with a throw of 25.26 metres. The achievements of all the young athletes were warmly praised by the club. Qualifying for a national championship at such a young age is a significant accomplishment, reflecting the dedication, commitment and talent of the athletes and the support they receive from their coaches and families. It was a fantastic day for Killarney Valley AC and a proud occasion for everyone involved with the club.



First Communicants from Scoil Bhríde Loreto, Muckcross, donated some of their First Communion money to the Rise and Shine charity, that carry children with special needs to Lourdes each year. Mrs. Joan Moore accepted the annual donation on behalf of the charity.



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*Killarney Celtic winners of the 2025/26 KDL Premier title*

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**LOTTO**

No.s 12, 13, 14, 27. No winner of the Jackpot. 5 x €25: Sean Collins, Furies. Emma O Connor, Headford. Miriam O Donoghue, Ballyhar. Kathleen Breen, Killarney & Rachel O Connor, Headford. Next draw for a Jackpot of €2600 will take place on Sunday next 28th at Henderson's Bar, Furies. Tickets available from Committee Members, Sheehans Filling Station, Farranfore, Spar & Hendersons Shops, Furies & Butlers Bar, Furies.

**KERRY FC**

Following their away win over UCD on Friday last, Kerry FC are at home this Friday to Longford Town FC at 745 at Mounthawk Park, Tralee. A home win would see Kerry FC challenging for a play off spot in the division. It is great to see Reenard native & former Kerry FC player Ronan Teahan playing very well in the Premier Division with Dundalk FC.

**200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

A large crowd attended in glorious sunshine at Ballyhar Church on Sunday last to celebrate the 200 th Anniversary of the Church. Bishop Ray Browne Con Celebrated mass along with Fr Padraig Kennelly, Fr Nicholas Flynn, Fr John Aherne ,Fr Denis O Mahony & Fr Fergal Ryan. Refreshments were served afterwards to mark this joyous occasion. There are some copies of the Souvenir 50 page book with photos & articles available from church representatives for €10. Thanks to all who made the day a great success.

**SYMPATHY**

The club offers its Condolences to the Daly Family, Currow on their family bereavement. May Batt rest in peace.

**MASTERGEEHA**

**ASSOCIATION CUP SUCCESS FOR SHAUNA**

Huge congratulations to our own Shauna O'Riordan on helping the Schoolboys/Girls Football Association of Ireland White side win the Association Cup Trophy Final against the Isle of Man on Sunday.

Shauna played a key role throughout the weekend and in a fantastic victory for Ireland. Everyone at Mastergeeha FC is incredibly proud of Shauna. Her hard work, dedication and commitment continue to pay off, and it is wonderful to see her rewarded on the international stage.

Congratulations Shauna – a proud day for you, your family, your club and Kerry.

**MASTERGEEHA LOTTO**

There was no winner of our lotto on 19th June 2026 for the Jackpot of €8,400. Numbers drawn were 2, 22, 27, 28. Consolations Prizes of €50 each to the following Sam Mc Spa C/o Jimmy's, Chloe Scannell, Michael O'Leary St. Brendan's Place & Ann McSweeney C/o Post office. Our next draw will take place on Friday 26th June 2026 at the Village Inn for a Jackpot of €8600.

**KILLARNEY CELTIC**

**CELTIC LOTTO**

Numbers drawn 1,7,8,19. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €25. Next jackpot €10,800 on Monday June 29th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through Clubzap.

**KILLARNEY CELTIC SUMMER CAMPS**

Booking for the Killarney Celtic Summer Camps are now open. Week 1 is Monday June 29th - Friday July 3rd. Week 2 is Monday July 13th - Friday July 17th. Booking through the clubzap link on our social media pages. For more information contact 086 224 3435

**KDL PREMIER FINAL**

**Killarney Celtic 1-0 Killarney Athletic**

*Liam Carey*

Killarney Celtic continued to rewrite the history books of the KDL by capturing the Premier title for the 8th season in a row. They overcame the challenge of local rivals Killarney Athletic after a well contested final last Saturday evening. Celtic hit the front for the only goal of the game after only 4 minutes. Good defensive play allowed Celtic to set Trpimir Vrljicak away on the left. Vrljicak in turn found Stephen McCarthy who crossed for Liam Carey to finish from close range. Athletic settled in the game and began to put Celtic's defence under pressure. Safe handling from Roy Kelliher denied Athletic from a free kick. Athletic went close to levelling after 30 minutes after good play down the left. Celtic responded when good defensive play by Nattagun Ryan allowed Celtic to attack down the left and Stephen McCarthy went close at the near post. Shortly afterwards Trpimir Vrljicak crossed from the left but Athletic defended well to clear. Celtic were back again when Kennedy Amechi caused confusion in the Athletic defence but Celtic were unable to finish and so the teams retired at half

time with Celtic just ahead.

Both sides tried to gain dominance in the 2nd half before Lee Downing threatened the Athletic goal with a shot from the left. Athletic responded through Josh Bowler but the Celtic defence held firm. Celtic came again through Lee Downing before Athletic were awarded a free kick on the right. Some great defending denied Athletic twice from this free kick. Athletic continued to press but Celtic broke through Kennedy Amechi but the Athletic keeper was equal to the task. In the 89th minute Roy Kelliher was faultless in his handling from a Josh Bowler effort. With the game in injury time Celtic counter attacked and Kennedy Amechi went close. Celtic ended the game deep in Athletic's half winding down the clock and so the 8 in a row was completed. Well done to all the players and coaches on this magnificent achievement.

**WOMEN**

**HOUSE OF UPHOLSTERY CUP SEMI FINAL**

**Killarney Celtic 2-3 Listowel Celtic AET**

*Katie Doe, Ali Bowler*

Killarney Celtic Women relinquished their hold on the Cup after losing to Listowel in a well contested semi final last Sunday. Both teams gave their all in a tie that was level at the end of normal time. In extra time it was Listowel who made the all important breakthrough to advance to the final.

**KILLARNEY ATHLETIC 7 A SIDE**

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**Monday 22nd June**

**Pitch 1**

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7.25: Senior Flesk Restaurnat 0 v Jack C's Ultra 1

7.50: Senior Fake Madrid 0 v Macisback FC 5

8.15: Senior Tim Jones Butchers 0 v Flesk Restaurant 3

8.40: Senior Lake Hotel 1 v Des FC 1

9.15: Senior Jack C Ultra 1 V Mac is Back FC 4

**Pitch 2**

7.00: Senior MD Oshea 1 V the Aghadoe Show 3

7.25: Senior Murphy Masters 2 V Crystal Covers 2

7.50: Senior Wiggots Warlocks 3 V Des FC 1

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Congratulations to Kerry U14 and Mastergeeha goalkeeper Shauna O’Riordan, who played a major role in helping the SFAI Ireland White team lift the Association Cup trophy at the University of Limerick this year.

The Ireland White squad defeated the Isle of Man in the final, having also beaten them in their opening group match. The team’s only setbacks came in narrow defeats to Northern Ireland and the Ireland Green team during the tournament.

Shauna’s selection and success represent a significant milestone, as she becomes the first U14 female player from the Kerry Schoolboys and Girls League to represent Ireland. This remarkable achievement is a testament to her dedication, talent, and hard work both for club and county.

Everyone at Mastergeeha and throughout Kerry football is immensely proud of Shauna and wishes her continued success in the future.



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# BROSNAN SEALS THE DEAL FOR KERRY FC

**UCD AFC 0-1 Kerry FC**

By David Moriarty

Kerry FC were back on the road last Friday night for the first time since the game which concluded the first half of the season against Cobh Ramblers as they took on UCD AFC in Belfield.

The last time Kerry FC travelled to Belfield was the opening night of the 2026 season. An own goal from the hosts put the Kingdom in the lead before Carl Lennox and Ciaran Behan scored six minutes apart from each other to claim all three points.

When the side from the capital came down to Tralee, a Matthew Britton ninety-fifth minute equaliser made sure the points were shared in front of the Mounthawk faithful.

Kerry FC went into the fixture in high spirits off the back of last week's win at home against Athlone Town. The hosts also had a tremendous victory, beating Finn Harps in Ballybofey 5-0. A great crowd made the trip up to watch the Kingdom in action as they hoped to get even closer to the playoff positions.

**FIRST HALF**

Kerry FC got proceedings underway in Belfield and immediately settled into a competitive contest against a UCD AFC side eager to impose themselves on home turf.

The visitors thought they had made an early breakthrough in the thirteenth minute when Kerry found the back of the net. However, celebrations were cut short after a foul was called on UCD goalkeeper Dara Kavanagh, ensuring the game remained scoreless.

Both sides began to trade opportunities as the game opened up. In the eighteenth minute, Kerry were indebted to Jonas Häkkinen for a superb piece of defending. UCD created a dangerous opening inside the area, but Häkkinen produced an excellent last-ditch tackle to deny the hosts what looked to be a clear scoring chance.

Just a minute later, Kerry responded positively. Daniel Okwute showed great intent down the left side, cutting inside before striking towards goal, but his effort took a deflection and went behind for a corner. The resulting set-piece was dealt with by the UCD defence.

UCD continued to probe and, in the twenty-seventh minute, Hugh Smith forced Matthew Connor into an excellent save. The Kerry goalkeeper reacted brilliantly to keep the sides level and maintain the visitors' resistance.

Kerry then found the breakthrough in the thirty-fourth minute, and it arrived through a wonderfully worked move. Daniel Okwute was once again heavily involved, producing excellent work down the left flank before pulling the ball back into the danger area. Cian Brosnan arrived perfectly and finished low into the back of the net to send the travelling support into celebration. Brosnan was clattered by Sean Murphy immediately after getting his shot away, but Kerry had their deserved advantage. UCD almost responded instantly in the thirty-fifth minute with a great



*Cian Brosnan celebrates at the end.*

opportunity at the back post, but the hosts failed to convert. Three minutes later, Michael McCullagh tried his luck from outside the area, but his effort drifted narrowly wide of Matthew Connor's right-hand post. Kerry nearly doubled their lead in the forty-first minute. Goal scorer Cian Brosnan met a delivery with a header, but he was unable to generate enough power, and Dara Kavanagh gathered comfortably.

At the interval, Kerry FC took a deserved 1-0 lead into the dressing room after an energetic and disciplined first-half display.

**SECOND HALF**

The visitors began the second half with confidence and nearly created an early opening in the forty-ninth minute. Daniel Okwute struck well from distance, but his effort took a deflection and was gathered comfortably by Kavanagh.

Kerry continued to threaten moments later when Sean O'Connell delivered an excellent ball into the area. It found Cian Brosnan, but the pace on the cross combined with the difficult wet conditions caused the ball to skid away from him at the crucial moment.

In the fifty-seventh minute, Okwute again looked dangerous as his low strike flashed across the six-yard box. Cian Murphy attempted to get a touch, but could not make the necessary connection.

Kerry made their first change in the sixty-first minute as Robert Keane was introduced in place of Daniel Okwute.

As the second half progressed, UCD increased the pressure considerably, and Matthew Connor emerged as a key figure. In the sixty-fifth minute, he produced another excellent stop to deny Charles Akimrintoyo inside the area. Connor somehow surpassed that effort three minutes later. Akimrintoyo looked certain to score with an empty net in front of him, but the Kerry goalkeeper pulled off an astonishing save to preserve the lead.

UCD continued to push forward, while Kerry defended with tremendous commitment and organisation. Ciaran Behan entered the referee's notebook in the sixty-ninth minute, while Kerry weathered a sustained spell of pressure as every player contributed defensively.

Luke Palmer and Matt Britton were introduced in the seventy-sixth minute in place of Ryan Perez and goal scorer Cian Brosnan as Kerry looked to see out the contest.

Connor was called into action yet again in the seventy-eighth minute, producing another superb save to deny Eanna Clancy.

Kerry nearly wrapped up the points in the eighty-eighth minute when they broke quickly on the counter-attack, but they could not capitalise on the opportunity. Cian Murphy was shown a yellow card a minute later as the tension rose heading into added time.

Four additional minutes were signalled, but Kerry stood firm to secure a huge victory in Belfield.

The final whistle sparked celebrations among the players and travelling supporters as Kerry FC earned a deserved and hard-fought 1-0 win in the capital. Kerry FC now look to make it three from three as they welcome Longford Town to Mounthawk Park next week.

UCD AFC Team: Dara Kavanagh; Sean Murphy, Eanna Clancy (C), Carl Lennox, Adam Wells, Michael McCullagh, Louis Dignam, Hugh Smith, Killian Cailloce, Thomas Morley, Luke O'Regan.

Subs Used: Michael Raggett, Ciaran Behan, Charles Akimrintoyo, Goodness Ogbonna, Stephen Mohan.

Kerry FC Team: Matthew Connor; Sean O'Connell, Cian Murphy, Daniel Okwute, Jonas Häkkinen, Cian Brosnan (GOAL '34), Samuel Aladesanusi, Ryan Perez, Vince Borden, Niall Brookwell (C), Ewan Lee.

Subs Used: Matthew Britton, Luke Palmer, Robert Keane.

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**COUNTY LEAGUE DIV3**

Our seniors travelled to a very scenic Castlegregory on Sunday but unfortunately didn't get the result they were looking for. Fossa started well with scores from Ted O'Gorman and Harry Kelly but Castlegregory hit the front after ten minutes and led from there to the finish. They had the aid of a strong wind in the first half and really made it count, scoring 1-6 without reply in a five minute spell, a two pointer from Tadhg O'Shea and a Harry Kelly point kept the scoreboard ticking for Fossa but they trailed 1-15 to 0-6 at the break.

The hard working Harry Kelly kicked a fine two pointer on the resumption, this was followed by a Jack Clifford score and two excellent scores from Tadhg O'Shea to cut the deficit to five points after ten minutes. Castlegregory settled and got a crucial second goal in the 15th minute, Fossa to be fair never gave up the chase, Shane O'Sullivan pulled off a brilliant save from a penalty kick and they kicked a brace of excellent scores from Harry Kelly and Tadhg O'Shea but couldn't bridge the gap and the home side ran out winners on a score of 2-23 to 0-21.

Team; Shane O'Sullivan, Jack Hallissey, Paddy Sheehan, Brian Myers, Kieran O'Sullivan, Sam Buckley (Capt), Fionn Doyle, Matt Rennie, Darren Ryan, Tadhg O'Shea 0-12, Ted O'Gorman 0-1, Harry Buckley, Dan O'Keefe, Harry Kelly 0-6, Cian O'Shea, Michael O'Dwyer, Anthony O'Keefe, Jack Clifford 0-2, Eoin Talbot, Fintan Coffey, David Butler.

**LEGION GAA**

**MUNSTER CHAMPION**

Well done to Fionn Culloty who won the Munster title in the U 15 1500M Athletics.

**BIRTHDAY GREETING**

Everyone at the club wishes Tom o Connor a very happy "special" birthday

**LOTTO**

Lotto Numbers: 2,13,14,25. Bonus 28. Match 3s/lucky dips: Sean Hegarty, Bernard Dowling, Anne Mangan

**U8 GO GAMES**

A great day was had last Sunday as we entertained John Mitchels at Johnny Culloty Park in 3 very enjoyable U8 Go games. Thanks to John Mitchels for travelling and participating in a fun day of football

**U 16 BOYS COUNTY LEAGUE**

**Killarney Legion 0-14 Kilcummin 2-8**

In Div 1A Our U16 Boys opened their County League campaign this evening against neighbours Kilcummin in very wet conditions in Johnny Culloty Park. We started the game well and scored the first 2 points. Kilcummin then hit a purple patch and scored 2-3 without reply. The



Kerry team players Gearoid Evans and Dara Hogan with the All Ireland Under 20 Clarke Cup and Munster Under 20 Noel Walsh Cup visit the pupils of Kiltallagh National School Castlemain on Thursday.

Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

lads fought very hard for the remainder of the half and by the interval narrowed the gap to 2 points with Kilcummin leading 2-4 to 0-8.

The boys continued to play well through the second half and hit the lead with a few minutes to go. Kilcummin drew level. We had one last chance but couldn't get a shot away to win the game.

Thanks to Kilcummin for a great game and to Padraig O'Sullivan for great officiating.

Unfortunately during the first half our midfielder Kieran Moloney suffered a shoulder injury. Everyone in the team and club wish Kieran well and hope he makes a swift recovery

**U 13 BOYS**

Our u13 boys played their second game in the u13 East Kerry League this evening against Glenflesk.

Glenflesk missing a few of their regulars took to the field against the boys in White and Green. With the aid of a strong breeze Legion took the lead and produced good scores to lead at the half time whistle

Glenflesk looked lively at the start of the second half and with the breeze helped them to some good scores from distance.

Our lads kept up the scores at the other end also with several players getting on the score sheet. When Mike Morrissey blew the final whistle legion had the win.

Thanks to Glenflesk for coming in to play in Legion in a good spirited game. Thanks to referee Mike Morrissey for officiating on the evening doing an excellent job.

The team looked great in their new set of jerseys proudly displaying the name "DOSA CONSULTING ENGINEERING" on the front. Team coach Liam O Toole is a Director in the engineering firm based in Ballincollig Co. Cork

**SENIOR DIV6**

**Senior B's Claim Dramatic One-Point Victory Killarney Legion 2-13 Firies 2-12**

A thrilling finish saw our Senior B's edge out Firies by the narrowest of margins in a fantastic contest.

Trailing in the closing stages, a last-minute goal from our minor Darragh Moynihan brought Legion right back into the game before fellow minor Finan Blackwell kept his composure to

slot over the winning free deep into injury time. A brilliant team performance and great character shown from start to finish. Congratulations to all involved on a well-deserved victory.

**SENIOR DIB 1**

A hard fought battle last Friday evening saw our Div 1 side come away with another county league point to leave us at the top end of the standings with one game to go. Great credit to team and management on a solid season so far

**EAST KERRY**

**U14 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP**

Eoghan Riadh 2-14 Tralee District 2-12  
East Kerry 1-14 Castleisland 2-07

**EAST KERRY JUNIOR LEAGUES 2026**

Tuesday 30th June at 7:30pm

**Division 1**

Firies V Glenflesk, Legion V Dr. Crokes, Rathmore bye

**Division 2**

Listry V Currow, Gneeveguilla V Kilcummin

**GARDA PRIMARY SCHOOL BLITZ**

The blitz started with a parade which saw the twenty one schools moving around the pitch with the U20 Clarke Cup and Andy Merrigan Cup on display. It is remarkable to think that over 4,000 players have participated over the 22 year period of the Garda Blitz. The standard of football was superb great credit due to teachers and club volunteers for training the boys and girls to such high standards. Eddie Walsh deserves massive praise for working with all local stakeholders to run such a brilliant event. St Johns NS Kenmare team won the final defeating a spirited Scoil Mhuire team. Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC linked in with St Brendans College TY students to provide referee support on the day. Der Brosnan (Fitzgerald Stadium) gave great access to the ground to all players and supporters during the day. Players have gained memories for ever. Roll on 2027.

**EAST KERRY CUL CAMP COACHES WORKSHOP**

Gneeveguilla Academy was busy last Saturday with East Kerry Cul Camp Coaches Workshop taking place at the excellent venue. Sixty boys and girls were trained by coaches in advance of

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**BROKERS**  
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the East Kerry Cul Camp programme starting in club grounds. It was great to see the players and coaches working together on a sunny day giving great practical experience to all coaches on the day. Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC linked in with Gneeveguilla club to run the event with the host club presented with Cul Camp Club pack on the day. It was a great chance for the large number of club coaches present to gain some practical tips at the session.

## DR CROKES

### SFL DIV. 1

#### Dr. Crokes 3:14 Kilcummin 2:13

We had a good win away to Kilcummin after an entertaining and high-scoring County League encounter. The home side made the brighter start and led by 0-2 to 0-1 after 4 minutes. We quickly settled and began to find our rhythm. Scores were hard earned throughout the opening half but well-taken Chris Doncel goal before the break kept us within touching distance. HT Dr. Crokes 1:09 Kilcummin 2:10. Kilcummin responded strongly after the break and created a goal chance early on, but an excellent save from Bryan O'Shea denied them a major boost. We then made the most of their opportunities, with Ben Kelliher finding the net and Michael Burns continuing to contribute from both play and placed balls. Another goal from Michael Burns and a series of well-taken points kept the scoreboard moving in Crokes' favour. We finish our County League campaign at home to Beaufort.

### U13'S

U13's have had a busy few weeks playing 4 games in the East Kerry league and also playing a tournament in Kilmurrybrickan in Clare. In our first game we travelled to Sneem to take on Na Fianna and came away with a great win on a shoreline of 5:16 to 3:07. Playing with the aid of the breeze in the first half we opened very well with Danny Dowling and Mark Clifford dominant at midfield, Dowling got 2 goals in a 5-minute spell while goals from Daniel Moloney and Luke McMahon had us leading at half time by 4:08 to 5 points. Na Fianna got more into it in the second half and got within 7 points of us with 15 minutes to go, but we finished very strong with John Byrne and Mark O'Leary adding

## TG4 ALL-IRELAND SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTER-FINAL DRAW

By John Fallon

The draw has been made for the quarter-finals of the TG4 All-Ireland senior championship.

Reigning All-Ireland champions Dublin will host Cork in the last four with the winners of that clash going on to meet whichever side emerges from the clash of Kerry and last year's runners-up Meath in the semi-finals.

On the other side of the draw, Galway will have home advantage against Connacht neighbours Mayo, while Armagh will host Kildare.

The quarter-finals, which will be shown live on TG4, will take place on the weekend of July 4-5, while the semi-finals of the TG4

All-Ireland championship will be held on Saturday, July 18.

TG4 All-Ireland senior championship quarter-finals (first name team has home advantage)

1. Dublin v Cork
2. Kerry v Meath
3. Galway v Mayo
4. Armagh v Kildare

TG4 All-Ireland senior championship semi-finals

Dublin/Cork v Kerry/Meath

Galway/Mayo v Armagh/Kildare

3 points each and Eryk McGrath getting our fifth goal. At the back Tiarnan Kavanagh, Rob Young and Oran Barrett were keeping the home team at bay. Next up we played Spa in Crokes and after a disappointing first half where we trailed by 12 points on a score of 3:08 to 5 points, a spirited second half with 2 goals from Oran Barrett got us back level with 5 minutes to play, but Spa finished stronger to win by 3 points. We then played Fossa and had a very comprehensive win with Luke McMahon getting 2 goals and Mark Clifford also very prominent. Our last game was last Friday where we were beaten narrowly by 3 points by Listry. After a good start into the breeze Listry had a strong second quarter to lead by 3 at half time. We battled hard in second half but couldn't get on level terms. On the night Eryk McGrath was our best player while others to do well were Tiarnan Kavanagh, Ross Griffin, Mark Clifford and Tymur Misiura. Overall we had some great games and the boys have continued to improve from game to game. Next up is the Colm Cooper tournament on 12th September.

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### 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.

### ENGAGEMENT

Congratulations to Jordan Kiely and Danika O'Grady on their engagement.

### NOTES

If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please email communications. [drcrok.es.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:drcrok.es.kerry@gaa.ie)



Attendees pictured at the Kerry Mile in Memory Walk in aid of the charity FirstLight at Rossbeigh Beach, Glenbeigh, Co. Kerry. The walk participants included Andrew Mernagh, General Manager of FirstLight, Eimear Bery, founder of FirstLight, and Mary and Ger Kelly, founders of the fundraising event in memory of their daughter Zoë Anna. To date, Mary and Ger have raised over €30,000 for FirstLight. The charity is marking 50 years of providing professional counselling and support to bereaved families across Ireland. Photo: Tatyana McGough / FirstLight



The Kilcummin u11 team who were victorious in winning the shield at the Dylan Crowley Tournament. They had competitive group games against Glenflesk, Legion and Fossa. After defeating Listry in the semi final they then overcame Spa in the final by three points following a titanic battle. Well done to captain Shane O'Boyle and to Charlie Jay Kelliher on receiving the man of the match award in the final. A special thanks to the Crowley family and Gneeveguilla GAA club for the invitation to partake and for the fantastic day of football in glorious sunshine.

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## takes a look at all things sport...

### BLISTERING KERRY SEE OFF ARMAGH CHALLENGE

#### All Ireland Round Three Kerry 4-18 Armagh 1-17

I was not expecting that! I haven't made any secret of the fact that Armagh were the team I was most worried about this year. I know that there are plenty of big guns left in the pot, I don't want to be tempting fate here, but Armagh..... we could stay with them for pace, I considered us more accurate (or, more accurately, we are more efficient with scoring chances, including decision-making), but power? I couldn't see any team, including us, stay with Armagh's powerful running and crashing body tackles over seventy plus minutes.

Listen, Kerry were far, far better than I expected. We have smoothly lifted to a higher gear as the championship really hits its Amen Corner stage. The greatest knack that Jack O'Connor has as a manager -and he has proven time and again to have many strings to his bow - is his ability to time Kerry's run perfectly. It is a far more difficult thing than people realise - and God between us and all harm, but ye all know the same as I do that Kerry has plenty of doom merchants only waiting to pile on. Every year you hear a few people saying that Kerry's form is very patchy after a couple of National League games. Jaysus, some of ye would be hard up for topics of conversation.

Kerry were brilliant here, no question. And I certainly don't want to be kicking decent people when they are down, but I do have to say that the Armagh I was expecting never showed up. I suppose Thank God for that, says you.

Good early move by Armagh, and there's that pace moving it forward quickly. Joe McElroy with a chance, shoots for goal....wide. You can say he was unlucky. I'd say he was wrong to

be going for a very dodgy goal chance. Tap it over, take the certain point, put our opponents on the back foot straightaway. I thought it was a very poor choice to go for goal from that position.

Kerry's turn. Nice interplay between Mike Breen and David Clifford before Seán O'Brien neatly slips it off to Paul Geaney and over the bar.

Armagh are moving well, though, and Ross McQuillan opens their account. Andrew Murnin isn't far away with a two pointer free. Great hassling by Conor Turit to force a turnover. That's the kind of intensity I was expecting from Armagh. Oisín Conaty teed up Jason Duffy and Armagh were in front. Conaty added another, and should have added another shortly afterwards. Should have....those wides by Armagh were adding up. That's three that should have been put over.

That's not their only problem. This isn't me being wide after the event; Armagh were outplaying us at the time and well I knew it. But Armagh were winnin good ball, bringing it up in front of Kerry's defensive shield....and patiently passing it from side to side while probing for a weakness. Look, I'm a small bit sceptical about this modern terror of taking the ball into a tackle. Apparently every top coach out there thinks it's a mortal sin. Except that I've been saying it all along, my big fear of Armagh is that pace and power, that ability to simply drive past defenders and knock them back with their strength....and Armagh seemed almost afraid to do that.

Kerry, meanwhile, might have been a bit behind in the possession stakes early on, but they were more direct. A great ball into Paudie Clifford, and he turned and shot from outside the arc. Great skill....but it tailed narrowly wide. No harm, absolutely right to have a go.

Andrew Murnin won the kickout and there's the direct run I was looking for, with Diarmuid O'Connor forced to pull him down and Cian McConville converting the free. Nice burst of acceleration by Conaty, but it goes wide again.

One of the best forwards in the country, but he's just off form today.

Another direct ball in by Kerry, and this time it was Paul Geaney who turned and shot in one fluid movement. It's also narrowly wide, but a great effort nonetheless.

And there we go. Graham O'Sullivan with a great kick into Dylan Geaney, and Dylan with the reverse pass to David. Tight angle, I thought he might have left himself with too much to do, but he had measured it perfectly and neatly poked it in. Just like that, it's 0-4 to 1-1 at the end of a first quarter where Armagh had been on top.

Jarly Óg Burns on the end of a good move at the other end, but somehow he managed to fist it wide. With respect, he's another Armagh player who isn't at his best today.

Seán O'Brien with a wide. He had a go because he thought advantage was being played, but in fact it timed out just as he kicked it, so the wide stood. No harm. Armagh were still coming, Ross McQuillan fisting over and Jason Duffy pointing after a well-worked team move. Armagh back in front by a point.

Great kick-out catch by Mark O'Shea, and it ended up with David Clifford slotting over. A second great catch by Mark, but this time the shot was wide. Cian Conville wide at the other end - there's a lot of narratives after the game, but a bit that's left out of most is that they would be very different if Armagh had brought their shooting boots.

The movement of the Geaney cousins had already been very impressive for Kerry. This time Dylan is on the end of a fast Kerry break to open his account. Kerry won the kickout and this time Dylan lofted over from outside the arc. Conor Turbitt slotted a handy free for Armagh. Despite my own feeling that a higher tempo would suit Armagh's strengths better, a patient build-up pays dividends for them as Oisín Conaty clipped over. One point game as the first half started drawing to a close.



Action from the Kerry V Armagh game at the weekend. Photos: Fitzgerald Stadium PR



Happy fans at the Kerry V Armagh game at the weekend. Photos: Fitzgerald Stadium PR

Joe O'Connor fouled on the arc. I don't know was there a lot in that, but Kerry will take it all day and Davd Clifford coolly raised an orange flag with the free. Kerry three ahead. I'd gladly take that into the break.

D'you know, I probably don't have the mentality of a Kerry footballer. The boys aren't settling for any three points, not with a gift horse staring at them after a visit to the orthodontist. Armagh opted to come attacking again, Ethan Rafferty coming out to provide an extra passing option (Rafferty is a great scorer in his own right). All that is fine; I have no objection to scoring ambition. But don't leave the door unlocked behind you....

Good defensive turnover by Kerry. The ball popped loose to Jason Foley, who had the intelligence to spot the opportunity and the skill to send a great long kick forward. David Clifford challenged for it, the ball spilled loose, and there was Paul Geaney to take a few steps just to align himself and then kick it into the empty net. He has scored a lot of goals for Kerry; most of them were harder than that.

#### Half-time Kerry 2-8 Armagh 0-8

That was a brutal five minutes for Armagh. A lot of people in the aftermath were talking about the similarity with that late goal they coughed up to Louth. Very different things, in my opinion. The Louth one was an unfortunate individual error. This one was a slight lapse in judgement. I was never a fan of keepers ranging outfield, and I certainly think it's a mistake with the new rules keeping players up. I will acknowledge that it has worked a few times for Donegal – I still think the risks far outweigh the advantages. I'd say a few Armagh supporters will agree with me.

But that wasn't where the game was won and lost. I felt that Armagh had actually been the better side for a lot of the first half, but hadn't been able to dominate midfield or put it on the scoreboard. I still reckoned that they could come out fast and hard, put Kerry on the back foot, and put pressure on Kerry.

Except that it was Kerry who came out looking the hungrier side. I know it's really hard now that the play is more open than the days of the blanket – it's still a cordon – to operate when facing a deficit. You have to take risks and experienced opponents can wait in the long grass and pick you off. But Armagh just couldn't

seem to rise to the challenge facing them. Did that surprise loss to Louth, a little bit of a freak if we are being honest, get into their heads a small bit? It looked it to me.

That's not taking away from Kerry, by the way. We were excellent.

Joe O'Connor teed up Dylan Geaney for the opening score of the second half. A foul on Paudie Clifford gave his brother a handy tap-over. David had another effort fall short, but made no mistake with his next chance. 2-11 to 0-8.

Conor Turbitt pointed for Armagh. It wasn't even a bump in the road. Back came Kerry, Dylan Geaney finding Joe O'Connor. This was as ambitious an effort as Joe McElroy's at the start of the game, but it's a very different choice when you are seven points up and in full control. I'd still be old-fashioned enough to still say take your point, but in fairness to Joe, he has more sense than to be listening to the likes of me. He jinked and rifled a stunning shot to the net. The exciting part of this contest was over; every Kerry and Armagh fan knew who was winning from here.

Dylan Geaney added another point. David fist-ed over, arguably it was an awkward but viable goal chance, but sure, a point was plenty in the circumstances. Long kick-pass into Paul Geaney, another great kick across by him, and David Clifford boomed over from outside the arc.

Oisín O'Neill with an Armagh free but Kerry were rampant now, with Jason Foley coming up from full back to fist over. Etah Rafferty nailed a two point free and Shane Murphy had to be sharp to deny Oisín Conaty after another good bit of acceleration by him. David Clifford went for goal at the other end – post and wide!

Graham O'Sullivan, whom I thought was one of Kerry's unsung heroes, got in on the scoring act.

Oisín Conaty, after a shaky enough first half, was looking very much like the forward we all know he can be now, and he swung over a two pointer.

David Clifford again. That ties him with Dean Rock as the third highest championship scorer in history. I pay little enough attention to such things. Without begrudging Dean Rock, his scores mostly came from frees. In David's time, Kerry have a lad named Seán O'Shea....and the

Kerry cheer as he came on off the subs bench should tell you all you need to know. Mind you, for most of Dean Rock's playing days, you had a back door, but you didn't have that truly appalling group stage nonsense, or two pointers.

Andrew Murnin with a two pointer. Great score, in fairness.

One last foray by Kerry. Keith Evans sized it up. I think, a bit like Joe earlier on, there was an idea of why not go for it? I think it was one of those shots you don't attempt if a game is right in the mixer, but when you are already home and hosed....it was an absolutely beautiful strike, with just enough backlift to dip over a flailing Ethan Rafferty and into the net. Nothing at all lucky, that was a fantastic bit of skill. In a way, it summed up the day for both Armagh and Kerry.

Kerry: Shane Murphy, Paul Murphy, Jason Foley (0-1), Dylan Casey, Brian Ó Beaglaoich, Mike Breen, Graham O'Sullivan (0-1), Mark O'Shea, Seán O'Brien, Joe O'Connor (1-0), Paudie Clifford, Diarmuid O'Connor, David Clifford (1-10, 2tp, 1tpf, 1f), Paul Geaney (1-1), Dylan Geaney (0-5, 1tp). Subs: Gavin White (for Brian Ó Beaglaoich, 51 mins), Seán O'Shea (for Paul Geaney, 53 mins), Keith Evans 1-0 (for Seán O'Brien, 54 mins), Evan Looney (for Paul Murphy, 60 mins), Tony Brosnan (for Mark O'Shea, 60 mins), Armin Heinrich (for Dylan Casey, 64' mins).

Armagh: Ethan Rafferty (0-2, 1tpf), Peter McGrane, Aaron McKay, Gareth Murphy, Paddy Burns, Tiernan Kelly, Jarly Óg Burns, Andrew Murnin (0-2, 1tpf), Joe McElroy, Cian McConville (0-1, 1f), Darragh McMullen, Ross McQuillan (0-4), Conor Turbitt (0-2, 1f), Jason Duffy (0-2), Oisín Conaty (0-4, 1tp). Subs: Oisín O'Neill (for Jarly Óg Burns, 46 mins), Tomas McCormack (for Joe McElroy, 46 mins), Callum O'Neill (for Cian McConville, 52 mins), Rory Grugan (for Aaron McKay, 60 mins), Greg McCabe (for Conor Turbitt, 64 mins)

Referee: David McColdrick (Meath).

#### Mayo 0-22 Meath 2-13

It looked so good for Meath early on. Jordan Morris got them off the mark straightaway and almost followed with a two pointer. Ryan O'Donoghue levelled but Meath got the

next four scores from four different scorers. For decades Mayo had great players but not enough scoring forwards – I wonder if it's a little bit the other way around now. Kobe McDonald pointed but Ciarán Caulfield's goal put Mayo 1-4 to 0-2 ahead. Bryan Menton and Morris stretched the lead. McDonald (seriously, can we just give him the Young Footballer of the Year Award now and save on the postage to Australia?) notched his second, but Seán Brennan struck for Meath's second goal. 2-7 to 0-3 and a mountain for Mayo to climb. They rallied well, though, and got it back to 2-8 to 0-7 by half-time.

The second half started off tight enough, three points each, but a red card for Meath's Ronan Jones got a straight red card (look, no controversy. No intent, but a rhino could have put in a subtler tackle). We know from our own experience how hard it is for a team a man down in the modern game, and sure enough the tide started to turn straightaway. Jordan Flynn's second two pointer and points from Ryan O'Donoghue and Tommy Conroy levelled matters. Jack O'Connor put Meath back in front and Caulfield was denied a second goal by a good save, but Mayo had taken the reins now and it was one way traffic from there, Jack Carney, Ryan O'Donoghue, and Kobe McDonald closing it out.

## Monaghan 1-28 Westmeath 2-19

There are some amount of scores being put up in games nowadays. I don't want to hark on about the new rules (can we still call them 'new') but I love it. 2-19 would have won a huge amount of games over the years, but it wasn't enough for a Westmeath team who have done themselves very proud this year. Monaghan....I'd still consider them dark horses, to be honest about it, but that's a good footballing side. Ulster really is the dogfight province, and all the better for it. Rory Beggan is some weapon, three two pointers in the first half. Matthew Whittaker and Brandon Kelly goaled for Westmeath as the lead seesawed constantly between two good teams. A draw at half-time, 0-15 to 2-9, was a fair reflection.

It was still tight early on in the second half, with Monaghan leaving a good goal chance behind them, but Monaghan gradually began to pull away. Jack McCarron's goal and a string of points had their lead out to eight points and, while Westmeath never gave up and picked off some good two pointers to keep them in it, Monaghan were never really in danger after that.

## Dublin 2-26 Donegal 2-22

I could pull out some sort of metaphor about old aristocracy versus nouveau riche or something like that, but why bother? Dublin were the greatest power the game has ever seen, but the key word is 'were'. Donegal, meanwhile, have been knocking hard on the door. Bit of a strange year for them (about to get an awful lot stranger, although I didn't realise it at the time). Hammer All Ireland champions Kerry twice, but lose to Down, Cork, and a Dublin side that had laboured so far this year? Which Donegal was going to show up? For that matter, which



Dublin?

I'd say both showed up, even though I wouldn't say the football was of the highest quality. Had Donegal burned too brightly too fast in the National League? I don't know; there's a tendency to look for simple explanations after defeats like this when most often it's a multiplicity of factors. One of which simply has to be that Dublin were very good. Much like the powerhouse of old. Colm Basquel settled back in as though he had never been away. I thought Paddy Small had his best game in a long time, maybe a bit more sledgehammer than scalpel about his approach, nothing at all wrong with that.

It was 0-4 apiece early on, but Shea Malone punished a careless turnover by Dublin with a goal that helped push Donegal five clear. Dublin gradually reeled it in and when Paddy Small intercepted a kick-out to tee up Con O'Callaghan, it was Dublin's turn for a goal to nudge them in front, 1-8 to 1-7. Just before the half-time whistle Peadar Mogan struck for Donegal's second goal.

Donegal had the second half wind, a two point lead against a team who have been poor at scoring outside the arc, and had Ryan McHugh and Oisín Gallen coming off the bench. It looked ominous for Dublin – but for the first real time this year, Dublin had some of the old steel back. McHugh made it a three point game with practically his first touch, but Kilkenny, Costello, and O'Callaghan replied with the assurance of old. When O'Callaghan fed Paddy Small for a goal and Lee Ganon popped over a point, Dublin were three clear with minutes left. But Donegal, in fairness, have never lacked for resilience. Michael Langan pulled one back and when Dublin were penalised for an illegal pick-up (generous enough call), the ball was brought forward and Michael Murphy nailed the two pointer. He isn't as great as he was (I've said it before – best footballer of a generation, but it isn't this generation) but you always knew he would score that one.

Skirmish. Schmozzle. Upscuttling. Handbags. The late and great Weeshie Fogarty had a lot of phrases to describe what happened next. I'll be

less delicate, a bunch of idiot poseurs on both sides. Pushing and shoving with half an eye on the cameras. Look at me, I'm fierce tough. Clowns. Not a single punch thrown, of course, these fools were only showboating. I've no time for it. And the officials who got involved? I don't care if you were trying to start or finish it, you had no business being there. Take a twelve week holiday and consider taking early retirement from the game.

Extra-time. Two black cards on either side. At one point a commentator actually said "That's the first yellow card of the game, if you don't count the black cards". Sure. And Donegal were the best team in Ireland – if you don't count the scoreboard.

I was wondering if Dublin had missed their chance to take out a big gun. Like I say, though, the old steel is back. They slotted five points on the trot, three from Niall Guiden, and Charlie McMorrow hit the post with a goal chance. Donegal got a two pointer to leave three between them at the short brea, but Dublin stayed composed despite the loss of O'Callaghan and saw it out. Any team thinking that Donegal out makes the road ahead easier had better consider the fact that this was the old Dublin. Not quite panache, definitely no swagger, but a confidence in each other.

## ALL IRELAND QUARTER-FINALS

### Kerry v Tyrone

There's an unwritten law in Kerry that you have to talk the poor mouth. God, we are struggling. We'll have to call up the U20 team, maybe even make fake birth certs for a few of the minors. I heard one of the team that started against Armagh is getting married on the Saturday. The rest of the team are going to the wedding. If they are able – I'm not hearing good things on the medical side, either. I was talking to Jack only this morning, and he refused to confirm or deny anything, but he asked me to bring a pair

of boots just in case.

Actually, something similar did happen to Rathmore's DJ Crowley. He went as a spectator to watch Kerry in the Whit Sunday Tournament, having starred for the gardaí in a competition the day before. He was asked to line out because Kerry players were delayed on the way, had a stormer....and became one of the greatest players of a great generation.

Look, I'll play no poor mouth. Tyrone are a very good side, and you'd have to worry about a team with the Canavans; Darren McCurry, and especially Eoin McElholm. But the truth is that I was more worried about Armagh. And while I do think Armagh made mistakes and made it harder for themselves, I thought Kerry were hugely impressive. That's with the likes of Gavin White, Seán O'Shea, Tony Brosnan, Keith Evans, and Armin Heinrich coming off the bench? Heading to Croke Park? Look, I know I'm tempting fate, I know this could well rebound on me in a bad way, but I'll tell the truth for once (I know – caught ye by surprise thee, didn't I?). I fancy us to win this one. I'm not counting any unhatched chicken, but you have to admit that's a very impressive bunch of eggs.

### Dublin v Galway

Dublin were their old selves against Donegal. Now they are coming up against a Galway side who have been quietly but very clearly showing the form of very real contenders. McDaid, Conroy, Hernon, Finnerty, Damien Comer Walsh, Tierney....they have been the nearly team for the past five years. Dublin, after a few blips in form, are back and looking more like themselves. But for me, that was a hard, gruelling game against Donegal. Maybe a bit more stamina and slog than craftsmanship. O'Callaghan coming off injured....look, I think the 'King Con' sobriquet is a lot less witty than people think, but this is a serious talent. If he isn't fully fit, Dublin just aren't the same team. And seven days recovery....look, Jim McGuinness mentioned the difficulties in keeping players energised in the extremely tough schedule. Jim wasn't poor-mouthing in any way; I think he made a very fair point. I think Dulin will run out of steam before Galway and I think the Tribesmen have better distance scorers.

### Mayo v Louth

Look, I'm genuinely delighted for Louth. That's a county that is always battling uphill and they earned their place the hard way. They aren't any flash in the pan; they have been contending with the top teams for the past while. That said, I do think that their last win owed more to a lapse by Armagh than excellence by Louth. Sam Mulroy is no longer expected to plough a relatively lone furrow and Louth play a lovely brand of football. They are also flying fit, and nowadays that's an absolute requirement. But Monaghan can very much say the same. They put up 1-28 against Westmeath. I know they conceded a lot as well, but a fair chunk of that

was when the game was drawing to a close. Jack McCarron must surely be a lock for an All Star and I suspect that he will enhance his reputation further against Louth.

### Cork v Mayo

I do feel that Louth got a little bit lucky against Armagh. I don't remotely feel the same way about Cork's win over Donegal. It was the Ulster side who came in with the National League title and a second demolition of Kerry in a matter of months, and this time in their own backyard. Except that Donegal brought their reputation and their hopes to Ballybofey....Cork brought all the football. Cork were superb. Now, once again they needed the talismanic Steven Sherlock and those orange flag monsters – another lad who should be in All Star conversations.

That's the thing for me. Cork have some great footballers, but not enough scorers. Put a prime Brian Hurley into that mix and I'd be afraid of them. Sanley is a great man-marker, Meehan a playmaker. Fahy, Walsh, and especially Brian O'Driscoll can all come up and take a score. Ian Maguire and a returned Colm O'Callaghan is as formidable a midfield pairing as is out there. Mark Cronin is rock solid on the frees. But he, and speedster Chris Óg Jones, simply don't score enough. I think Donegal left the door open a little bit too much and Sherlock's accuracy turned the tide too quickly for Donegal to react.

Mayo have more attacking options. Will Sherlock outscore Ryan O'Donoghue? I doubt it. Kobe McDonald is good for 0-4 in every game. Jordan Flynn, Conor Loftus, a flying Enda Hession, Jack Carney....Mayo's weakness so far has been a little looseness at the back, but (and I wouldn't mind being wrong at all, a strong Cork is good for Kerry in the same way that the Ulster teams drive each other on) I think that Cork don't have enough of a scoring spread to exploit it.

## DALATA U20 TEAM OF THE YEAR

All Ireland Champions Kerry can be well pleased with themselves after the selection of the U20 Team of the Year. Gearóid White is the U20 Footballer of the Year (practically unanimous I expect), while he, Gearóid Evans, Aodhna Ó Beaglaóich, Evan Boyle, Daniel Kirby, and Tomás Kennedy all made the final team. Seven players out of fifteen wore the green and gold geansaí (I will say, to be honest, that the team of the year selections in GAA tend to attach too much weight to the final rather than a competition as a whole). In fact, the whole team of the year seems to have been selected from the semi-finals onwards. Obviously it suits us this year, but I'd be a small bit sceptical in general.

## SUPER KERRY SEE OFF DERRY TO REACH ALL

## IRELAND SEMI-FINAL

### Camogie Intermediate Championship

#### Group One Round Three Kerry 2-16 Derry 0-8

Both sides were already certain of a quarter-final berth with one semi-final spot up for grabs before a ball was thrown in on a sun-drenched Lixnaw itch, and it didn't take long for Kerry to demonstrate why it would be the home side who would be first to stake that semi-final spot. This was Kerry at their very best. In fact, if it wasn't for some missed chances in the first quarter, they could have been out of sight by half-time.

Jackie Horgan clipped over Kerry's first point. Danielle O'Leary turned over the short puck-out, a tactic that was to cost Derry dearly throughout. In fact, Kerry's tackling and turnover rate was ferocious right from the start, something manager John Madden had been looking for. "We could not leave it again like we did above in Antrim. Once they came out today, they were flat out on it, like, and that's where we got a lot of our scores, the turnovers, that's where a lot of it came."

Derry's Carla Collins fired over two points of her own (1f) in reply. Collins is one of the best forwards at the grade, but on this occasion she had to give second best to an even better defender, with Sara Murphy giving a tremendous performance. John Madden wasn't surprised. "We knew Carla Collins would be a threat, tall, strong player, she has racked up a lot of scores at this stage, but we know Sara as well and we would trust her one on one with anyone and she came up trumps again today." Midway through the first half each side had only added a free to their tally, but Amy O'Sullivan cut loose with three great points on the trot. Carla Collins (f) and Cliodhna Ní Mhainain replied but Patrice Diggin from a free had the last word to have Kerry entering the dressing room leading by 1-6 to 0-5.

It was Derry's turn to shoot wides in the third quarter. In fact, it took twenty long minutes for their next score to arrive, and by then a sparkling Kerry had effectively wrapped up the win. Sharpshooter Patrice Diggin had four points (2f) and Aoife Behan came up for wing back for another. Kerry were in control around the field, especially in the full back and full forward lines. Carla Collins (2) and Emma Wilson did finally pick off some scores for Derry, but they had simply racked up far too many wides under pressure by then. The effervescent Amy O'Sullivan notched another two points, impressive sub Kate Lynch iced an already baked cake with a cracking goal, and Patrice Diggin finished off a comfortable and well-earned victory with the final two scores. Harder roads lie ahead, but on the strength of this display, Kerry can look forward with confidence.

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# A Word of Victory

*"Your Word is a Lamp to my feet and a Light to my path" (Psalm 119:105).*

Welcome back dear student, continuing from last week, I once saw a sign on a tiny mountain road with grass growing up the middle saying 'Do not follow Google Maps up here!' It made me laugh, for that was exactly where the app was leading me – up this impassable road into oblivion, where I'd probably have to be pulled out of a ditch by a tractor! Some short cuts should not be taken. I decided to pay attention to the knowledge of the person who took the time to erect that sign. These apps are wonderful, but they can also glitch. Years ago, we would buy huge paper roadmaps, and plot routes to take us to our desired destinations, now technology takes away the need to think. Just because there is a pathway ahead, it doesn't mean it's a safe or wise way to go though. Only experience teaches this. Explorers of old used compasses and other navigational instruments, including the wisdom and experience of those who were in the know. We follow landmarks and directional signs to find our way – Entrance; exit; one-way etc., but often people have no directional wisdom for their lives spiritually. As Annie sang in the movie, "it's a hard knock life" but it doesn't have to be! We don't have to navigate through life alone or be led solely by what AI technology says. God's Word has the answers, wisdom, and good counsel we need. It takes humility to accept God's help, and He might not go in the direction you think you should be going in! (Proverbs 16:9). That's what trust and faith is. And faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17).

Last Sunday, two Dad's from our church family shared the Word with us on Father's Day. It was enriching to hear their wisdom and experiences of walking with God, especially in relation to vision for the family's future, and the impact of their own relationship with the Lord Jesus. It's available to listen to on our Spotify podcast page. Oh, that we would see many fathers arise to mentor with vision. The apostle Paul said you have thousands of teachers, but not so many fathers who are willing to assume responsibility to lead you to Christ and teach you faith (1 Corinthians 4:15). In God's plan, the father has responsibility to teach and lead his children into faith (Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Psalm 78:2-6). Sometimes relationships are difficult between children and fathers, but God promises that He will turn their hearts back to each other (Malachi 4:6). This is what we need to see – restoration. So many idiotic and dangerous ideas are being pushed upon our younger generations by those outside the family unit, including lures into addictions and darkness. We need healthy fathers and mothers who will model integrity, character, and morality, to be godly influences – directing and grounding future generations into wholeness and peace. In a world obsessed with influencing, man of God - this topsy turvy world needs you! Your family and the generations yet to be born need your backbone to courageously lead with honour! Studies have shown how children will follow a father's footsteps, especially in faith. A solid foundation, rooted in the truth of God's Word makes for functioning families. Equally, bad attitudes, addictions, and strife can be passed down, which is why so many struggle: labelled with the 'like father, like son' sticker. But that's not God's plan friend. His Love and Power is healing and transformative, and His Holy Spirit is there to guide you and help you always (Romans 12). Come out from the dark and be the light the Lord God has anointed you to be!

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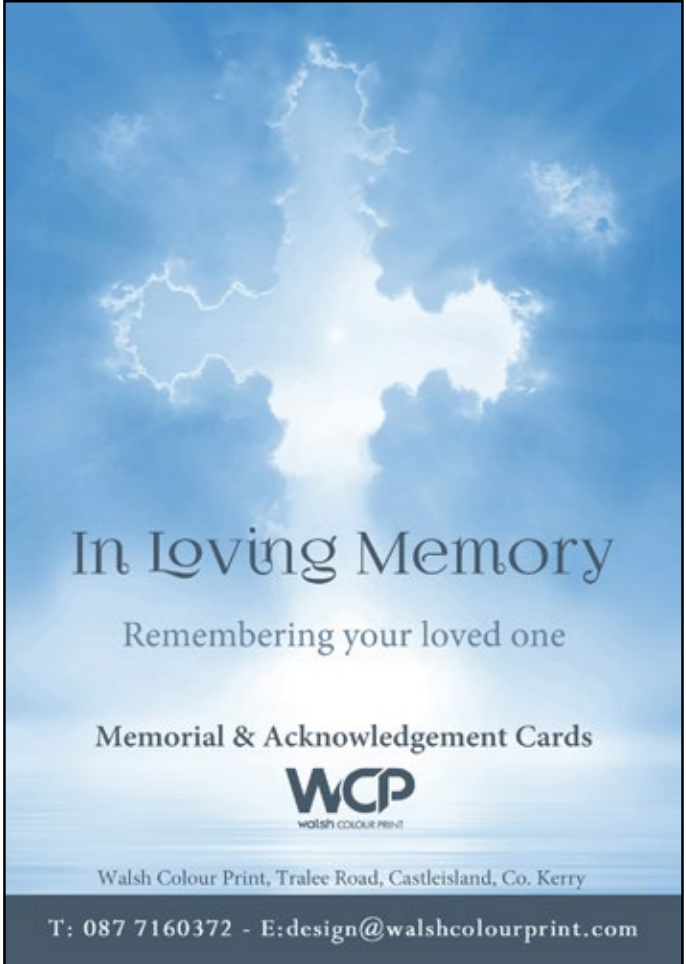
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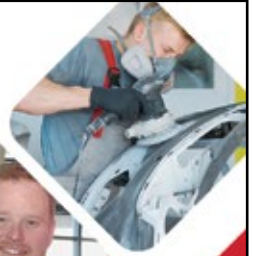
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