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ANAM hosted a captivating cultural heritage evening by Kerry Travellers Health and Community Development Project on Culture Night. The group are pictured with Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District, Cllr. Martin Grady. See pages 26 & 27. Photo: Niall Foley



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# A Note from the EDITOR



After a week basking in a glorious Indian Summer, we have lots for you to enjoy in this week's Killarney Outlook.

Pink Ribbon Day in aid of the Irish Cancer Society was launched and will take place on Friday 3rd October, the hard work of the Meitheal is paying off and we have before and after photos of an area worked on near Dundag and Kerry FC are putting on free busses for fans for their game against Shamrock Rovers.

Culture night was celebrated across the county with some fantastic performances taking place, Fossa Parish has marked the Season of Creation with the planting of a tree and the Kingdom Gospel Choir is returning to Killarney.

Kerry Stars Volunteers have been celebrated, Lee Strand makes a generous donation to local schools and a Killarney teenager has released his debut single.

The Killarney Order of Malta has been crowned National First Aid Champions, the Pittsburgh Steelers paid a visit to Killarney and there has been a call up for a local rower to the Irish Rowing Squad.

In sport, East Kerry were crowned Under 16 Champions, Killarney Aikido Club is celebrating 20 Years with a new beginners course and Jimmy takes a look at All Things Sport.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!



*Aisling Crosbie*



*A windfall of crab apples at Oak Field, Park Road captured by Johnny McGuire*



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# Pink Ribbon Day

## Launched in Killarney



Kathrina Breen and Eleanor Doherty pictured as Pink Ribbon Day is launched in Killarney this week.

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

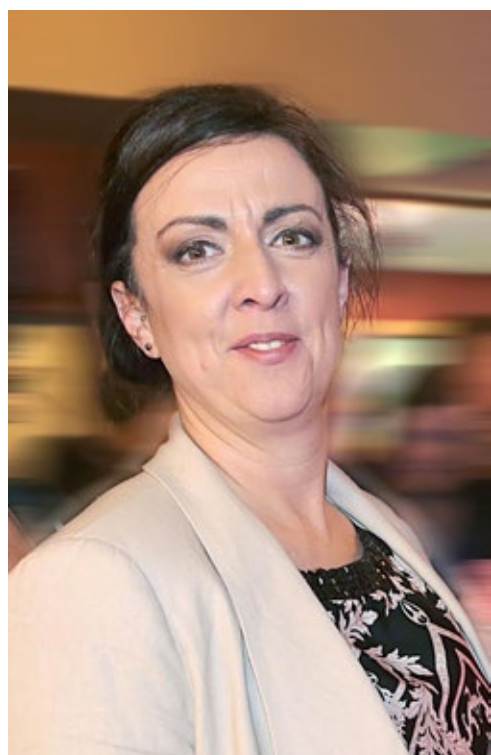
The launch took place this week, led by local committee members Katherine Breen and Eleanor Doherty, who are encouraging the people of Killarney and surrounding areas to give their support. A street collection has been organised for Friday, October 3rd, with funds raised going directly towards breast cancer research, patient care, and vital support services for those affected by the disease.

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

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

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

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



*Forever loved and missed....*

## Killarney Mourns the Passing of Catherine

The community of Killarney and beyond is mourning the passing of Catherine Doolan, who passed away peacefully on September 21st, 2025, surrounded by her loving family and in the exceptional care of the Palliative Care Unit at University Hospital Kerry.

Predeceased by her beloved partner, Tommy Sheehan, and her father, Donie Doolan, Catherine will be remembered with great love and affection by her daughter Kelly, her mother Debbie, brother Timmy, sister Marie, sisters-in-law Nuala and Margaret, brothers-in-law Joe and Timmy, and Nana Sheehan. She will also be deeply missed by her nephews Derek, Tadhg and Darragh, nieces Debbie and Ciara, grandnephew Daithí, her uncles, aunts, relatives, a wide circle of friends, and her many colleagues in the hospitality sector.

A woman of warmth and kindness, Catherine made a lasting impact on all who knew her through her work in the hospitality industry both in Killarney and Ballyseedy. She will be fondly remembered as a devoted mother, daughter, sister, and friend.

Catherine's removal saw hundreds gather at Flynn's Funeral Home, Castlemaine on Tuesday evening.

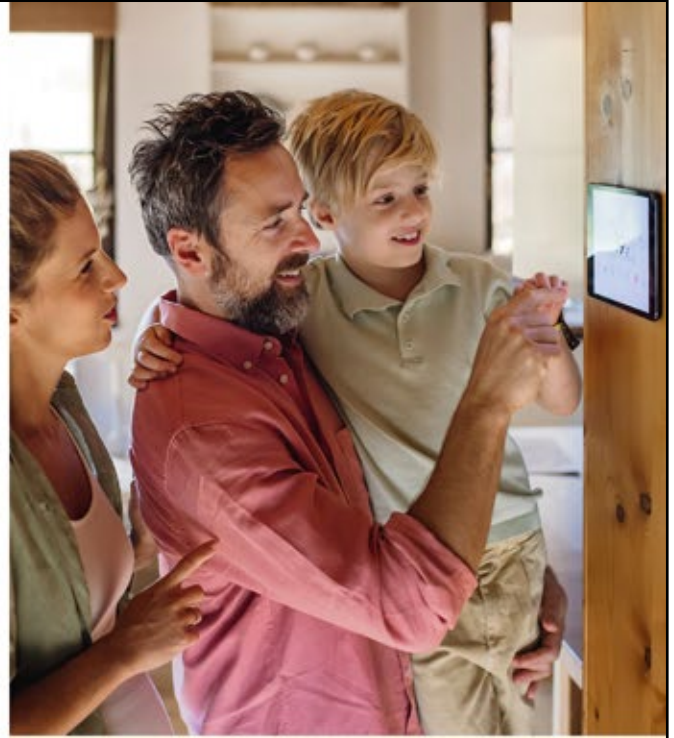
Following her funeral mass at St. Gobnait's Church, Keel on Wednesday, Catherine was buried in the adjoining cemetery. The family has requested family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made to Palliative Care.

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# Heartbeat Killarney

## Hosts Nutrition Talk with Expert Paula Duggan

The HeartBeat Killarney Kerry Cardiac Support Group is inviting the community to its next meeting on Tuesday, 30th September at 8pm in the Parish Centre, Church of the Resurrection, Park Road.

This month's session will feature guest speaker Paula Duggan, a nutritionist from Balance Nutrition, who will deliver an engaging talk on the Top 10 Tips for Good Nutrition. Paula will explore each tip in depth, offering practical advice on how to incorporate healthier choices into everyday routines.

Following the presentation, attendees will have the chance to take part in a Q&A session, followed by tea, coffee, and biscuits – a perfect opportunity to chat, connect, and share ideas in a relaxed setting.

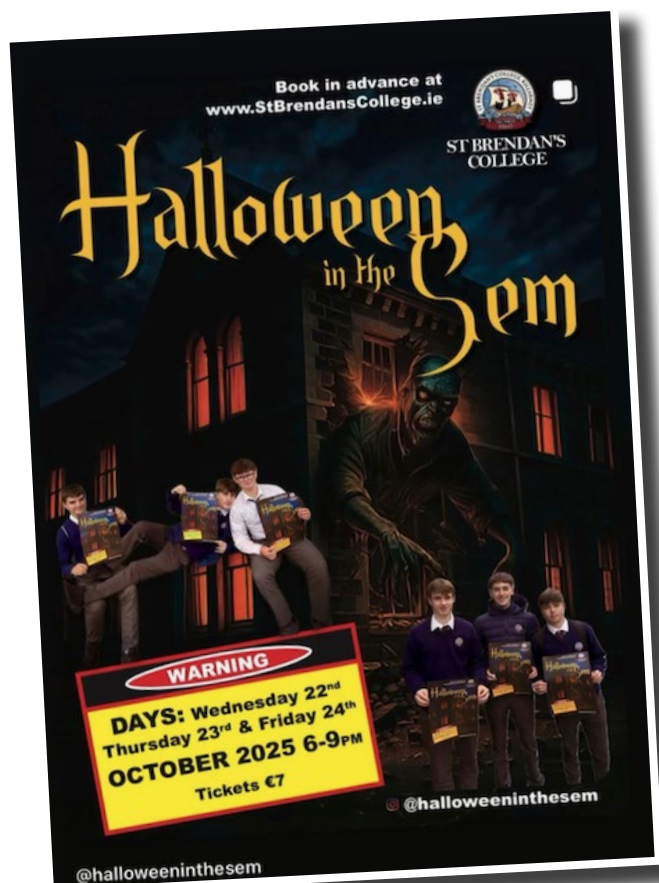
In addition, free recipe books will be available on the night (on a first come, first served basis), ensuring that participants leave with practical resources to support their journey towards healthier living.

HeartBeat Killarney Kerry emphasises that meetings are free to attend and open to all, offering an inclusive space for anyone interested in heart health and wellbeing.

For those looking to learn more about nutrition while enjoying a welcoming community atmosphere, this event promises to be both informative and inspiring.



## Spooky Season Arrives:



## St. Brendan's College Hosts

## HALLOWEEN IN THE SEM

Killarney is set to be spellbound this October as St. Brendan's College prepares to host its highly anticipated Halloween event, Halloween in the Sem. The three-night extravaganza will run from Wednesday, October 22nd to Friday, October 24th, 2025, between 6pm and 9pm each evening.

The event, organised by students and staff, promises to transform the historic school into a chilling spectacle filled with eerie surprises, spine-tingling entertainment, and plenty of seasonal fun. With its atmospheric grounds and Gothic backdrop, St. Brendan's provides the perfect setting for a night of fright.

Tickets, priced at just €7, are expected to sell quickly, with strong interest already building in the local community. Organisers encourage early booking online at [www.StBrendansCollege.ie](http://www.StBrendansCollege.ie) to avoid disappointment.

Students promoting the event say they are excited to welcome visitors to experience the unique Halloween atmosphere in the Sem. From creepy corridors to haunting figures lurking in the shadows, guests can look forward to an unforgettable seasonal celebration.

For more information and updates, follow @halloweeninthesem on Instagram.



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# PIG'S LANE *earns spot in global bar guide*

Pig's Lane in Killarney has become one of the first Irish venues to be recognised by The Pinnacle Guide – described as the “Michelin guide for bars.” The cocktail bar, part of the O'Donoghue Ring Collection, has been awarded a coveted 1 PIN status, placing it among just 61 bars worldwide named in the latest listings announced on 24 September. Ireland features in the guide for the first time this year.

Using a global rating system, The Pinnacle Guide awards 1 PIN for “excellent,” 2 PINS for “outstanding,” and 3 PINS for “exceptional” bars.

The honour follows a string of recent accolades for Pig's Lane, including Best Designed Bar of the Year at the 2025 Bar of the Year Awards, where it also took bronze in the Cocktail Bar category.

Opened in October 2023 as Killarney's first subterranean cocktail bar, Pig's Lane has gained attention for its creative cocktails, curated wine list, and hidden whiskey parlour, alongside live music and events.

Managing director Gemma Ring said: “To be recognised alongside such incredible bars around the world is incredibly inspiring. This achievement is a celebration of our entire team.”

Pig's Lane takes its name from the historic laneway that once ran from College Street to Railway Road in the early 1800s.



## What a Difference the Meitheal Makes

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Before-and-after photographs highlight the remarkable transformation carried out by Mountain Meitheal volunteers in a section of woodland near Dundag Bay.

The group will soon return to Killarney National Park to continue their crucial battle against the invasive *Rhododendron ponticum*. Their first outing of the new season is scheduled for Sunday, October 5th, beginning at 9:00am, with volunteers gathering at the Dundag car park.

This session will focus on clearing rhododendron plants, a vital step in giving native woodland the chance to recover and regenerate naturally. Left unchecked, the invasive shrub overwhelms the landscape, suppressing biodiversity and threatening the survival of native trees and plants. Organisers are calling for as many volunteers as possible, stressing that every extra pair of hands makes a real difference in slowing the spread of rhododendron and restoring balance to the park's ecosystem.

For those unable to join on Sunday October 5th, you can do so on Tuesday's mornings at the same location.



Before and after work carried out by the Mountain Meitheal Volunteers. Photos: Peter O'Toole.



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# Tree planting marks Season of Creation



Bishop Ray Browne and Fr. Noel Spring, P.P., planted a Mountain Ash tree in The Peace Garden at the Prince of Peace Church, Fossa, on Sunday, marking the Peace with Creation Workshop as part of the celebration of the 'Season of Creation.'

The event brought parishioners together to reflect on the importance of caring for the environment and the tree planting symbolises growth, renewal, and a shared commitment to protecting God's creation.

Attendees were encouraged to engage with the themes of the workshop, exploring ways to live more sustainably and appreciate the natural world around them. The event also offered a moment of prayer in the beautiful surroundings of The Peace Garden.

Bishop Ray Browne and Fr. Noel Spring PP planting a Mountain Ash tree to mark the Peace with Creation Workshop to celebrate the 'Season of Creation' in The Peace Garden at the Prince of Peace Church, Fossa on Sunday.

Photo: Michelle Cooper Galvin

## Draft integrated urban strategy for Killarney open for final public consultation

Kerry County Council is in the final stages of preparing the heritage-led Integrated Urban Strategy for Killarney, developed as part of the THRIVE Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme. This comprehensive strategy examines both the development needs and the future potential of Killarney town centre, with a focus on its historic and cultural setting; improved connections; and enhancing the streets and spaces in the town centre.

As part of this process, a number of heritage buildings, streets and public spaces in the town centre have been identified as having significant potential for regeneration. These assets present valuable opportunities not only for adaptive reuse, but also for conservation, public realm improvements, and new uses that can reduce vacancy and dereliction while enhancing the overall vibrancy and appeal of the town centre. The Killarney THRIVE project is co-funded by the Government of Ireland and the European Union through the ERDF Southern, Eastern and Midland Regional Programme 2021-2027. Kerry County Council extends sincere thanks to all who have contributed to shaping the strategy through the public consultation process to-date. Speaking about the consultation, Jean Foley, Town Regeneration Officer with Kerry County Council said "This strategy represents an exciting time for Killarney. It builds on the town's rich heritage while setting out a vision for a more vibrant, inclusive, and resilient town centre. We're encouraging everyone in the community to share their views during this final phase of consultation. Your feedback will help ensure the strategy reflects the ambitions and needs of Killarney into the future."

The public consultation period is open until 4pm, 19th October 2025. The draft plan can be viewed at the following locations:

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



## TRALEE GETS A CAKE, BUT WHERE IS THE BREAD?



Colleagues from Cork who arrived recently to cover sittings in Tralee were appalled at the state of the Ashe Street courthouse and can't understand why the county courthouse has not been done up in Kerry as in every county in the country.

Then came the announcement - under a heritage scheme for town buildings which is part EU funded, the Ashe Memorial Hall is to get seven million euro.

I saw the press releases coming in from some of our four Government TDs and for a moment I was confused. The Tralee courthouse is in Ashe Street, so the confusion was understandable. At long last, I thought. But no! The millions are going to a museum rather than a working building. Thousands who are not in a good place - all courts are stressful - have to use the filthy embarrassingly decrepit place. I include the well paid barristers, solicitors and judges in their expensive shoes. As well as the hacks and others.

Is this where we are now in Kerry? I am reminded of the Jeanie Johnston. A 15 million euro Tralee historical recreation project from the Spring era, which had to be bailed out by the rate payers and tax payers all over Kerry. It is sitting forlornly now on a quayside in Dublin. Pa Daly TD (SF) was the only public

representative brave enough to speak out this time. If this kind of money is in play - and clearly it was the four other Kerry TDs, all part of the Government, who secured the money which represented close to a tenth of the total funding nationally - why couldn't they do something for the courthouse "an essential service", Pa asked? The historic courthouse building would have been eligible for the heritage funding - if put forward.

"It is incredible to me that when an opportunity has presented itself to purchase additional space to expand the existing court building it has been completely overlooked," Pa said of the refusal to buy the An Post site to expand the courthouse in Ashe Street.

It is good to see museums looked after but surely after necessary infrastructure affecting the daily lives of people is addressed. There has been no huge campaign about the Ashe Memorial Hall or huge distress about its condition. In fact I heard very little of any kind of distress other than it needs space for an expanded collection which is easily addressed by opening a museum in Killarney, for instance. In contrast, there is a twenty year campaign for a proper courthouse.

We seem to have a bunch of Marie Antoinettes in the Dail, removed from reality and deaf to the bread and butter courthouse. I was particularly disappointed to see the fussy welcome "under embargo" by Michael Cahill for the funding for a museum when the Tralee court is crying out and the courthouse in his own town of Killorglin was closed and has never been replaced. Killorglin court now sits in Cahersiveen.

When it comes to our TDs, "let them eat cake!" springs to mind.

### CABLE CAR ON MANGERTON BACK ON THE AGENDA AFTER 50 YEARS

A cable car for Mangerton is back on the agenda. The request to look at exploring cable cars is to be worked on by the council and by Failte Ireland after a motion put forward

by Independent councillor Charlie Farrelly of Castleisland.

Charlie told me he was inspired by a trip on the Dursley Island cable car this summer. From an economic as well as a tourist and environment point of view, a cable car makes sense, he said. In 1968 the OPW and Tourism agencies abandoned the cable car to the Devil's Punch Bowl after jarveys fearing the competition as well as An Taisce fearing for the wildness of the area opposed it.

The mile long Swiss style cable car to bring tourists up Mangerton got planning permission and the cost was to be 200,000 old pounds. The car would have needed 125,000 passengers a year to make it economically viable but would open up parts of Killarney not seen by many visitors, according to the proposal at the time.

"I believe as a tourist county and the capital of tourism we have some breathtaking locations to introduce a cable car," Charlie said.

Mangerton, Rossbeigh, Valentia Island and Ballybunion were suitable locations, he felt.

"It would be a huge attraction and money making venture and it would showcase the county.

He has asked that the studies and plans for Mangerton undertaken in the 1960s be looked at and reviewed.

The council has acknowledged the potential of the proposal and is to get support from Failte Ireland.

There is a new school of thought now which suggests cable cars could actually protect the environment and vulnerable landscapes while allowing them to be appreciated, Charlie said.

Thousands of walkers now visit Mangerton Mountain each year; the area is no longer remote, and the mountain along with other locations is suffering terrible erosion as a result of the number of walkers. Similar environmental damage is occurring on dunes in seaside areas such as Rossbeigh. Michael Cahill looked for a cable car ten years ago but got no hearing. There is a change in attitude now by the authorities.

### 2025 IS A MAST YEAR

It will be a busy time in the Muckross nurseries. If you go down to the woods in Killarney or anywhere in Europe this year you will be crunching acorns under foot along with hawthorn and even walnuts depending on where you are. Eamonn Meskeel of the NPWS has confirmed this is a mast year for the oak as well as other species - thousands of acorns are being collected to propagate in the nurseries in Muckross. It is "a massive mast" year for all fruits and seeds, Eamonn said.

"We will be harvesting many seeds again this year, Rowan, Ash, White thorn, Acorns, Hazel Alder, Birch, Yew etc etc," he said. The nursery at Muckross has the capacity to produce 60,000 seedlings now. All native seeds harvested from the park. It is a great achievement.

Mast is the collective word for what happens every five years or so - trees build up reserves to produce enormous quantities of seeds. Mast in this sense comes from the Old English "maest" and is related to most. As in the year with the most acorns. Trees do produce seeds every year of

course and these are eaten by squirrels, mice and in Killarney the deer and the sheep.

In mast years there are enormous quantities allowing the trees a chance to propagate. One large oak can drop 10,000 acorns. Traditionally herders would fatten their pigs on the abundance of acorns in a mast year. So if you go down to the woods these days, don't be surprised to see pigs fattening...





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# KERRY OLDER PEOPLE'S COUNCIL INFORMATION DAY 2025

Kerry Older People's Council, is delighted to host their Information Day/AGM 2025 at the Rose Hotel, Tralee, on Friday, 3rd October 2025 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Kerry Age Friendly Ambassador, Francis Brennan, will be in attendance on the day.

This year's theme is 'Showcasing the Kerry Older People's Council and Kerry Age Friendly Programme', to highlight the Age Friendly programme and benefits of being involved with the Kerry Older People's Council.

The Kerry Older People's Council is the voice of older people in Kerry and is a key part of the structure of the Kerry Age Friendly Programme. Through the Older People's Council in Kerry, people over the age of 55 exercise a strong, guiding influence on age friendly local development and policy making. The Kerry Age Friendly Programme asks us to imagine new ways in which service providers and other organisations can work together to deliver improvements in supports and services that not only benefit older people, but the community as a whole.

The Older People's Council and Age Friendly Kerry are working to ensure that all Kerry residents are active, connected, healthy, engaged, and happy in their environment. The aim of the Kerry Age Friendly Programme is to make Kerry a place where people can enjoy a good quality of life at all stages of life. The



Older People's Council brings the concerns and experiences of people aged 55+ to the work programme of Kerry Age Friendly Programme and Kerry County Council and other groups.

An invitation is extended to all people aged 55+ to attend the Kerry Older People's Council Information Day/AGM in the Rose Hotel, Tralee

on Friday, 3rd October 2025.

Information stands will be hosted at the event by supports and services for older people.

***This is a free event, however, registration is essential – to book your place please call the Kerry Age Friendly Office at 066-9796704.***

## Donncha Gets the Royal Treatment on His Birthday

Donncha Crowley celebrated his birthday in style recently as staff from Sheahan's Centra on Muckcross Road joined in the festivities to wish him well and help blow out the candles. A true all-rounder, Donncha enjoys playing hurlley on the green in Woodlawn Park, cycling, and is currently learning the piano. He is also a dab hand at Bingo in St. Mary's Parish Hall and excels at Sudoku and quizzes.

The birthday celebrations included Pat and Aisling Sheahan,

proprietors of Sheahan's Centra, while Donncha's brother John Crowley joined in from the back row, along with Anna, Mary, Magda, and Maria. It was a great day and well-deserved for Donncha on his special day.

Donncha Crowley celebrating his Birthday in style with staff from Sheahan's Centra on Muckcross Road. Front row with Donncha is Pat Sheahan and Aisling Sheahan, Proprietors. Back Row is John Crowley, Donnchas brother, also included is Anna, Mary, Magda and Maria.  
Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



## Keith Barry Brings New Tour to Killarney

Ireland's leading hypnotist and mentalist Keith Barry is set to return to Killarney with his brand-new live show, Keith Barry Unhinged – 25 Years Inside Your Minds.

Celebrating 25 years of mind-bending magic, hypnosis, and brainhacking, Barry promises his most unpredictable and hilarious performance yet. The show will take place at the Gleneagle Arena, Killarney, on January 17th, 2026.

Tickets, priced from €42.20, go on sale this Friday, September 26th at 9am

via Ticketmaster and usual outlets.

Barry, who has headlined in Las Vegas, starred on global TV shows including Ellen and Jimmy Kimmel Live, and appeared alongside Hollywood stars in Now You See Me, says fans can expect a mix of his greatest hits along with never-before-seen material.

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# The Kingdom Gospel Choir Returns to Killarney

After a two-year hiatus, the Kingdom Gospel Choir is set to return, this time on a monthly schedule, bringing uplifting music and community spirit back to the town.

Founded in 2019 by Caoimhe Lynch, the choir quickly became a cherished space where members could come "as they are" and enjoy an hour of singing every Friday. Under Caoimhe's direction, the choir flourished, offering a safe, welcoming environment for music lovers to relax and meet up after a busy week.

However, in 2023, Caoimhe made the difficult decision to pause the choir due to the demands of commuting weekly from Dublin, where she works to Killarney.

Throughout this time, the choir's impact remained vivid in the hearts of its members, who often spoke of the sense of community, friendship, and joy the group provided and it is because of this that Caoimhe has decided to revive the choir on a monthly basis. The first session will take place, tonight, Friday, September 26th at 7.30pm at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Rock Road, Killarney.



Caoimhe Lynch and the Kingdom Gospel Choir.

The choir welcomes everyone, regardless of singing experience or faith. Participants can simply come along with a smile and enjoy singing uplifting songs from a variety of genres. There is no long-term commitment, members

can join in the months that suit them.

For more information or to sign up, text Caoimhe on 0870669858, or message @thekingdomchoirs on Instagram.

## STREETSCAPES...

# Youthful reflections on Killarney's built environment

A colourful collaboration between Kerry Local Creative Youth Partnership (LCYP), and the Architecture Kerry festival at Kerry County Council was launched this week at College Square Killarney.

Streetscapes is a series of wall murals which depict the town of Killarney through the eyes of young artists who have explored their built environment and its potential to evolve. Created by two groups of children living in Killarney, the artworks explore freedom and play. Supported under the Creative Ireland Programme, the works will be on display until March 2026 and are located on the gable wall of Reens Life Pharmacy and the New Mayflower Takeaway in College Square.

Con Moynihan, Director of Schools, Youth & Music Kerry ETB, shared: "Streetscapes is a celebration of how children see things. Their creativity brings new perspectives to the town scape, and we are proud to support their voices through this public artwork."

"We are very grateful to Reens Life Pharmacy and New Mayflower Take Away who have shared their built spaces with us and our partners in South Kerry Development Partnership and artists from Me+The Moon whose dedication to our children shines through in the work", stated Deirdre Enright, Co-Ordinator of the Local Creative Youth Partnership at Kerry ETB. Noel Spillane, CEO of South Kerry Development



Young People at work on Streetscapes. Photo D Fortune.

Partnership, added: "Supporting children's creativity is central to building inclusive and vibrant communities. Streetscapes is a beautiful example of how art can empower younger and older people to express their connection to place and inspire others."

The project is part of the Kerry Architecture Festival and is funded by Creative Ireland and the Department of Education through Kerry ETB and Kerry County Council. Festival Organiser

and Architectural Conservation Officer, at Kerry County Council Victoria McCarthy noted: "It's always a big wow for us to meet the children and see their inspiring work and Streetscapes in its second year, remains a key feature of the Architecture Kerry programme".

For more information, see @meandthemoonworkshops and @kerrylcyp on Facebook and Instagram



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# Time to Celebrate Kerry Stars Volunteers



Volunteer Extraordinaire: Tom Tobin.



Elma Cremin receiving her award..

Kerry Stars is delighted to celebrate two exceptional volunteers who were recognised at the Special Olympics Ireland Volunteer Awards 2025. Tom Tobin was nominated for a Community Award, while Elma Cremin won the Youth Volunteer Award. Both have played an amazing role in supporting Kerry Stars athletes.

Tom's journey began at the 2003 Special Olympics World Games in Dublin. Inspired by the energy of the event, he became involved with the newly established Kerry Stars club. Starting with athletics and swimming, he quickly took on leadership roles, organising paperwork, forming a basketball team, and running the club's first major tournament in partnership with the Lions Club at Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre. Since then, he has overseen continuous competitions and collaborations with other Special Olympics clubs, and more recently has focused on developing a new multi-sports building, set to open next year with support from John Spillane, St Paul's Basketball Club, and Killarney Judo Club.

Elma Cremin began volunteering during Transition Year, inspired by her aunt Denise, and has since become a key figure in Kerry Stars athletics. She enjoys watching the athletes' progress and nurturing their skills. "The smiles on our athletes' faces after training are contagious," she says. "Kerry Stars is a warm, supportive community, and every volunteer, no matter the number of hours, makes a difference."

Both Tom and Elma highlight the unique community spirit that volunteering with Kerry Stars brings. Kerry Stars is always looking for new volunteers. Even an hour a week can make a huge difference. The new term began this week.

For more information contact: [Contact: kerrystars63@gmail.com](mailto:kerrystars63@gmail.com)

## WICKED WIZARD OF OZ A CIRQUE SPECTACULAR IS COMING TO KILLARNEY

After the record-breaking success of Peter Pan the Arena Spectacular, starring Jordan Conway and Boy George, and the ongoing success of Elf the Arena Spectacular, World's Biggest Productions bring a brand-new, thrilling cirque staging of Wicked Wizard of Oz, again starring dare-devil comedian, Jordan Conway, to **GLENEAGLE ARENA, KILLARNEY, from 2 to 4 JANUARY, 2026.** Conway, as the hilarious Scarecrow, teams up once more with costar Kelly Banlaki as Dorothy, with legendary panto funnyman Kev Orkian joining the company as The Wizard. They will be supported by a 30-strong company, including 15 world class cirque performers, comedy favourites, dancers,

singers and actors/ musicians. The principal cast is completed by Nathan Paul as the Tin Man, Tamara as the high wire walking Lion, Sam Fogell as Uncle Frank and Ebony Fear as the Witch. With breathtaking aerial stunts, amazing effects, dynamic CGI backdrops displayed on a giant 25 metre screen and with a 20-metre performance stage surrounded on three sides by the audience, spectacular cirque meets madcap panto in this immersive, fast-paced retelling of L Frank Baum's much loved tale, making it the must see show of the festive season.



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## A Night for Palestine Comes to Gleneagle Arena

A night of music, solidarity, and compassion is set to take place at Gleneagle Arena on Friday, December 19th, as some of Ireland's most celebrated musicians unite in support of Palestine.

The fundraising concert, A Night for Palestine, will feature AMBLE, with support from Beoga, Clare Sands, and West Kerry duo Lumiere. This exceptional line-up promises an unforgettable evening of live

music while raising vital funds for those in need.

All proceeds from the event will go directly to ACLAI Palestine, funding food parcel distribution for displaced families in Gaza. The evening aims to bring the local community together, using the power of music to foster hope, solidarity, and awareness for a pressing humanitarian cause.

Tickets for the event went on

sale on Wednesday, September 24th and can be purchased via [www.gleneaglearena.ie](http://www.gleneaglearena.ie) or [www.ticketmaster.ie](http://www.ticketmaster.ie)

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# Lee Strand presents €17,276 to Kerry Schools



Lee Strand welcomed principals, teachers, parents and pupils representing 34 primary schools in Kerry to collect a total of €17,276. Photo: Domnick Walsh

Lee Strand was delighted to welcome principals, teachers, parents and pupils representing 34 primary schools in Kerry to collect a total of €17,276. The Lee Strand 50% School Milk Cash Back Programme was launched in September 2023 and was a fantastic success. On average participating schools received €500, with the top earning school receiving €1,208. Gearoid Linnane, CEO Lee Strand stated "It is our goal in Lee Strand to see as many pupils as possible in Kerry, drinking fresh nutritious milk from local farms during the school day. The school milk programme is subsidised by the EU and the National Dairy Council provide complimentary fridges to all participating schools. We are delighted to present €17,276 cash to 34 schools in Kerry to spend as they wish during the school year. Registrations are now open for this year's programme contact Lee Strand on 066 7121084 for more details. This year all participating schools will be entered into a €500 draw and every pupil who registers for the school milk programme will receive a free Lee Strand pencil case. The thirty-four schools in the 2024/2025 Lee Strand 50% School Milk Cash Back Programme are: Ardferd NS; Ballincrossig NS; Ballyfinane NS; Blennerville NS; Scoil Naomh Chárthaigh; Brosna NS; Carrickerry NS; Clogher NS; Cullina NS; Faha NS; Fybough NS; Gaelscoil Aoghain; Gaelscoil Faithleann; Glenbeigh NS; Gneeveguilla NS; Holy Family NS; Kilcummin NS; Kiltallagh NS; Knockaderry NS; Lisselton NS; Murhur NS; O'Brennan NS; Scoil Bhreanainn; Scoil Chríost Rí; St Brendan's NS; St. Joseph NS; Knocknagree NS; Camp Community Childcare; Scoil Nuachabhail; Derryquay NS; Scoil Mhuire Killorglin; Kilgarvan NS; Knockaclarig NS and Scoil Iogniad Rís.

## Kerry House Prices Breach New Highs as Landlords Exit Market

The average price of a three-bed semi-detached house in Kerry has risen by 4% in the past three months, bringing the typical property to €372,500, according to the latest REA Average House Price Index.

In Killarney, values increased by 2.5%, with the average home now topping €405,000 for the first time. Tralee saw the strongest growth, with prices climbing 6.2% to €340,000, and houses selling in as little as five weeks on average.

The survey highlights a striking trend across the county, with over 40% of recent sales linked to landlords leaving the market. This follows the Government's extension of rent pressure zone legislation, which has triggered a wave of investor sell-offs. "There is a large increase in



landlords selling due to the change in recent rent pressure zones legislation," said Donal Culloty of REA Coyne and Culloty, Killarney.

The Index, which tracks the sale prices of standard three-bed semis nationwide, shows Kerry outperforming the national quarterly average rise of 1.6%.

## Killarney Welcomes Visitors from Twin Town of Pleinfeld

The Killarney Town Twinning Association this week welcomed a delegation from Pleinfeld, Bavaria, strengthening the long-standing ties between the two towns.

The group was led by Chairman Josef Meiling, and included both first-time visitors and familiar faces on return trips. Some were members of The Hummells, the Pleinfeld music group that took part in Killarney's 2024 St Patrick's Day Parade. The delegation also featured the Chairman of Pleinfeld FC, with hopes that a future exchange can be arranged with a local club in Killarney.

One highlight of the visit was a gathering with students from the Killarney School of Music, led by tutor Pádraig Buckley. The two groups previously met in Pleinfeld during a cultural exchange, and the reunion gave host families and students a chance to reconnect.

The Bavarian guests also surprised locals when they dropped into the Laune Bar at the weekend, where a lively traditional session was already in full swing. "Pleinfeld remains our most active twin town, and we are now moving towards celebrating 20 years of friendship with our German counterparts," said Seán Counihan, Chairman of Killarney Town Council. "We are always looking for citizens or clubs interested in visiting our twin towns or sister cities."

Anyone interested in town twinning opportunities can contact Association secretary Sheila Dickson or Sean Counihan.





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Members of the Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club pictured at the awards ceremony.



Francis O'Shea receives the award on behalf of the club.



## KILLARNEY VALLEY CLASSIC & VINTAGE CLUB CLAIMS SILVER AWARD

The Classic & Vintage Club Killarney has been honoured with a Silver Award at the 2025 Kerry County Council Community Awards.

The presentation took place at the Rose Hotel in Tralee, where eight members of the club attended the ceremony to represent their fellow enthusiasts. The evening was a celebration of community spirit, conversation, and recognition for the many groups and organisations that contribute across Kerry.

This award is a testament to the dedication of our members, who continue to invest their time, passion, and expertise into preserving the heritage and beauty of classic and vintage vehicles.

The club welcomes new members. Whether you own a classic car, are in the process of restoring one, or simply appreciate their history and design, you will find a place in the Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage Club.

Meetings take place every Thursday at 7.30 p.m. at Lewis Road, Killarney. Visitors are invited to come along, enjoy the cars on display, and share a cup of tea and conversation with fellow enthusiasts.

"Together, we will continue to keep these timeless machines on the road and bring people together through a shared love of motoring heritage", Katie O'Neill, Club PRO told Killarney Outlook.

## Killarney Teen Shane Doolan to Release Debut Single "The Ruins"

Seventeen-year-old Killarney musician Shane Doolan is set to make his debut on the music scene with the release of his first single, *The Ruins*, on September 26. The track will be available worldwide across all major streaming platforms.

Shane, who is the son of Mike and Finnola Doolan, is a 6th year student in St. Brendan's College.

Blending the lyrical storytelling of folk with the energy of indie rock, *The Ruins* delivers an emotive sound that Shane hopes will resonate with listeners. Influenced by acts such as Walking on Cars, Bon Iver, Kingfishr, and Sam Fender, he is already carving out a style that is distinctly his own.

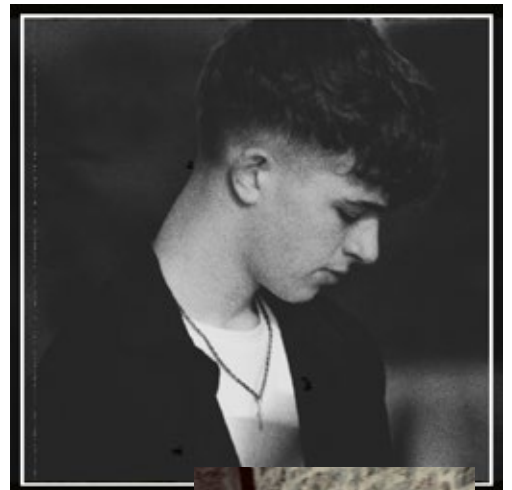
"Creating and promoting my first ever single was nerve-racking, but extremely exciting," Shane told Killarney Outlook. "This project is the start of something I've always dreamed of."

Shane's music has already caught the attention of fans and collaborators. One early supporter recalls: "The first time I heard Shane sing, I searched until I found him."

My first message to him was, 'I want to work with you.' Three months later, I saw him perform again at the Anam Centre, where his band won Battle of the Bands. Young, yet a dynamite, Shane has big dreams and the drive to achieve them."

With *The Ruins*, Shane Doolan introduces himself as a fresh new voice in Ireland's indie folk/rock landscape, a songwriter unafraid to share both heart and honesty in his music. Inspired by the emotive sounds of Walking on Cars, Bon Iver, Kingfishr, and Sam Fender, his music combines heartfelt lyrics with melodic intensity. *The Ruins*, his debut single, will be released on September 26, marking the beginning of what promises to be a bright career.

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# Order of Malta Ireland

## Killarney Unit Crowned National First Aid Champions

The Order of Malta Ireland Killarney Unit celebrated a remarkable achievement this weekend, hosting the National First Aid Competitions and emerging as the Overall National Champions.

The prestigious event tested participants through seven demanding first aid scenarios, each designed to replicate real-life emergencies and evaluate both individual expertise and team coordination. Adding to the international spirit, competitors from the Order of Malta Poland and Ukraine joined the contest, taking part in both individual and team categories.

The occasion was further honoured by the presence of Bishop Ray Browne, chaplain Fr. Kieran O'Brien, Minister Michael Healy-Rae, and Mayor Martin Grady, whose support was warmly welcomed by organisers and participants alike.

A special word of thanks was extended to the Presentation Schools in Killarney and Castleisland, whose students volunteered as casualties, bringing authenticity and energy to the competition scenarios.

Speaking to the Killarney Outlook, Mayor of Killarney Cllr Martin Grady

said As I watched the live scenarios I noticed volunteers of all ages.

As a fire officer working in a front line service I understand the value of experience, today I saw the skills and knowledge being passed down to the next generation of volunteers that is key, that's what keeps the Order of Malta alive for the last 900 years.

With 2500 volunteers in Ireland, providing first aid services and training, ambulance transport as well as community and elderly care services.

I want to thank each and everyone of you for your commitment, hard work and valued service you provide.

National Director Cmdr. Brian Coote KM commended the participants, saying, "While these competitions are an excellent opportunity to showcase our first aid skills, they are also a valuable chance to build lasting friendships and strengthen collaboration with our international colleagues."

With this outstanding performance, the Killarney team has secured the honour of representing Ireland at the upcoming Maltese Rescue Maneuvers in Romania this October.



Minister Michael Healy-Rae pictured with members of the Order of Malta at the First Aid Competitions.



Members of the Killarney Order of Malta Celebrate their win at the All Ireland First Aid competition.

## Kerry's Social Enterprises invited to join Information Event in Killorglin in October

Representatives of Social Enterprises from across Kerry are being invited to join an information event taking place in the RDI Hub in Killorglin on Friday, 3rd of October. The event, which is being jointly organised by South Kerry Development Partnership CLG (SKDP) and North, East & West Kerry Development (NEWKD), will focus on a range of topics including potential funding sources for the sector as well as hearing from successful social enterprise initiatives. The morning will be facilitated by Chris Gordon of the Irish Social Enterprise Network, who will host a unique 'Ask and Advise' session, giving attendees the opportunity to ask experts and share their challenges. In addition, it will have a session focusing on the importance of AI for the sector, including how it can be used in areas such as administration, communications, funding, operations and reporting. There are circa 190 Social Enterprises operating across Kerry. SKDP's Social Enterprise Officer Clare O'Shea said that the event is targeted not just at

those directly involved in the sector but also at policymakers, support organisation and changemakers. "This event will provide them with the most up to date information across many key areas that will hopefully assist them in managing and developing their enterprises" Clare said. She added that the session on AI is a unique event targeted specifically at the needs of the Social Enterprise sector organisations and can provide them with a first step approach to adopting AI into their enterprises.

Elaine Kennedy, the SICAP Enterprise Officer with NEWKD noted that there are a growing number of social enterprises forming across Kerry and this event is an ideal opportunity for them to meet their peers. "This event will facilitate networking amongst all of the representatives of these social enterprises from across the region and in many instances, people can learn from what other organisations are doing" she said. Elaine added that it is also an opportunity for groups to co-operate with each other to deliver efficiencies within their

enterprises.

Registration for the event, which will include a lunch for participants, is free of charge and to register or for further information people can contact either Clare O'Shea by email coshea@skdp.net or Elaine Kennedy elainekennedy@newkd.ie

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Friday night delivered on its promise of fun, diversity, and creativity across the Kingdom! Kerry County Council's Arts Office, supported by the Arts Council and Creative Ireland, helped to co-ordinate over 60 free events; Culture Night offered something for everyone. 'It was a magical night. Kerry has a wealth of culture and it is a privilege to witness the standard of offerings, across communities on Culture Night', stated Councillor Michael Foley, Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council.

Music lovers had plenty to choose from in Killarney with concerts by Tim O'Shea and AfroTrad in St. Mary's Church of Ireland and Muckcross Farms hosted Eleanor

McEvoy. Killarney welcomed MOTHÚ's street performance with a giant puppet of warrior, legend and patron saint of the bees - Gobnait. Audiences were enthralled by the street spectacle which was accompanied by fire, music and dance. A wonderful evening of Poetry, Music, Dance, and Drag took place at the Government Offices. The West End House had a magical evening with a playwriting workshop with Fiona Doyle, the Collaborative Coffee Social meet & greet, and a performance of 'Swiping & Punching' – an original play written and directed by West End House student Michelle Rosney. ANAM hosted a captivating cultural heritage evening by Kerry Travellers Health and

Community Development Project.

Arts Officer, Kate Kennelly added, 'On behalf of the Arts Office, a big thank you to all artists, creatives and organisations that delivered such a wonderful array of activity on the night, it takes commitment, time and effort and we are very proud of Kerry's art sector and the events on Culture Night'.

Artists, arts organisations, communities, and creatives showed some of the very best of Kerry Culture in 2025. All events were well supported with audiences thoroughly enjoying the evening. Culture Night in Kerry is funded by the Arts Council of Ireland, the Local Authority Arts Offices and supported by Creative Ireland.





Killarney Gobnait.  
Photographer: Niall Foley.



Killarney Kampala.



Killarney Drag.



Killarney Gobnait.



An evening of music and stories with Eleanor McEvoy: as part of Culture Night 2022 at Muckross School House, Eleanor McEvoy filled the theatre with her much-anticipated spellbinding evening of music, storytelling, and raw emotion. *Photographer: Valerie O'Sullivan*



Killarney Drag.



Killarney Gobnait.



Killarney Gobnait.

# GOLD FOR SPA GAA CLUB

## at 2025 Kerry Community Awards

The spirit of Spa was recognised by the Kerry Community Awards Committee last Thursday night in The Rose Hotel Tralee, by awarding the Club a Gold Award for its tireless commitment to developing the club as a community hub for the betterment of the local community. The Kerry Community Awards & its Committee is made up of representatives from the Kerry Public Participation Network (PPN), Kerry County Council, The Kerryman, Local Development Company (NEWKD), Udarás na Gaeltachta, Credit Union & Southern Marketing Design Media.

The objective of the Kerry Community Awards is to recognise the work of the community and voluntary sector that seeks to improve the Social, Economic, Cultural and Environmental quality of life in our local communities, both urban and rural.

Kerry Community Awards are open to all community and voluntary groups based in the county, regardless of size or location. Groups must assist, support or enrich their community in some way, either socially or economically.

An Annual Recognition Awards Ceremony is held following adjudication of the entries, with the top ten entries (Gold Winners) and next ten (Silver Winners) receiving a monetary prize and plaque. The Overall Winner receives overall monetary prize and Trophy.

James Cahill who has been instrumental in developing community-based facilities & activities for numerous years was on hand to accept the award on behalf of the Club.

"This award is an endorsement of the great voluntary ethos that exists within Spa GAA, and recognition of the strong connection with the local community", James said.



Former chairman Michael Cronin, James Cahill and Ann Holland pictured at the awards.

Former chairman Michael Cronin & Ann Holland Child Welfare Officer were also on hand to celebrate this momentous achievement.

SpaGaaClub is a community-based organisation established in 1948 which despite its humble beginnings, today boasts 750+ members. Our facilities include 2 Full Size Pitches fully lit with perimeter fencing, digital scoreboard, a juvenile pitch, 4 dressing rooms, state of the art multi-purpose sports hall, reception, meeting rooms, kitchen & dancehall. First floor gymnasium, 2 Handball Walls in main sports hall, 1km walking

track along the perimeter of the club grounds & our latest development Solar Energy Micro Generation System installed this year.

In association with our clubs Health & Wellbeing Committee, we recently welcomed Killarney Cardiac Response Unit to our Club to host a demonstration & talk on how to respond in an emergency. This was a great opportunity to learn some vital skills that could help save a life in our community.



Members of the Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage pictured with their award at the Kerry Community Awards at the Rose Hotel last week.



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# Young Writers Explore Emotions at Creative Writing Workshop



*Pictured are the prizewinners: Grace O'Donoghue (Third Place) of Holy Cross Mercy N.S., Sorchá Trant, Aoibheann Moloney (Second Place) of Fossa N.S., and Aoife Scanlan (Overall Prizewinner) of Fossa N.S.*

The power of storytelling was at the heart of this year's Story Sanctuary Creative Writing Workshop, held in Anam House on August 28th for children aged 9 to 13. The event culminated in a prize-giving ceremony on Sunday, September 21st, where the talented winners of the Battle Emotions competition were celebrated.

The winners this year were Grace O'Donoghue (Third Place) of Holy Cross Mercy N.S., Aoibheann Moloney (Second Place) of Fossa N.S., and Aoife Scanlan (Overall Prizewinner) of Fossa N.S.

This year's workshop theme was emotions. Using cards showing different facial expressions, constructed by the children themselves from a set of cubes, the young writers were challenged to guide their protagonists through a shifting journey of feelings.

The results were really imaginative with stories ranging from a caterpillar's transformation into a butterfly, to an ordinary day ending in the surprise of Disneyland tickets. The workshop not only encouraged creativity but also helped participants explore the ways emotions shape both storytelling and real life.

## KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL'S ARTS OFFICE - CILL RIALAIG RESIDENCY AWARD 2025

Kerry County Council's Arts Office is pleased to announce the successful recipients of the 2025 Cill Rialaig Residency Award. Many strong applications were received, and adjudicated upon by an independent, expert panel. This year's residency is awarded Artists Kathleen Hurley and Aoife Bambury.

The Cill Rialaig Project, in South Kerry, provides a retreat for artists and writers from Ireland and abroad. The Project was founded by Dr. Noelle Campbell Sharp and involved the redevelopment of the pre-famine village of Cill Rialaig as a retreat for artists, poets, writers, film makers and composers. Seven studios, a meeting house, a library and a utility house have been completed at the village.

More than 6,000 well known Irish and international artists have had residencies at Cill Rialaig, most often followed by successful exhibitions in their towns, cities and countries. Cill Rialaig welcomed a significant number of artists to Ballinskelligs in 2025.

Kerry County Council's Arts Office is delighted to have secured two cottages for two, one-week residencies, taking place this September. Kathleen Hurley is a visual artist, her work is a continually evolving dialogue with the natural world, and our relationship to it. Kathleen loves experimenting with a diverse range of



materials from driftwood charcoal, oak gal link, bones and wings interspersed with Chinese paper, rice glue, paint, thread, and plastics. Many of the sculptural pieces combine found and natural objects, which become repurposed as organic hybrid artefacts. Rhythm and repetition are an important factor in her work; walking, breathing, movement the sea, birds flying, language, sewing all feature in her recent work.

Aoife Bambury is a contemporary visual artist and sculptor based in Kildare, but originally from Co. Kerry. Aoife is engaged in exploring the complex and often fraught relationship between humanity and the natural world. In her practice, she interweaves elements of nature with features of human-made, utilitarian

objects within her sculptures and prints. Her work is an ongoing investigation into how patterns and elements from the natural world influence, co-exist with, and are affected by human presence. Her current research focuses on the devastating impact of ash dieback on native trees in both her native Kerry and current home in Kildare. Witnessing this devastation has inspired a body of work documenting the present state of the ash.

The Cill Rialaig Residency offered by Kerry County Council is an important annual support to artists. From 2026, the residency opportunity will be open to Visual Artists, Musicians and Writers.

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# Pittsburg Steelers Visit Killarney



Ahead of their historic game this coming Sunday, the Pittsburgh Steelers have arrived in Ireland and are currently undertaking a nationwide tour of the country, led by former Pittsburgh Steelers player and two-time Super Bowl Champion Max Starks. The first day of the tour saw Starks visit Killarney on Monday last, 22nd September where they met Dr. Crokes members and Kerry Football star Paudie Clifford. The Steelers face the Minnesota Vikings in Croke Park on the 28th of September, in the first ever regular season NFL game to be played in Ireland. The game will be broadcast free to air on Virgin Media.

## HSE South West Urges Parents to Book Your Baby's Free Immunisation in Cork and Kerry

HSE South West and local community health teams are inviting parents across Cork and Kerry to attend free RSV immunisation clinics open now through to the first week of October - a call to action for parents of babies born 1 March to 31 August 2025 to shield their infants against severe RSV infection before the winter season. The RSV immunisation is a highly effective and safe method of protecting vulnerable infants from severe illness, significantly reducing the risk of hospitalisation and admission to intensive care units.

Clinics are available in community health centres, GP practices and pharmacies across Cork and Kerry.

Appointment availability has been extended. While clinics were initially scheduled to conclude at the end of the month, services will now continue through to the first week of October, ensuring greater access for those who need it.

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Clinics supporting parents across Cork and Kerry will continue to operate for the next 3 weeks.

Parents of babies born 1 September 2025 to 28 February 2026 will be offered the immunisation before hospital discharge.

The RSV immunisation programme aims to protect vulnerable infants during their first winter months and safeguard vital paediatric services by reducing preventable admissions. Nirsevimab begins working immediately and provides up to 150 days of protection against RSV.

Parents of babies born 1 March – 31 August 2025 can book a community clinic appointment at <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/rsv/immunisation/>

Babies born 1 September 2025 – 28 February 2026 will receive the immunisation in their maternity hospital before discharge.

# Féile na Laoch 2025

## *Festival of Heroes*

### *An Clabhsúr - The Closing*



#### **Dé hAoine, 3ú Deireadh Fómhair - Friday, 3rd of October**

**20:00**

Fuinneamh na mBan - Halla na Laoch (Áras Eamon Mac Suibhne, Cúil Aodha)  
*The Female Energy*

Le Cainteoir Catherine Connolly, Amhránaithe Lisa O'Neill agus Nell Ní Chróinín agus Cór Ban Cúil Aodha ag cuir i láthair 'Laoi na Laoithe' / *With guest speaker Catherine Connolly, acclaimed singers Lisa O'Neill and Nell Ní Chróinín, and Cór Ban Cúil Aodha performing 'Laoi na Laoithe'*

#### **Dé Sathairn, 4ú Deireadh Fómhair - Saturday, 4th of October**

**12:00**

An Ród sa Romhainn go 2032 - Halla na Laoch (Áras Eamon Mac Suibhne, Cúil Aodha)  
*The Road Before Us to 2032*

Tionól pobail da chách ag ceistiú gach ní sna seacht mbliana romhainn.  
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**21:00**

Dúnadh Féile na Laoch 2025 - Halla na Laoch (Áras Eamon Mac Suibhne, Cúil Aodha)  
*Féile na Laoch 2025 Closing*

Coirm Ceoil le Ceoltóirí Chualann, Cór Cúil Aodha, Cór Ban Cúil Aodha agus na Léitheoirí. Múchadh an Lóchrann agus dúnadh Cófra na Laoch go Lá Bealtaine 2032.  
*Concert with Ceoltóirí Chualann, Cór Cúil Aodha, Cór Ban Cúil Aodha and the Readers. Followed by the quenching of the Torch and closing of Cófra na Laoch until May Day 2032.*

#### **Dé Domhnaigh, 5ú Deireadh Fómhair - Sunday, 5th of October**

**11:00**

Aifreann - Séipéal Ghobnatan, Cúil Aodha  
*Mass - Coolea Church*

Aifreann in omós do Sheán Ó Riada agus leagadh bláthfhleasc ar a uaigh i Reilg Ghobnatan / *Mass in memory of Seán Ó Riada and laying of wreath in Reilg Ghobnatan afterwards.*



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# CALL UP FOR CILLIAN ON THE IRISH ROWING SQUAD

With the main summer rowing season concluded, an extended rowing season has brought some further exciting news to the lake shore in Muckross Rowing Club, where Junior 18 rower Cillian Leslie has been selected to represent Ireland in the Coupe de la Jeunesse Beach Sprint in Cadiz, Spain in October. The Coupe de la Jeunesse is a rowing federation of 16 European countries with annual Olympic rowing events for athletes in the Under 19 category. Since 1985, the Coupe has brought together Europe's best junior rowers with many Coupe athletes progressing to further international success at senior level. Ahead of the introduction of coastal beach sprint rowing at the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028, the fast-paced Beach Sprint event has recently been added to the annual programme of Coupe rowing competition. The Coupe Beach Sprint for 2025 will take place from 30th October to 2nd November in Cadiz on the southwestern Spanish coast.

Cillian is the son of David and Melissa Leslie from Ballyhar. His selection to the squad of 16 Irish rowers for the Coupe Beach Sprints follows his participation in a national trial series which included a land based trial and two water based trials organised by Rowing Ireland. Cillian also makes a bit of history as the first Muckross and



Killarney rower to be selected to row for Ireland in the coastal branch of the sport. The Muckross club is enjoying a particularly successful year in 2025, with Cillian becoming the seventh Muckross rower selected for international

competition this year. Most recently, Muckross U23 rower Caoimhe O'Sullivan placed fourth for Ireland as part of the Womens Eight crew at the European Rowing U23 Championships. At the Home International Regatta held in London in July, the club was also represented in the green jersey by Rachel Fuller, Daniel Daly and Ethan O'Neill with Rachel returning as a double gold medallist. In August, Muckross was represented by Cian Scannell and Ronan Fahy at the Coupe flatwater regatta held in Linz, Austria. A highlight from Austria was the bronze medal win for Cian and his Lee Valley crewmate Colin Creedon in the Mens Double. Fingers will be crossed once more for further success for Cillian and his fellow Irish squad members at the Coupe Beach Sprint contest at the end of October. The Beach Sprint competition will see Ireland's eight male rowers and eight female rowers take part in their respective Mens and Womens Single and Double races, in addition to combining for Mixed Double races. All in Muckross wish Cillian the very best of luck as training intensifies before the Coupe event.

<https://www.rowingireland.ie/crew-announcement-coupe-beach-sprint-2025/>

## Michael O'Sullivan Celebrates Retirement from ESB

Michael O'Sullivan celebrated his retirement from the ESB with a gathering of family, friends, and colleagues at Mary Donal's on Muckross Road, Killarney, on Friday. He was joined by his wife Cliona, daughters Mary and Niamh, and son Michael, as well as colleagues and close friends including Mary Ferris, Mary McCarthy, Marty O'Sullivan, Siobhan Cronin, Breda O'Farrell, Bella O'Sullivan, Peter O'Sullivan, Seamus McCarthy, Pauline Cronin, and Mike Cronin.

A great night was had by all and it was hugely enjoyed by Michael and his family as he looks forward to the next chapter in his life.



Michael O'Sullivan at his retirement party from the ESB with his colleagues at Mary Donal's, Muckross Road, Killarney on Friday. Photo: Michelle Cooper Galvin



Michael O'Sullivan at his retirement party from the ESB with family and friends Mary Ferris, Cliona O'Sullivan, Mary McCarthy, Marty O'Sullivan (back from left) Siobhan Cronin, Breda O'Farrell, Bella O'Sullivan, Niamh O'Sullivan, Peter O'Sullivan, Seamus McCarthy, Pauline Cronin, Mike Cronin and Micheal O'Sullivan at Mary Donal's, Muckross Road, Killarney on Friday. Photo: Michelle Cooper Galvin



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

## ALTERNATIVE

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

## OPPORTUNITY

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

## FULLTIME

PLC courses are full time, mainly one year, offering a blend of academic work, practical work and work experience. Many PLC courses lead directly to employment. Increasingly, PLC courses are used to access 3rd level education, with more than 750 courses in the CAO system now accepting a PLC qualification for entry.

This year, 13,160 applications to the CAO offered a PLC qualification. This is a very healthy development as it provides an alternative route into 3rd level.

## LINKS

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

## APPLY

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

## CENTRALISED

The centralised application system has made the application process for PLC courses much easier. Entry requirements normally consist of Leaving Cert standard and satisfactory performance at interview. Mature applicants are assessed on their life's experiences. Individual PLC colleges are still advertising courses for 2025 entry and are still accepting applications for courses that have vacancies. Keep in touch through the FET course hub or the website, [www.fetchcourses.ie](http://www.fetchcourses.ie) or contact

your local PLC provider, Kerry College of Further Education and Training, [www.kerrycollege.ie](http://www.kerrycollege.ie), for information about PLC vacancies in your locality.

## CHECKLIST

- Post Leaving Cert courses are offered by Education & Training Boards (ETB)
- PLC courses provide a link between 2nd level and 3rd level.
- PLC courses also provide a direct route to employment
- PLC courses lead to Levels 5/6 awards on the National Framework of Qualifications
- Click on the further education and training tab on the CAO website for PLC info.
- You can access over 6000 FET courses nationally, on [www.fetchcourses.ie](http://www.fetchcourses.ie)
- Individual PLC colleges still have vacancies
- Kerry College of Further Education has five campus locations with 180 programmes
- KCFE has campus locations in Monavalley, Denny St, Clash Road (all Tralee), Killorglin and Listowel
- CAO 2026 online application facility opens on 5th November

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*Calling all Kerry-based secondary students!*

Secondary school students aged 12-19 years have just seven days left to submit entries for the 2026 Stripe Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition, the first exhibition to take place with programmable financial services company Stripe as title sponsor. The event will be held at the RDS, Dublin, from 7-10 January 2026, and applications must be submitted by 5pm on 26 September 2025.

There are over 200 prizes available, with a total prize fund of €50,000, including a top award of €7,500. The winners of the Stripe Young Scientist & Technologist of the Year Award 2026 will also represent Ireland at the European Union Contest for Young Scientists (EUCYS), a competition where Ireland has won first place 17 times in the past 35 years.

The exhibition's Accommodation Grant Scheme, now funded by Stripe, is available again this year for schools travelling over 70km to the RDS Dublin. Schools in the Delivering Equality of Opportunity for Schools (DEIS), regardless of their location from the RDS Dublin, will be eligible to receive extra funding through Stripe's Accommodation Grant Scheme as well.

To enter, students simply need to complete an online application and submit a one page proposal outlining their idea. Finalists will be announced at the end of October, with their projects showcased at the exhibition in January.





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# CLLR. MARTIN GRADY Highlights Importance of Culture Night in Kerry

Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District, Cllr. Martin Grady, has underlined the importance of Culture Night, describing it as a vital celebration of Kerry's rich artistic heritage and creative spirit.

Speaking after the annual event, Cllr. Grady said Culture Night "shines a light on the wealth of arts and culture we have in this vibrant county."

This year, more than 60 events will take place across Kerry, offering audiences and practitioners the chance to enjoy a wide variety of art forms, including music, dance, storytelling, visual arts, historical talks, street spectacles, crafts, film, and theatre.

The initiative is co-ordinated each year by the Arts Office of Kerry County Council, with Cllr. Grady praising the work of the Council's Arts Service in bringing the programme to communities across the county.

"Culture Night is only made possible by the wonderful enthusiasm and support of each venue, each participating artist and community group, and by families and friends showing up to celebrate creativity, our language, and all things artistic that make Kerry such a special place to live in and to visit," he said.

He added that the "magic of this night" comes alive through the creativity and dedication of local artists and organisers, whose contributions are deeply valued.

Cllr. Grady also called on the public to support Kerry's arts sector beyond Culture Night itself. "Our artists and arts venues need our support year-round. They are important assets in our community, and I encourage audiences to enjoy and support arts and culture in Kerry throughout the year," he said.



## Deputy Healy-Rae Raises Alarm Over Rising Energy Costs in Dáil



Kerry Independent TD Danny Healy-Rae has sharply criticised the Government over rising energy costs, warning that households, the elderly, and small businesses are being pushed to the brink. Speaking in the Dáil this week, Deputy Healy-Rae said that the closure of Bord na Móna in 2020 by the previous Government has contributed to spiralling electricity prices.

"Since Bord na Móna was closed, the cost of electricity has increased day by day," he told the chamber. "In recent weeks, we've seen several companies hike their prices again, and then we hear of another reducing by 4%. What's going on with the energy regulator?"

The Kerry TD also voiced concern over new social housing projects being built without chimneys, which he said leaves residents completely reliant on electricity. "Many people are already behind on their bills," he warned.

Deputy Healy-Rae criticised delays in the SEAI's Warmer Homes Scheme, saying applicants can be left waiting up to two years for support. "That is a lifetime for an elderly person," he said.

He further highlighted the pressure on small businesses, many of which are struggling to keep doors open under soaring energy costs. Families and elderly residents, he added, are finding it increasingly difficult to heat their homes.

"The situation is unsustainable," Deputy Healy-Rae concluded, calling for urgent action to tackle energy affordability.

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## Lee Strand U16 County Championship Final

**EAST KERRY CROWNED U16 COUNTY CHAMPIONS****East Kerry 4-20 St Brendan's 3-15**

Despite the concession of 2 early goal's, East Kerry recovered strongly, to claim victory over St Brendan's for the second year in a row, and take home the 2025 Lee Strand U16 County Championship.

It was East Kerry who owned the ball in the early stages, but their only score came from a Padraig O Sullivan fistful effort, as they registered 4 early wide's. St Brendan's first attack saw them get their first goal, Jason Gaynor finding the net, in the fifth minute. Within second's they had a second, Dara Harry with the clinical finish. Stung by this double strike, East Kerry fought back well. A strong run forward from Conor Clifford saw him link with Kilian Fitzgerald, who blasted to the net from close range. A superb 2 pointer from O Sullivan followed soon after. Wing back's Danny Murphy and Sean Clifford added further point's. St Brendan's still looked dangerous when they attacked, and point's from Danny Kingston and Shane O Donoghue left them just 3 behind at half time, with East Kerry leading 1-13 to 2-07.

An early second half save from James Murphy denied Mikey Corrigan a goal for St Brendan's. It was East Kerry next to find the net, Mark Looney breaking free, before finishing well with a low shot. Tom Lenihan then got St Brendan's third goal to give them hope again. It vanished quickly though with Clifford replying immediately with a deflected goal



for East Kerry. Sub Mark Moriarty then got a late goal sealing the win, after a thrilling and high quality final. Credit to both side's for their performance's and well done to East Kerry on the win.

East Kerry 1. James Murphy Legion. 2. Conor Lynch Dr Crokes. 3. Ronan O'Brien J/C Legion 4. Daithi Stack Spa. 5. Danny Murphy Listry. 6. Conor Clifford J/C Dr Crokes. 7. Sean Clifford. 8. Jake Coffey Legion. 9. Daniel Cronin Furies. 10. Mark Looney Legion. 11. Samuel Scroope Legion. 12. Padraig O Sullivan Furies. 13. Kealan Riordan Listry. 14. Killian Fitzgerald Listry. 15. Cillian O'Donoghue Listry. 17. Tadgh O

Donoghue Spa. 18. Mark Moriarty Spa. 20. Sean Collins Dr Crokes.

St Brendan's 1. Ben O'Sullivan Na Gaeil, 2. Diarmuid Murphy Churchill, 3. Tiernan O'Keefe Ardfert. 4. Eoin Tansley Na Gaeil. 5. Darragh O'Callaghan Na Gaeil. 6. Rohan Kirby Ardfert. 7. Gavin Deasy Churchill. 8. Tom Lenihan Churchill. 9. Mikey Corridon Ardfert. 17. Maurice Costello Na Gaeil. 11. Phillip McEanamy Na Gaeil. 12. Shane O'Donovan Na Gaeil. 13. Dara Harty Churchill. 14. Danny Kingston Na Gaeil. 15. Jason Gaynor Ardfert. 20. Luke O'Carroll Churchill. 21. Joseph Field Na Gaeil.

**TWO LITTLE BOYS....***By Nicky Barry*

All little boys love soldiers, as their favourite toys,  
As they march them up and down, making battle noise,  
Like firing cannon salvos, and charging on their steeds,  
For there's something about warfare, that fills their puerile needs,  
But not so in the Ukraine, or on the Gaza Strip,  
For they've had enough of soldiers there, and their missile hits.  
Well anyway there was Donald Trump, in a Cinderella carriage,  
Drawn by six white horses, through the Windsor Castle gardens.  
He revelled in the pageantry, with a King by his side,  
On a Disney land state visit, while Palestinians died,  
But still he has ambitions, to win the big Peace Prize,  
While cavalry toy soldiers, rode before him side by side.  
Meanwhile on the streets of London, protesters demonstrated,  
Against Trump and America, but he was insulated,  
From this stark reality, by the minions in Whitehall,  
Who put on this fantasia, playing diplomatic ball.  
No country does it like the Brits, but it's a three card trick,  
Humouring a big bully boy, enough to make one sick,  
But this is real politics, all in the name of trade,  
For there's a price on everything, and pipers must be paid!



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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

MASTERGEEHA FC COFFEE MORNING

Mastergeeha F.C. will hold their Annual Coffee Morning for Hospice Kerry on Saturday 27th Sept from 9.30 – 11.30am. Home baking welcome on the day.

SCÓR NA NÓG

Club Members under the age of 17 years on January 1st 2025 interested in participating in the East Kerry Scór na nÓg competitions: Advanced Figure Dancing, Solo Singing, Recitation, Instrumental Music, Ballad Group, Set Dancing & Table Quiz, contact Marie O’Leary mobile 087 4619954 for more information by Monday 29th of September.

SCÓR NA BPÁISTI

Scór na bPáistí will be commencing shortly for anyone from 3rd to 6th Class interested in the following; Figure dancing, Solo Singing, Music Group, Solo Music, Ballad Group, Novelty Act, Quiz and Set Dancing. For more information please contact Maria O’Leary on mobile 087 4619954.

POSITIVE AGEING EXERCISE CLASS

Positive Ageing Exercise Class continues every Tuesday in Kilcummin Recreational Hall from 10.30am to 11.30am. For more information please contact Mary Coleman 087 9757951.

KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

Save the Date! Kilcummin Looking Good are again hosting the Christmas event for the village of Kilcummin – JINGLE & MINGLE. This event will be held on the evening of Sunday 14th December. More details to follow.

COFFEE MORNING

A Coffee Morning is taking place on Sunday Morning 5th October 2025 in aid of Kerry Hospice Foundation and in memory of Derry (Jeremiah) O’ Leary. The coffee morning will take place from 12.30– 2.30pm in Kilcummin Recreational Hall. It would be great if you could join us and give a donation no matter how big or small. If you would like to donate online [www.hospicecoffeemorning.ie](http://www.hospicecoffeemorning.ie) we look forward to seeing you all there. Every Euro Raised Locally Stays Locally.

JUNIOR SET DANCING

Junior Set Dancing will commence on Friday 26th September in Kilcummin Recreational hall from 7 to 8pm for beginners and intermediates and 8 to 9pm for advanced. These classes give an opportunity for children to learn how to set dance and waltz while having fun. The classes are open to children from within and outside Kilcummin parish. Further information contact Mary on 087 9620135.

KILCUMMIN GAA By Donal Barry PRO

JUNIORS

Kilcummin will play their round 3 McElligott Cup game next Saturday evening away to Castleisland Desmonds. A win will see the top the group and secure a place in the McElligott Cup Final.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Well done to East Kerry who secured their place in the Garvey’s Supervalu Senior County Championship proper after an opening round 2-18 to 1-10 win over St. Kieran’s on Sunday at Austin Stack Park. It was great to see Paul O’Shea, Philip O’Leary and Matt Keane all getting game time while Sean O’Leary was on the bench. Paul contributed 0-6 including a fine two pointer, Philip added 1-1 while Matt Keane also got his name on the score sheet. East Kerry now await the draw proper once the district preliminaries are completed.

THE NATIONAL CLUB DRAW

The National Club Draw is back for 2026. Running a Club comes at a cost so we are asking all Club Supporters and Members to consider purchasing a ticket which can be done by logging onto your Foireann.ie account. Tickets are €15 and all proceeds go to Kilcummin GAA Club.

There are numerous prizes on offer including cash, holiday vouchers and football and hurling packages for 2026.

UNDER 12 GIRLS

Well done to our u12 girls who completed their season today with a visit from Nemo Rangers. Fantastic skills on show at the end of a great years football for our u12 team. Many thanks to everyone who helped in hosting and thank you to Nemo for making the journey to play us.

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 22nd September for the Jackpot of €4,000. Numbers drawn were 09,11,12,13. Consolation prizes of €50 went Maggie Doherty (online). William Healy, Caoimhe Fogarty, Mary O’Leary, Knocklebede. Our next draw will be on Monday 06th October for Jackpot of €4,250.

MASTERGEEHA FC

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 19th September 2025 of the Jackpot €10,800. Numbers drawn were 4, 5, 11,25. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Tom Connor Kilbrean, Patie Nagle Mastergeeha, Euge Lane Lyreatough and Philip O Leary Mastergeeha. The next draw will be on Friday 26th September for Jackpot of €11,000.

GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to Senior player Darragh Roche and his wife Teagan on their recent wedding! We wish them both a lifetime of happiness together.

HEALTHY CLUB

We’re proud to announce that Glenflesk GAA has officially achieved Healthy Club Status! This recognition reflects our commitment to supporting the holistic health and wellbeing of our members and the wider community through inclusive policies, strong partnerships and meaningful activities. We’ve received our Healthy Club Participation Certificate and Progress

Report for 2024–25, and we’re honoured to be invited to the Healthy Club on October 14th, in Mallow. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this possible.

LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 15/9/25. Jackpot €3,400 The numbers drawn were: 1, 3, 12, 15. Consolation Prizes of €50: Róisín Healy, Clonkeen, Declan Healy, Clonkeen, Mary Clancy c/o O’Donoghue’s Shop, Seán McGlynn, Rusheenmore. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on the 30/9/25. Jackpot will be €3,600.

East Kerry Cumann na mBunscol Champions!!

Congratulations to Knockanes NS Boys team who were victorious in the East Kerry Cumann na mBunscol competition in Spa GAA. They played outstanding against strong teams from Anabla, Knockaderry, Tiernaboul and Two Mile. Well done to all.



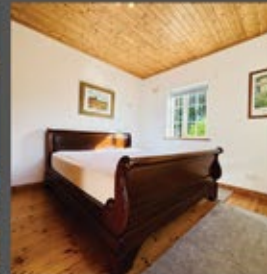
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## BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hortnett

### BEAUFORT LOTTO

Next Draw for a Lotto Jackpot of €7,800 will be held on Sunday next 28th September. Tickets available from usual sellers, bars and shops, Lotto can also be done online [www.beaufortgaa.com](http://www.beaufortgaa.com)

### RESULTS

Senior B team had a big win in their Group of the O'Sullivan Cup against Milltown/Castlemaine in Milltown on Sunday week last. They will play Cromane in Beaufort next Sunday. Time to be confirmed.

Beaufort's Junior team played Na Gaeil on Saturday evening last in Tralee in The Barrett Cup. After extra-time Beaufort won on a score line of 3-12 to Na Gaeil 0-18

Hard luck to our U15 girls who lost out to a very good Cromane side in Division 2 Shield semi-final.

It was a fantastic game throughout with some brilliant football played by both sides. Cromane were the stronger side in the first half and had built up a big lead by half-time but Beaufort rallied brilliantly in the 2nd half and reduced the lead to 3 points. Once again a very strong finish by Cromane saw them take the victory on a score-line of 7-13 to 4-11. Well done to Cromane and best of luck to them in the Final.

Hard luck to our under 14 girls Team who lost out narrowly to neighbours Fossa in a cracking contest played in wet conditions in Fossa Thursday evening in the East Kerry League. The first half was very even with Beaufort going in at the break with a two point lead in what was a brilliant half of football. More followed in the second half with end to end football and was very tense with both sides also making mistakes under pressure. Congrats to both teams on a very high scoring game. Final Score Fossa 6-21 Beaufort 9-7. We now await our semi final fixture.

U14 boys played Milltown/Castlemaine in the Mid-Kerry Championship on Wednesday. Final score Beaufort 5.14 to Milltown/Castlemaine 5.22

Congratulations to the Mid Kerry Minor men on their victory today over Kenmare Shamrocks in the Keane's SuperValu County minor shield. Final

score 2.16 to 3.10. A special mention to the Beaufort contingent, Michéal Kissane, Tim Coffey and Josh Coffey on the management team and players, Cormac O Sullivan, Eoin Kissane, Kevin Coffey, Michael Culhane, Callum Galvin and Killian Slattery.

Congratulations to Mid Kerry U16s who beat West Kerry in the County U16 Plate Final. Beaufort players involved were Adam Galvin, Cillian Breen and Luke Foley.

Congrats to our Beaufort players who helped Mid-Kerry win today in the County Senior Championship against St Brendan's. Final score: 2-18 to 0-10

**GAELIC FOR MOTHERS AND OTHERS** held a very success Blitz in Beaufort on Saturday in lovely conditions. Teams from Spa, Glenflesk, Laune Rangers, Glenbeigh, Abbeydorney and Fossa played some great games. There were lovely treats served up on the day. A big thank you to everyone who helped out and made it a very successful and enjoyable event.

### FIXTURES

U14 girls Division 3 East Kerry Semi final away to Scart /Cordal. Time and date to be confirmed.

U16 boys will play Laune Rangers in Killorglin in the Mid Kerry competition. Time and date to be confirmed.

Beaufort Senior ladies will play MKL in the semi- final of the Bons Secours Intermediate County Championship next Sunday 28th September @12noon. Venue to be confirmed.

**SAM MAGUIRE CUP** on Sunday 28th September @ 5pm. We are delighted to announce the arrival of the Sam Maguire Cup to our club. All welcome to Beaufort GAA pitch to join us in acknowledging the wonderful success of the Kerry Senior Football team and in particular our own 2 players Mike Breen and Seán O'Brien.

Best of luck to all teams playing this week.

## SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

### SPA LOTTO 22/9/25 RESULTS

Numbers drawn:1, 3, 12, 20. No jackpot winner. Lucky dips €50 each:Dermot Clifford, Online; Robert Kerins, Lissivigeen; Deborah Doolan, Woodlawn; Catherine Fitzpatrick, c/o Brendan Cronin; Next week's draw is on Monday 29 Sept @ 9pm for a jackpot of €7,200

### SPA U12 BOYS ARE CROWNED DIVISION 2 CHAMPIONS OF THE EAST KERRY LEAGUE

Spa G.A.A. Club's U12 boys team wrapped up a successful East Kerry campaign with two well-contested games in Fossa, showcasing not only their footballing talent but a deep-rooted commitment to growth, teamwork, and community spirit. From the very first whistle in this Summer campaign, these young players demonstrated a hunger to learn and a willingness to challenge themselves—qualities that became the backbone of their voyage over the last 12 weeks or so.

What set this group apart wasn't just their skill on the pitch—it was their unity. Every match exhibited players supporting one another, communicating effectively, and celebrating each other's efforts. Whether defending with grit or launching fluid attacking plays, the team moved as one.

Behind the scenes, their dedication was just as impressive. Training

sessions were met with enthusiasm and focus, and the players consistently pushed themselves to improve. Coaches and parents alike noted the squad's eagerness to absorb feedback, refine their skills, and embrace the values of sportsmanship and respect.

The campaign wasn't just about scores—it was about character. The Spa U12s showed up week after week with determination, resilience, and a love for the game that was infectious. Their journey through the East Kerry series was a testament to what can be achieved when young athletes commit to both personal development and collective success.

As the season closes, Spa G.A.A. Club can be proud of a group that not only represented their colours with pride but embodied the very spirit of Gaelic games

### U16 COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Congratulations East Kerry GAA who are Lee Strand U16 County Champions for 2025. A big well done to the Spa men involved including players Daithi Stack, Jonah Casey, Tadhg O'Donoghue, Mark Moriarty, Ryan Dowling and Management Adrian McCarthy and Mike Finnegan.

### NOTES

Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411

## LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

### LOTTO

Jackpot €12,100. Numbers Drawn 2 ,6, 11, 24. Not Won. €100 Mary O Sullivan, Rockfield. €50 Fr Fergal Ryan (Annual). €50 Lyno. €25 Amelia Wrenn, Lisavne. €25 Albert Harte, Skibereen. Jackpot next week Sunday 28/09/2025 €12,250

### U8s

Our U8s will be on the road next Sunday the 28th when they visit Keel.

### U10 GIRLS

Well done to our U10 girls who hosted a very successful blitz on Sunday, welcoming Rathmore, Legion, and Fossa. A great afternoon's football was enjoyed by all—thanks to everyone involved.

**U11s** Our U11s took part in the Tommy Kelliher Memorial Tournament in Rathmore on Saturday. They played some excellent matches, eventually losing out in the semi-final .Well done to all .

### U12s

Our U12s closed out their East Region campaign with a trip to Dr. Crokes on Wednesday. Both teams performed very well on the evening.

### U14s

Our U14s' season came to an end on Sunday as they lost out at home to Legion in the East Region Championship. Well done to the players and coaches for their efforts throughout the year.

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## RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O'Mahony

### SHARE THE BUCKET

The Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is held every Friday evening at 8.30pm in Teach Fáilte and can be viewed live on the Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €205 and the winner was Marie Keane. Tickets cost €2 each or three for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte, online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om>, and in local businesses displaying the green "Share the Bucket" sign. Your support is greatly appreciated and all proceeds go towards our new proposed community facility. We sincerely thank our local businesses, shops and pubs for their continued support, and everyone who purchases tickets each week.

### ADULT GROUP SINGING CLASSES

Adult group singing classes take place in Teach Iosagáin, Rathmore, every Thursday from 11am to 12pm. No audition is required – just come along and sing together. The cost is €50 for a five-week block. All are welcome. For details, contact 087 9222753.

### SYMPATHIES

We extend our deepest sympathies to Phyllis McGillicuddy, daughters Siobhán and Marie, and their families on the death of Daniel (Dan) McGillicuddy, Leam, Gneeveguilla, a much-loved husband, father and grandfather. Dan's funeral took place on Friday, 5th September in Gneeveguilla.

Sympathies also to Dora, Joan, Margaret, Mary, Helen, Tess, Timothy, Denis and Michael McCarthy and their families on the death of their sister Kitty McCarthy of Tournanaunagh and London. Kitty was laid to rest on Wednesday, 17th September in Gneeveguilla.

We also wish to offer our sincere condolences to the family of Tim O'Shea, who passed away on 7th September 2025. Tim was a great supporter of the Rathmore St. Patrick's Day Parade and the last surviving founding member of the Rathmore Pipe Band, formed in 1951. He played the bagpipes for over 65 years at local, national and international events and gave a lifetime of service to the band. Tim was always available to help fellow members with tuning and maintenance, even after practice had finished. May Daniel, Kitty and Tim rest in peace.

### SOCIAL ACTION GROUP – 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Social Action Group is celebrating 50 years of making a difference with

a special Celebration Night on Saturday, 25th October 2025, at Killarney Racecourse. The evening begins at 7.30pm and will feature live music by Neily O'Connor along with delicious finger food. Tickets are €15 and are available at Teach Iosagáin and St. Joseph's Day Care Centre.

### MILLSTREET PIPE BAND – REGISTRATION NIGHT

Millstreet Pipe Band is holding a registration night on Friday, 26th September at 8pm in the band room at Carnegie Hall, Millstreet (access from the car park at the rear). New members are welcome, including young people from 5th and 6th class upwards, adults and returning members. The band regularly performs at local and national events including Munster GAA Finals, Duhallow Finals, the Rose of Tralee and Beál na Bláth.

There is a once-off joining cost of €30 to cover a pipe chanter or drumsticks and pad. Tuition, uniforms, bagpipes, drums and transport to events are provided by the band. Band practice for new members is held on Friday nights at 7pm for pipers and drummers, with flexibility if needed. New members can attend the registration night or contact the Pipe Band mobile on 086 8966163. Millstreet Pipe Band have been proud supporters of the Rathmore St. Patrick's Day Parade every year since its beginning.

### GAA

In the Molyneux Cup, Rathmore defeated Crokes with a final score of 1-15 to 2-1. Congratulations also to our Rathmore U11 team, winners of the Tommy Kelliher Memorial Football Tournament, who defeated Cordal by one point after extra time in a thrilling final.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

For confidential support, please contact St. Vincent de Paul locally on 087 3462332.

### RATHMORE GAA CLUB LOTTO

Congratulations to Mossie Brosnan, Gneeveguilla who won the jackpot €19,400. He was presented with a cheque by chairman of Rathmore GAA club Kieran O'Keeffe. Best wishes to Mossie from all in Rathmore GAA Club.

### NOTES

If you would like to add an item to the notes, please email Michael O'Mahony at [momahony14@gmail.com](mailto:momahony14@gmail.com) or ring/text 087 6676817 before 6pm on Sunday.



Robert Giles, a member of Killarney Valley Classic & Vintage pictured at the Kerry Community Awards night with the groups award.



Congratulations to Mossie Brosnan who was presented with his cheque having won the Rathmore GAA Club €19,400 jackpot.



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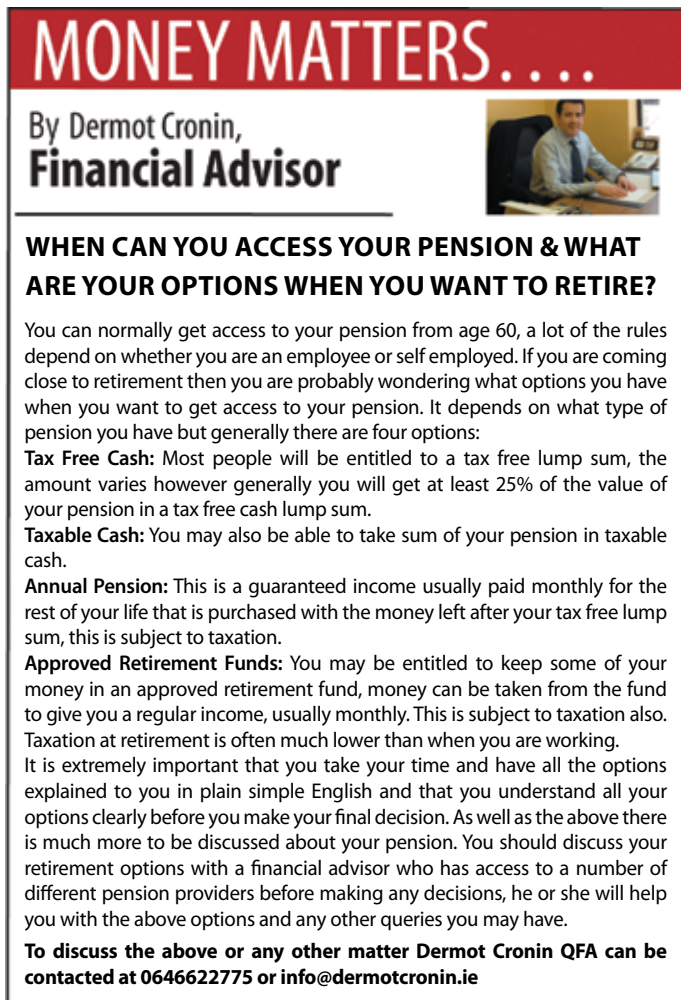
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**MONEY MATTERS....**

By Dermot Cronin,  
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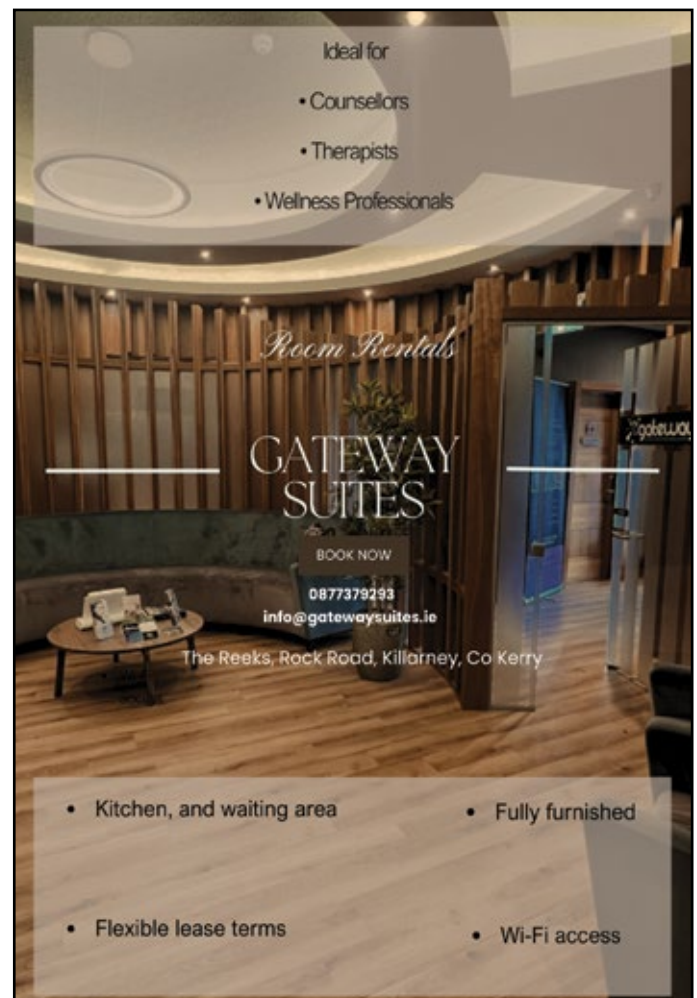
**Tax Free Cash:** Most people will be entitled to a tax free lump sum, the amount varies however generally you will get at least 25% of the value of your pension in a tax free cash lump sum.

**Taxable Cash:** You may also be able to take sum of your pension in taxable cash.

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Schools across Kerry are being called on to bring hope to children living in poverty this festive season by supporting Team Hope's annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

The much-loved initiative, now in its 15th year, delivers gift-filled shoeboxes to children in Africa and Eastern Europe, many of whom would otherwise receive nothing at Christmas. Since 2010, Team Hope has delivered over 2.8 million shoeboxes, and this year expects to pass the three million mark.

Team Hope CEO, Deborah Lowry, said the appeal is about more than just presents. "A simple shoebox, often packed by children for children, carries not only toys and treats but also the invisible gifts of love and hope. That kindness reminds a child that they are not forgotten."

The impact of the campaign can be seen through the story of Adas Rakauskas, who grew up in poverty in Lithuania and received a shoebox gift at the age of eight. Now a father of three living in Co. Louth, Adas and his family make shoeboxes every year to give back. "I'll never forget that gift," he said. "It showed me that someone cared, and now I want to pass that on."

Team Hope is encouraging schools, employers, community groups and families across Kerry to get involved and help spread the magic of Christmas.

For more details, visit [www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie)

## Kerry Schools Urged to Support Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal



# JYSK

## CELEBRATES NEW STORE OPENING IN KILLARNEY

JYSK, the Danish furniture retailer, officially opened the doors to its newest Irish store in Killarney last week. Shoppers turned out in force, eager to explore the brand's signature blend of stylish, affordable Scandinavian design.

This latest opening marks a significant milestone for JYSK, establishing its 28th store nationwide and further strengthening its presence across Ireland. The Killarney store, located on Deerpark Road is expected to contribute to the local economy by creating 10 new jobs, and will be managed by Gatis Krustins. The store will operate daily from 10am to 6pm.



Retail Manager John Keane, Finance Manager Eamon Breen and Country Director Roni Tominan pictured with team members at Danish furniture and home furnishings brand, JYSK, which opened its 28th Irish store at Deerpark Road, Killarney. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



Simona Revote and Titas Revotas (1) pictured with Niall O'Loughlin and his My Canine Companion dog Brian, at Danish furniture and home furnishings brand, JYSK, which opened its 28th Irish store at Deerpark Road, Killarney. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



Husband and wife Dorina and Ion Florea, served by staff member Mateusz Mazik, picked out a range of items from Danish furniture and home furnishings brand, JYSK, which opened its 28th Irish store at Deerpark Road, Killarney. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



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## TIES on, toes pointed...

# Kerry Mental Health Association To Host Irish Dance Marathon Relay On

## #TieDayFriday 10th October

David Geaney was on Bín Bán Strand, near his native Dingle, to launch #TieDayFriday with top trad musician, Greta Curtin from Brosna and Kerry Mental Health Association General Manager, John Drummey.

Photo: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD

The fifth annual #TieDayFriday will land on World Mental Health Day, Friday 10 October, with a show-stopping 9-hour Irish dancing marathon relay in the heart of Tralee.

Five-times World Champion, David Geaney, is leading the call for Irish dancers of all ages to wear a tie, make a donation, join the line and keep the rhythm going outside Kirby's Brogue Inn from midday to 9pm.

The overall choreography of #TieDayFriday remains the same - to unite workplaces, classrooms and communities to raise funds and awareness for life-enhancing mental health supports in Kerry.

To donate visit <http://KerryMentalHealth.ie/donate>.

David Geaney, a Dingle man described by Sharon Shannon as the 'present-day Fred Astaire' said, "As an Irish dancer, I know first-hand how powerful movement and music can be for lifting your spirits. Taking part in any active hobby is a huge boost for mental health, and that's what this marathon relay is all about - keeping the rhythm going together. #TieDayFriday is also

about connection: giving a little of your time, wearing a tie or tie-pin, sharing a photo and making a donation.

"Those small acts not only raise vital funds but also create a sense of community that's just as important for wellbeing. I'm proud to launch this fundraiser and can't wait to see Kerry step up for mental health on World Mental Health Day."

Dancers from Celtic Steps The Show, Céim Arts, Hegarty Irish Dance Academy, Kingdom Academy of Irish Dance, Fite Fuaite Dance and many more will also bring the pavement to life outside Kirby's Brogue Inn.

#TieDayFriday tie-pins, kindly sponsored by Red Chair Recruitment, will be available to purchase from volunteers for only €3 from outside Garvey's Supervalu Tralee and Listowel, Keane's Supervalu Killorglin and on High Street Killarney on Friday 10th October.

Online donations can be made at <https://KerryMentalHealth.ie/donate> or in person on #TieDayFriday 10th October in Killarney, Killorglin and Listowel where #TieDayFriday tie-pins will be sold for only €3 each.

The General Manager of Kerry Mental Health Association and a former Irish dancer, John Drummey, said, "I'm hugely grateful to my many friends and former colleagues in the dancing and traditional music world, our own volunteers, Fred McDonogh at Red Chair Recruitment and the staff at JRI America in Kerry Technology Park who have committed their time and energy to support Kerry Mental Health Association.

"This event is about community spirit as much as it is about dancing, and we'd love the public to come out, cheer us on, or even take part. Every step and every smile on World Mental Health Day will help strengthen the supports we can provide for people across Kerry."

Funds raised on #TieDayFriday 10th October will go towards Kerry Mental Health Association's ongoing activities and projects that support people in Kerry with mental health challenges, their families and friends.

**To donate to Kerry Mental Health Association online visit**

**<https://KerryMentalHealth.ie/donate>.**

## Women in Kerry encouraged to join heart health webinar

Sharon Butler is speaking about her uncommon emergency condition to encourage other women to register for a national webinar aimed at giving you the practical tools, confidence and inspiration to protect your heart health. Picture: Leanne Dempsey/ Irish Heart Foundation.



Women in Kerry are being encouraged to register for a free national webinar on World Heart Day, September 29, aimed at giving practical tools, confidence, and inspiration to protect heart health.

The online event, hosted by broadcaster Maura Derrane, will feature Dr Louise Fitzgerald, GP and clinical lead in menopause and occupational health, as well as the personal story of 53-year-old Sharon Butler from Mahon, Cork.

Sharon's heart health journey began unexpectedly on her 46th birthday. "I was trying on a new pair of shoes when I felt a sudden rush in my chest and pain in my oesophagus. I thought it was indigestion," she recalls. Her daughter quickly called Sharon's partner, a medical intern, who recognized the signs of a heart attack. Sharon was rushed to A&E, where tests confirmed she had suffered one. She later learned she had SCAD (Spontaneous Coronary Artery Dissection), a rare condition in which a tear in the artery wall can cause a blockage.

Sharon reached out to the Irish Heart Foundation for support and continues to work with them. Janis Morrissey, the Foundation's Director of Health Promotion, says the webinar offers women a chance to "take stock of where they are at, understand what factors impact their heart health, and make even small changes that can make a huge difference." The webinar will explore heart disease symptoms in women, how life stages like menopause affect heart health, and practical steps to lower risks. It runs from 12.30-1.45 pm on September 29. Register at: Eventbrite



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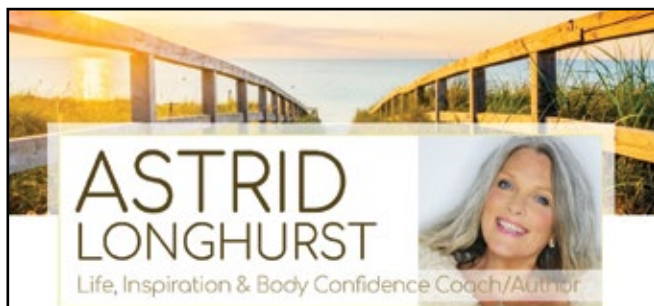
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(continued from last week)

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### Dairy / Alternatives

- **Non-fat Greek yogurt**: ~10 g protein | ~59 kcal
- **Cottage cheese (low-fat)**: ~11 g protein | ~98 kcal
- **Skim milk**: ~3.4 g protein | ~34 kcal
- **Soy milk (unsweetened)**: ~3.3 g protein | ~33 kcal

### Plant-Based

- **Seitan (wheat gluten)**: ~25 g protein | ~143 kcal
- **Tofu (firm)**: ~8 g protein | ~76 kcal
- **Tempeh**: ~19 g protein | ~195 kcal
- **Edamame (soybeans)**: ~11 g protein | ~120 kcal
- **Lentils (cooked)**: ~9 g protein | ~116 kcal
- **Chickpeas (cooked)**: ~9 g protein | ~164 kcal
- **Quinoa (cooked)**: ~4 g protein | ~120 kcal
- **Pumpkin seeds**: ~19 g protein | ~446 kcal (dense in calories)
- **Hemp seeds**: ~32 g protein | ~553 kcal (super nutrient-dense)

### Convenient

- **Whey protein powder**: ~20–25 g protein per scoop (~100–120 kcal)
- **Casein protein**: ~24 g protein | ~120 kcal
- **Plant protein powders (pea, rice, hemp blends)**: ~20–23 g protein | ~110–130 kcal

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Signs which may show there is a problem with a child's sight include:

- an eye appearing to drift inwards or outwards;
- difficulty concentrating;
- headaches;
- sitting too close to the television; or
- rubbing their eyes a lot.

The condition 'lazy eye' can run in the family, so if someone in your family has either an eye turn ('squint') or suffers from reduced vision in one or both eyes ('amblyopia'), it's a good idea to take any related children for a sight test.

### What is vision screening?

Some children have their vision screened at school – this is usually a basic test, designed to pick up children who have reduced vision in one or both eyes. If a problem is suspected,

children will usually be referred for a full sight test.

### What is a sight test?

A sight test is a comprehensive check which can pick up many conditions, including colour vision defects, problems with the development of 3D vision and any need for glasses. Taking children for sight tests from an early age helps to build good eye health habits into adulthood.

### What can I do if I don't want my child to wear glasses?

Some parents avoid taking their children for a sight test, because they do not want them to wear glasses.

It's important to understand that some children do need visual correction so their vision can develop normally and to achieve their full potential. The good news is there is now a much wider range of attractive frames to choose from and less stigma attached to wearing glasses.

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# Deputy Cahill Welcomes Expanded Fuel Allowance Scheme

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry and party spokesperson on older people, Deputy Michael Cahill, has today warmly welcomed the commencement of the Fuel Allowance Scheme for the 2025/26 season. The announcement by Minister for Social Protection, Dara Calleary TD, that 410,000 households across Ireland will benefit from this essential support marks a significant step in ensuring that more older people and vulnerable households have the financial assistance they need to cover heating costs during the winter months. Of the 410,000 households, 15,394 of them are in Kerry.

As part of this year's expansion of the Fuel Allowance Scheme, the eligibility conditions have been enhanced to include more people, particularly older people, with an important shift in the qualifying conditions. From January 2025, the over-70s enhanced eligibility criteria will be extended to people aged 66 and over, allowing single people to earn up to €524 per week and couples up to €1,048 per week, while also increasing the capital disregard from €20,000 to €50,000. Carer's Allowance has also become a qualifying payment for Fuel Allowance, subject to meeting the scheme's means test.

Deputy Cahill, who has long advocated for improved financial support for older people, said, "I am delighted that Minister Calleary has



announced this important expansion of the Fuel Allowance Scheme, which will provide much-needed relief to hundreds of thousands of families across the country, particularly to older people in Kerry who often face high energy costs during the colder months. As Fianna Fáil's spokesperson on older people, I have lobbied tirelessly for the extension of these qualifying conditions and have worked closely with Minister Calleary to ensure that the voices of older people are heard and their needs addressed."

He continued, "This year's enhancements are a testament to the ongoing commitment of Fianna Fáil to support older people, and I am

particularly pleased to see the extension of the over-70s criteria to those aged 66 and over. These changes will help ease the financial strain for more older people in our communities. I will continue to advocate strongly for the needs of older people, ensuring that they receive the support they deserve, especially when it comes to essential measures like heating assistance."

The scheme will see payments of €33 per week, or two instalments of €462, to eligible households for 28 weeks, from late September to April 2026. This initiative, which is aimed at helping those who are most vulnerable during the winter months, comes as a crucial lifeline for pensioners, long-term social welfare recipients, and their families.

Deputy Cahill concluded, "The Fuel Allowance has always played a vital role in supporting people in Kerry and across the country during the harsh winter months, and this year's expanded eligibility is a welcome development. I urge all those who may qualify to check their eligibility and apply as soon as possible. As we move into the winter season, I will continue to work closely with my colleagues in government to ensure that the voices and needs of older people are prioritised."

## Support for the return of Kerry Town Councils

The reinstatement of Town Councils to Kerry towns was urged again recently, by way of a Parliamentary Question by Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Cahill to Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne TD. Deputy Cahill, his party's Spokesperson on Older People and Tourism is an enthusiastic supporter of bringing democracy as close to the people as possible.

"We often hear the phrase "all politics is local" and I believe that it is best practice to keep as much decision making as possible close to those affected most and best placed, to make informed decisions about their locality and people. Much of our direction in life is controlled by Central Government and that is what has to be, but I believe that there is also

a big advantage in dealing with specific service and facility issues locally" stated Deputy Cahill.

"Minister Browne responded to my urgings by advising that a Local Democracy Taskforce was set up under the Programme for Government, to consider matters relating to the structure, finance, functions, governance and accountability of local Government. He has, in his capacity of Minister for Local Government already addressed this forum and is looking forward to receiving and considering the recommendations of the Taskforce" said the Rossbeigh TD.

"I have consistently called for the return of Town Councils as a member of Kerry County Council and since being elected to Dáil Éireann on the 1st of December 2024" stated Deputy Cahill.

"I am now looking forward to a positive response to the return of Town Councils to Killarney, Tralee and Listowel and any further improvements that may be of benefit to the people of Kerry" added Michael Cahill TD.



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Dennehy's Bar, Rathmore  
Richie McAuliffe's, Gneeveguilla

#### 3rd Friday

7.30 PM  
8.00 PM  
8.15 PM  
9.00 PM  
9.30 PM

#### Castleisland Area

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The Kingdom Bar, Castleisland  
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#### 1st Wednesday

8.00 PM  
8.30 PM  
9.00 PM  
9.30 PM

#### Killarney Area

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The Golden Nugget, Fossa

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7.30 PM  
8.15 PM  
8.45 PM

#### Killorglin Area

Golden Nugget, Fossa  
Galvin's Bar, Beaufort  
O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin  
Larkin's Bar, Milltown  
Griffins Bar, Castlemaine  
Anvil Bar, Boolteens

#### 1st Thursday

8.30 PM  
9.00 PM  
9.30 PM  
10:00 PM

#### Glenflesk & Barraduff

The Kerry Way, Glenflesk  
Spillane's Headford  
Murphy's Bar, Barraduff  
Sweeney's Bar, Barraduff

#### 4th Friday

8.30 PM  
9.30 PM  
10.00 PM  
10.45 PM

#### Kenmare & Sneem Area

The Roughty bar, Kenmare  
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#### 1st Friday

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10:00 PM  
10:30 PM

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## Councillor Cahill Calls for Padel Court Developments across Kerry

Fianna Fáil Councillor Tommy Cahill, representing the Kenmare Municipal District, is calling for the development of padel courts across County Kerry. At the recent full council meeting, Councillor Cahill presented a motion urging Kerry County Council to explore funding opportunities and collaborate with stakeholders to bring this rapidly growing sport to the county.

Councillor Cahill shared his personal experience

with padel. He described padel as "a most enjoyable, inclusive, and accessible sport for all ages and levels," adding that its greatest appeal lies in its social aspect. Councillor Cahill stated, "With Over 30 million padel players worldwide, the sport is booming and is the fastest growing sport in the world. Padel is a fantastic sport. It's fun, social, and can be played by people of all ages and abilities. It's a great way to stay active and connect with others. I had the privilege of playing with my friends every Friday in Dubai, and I can say firsthand how enjoyable and engaging it is."

The motion put forward by Councillor Cahill urges Kerry County Council to support the development of padel courts across the county. He encouraged the Council to work with Sport Ireland, Padel Ireland, local sports clubs, and community groups to identify suitable locations and ensure that Kerry benefits from the sport's growing popularity.

In a special mention, Councillor Cahill extended his best wishes to Tim Dennehy and David O'Brien, two young entrepreneurs who recently launched PadelKerry in Tralee. PadelKerry opened its doors last Saturday, offering a fantastic new facility for the people

of Kerry to enjoy this exciting sport. "I want to congratulate Tim and David for their hard work in bringing padel to Kerry," Councillor Cahill said. "It's exciting to see such enthusiasm for the sport, and I'm confident their efforts will inspire more people across the county to get involved."

As the youngest councillor in Kerry, Councillor Cahill emphasized the importance of delivering modern amenities like padel courts across the county to attract and retain residents. "Kerry is a beautiful place, but we need to ensure that we're offering the amenities and infrastructure that young people want in order to settle here," Cahill added. "By offering modern recreational facilities like padel courts, we can entice people to either return home or build a life here, creating a brighter future for our communities." Councillor Cahill's motion received widespread support at the meeting, and the Council has committed to exploring ways to support the development of padel courts across Kerry. The next steps will include looking into funding opportunities and considering locations for the new facilities.



## Deputy Danny Healy Rae Highlights School Transport in Dail Eireann

Deputy Danny Healy Rae has raised the issue of School Transport in Dail Eireann this week. Here is what he had to say:

I am glad to get opportunity to talk about this matter. I will start with drivers who are over 70. I have been looking for this for many years. I am a contractor, and my father was at it from 1956. We have a long record of service of taking children to school in Kilgarvan and Kenmare. I understand the plight of drivers when they reach 70. I had the finest drivers who had to park up and forget about it when they turned 70. I have asked for them to be tested medically, independently or whatever, to ensure that they are perfect in every way, because the safety of children is a priority. I am not trying to put them in any danger by asking for it. I know the drivers I let go are driving other vehicles for other people, doing other things rather than transporting schoolchildren, and they are still driving perfectly. Drivers in the USA and the UK operate beyond 70 years of age. I have seen it and

inquired into it. The Minister of State needs to look at that.

The other thing relates to 20-year-old buses. The minute buses reach 20 years of age here, even though they are mechanically sound and pass the test, they are put off the road and are no longer suitable for Bus Éireann. More often than not, those buses are being bought, taken to the North of Ireland and used to provide the same service up there. That is absolutely scandalous.

There is another real problem that contractors face. If a driver gets sick tomorrow morning, I could get a loan of a driver no problem from Teddy McCarthy below in Sneem or from O'Callaghan Coaches in Killarney. However, I cannot do that because they have been vetted by those people, but they need to be Garda vetted by me as well in the space of maybe 12 hours, which is ridiculous. If they are Garda vetted and on Bus Éireann's list, surely that should do. What is the difference of driving in Kilgarvan, Sneem or Killarney? They have to be Garda vetted




separately if they come to me. We have problems in Cronin's Wood in Killarney where 250 houses are being built. They are having difficulty getting down into the Monastery, the Presentation Convent and those places. They are looking for transport and they are entitled it. We were trying to get a bus service in the Headford area to take

people to the school in Barraduff. That matter is with the Minister of State. I hope he can do something about it. They found a tenth child late in the day, and we have been told that we have to wait until next year. That is not fair on the parents and children involved. I ask the Minister of State to do what he can about this matter.

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# PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2025

## What You Need to Know

Ireland will go to the polls on Friday, 24 October 2025, to elect its next President. The President of Ireland, or Uachtarán na hÉireann, is the Head of State and is chosen by the people every seven years. A President may only serve two terms, and with Michael D. Higgins' second term due to end on 10 November 2025, the country will soon decide who will take his place. This year's candidates are Catherine Connolly, Heather Humphries and Jim Gavin.

Although the President is not involved in day-to-day government policy, the role carries important responsibilities under the Constitution. The President represents all the people of Ireland both at home and abroad, attends public events, makes speeches, and welcomes visitors to Áras an Uachtaráin. The President also plays a key part in formal state business, appointing the Taoiseach, ministers, judges and senior officials once they have been nominated by government. The Dáil can only be dissolved by the President, usually on the advice of the Taoiseach, but the President does have the power to refuse such a request in certain circumstances. Every law passed by the Oireachtas must be signed by the President before it comes into effect, and in cases of doubt the President may refer a Bill to the Supreme Court to check if it complies with the Constitution. The President is also Supreme Commander of the Defence Forces, commissioning officers, though command rests with the Government.

Voting in a presidential election is open to all Irish citizens who are aged 18 or over, ordinarily resident in Ireland, and registered to vote. Anyone unsure if they are on the electoral register can check at [checktheregister.ie](http://checktheregister.ie) or through their local authority. The deadline to register for in-person voting is Tuesday, 7 October 2025.

To become a candidate, a person must be

## Presidential Election

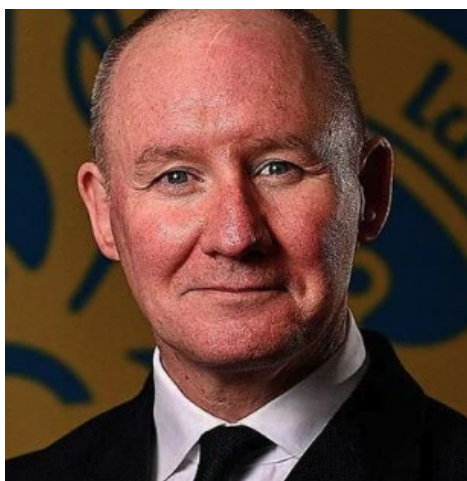


at least 35 years of age and an Irish citizen. Candidates can be nominated by at least 20 members of the Oireachtas or by at least four local authorities. A former or retiring President who has served only one term may also nominate themselves. The nomination window opens on 5 September and closes at noon on 24 September.

On election day, voters will receive a ballot paper listing the candidates in alphabetical order. Voting is by preference, with voters

writing "1" beside their first choice, "2" beside their second, and so on. People may rank as many or as few candidates as they like. Once the ballot is marked, it is folded and placed in the ballot box.

With just weeks to go before polling day, the countdown is on. The election will determine who becomes the 11th President of Ireland and who will represent the Irish people at home and abroad until at least 2032.



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## ROSS GC - GENTS

ON SEPT 13TH AND 14TH WE HELD THE KEANES JEWELLERS GOLD MEDAL STROKEPLAY FINAL.

The winners were :-

1st: Alan Flynn 65 (7)

2nd: Mike O'Keeffe 68 (12)

Gross: Daniel Cronin 77 (8)

### Division 1

1st: Michael J O'Sullivan 69 (12)

2nd: Darren Gaffey 70 (12)

### Division 2

1st: John Cuskelly 69 (13)

2nd: Brendan Collins 70 (18)

### Division 3

1st: Sam Guerineau 75 (26)

2nd: Paul Favier 79 (23)

### FIXTURES

On Sept 28th we will hold The McSweeney Arms sponsored stableford competition. The usual tee time bookings process applies for Sunday.

### KILLARNEY MEDAL & TROPHY CENTRE CLUB MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

The final of the club matchplay championship was held recently and after a great battle between Donald McSweeney and David Murphy, it was Donald who emerged victorious, Well done to both on a great final and congratulations to Donald on his victory.

### J B O'SHEA TROPHY

Best of luck to the Ross GC team in this competition in Tralee GC on Saturday next

### SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to Past Captain, Johnny Brosnan, and all the Brosnan Family on the recent death of his father, Mike R.I.P.

## ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

RESULTS SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2025, 9-HOLE SINGLE STABLEFORD QUALIFYING COMPETITION.

1st: Bridget McGuire

2nd: Dora Campbell

3rd: Maureen Beecher Crowley

### COMPETITIONS

Sunday 28th September 2025 - 9 & 18 hole single Stableford qualifying competition. Booking through the BRS.

### WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

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

## DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

### NATIONAL INTER-CLUB QUALIFYING

Well done to our No 1 and No 2 teams on qualifying for next month's National Inter-Club Finals following last Saturday's event in Majestic in Mallow. Commiserations to our third team on missing out on reaching the finals at the same venue.

### SUNDAY DRAWS

Two-Ball Betterball- First Nett: Denis Duggan & Gerard O'Brien 37½, Gross: Gearóid Cronin &



Vice Captain Annette McNeice, Sheila Crowley, Eileen Whelan and Kay O'Connor presented a cheque for €4035 to Mirian Hand (4th from left) from Play in Pink National Breast Cancer Research Institute. Many thanks to all the lady members for your generosity.

Dave Spillane 45 & Second Nett: Niall O'Loughlin & Margaret O'Brien 39.

### CLUB STROKEPLAY

Sponsored by Charlie Foley's Bar will take place this Sunday with all names to be entered by 8.45am. Play over 36 holes with entry €10 per player.

### U16 SCRATCH CUP

We are happy to announce our U16 Scratch Cup is returning for the first time in three years this Saturday (27th) with play over 36 holes at 9.45am and entry €5 per player. Our thanks to the Victoria House Hotel for their continued support of this event.

### CLUB MATCHPLAY

We are down to the semi-finals in the Championship event as Nathan Cronin will play David Harnett while Daniel Kelly will take on James Foley in the other semi-final. The Plate Final meanwhile will see Brian McCarthy take on John Murphy.

### COURSE UPDATE

Advancement has been made recently regarding the laying of spare greens and reshaping of bunkers and the possibility of introducing a couple of more bunkers into our Championship course. This work is due for commencement so please be advised that over the next few weeks there will be holes taken out of play from time to time. Apologies for the inconvenience caused but please understand that it's all towards the improvement of our course and preparation for future Championships.

## CASTLEROSSE LADIES GOLF CLUB

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER OF THE COMPETITION OF THE 12/13 SEPT; 9 Hole Stableford

1st: Siobhan Creedon

No competition was held this past week.

### WEEKLY COMPETITION

This weeks Scramble competition takes place on Saturday. Meet at 10am for 10:30am Tee-off. Sign up on BRS.

### SOCIAL GOLF

Social Golf continues on Wednesday morning. Meet at 10.15am to play at 10:30am.

### GOLF LESSONS

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## KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB - LADIES

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Overall, Winners: Eithne Bermingham, Siobhan O'Mahony, Brid Seymour, Mitchelstown GC, 70pts

Runners Up: Deidre Dillane, Eileen Daly, Teresa Cronin, Ballybunion GC, 69pts

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Overall Runner-Up: Moira Quinlan (23) 2 up

Best Gross: Amy Arthur 2 down

3rd: Maureen Creedon (16) 2 up

4th: Noreen Coffey (16) Tied

### 13 Hole Competition

Geraldine Rosney (26) 23 pts

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# NINE NOMINATIONS FOR KERRY but Donegal top with Ten

All-Ireland runners-up Donegal have edged champions Kerry in the race for PwC All-Star football nominations, claiming ten spots on the shortlist compared to Kerry's nine.

David Clifford is in line to become the first Footballer of the Year to win the title for a historic third time.

Jack O'Connor's side, who won the Sam Maguire with fantastic victories over Armagh, Tyrone and Donegal in the knockout series, still find themselves trailing their beaten final opponents in the individual stakes.

David Clifford, widely tipped to collect the Footballer of the Year award, headlines Kerry's trio of forward nominees, joined by brother Paudie and the ever-influential Sean O'Shea, whose semi-final masterclass helped dismantle defending champions Armagh.

At the back, captain Gavin White, full-back Jason Foley, wing-back Brian Ó Beaglaíoch and half-back Mike Breen are all recognised, while Shane Ryan earns a nod between the posts. In midfield, Joe O'Connor's breakthrough season has been rewarded with a nomination. The Austin Stacks powerhouse also finds himself in contention for the coveted Footballer of the Year accolade.

The All-Star nominations were chosen by a group of Gaelic

Games Correspondents from across print, radio, tv and digital media and was chaired by Uachtarán CLG, Jarlath Burns. This will be the 54th year of the awards stretching back to 1971. The PwC All-Stars will be presented at a gala black-tie event at Dublin's RDS on Friday November 7, which will be shown live on RTÉ. The football team will be announced live on the night as well as the player of the year awards in hurling and football.

## PWC ALL-STARS FOOTBALL NOMINATIONS 2025

### GOALKEEPERS

Shane Ryan (Kerry)  
Rory Beggan (Monaghan)  
Ethan Rafferty (Armagh)

### DEFENDERS

Brian Ó Beaglaíoch (Kerry)  
Jason Foley (Kerry)  
Gavin White (Kerry)  
Michael Breen (Kerry)  
Brendan McCole (Donegal)  
Finnbarr Roarty (Donegal)  
Peadar Mogan (Donegal)  
Ciarán Moore (Donegal)  
Ciarán Caulfield (Meath)  
Seán Rafferty (Meath)  
Craig Lennon (Louth)  
Jarly Óg Burns (Armagh)  
Ross McQuillan (Armagh)  
Niall Devlin (Tyrone)  
Kieran McGeary (Tyrone)  
Dessie Ward (Monaghan)  
Jack Coyne (Mayo)

Ryan McHugh (Donegal)

### MIDFIELDERS

Michael Langan (Donegal)  
Joe O'Connor (Kerry)  
Odhran Murdock (Down)  
Conor Glass (Derry)  
John Maher (Galway)  
Peadar Ó Cofaigh Byrne (Dublin)

### FORWARDS

Michael Murphy (Donegal)  
Conor O'Donnell (Donegal)  
Shane O'Donnell (Donegal)  
Ciaran Thompson (Donegal)  
David Clifford (Kerry)  
Paudie Clifford (Kerry)  
Seán O'Shea (Kerry)  
Matthew Costello (Meath)  
Jordan Morris (Meath)  
Ruairi Kinsella (Meath)  
Rob Finnerty (Galway)  
Matthew Thompson (Galway)  
Sam Mulroy (Louth)  
Ryan Burns (Louth)  
Oisín Conaty (Armagh)  
Rory Grugan (Armagh)  
Michael Bannigan (Monaghan)  
Ciaran Kilkenny (Dublin)

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

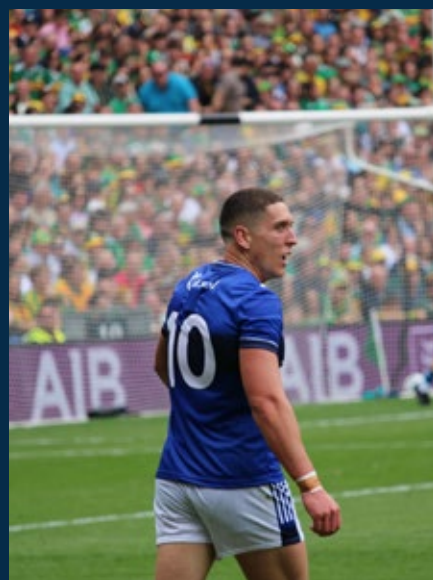
David Clifford (Kerry)  
Joe O'Connor (Kerry)  
Michael Murphy (Donegal)

### YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Oisín Conaty (Armagh)  
Finnbarr Roarty (Donegal)  
Matthew Thompson (Galway)



David Clifford nominated for his third footballer of the year award



Joe O'Connor nominated for footballer of the year award



The victorious Kerry Football Team who has nine nominations in the All Stars. Photo: Orla Coyne Kerry GAA Fans

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## MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

### COUPE CALL FOR CILLIAN

Fantastic news last week with the announcement by Rowing Ireland of the Ireland squad to contest the Coupe de la Jeunesse Beach Sprint Regatta in Cadiz, Spain from October 30th to November 2nd. The club is thrilled with the selection of Cillian Leslie to the Mens squad of eight Under 19 rowers that will take on the relatively new international contest for European junior rowers. The Beach Sprint coastal competition follows the flatwater Coupe regatta held in Austria in July, where the club was also represented by Cillian's fellow junior clubmates Cian Scannell and Ronan Fahy. Beach sprint or coastal rowing is the newest branch of the sport that is now firmly in the spotlight ahead of its Olympic introduction in Los Angeles in 2028. Wishing Cillian every success over the weeks ahead.

### KILLARNEY REGATTA

Closer to home there was disappointing news with the cancellation of the 2025 staging of the Killarney Regatta following the previous week's postponement. While the forecast conditions did not play out entirely as predicted last Sunday, high water levels from a week of heavy rainfall added a further challenge to the running of the event. However, all was not lost and to celebrate our local traditional regatta, the Regatta Dance proceeded on Thursday night as an end of season disco. Our younger rowers especially were able to enjoy the occasion with a number of schools closed on Friday. Well done to Jenna Coffey, who represented the club in this year's Regatta Queen contest.

### NEW SEASON

With breaths barely drawn following an extended rowing season 2024/25, the club is now gearing up for a new season of winter training. A number of the first time trial events of the new season are now looming on the calendar. First up is the St. Michael's Head Of the River on Saturday, October 11th in O'Briensbridge, Co. Clare.

### ANNIVERSARY MASS

The fifth anniversary mass in memory of the last Seamus Guiney, former Club President, will be held on Saturday 11th October in St. Mary's Cathedral at 6.15pm.

## KILLARNEY RFC CLUB

It was another busy and exciting week for Killarney RFC, both on and off the pitch, with action across our youth and senior teams.

### SENIOR MEN - MCELLIGOTT CUP CHAMPIONS

Our Senior Men's team travelled to Castleisland on Sunday to take on Castleisland RFC in the McElligott Cup Final. In a fantastic display of rugby, Killarney ran out 17-3 winners to lift the Cup. This was a superb team performance, with every player giving their all in the Black and Red. Congratulations to the squad and coaching team on a brilliant victory, and a big thank you to the travelling supporters who created such a great atmosphere on the day.

### YOUTH RUGBY

It was a packed weekend of youth rugby with three teams in action.

On Saturday, our U14 Boys travelled to Listowel and, despite a brave effort, fell 17-7 against a



Killarney RFC Senior Men - McElligott Cup Champions

very strong Listowel side. With many players making the big step up from Mini Rugby, this was a hugely valuable experience for the group, and they will only grow from here.

On Sunday, our U16 Boys also made the trip to Listowel. Despite going down to 13 players at one stage, the lads showed tremendous heart to mount a huge comeback before eventually losing out 43-28 in a high-scoring clash.

At the same time in Aghadoe, our U18.5 Boys hosted Tralee RFC. In a fantastic contest, the Black and Red came out on top with a 37-22 win against a very determined Tralee side. Well done to all involved for a great performance.

### MINI RUGBY

Our U12 squad enjoyed a memorable day out at the blitz hosted by Rockwell College on Saturday. The boys and girls proudly wore the Black and Red and put in some fantastic displays on the pitch. On their way home, the team stopped off to visit Mitchelstown Caves, making it a day to remember. A special word of thanks goes to the U12 coaches for organising such a great outing for the kids.

### SPECIAL VISIT - MAX STARKS

On Monday evening, our youth coaches and players had the privilege of meeting Max Starks of the Pittsburgh Steelers as part of the build-up to the NFL game at Croke Park. Our U18.5 players demonstrated a rugby lineout for Max as he compared rugby and American football — a brilliant experience for all involved.

### FUNDRAISING - ONCE IN A LIFETIME RAFFLE

Don't forget that our Once in a Lifetime Raffle draw takes place this Sunday, 28th September, at Scotts Hotel, Killarney. Tickets are still available online at [tinyurl.com/BuyTicketsKRFC](http://tinyurl.com/BuyTicketsKRFC)

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## FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

### RESULTS FOR THE 18TH SEPTEMBER

1st: Marie O'Sullivan Kenmare & Horst Rosler

2nd: Hanneke Nieman & Don O'Sullivan

3rd: Mary Rose Felle & Mary Shanahan

4th: Tim & Mai Corcoran

Well done everyone.

It is wonderful to see our fellow bridge players back for the season ahead. Membership is €30 and the weekly entry fee is €7 for anyone who

would like to play/join the club.

Bridge continues every Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel.

## KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

The County Cross Country Championships were held in Killarney last Sunday. Conor Kissane won the Senior Men and Risteard Clifford came 3rd and along with Jevhren Kurbanov, Conor Crowley and Daire O'Brien won the Senior Team also. Karl James O'Neill won the Junior Men's while Maria Murnane came 2nd in the Junior Women's race. Khrystyna Paliy, Caitriona Shanahan and Sinead Hickey received a Silver Team medal in the Senior women's race for their hard work. Liam Murphy came 2nd in the U18 Boys. Kirsten came 4th and Tara O'Sullivan came 7th in the U18 Girls. Conor Duffin won the U16 Boys with Thomas O'Sullivan coming 6th. Muireann Breen came 1st in the U16 Girls. James Doody came 3rd and Charlie Jay Kelliher came 6th in the U12 Boys and they won Team Gold along with John Byrne, Cian O'Connell, Fionn O'Donoghue, Oisín O'Donoghue Sheehan, Callum Hegarty, Fionn Delaney and Charlie Lenihan. The U12 Girls received Team Bronze with Carolena Kelly, Chloe O'Sullivan, Sadhbh O'Reilly, Allie Casey, Fiadh Driver, Lily Leahy and Cara Brady. Dylan O'Connor came 5th in the U10 Boys and won Team Silver with Michael Moran, Luke Sheehan, Cormac O'Suilleabhain, Tyler McSweeney, Mark Fitzgerald, Oisín O'Connell, Noah Brosnan, Teddy O'Brien, Cillian Doody, Rian Brosnan, Louis McElligott, Sean Scanlon, David Byrne and Archie Lenihan.

Best of luck to all competing in the Juvenile Uneven Age, Intermediate Cross Country competition on Sunday 28th September.

Please email the club on [killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com](mailto:killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com) if you would like to join the club.

All relevant information on our club is on our website [www.killarneyvalleyac.ie](http://www.killarneyvalleyac.ie).

## KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

Killarney Swimming Club's Junior Squads attended their first gala of the season at Mayfield

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in Cork hosted by Dolphin Swimming Club at the weekend. Congratulations to all swimmers, everyone obtained personal bests on the day. The club took home 23 medals on the day, a huge achievement for our junior swimmers. Medalists were Daniel Cremin (4 Gold, 1 Silver),

Reece O'Donoghue (1 Gold, 2 Silver, 1 Bronze), Juan Avila (1 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze), Derbhla Kiely (2 Bronze), Maro Lucic Kovacevic (1 silver, 2 Bronze), Kyrylo Lutchenko (1 silver, 1 Bronze), Liam O'Mahoney (1 Gold, 1 Bronze), Aoibhin O'Leary (Silver), Nessa Brosnan (Silver).



Swimmers with their Coach Ellen O'Connor.



Reece O'Donoghue, Daniel Cremin and Liam O'Mahoney.

## Killarney Aikido Club Celebrates 20 Years of martial arts practice with New Beginners Course

The Killarney Aikido Club is proud to announce the celebration of its 20th anniversary this year, having been founded in 2005 by Seamus Whitty (4th Dan) and Anthony O'Leary (3rd Dan). Over two decades, the club has become a cornerstone of personal growth for hundreds of students, offering a unique path to inner strength, physical grace, and mental clarity through the traditional Japanese martial art of Aikido.

In honour of this milestone Killarney Aikido Club are launching a six-week Beginner Course starting October 2nd from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm at the Killarney Sports and Leisure Complex. Open to all ages (15+) and fitness levels- with no prior experience required- the course will introduce foundational techniques while exploring Aikido's deeper philosophical roots. It's a perfect opportunity for anyone curious about Aikido's unique blend of martial tradition, physical skill and personal growth.

### Aikido: The Art of Peaceful Power

Aikido is a Japanese budo art—a term that refers to the traditional martial ways of Japan,

which emphasize not just combat techniques but personal growth, discipline, and ethical conduct.

Aikido, globally recognised by the Aikikai Foundation (World Headquarters, Tokyo) and regulated in Ireland by the Irish Aikido Federation (founded 1973), is a martial art rooted in harmony- not aggression. Practitioners learn to blend with an attacker's motion, redirecting force without confrontation.

Its core tenets include:

**Coordinating breath, posture, and movement** to stay calm and centred

**Engaging conflict without opposition**, turning an attack into an opportunity for control

**Strengthening mind and body** through natural movement, balance, and awareness

The philosophy of Aikido extends far beyond self-defence, cultivating resilience, mindfulness, and peace in everyday life.

"The concept that 'True victory is self-victory' is central to the philosophy underpinning Aikido practice," says Seamus Whitty, co-founder and 4th Dan instructor. "For 20 years, our mission has been to share Aikido not as just a combat art, but also as a path to self-discovery and personal growth. The principles of Aikido go beyond self-defence, fostering mindfulness, stress relief, and confidence in everyday challenges. Ultimately Aikido is not about defeating others- it's about mastering oneself."

### The Six-Week Beginners' Course

New students will embark on a structured programme designed to introduce Aikido's physical techniques and philosophical underpinnings:

Breathing exercises to cultivate calmness and wellbeing.

Falling drills to build confidence and safety

Partnered exercises that develop an understanding of techniques and promote



coordination.

Entry-level throwing techniques for harmonious control

Insights into dojo etiquette and budo spirit.

The course provides a supportive space to explore how Aikido's principles translate to greater mental focus, emotional balance, and physical grace.

### Join Us and Begin Your Aikido Journey

The Killarney Aikido Club is committed to its founding vision, offering authentic instruction under the guidance of the Irish Aikido Federation and Aikikai Foundation. All classes are led by experienced instructors trained in the traditional Aikido lineage.

Classes for beginners run Thursdays, 7:00–8:15 PM, from October 2nd through to November 6th, at the Killarney Sports Complex. Regular club nights continue Mondays and Thursdays, 8:00–9:45 PM. To reserve your place or learn more, contact Seamus on 087 123 5994 or visit Instagram @killarneyaikido

### For inquiries or interview requests, contact:

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# TIGHT CONTEST ENDS NIL ALL

## Athlone Town 0-0 Kerry FC

by David Moriarty

Kerry FC ended their long weekend on the road with a trip to the Midlands on Monday night to take on Athlone Town for the final time this season.

Kerry FC wanted to get back to winning ways after Friday's defeat in Dublin, whereas Athlone Town were looking to win their first game at home since the fourteenth of March. It was a ninth versus tenth on the evening as Longford Town's big win against league leaders Dundalk on Saturday saw them rise above the Kingdom in the league standings. A win for Kerry FC would see them go back to eighth and ahead of Longford on goal difference.

Kerry FC manager Colin Healy made five changes to his side that lost in Dublin on Friday night. You might say it's a weakened side, but on the other hand, it was possibly the strongest bench Kerry FC has seen in quite some time. Darragh Foley made his first start for Kerry FC on the night off the back of his first appearance as a half-time substitute on Friday.

From the outset, the match had the feel of two evenly matched sides testing each other's mettle. The opening ten minutes brought little in the way of clear opportunities, though Athlone registered the first corner of the evening. Chris McQueen was alert at the back for Kerry, dealing confidently with the delivery to clear his lines. For all the early possession exchanged between the teams, neither could land a decisive blow in the opening stages.

Kerry responded with their first corner midway through the half. Arran Healy, lively as ever, swung in a teasing ball, but Athlone defended it well and cleared the danger. That moment encapsulated much of the first half: both sides earned half-chances, but defensive discipline prevailed.

The game sparked into life in the twenty-sixth minute when Darragh Foley was called into serious action for the first time. Martin Scally unleashed a strike from distance, only to be denied by the Kerry shot-stopper, who dealt with the effort calmly. Moments later, Athlone's Dean Williams nearly capitalised on a long ball over the top. He found himself in a promising position but failed to connect properly, leaving Foley to smother the threat without fuss.

As the half wore on, the midfield battle remained tightly contested, with neither side willing to cede control. Athlone looked to exploit direct passes into their forwards, while Kerry worked to build patiently through their midfield trio.

Three additional minutes of stoppage time were signalled at the end of the half, but neither side was able to break the deadlock. At the interval, it remained goalless.

The second half exploded into controversy almost immediately. Just a minute after the restart, Athlone were awarded a penalty in

puzzling circumstances. A long ball into the box appeared to deflect off of Ronan Teahan's head, but the referee judged it to have struck an arm. The decision left Kerry's players and manager Colin Healy visibly frustrated, yet Athlone had their chance to seize the lead.

Up stepped Gilmore, only to be thwarted by Foley, who dived to make an excellent save. To the disbelief of the travelling supporters, the referee ordered a retake, citing an infringement. Gilmore placed the ball once more, but Foley produced an even more remarkable stop the second time, preserving parity and underlining his growing reputation as a reliable presence between the posts.

The incident seemed to galvanise Kerry. Far from retreating under pressure, they grew into the half with renewed belief. Healy made a bold triple substitution and in the fifty-third minute, introducing Joe Adams, Daniel Okwute, and Oran Crowe for Robbie Cleary, Finn Barrett, and Ronan Teahan. The changes injected fresh energy, particularly in attack, where Okwute's physicality and clever touches caused Athlone problems.

Athlone threatened again just past the hour mark, when a corner was swung dangerously on top of Foley. Amidst the scramble, the Kerry keeper not only cleared but also won a free out to relieve pressure. It was yet another sign of Kerry's increasing composure as the game wore on.

Cian Brosnan replaced Sean McGrath shortly afterwards, and Kerry nearly created a breakthrough. Okwute, showing strength and invention, flicked the ball cleverly into the path of Arran Healy, but the pass just ran too far and was smothered by Athlone goalkeeper Andrew Stuart Trainor.

Athlone's Daniel McKenna found himself in the referee's book in the seventy third minute, and his indiscipline would ultimately cost his side late in the contest. Before that, however, Kerry

handed a debut to young midfielder Luke Doolan, who replaced the tireless Arran Healy in the 83rd minute. Doolan almost made an immediate impact, glancing a header from a corner narrowly wide with his very first touch in senior League of Ireland football.

As the match ticked into the final minutes, Kerry continued to push. Okwute came close to stealing victory when his shot from inside the left side of the box hit the side netting in the eighty-ninth minute, much to the relief of the home supporters. With four minutes of stoppage time signalled, the tension inside the ground was palpable.

In the third minute of added time, Athlone's evening took a further blow. McKenna, already booked, picked up a second yellow card and was sent off. The dismissal came too late, however, for Kerry to capitalise, and the referee's whistle confirmed the stalemate.

Kerry FC had two very tough games on the road this week and now look forward to being back at home on Friday night as they contest Treaty United in the final Munster Derby of the season for the Kingdom.

Athlone Town Team: 13. Andrew Stuart Trainor, 4. Daniel McKenna (RED CARD '90), 5. Dylan Hand, 6. Jason Folarin Oyenuga, 7. Aderinsola Abdul-Lateef Adewale, 9. Dean Williams, 17. Conor Quinn, 26. Billy Gilmore, 28. Martin Scally, 29. Reece Webb (C), 32. Adam Lennon. Subs: Lee Duggan, Kelende Abdine Jr Thiam, Noe Baba, Bobby Brett, Oisín Duffy, Gideon Tetteh, William Smith, Colm Doyle.

Kerry FC Team: 40. Darragh Foley, 3. Sean O'Connell, 5. Christopher McQueen, 6. Carl Mujaguzi, 7. Sean McGrath (C), 8. Ronan Teahan, 14. Robbie Cleary, 19. Daniel O'Connor, 23. Finn Barrett, 29. Ewan Lee, 35. Arran Healy.

Subs: Matthew Connor, Oran Crowe, Joe Adams, Daniel Okwute, Luke Doolan, Luke Palmer, Kevin Williams, Ryan Perez, Cian Brosnan.



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## MEK GALAXY FC

### NEW STAR SIGNING

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### RESULTS

U12 Girls: Camp Juniors 2 – MEK Galaxy 2  
U14 Girls: MEK Galaxy 0 – Tralee Dynamo's 5  
U15 Girls: Camp Juniors 0 – MEK Galaxy 4  
U16 Girls: Camp Juniors 0 – MEK Galaxy 4  
U13 Boys: MEK Galaxy A 3 – Ballyhar Dynamo's 8  
U13 Boys: Tralee Dynamo's 5 - MEK Galaxy B 4  
U15 Boys: MEK Galaxy 6 – Killarney Athletic C 1

### UPCOMING FIXTURES

Friday 26th - U13 Girls: MEK Galaxy B v Killarney Athletic B @ 6pm (Lge)  
Saturday 27th - U13 Boys: MEK Galaxy B v Inter Kenmare B @ 2pm (Lge)  
Sunday 28th - U16 Boys: Listowel Celtic v MEK Galaxy @ 2pm (NC)  
Monday 29th - U13 Girls: MEK Galaxy A v Castleisland @ 6pm (Lge)

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### KDL PREMIER RESULT

**Killarney Athletic AFC 3 - 1 Killorglin AFC**

Jack Cooper x 2, Ian Prendergast x 1

Assists Oisín O'Sullivan 2 Terry Sparling 1

### U15 DIVISION 3 RESULT

**MEK A 6 - 1 Killarney Athletic C**

Dylan Treimut x 1 A tough game for our young blues yesterday, as they were up against a very strong MEK team. A slow start by the lads which MEK took full advantage of before the lads settled and made things more difficult for them. Raul & Dylan both had good chances to score but the MEK keeper made fine saves before Dylan went on another great run to get his goal, dribbling past 4 and smashing his strike into the right hand side of the goal.

Plenty to work on but lots of positives too. Onwards & upwards Thanks very much to MEK & the ref for a competitive game

### U15 DIVISION 3 BOYS

**Castleisland B 5 Killarney Athletic D 1**

Goal: Leon Hebda

The newly-formed U15D boys team came up short away to Castleisland B on Saturday. The damage was done in the first half but the lads showed great spirit to make the second half a tight contest. Thanks to Castleisland for the sporting game.

### U15 DIVISION 2 RESULT

**LB Rovers A 1 - 1 Killarney Athletic B**

Malachy Audley x 1

Our lads were up against it yesterday facing tough conditions for a multitude of reasons, with having to contend with strong winds & driving rain throughout the match being just two of them. The playbook had to be practically thrown out the window here as this became a game more about survival. Hugely impressed with how the lads acquitted themselves though, coming away with a point where maybe a season or two ago we possibly wouldn't have.

There is definitely growth here, each player played their part, there was huge desire throughout and a point blank refusal to give up. Well done lads we move forward! MOTM - Jack Gleeson

### U16 GIRLS RESULT

**Killarney Athletic U16 Girls 7 Fenit Samphires 2**

The Athletic girls welcomed Fenit to Woodlawn on a beautiful Autumn morning, the girls quickly got in to the groove and dominated the game, they played some beautiful football and scored their first from a corner. And went on to score some fabulous goals through out the game. Fenit will be very disappointed that



Ballyhar Dynamos FC club officers Donal o Donoghue & Owen Nealon accepting & thanking Dan Ahern of Ahern's pharmacy Farranfore for contributing first aid kits towards club teams for the coming season.

the scoreline did not reflect the work and effort they put in to this game it was an extremely physical game with no quarter given. We would like to thank Fenit for a great game and the ref John Ross.

Caomhe Ni Lionard x 1, Ella Crowley x 1, Ella Murphy x 1

## KILLARNEY CELTIC

### CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 5,11,15,22. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €40. Next jackpot €3,000 on Monday September 29th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop ( Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

### KDL PREMIER

**Killarney Celtic 4-0 Camp**

Sean Lovett 2, Blake Bolster, Gary Keane

Celtic A came out on top in this Premier clash played last weekend. Celtic led 1-0 at the break and further goals in the 70th, 72nd 86th minutes sealed the win.

### KDL CHAMPIONSHIP

**Killarney Celtic B 4-1 Tralee Dynamos B**

Jason O'Sullivan 2, Luke O'Neill, Callum Cronin

Celtic B gained their 1st points of the campaign



Killarney Athletic U15 Boys National Cup



Killarney Celtic Youths vs Tralee Dynamos



Castlemaine United U13 Boys Div 2 South



Castleisland U13 Boys Div 2 South

with a home win over Tralee Dynamos B. Celtic laid the foundations for the win with a strong 1st half performance after which Celtic led 3-0. Dynamos pulled a goal back after half time but Celtic held firm and sealed the win with a late goal.

#### **JAKO MUNSTER YOUTHS CUP**

##### **Killarney Celtic 4-2 Tralee Dynamos**

Ramin Khan 3, Cillian Coffey

Celtic came from behind to qualify for round 3 thanks to a much improved 2nd half performance. Dynamos led 2-0 before Ramin Khan pulled 1 back to leave Dynamos ahead at the break. Celtic came out in the 2nd half a more determined team and they started to press Dynamos back. Ramin Khan with 2 further goals and Cillian Coffey lifted Celtic

#### **U15 PREMIER**

##### **Castleisland AFC 3-0 Killarney Celtic**

#### **U15 DIV 1**

##### **Inter Kenmare 1-9 Killarney Celtic B**

Cillian Scannell 3, Luke Clifford 2, Jack Clifford, Fionn Culloty, Paul McGrath, Jace Flynn

Celtic B were always on top in Kenmare and were clear cut winners.

#### **U13 SFAI NATIONAL CUP**

##### **Pike Rovers 1-5 Killarney Celtic**

Cillian Daly 2, Maksym Opala, Rowan Murphy, Dylan McCarthy

Celtic A advanced to round 2 of the SFAI National Cup after a fine win in Limerick. Celtic were always on the front foot here and they led 3-0 at the break. Further goals in the 2nd half had Celtic well ahead before Pike got a consolation goal.

#### **U13 DIV 1**

##### **Killarney Celtic C 0-0 LB Rovers**

#### **U12 DIV 1**

##### **Killarney Celtic C 6-0 Killorglin AFC**

George Burchill 2, Scott O Sullivan 2, Fionn O Sullivan, Cillian Murphy

**CONGRATS** to Cillian Scannell U15 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.

## **KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER**

#### **NATIONAL CUP**

#### **MIXED FORTUNE FOR KERRY CLUBS IN 13'S NATIONAL CUP**

It was a mixed weekend for Kerry representatives in the U13 Boys National Cup, with several

teams advancing after impressive displays, while others bowed out in the opening round. Killarney Celtic hit the ground running with a superb 5-1 away win over Pike Rovers. Goals from Cillian Daly (2), Maksym Opala, Dylan McCarthy and Rowan Murphy sealed their passage.

St. Brendan's Park were also dominant, brushing aside Ballymackey B 6-0 thanks to strikes from James Tansley, Tadhg Gilligan, Igor Jasinski, Michael Beoughton, Shakir Jahah and Daniel Jahimaa.

There was a tight affair in Fenit, where Kian Skretny's goal proved the difference in a 1-0 win for Fenit Samphires over Carrig Celtic. Killorglin impressed on home soil, running out 5-1 winners against Pallas United. Jack Moloney and Páidí Ó Mhuircheartaigh netted a brace each, while Oisín O'Donoghue added another. Inter Kenmare also enjoyed an impressive win, defeating Coole FC 4-1 with Shay O'Connor and Alasdair O'Sullivan each netting twice. Camp Juniors produced an excellent away performance to beat Newmarket Celtic 3-0, goals from Mikey McCarthy, Cillian Enright, Darragh Sheehan helped secure their place in the next round.

Elsewhere, Mastergeeha fought hard in a 5-3 defeat away to Knigh United, with Matthew O'Riordan (2) and Callum O'Connor getting on the scoresheet. Listowel Celtic suffered heartbreak, losing 3-1 after extra-time to Broadford United B, despite a spirited display. Milltown FC also bowed out, going down

4-1 at home to Broadford United, with Muiris Quirke netting their goal. Killarney Athletic lost 3-1 away to Ballymackey FC, with Trey Hurley grabbing their only goal. St. Brendan's Park B battled bravely but suffered a 3-2 defeat to Kilcolman Rovers in a thriller.

#### **POSITIVE START FOR KERRY CLUBS IN 15'S NATIONAL CUP**

It was an impressive start by Kerry clubs in the opening round of the U15 Boys National Cup, with several sides progressing in style, and just one bowing out.

Camp Juniors delivered on the road against Caherdavin Celtic 3-2 in a tight contest, with Conor Kiely (2) and Jamie Moore providing the vital goals. Fenit Samphires also advanced after a battling 2-1 win away to Bridge Celtic, thanks to efforts from Evan Diggins and Cian Slattery. Listowel Celtic enjoyed a big away victory, running out 7-1 winners at Coole FC. Their scorers included Mason Sheehy-Elston, Cathal Dennehy, Joe Joy, Leo Vasylenko, along with an own goal.

Killarney Athletic were in sparkling form, putting six unanswered goals past Regional United A. Sean Quill led the way with a hat-trick, while Nathan Mulcahy, Shéa Driver and Sam O'Shea also found the net.

St. Brendan's Park sealed their place with a 4-2 win over Creeves Celtic. Kian Cronin (2), Daniel Diggins and Cameron Patterson were all on target to secure their passage. Killorglin joined them in the next round, beating Corbally United 4-2, with goals from Mikey Copper (2),



Killarney Celtic U13 Boys National Cup



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u12 girls following their away win to Inter Kenmare FC in the Kerry schoolgirl league.



Killarney Athletic U15 Division 3 Boys

Adam Fleming and Rian Foley.

The only Kerry side to bow out were Mastergeeha, who fell to a 6-2 home defeat against Newport Town AFC, despite goals from David Fleming and Kacper Kobalinka.

## **GIRLS** **MASTERGEEHA AND ATHLETIC SECURE WINS IN 14'S PREMIER**

The O'Sullivan's Bakery U14 Girls Premier delivered a weekend full of action, with dramatic draws, and three points for Mastergeeha and Killarney Athletic.

At the start of the week Mastergeeha and Castleisland couldn't be separated in a 1-1 draw. Anabelle Casey struck for Mastergeeha, while Roisin Cronin replied for Castleisland. Mastergeeha were back in action at the weekend and had a 6-0 win over Fenit. Their scorers included Eabha Moynihan, Ruby Moynihan, Sophie Moynihan, Shauna O'Riordan, Aine Herlihy and Isla Cronin.

Killarney Athletic put in a strong display on the road, defeating Castleisland 3-0 thanks to goals from Roisin O'Sullivan, Erica Moloney and Leah Heinemann. The game of the weekend came between Killorglin and Listowel Celtic A, a thrilling 5-5 draw. Killorglin had five different scorers, Kelsey Sheahan, Chloe Falvey, Eadaoin Clifford, Mia Robertson and Chloe Hilliard, while Katelyn Joy hit a hat-trick for Celtic, with Samantha Lyons and Aisling O'Connor also on target.

## **GOALS A PLENTY IN DIVISION 1**

Goals were in no short supply in the latest round of action in the O'Sullivan's Bakery U14 Girls Division 1, with Dingle, Camp Juniors and Tralee Dynamos impressing.

Dingle enjoyed a 6-1 win over Camp to start off their week. Niamh Ní Shé led the way with a hat-trick, Lucy Keane added a brace, and Isabel Ruddy also found the net. They followed it up with another win at the weekend, this time 2-0 away to Inter Kenmare A. Lucy Keane struck again, with an own goal completing the tally.

Tralee Dynamos also put in an impressive attacking display running out 5-0 winners away to MEK. Lucy Wynne bagged two goals, while Mia Healy, Leah Duffin and Tia Falvey added one each.

Elsewhere, Camp bounced back from that midweek defeat with a strong 5-1 victory over LB Rovers on Saturday. Aoibhin Lyon netted twice, with Andrea Fitzgerald, Eleana Muller and Kayleigh Crean also on target.

## **MEK CONTINUE IMPRESSIVE START IN 15'S PREMIER**

MEK delivered another impressive performance to continue their unbeaten streak in the Muckross Park Hotel U15 Girls Premier, this time securing a 7-1 win on the road against Camp Juniors.

MEK shared the goals around, with Isabelle O'Connor and Alannah Daly both hitting doubles, while Ava Harty also struck twice. Megan Quigg rounded off the scoring in what was a powerful team performance overall.

## **MEK, ATHLETIC AND KENMARE GRAB THREE POINTS IN 16'S PREMIER**

In a high scoring weekend across the U16 Girls Premier, MEK Galaxy, Killarney Athletic and Inter Kenmare all scored impressive wins.

MEK came away 4-2 winners over Camp, thanks to doubles from both Izzy Lyons and Isabelle O'Connor. Ellie Fitzgerald and Holly O'Driscoll found the net for the home side.

Killarney Athletic were in fine scoring form as they powered to a 7-2 victory against Fenit. Lillian Slattery hit a hat-trick, while there were further goals from Caoimhe Ní Lionáird, Ella Crowley, Ella Murphy and Sophie O'Shea. Erin Harty struck both goals for Fenit.

Meanwhile, Inter Kenmare were 6-0 winners over LB Rovers, with Britney Bevan, Grace O'Sullivan, Saoirse Hussey and Alice O'Connor all finding the net for the hosts.

## **BOYS**

## **HIGHSCORING DINGLE AND BALLYHAR SECURE WINS**

There were plenty of goals in the latest round of the U13 Boys Division 1, with Dingle Bay Rovers and Ballyhar Dynamos impressing.

Ferry Rangers came away with a 3-0 victory over Killarney Athletic B, thanks to goals from Mattie Fitzell, Tamatea Charlie and Cormac Kelly.

Ballyhar grabbed eight goals in a high-scoring 8-3 win at MEK A. Sean Evans was the star of the show with five goals, supported by Jack Cooper

(2) and Bryan Evans, while MEK replied through Isaac Robbins, Harry Hughes and an own goal. Meanwhile, Dingle proved too strong for Tralee Dynamos A, running out 6-0 winners. The goals were spread around with Krystian Dudus (2), Cathal Ó Sé, Daniel Murphy, Noah Eadie and Jack Brosnan all on the scoresheet.

## **CELTIC AND IVERAGH HIT SEVEN**

Killarney Celtic B and Iveragh scored impressive wins at the weekend in the TC Construction U15 Boys Division 1, with the pair grabbing seven goals in their receptive clashes.

Killarney Celtic B delivered an attacking masterclass as they hit seven goals away to Inter Kenmare A, coming out 7-1 winners. Celtic's attack was well spread with Cillian Scannell (2), Luke Clifford, Jack Clifford, Fionn Culloty, Paul McGrath and Jace Flynn all finding the net.

In South Kerry, Iveragh also showed their firepower, putting seven past Dingle in a 7-2 triumph. Conor O'Sullivan led the charge with a superb hat-trick, while Aidan Fogarty struck twice and there were further goals from Matthew Murphy and Wojtek Giss.

## **BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK**

1. Joe Joy (Listowel Celtic U15)
2. Paddy Hurley (Ballyhar Dynamos U13)
4. Dara McCarthy (MEK Galaxy U15)
5. Jack Kelly (Camp Juniors U13)
3. Jack Gleeson (Killarney Athletic U15)
6. Louis Barry (Castleisland U13)
7. Cillian Scannell (Killarney Celtic U15)
8. James Tansley (St Brendan's Park U13)
9. Marcus O'Neill (Castlemaine U13)
10. Páidí Ó Muircheartaigh (Killorglin U15)
11. Conor O'Sullivan (Iveragh United U15)

## **GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR**

1. Elizabeth Downing (Inter Kenmare)
2. Lia Sheehy (Camp Juniors)
4. Grace Barry (MEK Galaxy)
5. Ella Ferriter (Camp Juniors)
3. Sophie Nolan (Castleisland)
6. Orla Lyons (Listowel Celtic)
8. Mia Robertson (Killorglin)
7. Lucy Keane (Dingle Bay Rovers)
10. Lillian Slattery (Killarney Athletic)
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## COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP



Action from the East Kerry V St Kierans game. Photo: Seamus Healy

### EAST KERRY 2-18 ST. KIERANS 1-10

I expected East Kerry to have neither of the Clifford brothers and I still expected them to have enough to see off St. Kierans in a testing encounter, most likely the best game of the weekend. East Kerry have been there or thereabouts every year and a string of minor and U20 titles led to a period of convincing County Championship dominance. That faltered a bit in recent years, but they still have the strongest panel of any divisional side to me. Make no mistake; I do rate St. Kierans. They always have the toughest preparation of all, combining teams from three separate districts but they always have talent and durability. As a matter of fact, I think they are very much a coming team with some serious talent about to come through.

I was only half right on both counts. Paudie Clifford didn't line out, but his younger brother did, and he can play a bit as well. East Kerry did prevail but – and I don't like saying it – St. Kierans couldn't muster the challenge I expected. I suspect that they couldn't get a lot of prep done, particularly with the likes of Ballymac players involved.

The fact is that they were also blitzed early. Darragh Lyne opened the scoring before David Clifford sent the ball across to Philip O'Leary. He seemed to looking to clip over the bar from a tight angle – certainly if he deliberately lobbed Sean Óg Ó Ciardubháin from there, I'd say Heimar Hallgrímsson should probably give a call to Kilcummin.

At the other end, Cathal Brosnan brilliantly gathered a Sean O'Connell pass and skinned past two defenders, only to blaze wide with a

great goal chance. It was that sort of day for them. Paul O'Shea notched a free before David pointed from play. East Kerry already had 1-3 on the board before Adam O'Donoghue slotted a free to get St. Kierans on the scoreboard, but a minute later David Clifford was doing what he does and it was 2-3 to 0-1. Adam O'Donoghue and David exchanged frees. Michael Reidy pointed but Philip O'Leary, Paul O'Shea and Cian Lynch meant that East Kerry had a 2-7 to 0-3 lead at half-time.

I saw one incredible comeback this week at the colleges game in the Legion field. I'll be honest; at no stage did it feel like I was going to see second one, and so it proved. Luka Brosnan, Adam Barry (f), and Jack McElligott to a lone Paul O'Shea point gave St. Kierans a strong start to the second half but David Clifford fired over to make it 2-10 to 0-6. Adam O'Donoghue did kick a two pointer before swapping points with Daniel O'Brien, but Paul O'Shea kicked a two pointer of his own. Seán O'Connell and David exchanged points before Adam O'Donoghue found the net. It was fairly academic by then though, with East Kerry closing out a victory hat told them little enough. They do have next week off, while Stephen Wallace's side will have a tough battle against North Kerry to keep their hopes alive.

East Kerry: Brian Kelly (Legion), Niall Donohue (Furies), Darren Brosnan (Gneeveguilla), Darragh Fleming (Legion), Cian Lynch 0-1 (Glenflesk), Daniel O'Brien 0-1 (Glenflesk), Cian Gammell (Legion), Ronan Buckley (Listry), Ronan Collins (Gneeveguilla), Ruairi Murphy (Listry), Darragh Lyne 0-1 (Legion), Paudie O'Leary 0-1 (Gneeveguilla), David Clifford 1-5 (0-1f) (Fossa), Paul O'Shea 0-6 (1 tp, 2f) (Kilcummin), Philip

O'Leary 1-1 (Kilcummin). Subs: Ryan O'Grady 0-1 (Legion) for Paudie O'Leary (40), Kieran O'Sullivan (Fossa) for Darren Brosnan (40), Matt Keane 0-1 (Kilcummin) for Ruairi Murphy (inj, 46), Diarmuid O'Mahoney (Furies) for Cian Lynch (50), Stephen Palmer (Furies) for Paul O'Shea (58).

St. Kierans: Sean Óg Ó Ciardubháin (Cordal), Isaac Brosnan (Castleisland Desmonds), Brian Leonard (Desmonds), Jack McElligott 0-1 (Knocknagoshel), Jamie O'Sullivan (Brosna), Luka Brosnan 0-1 (Desmonds), Jack O'Sullivan (Brosna), Niall Collins (Ballymacelligott), Sean O'Connell 0-1 (Cordal), Aidan Breen (Ballymacelligott), Adam Barry 0-1 (f) (Brosna), Adam O'Donoghue 1-5 (1 tp, 0-2f) (Desmonds), Cathal Brosnan (Carrow), Michael Reidy 0-1 (Ballymacelligott), Cathal McElligott (Knocknagoshel). Subs: Killian Dennehy (Cordal) for Cathal McElligott (26), Shane Kelliher (Cordal) for Niall Collins (ht), Jack Joy (Ballymacelligott) for Aidan Breen (49), John McMahon (Carrow) for Michael Reidy (54), John Walsh (Knocknagoshel) for Cathal Brosnan (56) Referee: John Michael Fitzgerald

### MID KERRY 2-18 ST. BRENDANS 0-10

Again, I felt confident of a Mid Kerry win, and I expected a tight game. Mid Kerry have been rattling hard on the door without reward in recent years. All of the clubs seem to be motoring well – Laune Rangers lost an Intermediate Final replay last year and Beaufort were caught by a moment of Clifford brilliance (Paudie) in this year's semi-final, while Keel were beaten by St. Senans in the Premier Junior semi-final but that's a good young team on the rise, and it's not just the Evans clan either. I definitely fancied them.

Last year I would have had the scales tipping St. Brendans' way. How many individual titles do Austin Stacks, Kerins O'Rahillys, and John Mitchels have between them? The answer is 29, or 38 if you include the original Tralee Mitchels that was divided up to form all three. But Austin Stacks were promoted, and that leaves a big hole in their ranks. For that matter, you had the Na Gaeil side who reached this year's Senior Club Final. We all knew that Diarmuid O'Connor was delaying a shoulder operation, Damien Bourke was carrying an injury as well, and the Abbeydorney players were likely to focus on the small ball, but having no Na Gaeil player at all? I suspect that the Na Gaeil lads were just rested, especially with Mark Bourke of Na Gaeil (Kerry Ladies Manager) in charge of the team. I'd expect to see a few of those lads back for next week's game.

This particular game is a tale quickly old, and to be honest, it's not all that interesting a tale. Darragh O'Connor and Paudie White opened he scoring and Barry John Keane had a decent



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effort, but Darrah O'Connor and Eoin Clifford (I know he clamour for lads to be brought onto the Kerry panel can get ridiculous, but I really think that Eoin Clifford has been so good for so long, he should get a look) had Mid Kerry level. Jake Foley put St. Brendans in front but Jack O'Connor stung Seán Brodericks palms with a goal effort. Mid Kerry were taking control. Ciarán Kennedy equalised, Darragh O'Connor put them in front, and then he drew another good save out of Broderick.

Jack O'Connor set up Hassett for a goal and Hassett turned supplier late in the half for Seán Cleary. It was 2-7 to 0-5 at half-time but it actually felt like a bigger lead.

Ciarán Kennedy opened the second half scoring and Jack O'Connor added another. St. Brendans kept battling away, Darragh O'Connor with two frees and Paudie White with one from play, but Mid Kerry always had an extra gear available and eventually ran out very comfortable winners. They advance in style. Looking at them, and their team play in particular, they could well be contenders – but a little note of caution, I suspect we will see a much tougher St. Brendans next time out.

Mid Kerry: Jason Browne (Laune Rangers), Sean Cleary 1-0 (Laune Rangers), Liam Evans (Keel), Ethan Coffey (Beaufort), Eoin Clifford 0-2 (Laune Rangers), Mike Breen (Beaufort), Nathan Breen (Beaufort), Sean O'Brien (Beaufort), Ronan Murphy (Beaufort), Darragh O'Connor 0-3 (Beaufort), Gearoid Hassett 1-0 (Laune Rangers), Keith Evans 0-3 (Keel), Jack O'Connor 0-1 (f) (Beaufort), Ciaran Kennedy 0-5 (1 tp) (Beaufort), Liam Carey 0-1 (Beaufort). Subs: Shane Clifford (Laune Rangers) for Liam Evans (39), Liam Smith (Glenbeigh/Glencar) for Ronan Murphy (41), Daire Cleary 0-1 (Laune Rangers) for Liam Carey (41), Darren Houlihan 0-1 (Cromane) for Jack O'Connor (47), Caolim Teahan 0-1 (Glenbeigh/Glencar) for Darragh O'Connor (50).

St. Brendans: Sean Broderick (John Mitchels), Jake Foley 0-2 (Kerins O'Rahillys), Ciaran White (John Mitchels), Jack Myers (John Mitchels), Earnán Ferris (Ardfert), Sean Donnellan (Churchill), Paudie White 0-2 (John Mitchels), Liam O'Donnell (Churchill), Joe Lenihan (Churchill), Ben Hanafin 0-1 (Kerins O'Rahillys),

Tomás Kennedy 0-2 (tp) (Kerins O'Rahillys), John Carmody (John Mitchels), Barry John Keane (Kerins O'Rahillys), Nathan O'Driscoll (Ardfert), Darragh O'Connor 0-3 (2f) (Kerins O'Rahillys). Subs: Mikey Kelliher (John Mitchels) for John Carmody (half-time), Cian Holden (John Mitchels) for Nathan O'Driscoll (half-time), Kevin O'Connor (Churchill) for Ciarán White (half-time), Odhran Ferris (Ardfert) for Barry John Keane (40 mins)

Referee: Peter Curtin (Brosna)

## WEST KERRY 1-17 SOUTH KERRY 1-15

West Kerry and South Kerry served up a really cracking contest of open football, easily the bst County Championship game of the weekend. There was drama right from the throw-in, Brian Ó Beaglaíoch finding Tom O'Donnell, who raced through the defence but couldn't quite unleash a shot at goal. It did result in a free for a defensive pass to the keeper, with Cian O'Grady slotting the free. West Kerry also claimed the kick-out with O'Grady doubling his tally with a point from play.

South Kerry were kicking good ball forward and Alex Coffey sent over a long range beauty for two points. However, a failure to keep three men up meant that they handed O'Grady a simple tap-over to put West Kerry back in front. It didn't last long, though, Seán Teahan converted a free won by Emmet Daly and added a superb point off his left leg from just barely inside the arc.

West Kerry's turn to attack at seed. In fact, they were unlucky not to goal after a great intercept by Cathal Ó Beaglaíoch, who sent a beautiful ball across the square, only for an alert defender to read it well and clear the danger. However, PJ Mac Láimh fired over a point to equalize and Cathal Ó Beaglaíoch nudged them in front, 0-5 to 0-4.

Games can turn within minutes nowadays under the new rules. In the 17t minute the alert referee spotted some holding off the ball, allowing Emmet Daly to fire over a two point free. Alex Coffey rose high to fetch the kick-out, gave it in to Emmet Daly, and ran on to gather the return and fire it to the net. As quick as that, South Kerry had gone from a point down to

four points up, 1-6 to 0-5.

Éanna Ó Conchúir found Seán Ó Cúinn to pull one back, but Emmet Daly replied with a brace of frees to stretch the gap.

Muiris Ó Conaill did notch a point. Just before the break, Tom O'Donnell made a great catch to turn over possession and sent a perfectly weighted ass to Cian O'Grady, who drew the defence before leaving Muiris Ó Conaill with a simple punch to the empty net. As early as it is in the County Championship, I doubt you will see a better crafted goal. At half-time, South Kerry led West Kerry by just a single point, 1-8 to 1-7.

South Kerry made a blistering start to the second half. Seán Teahan won and slotted a free. Ian O'Sullivan, just on as a substitute, quickly put his name on the scoresheet and soon made it two points for himself and a four point lead for his team.

West Kerry aren't a team who get rattled, though, as An Ghaeltacht proved just last week. Cian O'Grady calmly pointed another free. Ruaidhrí Ó Beaglaíoch, relatively subdued up to now, came more into the game and kicked a great score. 1-11 to 1-9 now.

Both sides struggled to penetrate for scores for the next while amid some dogged defending and it was the 47th minute before Zac Fylen put South Kerry a goal ahead. Ruaidhrí Ó



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Beaglaíoch replied, but South Kerry were unlucky not to goal after good work by Ronan O'Shea, with the final pass just inches too far. Ian O'Sullivan did kick his third point since his introduction.

Cathal Ó Beaglaíoch, majestic all game, relly stamped his class with a trademark two pointer. West Kerry were breaking forward powerfully now in the final minutes. Cian O'Grady levelled matters. Cathal Ó Beaglaíoch put West Kerry in front for the first time in a long time. Cian O'Grady sent over a wo point free. Four points in it now.

Four points in it now. Emmet Daly kicked another free. The hooter sounded but West Kerry had a free and one last chance to level. Up stepped O'Shea again, with a blistering effort....that went just millimetres over the crossbar, and with it went South Kerry's hopes.

South Kerry go into the losers' round next week, while West Kerry have a week's rest (badly wanted, I would imagine, especially for the An Ghaeltacht players) but given the quality they showed here, both sides will be seen again – and will be worth watching.

West Kerry: Diarmuid Ó Séaghda (An Ghaeltacht), Sean Ó Cúinn (An Ghaeltacht) 0-1, Colm Ó Muircheartaigh (Abhainn na Scáil), Adam Mac Amhlaoibh (An Ghaeltacht), Brian Ó Beaglaíoch (An Ghaeltacht), Franz Sauerland (An Ghaeltacht), Gearóid Ó Leighinn (Abhainn na Scáil), Cathal Ó Beaglaíoch (An Ghaeltacht) 0-4, 1tp, Tomás Ó Dónaill (Caisleán Ghriare) 0-1, PJ Mac Láimh (An Ghaeltacht) 0-1, Éanna Ó Conchúir (An Ghaeltacht), Cillian Ó Failbhe (Abhainn na Scáil), Ruaidhrí Ó Beaglaíoch (An Ghaeltacht) 0-2, Cian Ó Gráda (Caisleán Ghriare) 0-7, 4f, 1tpf, Muiris Ó Conaill (Caisleán Ghriare) 1-1. Subs Conor Ó Corrdúibh (An Ghaeltacht) for Muiris Ó Conaill, 41, Paudie Mac Gearailt (Caisleán Ghriare) for Éanna Ó Conchúir, 42, Cian Ó Murchú (An Ghaeltacht) for Cillian Ó Failbhe, 52

South Kerry: Aaron Galvin (Valentia), Niall O'Sullivan (St. Michaels/Foilmore), Darragh O'Sullivan (St. Marys), Oisín Moran (St. Marys), Mike O'Leary (Reenard), Cian O'Donoghue (St. Marys), Jack Foley (Kilgarvan), Alex Coffey (St. Marys) 1-2, 1tp, Stephen O'Connor (St. Michaels/Foilmore), Fionnán O'Sullivan (Skellig Rangers), Donagh O'Sullivan (Dromoda na Piersaigh), Ciaran O'Sullivan (Sneem/Derrynane), Seán Teahan (Reenard) 0-3, 2f, Emmet Daly (Valentia) 0-5, 3f, 1tpf, Zac Fayen (Sneem/Derrynane) 0-1. Subs Ian O'Sullivan (St. Michaels/Foilmore) 0-3 for Stephen O'Connor, half-time, Ronan O'Shea (Skellig Rangers) for Jack Foley, half-time, Breece O'Sullivan (Reenard) for Niall O'Sullivan, half-time, Conor O'Shea (St. Marys) for Fionnán O'Sullivan, 41,

Referee: Daniel Clifford (Laune Rangers)

## PREVIEWS

### South Kerry v St. Brendans

Elimination on the table adds serious spice to these games. Coming into the championship I'd have said St. Brendans with a bit to spare, now I'm not so sure. I thought West Kerry would be well on top against a young South Kerry side, especially in the absence of Graham

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O'Sullivan. But now I have serious doubts. Donagh Shine, Emmet Daly, Ian O'Sullivan (if fit – he certainly looked very dangerous in the half hour he played), Cian O'Donoghue....go back as far as Jack Murphy himself, and South Kerry always had good footballers. They were better than West Kerry for a lot of that game but just caught by a late surge.

St. Brendans are decimated. I do expect the Na Gaeil boys back, and the likes of the Barrys make a big difference to any team. But let's be honest, they would want to be. That was poor enough resistance for the players that they have. I'd want to see a bit more from the likes of Nathan O'Driscoll and Darragh O'Connor up front and Tomas Kennedy needs more help outside them – credit to Kennedy, he gave it everything.

South Kerry looked organised; St. Brendans looked a bit disjointed, but I think they have better potential and we'll see more of it this weekend. I give them a tentative nod.

### St. Kierans v North Kerry

The ancient Celts believed in a small island off to the west of Ireland called Hy-Brasil. It literally featured on maps for years. It wasn't Thule, an equally mythological frozen waste suspected to be Hel in Norse legends (it was Iceland) but a land of milk and honey. I wonder if Hy-Brasil was a folk legend passed down from the original Milesians that came from Egypt to Spain.....anyway, at the moment, North Kerry feels a little bit like Hy-Brasil. Mysterious, could be wonderful, but could also be a complete myth. Will everybody buy in? On paper they have the players and their underage successes in recent years would indicate a serious power. But a lot of clubs reached the latter stages of club competitions and a lot of players have hurling commitments. At full strength, they could match anybody.

St. Kierans will be very disappointed at their showing against East Kerry. I thought that would be a battle, and it just wasn't. But I look at St. Kierans, even without the likes of Edmund Walsh or Philip O'Connor, and I still think that they should be strong enough for this. They also have some great young players coming through; they'll be a force in the coming years

and this is a real opportunity to lay down a marker. I don't see this being their last game in this championship.

## AFL GRAND FINAL

Best wishes to Mark O'Connor as he and his Geelong Cats prepare to face the Brisbane Lions in the AFL Grand Final this weekend.

## O'SULLIVAN CUP

ST. BRENDANS 3-12 SP

INBHEARR SCÉINE 2-13

Sem and Kenmare Serve Up

Second Half Thriller in the Rain

The opening game of this year's O'Sullivan Cup started off in a one-sided deluge but turned into an absolute rollercoaster in the second half, with last year's finalists St. Brendans barely holding off a fantastic comeback by SP Inbhearr Scéine.

The first half is a tale quickly told. The weather was absolutely monstrous (I'd have asked for team photos, but I wouldn't do that to the players in these conditions – actually, I might, but I certainly wouldn't do it to myself), with lashing rain and a powerful breeze behind the Sem as they completely dominate proceedings in every sector of the field. Kerry minor Liam O'Brien had the ball in the Kenmare net almost straightaway and quickly added a free. Fellow county player Ben Kelliher added a point and Mark O'Carroll caught the kick-out to set up Dylan O'Meara for another. Joey McCarthy slotted a free before Ben Kelliher added another goal. He almost added another, fisting off the butt of the post. Sem goalkeeper Kacper Robak, yet another Kerry minor, came up to kick a '45 narrowly wide. It says a lot that it was the Sem goalkeeper's only touch in the first half. Further scores from Mark O'Carroll, Fionán Blackwell and O'Brien again meant that the Sem led by 2-7 to 0-0 at the break.

Kenmare had the wind in their favour in the second half and opted to impose a strong press on the Sem's previously impermeable defence on their kick-outs. It began to pay off rapidly thanks to the superb long range shooting of centre forward Micheal O'Mahony. He got his

team off the mark with a great two pointer free and, with Kenmare turning over he kickout, quickly added a two pointer from play. Ben Kelliher pointed a mark in reply but Kenmare were up and running now. David Grebowiec finished off a fine move with a goal. Oisín O'Connor added a well-taken free.

There was high drama as a rattled S. Brendans started making unforced errors. Referee Evan Horan spotted an illegal pick-up in the square and rightly signalled for a penalty. Up stepped Micheal O'Mahony with a great sot, but there's a reason why Kacper Robak was Minor Keeper of the Year and he flung himself across to tip it away.

Still Kenmare kept coming, O'Mahony with a point and Oisín O'Connor with a two pointer free. Seán Kiely notched a badly needed Sem score but O'Mahony replied with another two pointer. Just 2-9 to 1-9 now; this game was in the mixer!

Ben Kelliher, as so often before, struck for a vital goal. Still Kenmare refused to buckle. O'Mahony, master of all he surveyed now, kicked another two pointer free. Liam O'Brien with a free put five points between them.

That strong press was really wreaking havoc and, with the Sem forced to play pass the parcel near their own goal, inipped Noel O'Neill for a Kenmare goal. David O'Brien added a point. In the first minute of injury time Oisín O'Connor kicked an equaliser.

The Sem had enough, barely, left in the tank. Dylan O'Meara nudged them back in front and Ben Kelliher sealed victory with the last score of the game. The Sem advance, but manager Kieran Herlihy will have plenty to work on (I actually think that's a good thing, an early battle like this kills off any potential hubris), while Seán O'Shea and Ronan Buckley will know after that spectacular second half that they have a team capable of beating anyone. For a neutral (look, I have an obvious bias that I honestly try hard to work around) it was a great start to the year. For sunbathers, a little bit less so!

St. Brendans: Kacper Robak, Zach Cronin, Brian Walsh, David McCarthy, Jack Rudden, Cian Mulcahy, Fionn Doyle, Seán Kiely (0-1), Joey McCarthy (0-1, 1f), Mark O'Carroll (0-1), Brian

O'Shea, Fionán Blackwell (0-1), Liam O'Brien (1-3, 3f), Dylan O'Meara (0-2), Ben Kelliher (2-3, 1f, 1m). Subs John Henderson (for Fionn Doyle, 36), Jake Nash (for Brian O'Shea, 50), Anthony Cremin (for David McCarthy, 50), Liam Hennigan (for Fionan Blackwell, 56)

SP Inbhearr Scéine: Josh Linnane, Conor Galvin, Jack Sweeney, Rory Daly, David O'Brien (0-1), Liam O'Sullivan, Darragh Murphy, Kieran O'Sullivan, Liam Browne, Seamus O'Donoghue, Micheál O'Mahony (0-9, 2tpf, 2tp), Caoilte Ó hÚrdáil, Diarmuid Healy, David Grebowiec (1-0), Oisín O'Connor (0-3, 2f). Subs Colm Hussey (for Liam Browne, half-time), Noel O'Neill 1-0 (for Seamus O'Donoghue, 38), Michael Jones (for Caoilte Ó hÚrdail, 53), Colm Cronin (for Darragh Murphy, 56)

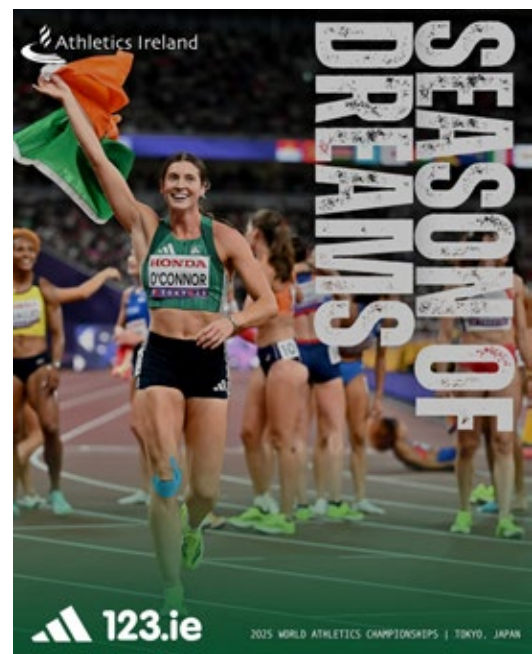
Referee: Evan Horan

## WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Irish athletes have been doing incredibly well in the last couple of years, strong enough to justify sending team of 24 to the World Championships in Tokyo. The relay teams, Adeleke...Ireland would definitely be respectable in world terms, and for a nation of our size, that isn't bad going.

What unfolded was something different. Kate O'Connor was talented, certainly, and if absolutely everything went to plan, she might just about scrape into the bronze medal. But when I say everything needed to go to plan, that's over a hundred things happening perfectly and not happening perfectly for anybody else. Not everybody else, just anybody else. I really think most people don't understand just how exacting athletics at the top level really is or how precise. Heartbeats and millimetres.

Everything did go to plan. But more than that, Kate O'Connor, after recovering fully from injuries, turned out to be a whole infinity better than I thought. And that's even allowing for how good she had already been this year. Five personal bests in seven different disciplines? Look, that only appears in books written by J.K. Rowling.



I have a theory. Athletics when I was growing up was a specialised activity. Yes, everybody took part in the Community Games, but few enough went any further. Certainly, it wasn't exactly water-cooler conversation (not that we had water-coolers, garden hoses more like) like GAA, rugby, or soccer. I remember a Cork girl named Sonia O'Sullivan starting to make international headlines. Prior to that, we could all name maybe five Irish athletes, especially if you named Coghlan and Delaney twice. But suddenly there was an Irish athlete right up there with the best in the world (Barry McGuigan was something similar in boxing; we'd always had boxers, but not like this). It shouldn't have made a difference that it was a girl, or that she was genuinely likeable and relatable, but it did. I think a generation grew up watching that, and it is their children who are stepping up now. I know that's a bit simplistic, but I wouldn't say it's way off, either.

Five personal bests in seven events exactly when they are most needed. A generation growing up now just met a new breed of Sonia O'Sullivan.

Shout out to Cian McPhillips too. Fourth place. In the world. A fifth of a second away from a medal. A miss is as good as a mile, they say....it'd take some muppet to say something that stupid. Fionnuala McCormack finished ninth in the marathon. In the world. And she's her, so that can't even count as all that much of a surprise. Sarah Healy and Andrew Coscoran reaching the 1500 finals. Two of them? When last did that happen? Answer: never.

Any of those things would be huge headlines for the vast majority of my lifetime. And now it just feels natural. At ground level, very much including Killarney Valley A/C, there has been huge work put in by hundreds of volunteers, and it's now paying off. These aren't freak talents; the likes of O'Connor are the exact opposite. People dedicating themselves to being the best they can be.



The crowd enjoying the East Kerry V St Kierans game. Photo: Seamus Healy

# Killarney RFC Launch 'Once-in-a-Lifetime' Raffle for Chicago Showdown

Rugby fans are being offered the chance to experience one of the sport's great rivalries on American soil, as Killarney RFC has launched a major fundraising raffle with a headline prize of a trip to see Ireland take on the All Blacks in Chicago next year.

The first prize includes two match tickets, return flights, accommodation, and €1,000 spending money for the November 2025 clash, billed as "The Rematch". The fixture will reignite memories of Ireland's famous victory over New Zealand in the Windy City in 2016, a landmark moment in Irish rugby history.

The raffle also features strong runner-up prizes. Second prize offers two tickets to Ireland's home Test against South Africa in Dublin, while third prize includes two tickets to Munster's meeting with Argentina.

Entries are priced at €20 each, or three for €50, with all proceeds going towards the development of Killarney RFC's new clubhouse. The draw will take place on 28 September 2025.

Club officials have described the initiative as both a vital fundraiser and an exciting opportunity for local rugby supporters to follow the national team on one of its biggest stages.



## KERRY FC Call on Fans to Pack Tallaght for Historic FAI Cup Semi-Final

Kerry FC are set for one of the biggest games in the club's history as they prepare to face Shamrock Rovers in the FAI Cup Semi-Final on Sunday, October 5th.

To ensure the Kingdom is out in full force, the club has announced free supporters' buses running from Tralee, Killarney, Listowel and Killorglin direct to Tallaght Stadium.

"This is more than a game – it's a moment in our club's story. We want EVERYONE there with us," a club spokesperson said.

**Important Information:**

Supporters must show proof of a match ticket to board the bus.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Unaccompanied U16s will not be permitted to travel.

Registration details and booking links will be released in the coming days.

Kerry FC are calling on their supporters to bring the noise, passion, and colour to Tallaght for what promises to be an unforgettable day.

Let's pack out Tallaght. Let's make history.



## KERRY FC FREE SUPPORTERS BUSES HEADING TO TALLAGHT



## LEGION GAA

### MCCELLIGOTT CUP

Our Senior Mens B Team travelled to Gneeveguilla on Saturday afternoon for the first round of the County Junior Cup. Gneeveguilla were first to strike with a goal after two minutes but the lads responded well and were level after the first quarter. A strong second quarter performance which included a fine goal by Daire Murphy saw us lead by 1-9 to 1-3 at the interval. We faced into a strengthening wind in the second half but a good start saw us extend our lead to 1-11 to 1-3. At that stage Gneeveguilla hit a purple patch and a couple of two pointers followed by a goal saw them reduce the lead to a point. A great goal by Kian McCann and a brilliant penalty save by KJ Griffin were vital in the team emerging in the end with a 4 point win. An excellent performance by the team who face Kenmare Shamrocks next week. Thanks to Gneeveguilla for an exciting game and to Donal Casey for excellent officiating. Final Score Killarney Legion 2-13 Gneeveguilla 2-9.

### U16 DISTRICT COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Well done to our six lads involved with East Kerry in winning the District County Championship on Monday evening last in a very high scoring encounter against St. Brendan's. The lads have now completed two in a row in this competition. It was played in Austin Stack Park, and James Murphy, Ronan O'Brien, Jake Coffey, Mark Looney, and Samuel Scroope all contributed very well. Jack Culloty was due to start but unfortunately missed it due to an injury. Final Score East Kerry 4-20 St Brendans 3-13.

### U15 LADIES

On a challenging evening for football, where the elements played a major role, our U15 Ladies travelled to Scartaglen for Round 2 of the Club Championship. With a strong, blustery wind dictating the flow of play, it was a game of two very different halves. Scartaglen won the toss and played with the wind at their backs resulting in a lightning-fast start where they hit the net twice within the opening minute. The girls found themselves under pressure early on and struggled to move the ball beyond our own half. However, when we did break through, our girls responded with determination and class, crafting some excellent team scores, including two well-taken goals. Despite the pressure, we went into the break trailing by 4-5 to 2-3. Legion came out for the second half re-energised and refocused. Our midfield began to dominate, and our forwards found plenty of space inside, converting a penalty and more chances into scores with style. Credit to our defence as well, who put serious pressure on Scartaglen's kickouts, turning over possession and keeping the momentum in our favour.

It was a true team performance, driven by a never-give-up attitude that turned a halftime deficit into a memorable win. The resilience, teamwork, and fight shown by the girls was second to none.

A huge thank you to our loyal supporters who made the journey, to the referee and to Scartaglen for a sporting and competitive game. Final Score: Killarney Legion 6-13 Scartaglen 4-6.

### ACADEMY

Our U10 Girls went to Listry for a Go Game blitz and played six competitive matches in a very enjoyable Sunday morning. A big thank you to coaches Mike Laura Denise for getting them together on a busy weekend after attending the Saturday morning Academy also. The Saturday also featured a visit from our neighbours in Dr Crokes with the U8 Boys taking centre stage.

### LOTTO

Results Monday September 22nd. Numbers were 4, 10, 21, 24. Bonus No 16.

No Jackpot Winner. Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Fr. Padraig Walsh 2. Joe Huggard 3. Patricia Quigley

## EAST KERRY NEWS

### EAST KERRY U14 CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Division 1

Firies 5-12 Scartaglen 4-18

Glenflesk 5-18 Currow 5-08

#### Division 2

Gneeveguilla 1-06 Dr Crokes 5-10

Listry 1-05 Legion 5-21

Kenmare 0-04 Fossa 5-13

### EAST KERRY HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Dr Crokes 2-13 Laochra Og 1-05

Rathmore 0-15 Kenmare Shamrocks 2-15

### POST PRIMARY SCHOOL BLITZES

Kerry Coaching and Games blitz days took place all over the county. First Year teams played matches giving all students lots of game time to develop and improve skill levels during the match day experience. St Brendans College had three teams in action with over sixty players gaining valuable playing time. Killarney Community College twenty player team showed great potential during the blitz day with great team work on display. Thanks to all teachers for supporting Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC in completing the first match day programme. Evan Horan (Glenflesk) was an excellent referee on the day. Joe Wallace (Caherslee) and Aileen Foley (Currans) provided superb facilities for players allowing the matches to take place on excellent playing surfaces.

### SYMPATHIES

Condolences from the East Kerry Board to the families of Owen O'Connor, Firies, on his recent death.

## FOSSA

### LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 21/09/2025 for a jackpot of €3,300 were 2, 13, 20, 28. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Michael Talbot, Eoghan Donnellan, Pat and Norma Talbot, Jade Houlihan, Eva Neeson. Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link <https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto>

### MOLYNEAUX CUP

Our junior team had a solid win over Glenflesk in the first round of the Molyneaux Cup on Saturday afternoon. Glenflesk had the better of the opening exchanges and took an early lead, points from Jack Clifford and Rocco Sheehan kept Fossa in touch before Rocco struck for the first goal of the game in the 12th minute to put his side in front. Glenflesk did reply with

two unanswered scores but Fossa took control of proceedings, Michael O'Dwyer led the line superbly and kicked 1-01, Jack Clifford was playing well and kicked a couple of excellent points, Peadar Kelliher attacked at pace from wing back and Dan O'Keeffe kicked a lovely point to leave Fossa in a healthy lead at the break 2-08 to 0-08.

Fossa had the aid of the wind for the second half and they made it count, a brace of scores by Jack Clifford and Rocco Sheehan, including two pointers from both players, extended Fossa's lead to fourteen points after 13 minutes of play. Glenflesk, to their credit, never gave up and struck for a goal which was followed by a penalty in the 18th minute that they scored. A Ryan Sheehan point and a two pointer from Dan O'Keeffe got Fossa going again but with Glenflesk pressing hard, it took a number of great saves from Lee Lenihan in goal to keep them at bay. It finished Fossa 2-20, Glenflesk 2-11, they will face Austin Stacks B next weekend in Connelly Park Tralee in the next round of the competition.

### EAST KERRY UNDER 14 CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 1

*Kenmare Shamrocks 0-04, Fossa 5-13.*

Our U14 boys made the long journey to Kenmare to kick off their East Kerry U14 Championship campaign. Fossa Captain Aaron O'Sullivan won the toss and elected to play against the strong breeze in the first period. The Shamrocks had inflicted a narrow defeat over Fossa in the league earlier in the summer so the home side entered the encounter as firm favourites. But today there was only ever going to be one winner, from the start Fossa were first to every ball and they dominated the contest. Eoin Murphy was quickly off the mark with a well taken point and this was quickly followed by two goals by the hard working Tristan Cryan. Kenmare did manage to score 3 points in the 1st half but at the short whistle it was Fossa who held a comfortable lead of 0-03 to 3-06.

To Fossa's credit they never let up and in the 2nd half they continued to play a wonderful brand of open football. The highlight of the 2nd period for Fossa was a brilliantly taken goal and a point from the impressive Cian Sheehan at No 15. Shea Driver scored the visitors 5th goal to ensure there was no way back for Kenmare, shortly after excellent referee Timmy Clifford from Templehoe blew his final whistle. A fantastic team performance by Fossa who will now face Killarney Legion in the East Kerry Championship Semi Final.

### FOSSA TWO MILE COMHALTAS

Fossa Two Mile Comhaltas are celebrating 20 years of set dancing classes with a special reunion night on Tuesday 30th September which will be held in Fossa Community Centre from 8.30 to 10.30pm. Our branch would like to extend an open invitation to everyone who came to our classes over the past 20 years. This great achievement could not have been reached without your support and for that we thank you and invite you to a night of set dancing, waltzing, fun and celebration. Sets will be called on the night with live music.

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Everyone is welcome to come on the night or if you wish to make a donation, please contact Tim Kissane 087 2413116 or Jackie Hennessy 085 7684933.

**JUNIOR SET DANCING CLASSES** will start on 8th October from 5.30 to 6.30 with teenager Set Dancing Classes from 6.30 to 7.30 in Fossa Community Centre. Registration for both Classes 5.30 to 6 O'Clock on October 1st. Enquiries to Tim Kissane 087 2413116.

**SENIOR SET DANCING CLASSES** will start on October 7th, beginners at 8.30, improves and advanced at 9pm. All welcome.

## DR. CROKES

### LGFA SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Our Senior Ladies bowed out of the championship at the quarter final stage on Sunday 14th following a tough battle with 2023 champions Finuge/St. Senans. Played in windy conditions in Mountcoal, we played with the wind in the first half but got off to the worst possible start, conceding a goal inside two minutes. Despite this we kicked the next two points through Julie Delaney and Kate Stack but we were dealt another blow in the ninth minute with the concession of a second goal.

However, great work from Treasa O Sullivan, Sarah Cooper, Niamh Stack along with points from Amanda Brosnan and a superb long range point by captain Siobhan Burns saw us trail by 5 at the break. Despite facing the strong wind in the second, we stayed in the game and some outstanding defending from Karena O Leary, Rocha Clifford, Megan Kiely and Annie Brosnan, as well as substitutes Lily Foley and Ali O Donoghue limited Finuge/St. Senans to three points. Further points by Amanda Brosnan and a point on the run from corner back Siofra Randles saw us cut the deficit to four points. However, despite the efforts of Leah Mc Mahon and Laura O Shea we couldn't get the goal we so badly needed and ended up defeated on a scoreline of 2.10 to 0.11. While it was a disappointing end to the season, the players can be very proud in their achievement of winning the Donal Curtin Division 1 league title for the first time ever earlier in the season.

**LOTTO** took place September 22nd. Numbers drawn were 5, 14, 21, 23. Jackpot of €12,200 was NOT WON. 11 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €50 each. Jackpot for draw on September 29th will be €12,500.

Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached <https://>

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**FR. PADDY'S CARDS NIGHT** will return on Wednesday the 8th of October at 8pm in the clubhouse. All are welcome.

**BBQ AND STREET LEAGUE FINAL** will take place on Friday 26th of September.

**GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS** with Kathleen resumes on Tuesday 7th October at 11am in the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome.

### 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jonathan Clarke and Catherine Doona on their Wedding Day.

**CONDOLENCES** to Fergus and the Moroney Family on the passing of his bother Kevin. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

### NOTES

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



*The Killarney Community College TY class who attended Ballyhass Mallow adventure centre last week*



*The Killarney Community College boys first year GAA team who were recently in action at a schools blitz last week*



# KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

“ERRATIC  
PLANNING  
DECISIONS  
WITHOUT  
CONSEQUENCES  
FOR  
KERRY COUNTY  
COUNCIL”

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

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

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

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



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



*This is a photo of a manhole that was built in 2008. This manhole is in perfect condition after sixteen years. The specifications on building a manhole has changed recently and Kerry County Council wants all the manholes in the estate dug up and rebuild under the updated specifications and this work will cost the builder €45,000. Kerry County Council does not accept that this decision is a gross abuse of power. There is no appeal system and no consequence for the decision makers.*



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



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*Ann O'Dwyer*  
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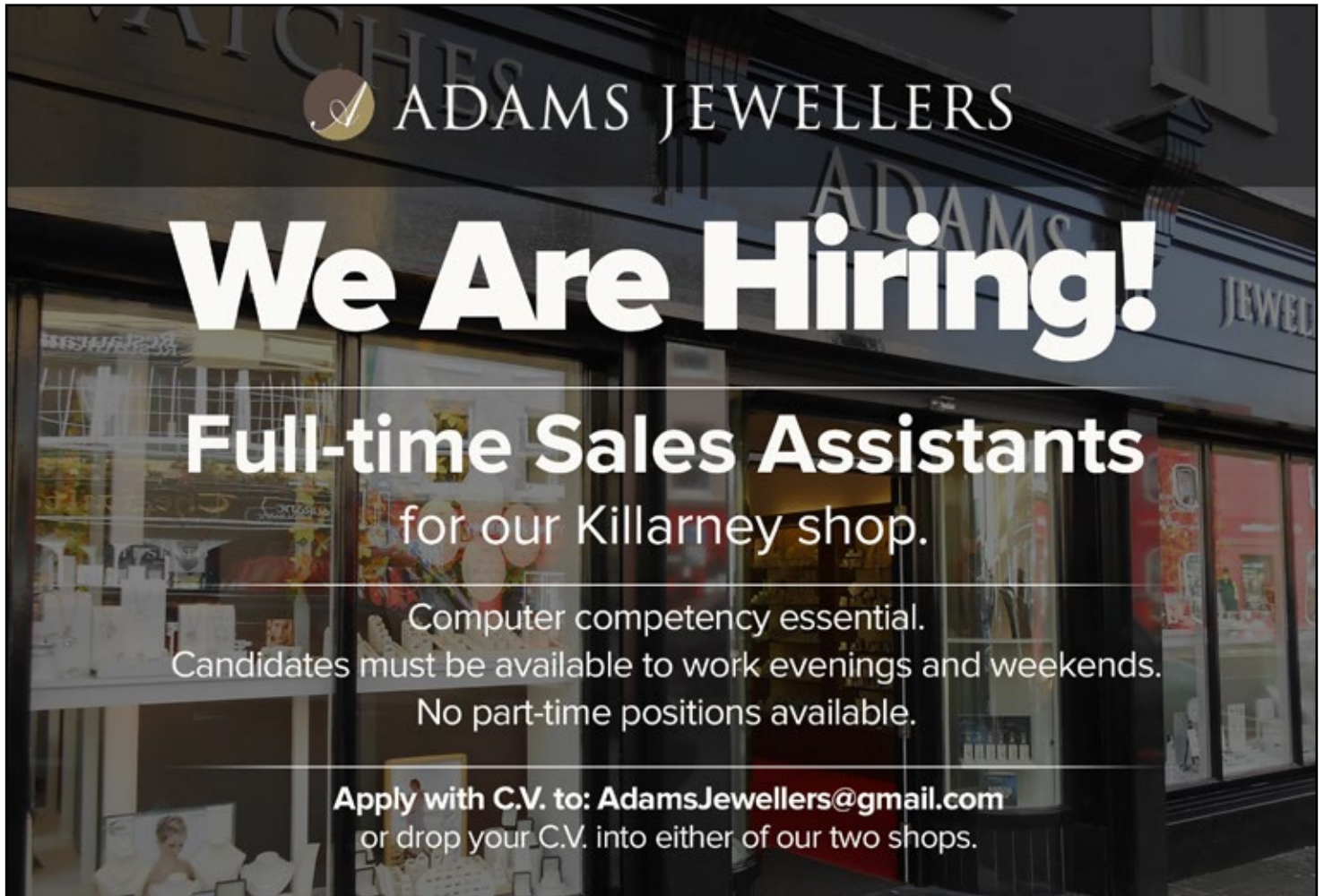
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## A Word of Victory

*"And do not be conformed to this world any longer with its superficial values and customs, but be transformed and progressively changed as you mature spiritually, by the renewing of your mind - focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes, so that you may prove for yourselves what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect in His plan and purpose for you" (Romans 12:2 Amplified Bible).*

Welcome back dear student, in God's eyes there are only two kingdoms – God's Kingdom and the kingdom of Satan who is 'the god of this world' (2 Corinthians 4:4). There is constant warfare from the enemy forces to draw people into bondage under his power. Folks are bamboozled when turmoil and chaos hit, finding it difficult to cope or see the pathway out of trouble - not recognising the enemy's tactics. Jesus said.. "I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no one comes to the Father except by Me" (John 14:6). Daniel prophesied that "the God of Heaven will set up a Kingdom that will never be destroyed or conquered, that will crush all these kingdoms into nothingness, and it will stand forever" (Daniel 2:44). Jesus preached 'the Kingdom of God is at hand - therefore repent!' So how do we come under God's Kingdom? By repenting for sin and turning to God through believing in His Son Jesus. When one chooses to serve and follow Jesus, our kingship, and future changes. Now belonging to God, forgiven, washed, and restored as His beloved children, adopted into His family, we are given His inheritance of Righteousness, Peace, and Joy (Romans 14:17). Righteousness is right standing with God – cleansed from sin and totally accepted by Him. Peace comes that 'surpasses all understanding mounting guard over our hearts and minds' (Philippians 4:6-8). And 'Joy unspeakable' strengthens us to overcome every circumstance (Nehemiah 4:10). These gifts are imparted by God's Holy Spirit Who resides inside of each believer.

This is what Jesus meant when He promised that He would never leave us or forsake us or leave us orphaned (John 14:18; Hebrews 13:5-6). Many people have lost their parents young or old – and it leaves one with heartache, that those who loved them unconditionally and fought for, and protected them are gone home. But when we ask the Lord Jesus to come into our hearts, that pain and loneliness is taken away, because His Spirit comforts and transforms us. The kingdom of Satan is constantly luring people with sin, addictions, anger, bitterness... the list goes on and on, but Jesus calls us with His Love. Holy Spirit is the connector between our spirits and God. And the Lord longs to banish your sorrow and anguish and restore you with His Love. "For the Lord, your God is living among you. He is a Mighty Saviour. He will take delight in you with gladness - with His Love, He will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs of deliverance" (Zephaniah 3:17).

Tomorrow in Dublin, the March for Jesus will bring Christians from every denomination together to exalt the Love of God bestowed through His Son. Can you go friend? We will gather from 1.30pm at the Garden of Remembrance, to begin at 2pm towards Stephen's Green. Last year it was the most awesome feeling leaving behind differences and celebrating our oneness in faith in Jesus (John 17:20-26). It's not a protest or a conversion rally – rather it is God's family getting together in time of great darkness to shine the Light of the World. Jesus is the answer - and what a privilege to demonstrate that the Kingdom of God is at hand and declare God's promises and plans for Ireland in Jesus' Name. Arise and Shine!

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## NOVENA TO ST. MARTHA

O St. Martha, I resort thee and to thy petition and faith, I offer up to thee this light which I shall burn every Tuesday for nine Tuesdays. Comfort me in all my difficulties thro' the great favour thou didst enjoy when Our Saviour lodged in they house. I beseech thee to have definite pity in regard to the favour I ask (Mention favour).

Intercede for my family that we may always be provided for in all our necessities. I ask thee St. Martha to overcome the dragon which thou didst cast as thy feet.

One Our Father and three Hail Marys and a lighted candle every Tuesday and the above prayer made known with the intentions of spreading devotion to St. Martha. This miraculous Saint grants every thing before the Tuesdays are ended. No matter how difficult.

## PRAYER TO THE LITTLE FLOWER ST THERESE

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus, please pick for me a rose from the heavenly gardens and send it to me as a message of love. O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God to grant the favors I now place with confidence in your hands . .

(mention in silence here)

St. Therese, help me to always believe as you did in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate your "Little Way" each day.

Amen

## THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour). Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it.

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

Amen.

Say this prayer for three days.

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## 13TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
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WHO DIED ON THE  
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*We miss your smile, your gentle care.  
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The way you taught us to be brave.  
Though you're not here,  
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So as we mark another year,  
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In every tear, in every song,  
Your love remains, so pure, so strong.*

So dearly loved and sadly missed by  
husband Sean, daughters Siobhán,  
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*Anniversary Mass on Saturday 27th of  
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## A PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

Remember, dear Lady of La Salette, true Mother of Sorrows, the tears which thou didst shed for me on Calvary; be mindful also of the unceasing care which thou dost exercise to shield me from the justice of God; and consider whether thou canst now abandon thy child, for whom thou hast done so much. Inspired by this consoling thought, I come to cast myself at thy feet, in spite of my infidelity and ingratitude. Reject not my prayer, O Virgin of reconciliation, convert me, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus Christ above all things and to console thee too by living a holy life, in order that one day I may be able to see thee in Heaven. Amen.

3RD ANNIVERSARY

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5TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

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MOULAGOW, RATHMORE

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

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WHO PASSED AWAY ON 4TH OCTOBER 2024.

On the first anniversary of the unexpected death of Den Joe, his wife Grace, son Shane, daughter-in-law Ruth, his brother, sister, sister-in-law, nieces and nephews wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the kindness, help and support shown to us by our wonderful extended family, friends, work colleagues and neighbours during this sad and difficult time.

We were very grateful for the support, understanding and professionalism of Millstreet Gardaí and Fr Pat on the morning of his death and in the immediate aftermath.

To the many people who travelled from near and far to be with us, and to those who sent Mass cards, perpetual enrolments, floral arrangements, posted lovely tributes on R.I.P, attended the rosary, the removal and funeral Mass, we thank you.

For all those who called to our house, those who bought food and for the acts of kindness shown to us, we are forever grateful.

We extend a special thanks to Monsignor Dan for his kindness and support and for celebrating Den Joe's funeral Mass with such warmth and compassion.

We thank Bridie, the sacristan, Den Joe's niece Joan for her lovely singing and to those who participated in the Mass. Thank you to Paudie McAuliffe for his singing at the graveside.

Thank you to John D and George for your kindness and guidance, and also thanks to the gravedigger, and to Liam and Paudie for managing the traffic.

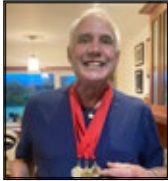
As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude and thanks.

Den Joe's First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, 4th October at 6pm in Shrine Church.

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We want to thank our families, the Lynes, Somers, Cahills and Krzywosz families. The first responders, garda, ambulance personnel went above and beyond anything we could ask for.

Mike O'Shea, Michael and Mary were absolutely wonderful especially at a time when we were in shock, they handled everything with beauty, class and compassion.

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We so appreciate the support and love shown to us through the past year. Its really hard to believe hes gone.

Our family also wants to thank the staff at the cathedral and the Friary, where he would attend Mass with his dog.

Thank you everyone for the love, compassion, respect and inclusivity shown to Vinnie. We know he's looking over us.

love you Vinnie,  
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