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A Note from the **E** DITOR



As we bid farewell to February this weekend, we have a jam packed magazine for you to enjoy.

Jessie Buckley is in the news again, winning a further two awards for her role in Hamnet, with all eyes now on the Oscars. Hundreds enjoyed a coffee morning in aid of the Irish Cancer Society, hoteliers donned their finery for The Wild Rose Gala Dinner and Kerry is set to host the National Conference on Road Safety. The Meitheal welcomed students from UCC, Kerry Stars to host a fundraising table quiz, Killarney Women's Shed are holding a charity auction and 40 new events have been unveiled ahead of the Wander Wild Festival.

Sam Maguire was on tour with the Clifford Brothers, Muckross Rowing Club has honoured it's three Olympians and East Kerry GAA held their inaugural Health & Wellbeing meeting.

Anne Lucey takes a look at all things local, Recovery Haven has received funding for counselling for cancer patients and a Beaufort Engineer has won a prestigious award.

Top Racing Names are coming to town for the Cheltenham Racing Night, it was awards night at Killarney Athletic and Jimmy takes a look at All Things Sport. Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie



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Jessie looks set for Hollywood honour

Jessie Buckley won Lead Actress for her performance in Hamnet at the 2026 IFTA Awards. *Picture Andres Poveda*



Killarney actress Jessie Buckley looks destined for Oscar glory after her weekend wins.

Jessie won an IFTA for her role as Agnes in Hamnet and then went on to win a historic BAFTA victory becoming the first Irish woman to win the title of Best Actress.

Jessie collected the award from a previous Oscar winner and compatriot Cillian Murphy, himself the first Irish man to claim the Academy Award for Best Actor.

Meanwhile in her hometown of Killarney, her family, who own and run the Arbutus Hotel have paid their own very unique tribute to her, by portraying the talented actress in the top window of their hotel on College Street.

The Arbutus was owned and run by Jessie's grandparents Pat and Dr Norrie Buckley and is now operated by her uncle Seán and family.



The mural-style image, depicting Jessie showing off her trademark smile, was erected to celebrate the most successful period in her distinguished acting career.

All eyes are now on the Oscars on March 15th, which coincidentally is Mother's Day and in her speeches to date, Jessie has expressed deep love and admiration for mothers, describing her role as a tribute to their strength and tenderness. She has spoken about the "raw" and "refreshing" honesty of motherhood, noting it has "cracked her heart open" and brought a new, profound perspective to her life and work. "I love mothers, and I love women": Jessie said after her IFTA win, acknowledging their strength.

See Page 6 for the Irish Hotels Federation tribute to Jessie at their annual ball, The Wild Rose Gala Dinner.

DAFFODILS AND COFFEE RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CANCER SOCIETY



Members of the Killarney South Kerry Branch of the Irish Cancer Society at their annual Coffee Morning at the Towers Hotel recently. From left: Norma Talbot, Marie Shannon, Guest Speaker, Katie Foley, Guest Speaker, Kathrine Breen, Eleanor O'Doherty, Kathleen O'Shea and Eugene O'Sullivan.

The annual Daffodil Day Coffee Morning at the Killarney Towers Hotel on Friday last was once again a huge success.

Organisers of the event have thanked everyone who attended the day, raising almost €2,000 for the Irish Cancer Society.

Attendees enjoyed beautiful homemade treats while supporting this very worthy cause.

Guest speakers on the day were Marie Shannon from Killarney and Katie Foley from Inch who spoke about their journey with cancer.

A raffle finished off the day, which went very well, according to the organisers.

"We are so grateful to everyone who attended today and who support us so generously always", Eugene O'Sullivan, Chairperson of the Killarney South Kerry Branch of the Irish Cancer Society".

"Our next event is Daffodil Day on Friday March 20th and we would welcome any support for this very important event on our fundraising calendar," Eugene added.

The society also welcomes any type of fundraiser that the public are willing to hold.



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HOTELIERS GATHER FOR THEIR ANNUAL BALL AND PAY HOMAGE TO JESSIE BUCKLEY

A stunning performance by Jack Patrick Healy and Michelle O'Callaghan was the highlight of the Irish Hoteliers Federation themed ball, The Wild Rose Gala Banquet at Gleneagle Arena on Tuesday night.

With Jack Patrick on Piano, Michelle's powerful voice took on some of Jessie's favourite songs from over the years including As Long As He Needs Me and I'd Do Anything from the Musical, Oliver, Glasgow (No Place Like Home) from the film "Wild Rose" which Jessie performed in and You'll Never Walk Alone" from the Musical Carosel.

The duo stunned the audience with their performances calling it the highligh of the evening. At the event Garrett power, Chairman, Kerry IHF presented a bouquet of flowers to Roisin Buckley, 1st cousin of International star Jessie Buckley as hoteliers honoured The Arbutus Hotel Centenary and Jessie's music at the IHF conference in Killarney this week



Jack Patrick Healy on Piano and Michelle O'Callaghan on vocals performing at The Wild Rose Gala Dinner honouring Jessie Buckley.



Brian Doherty, Guest Relations Supervisor at the Great Southern Killarney, pictured with his work colleagues and management at the IHF Hotel Employee of The Year awards night at the IHF conference in Killarney this week. Photo Don MacMonagle



Pat O'Leary, Tracey Coyne Vice-President, IHF (International Hotel), Johnny Maguire (President Killarney Chamber of Commerce) pictured at the IHF conference in Killarney. Photo: Manuela Dei Grandi



Aileen Garvey (Randles Hotel), Garrett Power, Chairman, Kerry Branch, IHF (Muckcross Hotel), Aideen McShane pictured at the IHF conference in Killarney. Photo: Manuela Dei Grandi



Garrett power, Chairman, Kerry IHF presents a bouquet of flowers to Roisin Buckley, 1st cousin of International star Jessie Buckley as hoteliers honoured The Arbutus Hotel Centenary and Jessie's music at the IHF conference in Killarney this week. Also in photo is Patrick O'Donoghue, The Gleneagle Group. Photo Don MacMonagle



Brian Doherty, Guest Relations Supervisor at the Great Southern Killarney, receiving the IHF Hotel Employee of The Year finalist award from Peter Burke TD, Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment and IHF President Michael Magner. Photo Don MacMonagle

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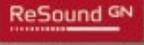
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A national conference and exhibition which focuses on road safety is to be held in Killarney next month. The two-day event called 'Safer Roads', is being hosted by Kerry County Council in association with Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

Over 300 delegates from across the roads sector and road safety profession will hear from twenty-eight keynote speakers and take part in four panel discussions involving leading road safety experts. Among the topics being discussed will be the upcoming changes in speed limits, enforcement, scooters and scramblers, and how digital technology can help to create safer roads.

The Safer Roads conference will focus on all aspects of road safety including road design, engineering, enforcement, road killer behaviour, collision trends, technology, education, cycling, e-mobility and scramblers, active and sustainable travel.

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Michael Foley, welcomed the initiative, saying "Kerry County Council is delighted to host the second national road safety conference, and we are looking forward to welcoming delegates from across Ireland and further afield to Killarney. The issue of road safety remains a key priority for the local authority and for many agencies who are working together to reduce the dangers on our roads."

Kerry County Council's Road Safety Officer Declan Keogh said: "The Safer Roads road safety conference provides a platform and forum to road safety professionals and stakeholders alike, to engage with each other,



A national conference and exhibition which focuses on road safety is to be held in the Gleneagle, Killarney on 11th and 12th March 2026. The two-day event called 'Safer Roads', is being hosted by Kerry County Council in association with Transport Infrastructure Ireland. Pictured at the announcement in Tralee are from left: John Greaney, Kerry County Council, Garda Inspector Gary Carroll, Kerry Division Roads Policing Unit, Declan Keogh, Road Safety Officer, Kerry County Council and TJ O'Connor, Road Safety Authority (RSA). Photo: Pauline Dennigan

learn from each other, and to share knowledge and experience with one another, to broaden the knowledge and approach in helping to improve road safety and create safer roads for all road users of every mobility."

Further information about the conference can be found at:

<https://www.saferroads.ie>

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The MACademy Performing Arts School continues to bring creativity, confidence and community spirit to young performers across Killarney. With an exciting season ahead, students and families have plenty to look forward to both on and off the stage.

One of the most exciting upcoming events is CAMP KPOP HUNTERZ, a high-energy camp where students will explore dance, vocals and drama while stepping into the world of performance and storytelling. Throughout the week, participants will also experience movie making and directing, building teamwork and creative skills before showcasing everything they've learned in a special end-of-week performance.

Meanwhile, preparations are well underway for The MACademy End of Year Show, taking place on April 29th in the Gleneagle Arena. Students have been working tirelessly behind the scenes, rehearsing routines,

refining vocals and developing their stage presence to create what promises to be another outstanding and memorable production for audiences of all ages.

For the youngest performers of The MACademy Family there is the highly popular, MACBabies Class. Term 5 will begin on April 7th and April 9th at Killarney Race Course on Ross Road. Each session includes 30 minutes of dance followed by 30 minutes exploring our sensory play zone, a fun, nurturing space designed to support early movement, imagination and social development.

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Irish Cancer Society partners with Recovery Haven Kerry to deliver free counselling to cancer patients in Kerry



(L-R) Mary Quinn, Head of Service Operations, Irish Cancer Society; Gemma Fort Manager, Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House; and Edel Shovlin, Acting CEO, Irish Cancer Society.

Photo credit: Andres Poveda Photography

The Irish Cancer Society and Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House have partnered to provide 1,002 free counselling sessions across Kerry in 2025.

The Irish Cancer Society presented €56,500 to Recovery Haven Kerry, providing partial funding to deliver free counselling services. These free services can be availed by cancer patients, survivors and their family members. In addition to counselling, Recovery Haven Kerry also provides a large range of services including play therapy, Complementary therapies, Oncology information and education, Manual Lymphatic Drainage, Support Groups (including Women, Men and Bereavement Support), Survivorship programmes, exercise classes, financial clinic, drop-in support and

phone support. In addition to their main centre in Tralee, Recovery Haven has a community outreach service in Killorglin and delivers drop-in support and information sessions in South and West Kerry.

The Irish Cancer Society provides free remote counselling across the country, and by partnering with a network of 24 local cancer support centres, funding is provided to deliver free in-person counselling at a community level. In 2025, the Irish Cancer Society's free nationwide counselling service provided almost 13,000 sessions through cancer support centres across the country.

Mary Quinn, Head of Service Operations at the Irish Cancer Society says:

"1 in 2 of us will receive a cancer diagnosis in

our lifetime, and when we do, we deserve the best possible support to help us process and come to terms with our diagnosis. On top of the physical impact of cancer treatment, we know the emotional and psychological toll cancer can take on patients and their loved ones during and beyond their diagnosis.

"Providing free counselling to patients, survivors and their family members is a crucial service for those affected by cancer. We are delighted to partner with Recovery Haven Kerry to deliver these services in Kerry. As well as offering our own remote counselling services, through our 24 local cancer support centre partners, the Irish Cancer Society funds vital free counselling services on the ground across Ireland. We simply can't be there for those patients and families without the generosity and support of the Irish public. Every €60 we can raise is a free counselling session for a patient or their loved one. Every euro of your support will help make a difference. That's why we're asking for your support this Daffodil Day, Friday 20th March."

Gemma Fort, Manager Recovery Haven Kerry says: "We are very grateful to the Irish Cancer Society for this funding, which contributes towards the cost of providing free, accessible counselling to people affected by cancer across Kerry.

"A cancer diagnosis impacts far more than physical health, and the availability of accessible, professional counselling support close to home makes a real difference to people living with and beyond a cancer diagnosis and their families."

To continue to provide these counselling sessions, donations can be made to www.recoveryhavenkerry.com or to the Irish Cancer Society at cancer.ie.

For confidential advice, support and information on any cancer issue, contact the Irish Cancer Society Support Line on Freephone 1800 200 700.

HOSPICE AGM PLANNED

The Killarney Branch, Kerry Hospice Foundation are holding their AGM at The Killarney Heights Hotel on Wed 4th March, 2026 at 7.30pm. We are looking for new members to join our team and we are encouraging young people with enthusiasm and fresh ideas to get involved. We support the work of Kerry Hospice Foundation, helping to fund vital Palliative Care services for patients and their families throughout our community."

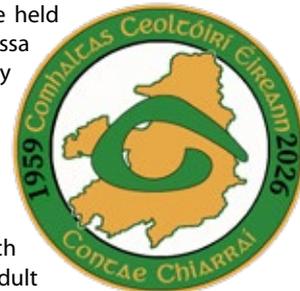


Fossa Two Mile School Rambling House

Rambling House 2026 celebrating our 20th year will be held on Sat 14th March at The Castlerosse Park Resort, Fossa Admission Free, Raffle on the night, tea and coffee. All very welcome.

Our upcoming Céilí will be held on Sunday 22nd March 2026 from 3-6pm at Fossa Community Hall. Music by Johnny Reidy Ceili Band. Admission €10 We look forward to seeing you all there.

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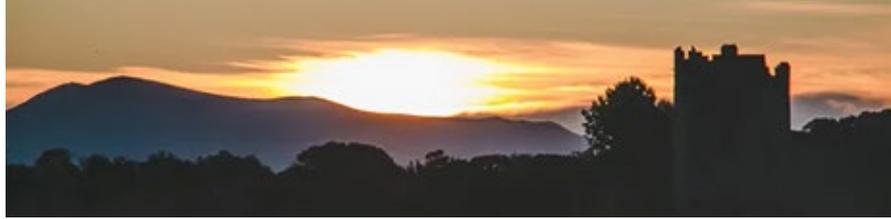


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Anne Lucey looks at the positive news happening in Killarney



TAR, TAR AND MORE TAR

"People don't want talk, they want tar, tar and more tar," Minister Michael Healy-Rae said announcing an increase in roads funding for Kerry.

The news coincided with the opening of yet another new Tralee link road.

Meanwhile, there followed the predictable spat as to who secured the roads grant allocations for Kerry between Michael Cahill and the minister.

But the spat disguises how very far behind Killarney is when it comes to actual boots on the ground and actual projects.

We are getting a bit of resurfacing in Muckcross and a few bob for the 23-year old Farranfore to Killarney bypass, ture. But I will believe the latter when I see it. This, reader, is my second time hearing fanfare announcements re the great Farranfore to Killarney Road. I actually

attended the last unveiling of the route more than two decades ago.

Now with predictions of a cyclical recession, my stance on the Killarney bypass is: "Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me!"

Meanwhile, Tralee is forging ahead with link roads and bypasses. Listowel's bypass is long in place. Dingle is linking left right and centre. Even Milltown drives on. Alas and alack, we are back of the class in Killarney once again. And there is no tarring over that.

Michael Healy-Rae and Michael Cahill are both doing a lot of work for the Ring, Sneem, Dingle and elsewhere, but their sole focus is not Killarney. It is wider and Killarney is losing out and continues to lose out.

Two things have hit us. The end of the town council and its own fundraising powers in 2014 which meant everything went back to Tralee. Any money for Killarney is spread with our once lovely town getting only a thin skim.

On top of the demise of the town council, there was the disastrous decision to hammer Kerry into one huge constituency.

No offence to our village based TDs, but we badly need a Killarney town TD. Completely Killarney. Focused only on Killarney. Regardless of party loyalty or non-party.

A strong TD prioritising Killarney would mean the kind of unbearable public pressure on our councillors to bypass 46 million in the case of the Aras/Primary Care project would have been shouldered and weathered and we would now have a primary care centre and a theatre underway. You can be sure Tralee town girl Minister Norma is front and centre in securing money and shouldering any criticism over multi-million euro projects from the Ashe to the new courthouse.

By the way, the tar proclaimed by Minister Michael is a misnomer - the roads get bitumen these days, not tar!

EAGLE-EYED ATTENTION NEEDED TO DUMPING IN LEISURE AREAS



Dumping on the Fossa Way

Dumping on the Fossa way is reaching worrying levels. Many leisure areas and most remote areas are now regarded as handy spots for bags of glass bottles and cans.

With the IHF in town, we need to look our best. However, on the Fossa way alone last week we had two stark cases of dumping.

The debate about tackling litter is usually centred on cameras or no cameras. There was a good input in the council this month with Councillor Jackie Healy-Rae wondering why you would put a notice up telling the world there were cameras in dumping black spots - all that would mean is people would move elsewhere. "People aren't that stupid. They will simply dump elsewhere," said Jackie.

The council says a number of sites throughout the county have been considered for CCTV installation but none has qualified. As all complaints of illegal dumping received by the environment section are recorded, logged and investigated

Since 2023 Kerry County Council have commenced prosecutions proceedings for 37 cases for waste and litter offences.

Perhaps we need a more eagle eyed public and a dedicated help-line to report suspicions?

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- Projects Ltd on "an infill site" of
- nine acres has been given the go
- ahead by An Bord Pleanala after
- an appeal by residents of nearby
- housing estates.
- Condition 25, sets out how under
- Section 47 of the Planning and
- Development Act 2000 all relevant
- residential units are restricted
- "to first occupation by individual
- purchasers, that is, those not being
- a corporate entity, and/or by those
- eligible for the occupation of
- social and/or affordable housing,
- including cost rental housing".
- The condition restricts the sale
- to individuals and prohibits
- corporations from purchasing the
- housing.
- Planners tell me corporations
- probably include social housing
- bodies snapping up the lot.
- A creche, along with a new
- entrance onto Ross Road will serve
- the ten four-bed houses, and 55
- three-beds along with over fifty
- townhouses in a range of sizes
- as well as one and two-bed and
- apartments.
- Interestingly, Uisce Eireann said
- both waste water and water
- connections were feasible without
- infrastructure upgrades.

Objections centred on density, traffic congestion, impact on local biodiversity and capacity of the nearby Killarney Waste water treatment plant, which is a feature now of many objections in Killarney. Permissions for such large infill sites in Killarney are not before time. There has been too much land in the urban settings in Killarney that has not been built upon. This is a longstanding issue.

The dearth of housing in Killarney is five decades long. Few private estates have been built since the 1970s. Where they have been, multiple units were bought up by companies for letting purposes and or by the council itself for social housing. That meant ordinary people were squeezed out and sent out to the hinterlands, much as in the time of the Elizabethan plantations and Cromwell.

Housing for people wanting to buy their own house was put beyond reach. Football clubs, churches, clubs are all now suffering in town.

But the tool was long available to the authorities to prevent this. Section 47 of the Planning Act 2000 is not new but only employed in rural housing.

Roll on more Section 47s, is what I say. From now on too councillors and TDs must keep an eye on planning and insist on Section 47s - in urban areas.

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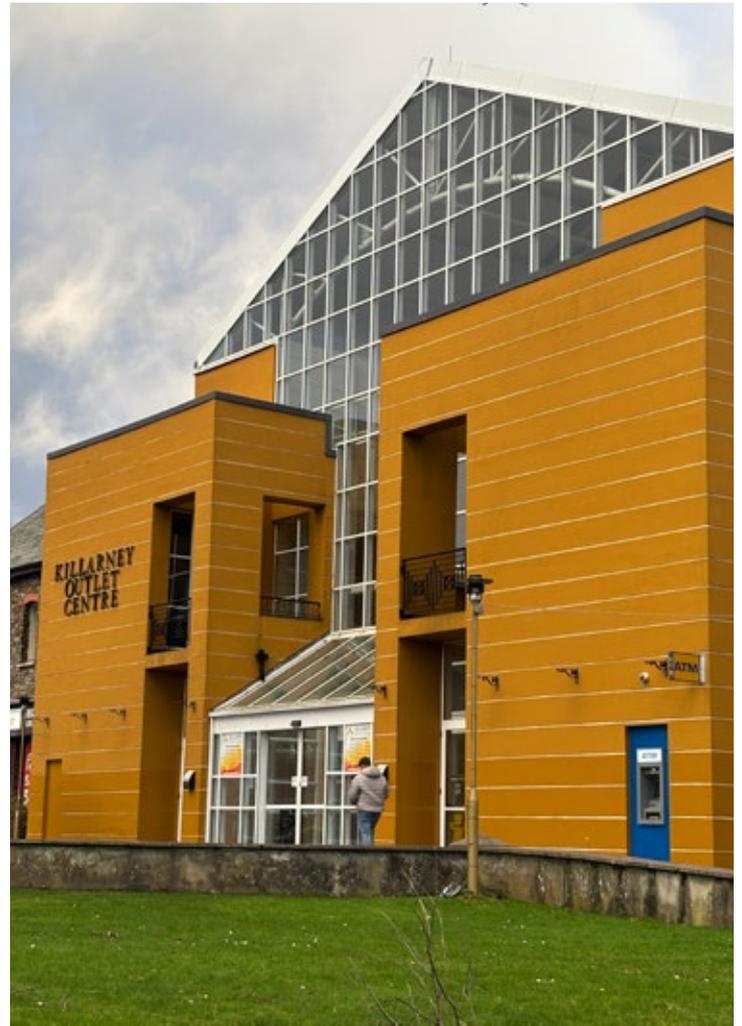


Welcome for Planning Application for Outlet Centre Entertainment Centre

Mayor of Killarney, Councillor Martin Grady, has warmly welcomed the submission of planning permission to Kerry County Council for a proposed bowling alley and entertainment centre at the Outlet Centre in Killarney.

“This is a development that I wholeheartedly support. For many years, Killarney has lacked sufficient amenities and dedicated recreational spaces for our young people, particularly our local teenagers. The introduction of a modern bowling alley and entertainment centre would represent a significant and much-needed investment in youth facilities within our town”, the Mayor said.

“Our teenagers deserve safe, welcoming environments where they can gather, socialise, and enjoy positive recreational activities. This proposed development would provide exactly that, a structured and supervised setting that promotes community engagement and wellbeing”, he added. “In addition to serving our local youth, this facility will greatly enhance the overall offering of Killarney as a vibrant and family-friendly destination. It will benefit not only local residents but also the many visitors and tourists who come to our town throughout the year and I welcome this application with open arms and believe it will make a meaningful and lasting contribution to our community”, he said.



Mounting Business Costs a Major Challenge as Hotels Signal Confidence for 2026

Mounting business costs and global uncertainty are the primary concerns facing hoteliers as they gather today for the Irish Hotels Federation's (IHF) 88th Annual Conference taking place this year in the Gleneagle, Killarney.

Recent industry research carried out by the IHF reveals that 92% of hoteliers are worried about the global economy and the potential impact of political uncertainty in key markets. Closer to home, 76% are concerned about the outlook

for the Irish economy over the next twelve months, as consumer finances remain under pressure and international developments pose potential risks.

Despite these challenges, however, the sector maintains a cautiously optimistic outlook. A slim majority (51%) of hoteliers report a positive outlook for trading conditions over the next 12 months, while 36% report a neutral outlook and 13% are negative.

This follows a robust performance by the Irish hotels sector in 2025, with average national hotel room occupancy standing at 76% for the year as a whole, up 1% on the previous year. While most regions saw an increase in occupancy levels, significant regional disparity persists, ranging from 70% occupancy in the border region to 83% in Dublin.



Kerry hoteliers from left, Emer Corridan, The Cahernane, Brian Bowler, Aghadoe Heights, Garrett Power, Muckross Park and Chairman, Kerry federation, IHF, Bernadette Randles, The Dromhall Hotel, Neil Grant, The Brehon, Caitriona Whyte, The International, Brian lawlor, O'Donoghue Ring Hotels, Treacy Coyne, The International, Patrick O'Donoghue, The Gleneagle, Tom Randles, Randles Hotel and Breffni Ingerton, The Gleneagle pictured at the IHF conference in The Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney on Monday. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Pictured above are IHF President Michael Magner and IHF Chief Executive Paul Gallagher at Ross Castle, Killarney ahead of the opening of the conference in Gleneagle Killarney on Sunday. Photo: Don MacMonagle

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Young Energy & Fresh Hope at Killarney National Park!

Members of the Meitheal were joined by students from UCC at their recent Sunday morning outing.

There was a fantastic turnout for Sunday's Meitheal at Killarney National Park, with a particularly welcome boost provided by a group of 17 students from University College Cork. The students brought enthusiasm and energy to the morning's work, keeping the group's two wood chippers running steadily as volunteers tackled ongoing conservation and maintenance tasks. Their contribution made a significant impact on the day's

progress and lifted spirits among the regular team. Organisers said it was especially heartening to see younger volunteers stepping forward to play their part in protecting the Park. Many long-standing members of the Meitheal are of retirement age, and the presence of the students offered a strong sense of optimism for the future of local environmental efforts. The students' involvement also carried a powerful

message - that safeguarding the environment cannot be left to "someone else." Instead, it requires individuals and communities to take personal responsibility and get involved.

The Meitheal continues to welcome new volunteers of all ages and backgrounds. Participants can contribute as much or as little time as they wish, whether for a full morning or just an hour. Community groups, clubs and workplaces are also encouraged to get in touch to organise group volunteer outings. Volunteers meet every Sunday and Tuesday from 9.00am to 12.30pm, weather permitting, at Dundag Car Park in Killarney National Park. Tea is served at 11.00am, offering a welcome break and an opportunity to connect with fellow volunteers. Directions to Dromrower are via the first left after entering the main Muckcross House gate, continuing to the end of the road at Dundag car park.

The work site can be accessed through the fence opening nearby. Those interested can also learn more about the volunteer experience through updates shared on social media.

Fexco Announced as Lead Sponsor of Kerry FC's Women's Development League team



Back Row (L-R): Rebecca Flanagan, Airida Mateviciute, Sarah Murphy, Aisling Hardiman, Laura Falvey, Julia Sobczak, Saorlaith Murphy Front Row (L-R): Stephen Conway, Caoimhe McCarthy, Izzy McGrath, Hayley O'Flaherty, Fiona McCarthy, Liadh Forde, Melanie Higgins, Paula O'Sullivan.

The international fintech firm will support Kerry FC ahead of the launch of the new Women's Development League under the League of Ireland

19, February 2026: Fexco is proud to announce its support of Kerry FC as the lead sponsor of the newly launched Women's Development Team, which will compete in the inaugural

Women's Development League under the League of Ireland from 2026.

As lead sponsor, Fexco will play a key role in supporting the growth of the women's game at a pivotal moment, and this support aligns with Fexco's commitment to advancing equal opportunities, supporting its communities, and investing in excellence. It also reinforces the company's investment in the Kerry community, backing local talent and contributing to regional growth.

Kerry FC is one of ten clubs in Ireland stepping up to senior women's football for the first time, having previously participated in the EA SPORTS LOI Academy Development Programme. The launch of the Women's Development Team marks the first elite-level pathway for young female footballers within the club.

With the 2027 FIFA Women's World Cup on the horizon and domestic women's football experiencing unprecedented momentum, the timing of the partnership positions Fexco at the forefront of a rapidly growing sporting landscape.



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O'Leary Brothers Present €1,055 to MS South Kerry

The O'Leary brothers – Derek, Karl and Conor – have marked more than a decade of fundraising with a special presentation to the MS South Kerry Branch, a cause close to their hearts.

The brothers presented Gillian O'Sullivan with a cheque for €1,055, proceeds from their annual Christmas carol singing event, Crooners & Carols, which was held in Killarney on December 23rd, 2025. The festive fundraiser once again drew generous support from the local community, with the full amount raised going directly to the branch.

Their dedication to the cause was inspired by their late mother, who lived with Multiple Sclerosis for almost 30 years before her passing in 2011. Throughout her illness, the MS South Kerry Branch provided invaluable care, guidance and compassion to her and the wider family.



Derek O'Leary presents the proceeds of The Three O's annual acrol singing to Gillian O'Sullivan of MS South Kerry Branch

The brothers said the annual event is their way of giving thanks while also helping other families facing similar challenges. What began as a simple family initiative has grown into a much-anticipated community tradition each Christmas.

Funds raised over the years have helped support essential local services for people living with MS across South Kerry, including therapy programmes, transport assistance, respite services and family support initiatives.

In making the presentation, the O'Leary brothers expressed their heartfelt appreciation to the community, volunteers and sponsors whose continued generosity ensures the success of the event year after year.

East Kerry GAA Health and Wellbeing Officers Hold Inaugural Meeting in Fossa



The East Kerry GAA Club Health and Wellbeing Officers came together for the inaugural meeting of the group in the Fossa GAA Clubhouse (front from left) Breda Duggan Kilcummin, Gerry McNamara Secretary Munster Council Health and Wellbeing Committee, Bernie Reen Chairperson Munster Council Health and Wellbeing Committee, Johnny Brosnan East Kerry Board Health and Wellbeing Officer, Dermot O'Connor Secretary East Kerry Board,, Mairead Foley Firies (back from left) Conor Bohane Mover and Head of the Game, Michael O'Riordan Kilcummin, Eamonn Fitzgerald Dr Crokes, Matt O'Neill Chairperson Kerry County Board Health and Wellbeing Committee, Niamh O'Dwyer Rathmore, Paudie Kelleher Kilgarvan, Nora Kelliher ,Rathmore, Adrian Cronin Fossa, Katrina Stack Laune Rangers, Denis Reen Rathmore and Noreen Manley Currow, on Friday evening.

Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

Health and Wellbeing Officers from clubs across the East Kerry division gathered on Friday evening for their inaugural meeting at the Fossa GAA Club clubhouse, marking an important step in strengthening the GAA's commitment to community health across the

region.

The meeting brought together representatives from a wide range of clubs, alongside county and provincial health and wellbeing leaders, reflecting a shared determination to place wellbeing at the heart of club activity.

The gathering forms part of the wider Irish Life GAA Healthy Club Programme, the GAA's flagship initiative promoting health and wellbeing beyond the playing field. The programme supports clubs in identifying and addressing local health needs while aligning with national policy in areas such as physical activity, mental health and preventative healthcare.

The Healthy Club Programme is built around three core aims: initiating new health-promoting activities that address local needs; embedding best practice healthy behaviours within the everyday running of clubs - including awareness around alcohol, diet, substance use and mental health - and providing a structured framework to formalise and strengthen existing health initiatives.

Six key priority areas underpin the programme: physical activity, diversity and inclusion, community development, mental fitness, substance use and gambling awareness, and healthy eating.

By bringing officers together at divisional level, East Kerry GAA aims to foster collaboration, share best practice and support clubs in building healthier environments for everyone involved - from players and coaches to parents, supporters and the wider community.

The evening concluded with a strong sense of purpose and cooperation, as clubs committed to working collectively to ensure that every person who engages with the GAA in East Kerry does so in a positive, inclusive and health-enhancing setting.

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Thank You

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Two weeks ago, Killarney Musical Society brought the electrifying spirit of All Shook Up to the stage, and what an unforgettable production it was. As the curtain falls on this incredible run, we as a society would like to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who made it possible.

Firstly, to the staff of the Gleneagle Arena and the O'Donoghue family. It is such a privilege to be able to have the use of such a wonderful venue and the expertise of all the people who work there to help us bring our show to such a professional standard.

Thank you to all in Loreto school for allowing us to use your lovely school for all our rehearsals.

To our phenomenal backstage crew, your tireless work behind the scenes ensured every costume change, lighting cue, set transition, and sound check ran seamlessly. Your dedication and calm professionalism are the

backbone of this production.

To our generous patrons, sponsors and loyal supporters, thank you for believing in the arts and in our society. Your contributions allowed us to bring this vibrant show to life and maintain the high standards our audiences have come to expect. Your presence and continued encouragement over the last 40 years means more than you know.

And to our wonderful audiences, thank you for filling the Gleneagle Arena stage with energy, laughter, and applause each night. Your enthusiasm for our cast and crew and made every performance special.

Finally, to the cast, production team, orchestra, sound, lighting, front-of-house volunteers, set designers and everyone who gave their time and talent, this success belongs to you all. We are truly grateful.

Kerry Stars to Host Fundraising Table Quiz Night

The Kerry Stars Special Olympics Sports Club is inviting the community to put their knowledge to the test at a special fundraising Table Quiz Night next month.

The event will take place on Friday, 13th March at Kilcummin GAA Hall (V93 X459), with doors opening at 7.00pm and the quiz getting underway at 7.30pm sharp.

Entry is €10 per person, with teams of four encouraged, although individuals are also welcome and will be matched to a team on the night. Organisers promise a great evening of entertainment, with a raffle, spot prizes and a €100 cash prize for the winning team.

All funds raised will support four club athletes as they prepare to travel to the Special Olympics Summer Games in June.

Those unable to attend can still contribute via the club's donation link. For further information, contact 087 236 5664 or email kerrystars63@gmail.com

Supporters can also follow Kerry Stars Special Olympics on Facebook for updates.

Organisers are encouraging strong local support for what promises to be an enjoyable night for a very worthy cause.





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Training and Experience Dr Daly has trained in hospital medicine and general practice, with extensive experience across all ages. Before pursuing a career in medicine, Dr Daly studied Marine Science and obtained an MSc in Ecology. He is a member of both the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland and the Irish College of General Practitioners. He is currently the attending physician and medical officer to Killarney Community Hospital.

He has strengths in a wide range of areas within internal medicine, including Cardiology, Paediatrics, Care of the Elderly, Palliative Care, Dermatology, Mental Health, and he enjoys dealing with complex medical cases. His specialist interests include Musculoskeletal Medicine, Joint Injections, and complex neurological conditions such as vertigo and migraines.

Community Commitment Dr Daly intends to provide a personalised service to patients of all ages in a relaxed environment. The practice will offer state-of-the-art technology to ensure smooth and efficient delivery of service.



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Community Comes Together for Upcycled Furniture Charity Auction

A unique and inspiring charity auction will take place in Killarney next month, bringing creativity, community spirit and compassion together under one roof.

Hosted by Killarney Women's Shed, the "Upcycled Furniture Charity Auction" will be held on Tuesday, 10th March 2026, from 10.30am to 2.00pm at the Spa GAA Club, Tiernabouli, Killarney.

The event is being organised in aid of victims of the recent typhoon in the Philippines, with all proceeds going directly towards relief efforts.

Visitors can expect an impressive display of beautifully restored and creatively upcycled furniture pieces. From vintage dressing tables and decorative cabinets to elegant side tables and restored chairs, each item has been lovingly transformed, blending traditional craftsmanship with artistic flair.

The day will also feature a live demonstration by furniture artist Chandra Arias, who will showcase techniques and tips behind the upcycling process. Attendees will have the opportunity to see first-hand how old and forgotten pieces can be given new life through careful restoration and creative design.

In addition to the auction, there will be a raffle and a selection of Filipino finger food for guests to enjoy, adding a cultural touch in solidarity with those affected by the disaster. Entry is €3



A charity auction of upcycled furniture, organised by Killarney Women's Shed and Chandra Arias, in aid of the victims of Typhoon Tino in the Philippines will take place in Spa GAA Club Killarney on March 10th. Pictured were: Michael Lynch, Nympha Tacasa, Rouella Riordan, Chandra Arias, Sheila Martin (Chairperson Killarney Women's Shed), Maricar Mangaliman and Katherine O'Neill. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

at the door, which includes tea or coffee and refreshments.

Organisers say the event is about more than furniture, it is about community, creativity and compassion. By combining sustainable design with charitable giving, the Killarney Women's

Shed hopes to make a meaningful contribution to families rebuilding their lives after the devastating storm.

Everyone is welcome to attend, support the cause and perhaps take home a one-of-a-kind piece of furniture while helping those in need.

A World First For The Gleneagle Arena

A world-first exclusive comes to Gleneagle Arena on Friday 18th September 2026 as Seventh Wonder presents Fleetwood Mac – Orchestrated.

Direct from a sold-out performance at the iconic Sydney Opera House, Seventh Wonder has created an extraordinary live concert experience that is leaving audiences gasping. This is not a traditional tribute show, but a meticulously crafted musical production assembled to faithfully recreate the authentic sound, energy and emotion of Fleetwood Mac at the height of their powers. Seventh Wonder brings together an elite cast of international musicians. James Morley, former member of ARIA Hall of Fame legends The Angels, anchors the show on bass and vocals with the commanding rhythm synonymous with the Mac sound. On lead vocals, Bloom delivers a mesmerising performance capturing the emotional depth and raw power of both Stevie Nicks and Christine McVie. Described by peers and

critics as "The Voice of a Generation," her vocal command breathes new life into some of the most iconic songs ever written.

The eight-piece ensemble is designed to recreate the legendary "wall of sound" associated with Fleetwood Mac's stadium tours, featuring former members of The Voice band and the late Jon English's touring band. With five distinct vocalists, the production achieves studio-level precision, faithfully recreating the lush harmonies that defined the Rumours album and countless global hits.

From Dreams and Rhiannon to Go Your Own Way, The Chain and Everywhere, Fleetwood Mac – Orchestrated is a powerful celebration of one of the world's most enduring musical legacies.

Tickets from €44.20 go on sale Friday 27th February at 10am via www.gleneaglearena.ie.





Mother's Day Lunch

Join us at Fiadh Restaurant for a special Mother's Day Lunch on Sunday, 15th March, with seatings at 13:00 and 13:30. Enjoy a relaxed family celebration with a delicious meal, plus a Kids Disco from 14.30 - 16.30 in the Green Room to keep the little ones entertained.

Adult 2 Course €37 | Adult 3 Course €45 | Children's Buffets (under 12's) €18*



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BEAUFORT ENGINEER WINS Prestigious National Emerging Leader Award for Diversity & Inclusion



Danny Pio Murphy (Left) being presented award by sponsor Aoife Mulqueen (Right), AIB Photo Credit: Irish Centre for Diversity. Photo Credit: Irish Centre for Diversity

Beaufort native Danny Pio Murphy has been honoured with the Emerging Leader Award at the National Diversity & Inclusion Awards 2026, recognising his leadership in advancing diversity, inclusion and belonging across Ireland's engineering profession.

The awards, hosted by the Irish Centre for Diversity, celebrate individuals and organisations driving meaningful change in workplaces and communities nationwide.

Danny Pio, a Chartered Engineer and Associate Director at DBFL Consulting Engineers, was recognised for embedding equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) within his company and across the wider engineering sector. As a founding

member of DBFL's internal EDI team, he helped design and implement the company's first EDI Action Plan in 2020, contributing to a five-year transformation that culminated in DBFL achieving Gold Investors in Diversity Accreditation in 2025, a distinction held by only 28 organisations in Ireland.

Beyond his role at DBFL, Danny Pio co-founded and now serves as Chair of Engineers Ireland's Inclusion and Diversity Society, helping to embed inclusive practices within Ireland's largest professional engineering body, representing 30,000 members and influencing more than 75,000 engineers nationwide. He has also contributed to the development of the Association of Consulting Engineers of Ireland's

Diversity & Inclusion initiatives and governance framework, supporting over 120 member firms employing more than 5,000 professionals.

Speaking while accepting the award, Danny Pio said: "This work has always been personal to me. It comes from knowing what it feels like to question whether you belong in a space. I also know the power of someone simply saying, 'You belong here.' Sometimes leadership is about being that person for others."

He added that inclusion is not just a social responsibility but a professional imperative:

"Engineering is at the forefront of tackling challenges such as housing, climate change and sustainability. To solve these effectively, we need diverse perspectives and inclusive collaboration. When people feel they belong, they thrive - and when they thrive, our communities benefit."

Danny Pio paid tribute to the colleagues, mentors and communities who supported him throughout his journey, noting that the award reflects collective effort rather than individual achievement.

Alongside his national EDI leadership, Danny Pio leads complex transport and infrastructure projects across Ireland, delivering strategic planning, modelling, appraisal and innovative scheme design at national, regional and local levels. His work directly influences sustainable mobility, climate action and the future development of Irish towns and cities.

The Beaufort engineer hopes the recognition will encourage more young people, particularly those from underrepresented backgrounds, to see engineering as a profession where they can succeed, contribute and belong.

Top Racing Names Set for Cheltenham Preview Night in Aid of Kerry Palliative Care

Racing enthusiasts are in for a treat next week as a star-studded panel of experts gather for a special Cheltenham Preview Night at McSweeney's - all in support of a very worthy cause.

The event takes place on Tuesday, March 3rd at 8.30 p.m. sharp, just days before the highly anticipated Cheltenham Festival gets underway on March 14th.

With punters already studying the form ahead of the four-day racing spectacular, the preview night promises inside knowledge, lively debate, and plenty of valuable tips. The evening will feature an impressive line-up of racing specialists:

Paddy Wilmott, Top Racing Pundit

Johnny Ward of Racing TV

Eric McNamara, Local Trainer



Brendan Tyther, Bookmaker

Eoin McCarthy, Local Trainer

Guiding the discussion on the night will be well-known MC Vince Casey, who is sure to keep proceedings both informative and entertaining.

Importantly, all proceeds from the event will go to Kerry Palliative Care, making it an opportunity not only to gain expert Cheltenham insight but

also to support a vital local service.

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Early attendance is advised, with a sharp 8.30 p.m. start promised.



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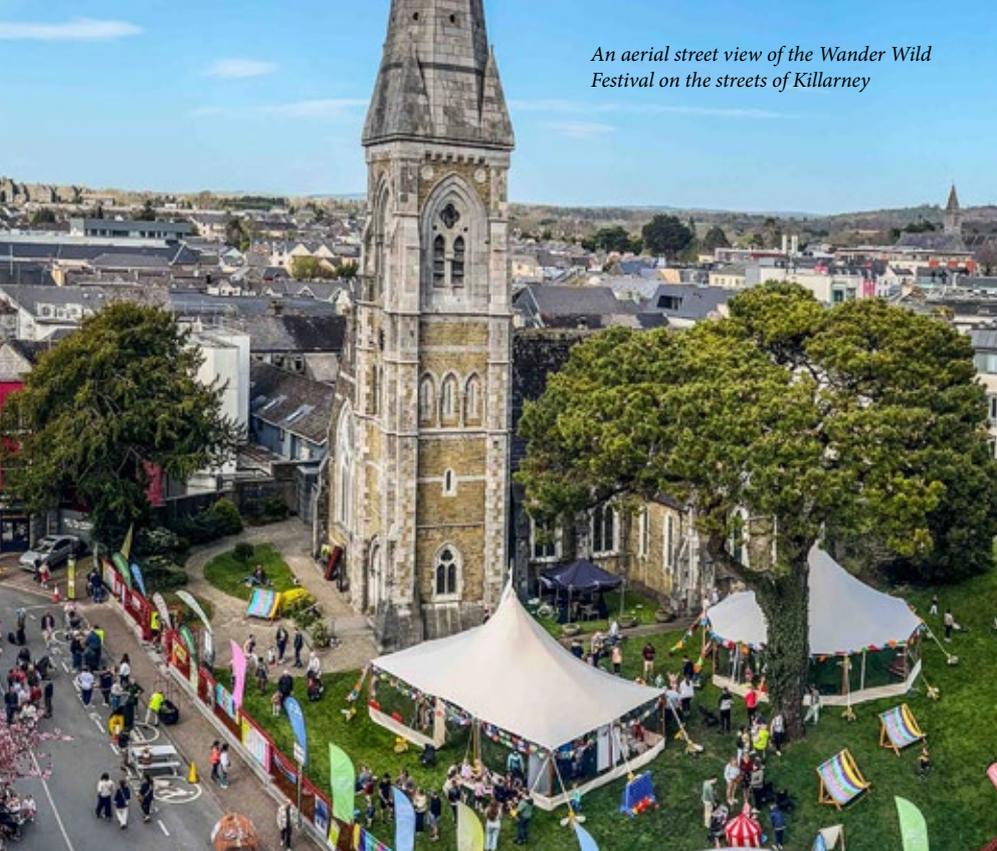
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An aerial street view of the Wander Wild Festival on the streets of Killarney



40 NEW EVENTS UNVEILED AHEAD OF THE WANDER WILD FESTIVAL

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programme, with an expanded 'Wildlings' family schedule featuring, How Stories Are Born: A Family Folklore Walk with Children's Author Barry Coleman, Yoga Óige, Parent & Child Soundbath, nature-themed LEGO workshops, Autism-friendly walks, and the return of favourites such as Gruffalo adventure hunts, family orienteering, and a Kids Balance Bike Workshop.

The new events are in addition to over 120 other programmed events taking place over the 3-day festival weekend that will cater for all ages and abilities. Many of the festival favourites return this year including, a Dark Sky Hike in one of the world's best stargazing spots Guided hikes for all levels taking in the MacGillycuddy Reeks, The Lost Sky Train site, and the Coomloughra Horseshoe; Kayak and Boat Tours on the lake, Rave ar Róthar, a group cycling 'disco on wheels'; Sunrise Dips and unique Lakeside Sauna experience at Dundag Guided Bat Walk, Stand Up Paddleboarding, rock climbing, a host of therapeutic wellness activities, workshops, stalls, and entertainment at Basecamp in the town centre.

Organisers offer a low impact eco-friendly weekend, aligning the festival's ethos with the natural beauty of Killarney's outdoors. Attendees are invited to opt for eco-conscious travel and sustainable accommodation to reduce the festival's footprint.

Ticket prices range from €10 to €95, supplemented with a generous helping of free events. With many events selling out at Wander Wild 2025, you are encouraged to book early for 2026 at wanderwildfestival.com.

Wander Wild is Proudly supported by Fáilte Ireland, Kerry County Council, 53 Degrees North, Heineken 00, Pig's Lane and a wide network of local businesses.

Wander Wild Festival, Ireland's leading outdoor, culture and wellness festival, has unveiled over 40 brand-new events, expanding its 2026 programme to more than 160 immersive experiences. Taking place from 17-19th April in the breathtaking 26,000-acre UNESCO-protected Killarney National Park, the festival invites adventurers, creatives, and curious minds to design their own unforgettable weekend in the outdoors. This latest wave of announcements brings a powerful mix of mountain adventures, intimate performances, inspiring talks, and restorative wellness, to the festival that is rooted in nature, movement, and community.

Among the newly announced events are the Social Summit of Mangerton with Tadhg O'Brien, and a special screening of Ellie Berry's short film, documenting her extraordinary world record achievement of climbing all 275 Irish mountains over 600m. Adventure-seekers can take part in a mountain scrambling masterclass on some of Ireland's most challenging ridges, a trail-running masterclass with Irish International Trail Runner Matthew McConnell, explore wild hidden mountain valleys (The Horses Glen) with Killian Buckley, or greet the day on a Dawn Chorus Walk, tuning

into the park's natural symphony. Nature and heritage come together through a Monastic Ruins, Temperate Woodlands and Waterfalls experience, wild-food foraging walk and workshop, and immersive guided hikes that reveal Killarney's lesser-known landscapes. Culture and connection sit at the heart of Wander Wild. New additions include, Echoes of Earth and Water combining a boat journey with a guided walk, a collaboration with TAWLA Collective: Supper & Stories - an intimate, story-led dining experience inspired by the flavours of Palestine, Egypt, and Lebanon, the Mrs Mind Watcher Reset workshop for anyone craving clarity without pressure, and an intimate cacao ceremony focused on intention-setting and reflection.

As evening falls, Kean Kavanagh will light up St Mary's Church with his Irish Indie Rock concert. Enjoy some Fireside Chats where stories of resilience, exploration, culture, and connection will be shared. These include Chris Barrett (From the Arctic to the Amazon), members of the How to Gael trio, WestWords: Poetry & Spoken Word, Seanchoiche, Focal & Fód, exploring Irish language and art and more.

Families are also at the forefront of this year's



The Gap boat coming up to the Old Weir Bridge at the Meeting of The Waters, with O'Donoghue's Boat Tours Gap Trip, Killarney National Park. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan (File Photo)



Nature Boy...ornithologist, wildlife sound-recorderist, Seán Ronayne leads a group in Killarney National Park for the Dawn Chorus. The event was part of the Wander Wild Festival of adventure and wellness in Killarney. Valerie O'Sullivan (File Photo)

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Sam Maguire Cup Visits Firies National School



Beaming with delight.... students welcome Paudie and David Clifford to Firies National School

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The Clifford brothers didn't just showcase the iconic cup-sharing their skills, tips, and love of the game. As an extra treat, they gave the pupils a night off homework, leaving the children overjoyed.

Principal Claire Doyle said, "It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to connect with our sporting heritage. Seeing their hero's in action brought the spirit of the GAA to life right here in Firies. Many thanks to David and Paudie for making the day so special".

The visit reminded everyone that effort, practice, and enjoyment are at the heart of all sporting achievements, both on and off the pitch.



The Clifford Brothers, David and Paudie delight pupils at Firies National School when they visited with the Sam Maguire

UKRAINE

By: Peter Doyle

My eyes well up
As I gaze upon the faces and
names
Of those slain
Emblazoned on the Protestant
rails
Those killed, missing and
maimed
So senseless
To a lesser extent
The cities, the buildings
Sheer desolation
Once people's homes
Death, despair, destruction
Imposed by a warmonger
Tolerated by the world order
Maybe in nuclear fear
Leaving one wonder
Where is God?
And in this the 21st century

What does it say about
humanity?
The atrocities of the ages
merely mutate
Are we ever to be a peaceful,
enlightened species?
At one with the world
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BLEND

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LINKS

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APPLY

To apply for a PLC Course on the CAO website, click on the further education and training tab. This will open up the further education and training course hub. Click on the course category that interests you or select all courses. A list of available courses in your chosen category will be displayed along with details of the course provider. Select the course you are interested in. More information about the course will be displayed including details of course content, entry requirements, course qualifications, awarding bodies and location.

REGISTER

Apply for a course by clicking on the 'apply now' link. You must now register with Fetch. Once registered, up you will be able to see details of the courses you applied for. You can also save courses to your account which you can review at a later date. Contact details for the course

provider are available for further information. Once you have applied for a course you will receive acknowledgement of your application. Your course provider will supply details of the next step.

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. PLC colleges are now accepting applications so apply early as places on the most popular courses fill up quickly.

CHECKLIST

- PLC courses are an attractive alternative to higher education
- PLC courses provide a link between 2nd level and 3rd level
- PLC courses lead directly to employment in many cases
- PLC courses lead to awards at Level 5 (Certificate) and Level 6 (Advanced Certificate) from Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI)
- CAO provides links to further education and training on www.cao.ie
- Access the FET Course Hub at www.fetchcourses.ie.
- If applying for PLC courses, set up an account with www.fetchcourses.ie.
- Apply now for your PLC course as popular courses fill up quickly
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MTU was delighted to welcome His Excellency Zhao Xiyuan, Ambassador of China to Ireland and his wife Madame Li Yi to the campus on Friday last to celebrate the Chinese New Year. Over 20 students from China attend MTU Kerry Campus annually to complete a Masters in Nursing. Pictured with the Ambassador is Tim Daly, Vice President for Engagement and International, Anne Looney, External Services Manager, Eddie Scully, International Manager and the Mayor of Kerry Cllr Michael Foley and Cllr Angie Baily.
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Muckross Rowing Club honours its three Olympians



Muckross Rowing Club honours its three Olympians - Cathal Moynihan, Sean Coffey, Paul Griffin. The club's newest racing boats were named in honour of the distinguished oarsmen: Paul Griffin, Sean Casey and Cathal Moynihan. Sean Coffey introduced each olympian, Fr. Kieran O'Brien, blessed the boats, followed by the traditional champagne and launch on Lough Lein, with younger members, Khim Fleming, Rachel Fuller, Cian Scannell, Ronan Fahy, Cillian Leslie, Diarmuid Moynihan. *Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan*

Muckross Rowing Club was delighted to honour three of its most successful members along with their families, who achieved major success on the national and international stage during their illustrious rowing careers. The club's newest racing boats were named in honour of the distinguished oarsmen: Paul Griffin, Sean Casey and Cathal Moynihan. Their International rowing achievements scaled to the ultimate stage of the Olympic Games when they represented Ireland in 2004 and 2008. Chairperson Muckross Rowing Club, Sharon O'Connor said "today marks a very memorable day as we name our 3 boats after three extraordinary rowers who represented their club and country on the world stage. Paul, Cathal and Sean have demonstrated what it means to push beyond limits...I hope that these boats will be a reminder that greatness is built stroke by stroke" Sean Coffey introduced each olympian, Fr. Kieran O'Brien, blessed the boats, followed by the traditional champagne and launch on Lough Lein, with younger members, Khim Fleming, Rachel Fuller, Cian Scannell, Ronan Fahy, Cillian Leslie, Diarmuid Moynihan.



Sean Coffey, Cathal Moynihan, centre, Paul Griffin, right.



Tadhg Casey, Sean Casey and Beatrice Casey.



Fr. Kieran O'Brien, Adm. blesses the newest racing boats.



Ronan Fahy, lifting his share of the double.



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Sean Coffey delivers the keynote speech.



At the ceremony, Calum Sweeney, left, NPWS, Padruig O'Sullivan, NPWS, Mary Hartnett-Cussen, Robert Cussen.



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House Price Increases Tame in Latter Half of 2025

New Rent Rules Expected to Impact 2026

The final six months of 2025 saw a notable slowing in the rate of increase in residential property prices, easing to 2.87% from 5.05% in the first half of the year, bringing the overall annual figure for the year to 7.92%, according to the latest IPAV Residential Property Price Barometer just published.

The series records sale prices achieved by auctioneers for three and four-bedroom homes and two-bedroom apartments.

In Kerry the increases in the latter six months of 2025 over the previous six-months were 3.15% for three-bedroom homes; 1.99% for four-bedrooms and 2.08% for two-bedroom apartments.

Latest data shows that while none of the 41 locations captured in the barometer were in negative territory, the level of increases across the three property types were remarkably close, with none exceeding 5.83%.

Unlike in previous data sets, there were no discernible changes in patterns across locations or property types. The top ten prices across the three categories ranged from 3.85% to 5.83%.

Genevieve McGuirk, IPAV Chief



Executive said auctioneers report that properties are taking a little longer to sell. "This is likely to reflect caution arising from the combined effects of continuing price increases since the covid pandemic in 2020 of, on average, about 45%, and latterly, increasing geopolitical tensions."

A recent Red C and Gallup International survey of 60 countries found that when asked about the world's prospects for the year ahead compared with last, Ireland featured among the ten most pessimistic. "A manifestation, perhaps, of a greater closeness to Boston rather than Berlin," she said.

Ms McGuirk said that without doubt landlords are exiting the

market in advance of new rent legislation due to take effect on March 1st, with some agents reporting that up to 60% of sales are arising as a result of the new rules.

"The fact that the legislative detail as set out in the Bill is more onerous than initially anticipated, for example, placing extremely strict conditions on smaller landlords wishing to end tenancies in order to sell their properties, could be problematic. This may have unintended consequences," she warned.

While landlord sales increase supply in the short term, the longer-term implications for the second-hand market are

concerning, she said. A sustained reduction in rental stock may further limit options for tenants, while a weaker second-hand market could reduce choice and flexibility for buyers, including existing homeowners wishing to right-size.

She said that while Government is investing in new builds agents report many locations are lacking such development, including parts of the commuter belt.

"This is potentially very worrying; we need a second-hand market, including in Dublin. A healthy second-hand market is essential, not least because it often provides more affordable options than new builds."

She said given the prolonged nature of the housing crisis, and greater economic uncertainty, time is of the essence.

"We need to see the Government's housing plan delivering at pace," she said. "With supply pressures continuing there is likely to be ongoing upward pressure on prices, particularly for quality, well-located properties. And anecdotal evidence would suggest price levels very much holding up so far in 2026."

COFFEE MORNING AT KILLARNEY CREDIT UNION Raises Support for Kerry Stars Athletes Ahead of National Games

Killarney Credit Union recently hosted a special coffee morning in support of four outstanding local athletes from Kerry Stars Special Olympics.

Luke, Caoimhe, Joe, and Sophie were honoured at the event as they prepare to represent their community at the upcoming Special Olympics Ireland Games this June. Family members, friends, supporters, and members of the public gathered to show their encouragement while enjoying coffee, homemade treats, and conversation.

The coffee morning highlighted not only the athletes' dedication and hard work but also the strong community backing that surrounds them. Funds raised during the event will assist with training, travel, and competition expenses as the athletes continue their preparations for the Games.

The four Kerry Stars athletes have shown exceptional commitment in training and are proudly preparing to compete on the national stage. Their participation in the Ireland Games represents not only personal achievement but also the pride of their families, coaches, and the wider Kerry community.

Killarney Credit Union expressed its delight in hosting the event, reaffirming its ongoing commitment to supporting local initiatives and celebrating community success stories.

As June approaches, the community continues to rally behind Luke, Caoimhe, Joe, and Sophie, wishing them every success as they compete and represent Kerry with pride.



Kerry Stars Caoimhe Brosnan Kilcummin, Joe Buckley Faha, Sophie Twiss Milltown and Luke Scollard Scartaglen who have qualified for the All Ireland Special Olympics finals receiving the proceeds of the Kerry Stars Coffee Morning and Donation from Killarney Credit Union 2165.55 euro with (back from left) Elma Culloty Killarney CU, Gillian Twiss, Lucy Scollard, Denise Cremin Kerry Stars and Claudia Buckley Killarney Credit Union. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin



Our U14 Boys team at the Killarney Park Run



Members of Spa cheering on Kerry at Croke Park

SCÓR NA BPÁISTÍ

Well done to all our talented Spa children who took part in Scór na bPáistí in Fossa Community Hall, representing the club with great pride and enthusiasm. Spa opened the event in the Instrumental Music Group competition and delivered an outstanding performance, earning a well-deserved third place. In Solo Dancing, Ronan Carey secured an excellent second place following a fantastic display. The club also enjoyed great success in the highly competitive Set Dancing section, where Spa teams claimed second and third place after impressive performances. It was a fantastic day for the club, with great credit due to the teachers and parents for their dedication and support throughout.

SCÓR SINSIR

Spa GAA will be proudly represented at the County Final of Scór Sinsir this Saturday evening (28th February), with competitors taking part in Tráth na gCeist, Rince Foirne and Recitation. The event takes place in Dúchas MTU, Tralee at 7pm, and the club extends the very best of luck to all involved as they represent Spa on the night.

LADIES MINOR TEAM

Spa are pleased to confirm that the club will field a Ladies Minor team for the 2026 season, the first time the club has entered a team at this grade. It reflects the continued growth of the club's underage structure and the steady development of Ladies football within Spa. Players of all experience levels are welcome to get involved, whether currently playing or considering a return. Those interested in joining can contact Liam Ryan on 083 410 5861 for further details.

MOTHERS & OTHERS

Our popular Mothers & Others group at Spa GAA continues to thrive since its launch in 2024, with over 50 women getting involved to date. The group is returning soon and offers women aged 25+ a fun, social way to get active and be part of the club community. Alongside outdoor football from March to September, members also enjoy year-round gym sessions, blitz days, walking groups and social events. New members are always welcome, and anyone interested can contact Susan Waters on 087 9010999 for more details.

SPA ACADEMY

Spa GAA's popular Academy returns on Saturday, 7th March, with just one week to go until another exciting season gets underway. The academy has gone from strength to strength in recent years and continues to play a vital role in introducing young boys and girls to Gaelic games in a fun

and welcoming environment. The club is looking forward to seeing plenty of familiar and new faces back on the pitch and encourages families to keep an eye on the Spa GAA website and social media channels over the coming days for full details on registration and start times.

SPA LOTTO 23/2/2026 RESULTS

Numbers drawn 6, 10, 19, 23. Two winners share €8,700 jackpot. Congratulations to Tadhg O'Sullivan, Lissivigeen & Timmy McGuillycuddy, Tiernaboul. Next week's draw will be on Monday 2 March for a jackpot of €3,000

RESULTS

Our Senior Men went down to a narrow defeat against Firies in Round 3 of the East Kerry Super League campaign.

Firies Spa 1-17 Spa 2-12

FIXTURES

East Kerry Super League – Division 1B (Senior Men), Round 4. Spa host Kenmare on Sunday, 1st March, throw-in at 11am. NOTE: This was initially due to be played in Kenmare, but has been switched to Spa.

Remaining East Kerry Super League Fixtures:

8th March v Rathmore (Home)

Full details will follow. For all fixtures and any changes, keep an eye on our fixtures page at www.spagaa.com/fixtures

SPA MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT

Spa GAA members were active both on and off the field last weekend. Members of the club's Boys U14 team took part in the Killarney Park Run on Saturday morning as part of their preparations for the upcoming season, while later that evening Spa supporters were out in force at Croke Park cheering on Kerry. It was great to see the club so well represented at both events.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Reminder that 2026 membership subscriptions are now due. To renew your membership, visit our website www.spagaa.com/membership_products or contact one of our registrars Ger Mangan – 087 251 2266 / Deirdre O'Sullivan Darcy – 085 121 6359

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The best way to stay up to date on Spa GAA news, events, fixtures and results is to download the ClubZap app and subscribe to Spa. You can also visit our website www.spagaa.com for all the latest news, updates, fixtures and results.



Spa Children who took part in Scór na bPáistí



Ronan Carey who finished second place in Solo Dancing

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GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

SCÓR

Well done to everyone who competed in the East Kerry Final of Scór na bPáistí in Fossa last Sunday. A huge congratulations to our Figure Dancing team of Clodagh McSwiney, Rebecca O'Donoghue, Rachel O'Donoghue, Emily McMahon, Seoidin Dunne and Paddy MacGillicuddy who came first and will now represent East Kerry in Ballybunion on the 22nd of March. Well done to Shane Bartlett who competed very well in the figure dancing. Congratulations to our Music Group of Seán MacGillicuddy, Frankie Favier, Gracie Mai Favier, Emily O'Donoghue and Laura O'Donovan who finished second. Finally, thanks to mentors Maria McMahon and Lisa Hegarty for figure dancing and Micheal MacGillicuddy for the music. Well done to all involved!

LGFA

Glenflesk LGFA welcome all girls in the community who are interested in joining or returning to football. 2025 was an epic year for ladies' football in Glenflesk across all age groups. Now recruiting for the 2026 season. Contact Derry Linehan on 086 8311630.

KERRY

Ava Doherty and Kathryn Ryan were part of the Kerry team who played Cork in the National League last weekend, Cork winning on a score of 0:16 0:08.

LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 16th February. Jackpot €5,600 The numbers drawn were: 5, 8, 11, 29. Consolation Prizes of €50: Breda Daly, Frankies Café (Seller's Prize), Jeremy Moynihan &

Marguerite Hickey. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on Monday 2nd March. Thank you to all who support our Lotto.

GLENFLESK COMMUNITY GAMES

Thank you to all for your generous support of our Church Gate collection last weekend, it is greatly appreciated.



Glenflesk Figure Dancing team of Clodagh McSwiney, Rebecca O'Donoghue, Rachel O'Donoghue, Emily McMahon, Seoidin Dunne and Paddy MacGillicuddy who came first and will now represent East Kerry in Ballybunion on March 22nd. Thanks to mentors Maria McMahon and Lisa Hegarty for figure dancing

RATHMORE | GNEEVGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O' Mahony

CONGRATULATIONS

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €204 and the winner was Mike MacGillicuddy

Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om> or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

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

GNEEVGUILLA ATHLETIC CLUB

Forth coming fixture

Kerry under 9 to under 14 , indoor B County Championships for boys and girls on Saturday next Feb 28th, 10am at the Kerry Sportshall Academy MTU, Tralee, Co. Kerry V92 HD4V. Wishing all out athletes every success on the day.

LOTTO

No winner of last weeks Lotto. Jackpot for this coming Friday Feb 27th €9800 + Bonus draw for €1000 from now until Good Friday, all tickets each



Pictured Anthony Darmody (capt) Rathmore who won the Kerry GAA Interfirms Junior Co Final playing with CSG Accountants v Fexco in Caherslee this week congratulations to Anthony & his team & panel on this great win

week will be entered into a draw for two Easter Hampers

STATIONS

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the Church of the Holy Rosary Gneeveguilla every Friday at 7.30 during Lent. It will be livestreamed on [mcn gneeveguilla](https://www.mcn.ie).

SYMPATHY to Eileen, Mary, Tim Joe, Michael, Pat, John, & Tom Brosnan, their families & extended Families on the death of their mother/grandmother, Joan Brosnan Mausrou, whose funeral took place in Gneeveguilla on Thursday 12th Feb.

To Nora McCarthy & Family, John, Dan, Diarmaid, Tim, Sheila, Ellen, their families & extended family on the death of her husband/father/grandfather, Neilie Cronin Lisnagrave whose funeral took place in Rathmore on Tuesday 17th Feb. May Joan & Neilie rest in peace

Sympathy to the family of Dan O'Riordan RIP, Ballydaly, Millstreet, Co. Cork, who passed away suddenly at his home on Monday 16th February 2026. Dan will be deeply missed by his beloved wife Mary (nee Healy), children John, Catherine, Michael and Eleanor and his five much loved grandchildren. Sadly missed by his sister Betsy and brother Humphery, sons-in-law Joe and Ronan, daughters-in-law Susan and Anne, mother-in-law Kathleen, brothers-in-law, sisters in law, nieces and nephews, extended family, friends and neighbours.

Dan was a very active member of Millstreet vintage club & took part in Rathmores St Patrick day parade every year with his vintage tractor. May he rest in peace

DROMTARIFFE VINTAGE CLUB on Sunday 1st March 2026 at 11am Registration donation departure 1pm.

TRACTOR RUN in aid of Marymount Hospice, in memory of Jerry O'Leary, has changed. NEW STARTING POINT: K & L Deliveries, Mount Leader Industrial Estate, Millstreet, P51 X683

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By Dermot Cronin
Financial Advisor

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If you require any further information on the above or any other matter you can contact Dermot Cronin at info@dermotcronin.ie or 0646622775 or 0872893649.

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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

KILCUMMIN N.S.

Kilcummin N.S. is accepting enrolments for September 2026. Enrolment forms available from our website at kilcumminns.com or from the school office. Kilcummin NS Open Day will be held on Friday, 27th February from 11.15am – 1pm. Everyone welcome.

LINE DANCING

Kilcummin line dancing classes with Carmel from Mid Kerry Moves will take place for beginners on Fridays, 7-8pm in the Kilcummin GAA Club, from March 20th to April 17th. €50 for 5 weeks, payable on the first night. Call to book your place on 087 6437686.

KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

Kilcummin Looking Good continues to play a vital role in enhancing the appearance, pride and community spirit of our area. Through the dedication of volunteers, the organisation has helped maintain and improve our local environment, making Kilcummin a welcoming and attractive place to live and visit. As we look to the future, the committee is now seeking new members to help support and strengthen the organisation. Fresh ideas, new energy and shared responsibility will ensure Kilcummin Looking Good can continue its valuable work for years

to come. We warmly encourage anyone with an interest in community development to get involved and support this important local initiative. Kilcummin Looking Good A.G.M. will take place on Tuesday, March 3rd at 8pm in the Rural Development Office. Everyone welcome to attend, your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

AGM

Kilcummin Looking Good A.G.M. will take place on Tuesday 3rd March @ 8pm in the Rural Development Office. All welcome.

KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY ALERT

Kilcummin Community Alert will hold their Annual Church Gate collection next weekend, February 28th and March 1st. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

KILCUMMIN GAA

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 23th February for the Jackpot of €6,750. Numbers drawn were 9, 12, 13, 24. Consolation prizes of €50 went to John Mc, Munster Joinery; Lyno; Shane McSweeney; Ellen Aherne. Our next draw will be on Monday 9th March for Jackpot of €7,000. Thank you for your continued support.

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

SENIORS' DAY

March 3rd @ 1pm-3pm Listry Community Centre: Dinner, Flower arranging with Clodagh €10. Contact: Ciara 0861997535. Community Centre: 0646624919. Let us know if you are coming and if you would like transport.

LOTTO

Feb 22' 2026. Jackpot €3,150. Numbers Drawn: 02, 03, 06, 18. No Winner. €100 Stephen & Mairead Darmody, Headford. €50 The Australia Boys

C/O Carmel McCarthy. €50 Eoin Cremin, Beaufort. €25 Mike Courtney, Doonkinane. €25 Julian Weakley, Lahard, Beaufort Jackpot next weekend 01/03/26 €3,300

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Listry V Churchill in the first round of the Minor club championship Sunday the 1st of March at 11am in Churchill



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Musician, actor and TV personality Martin Kemp at the Irish Hotels Federation (IHF) 88th Annual Conference at the Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney, where he shared candid reflections from his life and career. Pictured with IHF CEO Paul Gallagher and President Michael Magner. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Killeentierna Youth Club Members part of a Group of 122 Members that travelled to the Kerry V Dublin Match in Croke Park last Saturday
L to R: Aedin Healy, Amy Mangan, Adam Walsh, Anna Kelliher



Killeentierna Youth Club Members part of a Group of 122 Members that travelled to the Kerry V Dublin Match in Croke Park last Saturday
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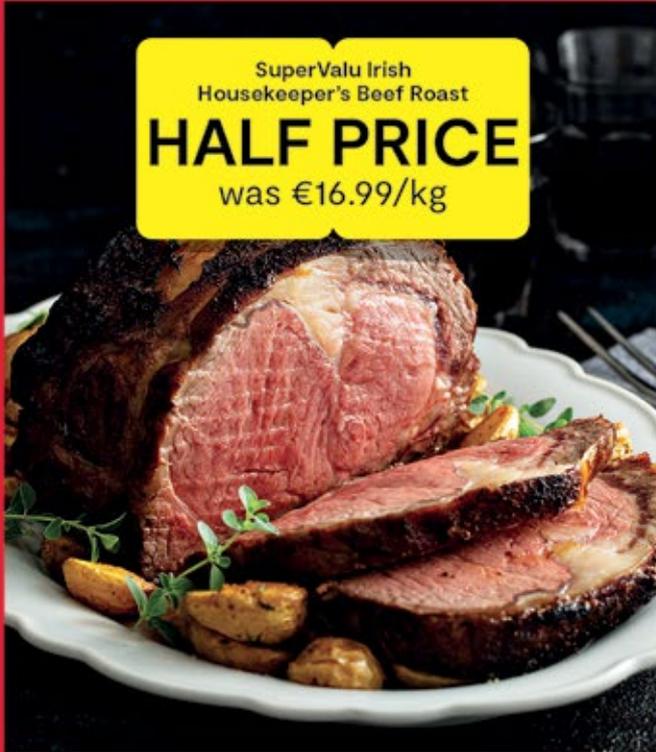
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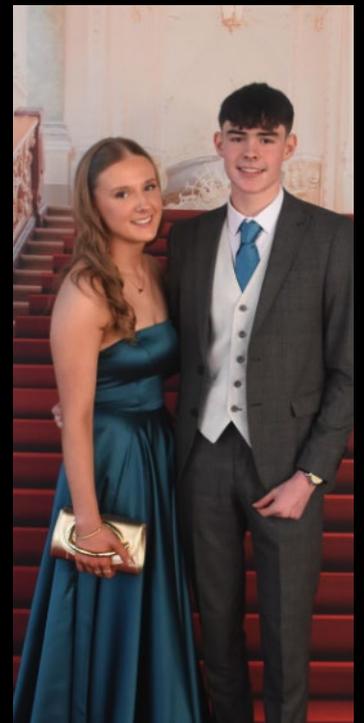
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Healthy lashes begin with gentle care and supportive lifestyle habits. Cleanse carefully, avoid pulling or friction and support hair health with a balanced diet rich in protein, B vitamins and omega-3s.

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Planning Your Weekly Meals

Start with a meal plan tailored to your caloric and macro needs. Decide on breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks for the week. Use a calendar or planner to map out recipes, ensuring variety and balance. Incorporate your favourite healthy ingredients and consider batch cooking recipes that store well.

Create a shopping list based on your meal plan to avoid impulse buys. Stock up on pantry staples such as:

- Quinoa, brown rice, oats
- Canned beans and lentils
- Nuts and seeds
- Olive oil and vinegar
- Spices and herbs
- Frozen vegetables and fruits

Opt for fresh produce and lean proteins like chicken, turkey, fish, or plant-based options. Buying in bulk can save money and ensure you always have essentials on hand. (continued next week)

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BLURRED VISION

When you have blurred vision, your eyesight is less sharp and objects, images and words seem to be out of focus.

Who is affected by blurred vision?

Anyone can be affected by blurred vision. It could be a sign of getting older and/or needing new glasses, tiredness, or too much sun. But there are many other causes, and it could be one of the symptoms of a range of conditions including:

- Short-sightedness (myopia), long-sightedness (hyperopia),
- astigmatism and presbyopia
- An eye injury which may have scratched the cornea
- Foreign object in the eye
- Eye drops
- Dry eye
- Cataracts
- Age-related macular degeneration
- A migraine

Blurred vision can also be a symptom of non-optical conditions such as a diabetes, a stroke and preeclampsia (a condition caused by high blood pressure in pregnancy).

What are the symptoms of blurred vision?

Blurred vision is hazy and

unfocussed, as though you were looking through an oily film and you feel you need to rub your eyes to get things back into focus.

It can affect your entire field of vision or your peripheral vision (the edges of your vision), and can occur in one eye or both. You may not realise that you have blurred vision in one eye until you do something that requires shutting your other eye – for example, doing your make up. This is because your brain provides compensation.

How do you treat blurred vision?

As blurred vision has many possible causes, the treatment will depend on the condition. If the blurring is recurring or ongoing, you should book an eye examination. This will investigate the cause and recommend suitable treatment or refer you to an appropriate specialist.

If you think it may be one of the symptoms of a serious medical condition such as stroke or pre-eclampsia, you should seek urgent medical help.

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MEP Kelleher to host Interactive Workshop for Kerry TY Students ahead of Irish EU Presidency

Ireland South MEP Billy Kelleher and the Renew Europe Group will host interactive workshop for Kerry Transition Year students in two locations in May: Friday, May 1st in the Clayton Silver Springs, Cork City and Tuesday, May 4th in the South Court Hotel, Limerick ahead of the Irish Presidency in the second half of the year.

Kelleher, a Fianna Fáil MEP and Deputy Leader of Renew Europe, will bring together TY students from the Kingdom to debate and discuss what Ireland's priorities should be and to also debate key issues affecting the European Union.

"The issues of the EU Budget, the Common Agricultural Policy, the Common Fisheries Policy, Security & Defence, Competitiveness and Innovation are all key issues that will be decided over the next 12 months.

"Europe is at cross-roads, and Ireland will play a key role in charting the future of the European Union when it assumes the Presidency on July 1st.

"Ireland, as both a net contributor to the EU Budget and a member for over 53 years, can bring wisdom, common sense and a strong commitment to the European project.

"For me, I have always believed that the future direction of both my country and the European Union must be informed by the people who will spend most of their lives living in them.



"That's why I want to bring young people together, from all over the county - rural, urban and city students, to think, to talk and to decide. "All schools have been emailed with full details of the sessions. Schools are free to choose

which date and venue better suit them. TY coordinators and students can email Billy. Kelleher@ep.europa.eu if they want to discuss the event or register," concluded Kelleher.

Cahill Welcomes Expansion of Local Authority Mortgages and Increased Price Ceiling for Kerry



Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has warmly welcomed today's announcement by his party colleague, James Browne, confirming significant enhancements to the Local Authority Home Loan and the Local Authority Purchase and Renovation Loan.

Deputy Cahill said the changes represent "a very positive and practical step" in supporting more people and families in Kerry to become

homeowners. Under the revised measures, the maximum eligible property price in Kerry will increase from €275,000 to €310,000, while the income limit for single applicants nationwide will rise from €70,000 to €80,000. The changes will take effect from Q2 2026.

Welcoming the announcement, Deputy Cahill said, "This is a progressive and timely move that reflects the reality of the housing

market. Increasing the property price ceiling to €310,000 in Kerry will make the Local Authority Home Loan a far more realistic option for many first-time buyers across the county.

"Equally important is the increase in the single income threshold to €80,000. This will open the door to homeownership for more working people who are mortgage-ready but have struggled to access sufficient finance through commercial lenders."

"The expansion of the Purchase and Renovation Loan, along with the bridging finance linked to the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant, is a strong incentive to bring vacant and derelict properties back into use. That is especially important in towns and villages across Kerry where we want to see regeneration and sustainable growth."

Deputy Cahill concluded, "These enhancements show that Government is listening and responding to market conditions. Supporting moderate-income earners into sustainable homeownership remains a key priority, and this announcement will make a real difference to families in Kerry who are ready to take that important step."



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1st Wednesday 8.00 PM 8.30 PM 9.00 PM 9.30 PM	Killarney Area Torc Hotel, Lissivigeen The Village Inn, Kilcummin Old Killarney Inn, Aghadoe The Golden Nugget, Fossa	4th Thursday 7:00 PM 7.30 PM 8:15 PM 8.45 PM 9.15 PM 9.45 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 Riney's Bar, Sneem Blackwater Tavern O'Connor's Bar Kenmare
1st Friday 9.30 PM 10:00 PM 10:30 PM	Tuosist & Lauragh Sailors Bar, Killaha West Helen's Bar Kilmacalogue The Lake House Tuosist	Last Monday 8:00 PM 8:30 PM 9:00 PM 10:00 PM	Farranfore Area Ulick's Bar, Farranfore James Daly's Bar, Farranfore Cunniffe's Bar, Currow John Hendersons, Furies
3rd Monday 8.30 PM 9.00 PM 9.30 PM 9.45 PM	Knocknagoshel & Brosna O'Connor's Bar, Knocknagoshel Walsh's Bar, Knocknagoshel Kate Pat's Bar, Brosna Sportsfield Bar, Brosna		

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Minister Foley welcomes new health infrastructure for Kerry in 2026 HSE capital plan

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality Norma Foley TD has welcomed the confirmation of new health infrastructure for Kerry in 2026 HSE capital plan

The HSE capital plan includes a single-storey, 30-bed vertical extension for University Hospital Kerry. Seven of these beds are due to be opened this year. The plan also includes a proposed new ward block at University Hospital Kerry comprising single rooms and ancillary accommodation.

The extra beds will help the HSE meet its goal of increasing the capacity of University Hospital Kerry by 108 beds before 2031 as part of the Acute Inpatient Bed Capacity Expansion Plan.

The plan commits to other upgrades in University Hospital Kerry, including the delivery of an additional theatre for childbirths at plus the upgrade of existing theatres and plant. This project is currently at appraisal stage. Detailed design work has been carried out on the provision of an Oncology Day ward for cancer patients in the hospital. The new women's health facility on the John Joe Sheehy Road has been completed and is due to open shortly.

The plan includes funding for the completion of the 130-bed Killarney Community Nursing Unit, which is due to open imminently. The HSE capital plan also contains funding to support five new beds in Kerry Hospice Foundation's palliative care unit. There is funding for the opening of a new residential house for four people with complex disabilities in Ardmoneel, Killorglin, which is currently in development.

Minister Foley said: "I welcome the significant commitment to new health infrastructure for Kerry, which includes the delivery of seven additional beds for University Hospital Kerry this year and plans for an additional 23 beds. This will improve and enhance the already excellent facilities available. It is also very welcome that the 130-bed Killarney Community Nursing Unit will open shortly."

The 2026 Health capital plan confirms that nine hospital beds have been completed in University Hospital Kerry in a refurbished former administration area. This has been made possible by relocating administration staff elsewhere on the campus.

Broad Welcome from Kerry Politicians for Local Improvement Scheme Funding

There has been a broad welcome from Kerry politicians following confirmation of €17.55 million nationally under the 2026 Local Improvement Scheme (LIS), with €1,133,190 allocated to Kerry.

Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Healy-Rae, described the funding as a strong start and signalled that further allocations are expected. "The Local Improvement Scheme is absolutely crucial for rural Ireland. The last stretch of road to someone's home is always the most important stretch of road," he said. "This is a strong start for 2026, but there is more to come. I will continue working to ensure further allocations are secured."

Norma Foley, Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, welcomed the €1.13 million allocation for the county, confirming that Kerry County Council will receive €1,133,190.

"This allocation will allow for the sustained improvement, upgrading and enhancing of roads in rural communities and will improve vital access to rural homes and farms throughout Kerry," she said.

Meanwhile, Michael Cahill, Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, said the funding is essential for rural families and farmers.

"I am very pleased to see €1.13 million allocated to Kerry under the 2026 Local Improvement Scheme. This is essential funding for rural families and farmers who rely on these roads every single day," Deputy Cahill said, adding that he will continue to press for additional funding to address outstanding works across the county.

Deputy Danny Healy Rae welcomed the announcement saying: While I welcome the €1,133,190 announced for Kerry LIS 2026 allocation, it is not nearly enough to deal with over 600 applications waiting to be done for many years. I have been raising the need for further funding for the Local Improvement Schemes in Kerry at every opportunity and will continue to do so.

The Local Improvement Scheme supports the upgrade and repair of non-public rural roads and laneways, providing access to homes, farms and community amenities across the country.

Minister Michael Healy-Rae TD welcomes confirmation of no reductions to SNAs for next school year

Minister Michael Healy-Rae TD has welcomed confirmation from the Department of Education that there will be no reductions to Special Needs Assistant (SNA) supports for the next school year, and that any school reviewed by the NCSE and allocated additional resources will receive them in the upcoming school year.

Minister Healy-Rae said:

"Families and schools across Kerry and right around the country needed clarity and reassurance on this issue, and tonight that reassurance has been given. The confirmation that there will be no reduction in SNA supports for the next school year is hugely important for children with additional needs, for parents, and for school communities."

He added:

"It is also very welcome that where the NCSE has reviewed a school and allocated additional resources, those resources will be delivered for the coming school year. That matters because schools need certainty to plan properly and to ensure children are supported from day one."

Minister Healy-Rae noted that the statement confirms that no reductions will come into effect in the 2026/27 school year, and that further policy work will be advanced before any future decisions are taken, including:

- the SNA redeployment scheme,
- the SNA workforce development plan, and
- proposed changes to the 2014 circular outlining the role of an SNA.

"The priority must always be a child-centred approach to special education supports, and it is positive that this is explicitly recognised. The system must protect the integrity of supports being allocated on the basis of the needs of children," he concluded.

WELCOME FOR €12 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR KERRY

Deputy Danny Healy Rae has welcomed the funding of over 12 million announced for Kerry in the HSE Capital Plan 2026.

"In particular, I welcome the funding of €842,100 to get started on the Killarney Injury Unit which I have been looking for a very long time along with Cllr Maura Healy-Rae. We have been waiting for a long time to get this going and given the population of Killarney rises significantly during the summer months it very much needed, the Deputy told Killarney Outlook.

"I also welcome the €392,980 for a new ambulance station at Cahersiveen Community Hospital which was badly needed and the funding for University Hospital Kerry to expand and upgrade services there", he added.

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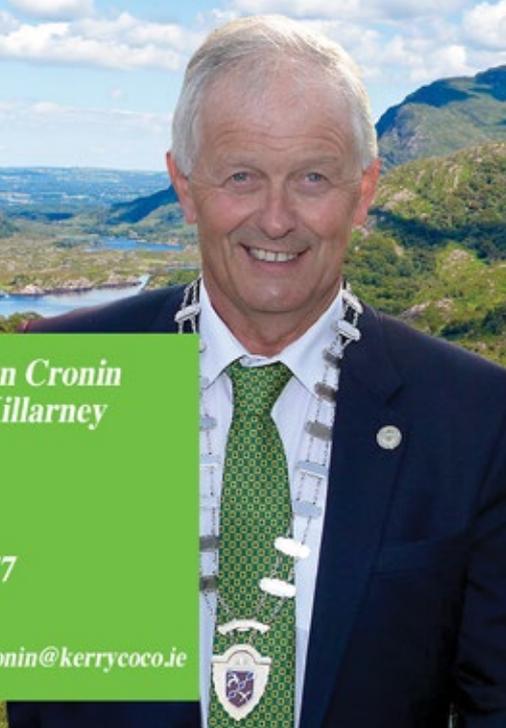
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COUNTY BOARD SCRAMBLE

The County Board are running an 18-Hole Scramble in Tralee this Sunday morning at 10.30am, open to both Adult and U16 Members. Entry €5 per player.

MEMBERSHIP

Due to the high number of applications received thus far, the Committee has decided to put a hold on accepting further new member applications for a period up until Sunday March 15th. While we are still accepting renewals from 2025 at present, we ask our 2025 members who have not already done so to ensure they are joined up prior to March 15th next as the Committee will be making a further decision on membership numbers for the year following that date.

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB - MEN'S

COMPETITION RESULTS FOR SATURDAY 21 AND SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2026

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Yellow Tees - 18-hole Stableford

1st: Damien Greer, 39 points (15)
2nd: Humphrey Kerins, 38 points (20)
3rd: Kenneth O'Connor, 35 points (9)

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1st : Susan Darby (32), Marie Flood (26) and Maire Ni Loinsigh (21) = 48pts
2nd : Grainne McShortall (17), Maeve Quirke (21) and Patricia O Connor (25) = 45pts
3rd: Maire Ni Loinsigh (21), Marie Flood (26) and Noeleen MacKessy (29) = 44pts

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

RESULTS SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2026 9 HOLE SINGLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION.

1st: Dora Campbell

COMPETITIONS

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ROSS GOLF CLUB - GENTS

RESULTS

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KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

KVAC SHINE AT MUNSTER INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Killarney Valley AC enjoyed a highly successful two days at the Munster U15–U19 Indoor Championships, collecting an impressive 22 medals and underlining their strength across sprints, jumps, hurdles and relays.

Day One saw five Munster champions crowned, led by a superb double from Lauren McEvoy, who won the U17 60m hurdles and 200m titles. Charlie Clarke claimed gold in the U17 200m, Antonya Lejwoda secured the U18 triple jump title, and Dominik Wasila took gold in the U19 long jump. Silver medals were won by Anna O'Shea (U19 pole vault), Conor Duffin (U17 1500m) and Klara Moraczewska (U14 pole vault), with bronze for Sinead Coleman (U14 pole vault) and Katie O'Sullivan (U17 triple jump).

Momentum continued on Day Two with further titles for Daniel Smith (U15 pole vault), Finn Moloney (U18 pole vault) and David Watson (U18 high jump). Relay success was a highlight, with gold for the U17 mixed 4x200m team of Lauren McEvoy, Eanna Hennigan, Beibhinn O'Donoghue, Charlie Clarke. Additional relay medals followed for the U18 boys (silver), U18 girls (bronze) and U16 girls (bronze).

Individual silver medals on the second day were claimed by Finnian Swarbrick (U15 pole vault), Kieran Moloney (U16 shot put), Lauren McEvoy (U17 60m), Charlie Clarke (U17 60m) and Klaidas Merkevicius (U18 60m).

With 9 gold, 9 silver and 4 bronze medals in total, KVAC's athletes featured in numerous finals with numerous personal bests and qualifications for national competitions confirming the club's growing impact on the Munster athletics stage.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 19TH FEBRUARY

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3rd: Marie Moloney & Joan Lenihan
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1st: Hanneke Neiman & Don O'Sullivan
2nd: Joan Moore & Eileen Murphy
3rd: Miriam McFarlane & Teresa Sheehan

Congratulations, well done to all.

Simultaneous Pairs will be held on Thursday 05th March next. Simultaneous Pairs ("Sim



Ellen O'Leary (Iveragh Eagles / KRFC 18.5s)



Izzy Hilario, Nessa O'Donoghue (Killarney RFC), and Harriet O'Sullivan (Iveragh Eagles)

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KILLARNEY BADMINTON CLUB

Congratulations to Leo Meade (Killarney) on being selected to play for Kerry on the inter county team, they were runners up to a strong Limerick side.

Congratulations to Una who was runner up in the U10 Plate county singles in Killarney Sports and Leisure last weekend.

Well done to Sinead Jennifer and Adele on competing last Sunday in SETU Waterford. They came up against strong opposition in Cork but overall a great day of badminton.

All roads led to Ballyheigue tournament in memory of Patrick Corridan. A great Kerry badminton supporter. Congratulations to Caroline on reaching final with her partner. Also congratulations to Karen Parker on winning plate final.

KILLARNEY RFC CLUB

SENIORS: CUP SUCCESS IN WATERFORD

Our Senior Men's 1st XV continued their incredible season with a hard-fought 22–17 victory away to Waterford City RFC in the Martin

O'Sullivan Cup. Coming off the high of securing the Munster Junior League Division 3 title last week, the lads showed great character to switch focus to cup rugby.

The win keeps the momentum rolling as the team looks to add more silverware to the trophy cabinet following their dominant league campaign. Special mention to the traveling support who made the long trip to Kilbarry to cheer the boys on.

YOUTH RESULTS ROUNDUP

It was a busy weekend across the age grades with mixed results in various Munster competitions:

U18.5 Boys: Our U18.5s traveled to Bandon for a highly anticipated Munster Cup Quarter-Final. In a physical encounter against a strong Bandon side, the lads unfortunately came out on the wrong side of a 33–12 scoreline. Despite the exit, the team can be immensely proud of their progress this season.

U14 Girls: A fantastic performance at Aghadoe saw our U14 Girls take a convincing 40–24 win over a combined Cork Con/Dolphin/Middleton/Youghal side in the Development Cup. The future of the #BlackAndRedArmy looks very bright!

U16 Boys: In the Munster Development Plate, the U16s hosted Youghal RFC at Aghadoe. It was a spirited performance from both sides in challenging conditions. Killarney RFC progress to the Semi Final of the competition.

REPRESENTATIVE HONORS

A MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS TO Gearoid Moynihan on his recent achievements and for continuing to represent Killarney RFC at a high level.

We also want to highlight our "Girls in Red"—



Leo Meade (Killarney) who has been selected to play for Kerry on inter county team



Sinead Galvin, Adele O'Brien and Jennifer Nash and Kerry team



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Izzy Hilario, Nessa O'Sullivan (Killarney RFC) and Harriet O'Sullivan (Iveragh Eagles)—who represented Munster Rugby with distinction in recent U17 clashes. Your clubs is incredibly proud of you!

A massive well done to Ellen O'Leary (Iveragh Eagles / KRFC 18.5s) who lined out for the Munster U18S today in their match at the University of Limerick.

MINIS RUGBY

The Saturday morning buzz continues! Our Minis were out in force again this weekend at 09:45 am. Thanks to all the parents for their support and to "The Coffee Hatch" for keeping everyone warm. New players are always welcome to join our Saturday sessions.

UPCOMING FIXTURES (FEB 28/MAR 1)

U14 Boys: Away to Clonmel RFC (Munster Shield) – Saturday, 11:15 am.

Seniors: Home vs. Thomond RFC 2nd XV – Sunday, 2:00 pm at Aghadoo.

KILLARNEY PICKLEBALL CLUB

Great success for Killarney in last weekend's



Killarney Pickleball Group

Munster Open held at MTU Tralee. This year the club had a record number of 8 members playing. Jeremy Foley playing with Alan Cunningham from Tralee won gold in the men's intermediate section. Max and Stephanie Regosa were Silver winners in the mixed doubles lower section. Mike Lyne won a bronze in the 60+ men's doubles playing with Tommy McCarthy

from Castlegregory. Mike did the double on Sunday winning bronze in the mixed doubles, coming from 10-1 down to win 13-15. The other members that played at the tournament were Shane O'Sullivan, Hanne Winther, Jyotindra Swaroop and Kumar Shreyansh.

71st Lacey Cup to Open Munster Road Racing Season

The 71st edition of the Lacey Cup, hosted by Tralee Manor West Bicycle Club, will take place on Sunday, March 1st, marking the traditional start of the Munster road racing season.

The 71km race regularly attracts over 200 riders, including some of Ireland's top competitors, all vying for the prestigious title and a €1,200 prize fund. As per Cycling Ireland rules, the C3 race will run separately from the main C1/C2 handicap race.

Race headquarters will be at John Mitchels GAA Club, with a neutralised roll-out before racing officially begins on the Dingle Road. The challenging route takes in Blennerville, Camp, Gleann na nGealt, Annascaul, Inch, Boolteens, Castlemaine and the climb of Sliabh Mish, where the Teddy Griffin Memorial Cup prime will be contested. The race finishes on the Killorglin Road outside Tralee. Entry is €30, with online registration only. Sign-



on will take place at race HQ on the morning of the event.

Main race sponsor is O'Sullivans Cycles Killarney, with support from George Poff Motors Tralee and Lacey Accounting. Club sponsors include

the Manor West and Ashe Hotels, Tralee. An exciting day of competitive racing is expected, with prize presentations afterwards at John Mitchels GAA Club.



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DEFEAT FOR KERRY LADIES IN TRALEE

Cork 0-16 Kerry 0-8

By Dan Kearney

Katie Quirke struck 0-10 as a rampant Cork outfit made short work of Kerry, winning by double scores in this fourth round Lidl Division 1 encounter at a windswept and bitterly cold Austin Stack Park in Tralee.

Kerry made five changes to the side that defeated Meath in the previous round with long term injury victim Cáit Lynch a significant loss to the side. Cork made two changes to the side that defeated Armagh in the last round and set about their business with intent.

Cork played with the aid of the strong breeze in the first half and certainly made the advantage count as they dominated proceedings and took a 0-14 to 0-0 lead in at half time.

Quirke slotted nine of Cork's opening half points, with a magnificent three from play as she tormented an overworked Kerry defence whilst Aimee Corcoran, Grace Ní Mhurchú, Leah Hallahan and Sábh McGoldrick all found the target as Cork totally dismantled the home side's kickouts.

Kerry's cause wasn't helped by the sin-binning of Kellie McGrath in the tenth minute or the concession of three frees due to breaches, with Cork punishing two of them on the scoreboard. Although Kerry failed to score, they will also point to three missed goal chances with Cork custodian Sarah Murphy making two fine saves from Rachel Dwyer and Kelly Enright, and Mary

O'Connell very unlucky to rattle the post in the 25th minute, but it was Cork who took a 14 point lead in at the break.

Kerry, with the wind at their backs in the second period outscored their opponents by 0-8 to 0-2 with Danielle O'Leary and Siofra O'Shea landing notable two-pointers, but in truth Cork were never threatened with Emma Cleary and the brilliant Quirke getting their scores.

O'Shea had a brace of scores at the start of the second half and further scores from the hard working Niamh Ní Chonchúir and Anna Galvin kept the home side ticking over but it was Cork who remain unbeaten in this season's campaign whilst Kerry must go back to the drawing board.

Cork face Waterford next weekend and Kerry face Galway.

Scorers -

Kerry: S O'Shea 0-4, D O'Leary 0-2, N Ní Chonchúir 0-1, A Galvin 0-1.

KERRY: C Butler; E Ní Laighin, A Doherty, A Dillane; K Brosnan, E Lynch, K McGrath; M O'Connell, C Evans; M O'Connor, N Ní Chonchúir, K Enright; S O'Shea, R Dwyer, N Quinn. **Subs:** K Furey for A Doherty (14), D O'Leary for M O'Connor (24), A Galvin for E Lynch, J Lynch for K McGrath, J Lucey for N Quinn (all half-time), L McMahon for R Dwyer (39), M Mulvihill for C Evans (47), J Curtin for M O'Connell (57).

Referee: Jonathan Murphy (Carlow).



Siofra O'Shea in action for Kerry Photo by Piaras Ó Midheach/Sportsfile (File Photo)

TWO KERRY CLUBS REACH FINALS AT PÁIDÍ Ó SÉ FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

Despite tough weather conditions, 20 teams from 13 counties competed in the 37th Lidl sponsored Comórtas Peile Páidí Ó Sé, the adult ladies and men's Gaelic football festival which took place across West Kerry at the weekend.

Kerry were represented in the ladies competitions. MKL Gaels and Clounmacon / Moyvane competed in the ladies senior cup. Corca Dhuibhne Ladies and Annascaul / Castlegregory competed in the ladies intermediate cup while Daingean Uí Chúis LGFA competed in the ladies junior cup.

In ladies senior cup there was two Kerry side involved. Clounmacon / Moyvane lost to Kilmacud Crokes of Dublin in the straight semi-final by 1-4 to 1-6 down in Castlegregory GAA pitch.

On the other side of the group, MKL Gaels drew to Burren Gael's of Clare 0-6 to 1-3 and after extra time the sides still could not be separated, ending on a score of 0-7 to 1-4. So it was then down to a novel shoot-out of three 25 yard frees for each team in which the Clare girls shot 3-in-a-row to MKL's one free

Comórtas chairman Pádraig Ó Sé commented; "It is always pure luck with weather conditions



this time of the year but it did not dampen the spirit of the weekend with over 400 players tagging out and socialising in West Kerry over the weekend. We had no major injuries, the clubs seemed to enjoy our West Kerry hospitality and we packed out hotels, BnB's and rental houses with the teams, some who travelled from as far away as Tyrone to visit us which shows the enthusiasm that remains for our football festival. I'd especially like to thank

our sponsors Lidl as well as the great support we get from Kerry County Council Tourism Unit, Údarás Na Gaeltachta, Lanes & Sons Foods, EJMenswear.com McKeever Sports. Also, I want to sincerely thank our volunteers, referees and of course Lislepe GAA, Castlegregory, Dingle, An Gaeltacht GAA clubs and Rugbaí Corca Dhuibhne for proving the pitches."



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KERRY FILM PREMIER SHEDS FURTHER LIGHT ON THE GAZA

The Kerry Premiere of *The Voice of Hind Rajab* on Sunday evening has been called "A very important experience for our local community" by the organisers.

Killarney for Palestine welcomed over 120 people in the audience and no one in the room left unaffected by the horror of the crimes committed by Israel and the deliberate murder of a 5 year old child. Generous donations reached over €2000 and will go directly via mutual aid to 5 families in Gaza plus The Hind Rajab Foundation.

The film is nominated for an Oscar and only last week at the Berlin International Film Festival the film's director Kaouther Ben Hania declined to accept an award after an Israeli general was recognized at the same gathering.

Kaouther Ben Hania chose not to receive the "Most Valuable Film" award at the "Cinema for Peace" gathering Monday which took place alongside the festival and left the trophy behind.

In her remarks, she said she felt a sense of responsibility rather than gratitude, using the moment to make a statement about justice and accountability for Hind Raja. Her statements included:

"Justice means accountability. Without accountability, there is no peace.

"The Israeli army killed Hind Rajab; killed her family; killed the two paramedics who came to save her, with the complicity of the world's most powerful governments and institutions.

"So tonight, I will not take this award home. I leave it here as a reminder. And when peace is pursued as a legal and moral obligation, rooted



Bilal Aldarabe speaks at Killarney for Palestine Screening



Dee Moloney Caroline Harnett Weeks and Aoife O'Toole

in accountability for genocide, then I will come back and accept it with joy."

"Peace requires justice and accountability, not glossy slogans," she said.



Bilal Aldarabe and Aoife O'Toole

Please follow Killarney for Palestine for regular updates or join their monthly vigil at the courthouse (12pm last Sunday of the month)

Climate Crisis a 'Catastrophic Threat' to Women and Girls, Warns Trócaire

The climate crisis poses a catastrophic threat to the lives, livelihoods and safety of women and girls worldwide, according to Trócaire, which has launched its 2026 Trócaire Box Appeal for Lent.

Trócaire CEO Seán Farrell said climate change is deepening gender inequality and could push 132 million more people into poverty by 2030, with women and girls disproportionately affected. "The climate crisis is not gender neutral," he said, noting that women are 14 times more likely to die in extreme weather events and face increased risks of gender-based violence during climate disasters.

In many regions, women produce up to 80% of food but own less than 20% of agricultural land, limiting their ability to adapt to changing conditions. As food, water and fuel become scarcer, women and girls often work longer hours, with many girls forced to leave school to support their families.

This year's appeal focuses on Rwanda, where flooding and crop failure are placing enormous strain on families. Uwamahoro (28), who supports her mother Verediana, her daughter Ineza and her niece Vanessa, is featured on this year's Trócaire Box. Despite severe hardship, she remains determined to provide food, education and stability for her family, hoping to one day start a tailoring business.

The appeal was officially launched with broadcaster Katja Mia and pupils from Scoil Mhuire GNS in Lucan, highlighting solidarity with women and girls facing climate-related challenges.

Trócaire is calling on the Irish public to support the Lent campaign to help women lead their families through crisis and build more secure futures.

Uwamahoro (28), with her mother Verediana (68), daughter Ineza (7) and niece Vanessa (12) outside their crumbling home in Rwanda. Photo Gary Moore for rócaire.





Spa Mascot Spark Goes Back to School!

Spa GAA Academy Returning 7th March



There was plenty of excitement around Killarney recently as a very familiar face headed back to school!

Spark, the popular Spa GAA mascot, paid visits to primary schools across the town — meeting lots of familiar faces along the way. Many of the children he met are already proud members of the Spa GAA Academy, and Spark was delighted to catch up with them in their classrooms.

From practising his ABCs to joining in on yard-time fun, Spark did a little learning, shared plenty of laughs, and of course had great craic everywhere he went.

The visits created a real buzz in each school, with big smiles and even bigger high-fives all round. While Spark enjoyed being back at school, he's already counting down to Saturday mornings at the Spa GAA Academy.

Open to boys and girls aged 3+ right up to U16, the Academy and underage section cater for all age groups in a fun, welcoming and supportive environment. It's open to all children living in the Killarney area, whether they are new to football or already love the game. Membership is free for U6s, making it a great way for young children to get active, make friends and build confidence.

Spa GAA prides itself on being a friendly, inclusive club where every child feels at home. With excellent facilities including a 1km walking track and indoor sports hall, so whatever the weather we're covered! Parents can also relax at the Coffee Dock while the kids train.

Returning 7th March, the Academy runs every Saturday from 10-11am until October — and Spark will often be there, ready to welcome everyone!

If Spark met your child at school, why not come along and join the fun? We'd love to see you there!

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BI National League Div 1 Cougars v Cruisers

Basketball Ireland National League Division 1.

Killarney Cougars. 83
Carrick Cruisers. 90

The Cougars welcomed Carrick Cruisers to the Presentation Gym on Saturday evening for their National League Division 1 clash, with the visitors ultimately emerging victorious after a hard-fought contest, claiming a 90-83 win over the Cougars.

The home side started brightly and showed strong intent early in the contest. Paul Adedeji set the tone offensively with nine first-quarter points as the Cougars built an early lead. However, Carrick responded with composure, putting together a strong run to keep the contest tight, with Killarney holding a narrow 25-20 advantage at the end of the opening period.

The momentum shifted in the second quarter as the Cruisers, led by the scoring of Braxton Benham, began to find rhythm on both ends of the floor. Their defensive pressure created transition opportunities, allowing them to overturn the deficit and take a 48-41 lead into halftime.

Carrick, coached by Sean Ingle, took firm control during the third quarter with their most dominant stretch of the game. A decisive scoring run extended their lead with Benham continuing to punish from the perimeter and James Aboaba providing a strong inside presence. By the end of the third, the visitors were in command at 71-52. To their credit, Killarney refused to fold. The Cougars produced an impressive fourth-quarter rally, sparked by Joshua Phillips' scoring and Kenny Shimwa's all-round performance in the paint. Shimwa finished with a double-double of 18 points and 11 rebounds, while Phillips led all Cougars scorers with 24 points.

The late surge cut the deficit significantly and brought energy back into the gym, but Carrick's experience showed down the stretch as they controlled possession and closed out the game from the free-throw line to secure a seven-point victory.

Paul Adedeji added 19 points for Killarney, while Simon Olanipekun contributed 11 in a strong effort from the home side despite the loss.

For Carrick, Braxton Benham delivered a standout performance with a game-high scoring contribution, well supported by James Aboaba's 23 points, performances that ultimately proved decisive in confirming the Cruisers' playoff qualification.

The Cougars, the spirited response highlighted the resilience in the group and will look to carry that momentum into their remaining fixtures. Carrick Cruisers' victory sees them officially book their playoff spot, while Killarney will regroup ahead of their next National League outing to Portlaoise.

Top Scorers

Killarney Cougars:
Joshua Phillips 24



Killarney Cougars at the Presentation Gym on Saturday evening versus Carrick Cruisers.

Paul Adedeji 19
Kenny Shimwa 18
Simon Olanipekun 11
Josh Vermiglio 6
Lucas Cronin 3
Niall O'Brien 2
Carrick Cruisers
Braxton Benham 27
James Aboaba 23
Andrew O'Connor 11

Dominos Men's National League
Saturday February 21st
TUD Tallaght
Templeogue 85
Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers 79

Preview by Enda Walshe

A second defeat in a row for Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers and the pressure has gone up in their chase for a top two finish. A place in the playoffs is as good as assured with Titans, Maree and Portlaoise Panthers fighting it out for the final two spots. What is less than certain is the prospect of a home quarter-final with the looming threat of Maree, who still have four games to play. They travel to the Carrick Cruisers and Moycullen with a home game against Portlaoise Panthers. Depending on how results unfold it could all hinge on a final day clash in Calasactius College between St Pauls and Maree for a top two finish.

What will disappoint the Lakers in this clash is that as the second quarter unfolded they seemed to have found a way of getting on top in the contest, leading by seven 42-35 as the quarter finished and looking relatively comfortable. But the third quarter saw Templeogue re-establish their grip and it is telling that once Templeogue got their noses in front midway through the third quarter, they were never headed again. The Dublin side edged the contest as they were a bit more prolific

outside the arc with big performances from the likes of Mikey Gormley and Eduardo Castano in that regard. Sam Grant did top score for the Lakers with 26 points but they will be wilful about their three point percentages, with only 16% of them being converted.

Templeogue started the game on the front foot converting three from outside the arc, Mikey Gormley and Eduardo Castano being successful helping their side into an 11-3 lead. But Steve Kelly got the St Pauls engines going with some good work early on. Sam Grant and Mark Sheehan took that as a que and when Eoin Carroll wiggled free in the paint it was back to 13-11. Gormley struck again from downtown but Grant was instant with the reply. Carroll again converted inside before Castano hit his side's fourth three pointer of the quarter. But the Lakers had a foothold in the game and despite the bustling Conor Gallagher netting, Jack O Sullivan and Grant made sure it was tight at the end of the first, 24-22.

It took the second quarter a while to get going, Daire Murray netting from the charity stripe, three minutes in. Hector Parras helped his side 29-22 in front but the Lakers were now about to play their best basketball. It started with a nice Grant bucket followed by a Pablo Murcia three, with Kelly tying it up at 31 each. A three point play from Kelly put the Lakers in front for the first time and the same player again nipped in to put the Lakers 36-33 clear. Carroll was effective inside and Kelly again cut to the basket to set up another three point play. The Templeogue offence was now held in check with Darragh O'Callaghan helping to make it 42-37 in the Lakers favour at half time.

The third quarter started in a blaze of glory for Templeogue youngster Jack Finn as he hit his sides opening seven points, thereby wiping out the Lakers halftime advantage. Grant did help put his side in front again as did Carroll but Milan Lopez was now displaying an accuracy for Templeogue. Mikey Gormley popped up again and in the blink of an eye the home side were

now six clear, 54-48. Despite another Gormley three, Kelly had got his side playing again and when Grant hit a three just before the buzzer it was back to the minimum, 59-58, and the game was anyone's.

Finn repeated the trick in the final quarter, quick out of the blocks again, and despite Eoin Carrolls effort, Gormley, Finn and Castano stole a march to put their side 72-61 ahead with six minutes to go. That was a costly four minutes for the Lakers, being outscored 12-3 but they did roll up their sleeves in an attempt to get back into the game. Mark Sheehan, Carroll and O Sullivan made it an eight point game, 74-66, then Grant pared it back more from the free throw line. But as they had done all game, Templeogue hit timely threes, this time from Castano and that served to halt any Lakers momentum. Grant did reply but Castano and Gormley made the task more difficult with their accuracy. The gap was cut to five, 84-79 with Grant and Carroll on target but the Lakers couldn't summon any further pressure, with Templeogue holding on for an 85-79 win.

Sam Grant had 26 for the Lakers, Steve Kelly 23, Eoin Carroll 16, Jack O Sullivan 6, Mark Sheehan 4, Pablo Murcia 3, Darragh O'Callaghan 1.

For Templeogue Mikey Gormely had 20, Eduardo Castano 19, Jack Finn 14 and Milan Lopez 13.

The Lakers have a free weekend before they welcome Drogheda Wolves to the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre for the final home game of the season on Saturday March 7th at 7.30pm before that crucial away trip to Maree on Saturday March 14th. Two wins will guarantee the, a home quarter final so it's a big couple of weeks ahead for Luke O Heas side.

Dominos Womens Superleague
Saturday February 21st
Irish Wheelchair
Association Gym
Killester 66
Utility Trust St Pauls 72

Preview by Enda Walshe

As they did last season Utility Trust St Pauls got the better of Killester on their home court to grab a massive win in the context of the end of season placings. Having been locked together in the table since Christmas, the victory puts James Fleming's side out on top on their own and in full possession of their own destiny with two games to go in the regular season. They head up the N22 the next two weekends to face Glanmire and Brunell but both coaching staff and players must take huge credit for getting themselves into this position. It must be remembered this is only St Paul's second season in the top flight and the next month will be mammoth in the context of the season.

Killester, despite the fact that they had lost the highly influential Samantha Haiby, had won their previous three games and in Morgan Lenehan had found a more than adequate replacement. They can also point to the fact that they had to do without the influential Ieva Bagdanaviciene



Killarney Cougars U14 Boys and Coach Joshua Phillips at the Presentation Gym following victory over Tralee Magic in the U14 Kerry Div 1 League.

for the latter part of this game but they had put themselves into a game winning position late in the third quarter, leading 59-48. But that didn't account for a highly spirited St Pauls side, inspired by a collective defensive unity and the accuracy of Swede Lovisa Hevinder who hit all of her eleven points in the final quarter. Maisie Burnham, Tara Cousins and Leah McMahon were other shining stars who kept their side in the conversation before that late game defining burst.

Killester started this game like a house on fire despite Maisie Burnham's early three. This was because of the early dominance inspired by Hannah Thornton and Ieva Bagdanaviciene with Audrey Roden also scoring freely. That helped them into a 14-3 lead and even though Leah McMahon hit a timely three, Bagdanaviciene immediately cancelled that out. Thornton and Lenehan made it 21-8 and despite the scoreboard saying otherwise there was a calmness about St Pauls as they gradually played themselves into the game. Some good work by Burnham and McMahon got them up on the ladder and at quarters end it was looking a bit healthier at 23-14.

The same duo struck again early in the second quarter and when Lorraine Scanlon finished following a nice assist from McMahon the gap was down to five, 25-20. Bagdanaviciene went on a little purple patch but it was when Siofra O'Shea hit a big three, you got the sense St Pauls definitely had their teeth in the game. Defensively they started to get some stops despite the efforts of Bagdanaviciene and Cousins thrusts into their defence started to reap dividends. Burnham set up O'Shea for another three and then the American turned scorer when assisted by Cousins. Cousins then went to the free throw line and her 50% return got her side in front at the change of ends, 34-33.

Kerry Ladies football captain Siofra O'Shea was certainly enjoying this outing as she struck again from downtown early in the second half. The twin threat of Thornton and Bagdanaviciene got their side back into the contest with Scanlon keeping her side in front for now. But the worm was starting to turn for the hosts thanks mainly

to the influence and accurate shooting of Irish International Michelle Clarke. She scored twelve points, assisted another two and helped her side into a 52-48 three quarter lead. St Pauls played through that Clarke virtuoso show thanks mainly to Denise Dunlea, McMahon and Burnham who ensured there were only four behind.

Clarke brought her outside accuracy with her into the final period with Leilana Turner making it an eleven point lead inside three minutes. But much like the opening quarter, St Pauls played with an assurance, upped the intensity on defence and that was apparent as the physicality went up a notch with Killester possibly missing the Bagdanaviciene influence. Cousins got the comeback going with a three, with Burnham and Lovisa Hevinder following suit. Cousins made it a 11-0 scoring run to tie up the game and there was a definite shift of momentum. Turner countered Cousins' effort before Hevinder stepped in with her game-defining contribution. She struck from beyond the arc on two occasions without reply and then moved inside to help procure an eight point lead, 69-61. Roden tried to get her side back in the game but Cousins replied. Clarke did find her range again from three point land but good game management and a McMahon free throw saw St Pauls come out with a very important and impressive 72-66 win.

Maisie Burnham hit 20, Tara Cousins 14, Leah McMahon 12, Lovisa Hevinder 11, Siofra O'Shea 9, Lorraine Scanlon 4, Denise Dunlea 2.

For Killester Michelle Clarke had 18, Ieva Bagdanaviciene 15, Hannah Thornton 11, Audrey Roden 8, Leilani Turner 7.

St Pauls head to Glanmire next Sunday March 1st safe in the knowledge that a win will secure them a home quarter final but they will face a side bang in form. Mark Scannells side recovered from a Christmas mauling from Brunell to win five of their next six matches and will provide a stiff test in the Mardyke Arena. A reminder too that they are the last side to inflict a defeat on St Pauls and it was a big one, 88-54 on December 13th. It has all the ingredients of a cracker with the stakes being so high at the business end of the season. Tip off is at 1.30pm.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

JANUARY 300 CLUB DRAW

€500: Shane Doona
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 €100: Jill Geinemann
 €100: Colm Cronin
 €100: Caroline Mitchell
 €100: Derry Sheehan

U15 HEALY CUP RESULT (AET)

Mastergeeha A 2 - 6 Killarney Athletic

Sean Quill x 2, Marc Cremin x 1, Max Moynihan x 1, Sam O'Shea 2, Shéa Driver x 1

The scoreline does not reflect how difficult this game was for our young blues today. 2-0 down with only ten minutes left in the game. Our boys showed great determination and belief to force our way back into game with two late goals to force extra time. Two early goals in the first half of extra time and two more in the second half secured our place in the next round. Thanks to Mastergeeha for a very good, tough game. Well done to all our squad.

Our boys U12 A team continued their good form with a good victory over a determined Mastergeeha B team today in the first round of the cup. After a slow first half, the boys really kicked into gear and took their chances well. Amongst the goals were Joe O Shea, John Hegarty, Finn MacDonald, Conor Scannell, Sean O Connor and Leon. Well done to Mastergeeha who never let their heads drop and battled for every ball until the final whistle. MOTM Joe O Shea.

U12 GIRLS MATCH REPORT

Killarney Athletic were fantastic on the road with a brilliant 2-0 win away to Killorglin Captain Bella O'Connor led by example in midfield while Emily O'Donoghue de Vries and the defence stood strong all game much to the delight of keeper Katie McCarthy. Hollie Shevlin's hard work created the chances, with superb goals from Sarah Crowley and Sadie Brosnan sealing the win. A huge team effort from everyone. Well done to Killorglin for a great sporting game and thanks to the referee.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 15,21,23,27. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €150. Next jackpot €7,400 on Monday March 2nd. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.



Killarney Celtic U14B and U14A squads in their recent game

KDL PREMIER

Classic FC 0-11 Killarney Celtic

Matt Keane 3, Liam Carey 3, Kennedy Amechi 2, Brendan Falvey, Sean Lovett, Trpimir Vrljicak

Celtic maintained their push for a place in the KDL Premier League Final with an emphatic win over bottom side Classic FC. Celtic were 6-0 up after 25 mins and 8-0 up at halftime. Celtic remain 2nd in the table behind Killarney Athletic with Tralee Dynamos in 3rd place.

U14 CUP

Killarney Celtic A defeated Tralee Dynamos B

Cillian Scannell, Fionn Culloty, Paul McGrath, Jack Clifford, Luke Clifford, Jace Flynn, Sean Doyle

Killarney Celtic A advanced with a clearcut win over Tralee Dynamos B. Celtic A were always on top throughout this game and showed their class as they went into the next round.

Killorglin A 6-1 Killarney Celtic C

Dylan McCarthy

U14 SHIELD

Killarney Celtic B defeated Killarney Celtic D

B team Eoin Murphy, Jack Kissane, James O Connor Fleming, Gavin Fitzgerald, Keenan McCarthy, D team Muhammet Gazal, Oscar Kozub

Celtic B overcame Celtic D in the shield. Celtic B were always in control and they turned their dominance into goals. Celtic D battled bravely throughout the game.

U13 CUP

Fenit A 6-0 Killarney Celtic C

U12 SHIELD

Killarney Celtic B 2-0 Killarney Athletic B

Adam Kelleher 2

Celtic B edged out Athletic B in this fine contest as both teams gave everything for the win. Adam Kelleher put Celtic in front from a free kick in the 1st half. Athletic fought back but the Celtic defence held firm before Adam Kelleher sealed the win.

U12 DIV 3

Ballyhar B 6-2 Killarney Celtic D

Misha Yeneuski, Ryan Sugrue

CONGRATS to Carter Keogh U12 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.

SYMPATHY

Killarney Celtic was saddened to hear of the passing of James Vincent Scott. The club extends its condolences to the extended Scott family.

MASTERGEEHA

U12 JOHN MURPHY CUP

Mastergeeha B 0-5 Killarney Athletic

Our U12 B's took on a huge challenge away to our neighbours Killarney Athletic A in the cup.

Athletic started strongly, but our lads showed massive heart — defending bravely, working for each other, and putting in a real team performance full of fight and determination.

As the game went on, Athletic's quality told and they took their chances well. They're an excellent side and we wish them the very best for the rest of the competition.

A big thank you also to referee Tom Kerrisk for officiating the game so well.

We now move on to the Trophy and the next round. Plenty to build on and lots to be proud of. Well done lads and great effort all round.

U12 JOHN MURPHY SHIELD

Mastergeeha C 0-3 MEK B

Mastergeeha U12 C team welcomed neighbours MEK to Kilbreen Park on Saturday morning in the U12 John Murphy Shield Competition.

Mastergeeha who were missing a number of regulars were under pressure from the off but managed to keep the game scoreless until the half time whistle.

Mastergeeha's cause wasn't helped with first half injuries to Captain Jack Rogan and Ben O'Leary, who were both working very hard for the team.

MEK made the breakthrough early in the second half when a low cross from their right winger was clinically finished to the net. MEK scored



MEK U10 Black Team that played Dingle Bay Rovers in the latest phase of the Kerry School Boys and Girls Development Leagues.



MEK U10 Orange Team that played Tralee Dynamos in the latest phase of the Kerry School Boys and Girls Development Leagues.

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two further goals in quick succession to secure their place in the next round.

Captain: Jack Rogan

Best for Mastergeeha: Maitiu O Morain, Michael O'Connor, Jack O'Shea,

Thanks to Referee John Leniston and to MEK for a very sporting and competitive game.

We wish MEK the best of luck in the next round.

U15 HEALY CUP (AET)

Mastergeeha A 2 - 6 Killarney Athletic

Goal Scorers: Diarmuid and Cian Kennedy

UNDER 16 DIVISION 2

Mastergeeha B 1 v Tralee Dynamos B 3

Goal Scorer: Mark McSharry

MASTERGEEHA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Friday 20th February for the Jackpot of €5000. Numbers drawn were 1, 5, 6, 9. Consolations Prizes of €50 each to the following, Joan Devane & Fionn Gibbons, Tim Casey Glounonea, Shane O'Callaghan C/o Klub and Michael O'Connor Glounonea on Friday 27th February at the Village Inn for Jackpot of €5,200.

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

NATIONAL

KERRY GIRLS ADVANCE ON MIXED WEEKEND FOR INTER LEAGUE SIDES

It was a weekend of mixed emotions but Kerry enjoyed a productive series of results across the Girls Inter League competitions, with several sides advancing after strong performances.

The U12s defeated Longford 1-0 win thanks to a decisive strike from Natalia McDermott on the Killarney Celtic Astro, while the U13s also progressed after a hard-fought extra-time victory away to Roscommon, Caoimhe Field netting a wonder goal to see them advance.

At U14 level, Kerry's Bowl campaign came to an end despite a battling display, as Wexford claimed a 3-1 win. The U15s delivered the standout performance of the round, recording an impressive 4-0 success over Limerick County in Christy Leahy Park, with Orlaith Flynn scoring twice and further goals from Elidh Cregan and Isobel O'Connor sealing a dominant result. In the U16 All-Ireland Shield semi-final, Kerry fought bravely but were beaten 3-1 by Carlow, with Evanne Mason getting Kerry's goal.

U15 BOYS END GROUP STAGE ON A HIGH

The Kerry U15 Boys delivered a statement



MEK U8s that played Killorglin Saturday morning

performance by beating North Tipperary 4-0 on the road at the weekend, ending their group stage on a high point and bringing confidence into the group ahead of the knockout stages.

Gerry Moroney opened the scoring, before Luke Walsh, Kian Cronin and Joe Joy added further goals in a great performance by Kerry.

THANDO DUBE FIRES KENMARE INTO LAST 16

Aided by an inspired hat trick from Thando Dube, Inter Kenmare produced the right performance in their U15 Boy's National Trophy Last 32 showdown with Regional United winning 5-1 in the end.

The Kerry side was in fine form, with Thando Dube leading the charge, netting the opener to send Kenmare into the break 1-0 ahead. Ben Leonard and Darragh O'Shea added further goals once the second half got underway.

While Regional hit back with a goal that might have altered the complexion of the game, Dube hit two further goals to see out the game, and put Kenmare's hat in the quarter final draw.

GIRLS

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC TAKE THE POINTS ON HARD FOUGHT WEEKEND

In the Maher's Meats U12 Girl's Premier, Fenit and MEK shared the points after a hard-fought 0-0 draw where chances were limited and both defences held firm throughout. Killarney Athletic picked up an important three points on the road with a 2-0 victory over Killorglin, with Sarah Crowley and Sadie Brosnan finding the net to secure the win. In Division 1, Killarney Athletic B were awarded a 3-0 walkover victory against Iveragh B.

CAMP AND KENMARE PICK UP KEY TITLE RACE POINTS

As things remained tight atop the O'Sullivan's Bakery U14 Girl's Division 1 table, Camp Juniors

and Inter Kenmare picked up key wins to aid their title hopes.

Inter Kenmare produced a strong away performance to defeat LB Rovers 5-1. Grainne Maher netted for the hosts, while Inter's goals came from a hat-trick by Lily Noonan Murphy, along with strikes from June McCarthy and Laoise Smyth.

Camp also claimed the points with a 3-1 win over Ballyhar, thanks to a brace from Aoibinn Lyne and another from Kayleigh Crean, sealing a solid team display. While in the Premier, Killarney Athletic picked up a walkover against Killorglin to aid their fight in that Division.

ATHLETIC, CASTLEISLAND AND MASTERGEEHA PICK UP WINS

A busy weekend of action across the 15's Girl's grade saw Killarney Athletic, Castleisland and Mastergeeha all secure the three points, as we near the business end of the season.

In the Muckcross Park Hotel U15 Girls Premier, Killarney Athletic continued their fine run with a 3-0 win over Camp. Ella Crowley, Lillian Slattery, and Ada O'Leary all found the net as Athletic claimed a convincing victory.

In Division 1, Castleisland ran out 7-3 winners over Tralee Dynamos, with Roisin Cronin scoring an impressive five goals, supported by strikes from Roisin O'Donoghue and Maeve O'Connell. Mastergeeha also picked up maximum points, edging Fenit 2-1 thanks to goals from Ella Kate Piggot and Ava Brosnan.

BOYS

DRAMA IN JOHN MURPHY CUP, TROPHY, SHIELD AND BOWL

Across the county there was plenty of action as the competition across the John Murphy Cup, Trophy, Shield and Bowl stepped up another notch.

In the U12 John Murphy Boy's Cup and Trophy,



Ballyhar Dynamos u12 B squad who defeated killarney celtic D in Division 3 of the Kerry schoolboy league at Murt Scott Park on saturday last.



Killarney Athletic B Tom Hayes Trophy U14

Killarney Athletic A powered past Mastergeeha B with a 6-0 win, goals coming from Joe O'Shea, Conor Scannell, Leon Saczawa, John Hegarty, Finn McDonald, and Sean O'Connor. Park A advanced via a 3-0 walkover against Killorglin B. Milltown recorded a 5-0 victory over Listowel Celtic B, with Olly Sheahan netting twice, supported by Fionn Griffin, Keith O'Leary, and Cillian Falvey.

Listowel Celtic A also had the same 5-0 scoreline against Fenit A, goals arriving from Dara Lynch, Eoin Barrett, Jack McCarthy, Joey Moynihan, and Peter Hayes. Castleisland A defeated Killorglin A 5-0, highlighted by a hat-trick from Kalum Brennan, alongside a goal from Shea Mathews and an own goal, while Dingle A continued their strong run with a 7-1 win over Listowel Celtic C, Finn MacGearailt scoring four, as Séamus Ó Shúilleabháin, Joey O'Connor and Jack Brosnan also found the net.

Tralee Dynamos B overcame Camp A 3-2 with Luke O'Brien and Aodan Kennedy scoring for Camp. Ballyhar A fell to a 3-0 defeat to Iveragh A, and Inter Kenmare A were beaten 6-3 by Tralee Dynamos A. LB Rovers A beat MEK A 4-2, with Anlon O'Brien scoring twice as Corey Lynch and Bobby Mannix also got on the scoresheet.

In the U12 John Murphy Boy's Shield, Mastergeeha D defeated Iveragh B 5-1, goals from Joseph Rohan (2), Christian Caregoli, Padraig McAuliffe, and Adam Buckley sending them through. MEK B defeated Mastergeeha C 3-0, with goals by Daithi McCarthy, Fionn Murphy, and Fionn O'Sullivan.

Park D triumphed 4-0 over Park B, while Killarney Celtic B beat Killarney Athletic B 2-0 with Adam Kelleher scoring both. Killarney Athletic C defeated LB Rovers B 2-1 with Sean Keane replying for the visitors.

In the Bowl Quarter/Finals, Castleisland B overcame Castleisland C 4-1, Ronan Barrett bagged a brace, while Tadhg Broderick and Luke O'Regan also found the net. Dingle B defeated Tralee Dynamos C 5-1, including a hat-trick from Mikey Diasconu, with additional goals from Aidan Foley and Arielas Papeika.

The U14 Tom Hayes Cup and Shield competitions produced a week of high-scoring action across Kerry, with several teams asserting dominance and standout performers delivering multiple-goal hauls.

Killarney Celtic A had a 6-0 win over Tralee Dynamos B, goals coming from Cillian Scannell, Fionn Culloty, Paul McGrath, Jack Clifford, Luke Clifford, Jace Flynn, and Sean Doyle. Mastergeeha A claimed a narrow 1-0 victory at Iveragh A thanks to Karl Thompson, while Killorglin A showcased their attacking firepower in a 6-1 victory over Killarney Celtic C, with Ruairi O'Sullivan scoring twice, supported by Cormac Doherty, Cian McGillycuddy, Eoin McClure, and Fionnan Burke, Dylan McCarthy netting for Killarney Celtic.

Listowel Celtic A defeated Park C 6-0 with goals from Jack Larkin x2, Darragh Hanrahan, Seánie Kissane, Ogie Scanlon, and Aidan Lynch, while Fenit A defeated Listowel Celtic B 6-0 with Conor Walsh x2, Daniel Lawlor, Noah Slattery, and Scott Akenyemi finding the net. Park A also impressed with a 6-0 victory over Ballyhar B, with Tadhg Gilligan and Cameron Patterson netting a brace



Ballyhar Dynamos Under 8 Team



Kerry u13 Girls



Kerry u15 Boys

each, along with Darragh Flahive and Conor McCannon also on the scoresheet, elsewhere Killarney Athletic B overcame Park B 3-1.

In the Shield knockout, Killarney Celtic B defeated Killarney Celtic D 10-2, with Eoin Murphy netting four, Jack Kissane bagging a hat trick, and James O'Connor Fleming, Gavin Fitzgerald, and Keenan McCarthy also scoring. Killorglin B powered past Mastergeeha B 7-1, goals shared among Paidi O'Shea's hat trick, Joe Dwyer's brace along with goals from Luke Costello and Callum Doyle. Killorglin C defeated Killarney Athletic C 3-0 through Daniel Poff, Jack Maloney and Sean Óg Costello getting on the scoresheet.

BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK

1. Thomas Foley (Dingle Bay Rovers U12)
2. Cian Delaney (LB Rovers U12)
4. Kyle Smith (Tralee Dynamos U16)
5. Carter Keogh (Killarney Celtic U12)
3. Darragh Hanrahan (Listowel Celtic U14)
6. Shéa Driver (Killarney Athletic U15)

7. Daniel Lawlor (Fenit Samphires U14)
 8. William Duggan (St Brendan's Park U14)
 9. Kalum Brennan (Castleisland U12)
 10. Dylan Reidy (Castleisland U13)
 11. Olly Sheahan (Milltown U12)
- GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR**
1. Melissa O'Connor (Mastergeeha)
 2. Aoibhinn Lyne (Camp Juniors)
 4. Melania Adamczyk (Killarney Athletic)
 5. Millie McSweeney (Killarney Athletic)
 3. Ruth Kiely (Camp Juniors)
 6. Aisling Harrington (LB Rovers)
 8. Andrea McCarthy (Inter Kenmare)
 7. Laura Salak (Inter Kenmare)
 10. Caoimhe Field (St Brendan's Park)
 9. Roisin Cronin (Castleisland)
 11. Roisin O'Sullivan (Killarney Athletic)

SSE AIRTRICITY MEN'S FIRST DIVISION

DEFEAT FOR KERRY FC AT HOME

Kerry FC 0 - 1 Athlone Town

Kerry FC returned to home league action for the first time since the 10th of October on Friday night when they took on Athlone Town in a new look, newly refurbished Mounthawk Park.

In the entirety of the off-season, work has been carried out in the Tralee ground for the main purpose of creating a better environment for both the players and the supporters, as 2026 promises to be the biggest year yet for Kerry FC. A newly laid surface on the main pitch, new LED lighting, a gym and much more have been introduced to the ground so that players are given all the tools they need to perform once Friday night rolls around.

It was a big occasion in Tralee, and it was timed well after last week's disappointing 2-1 defeat away to UCD in Belfield. In his pre-match interview, Kerry FC boss Colin Healy said that he and his players are looking forward to being back at home for the 2026 season, but that the most important thing for him is three points. The stage was set, the supporters were in full voice, and the hope was that Kerry FC could indeed start the home campaign with a win.

FIRST HALF

The sides kicked off in Tralee with both teams eager to make an early impression. In the sixth minute, Patrick Ferry found space and unleashed a shot that seemed destined for the net, only for Matthew Connor to produce a great save to deny him. It was an early warning, but also an early confidence boost for the Kerry FC number one.

Kerry responded swiftly. In the eighth minute, a corner delivered by Sean O'Connell caused chaos in the Athlone penalty area. Vince Borden rose highest and saw his powerful header strike the post. The rebound fell kindly to Kilian Cantwell, but his follow-up effort from distance flashed wide of the right-hand post. It was a let-off for Athlone and a sign that Kerry were growing into the contest.

Another set-piece opportunity arrived in the nineteenth minute. A corner from the right was swung in and reached Cian Murphy at the back post. However, his header found only the side netting, with Kerry FC continuing to apply pressure.

The game became heated as the half progressed. In the twenty-sixth minute, Evan O'Connor and Daniel Okwute were both shown yellow cards following two separate issues that reflected the increasing intensity of the battle. Athlone continued to look dangerous on the counterattack. In the forty-first minute, Patrick Ferry tested Matt Connor once more with a shot from a tight angle, but again the Kerry keeper was equal to it, saving at his near post to keep the game scoreless.

Despite chances at both ends, neither side could find the breakthrough before the whistle.



At the interval in Tralee, it remained scoreless between the two teams

SECOND HALF

The second period resumed with the same competitive edge that had characterised the first. In the fifty-first minute, Aaron Connolly entered the referee's notebook, receiving a yellow card as the physical nature of the contest continued.

Kerry FC created a promising opportunity in the fifty-third minute. A cross from Daniel Okwute travelled across the face of the goal to Brandon Bermingham. His mis-hit acrobatic effort redirected the ball toward Sean McGrath, but an Athlone defender intervened at a crucial moment to put him off, and the chance slipped away.

In the sixty-first minute, Athlone introduced Robert Lyons for Patrick Ferry in an attempt to freshen their attack. Soon after, in the sixty-fourth minute, Peter Grogan was booked for a high boot on Matt Connor, a foul which, on another day, could have seen a different coloured card from referee Declan Toland's pocket. It re-emphasised the underlying commitment from both sides.

In the sixty-sixth minute, Kerry threatened again. Another cross from Daniel Okwute picked out Brandon Bermingham, who attempted an ambitious bicycle kick. The ball sailed well over the crossbar with great applause from the home support, who appreciated such an audacious effort.

In the seventieth-minute, James Roche received a yellow card as the visitors sought to halt Kerry's momentum. Kerry FC came close once more in the seventy-fourth minute when Sean McGrath found space inside the box, only to see his shot saved and comfortably caught by Brendan Clarke.

With fifteen minutes to go, Kerry were forced into a change, with Luke Palmer replacing Daniel Okwute due to a suspected injury. In the seventy-sixth minute, Athlone made a further alteration as Cillian Tollet came on for Aaron

Maloney, a move that proved crucial for the Midlanders in the closing stages.

As the clock ticked down, the match seemed destined for a stalemate. However, in the eighty-sixth minute, Athlone struck the decisive blow. Cillian Tollet picked up the ball on the left-hand side and drove forward with determination. From a tight angle, he took his shot, which crept in at the near post thanks to a slight deflection, leaving Matt Connor with little chance. It was a cruel twist for Kerry, who had matched if not exceeded their opponents' performance throughout the contest.

Also in the eighty-sixth minute, Kerry introduced Cian Brosnan for Sean McGrath, searching for a late equaliser. Five minutes were added at the end of the ninety minutes, and the hosts pushed forward in those closing stages, but Athlone held firm under pressure.

At the final whistle, it ended in defeat in Mounthawk Park. Despite a strong defensive display and several promising opportunities, Kerry FC were undone by a single moment of quality and fortune. Kerry FC now turn their attention to next week's clash at home once again against Athlone Town's midlands rivals Longford Town as the Kingdom desperately seek their first win of the 2026 SSE Airtricity Men's First Division season.

Kerry FC Team: Matt Connor; Ewan Lee, Kilian Cantwell (C), Jonas Häkkinen, Sean O'Connell; Niall Brookwell, Vincent Borden; Daniel Okwute, Sean McGrath, Brandon Bermingham; Cian Murphy.

Subs: Luke Palmer on for Daniel Okwute '76, Cian Brosnan on for Sean McGrath '87.

Athlone Town Team: Brendan Clarke (C); Reece Webb, Kyle O'Connor, Evan O'Connor, Aaron Maloney, Aaron Connolly, Patrick Ferry, Brian McManus, Gradi Lomboto, Peter Grogan, James Roche.

Subs: Robert Lyons on for Patrick Ferry '61, Cillian Tollet (GOAL '87) on for Aaron Maloney '76.

Matthew Britton and Eric Koufie land in the Kingdom on loan from Shamrock Rovers

Kerry FC are delighted to welcome Matthew Britton and Eric Koufie to our first team squad, with the youngsters signing on loan from SSE Airtricity Men's Premier Division and 2025 FAI Cup Champions Shamrock Rovers.

Matthew Britton is 18 and is the son of former League of Ireland winner Matt Britton. The centre-forward has impressed for Shamrock Rovers Academy and has played senior football with the Tallaght Club in the Leinster Senior Cup. He has appeared on the bench on several occasions, including in some group games of the UEFA Conference League. Britton spent the second half of the 2025 campaign on loan with Bray Wanderers, where he had an assist against Kerry on the final day of the season.

Eric Koufie turned 19 on New Year's Day and applies his trade in both central midfield and across the forward line. He has played Senior football for Rovers over the last 3 seasons, with all 5 appearances coming in the Leinster Senior Cup. This is Eric's first loan move away from his home club, and he will be looking to impress under Colin Healy in the Kingdom.

Matthew will wear the number 26 shirt while Eric will don the number 15 during his time in



Eric Koufie



Matthew Britton

Mounthawk Park.

Matthew Britton told kerryfc.com, "I'm delighted with the move down here to Kerry. I'm really excited about the challenge, working under a great manager like Colin Healy, and I want to get some first-team minutes here in Kerry in the First Division."

Eric Koufie said, "Very happy to land here in Kerry, a new challenge for me that I'm ready for. Just buzzing to get going, really. It was great to meet all the lads here, and the facility is great. So ya, all about making a good impact here in Kerry for the fans here, playing alongside some

great players. Can't wait to get started."

Also speaking after the two men landed in Mounthawk Park, Colin Healy said, "We are delighted to welcome Matt and Eric to the club. Thanks to Stephen and all in Shamrock Rovers, we have a great relationship with them up there. The two boys are really hungry to get first-team minutes and have plenty to prove. Although young, they are both ready to show they have what it takes, and they give us great options in different areas of the pitch. We are looking forward to working with them both, and hopefully they make a real impact during their time here in Kerry"



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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

GAA CONGRESS PROPOSALS

All Ireland Finals to be Extended into August

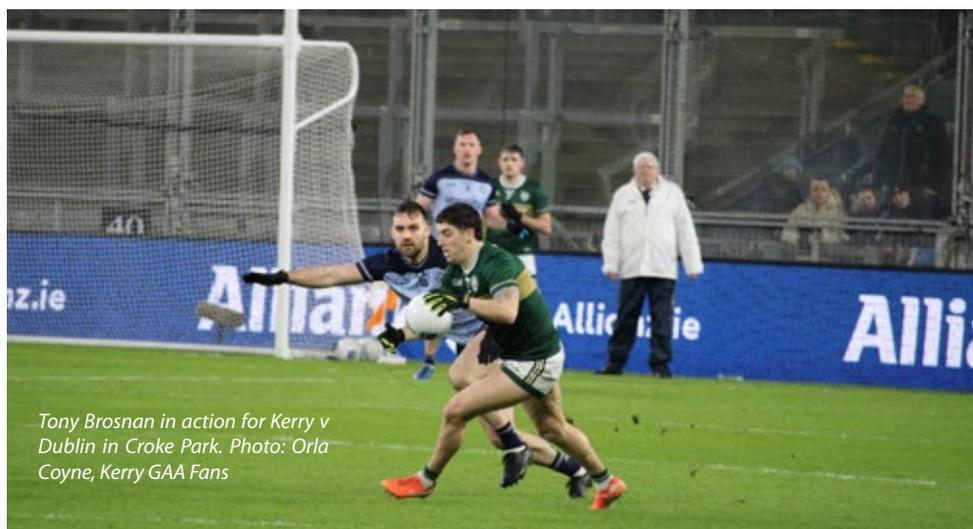
The motion was initially proposed by a working committee chaired by Pauric Duffy at a Central Council meeting last September. Essentially the intercounty season wouldn't start until the fourth Sunday of the year and go into the second week of August.

My opinion. Nope. Has a chance, Central Council are backing it, but it's not gaining any traction. I don't even expect the motion to go forward, I expect it to be quietly withdrawn with muttered apologies for being so stupid. Well, 'expect' might really mean 'hope', because I am unabashedly biased here. Kerry, Cork, and Galway have openly stated their intention to vote against it, and they are dead right. Tail wagging the dog. The club season is already treated as an afterthought already. Some of us – i.e. me, for one – adamantly believe that the GAA is not and should not be a for-profit corporation and the club is far more important than the intercounty team. Yup, I said it; I stand by it. Kerry's club season is already far too squeezed, admittedly because we are one of the very few with separate club and county championships. I can remember the days – this is a true story – when intercounty players got to play county league matches with their clubs on a regular basis. And it wasn't played in freezing cold January on pitches more suited to ice-skating.

You want to free up the calendar in terms of the intercounty season? Absolutely no problem, lads, let me help. Take that absolute dogs' dinner of a group stage out of the All Ireland Football Championship. It is inane rubbish designed to wear bodies out while dragging money out of supporters' pockets. Get rid of it, and you'll have saved a whole month. No, no, don't be rushing to thank me; I'll only get embarrassed.

Players Must Play Eight Club Games to Be Eligible to Play Intercounty

The motion comes from Clontarf (spearheaded by Noel McCaffrey, father of Jack and Sarah and a Dublin footballer himself), who have amended a motion that was rejected last year requiring a player to have played four competitive league games. The idea was withdrawn at Jarlath Burns' request because it was felt that the intercounty season was so packed (it is) as to render the idea impractical. I'd support it fully, but I'd be in a very small minority. It's not going to happen. Even if it did by some divine intervention actually pass (it won't) you'd simply find County Boards



Tony Brosnan in action for Kerry v Dublin in Croke Park. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

establishing rushed competitions ("The Annual seven a side left-footed tractor-driving championship", played on Thursday nights under lights in January) to fill the criteria. Remember Seanie Johnston transferring from Cavan to Kildare in 2012. He had to play a club game in Kildare to be eligible for his new county, so the non-dual-player played in a hurling match. He was substituted after ninety seconds, without ever touching the sliotar. Or 'puck' as he probably called it.

Inter-County Certification Proposal

This proposal comes from the Amateur Status Review Committee chaired by David Hassan. The idea is that intercounty management teams will have to be certified in much the same way as UEFA teams, i.e. limited in numbers, required to have formal qualifications such as medical training etc., and a spending cap imposed. A new committee, 'Certification, Governance, and Oversight Committee' would be established to supervise compliance. Management teams would be limited to four, paid backroom staff to ten, and panels would be restricted to 36 players. GPS tracker systems and player welfare info would have to be shared with a national database.

My opinion? Great idea. Last year Tipperary spent E2.483 million on their intercounty. Sorry, the....E2.483 million? Really? Six counties, including one that wears green and gold, spent over E2 million. Tell me again about the 'greatest amateur sporting organisation in the world' – I have a fondness for bedtime stories. Of course I am in favour of this. Everybody is. And the fact that the taxman is looking closer at the GAA than it ever did before means that it might actually be some kind of enforceable in monetary terms. The days of nod-and-wink under the counter payments – don't argue, it would only be embarrassing – are hopefully close to over. In fact, Jarlath Burns tentatively proposed last year that intercounty managers receive an annual stipend of E20,000 and it's an

idea that's still bouncing around, even though that would only be a small drop in a very big ocean.

Will this actually happen? Arrah, no. It should, but it won't. Intercounty management teams will be whatever counties decide they are. There might be different labels assigned, but it will be the same amount of people in the same kind of roles. Accounts might be filed under different headings, but the numbers won't change. This is a high moral ground grandiose type of posturing that is going to have zero practical effect. We'd all love for this to happen in theory, it'll probably pass if the motion goes forward; it just ain't going to happen on the ground. Not a hope.

That Minor All Ireland Finals Be Curtain-Raisers to the Senior All Ireland Finals

Not exactly a complicated motion, it proposes exactly what it says.

Ye know where I stand, so I'll not dwell too long on it. 100%. This is the sporting highlight for young lives who give an enormous amount of effort into it (quite possibly too much, but that's another debate). The All Ireland Finals in Croke Park are by far and away the GAA's biggest headline moment every year; the minors should absolutely be part of it. And by 'minor', I of course mean 'U18' because that forced move to U17 has been a disaster from the very start. I actually don't like to say "I told ye so", especially when everybody else told ye the same thing all along. But I will. And yes, it would put more pressure on tickets for the match and they would cost E100. Tough. It's all part of the day and the minors should be a part of this day. Sadly, this has referred to a sub-committee for further exploration' written all over it.

County Boards Allowed to Organise 11-A-Side Competitions

Rural depopulation has been a very serious and growing problem over the last three decades,



Sean O'Shea in action for Kerry v Dublin in Croke Park. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans



Action from the Kerry v Dublin in Croke Park. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

not just for the GAA, but for Irish society in general. People like Pat Spillane, Diarmuid Ó Sé, and the late and great John Kelly worked hard to at least stem the tide, but the fact is that areas like South Kerry have been stripped almost bare of young people. The GAA, to their credit, have been very active behind the scenes in working to keep local clubs, and thus communities, viable. Often as a lone voice. An awful lot of rural clubs are struggling badly for numbers. 15 a side? A lot of them don't have fifteen bodies to put on the field at a grade; that's the stark reality. Have a look at the enrollment numbers in primary schools. I promise you, I really and truly promise you, it is scarier than you think.

As an aside, I hear people talking about traffic congestion and a lack of parking spaces in Killarney. I've been that soldier myself. But I've driven through a fair amount of Irish areas in my time, and I've come to realise that the opposite problem is much, much worse.

The idea behind this motion is that County Boards can arrange competitions for teams with fewer numbers, e.g. 13 a side, 11 a side. Sure. I have no problem with that; I don't imagine anyone will.

I'm a bit surprised at it going to Congress, though. Did County Boards not always have that power?

Take the McDonagh Cup Winners Out of the Liam McCarthy Quarter-Finals

It's not exactly as relevant to us as it would have been in recent years. The argument is that the McDonagh Cup winners are simply not at the standard required. Does that sound patronising? Too bad. There are much stronger teams – and I do mean very much stronger, the Munster Championship is a glorious bloodbath of a championship these days -knocked out before the quarter-finals. Let the McDonagh winners into the Munster or Leinster Championship? Sure. The All Ireland Quarter-Finals? A step too far for me.

But there's another aspect as far as I am concerned. There are simply too many tweaks too often to the hurling format. Just...leave it alone. It's brilliant. The new rules have absolutely reinvigorated the Football Championship, and it's still not as good as the hurling. That's how good hurling is these days.

Dissent in Hurling to See Frees Moved Forward

Basically the same as in football. And it has probably been the most contentious new rule in football. It's a harsh enough punishment. And I'm fine with it. Don't commit the sin and you won't attract the punishment.

KERRY SEE OFF DUBLIN IN LAVCKLUSTRE ENCOUNTER

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Kerry 1-16 Dublin Dublin 1-10

First things first. It's a win, and a win over Dublin in Dublin is never a small statement. I won't say that it's a win that was vital in itself for us, I definitely got the impression that there would be no tears said by either side in the aftermath, but it certainly gives Jack O'Connor a lot of breathing space now.

Right from the start Seán O'Shea set the tone with a two pointer. Tadhg Morley, one of a number of players showing quietly but clearly in recent games that he is hunting a strating jersey for this year's championship, added a point.

Little glitch in the matrix there. Kerry defence caught ball-watching, split open with two simple passes. Lessons to be learned there. Shane Murphy with a good save, got down fast. Evan Looney mopped up well but couldn't prevent a '45. Con O'Callaghan – not quite himself but still Dublin's main threat, nailed it to open their account. Ross McGarry added another score – again, got the ball back from Kilkenny in the dangerzone too easily - but David Clifford boomed over Kerry's second two pointer. I was sure that one was dropping short. Tony Brosnan and Graham O'Sullivan extended Kerry's lead.

It felt like both sides were being cautious, circling each other a bit. No line breaks, no gambles, none of the real dash and verve these games are famous for in the past. This was a business lunch, not a celebratory dinner.

Mind you, I don't think Dublin are as poor as

match reports are making out. They created good chances, but just weren't really taking them. I think any Leinster team watching would want to be very wary – Dublin are clearly working on a few things and they won't miss as many of those chances when the sunshine arrives.

Con O'Callaghan with a Dublin free but Cillian Trant replied and David Clifford stroked over a free

There you go. Ciarán Kilkenny with a two pointer and Con added another free. Just a goalin it at half-time, but honestly it felt like both teams had an awful lot more in the tank. I wouldn't say there's much danger of a rip-roaring contest breaking out.

Paul Murphy and Paudie Clifford on for Kerry. I reckon it's just about getting minutes into players.

David with a fine point to open the second half scoring. Paddy Small in reply. It almost feels a little bit tit-for-tat now. Tony Brosnan for Kerry, Niall Scully in reply. Paudie Clifford amkes it 0-12 to 0-8. Dublin just can't seem to eat into that four point lead.

Lads, I don't want to be that guy, but we've had comfortable leads in all our games so far and all of them ended up going down to the wire. Of all teams, you cannot give Dublin any heroic comeback. 2011, lads. Bate them on the way up, bate them on the way down, and when they get down, bate them down further. I don't trust them. I'd never turn my back on Cork, either.

Ye don't need to tell any Dublin supporters that I said that.

There you go. 52nd minute. Poor kick-out by Evan Comerford and David Clifford gives it to Tony Brosnan in space. Not an easy one to finish but this is what Tony does and the net bulges. 1-12 to 0-8.

Tom O'Sullivan....ah, lads, that's pure class. Great point.

Mark O'Shea coming off to a standing ovation from the Kerry supporters. Man of the match, and well deserved.

Paddy Small with a two pointer. Still six points in it. Ah, jaysus. Dublin goal. Peadar Ó Cofaigh Byrne drove the finish through a forest of players.

Lads, just a goal in it now. I repeat, I do not want to see any dramatic finish here. Just put it to bed.

Tom O'Sullivan again. This one is even better.



David Clifford in action for Kerry v Dublin in Croke Park.
Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

The defender showed him too much of the left side of the pitch, so Tom just darted up it before curling over.

Seán O'Shea's two pointer wraps up a comfortable win, albeit one that isn't going to impact either team too much later on.

The likes of Looney, Heinrich, Trant, Evans have put themselves really into the mix. I'm hearing calls for Tom O'Sullivan to be brought out the field, given the threat he poses. I'm a bit doubtful; Tom is even better at shutting out opposition dangermen. You have Ó Beagláoch, Heinrich, Breen, Morley, and Gavin White in the mix for the half back line as it is. You can probably include Graham O'Sullivan in the mix as well; he was wing forward for the kick-outs last year, not as a natural position. It would be very hard on Dylan Casey, given how well he is playing, but I think that's the jersey Tom is hunting. Ó Beagláoch can play two, but Jason Foley definitely isn't going anywhere and Evan Looney hasn't done anything wrong.

If everyone is fit – yes, 'if' – I'd say that Mark O'Shea has put himself into pole position to be starting beside Diarmuid O'Connor in midfield, Seán O'Brien as cover. I thought Joe at ten caused enormous problems for opposition teams last year, kind of a Jack O'Shea with a Seán Cavanagh freestyle role. Liam Smith has done some awesome things – he made a great late cameo here as well – but a starting jersey? Not for me, early days though. I'd like to see Cathal Ó Beagláoch get game time, I really think he can be a serious option, but the clock is ticking. As for the forwards? Two Cliffords and Seán O'Shea as definite starters. After that? Loads of hands up for a very limited number of jerseys.

I know this was only Round Four, but games are coming thick and fast and the National League has long since ceased being a mad scientists' lab of experimentation – actually, that was always an exaggerated trope.

Arrah, let's face it. If I was to give my two cents to Jack O'Connor, he'd give me change of a quarter just to go away from him.

Kerry: Shane Murphy, Evan Looney, Jason Foley, Dylan Casey, Armin Heinrich, Tadhg Morley (0-1), Graham O'Sullivan (0-1), Joe O'Connor, Mark O'Shea, Cillian Trant (0-1), Seán O'Shea (0-4, 2tp), Micheál Burns, Tony Brosnan (1-2), David Clifford (0-4, 1tp, 1f), Keith Evans. Subs: Paul Murphy (for Evan Looney, half-time), Paudie Clifford 0-1 (for Micheál Burns half-time), Tom

O'Sullivan 0-2 (for Graham O'Sullivan, 54 mins), Donagh Shine O'Sullivan (for Cillian Trant, 54 mins), Liam Smith (for Mark O'Shea, 63 mins).

Dublin: Evan Comerford, Eoin Murchan, Nathan Doran, David Byrne, Seán Bugler, Charlie McMorrow, Alex Gavin, Brian Howard, Peadar Ó Cofaigh Byrne (1-0), Ross McGarry (0-1), Ciarán Kilkenny (0-2, 1tp), Niall Scully (0-1), Paddy Small (0-3, 1tp), Con O'Callaghan (0-3, 2f, 1'45), Lorcan O'Dell. Subs: Seán MacMahon (for Nathan Doran, 33 mins), Joe Quigley (for Con O'Callaghan half-time), Luke Breathnach (for Lorcan O'Dell, 43 mins), Killian McGinnis (for Ross McGarry, 45 mins), Conor Tyrrell (for Alex Gavin, 62 mins).

Referee: Paddy Neilan (Roscommon).

LATE HEARTBREAK FOR KERRY HURLERS

NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE Laois 1-18 Kerry 1-17

They do say it's the hope that kills you. I felt that Kerry were going well and had a real chance in what was always likely to be the key game in terms of their promotion prospects. In the end, Kerry put up a brilliant showing....but it just wasn't enough and they were just caught on the finish line.

Good start by Kerry. Long ball in from Michael Leane, and Michael Slattery did brilliantly to outpace his man and draw the foul. Ronan Walsh converted and added another one straight after. He had a chance from a '45, good effort but it doesn't get there. Cillian Dunne opened Laois' account but Jordan Conway replied with Kerry's first score from play. David Dooley pointed for Laois but Ronan Walsh made it 0-4 to 0-2 with a monster free from massive range.

Kerry had the strong wind and really needed to put a bit of distance between them, but Laois stayed with them. Kevin Goulding exchanged points with Aaron Dunphy (2f). Michael Slattery and Tom Doyle put three points between them. Aaron Dunphy and Jordan Conway swapped points. Dunphy again. Ryan Mullaney. Aidan Corby. Level again. 0-8 apiece. Kerry were playing well, but with that wind, level pegging

wasn't going to be enough. Ronan Walsh with one last free to close out the half. Kerry leading by a point. Maybe....drive on, don't spare any horses here!

Walsh with another free to open the second half. Two point lead; we'll need it. Jack Kelly with a great reply, though. Kelly again. He's cutting loose here. Jason Diggins is not long back from injury and he's not quite right, maybe not the player to mark the speedy Kelly. Arrah, isn't hindsight great all the same?

Aaron Dunphy. Laois in front for the first time. Ronan with a free, level again. Dunphy and Ronan exchange frees again.

Second yellow for Michael Leane. Ah, lads, that's harsh. I'm not wearing tinted glasses, but that's one of them two of them. Scuffle for possession. I thought Ben O'Connor should maybe have kept his head below the parapet rather than talking about soft yellows in hurling after the Cork Tipperary game; maybe the man had a point.

Aaron Dunphy with a free, but Gavin Dooley is on the pitch now and that's a good score for him.

David Dole and Jack Kelly. Laois back in front. Blast! Jack Kelly again. Credit where due; he's having a stormer. Aaron Dunphy puts Laois three points in front. It's slipping away from us fast now.

Ronan Walsh with an important free. He's clinical today. That one was from play, and he adds a free. One point game.

Disaster. Laois racing through, Kyle had no real choice except to foul. Black card, impeding a clear goal chance, and he picked up a yellow in the first half. Kerry down to thirteen men, and Pdraic Delaney fires home from the penalty spot.

Ronan Walsh with a free. Injury time. One chance for Kerry....and one chance is enough. That is absolutely stunning by Oisín Maunsell. Goal, 1-17 apiece. A draw would be a great result for Kerry, especially with thirteen men.

Except....what? Why is the ref playing on? I didn't time the second half (let's face it, I forgot to restart the stopwatch. It happens). Cormac Byrne, not long on, has the nerve to fire open the winning point.

In the circumstances, that result feels like a heartbreaker. But a little bit of perspective, please. Last year against Laois we shipped five first half goals in a 19 point defeat. So things could be a lot worse than being a bit unlucky to lose by a single point.

TOUGH DEFEAT FOR KERRY LADIES

LADIES NATIONAL LEAGUE Cork 0-16 Kerry 0-8

Just one of those days. Anything that could go right for Cork went right, anything that could go wrong for Kerry did. Scoreless at half-time, while Cork had fourteen points on board at that stage, two of them handed over by Kerry for breaches. Three Kerry goal chances, two saved and one off the woodwork. Kelli McGrath

sinbinned at a crucial period, with Cork taking impressively ruthless advantage. Ava Doherty limping off to join the likes of Cáit Lynch on the injury list. Katie Quirke in absolutely devastating form, kicking ten points for the Rebellettes. I can't begrudge her; I've seen her plenty of times leading the line magnificently for Cork teams who couldn't stay with Kerry teams.

Mind you, I was there for the games against the likes of Rena Buckley, Valerie Mulcahy, Juliet Murphy, Breige Corkery....they were tough days. I could begrudge Cork footballers anything. Nothing personal about it (I like them as people), it's more of a cultural heritage.

Much better second half, outscored Cork by 0-8 to 0-2, but it was never going to be enough. Alright, it is what it is, let's not be pushing any alarm buttons.

STATEMENT WIN FOR KERRY CAMOGIE

CAMOGIE NATIONAL LEAGUE

Kerry 2-10 Meath 1-11

Kerry drew with Laois last week. Hard-fought, well-earned, and a great occasion because of background circumstances, but I had felt a little bit that it wasn't one of the better team performances in terms of first touch control and efficiency. You've heard about the best hurlers being on the ditch? The 'best hurler' bit doesn't fit me, but the rest certainly does. Mind you, Laois were strong winners over a good Derry side this weekend; that was no bad draw at all.

Heading up to Meath is a tough one. There's much of a muchness between the two teams on any given day.

Kerry started very well but left good scoring chances behind in the opening minutes – mind you, that was a great save by the Meath keeper. But Kerry could feel the long bus journey once the initial burst wore off and Meath hit them for 1-3 to no score.

Kate Lynch cut in for a great goal to kickstart Kerry and, after a Meath point, she set up Amy O'Sullivan for a second one. 1-4 to 2-0. By half-time it was 1-6 to 2-3 and finely balanced.

The second half was a very tight battle, both teams giving it everything. It was point for point until a brace of frees from Patrice Diggin put Kerry two clear. Aoife Carey – great player, in fairness – pulled one back but Amy O'Sullivan and Jackie Horgan pushed Kerry three clear again. Meath did manage to pull one back before the final whistle but Kerry had done enough to claim a crucial win.

Kerry face Carlow at 2.00pm in the Austin Stack Park this Saturday and they will be hotly fancied to take the win.

SIX NATIONS

Schadenfreude. A German word that basically means taking vicarious pleasure in another's misery. And it may be wrong on many levels,

but frankly celebrating an English loss to Ireland in rugby.....yeah, schadenfreude applies. I don't mean it in any bad way. I actually like the English, Chesterton's famous 'Silent People' (it's one of my favourite poems). It's just a contextual thing. They are big, ruled a lot of the world including us, and win a lot. Everybody loves an underdog story, we Irish revel in them (lads, I've heard Kerry supporters convincing Mayo people that Kerry can barely field a team before they meet each other in finals – have ye no conscience at all?) and England, no matter how hard they try, will never be underdogs. Especially not coming into this Six Nations with 12 consecutive wins under their belt. They weren't going to win it, I think we all knew that would be France. But England would be a strong second. Ireland? After our showings against France and then the huff-and-puff against an admittedly good Italy, Ireland were more likely to be looking at a wooden spoon. I've always assumed that the 'wooden spoon' is metaphorical.

Actually, unverified legend says that a wooden spoon was awarded to the student who got the lowest score in Cambridge University's mathematical entrance exams. Because it was the universities that first popularised the game in the 19th century, the term was adopted.....I'd say ye care about that almost as much as I do.

Scrappy enough start by both sides. Early penalty for Jack Crowley and he nails it. 3-0. An awful lot of eyes on him today. Tough on Prendergast not even to make the squad, but honestly, he needed to be taken out of the firing line. I know he was poor enough, but some of what was said publicly about him veered far to close to actual abuse in my honest opinion.

Both sides with errors, England more so. George Ford fails to find touch with a penalty at one stage. They have a lot of power, though, including debutant Pollock.

Good clearance by Lowe, but he's grimacing in pain and Tommy O'Brien comes on for him. That could be a big moment.

It is, but in a good way. Good carry by Balacoune, off loads to O'Brien. Freeman off side at the scrum. Gibson Park, cute out, realises that England are basically sleepwalking, taps and goes. Try to Ireland. Clever by Ireland but England's defence coach will be absolutely bullying. If they have a defence coach at all; looking at that try, maybe they don't. Jack with the conversion, 10-0.

It's all Ireland. Jack with a penalty but it pulls wide. Gibson Park just about to go over, but it's called back for a foul. Doubtful enough, England got away with one. They are only clinging on, though. I don't think anyone was expecting this.

Yep, Ireland with another try. McCloskey big and brilliant (Gibson Park deservedly got man of the match, but it must have been very close between them). Gibson Park on to Balacoune and he dives over. England were chasing shadows for the entirety of that move. 15-0.

Ref issues a yellow card to Freddie Steward. Harsh enough, I thought. Mind you, the way things are going, Freddie might be glad of the break! That's the ref's last action, he has pulled some muscle or ligament himself. Shakes

hands with the captains before hobbling off. Big smiles all round.

Lads, rugby can be very odd. If that happened in a hurling match, they'd just roll him into the ditch and get on with it. I suppose I'm old-fashioned.

Oh lads. This is becoming like a generic Adam Sandler movie. Balacoune with a burst and flips it to Tommy O'Brien to finish. Jack with the conversion. 22-0.

Swing low, sweet chariot? People, that chariot is nose-diving faster than Icarus.

George Ford with a chance, but Balacoune puts in a big hit and Ireland clear.

There we go. England with numbers and they finally get over the line just on the stroke of half-time. Ford adds the two points. The game needed that, to be honest.

Up and under by Ireland and O'Brien wins it easily. Good break by Ireland and over the line but they can't touch it down. Professional foul by Pollock, though, and he's off on a yellow. Ireland tap the penalty, keep the ressure on, and sheer weight of numbers makes the try inevitable, Dan Sheehan finally going over. Another good conversion and it's 29-7.

Pollock back on and that's a good break by him. Freeman can't quite get over but England, for once, use the momentum well and get it to Lawrence for the try. Conversion added. Yellow card for Jamie Osborne as well. Could it spark a revival? I can't see it; Ireland are brimming with confidence and English heads are down, both on the field and in the stands.

Good enough for them. Aughrim. Vinegar Hill. Arrah, revenge for Skibbereen while we are at it.

So much for revival. England caught napping again, and Jack Crowley takes a simple penalty. Freeman clear! He's surely going to sprint over.....except that Balacoune is slowly but surely closing the gap and gets there just in time. Great defence, and England come away empty-handed.

Another penalty for Jack. England are crumbling. Jamie Osborne is back and another green wave sees him rack up another try. It's actually too easy, now, it's taking the enjoyment out of it. Jack with the kick, 42-14.

Sam Underhill gets over for England. It's all academic now, though. A record-breaking triumph for Ireland at Twickenham.

Just to be clear, though. This game, wonderful though it has been, was shaped by how awful, truly awful, England were. Not how good Ireland played. We haven't suddenly become superstars, and everybody inside and outside the cap had better remember it. We have plenty of problems.



KILLARNEY LEGION

MOTHERS AND OTHERS

Our Mothers and Others group are starting back again on Thursday 12th March 8-9pm. This activity is both sporting and social and we are inviting any woman/girl to join us for a hours fun each week. No football experience necessary as all training will be given. Fitness or lack of fitness is not an issue so just come along and meet new friends and have some fun. All new players welcome. Any further information you might need on this please contact Blaithin on 0876963979

SCOR NA BPAISTI

Lá dár saol! Comhghairdeas!

Congratulations to all our fantastic Scór na bPáistí competitors. The club had a fabulous day in Fossa at the East Kerry round, and we are incredibly proud of everyone who represented us so well.

Solo Music: Muireann O'Regan Solo Singing: Alexandra Maguire – 3rd Place Solo Dancing: Abbey O'Leary – 1st Place and now through to the County Final!

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These talented dancers will also go on to represent East Kerry in the County Final – best of luck to you all!

A huge GRMA to all the parents for their continued support and to our wonderful set dancing teacher Hannah Majella for her dedication and guidance.

Ár gclub, ár mórtas!

KERRY U 16 LADIES

Well done to our own Sophie O Shea and the Kerry u16 ladies who defeated Clare last weekend in the opening round of the Munster Championship

EAST KERRY LEAGUE DIV1A

We lost 2-10 v 2-09 in Round 3 v Rathmore in Rathbeg

FIXTURES

Seniors have a rest weekend this week and will host Kenmare the following weekend in the EK League

ACADEMY

THE 3-6 year old section of the Academy are back in action with a fun indoor session at Loretta National School v93 AY90. It's an hour of learning the skills of Gaelic football in a friendly and fun environment with fully vetted coaches. It's on from 10-11 am on every Saturday morning up until and including Saturday 7th March and then on the 14 th March we have a full Academy return outdoors in Derreen. All new kids are very welcome. Any query please contact Justin 086 3684108 or Derek 089 2299769 and this is the list of Academy coaches for 2026

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U10 Girls: Liam Hegarty, Mark Egan, Mike O Sullivan, Lisa McCarthy, Dylan Taylor

U8 Boys: Justin Healy, Derek Payne, Donal O Donoghue, Oran Kane, Sean Walsh

U8 Girls: Andrew O Regan, Annie O Donoghue,

JP Mannix, Sean Hegarty, Laura Moynihan, Martin O Shea

Tiny Tots & U6 Boys n Girls: Lauren Mcsweeney, John Keane, Shaun Keane,, Lara O Brien, Millie O Brien, Lauren O Brien, Tim Horgan, Denise Doolan, Deirdre Farry, Cillian Healy, Laura Heal, Kate Pierce, Emily O Shea

CONGRATULATIONS

Major congratulations to Jessie Buckley on becoming the first Irish woman to win the Best Actress Award at the BAFTA's last Sunday. All at the club are thrilled for you.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is now due for all members. Sign up in the Clubzap app or click on your renewal email. Any queries please contact Fiona 085 8263358

FUN RUN

We are continuing our running sessions on the back of last years success! Every Thursday Night at 7:30pm - 8:15pm on pitch 3. These sessions are open to everyone from U13 to adults. The beauty of the sessions is that everybody runs at their own pace. Come along for a bit of fun and get

CONDOLENCE

The club was saddened to hear of the passing of Vincent Scott, our condolences to his family and friends.

LOTTO

Lotto numbers: 1,10, 27, 28. Bonus 7. Lucky dips: Martin O Grady, Cath Cronin, Bet O Shea

NOTES

Anyone with any item they would like to see included in the weekly club notes (births, engagements, congrats, etc) please message Elaine 086 8398821 or Kevin 087 2484394

FOSSA GAA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 22/02/2026 for a jackpot of €6,600 were 1, 10, 26, 27. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Ann Marie Breen, Anthony Murphy, Jade Houlihan, Orla Moynihan, Geraldine Teehan.

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>

NATIONAL CLUB DRAW - FOSSA GAA

For the 1st time Fossa GAA are participating in the GAA National Club Draw and all the money from every ticket sold by Fossa stays in our Club.

The easiest way to support this is buy your ticket(s) via Foireann. You can log into your own account and you will see on right "Enter Draw". The following executive members can also enter you to the draw via their own Foireann account: Pat Sheehan, Domhnall O'Sullivan, Peter O'Shaughnessy, Siobhan Kissane, Maria Vaughan, Katherine Butler, Karen McGlynn, Mike Cahillane, Amy Moriarty, Peter Kelliher, John O'Neill, Michael Talbot & Merry Talbot. Physical tickets will also be available and will be in circulation next week.

Please support the draw and it is hoped members will buy and also sell tickets; there are great prizes to be won, see our Facebook page to view the prizes and all money stays in our Club.

EAST KERRY SUPERLEAGUE

Fossa had a one-point win over Listry in the superleague on Sunday morning. In a low scoring first half, two Lee Lenihan frees has Fossa in front at the break, 0-3 to 0-2. The second half was a much better affair and a fine display from Tadgh O'Shea who kicked a brace of two-pointers saw Fossa over the line in the end on a scoreline of 0-15 to 2-08. Their last game in this competition is against Glenflesk in Fossa next Friday night.

EAST KERRY

Division 1A

Rathmore 2-10 Legion 2-9, Firies 1-17 Spa 2-12

Division 1B

Listry: 2-8 Fossa : 0-15

Division 2

Dr Crokes 3-18 Currow 1-07, Cordal 0-06 Scartaglen 1-06

FOURTH ROUND SUPER LEAGUE FIXTURES

First team named is at home

Div. 1A

Kenmare V Spa – Sunday at 11am

Rathmore V Firies, Legion bye

Div 1B

Fossa V Glenflesk – Friday 27th at 8pm

Kilcummin V Gneeveguilla, Listry bye

Div. 2

Kilgarvan V Scartaglen, Currow V Cordal, Dr. Crokes bye

Unless stated, all above games are Sunday 1st March at 12 noon

DR. CROKES

CROKES CUBS AND ACADEMY returns on Saturday March 7th.

FR. PADDY'S CARDS continues Wednesdays at 8pm in the clubhouse.

KATHLEEN'S GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS for seniors continues each Tuesday at 11am in the clubhouse. All are welcome.

LOTTO took place on February 23rd Numbers drawn were 7, 10, 19, 24. Jackpot of €18,800 was NOT WON. 21 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €25 each. Jackpot for draw on March 2nd will be €19,100. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokess-gaa/fundraisers>

BINGO

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

CONDOLENCES to the Scott family on the recent passing of Vincent Scott. May he rest in peace.

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

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Killarney Athletic A.F.C Underage Awards Night Killarney Athletic A.F.C. Underage Awards Night a Great Success



The annual Underage Awards Night of Killarney Athletic A.F.C. was held last Wednesday evening in the elegant surroundings of the Killarney Oaks Hotel. It proved to be a fantastic celebration of the club's young talent, with a wonderful atmosphere enjoyed by players, managers, coaches, and parents alike.

The evening was filled with awards presentations, bingo, raffles, and spot prizes, making it a memorable night for everyone in attendance. The club extends sincere thanks to the Killarney Oaks Hotel for hosting the event and to all those who generously sponsored spot prizes on the night.

A special highlight of the evening was the presentation of the prestigious Brian Gilhooley Cup for Underage Player of the Year. This honour was awarded to Boys U13 A standout Sean Quill in recognition of his outstanding performances, dedication, and contribution throughout the season. Congratulations to Sean on a thoroughly deserved achievement.

Girls Players of the Year

Girls U12 A – Holly O'Connor

- Girls U12 B – Gemma Leahy
- Girls U13 A – Roisin O'Sullivan
- Girls U14 A – Ella Crowley
- Girls U14 B – Croi Carroll O'Connor
- Girls U15 – Mary Pierce
- Girls U16 – Kate Lyons

Boys Players of the Year

- Boys U12 A – Ruairi O'Brien
- Boys U12 B – Jakub Slowakiewicz
- Boys U12 C – Sonny Maguire
- Boys U13 A – Sean Quill
- Boys U13 B – Rory Tarrant
- Boys U13 C – David Terzai
- Boys U14 A – Leni Rujuvcan
- Boys U14 B – Conor Brosnan
- Boys U14 C – Matthew Fennelly
- Boys U15 A – Adam Moynihan
- Boys U15 B – James Marshall
- Boys U16 A – Leo Allen
- Boys U16 B – Conall Murphy

Well done to all award winners and to every underage player who represented the club with pride this season.





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All was well until a wicked palace official called Haman who hated Mordecai, tricked the King into decreeing a new law to wipe out the entire population of Jews in Persia. The King was unaware he had now placed a death sentence upon his own wife's head - for no one knew that she was Jewish. Esther was frightened and felt helpless, but Mordecai put it to her that perhaps the reason God had elevated her into this position, was to save her people? "For if you remain silent at this time, liberation and rescue will arise for the Jews from another place, and you and your father's house will perish [since you did not help when you had the chance]. And who knows whether you have attained royalty for such a time as this - and for this very purpose?" (Esther 4:14 Amplified Bible). Esther took courage, prayed and fasted with her people, and God delivered them from their enemies, and Haman who had tried to destroy her, was himself destroyed, with all his sons. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God" (Hebrews 10:31).

Sometimes it can feel like all hell has broken loose, yet in the midst of the trial if we will wait upon the Lord and trust Him, obey His instructions, and declare His promises, we will see God doing what we never dreamed possible (Ephesians 3:20). It takes courage and wisdom, to follow God's blueprint. In His hardest moment Jesus prayed, "Father... not My will be done, but Yours" (Luke 22:42). In the Lord's Prayer we ask.. "May Your Kingdom come, May Your will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven" (Matthew 6:10). Foremost in Jesus' life was His total submission and trust in His Father's plan. "For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested: that He might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8). Confronting enemies and giants is part of every assignment, but God's victory is assured. Jesus stuck to God's plan and won for us Salvation through His sacrifice. We love God's blessings, but it's in the sacrifice of enduring difficult times, trusting His Love and Mercy, that we grow and see His good plans unfold (Jeremiah 29:11; Isaiah 1:19; Isaiah 43:19). In hard times it is a sacrifice to stay positive, but if we're willing and courageous God will guide us through, strong!

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We truly appreciate the effort taken by all who attended the Funeral Home, Funeral Mass and months mind, those who sent Mass cards, kind messages, phone calls, prayers and online condolences.

We very much appreciated the professional help and kindness of the Public health nursing team in Rathmore, all Maime's home help and carers, who all did so much for her and for us as family to care for her at home over the last few years. We will always be grateful to the staff in University Hospital Kerry who cared for our Mother in the final days before her death. We wish also to thank the doctors at Dr Michael Casey's practice in Millstreet.

A special word of thanks to Fr Pat O'Donnell for his many visits to Maime at home over the past few years. Fr. Pat guided us through the few days after our Mothers passing and helped us in organising the funeral Mass

Thank you also to our neighbours Fr Pat Mc McCarthy and Fr Michael Moynihan who concelebrated at the Funeral Mass and officiated at the grave side. Thank you to John O'Donoghue who organised the music along with his brother Paud and Jim Kiely. Their musical enrichment added to the funeral Mass. Thanks also to John D and his son George of O'Keeffe's Funeral Directors for their professionalism in carrying out their duties.

Thanks to all that brought food to the house and to all our friends, family and neighbours for their time and help shown to us at that time. Thanks also to neighbours, family and friends that visited Mum over the years at her home in Stagmount.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this as an expression of our sincere gratitude. The holy sacrament of the Mass has been offered for your intensions.

*If Roses grow in Heaven,
 Lord please pick a bunch for us,
 Place them in our Mother's arms
 And tell her they're from us.
 Tell her we love her and miss her
 And when she turns to smile .
 Place a kiss upon her cheek
 And hold her for awhile,
 Because remembering her is easy,
 We do it every day. But there's an ache
 within our hearts Because
 We are missing her today.*

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JOAN KENNEDY



WHO DIED THE
 11TH OF SEPTEMBER 2004

AND
**JOHN JOE
 KENNEDY**



WHO DIED ON THE
 26TH OF FEBRUARY 2005.
 LATE OF BALLYBRACK,
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*Our hearts are full of memories
 With pride we speak your names
 Though life must go on without you
 It will never be the same
 Those special days will not return
 When we were all together
 But the love and memories in our heart
 Will stay with us forever*

Always loved and sadly missed
 By your son Eammon, daughter in law
 Caroline, your daughter Evelyn your son in
 law Johnny and your grandchildren Amy,
 Sarah, Louise, Shane, Dayna and Katie.

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin
 Mary, that never was it known that
 anyone who fled to thy protection,
 implored thy help, or sought thy
 intercession, was left unaided.
 Inspired by this confidence I fly unto
 thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
 To thee do I come, before thee I stand,
 sinful and sorrowful.
 O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
 despise not my petitions,
 but in thy mercy hear and answer me.
 Amen.

NOVENA TO
 ST. CLAIRE

Ask St. Claire for three favours, one
 business, two impossible and say
 nine Hail Mary's for nine days with
 lighted candle. Pray whether you
 believe or not. Publish on ninth day.
 Powerful novena.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be
 praised, adored, glorified and loved
 today and every day throughout the
 whole world forever. Amen
 Say six times daily for nine days. Your
 request will be granted no matter
 how difficult it may seem. Favour
 publication must be promised.

NOVENA PRAYER TO
 ST JOSEPH

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so
 strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place
 in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, assist me by your powerful
 intercession and obtain for me from your Divine
 Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ,
 Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your
 heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and
 homage to the most loving of Fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you
 and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach
 while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my
 name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him
 to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath.

Amen

NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY

O wonderful St. Anthony, glorious on account of the fame of your miracles, and through the
 condescension of Jesus in coming in the form of a little child to rest in your arms, obtain for
 me of His bounty the grace which I ardently desire from the depths of my heart .
 (State your intention)

You who were so compassionate toward miserable sinners, regard not the unworthiness
 of those who pray to you, but the glory of God that it may once again be magnified by
 the granting of the particular request (State your intention) which I now ask for with
 persevering earnestness. Amen

Pray one Our Father,
 one Hail Mary, and
 Glory Be to the Father, in honor of Saint Anthony.
 Saint Anthony, pray for us!

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