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Pictured at the launch of the Kerry Hospice Foundation Good Friday Walk at Deenagh Lodge were Cathal Walshe, Kay Spillane, Kay Ahern, Angela Curran, Pam Tracey, Pat Doolan, Kerry Hospice and Patricia Breen, Kerry Hospice. In front are Mary O'Carroll with Bloom, Dympna Horgan with Schnitzel and Anne Coffey with Oscar. See Page 4

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# A Note from the **E** DITOR



The countdown to Easter is well and truly on with lots of planned activities for everyone to look forward to. The annual Good Friday Hospice Walks are planned throughout the county with the Killarney event, in memory of Vivien O'Shea and Sheila MacGillycuddy, beginning from 9.30am at the Garden Restaurant at Muckross House, Killarney National Park Education centre are inviting everyone to Step into Spring while Ross Castle is the venue for a wildflower themed Easter Egg Hunt!

A Taste of Palestine Fundraiser has raised €4,500 for displaced families in Gaza, a Cheltenham fundraiser took centre stage at St. Brendan's where students are also looking for help for their upcoming trip to Lourdes.

Students at Holy Cross Mercy donned yellow to celebrate Daffodil Day, a Killarney filmmaker is making waves on the International Stage and a new Women's Health Hub has opened in Tralee.

There is a call for Ring of Kerry cyclists to Peddle for Palliative, we have all the winners from the St. Patrick's Festival Parade and a Killarney Animator is celebrating major success in her field.

In sport Muckross Rowing Club held their Head of the River Rowing time trial, Killarney Judo Club shine at National Grading and Killarney Celtic are off to sunny Spain.

All this and so much more in this week's Killarney Outlook!  
Enjoy!

*Aisling Crosbie*



*Peace on the Lakes from  
Paud O'Donoghue*

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# Countdown Begins for ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY WALK IN AID OF KERRY HOSPICE

With just one week to go, anticipation is building for the Annual Good Friday Walk taking place on April 3rd in support of the Kerry Hospice Foundation and the Palliative Care Killarney branch.

The much-loved community event is organised in memory of Vivien O'Shea and Sheila McGillycuddy, two young women remembered fondly by all who knew them, and in honour of all those who have lost their lives to life-limiting illnesses.

This year's event ambassador is Niall O'Sullivan, son of the late Andy O'Sullivan, a long-time and dedicated supporter of the Foundation. Participants are invited to gather at the Garden Restaurant, at Muckross House & Gardens with registration open from 9:30am.

There is no registration fee, and attendees are instead encouraged to make a voluntary donation on the day, with all proceeds going directly towards supporting hospice and palliative care services in the region.

Following the walk, participants can enjoy complimentary tea and coffee, along with the chance to win a range of fantastic raffle prizes.

Organisers are encouraging as many people as possible to come along, take part, and support a cause that continues to provide vital care and comfort to individuals and families across the community.



Sheila Mac and Vivien O'Shea



Walk Ambassador Niall O'Sullivan in conversation with Pat Doolan, Angela Curran and Cathal Walshe.

## Paul honoured for his contribution to carnival

Accordian master Liam O'Connor and his musically gifted family joined a contingent from Killarney who were afforded the full VIP treatment in Verrès, a small town in the Aosta Valley to the north-west of Turin in Italy, during the area's annual carnival.

Killarney has struck up a very strong bond and friendship with Verrès since 2020 through Davide Mosca, a native son who grew up there before moving to Kerry to set up set up business as an architect.

During their stay, the Killarney party enjoyed all the colour and excitement of the historic Carnevale Verrès which is a huge hit every year. This year Paul Sherry, an annual visitor to Verrès and manager of the Killarney Outlet Centre, was presented with the prestigious Supremus Ordo medal as a guest of honour for the four-day Mardi Gras style festival,



The honour consists of a medallion bearing the local coat of arms and it is presented to those who, in the festival committee's opinion, have

contributed significantly to the success of the carnival.

According to legend dating back to the 1400s, the Count and Countess left Verrès Castle to join locals in a pre-Lent village celebration and the colourful tradition has been upheld since then in the form of the Carnevale Verrès. Liam O'Connor and his family played two concerts in the majestic surroundings of Verres Castle which highlighted Ireland's incredible culture and talent to the Italian people.

The festival's distinctive knights, costumed soldiers and drummers enjoyed a return trip and paraded through the streets of Killarney on St Patrick's Day and they were led by the Mayor of Verres Alessandro Giovenzi.

The 57-strong party, joined by 25 close neighbours, also accorded a civic reception by the Mayor of Killarney Cllr Martin Grady.

Staff of Muckross Garden Centre raised an incredible €12500 from donations of their mesmerising miniature Christmas village in the Restaurant. This year their chosen charity is Kerry Cancer Support Group, founded in 2007, providing free transport to cancer patients in Kerry, West Cork, and West Limerick for treatment in Cork and Limerick hospitals since 2010. From left, Maggie Dennehy, Annmarie Casey, Fidelma McCarthy, Sean Lyons, Chairman Kerry Cancer Support Group, Colin Baker Manager, Muckross Garden Restaurant and Breda Dyland, Manager Kerry Cancer Support Group Health Link Transport Services. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan





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# Killarney Filmmaker Making Waves on International Stage

Killarney native Jay Woodard, a filmmaker, now based in Crosshaven, Cork, is steadily building a reputation as one of Ireland's most distinctive emerging voices in independent cinema.

Working as a writer, director, and producer, Jay Woodard has spent over a decade crafting films across narrative shorts, commercials, and music videos. His work is defined by a strong focus on character-driven storytelling, often grounded in genre but shaped by emotional depth and dark humour.

His early short film *The Stranger* (2013), a western he wrote and directed, achieved national recognition when it was licensed by RTÉ Short Screen and broadcast across Ireland. At a time when Irish westerns were a rarity, the film stood out, and more than ten years later it continues to find new audiences online, having surpassed 141,000 views on YouTube.

Jay's more recent work continues this upward trajectory. His 2024 short *The Last Echo*, a post-apocalyptic thriller filmed on location at the derelict Heatherside Hospital in Cork, drew significant attention online, reaching over 106,000 views and earning coverage in regional media.

His latest project, *The Leftovers*, is currently making its way through the international festival circuit following its world premiere. The film has been selected for the Fastnet Film Festival-one of Ireland's most competitive short film events, with an acceptance rate of just 17 percent-as well as the Underground Cinema Festival.

Set over the course of a single evening in an upscale Cork restaurant, *The Leftovers* tells the story of Clare and Simon, former lovers who unknowingly arrange separate dates at the same venue on the same night. What begins as an awkward coincidence evolves into a quiet and emotionally charged confrontation. Blending

dark comedy with emotional honesty, the film explores lingering connections and the weight of unresolved relationships.

Across his body of work, Jay Woodard has taken a notably hands-on approach, frequently serving not only as writer and director but also as producer, editor, and cinematographer. This self-sufficient style has enabled him to deliver visually ambitious and emotionally resonant films, even with limited resources.

Alongside his creative work, Woodard has spent the past decade working professionally in commercial filmmaking. This experience, he says, has honed his ability to work efficiently and deliver under pressure-skills that translate directly into his independent projects.

His growing audience reflects this momentum. His YouTube channel has accumulated more than 707,000 views and nearly 24,000 subscribers, supported by a wider social media following exceeding 15,000.

Looking ahead, Jay is currently developing his debut feature film, *The Twins O'Brien*. Set on the American frontier in the 1850s, the story follows two Irish brothers-survivors of the Great Famine-who arrive in a corrupt town seeking money, only to discover a deeper and more personal reckoning awaits them.

Described as blending the tone of classic westerns with sharp, dark humour, the project draws heavily on Irish history and identity. The



Jay Woodard on the set of *The Last Echo*.



Jay Woodard on the set of *The Leftovers*

screenplay is currently in active development, with Woodard seeking producer attachment and co-production partners.

With a growing list of festival selections and a clear creative voice, Jay Woodard is a filmmaker whose work continues to gain attention both at home and abroad.

## Women's Health Hub opening heralds a new era for accessible care in Kerry



HSE South West is delighted to confirm that the new Women's Health Hub at John Joe Sheehy Road in Tralee welcomed its first patients this week.

The 9,700 square foot unit is being run by a multi-disciplinary team from University Hospital Kerry. The contemporary Women's Health Hub brings together consultants, specialist nurses and midwives, physiotherapists, infant feeding experts, social work, perinatal mental health and bereavement support professionals under one roof.

Julie O'Neill, Integrated Healthcare Area Manager Kerry, said:

"The Women's Health Hub is an outstanding addition to healthcare services for the people of Kerry. The hub will provide co-ordinated services for women across their life course, in the right place and at the right time, as per the broader vision of Sláintecare."

Women can now access midwifery-led support care, obstetric/midwifery assisted care pathway clinics, ante-natal education, birth choice clinics, infant feeding clinics, a post-natal hub, bereavement supports and women's health physiotherapy all under one roof. Further services coming onstream in the coming weeks include colposcopy (Cervical Check), hysteroscopy, ambulatory gynaecology and nurse-led urogynaecology.

The Women's Health Hub is now accepting referrals from GPs and other medical professionals only.

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# Minister Foley presents Pope Leo with a bowl with Shamrock from Kerry during St Patrick's Day visit to Rome



Minister Foley with Irish Ambassador to the Holy See Francis Collins in Vatican City.

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry TD Norma Foley has said she was honoured to present Pope Leo with a little piece of Kerry during her visit to the Vatican to mark St Patrick's Day.

She was the first Irish government minister to meet with Pope Leo, who was elected last May following the passing of Pope Francis.

Minister Foley presented Pope Leo with a beautifully crafted Naomhóg Dingle Crystal bowl and Ballinskelligs Shamrock at St Peter's Square in the Vatican during her St Patrick's Day visit to Italy last week.

Minister Foley said: "I was honoured to mark St. Patrick's Day by presenting a Dingle Crystal bowl and Ballinskelligs shamrock to His Holiness Pope Leo. The handcrafted Dingle Crystal bowl takes the shape of a Naomhóg inspired by the voyages of St. Brendan, patron saint of Kerry, and the rich



Minister Foley meeting with Pope Leo.

maritime tradition and enduring spirit of the Irish people." Pope Leo thanked Minister Foley for the bowl of Shamrock and mentioned his knowledge of the St Patrick's Day celebrations in his home city of Chicago, where they dye the river green to celebrate St Patrick.

Pope Leo Pope Leo XIV has visited Ireland on a number of occasions while Prior General of the Augustinian Order between 2001 and 2013. He is fluent in English, Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese, and can read Latin and German, and holds advanced degrees in Mathematics, Divinity, and Canon Law.

During her visit, Minister Foley met with the Italian Minister for Disability Alessandra Locatelli where they discussed shared priorities. She also presented Minister Locatelli with a piece of Dingle Crystal. She had a meeting in the Vatican with Archbishop Paul Gallagher, the Holy See's

Foreign Minister, who received a gift of a Dingle Crystal disk.

Minister Foley was especially delighted to visit Campo Santo Teutonico in Vatican City. This was the residence of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty, the Kerry priest who saved thousands of people during World War II while working in the Vatican. She visited the Food and Agricultural Organisation in Rome and meet some of the many Irish staff working at the organisation.

The minister visited the Pontifical Irish College in Rome, where there was a special performance from the Broadford Youth Choir from Limerick. The minister also met with Italian schoolchildren and families to mark St Patrick's Day. She planted Irish trees in a park beside the Romolo Balzani Iqbal Masih primary school in Rome with City Councillor for Environment of Rome Sabrina Alfonsi.

## FOSSA TWO MILE COMHALTAS ENJOY A GREAT RAMBLING HOUSE

Fossa Two Mile Comhaltas, Rambling House 2026 organisers have issued a heartfelt thanks to everyone who came and performed, supported and helped out on Saturday night. Thank you to Mark and his team at the Castlerosse Park Resort for hosting the event and to O'Sullivan Bakery for the lovely brack. Well done also to our Junior Set Dancers and their teachers Conor and Aisling, keep up the good work. We hope everyone enjoyed the night.

On Saturday night our Rambling House celebrated 20 years of Fossa Two Mile Comhaltas, our Chairperson Tim Kissane and our Secretary Eileen Lucey received their Gradam Seirbhíse Awards for their long service and commitment to Comhaltas. Both Eileen and Tim attended the first meeting of our branch held at the Fossa GAA Club on the 12th December 2005. Also in attendance were Jackie Walsh, then Chairperson of Kerry CCÉ - Kerry County Board of Comhaltas. and John Moriarty from Kilcummin CCÉ who helped set up the Fossa Two Mile branch, so it was only fitting that the current Chairperson of Kerry CCÉ, Karen Trench and daughter of Jackie Walsh attended on the night to present the awards. Comhghairdeas libh beirt.



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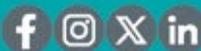
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# TRACY COYNE ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF IRISH HOTELS FEDERATION

Kerry hotelier Tracy Coyne has been elected Vice President of the Irish Hotels Federation (IHF), the national representative body for the hotel and guesthouse sector in Ireland. Ms Coyne is a senior hospitality executive with extensive experience spanning financial services, corporate finance and hotel asset management. She joins IHF President Matt O'Connor and fellow Vice President Fergal O'Connell in representing over 900 hotels and guesthouses, which employ 69,000 people throughout the country.

Ms Coyne has been an active member of the IHF and local Kerry Branch for over 10 years and brings extensive experience to the role of Vice President having served as a member of the IHF National Council and Management Committee. With over two decades of senior leadership experience, she is a founding Director of the Kerry Tourism Industry Federation and has played an active role in regional tourism development and sectoral recovery initiatives. Commenting on her election, she says: "It is a privilege to take on this role and to represent our sector, which makes such an important

contribution to the economy. I look forward to working closely with my IHF colleagues and engaging with our Government and industry partners to support key policy priorities for our sector and wider tourism industry, particularly in relation to cost competitiveness, sustainability and people development."

IHF President Matt O'Connor says: "I want to congratulate Tracy on her election as Vice President. Tracy's commitment to our sector and extensive leadership experience are a tremendous asset to the IHF as we continue to advocate for members at the highest levels of Government. As Ireland's largest indigenous employer, tourism plays a vital role supporting over 270,000 livelihoods. It is therefore critical that we ensure the right conditions are in place to ensure our industry lives up to its full potential as a driver of economic growth and prosperity. This is a key focus for our sector over the coming years, working closely with our industry partners."



Pictured: Tracy Coyne.  
Photo: Don MacMonagle

## 'A Taste of Palestine' Fundraiser raises €4,500

Killarney for Palestine was delighted to invite the community to A Taste of Palestine, a vibrant cultural and culinary fundraiser that took place on Saturday, 21st March, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Noelle's Café on Market Lane, Killarney.

The family-friendly afternoon offered a warm welcome and a rich celebration of Palestinian heritage, featuring an array of beautiful traditional dishes and sweet treats for attendees to sample. Guests enjoyed live cookery demonstrations throughout the day from Bilal Aldarabe (Dura, Palestine), which provided a unique insight into the flavours and techniques of Palestinian cuisine.

The event also included children's crafts and face painting, along with a raffle featuring exciting prizes. All proceeds from the day went directly toward supporting displaced families living in Gaza.



Noelle Crosbie pictured with one of the organisers of the event. Aoife O'Toole



An array of beautiful traditional dishes were on display for all to enjoy

## Cheltenham at the Sem



Overall winners Cian Mulcahy and jockey Thomas Clarke receiving the winners cup and plaque from Declan O'Donoghue and Cora Marie Kelliher after winning the Cheltenham Charity Race at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

Students at St Brendan's College, Killarney recently staged their annual charity fundraiser in aid of the Kerry Hospice, the ever-popular "Cheltenham at the Sem". The unique and entertaining event sees senior pupils take on the role of the "horse", while first-year students act as jockeys in a piggyback-style race around the school field, drawing plenty of excitement and support from spectators.

The overall winners on the day were Cian Mulcahy, carrying jockey Thomas Clarke, who rounded the final corner in style before racing to victory in Monday's final.





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



**TF1 ANSEO, BUT WHERE IS ANSEO and other transport matters**

It's great to see all the public transport buses circling the town and the more the merrier. Well done to Pat Moynihan my old classmate for starting the Red Bus some years back, in effect Killarney's first public transport system to the major tourist spots.

But back to TFI. The pilot project is being hailed as a great success and I have no doubt it is on a level. But there is also the undeniable fact I see with my own eyes many of the buses are empty or near empty at particular times.

Bus stops could work alongside the app which some people find very difficult. Not just older people, might I say. I had a very techie member of the family home at Christmas and she found it difficult.

Perhaps we are ahead of ourselves in this digitalisation. These buses may be commanded by an app but they are costly diesel buses, not electric, too, remember. Have the buses circling by all means but have designated spots to

increase efficiency. We also need stop and ride parks at Fossa, Muckross and the Park Road to fully avail of the service.

There are moves now to extend the range and it would be an excellent idea but leaflets should go out to houses on how to order the buses and please, erect a few bus stops. I raised the matter of the empty runs I and others witness daily with John O'Donoghue councillor who is calling for an extension of the routes.

He acknowledges the difficulty people may have with the app and said it would be a good idea to have one of the buses each morning to do a loop of all the housing estates in town. It could collect whoever wanted a spin in and then bring everyone home at a set time later that day.

The other issue when it comes to transport is the sheer lack of manners on the footpaths in Killarney. Do people have to walk three and four abreast? After school is a nightmare in Killarney being pushed off footpaths and there is still cycling on the paths and e-scooting. And parking on paths. I have raised this before and it seemed to have died down but it's back as bad



as ever. Could our schools address the matter, please. Could our councillors and officials walk our streets and take note too, please.

A hint: the old advice to not walk more than two abreast on the footpath - to allow room for others - might be taught again, if not in the home then surely in the school.

When it comes to manners on paths, and bus stops to improve a public bus service, we don't always have to reinvent the wheel!

**DRIVERS' MISBEHAVIOUR IS NOT JUST ABOUT DRINK AND DRUGS**

There has been a worrying increase in driving under the influence of drugs while driving, the national road safety conference in the Gleneagle heard recently

But while the old chestnuts of drink, drugs and speed were trotted out, the elephants in the room also got an airing: device addiction alongside the spectacular increases in numbers of cars and other vehicles on our roads.

The Safer Roads National Road Safety conference organised by Kerry County Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland heard texting while driving, checking emails and messages and, incredibly, watching tv episodes were factors now on Irish motor routes..

Some 43 per cent of arrests for driving under the influence in 2026 so far were for drugs as against 57 per cent for alcohol, while 5 per cent related to both.

25 arrests per day in 2026, are related to driving under the influence, an increase of 18 per cent on last year. Inspector Gary Carroll of the Garda Roads Division said there was "a massive increase" in drug driving in the Kerry Division.

Roads were rapidly changing with a growing number of vehicles but also an increase in vulnerable users - pedestrians, cyclists, quad bikes, e-scooters.

So far this year there had been 507 incidents involving e-scooters and

62 with quad bikes along with 160 scramblers and motorcycles.

Emerging research about the male brain showed men, especially younger men taking more risk, international research had shown. (Anyone driving on the roads around Killarney these days would be equally worried about the reckless behaviour of younger female drivers at roundabouts and in shopping parks.)

There are 3.2 m vehicles now on the road; in 2009 there had been 2.3 million! But the most interesting item for me was how mobile phone use is up with drivers reading messages and email. "Addiction to devices" needed to be recognised, the conference heard from Brenda Bolger, of Bolger Motoring School in Kilkenny.

People were also screening tv programmes while driving, she herself had noticed on the M50 and other roads.

"It's subconscious behaviour. People don't realise they are doing it. There is addiction to devices," the driving instructor said during a panel discussion.

It was one of the better contributions during a conference and I would have liked to have heard more from Brenda. The programme was too packed in my view.

Maybe something to take note of for next year.

**SPRINGTIME IN KILLARNEY AND THE MAGNOLIAS**



Magnolias in Killarney is Spring for me this time of year and I have a few favourite spots: the Port Road and the magnolia in front of one of the old cottages; the magnificent tree on the Muckross Road that blooms each year just after the dead months of winter and there is a nice one too at the end of the Mangerton Road.

Muckross Gardens is out first for the special varieties - which last only moments.

Not to forget my own lovely magnolias that are always a week later than all the others.

That and the daffodils, the pink flowering currant and the old fashioned orange berberis is what makes springtime in Killarney.

The white cherry tree at the Old Weir Guesthouse is spectacular too this year. The yellow forsythia hedge is great this year - again on the Muckross road.

Isn't it a shame we confine our admiration to the rhododendron in Muckross or the cherries near Killarney House. And that we hold our flower festivals at the hottest parts of the year when the most meaningful flower season for many of us is the colourful blossom after a long dark winter. Time for Killarney Tidy Towns perhaps to start thinking in terms of a Spring flower festival?

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## Step into Spring 2026 Weekend - from Dawn to Dusk

# Dawn Chorus to Nocturnal Rambles

Dr. Killian Kelly, MTU, Wildlife Biology witnesses the woodpeckers drumming with Deirdre O'Donohue, Anita Barber and Killarney National Park Education Staff member Tara Buckley.

Photo: Valerie O'sullivan

Killarney National Park Education Centre invites you to witness another year of rejuvenation and new beginnings in nature's Spring calendar within Killarney National Park.

'Step into Spring' - Céim Isteach san Earrach is this year's Spring Weekend Programme of free events, dedicated to this glorious time of the year. The event is taking place on Friday 10th April - Sunday 13th April, 2026, celebrating a season of growth and colour. Bookings (through Eventbrite) on the Killarney National Park Facebook Page and Instagram @killarneynationalpark

### Highlights include:

illustrated walks of Muckross Abbey and Innisfallen Island with Dr Tracy Collins OPW Archeologist, Dawn Chorus in Knockreer Demesne with Ed Carty & Dr Killian Kelly MTU,

KNP Education Centre staff followed by SWI bird ringing demonstration. Other events include, Woodlands of Killarney National Park with Chris Barron, nocturnal ramble with KNP education centre, Muckross Arboretum with Cormac Foley, reading the landscape Horacio Presto.

### Programme of Events:

#### Friday 10th April

7.30 pm - 8.30 pm : Illustrated Talk: Woodlands of Killarney National Park: Chris Barron

8.45 pm - 10.30 pm : Nocturnal Nature Ramble: KNP Education Team

#### Saturday 11th April

5.45 am - 8.15 am : Dawn Chorus: Guided Walk & bird ringing demonstration led by : Ed Carty, Dr Killian Kelly MTU and SWI Bird Ringers.

11.00 am - 1.00 pm : Guided Walk: History of Muckross Abbey: Dr Tracy Collins OPW

11.30 am - 1.00 pm : Guided Walk: Spring flowers of Muckross Peninsula: Dr Therese Higgins MTU

2.30 pm - 4.00 pm : Guided Walk: Muckross Arboretum: Cormac Foley (Former Park Superintendent)

7.30 pm - 8.30 pm : Illustrated Talk : Ireland's National Seed Bank: Dr Darren Reidy OPW

#### Sunday 12th April

10.00 am - 11.00 am : Illustrated Talk: History of Innisfallen Island & its Monastic Remains: Dr Tracy Collins OPW

1.30 pm - 3.30 pm : Boat Trip & Guided Walk, Innisfallen Island & Monastic Remains: Dr Tracy Collins OPW

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm: Guided Walk: Reading the Landscape of Knockreer Demesne: Horacio Presto NPWS



## LAWPRO Calls for Photos Showcasing Kerry's Natural Waters in National Competition

The Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) invites people from Co. Kerry to enter 'My Favourite Waterbody', a national photography competition celebrating the country's rivers, streams, lakes, and coastal waters.

LAWPRO works on behalf of the 31 local authorities in Ireland to protect and restore water quality across Ireland through catchment science and local community engagement.

The overall winner will receive a €550 voucher to enjoy a luxurious stay in Sheen Falls Lodge, Kenmare, Co. Kerry, along with an A3 framed print of the winning photo. Three runners-up will also receive framed prints of their entries. A selection of the best

photos will also be curated for inclusion in the publication of LAWPRO's 2027 calendar.

The competition opens on 22nd March and is open to anyone from across Ireland.

If you are under 18 years of age, your entry must be submitted by a parent/guardian.

If your photo features anyone aged under 16 years of age, only their parent/guardian may submit the content.

The closing date for entries is 5pm, Friday 22nd May 2026.

Submission details are available at [www.lawwaters.ie/MyFavouriteWaterbody](http://www.lawwaters.ie/MyFavouriteWaterbody)

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# Holy Cross Mercy School Marks Daffodil Day with 'Lá Buí' Celebration

Pupils and staff at Holy Cross Mercy School traded their traditional red and grey uniforms for vibrant yellow as they came together to mark Daffodil Day in support of the Irish Cancer Society.

The school was awash with colour for "Lá Buí" (Yellow Day) on Friday, March 20th, as the entire school community embraced the spirit of the national fundraiser. The initiative brought a sense of fun and unity, while also raising vital funds for cancer support services.

With Lent underway, a special dispensation added to the excitement of the day, allowing pupils to enjoy treats, kindly donated by The Dungeon Bookshop.

All proceeds raised were donated to the Irish Cancer Society, contributing to the organisation's ongoing work in providing care, support and research funding.

School Principal Alice Davern thanked everyone for their participation saying, "We are extremely grateful to all families in the school



community for their generous donations to this wonderful cause," she said. "We are also very thankful to the Irish Cancer Society for the incredible work they do."

The event highlighted the strong sense of compassion and community within the school,

as pupils learned the importance of supporting others while enjoying a memorable day together.

*Photos: Katie O'Connor Photography*

## Rachel Galvo Comes to the Gleneagle Club

Irish rising comedian Rachel Galvo has announced the concluding run of her hit one-woman show *The Shite Feminist*, which comes to Gleneagle Club, Killarney on 10th May 2026 as part of its final Irish tour.

After selling out 25 shows across Ireland, including a sold-out performance at the 30lympia Theatre and a five-night sold-out run at the Ambassador Theatre, Dublin, Rachel is fast emerging as one of Ireland's leading comedians. She has performed to packed audiences at Electric Picnic, completed a sold-out run at the Edinburgh Fringe 2025, and played multiple sold-out dates across the UK, cementing her growing reputation.

*The Shite Feminist* blends raunchy humour with sharp social commentary, exploring Rachel's Irish Catholic upbringing, awkward sexual encounters, and the life choices that shaped her journey. Written during her master's year, it is a celebration of radical self-love and embracing imperfections.

Rachel has built a following of more than 135,000 fans across social media, sharing her takes on everyday life. In 2024, TikTok named her in its Best of Irish Year on TikTok list, recognising her move from a corporate job in London to full-time comedy. Tickets from €28.00 went on sale on 26th March from [www.gleneaglearena.ie](http://www.gleneaglearena.ie)



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# Liebherr Container Cranes Ltd.

## engages bright young minds during Engineers Week 2026



Students outside the entrance to Liebherr

Liebherr Container Cranes Ltd. hosted Engineers Ireland STEPS Engineers Week in early March, welcoming post-primary students to its Killarney facility as part of the national initiative aimed at promoting engineering as a career choice. Led by the not-for-profit STEPS programme, Engineers Week encourages young people to explore the role of engineering in shaping modern society.

Marking its tenth year of participation, Liebherr welcomed 332 Leaving Certificate students from 16 schools across Cork and Kerry. Throughout the week, students were introduced to a wide range of engineering disciplines and career pathways, gaining insight into the skills, technologies and innovation behind the design and manufacture of container cranes.

The visit began with a presentation outlining the diverse engineering roles within Liebherr and the contribution engineers make across the organisation. Students learned about the design and development of industry-leading container cranes before taking part in a guided tour of the manufacturing facility. During the tour, students observed the fabrication of crane components and the manufacturing process from concept through to delivery. Demonstrations included automatic welding systems, plasma cutting machines, robotic shot blasting, robotic drilling and boring, and the facility's state-of-the-art paint kitchen.

At the Interactive Zone, students took part in a range of hands-on engineering demonstrations and technical presentations. These included CNC programming and Creo demonstrations,

highlighting key skills used in modern design and manufacturing. The Apprenticeship Table provided information on apprenticeship pathways, while an electronic engineering and computer network demonstration offered insight into practical engineering systems and their operation.

Students also experienced Liebherr's crane simulator, designed for Remote Operator Station (ROS)– controlled ship-to-shore container cranes. Built using original Liebherr controls, hardware and PLCs, the simulator replicates real crane operation. Together with a HoloLens 3D crane demonstration, it demonstrated how advanced digital technologies are being applied in the development and operation of next-generation container cranes.

The tour continued with a visit to Liebherr's research and development facility, where students were introduced to the latest developments in rubber-tired gantry crane technology. Demonstrations showcased automation, remote control and innovative power solutions, with students observing cranes operating autonomously, by remote control and in manual mode.

Students also learned how multidisciplinary engineering teams contribute to crane development. Automation and software engineers develop control systems and digital solutions, while mechanical and structural engineers design the physical crane and its systems to ensure safety, reliability and efficiency. Computer-controlled manufacturing, combined with skilled trades, plays a key role in delivering Liebherr container cranes to customers worldwide.

## 'Spinning to the Top'

# Seamus Captures First Place



Congratulations to Seamus Long for spinning his way into first place in the Unrestricted category of the Killarney Camera Club competition, themed Long Exposure. Last week, we showed the winning photo in the Novice category, this week, things have clearly escalated (and started spinning out of control).

In this long exposure photograph, a colourful spinning top glides across a tabletop, creating modern art in the process. Using a slow shutter speed, the camera keeps its shutter open just long enough to capture every twist and turn, turning simple motion into flowing ribbons of light. The result? A top that refuses to sit still long enough for a proper portrait, instead leaving behind vibrant trails of red, blue, yellow, and green like it's late for an important meeting.

The top itself appears suspended in thin air, while its colourful wake does all the showing off.

All in all, it's a playful, kinetic image that proves even a humble spinning top can have its moment of artistic glory.

### Results

1st Seamus Long - Spinning Top

2nd Maryann Heidtke - Starry Starry Night

3rd Nikki Foley - Light Rain

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# Kerry County Council visits Tourism Ireland in New York

Representatives of Kerry County Council, who are in New York this week for the St Patrick's Day period, met with senior executives from Tourism Ireland on Wednesday (18 March). They were briefed on Tourism Ireland's promotional programme in the United States for 2026, which is in full swing right now.

St Patrick's Day offers a unique opportunity for tourism to Ireland – with this time of year both attracting visitors to Ireland and being important for teeing up bookings for the season ahead through the heightened profile created. Tourism Ireland in the United States undertook a major programme of media, travel trade and consumer promotions to capitalise on Ireland's heightened profile around St Patrick's Day.

Iconic locations around the world lit up green around St Patrick's Day, including the Empire State Building in New York, and Tourism Ireland shared this moment of connection across its social and publicity channels.

Paul McDonagh, Tourism Ireland; Bridget Fitzgerald, Director of Services of Kerry County Council; Councillor Michael Foley, Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council; Kerin Bartels and Brittany Gallagher, both Tourism Ireland; and Angela McAllen, Director of Finance of Kerry County Council, in the Tourism Ireland office in New York.



## Ireland's Biggest Tourism Showcase Kicks Off as Hundreds of Global Buyers Arrive for Meitheal

**M**eitheal, the largest and most important trade event for the Irish tourism industry, took place this week at the Gleneagle Arena in Killarney, Co. Kerry. Meitheal is Fáilte Ireland's annual flagship trade event, organised in partnership with Tourism Ireland, which provides Irish tourism businesses with the opportunity to sell directly to top international buyers and tour operators.

Significant business deals are expected to be signed over the next two days with over 11,000 sales meetings scheduled to take place between 402 Irish tourism providers and 267 international buyers and tour operators from 17 countries. The countries represented are Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, Great Britain, and the USA.

The best of what is on offer across Ireland's Hidden Heartlands, Ireland's Ancient East, the Wild Atlantic Way, and Dublin will be showcased with the aim of being scheduled on the future itineraries of global tour operators. This year almost 40 new tourism experiences are showcasing their product at the event for the first time including cultural attractions, heritage sites, craft and design studios, outdoor and water-based activities, hands-on culinary experiences and unique guided tours. Menus at Meitheal have been specially curated to highlight the exceptional quality and diversity of Irish food produce and suppliers across each of Fáilte Ireland's regional tourism brands.

Meitheal 2026 is a sustainability-focused event where buyers and industry will be engaged in the shared mission of reducing the carbon

footprint of the event. Every detail, from travel arrangements to food sourcing, is designed to minimise the environmental impact, creating a meaningful and measurable reduction in carbon emissions.



*Pictured at Meitheal 2026 in the Gleneagle Arena on Wednesday were buyers and tourism industry representatives interacting during the morning session.*

*Photo: Don MacMonagle  
Issued on behalf of Fáilte Ireland*

## MILLTOWN/LISTRY HOSPICE COMMITTEE GOOD FRIDAY WALK

Milltown/Listry Hospice Committee will be holding their annual Hospice Walk on Good Friday 3rd April

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# PLANNING BEGINS FOR CULTURE NIGHT KERRY 2026

Culture Night 2026 will take place on Friday 18th September, all Culture Night events are free of charge and provide a wonderful opportunity for people to enjoy the multitude of arts and creativity across Kerry. The Arts Office at Kerry County Council is delighted to announce the Open Call for grants towards events as part of the Culture Night Kerry 2026 programme. Proposals are sought for events across Kerry.

Nationally, Culture Night is an important occasion that rightly celebrates the wealth of richness and diversity of culture in Ireland today. The night provides opportunities to connects people to cultural activities locally and nationally. Culture Night is supported by the Arts Council of Ireland and delivered in partnership with Local Authority Arts Offices and other cultural services, and many other

organisations and individuals. Culture Night truly is 'One Night for All'. It invites everyone, everywhere, on one night to discover and celebrate our culture today.

'Kerry County Council Arts Office works with many artists, arts festivals, arts venues and event organisers in communities across our county to bring us, the audiences, a strong national Culture Night programme', stated Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Michael Foley, 'The Elected Members and communities throughout Kerry, are looking forward to another vibrant programme of events for Culture Night Kerry 2026 on September 18th'.

Over the years, Kerry's Culture Night success is created with input and work by a wide range of people and institutions. The Arts Service of Kerry County Council welcomes working with

the creative sector in Kerry, many of whom will hopefully consider making an application for Culture Night 2026; the public, artists, performing groups, galleries, museums, libraries, arts centres, craft workers, studios and workshops, theatres, public spaces, broadcasters, schools, community groups, government departments, state agencies and public bodies, transport companies, universities, shops and many more. Arts Officer, Kate Kennelly, advises 'The success of Culture Night lies in the high quality of artistic content in Kerry and the commitment of communities and the arts sector to sharing their creativity with us, the audience on this special night'.

Culture Night Kerry is funded by Kerry County Council and the Arts Council and supported by Creative Ireland Kerry and the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport. The Arts Office is asking for anyone interested in organising an event for Culture Night Kerry, all submissions and queries arts@kerrycoco.ie or visit the website arts.kerrycoco.ie/culture-night/ to submit a proposal online.

Deadline for submissions is 5pm Friday 15th May 2026.

Culture Night is a collaborative experience with an emphasis on opening doors, welcoming people into new spaces and the discovery of different experiences. The Arts Council's #PayTheArtist policy is being highlighted in terms of participation to ensure that artists who are invited to perform and participate are paid. If making an application, ensure all creatives and performers are supported. Further information about Culture Night is available at [www.culturenight.ie](http://www.culturenight.ie)



Culture Night 2025 in Killarney

## Killarney Strengthens Ties with SCOTTSDALE

Killarney is continuing to strengthen its long-standing relationship with its American sister city, Scottsdale, highlighting shared heritage and growing tourism links.

The connection with Killarney dates back decades and is rooted in a shared appreciation of Irish culture, history, and landscape. The partnership has helped promote both locations as vibrant destinations, attracting visitors interested in heritage, music, and outdoor experiences. The relationship was recently highlighted in the Scottsdale Progress newspaper, which serves the Scottsdale area—now home to a growing population of more than 248,000 residents. The feature underlines the continued relevance of the transatlantic connection and the shared pride both communities take in it.

Sean Counihan and Sheila Dickson, from the Killarney Town Twinning Association say this recognition reflects the strong and ongoing work of the Town Twinning Association, whose efforts have helped foster meaningful cultural, tourism, and community links between the two towns. The partnership is widely seen as a model of international cooperation at a local level.



The article highlighted the fact that Killarney is widely known for its scenic beauty and historic landmarks such as Killarney National Park and Ross Castle and continues to draw tourists from around the world, while Scottsdale offers a complementary appeal, with its own cultural attractions and strong Irish connections. Together, the two towns continue to build a friendship that not only celebrates shared heritage but also supports tourism and economic opportunities on both sides of the Atlantic.



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Celebrations will begin next weekend, March 28th and 29th, with Palm Sunday, marking the start of Holy Week. Palms will be blessed at all Masses, and while some will be available, attendees are encouraged to bring their own.

A series of ceremonies will then take place throughout the week:

The Chrism Mass will be held on Tuesday, March 31st at 7pm, bringing together clergy and parishioners for a special celebration. Refreshments will follow in St Brendan's College refectory, with all welcome to attend.

On Holy Thursday, Morning Prayer will take place at 10.30am, followed by the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm. A Holy Hour of reflection is scheduled from 10pm to 11pm.

Good Friday will include Morning Prayer at 10.30am, the Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3pm, and Stations of the Cross at 9pm. Confessions will also be available from 4pm to 6pm, 8pm to 9pm, and after the Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday will begin with Morning Prayer at 10.30am, with the Easter Vigil taking place at 8pm. Confessions will be available from 12 noon to 2pm. Easter Sunday Masses will be celebrated at 8am, 10.30am, and 12 noon.

# Cathedral Announces Holy Week Ceremonies and Palm Sunday Arrangements



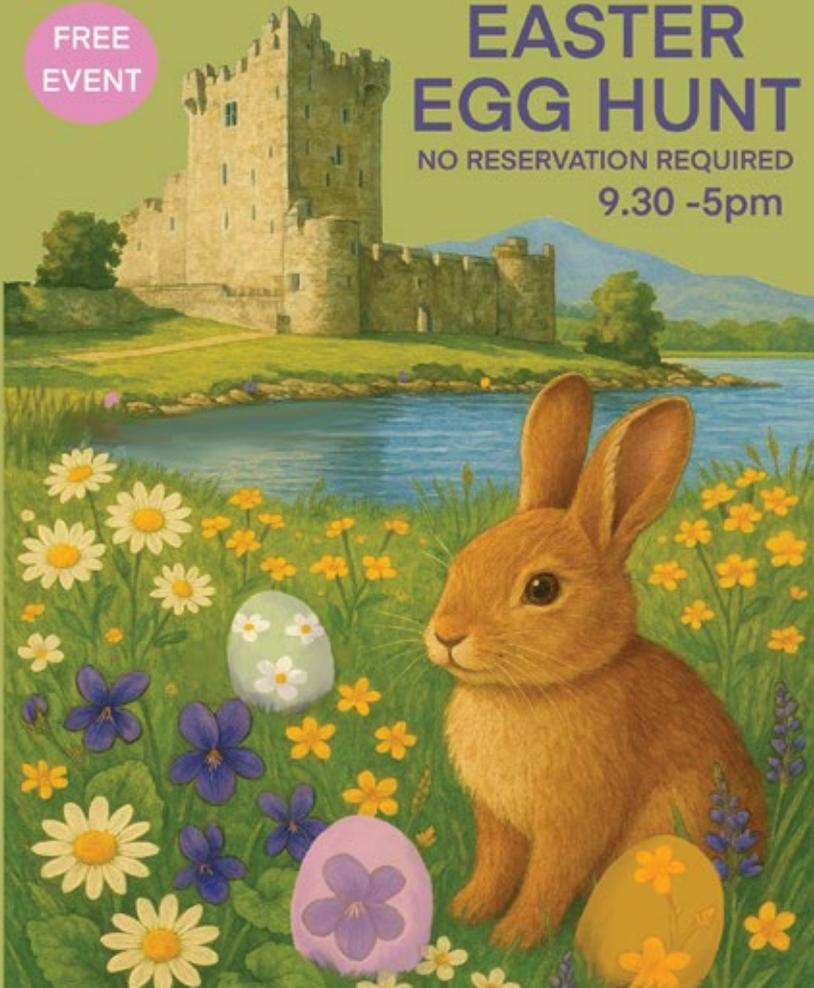
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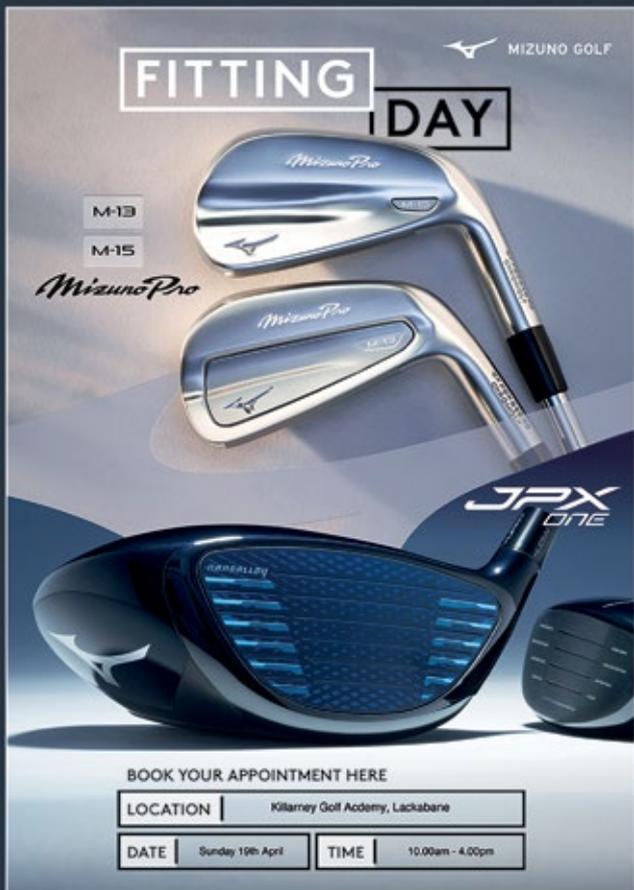
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# Students Hit the Mark for Kerry Hospice

Students from Mr Fleming's 6th Year LCVP class at Killarney Community College recently demonstrated their organisational skills and community spirit by hosting a whole-school darts tournament in aid of the Kerry Hospice Foundation.

The event, organised as part of their LCVP action plan, saw strong participation from across the school and created a lively and enjoyable atmosphere for all involved. Through their efforts, the class raised an impressive total of €260.50 for the worthy cause.

Last Friday, a cheque representing the proceeds was formally presented to Pat Doolan of the Kerry Hospice Foundation, who expressed gratitude for the students' hard work and generosity.



## Call for Cyclists to **PEDDLE FOR PALLIATIVE**



Kerry Hospice launch their Ring of Kerry Cycle fundraiser at the unit on Monday evening. L to r: Andrea O'Donoghue, Robaird Pierce, Jack Shanahan, Maura Sullivan, Jenny Tarrant, Eileen Sheehy and Dr Patricia Sheehan.

Kerry Hospice Foundation has been selected as Tier 1 charity partners for the 2026 Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle which takes place on July 4th.

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## Minister Foley welcomes additional Home School Liaison support for seven Kerry schools

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry TD Norma Foley has welcomed confirmation of additional Home School Liaison support for seven Kerry schools. The Home School Liaison scheme seeks to promote partnership between parents, teachers and community family support services, with a view to supporting improved attendance, participation and retention. Minister Foley said: "I welcome confirmation of additional Home School Liaison support for seven Kerry schools. It is vital that every student is supported to reach their full potential." Killarney Schools included are Holy Cross Mercy and The Mon.



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Anne O'Keeffe presents the Sean O'Keeffe Memorial Perpetual award for Best Overall Entry to Davide Mosca, representing Landzette. Also seated are Cllr Martin Grady, Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council and St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford. Standing from left are Madeleine Doyle, Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer), Stella Maloney, Brian Looney, Paul Sherry, Jamie Power (GSH), Fionn O'Leary, grand marshal, Claire Frawley (Killarney Chamber), Mary Hartnett Cussen and Louise Daly



St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford presents the best dressed window display award to Johnny McGuire, Bricin restaurant and craft shop, with Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer), left, and Cllr Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), at the St. Patrick's Festival Killarney parade prizegiving function in The Great Southern Hotel on Thursday night.

# Killarney's top prize goes to the Italian/Swiss border

There was an impressive international dimension to this year's St Patrick's Day parade in Killarney with a number of overseas groups participating and one of them bringing home the prestigious prize for the best overall entry. The adjudicators chose Landzette as the top prizewinner and praised the group for bringing their passion and enthusiasm for the big occasion all the way from the Italian/Swiss border to the streets of Killarney. A group of people that is wearing a typical and traditional costume of Aosta Valley that is called Landzette and their eye-catching outfits,

made entirely by hand, are true works of art with bright fabrics, beads, sequins, mirrors and bells symbolically recalling the uniforms of Napoleonic soldiers. The parade theme this year – the concluding part of a three-year theme project – was Echoes of Killarney: Future and the prize for the best interpretation of the theme went to Dr Crokes GAA Club. Their town rivals, Killarney Legion, scooped the award for the best activity group and the most imaginative entry went to the Killarney Classic and Vintage Club who brought Scoby Doo to

life through their magical mystery machine. Two special prizes this year went to Bricin restaurant and craft shop on High Street which won the best dressed window display while Ballydowney House, bathed in a fabulous shade of green for the national patron's day, won the best green themed building competition. The judges were father-and-son influencer Derry and Tadhg Fleming and make-up artist of the year Annete O'Brien and the prizes were presented to the various winners at a reception at the Killarney Great Southern on Thursday night. *Photos: Eamonn Keogh*

## Other prizewinners were:

- Best Sporting Entry: Workmen's Rowing Club
- Best Marching Group/Cultural Arts Group: African Community in Kerry
- Best Youth Group Entry: Enchanted Ireland Tours
- Best Sports Club: Killarney Camogie Club
- Best Musical Entry: Alina Maslak's Ukrainian Dance
- Best Children's Group: Kerry Stars
- Best New Group: Thump!
- Best Voluntary Group: Killarney Triathlon Club
- Best School Entry: Fossa Community Preschool
- Most Entertaining Entry: Irwin School of Irish Dance
- Most Original Entry: Legacy Elite Cheerleading
- Most Stylish Entry: Scorchers Cheerleading



Killarney Classic and Vintage Club, winners of the most imaginative entry, with St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford, Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer), Cllr Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council) and Fionn O'Leary, grand marshal.



Fossa Community Preschool, winners of Best School Entry, represented by Iryna Synelnykova, Valerie Ahern, Lisa Engel and Snizhana Dzhandra with Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer), St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford, Cllr Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), and Fionn O'Leary, grand marshal.



St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford, Teresa Irwin with The Peter Irwin Memorial Perpetual Award for Best Marching Group/Cultural Arts (won by The African Community in Kerry) Cllr Martin Grady, Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council, Michelle Rosney MC and Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer).

# St. Patrick's Festival Celebrates The Best



Killarney Legion GAA Club, Best Activity Group award. Included are John Keane (Chairman), Brita Hegarty, Brian Looney, St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford, Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer), Cllr Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council, Fionn O'Leary, grand marshal, Jamie Power (GSH), Louise Daly and Claire Frawley (Killarney Chamber).



Killarney Triathlon Club, winners of Best Voluntary Group award, with Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer), St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford, Cllr Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council, and Fionn O'Leary, grand marshal.



Thump!, winners of Best New Group award, with Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer), St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford, Cllr Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council, and Fionn O'Leary, grand marshal.



Alina Maslak's Ukrainian Dance, winners of Best Musical Entry award with Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer), St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford, Cllr Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council, and Fionn O'Leary, grand marshal.



Kerry Stars, Best Children's Group award winner, with Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer), Claire Frawley (Killarney Chamber), St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford, Cllr Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council, and Fionn O'Leary, grand marshal.



Workmen's Rowing Club, Best Sporting Entry award winner, with Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer), Jamie Power (GSH), Cllr Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council, St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford, and Fionn O'Leary, grand marshal.



Legacy Elite Cheerleading, winner of Most Original Entry, with St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford, Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer), Cllr Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council, Fionn O'Leary, grand marshal, Jamie Power (GSH), Stella Maloney and Mary Hartnett Cussen at the St. Patrick's Festival Killarney parade prizegiving function in The Great Southern Hotel on Thursday night.

*Pictures: Eamonn Keogh*

# St. Patrick's Festival Celebrates The Best



Dr Crokes GAA Club, winners of best interpretation of the theme (future) award winners. Cllr Martin Grady, Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council, presents the award to Fiona O'Donnell (Dr Crokes Juvenile Secretary) while St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford and Paddy Courtney display the Michael Courtney Memorial Perpetual award. Also included are Ciaran and Charlene Brosnan, Johnny McGuire (Killarney Chamber President), Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer), Jamie Power (GSH), David Byrne (Dr Crokes Juvenile Chairman), Norma O'Regan (Killarney Chamber) Mary Hartnett Cussen and Fionn O'Leary, grand marshal, at the St. Patrick's Festival Killarney parade prizegiving function in The Great Southern Hotel on Thursday night.



St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford presents the best green themed building award to Ian Cronin, representing Ballydowney House, with Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer), left, and Cllr Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), at the St. Patrick's Festival Killarney parade prizegiving function in The Great Southern Hotel on Thursday night.



Davide Mosca, representing Landzette, winners of Best Overall Entry award, with Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer), St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford, Cllr Martin Grady, Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council, Brian Looney and Paul Sherry.



Rev Simon Lumby, who is retiring as Rector of St. Marys Church of Ireland pictured with Cllr Martin Grady, Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council, St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford and Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer). Standing from left are John Joe Clifford, Stella Maloney, Madeleine Doyle, Jamie Power (GSH), Mary Hartnett Cussen Claire Frawley (Killarney Chamber) Louise Daly and Johnny McGuire (Killarney Chamber President).



St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford, Cathal Walshe, Cllr Martin Grady, Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council, Michelle Rosney MC and Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer).



Killarney Camogie Club, Best Sports Club award winner, with Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Officer), St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford, Cllr Martin Grady (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), and Fionn O'Leary, grand marshal.



Johnny McGuire (Killarney Chamber President) making a presentation to outgoing St. Patrick's Festival Killarney Chairman Jason Clifford with Cllr Martin Grady, Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council and Jamie Power (GSH). Standing from left are John Joe Clifford, Stella Maloney, Madeleine Doyle, Mary Hartnett Cussen, Claire Frawley (Killarney Chamber) Louise Daly and Matthew Farrell (Killarney Municipal District Office).

Teresa Irwin pictured with Suin Cotter.



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# Killarney Animator celebrates major success at Animation Dingle Festival 2026

A talented young woman from Killarney is making waves in the world of animation, following an extraordinary success at this year's Animation Dingle Festival.

Muireann Mulvihill, originally from Killarney, was one of two animators behind the short film Anam, which emerged as the standout winner at the prestigious festival. The film, created alongside collaborator Ailbhe Fearon at IADT (Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology), was one of the standout entries among 108 short animated films from 18 countries, showcased at this year's sold-out festival.

Anam achieved an incredible seven award wins on the night,

having been nominated in nine categories, marking it as one of the most successful films in the festival's history.

- Best Irish Student (sponsored by RTÉ Kids)
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- Best 2D Animation (sponsored by Cartoon Saloon)
- Best Original Score (sponsored by SCGI)
- Best Sound Design (sponsored by Turnip + Duck)
- Best Irish Language Award (sponsored by TG4)

Muireann's success adds to a growing list of creative achievements associated with Killarney, a town increasingly recognised for nurturing exceptional talent.

There is also a strong sense of local pride in Killarney, which continues to produce exceptional artistic talent. Muireann follows in the footsteps of fellow Killarney native Jessie Buckley, who recently achieved global acclaim with her Academy Award win for Best Actress. Together, their successes highlight the remarkable creative spirit emerging from the town.

For Muireann, who has always been quietly dedicated to her craft, the recognition marks a significant

personal milestone. The success of Anam at Animation Dingle - widely regarded as one of Europe's leading animation festivals - has provided a powerful boost of confidence and validation for her work as an emerging animator.

Animation Dingle is also a qualifying festival for the Student Academy Awards®, offering winners and nominees the opportunity to progress to international recognition.

For Muireann and Ailbhe, the future now looks brighter than ever. This remarkable achievement may only be the beginning and an exciting step forward in what promises to be a bright future in animation.



Muireann Mulvihill (right) and Ailbhe Fearon pictured with six of their seven awards at Animation Dingle.



Muireann and Ailbhe pictured with Muireann's parents Catherine and Eamon at Animation Dingle.

## Swap Shop

On the 5th of March the TY Global class in St Brigid's Presentation held a swap shop in the school gym. It was a great success, and this is due to the fact that so many students from across the years supported the event by donating clothes they could trade with one another.

The class began the project by creating a power-point lesson for the whole school to help educate and raise awareness amongst their peers on Fast Fashion, the harmful effect it has on our environment as well as inform students on the sustainable solutions that can become habits.

The student's positivity and enthusiasm attending the swap shop gave the TY global citizens such a lift/boost. The event was also a huge success because so many people took part. There was a great atmosphere, and people enjoyed finding new items while giving away things they no longer had used. Many items were successfully swapped, which meant less waste and more people leaving happy with something new to them. Any remaining clothes were donated to a local charity group.

The TY students were delighted to achieve their aim of creating a practical solution which helped tackle fast fashion and give clothes a second home instead of being thrown away. The swap shop helped promote sustainability by encouraging people to reuse items rather than buy new ones. This is good for the environment because it reduces waste



and keeps usable items out of landfills.

Overall, the Swap Shop was a fun, successful event that brought the school together while also helping the environment. It showed that by sharing, reusing, and reducing waste, we can all take simple steps toward a more sustainable future.



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# Fleming Family Inspire Students During Wellbeing Week

Students were treated to a memorable and uplifting visit during Wellbeing Week when content creator Tadhg Fleming and his father Derry Fleming spoke about resilience, creativity, and the importance of following your own path. The event carried an added local connection, as Tadhg is a first cousin of Deputy Principal Paudie Fleming, and Derry is his uncle.

Tadhg, now one of Ireland's bestknown online personalities, spoke candidly to students about the challenges of navigating social media. He discussed the reality of online bullying, how he has learned to deal with negativity, and the importance of staying grounded and true to yourself in a digital world that can often feel overwhelming.

He also shared his personal journey through school and beyond. Despite his obvious creative talent, Tadhg admitted that he struggled during his Leaving Cert year. His passion for making videos didn't fit neatly into the exam-focused structure of school, and he chose to study Economics instead of Art (a subject he loved) as he believed it would be more suitable for college.

Derry, who worked for many years in the local credit union, encouraged his son to pursue thirdlevel education-an opportunity he himself never had. Tadhg did go to college, but ultimately realised it wasn't the right path for him. Whilst working full time he continued to work on his video creation skills.

That creative spark has since grown into a hugely successful career. Today, Tadhg works fulltime as a content creator, producing



*Paudie Fleming (Deputy Principal), Derry Fleming and Tadhg Fleming*

humorous and heartwarming videos with his family that have captured the attention of audiences across Ireland and beyond. He told students that although people see his success as happening overnight it was something he has worked toward for years and reiterated the importance of students doing what they love. Derry, now retired, couldn't be prouder of his son's achievements. He is equally delighted with his own new chapter, enjoying life and his antique interests in his shop Derry's Purties

in Castleisland. Derry spoke of his passion for antiques and the joy it brings him when he is in his shop meeting customers and sharing a laugh.

Deputy Principal Paudie Fleming stated, 'Their visit left students inspired, reminding them that wellbeing isn't just about managing stress-it's also about recognising your strengths, trusting your instincts, and having the courage to follow your passion.'

## Motion Passed to Prioritise First-Time Buyers for Vacant Homes in Kerry

A motion brought forward by Cllr. Martin Grady has been passed by Kerry County Council, paving the way for first-time buyers to be prioritised in the sale of certain vacant council-owned homes.

The decision follows a recent assessment which identified 33 housing units as surplus to requirements across the county.

These include one property in Tralee, four in the Castleisland-Dingle area, four in Killarney, 12 in Kenmare, and 12 in Listowel.

Under the terms of the motion, elected members-who hold responsibility for the disposal of such properties as a reserved function-have agreed that first-time buyers will be given priority when these homes are brought to market.

Backing the motion, Mayor of Killarney, Cllr. Martin Grady, said the move could provide a crucial opportunity for those struggling to get on the property ladder.

"Prioritising first-time buyers in the disposal of vacant domestic properties will provide opportunity for those currently priced out of the market," he said. "With the lack of affordable homes and the challenges



many face with planning restrictions, many individuals and young families are left with few viable options."

Cllr. Grady also highlighted that many of the identified properties may qualify for the Vacant Property Grant, making them more accessible to buyers willing to invest in refurbishment.

"This is a reserved function. We as councillors have a direct role in ensuring these homes are used to best support local needs," he added. "It will help prevent developers from purchasing these homes-first-time buyers need every chance they can get."

He further noted that the initiative could help revitalise communities while making better use of existing housing stock.

"With this approach, we can bring vacant homes back into use, support people to remain in their communities, and provide options for those above the threshold for social housing, including young families starting out who cannot currently secure a mortgage," he said.

The move is expected to form part of broader efforts to address housing shortages and improve affordability across the county.

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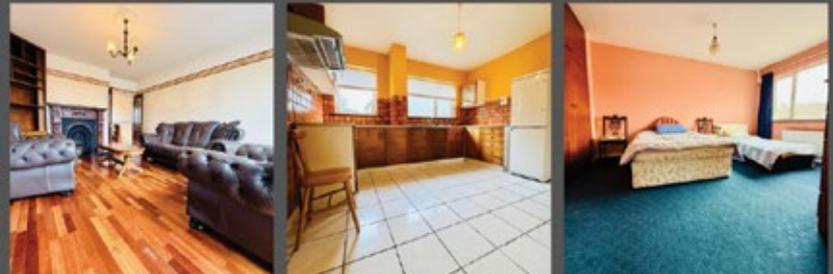
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**EARLY SEASON SILVERWEAR FOR SPA MINOR BOYS**

Spa were crowned champions of the Keanes of Killorglin Minor Boys Championship Division E Shield Final after a hard-fought 1-16 to 1-13 victory over Moyvane. Despite conceding an early goal, Spa settled well with a goal of their own, and the sides were level at 1-06 apiece at half-time. Spa took control in the second half, delivering a strong all-round team performance, with disciplined defending, effective link-up play, and solid work rate across the pitch. Moyvane rallied late on, but Spa showed great composure to see out the win. Lucas Neher was named Man of the Match, while captain Daithi Stack had the honour of lifting the Shield. It was an excellent team performance, particularly given the absence of a number of regular starters.

**LADIES OFF TO A FLYER WITH BIG WIN OVER FINUGE/ST SENANS**

Spa Ladies made a dream start to their Donal Curtin County League Division 2 campaign with an emphatic 6-16 to 2-2 victory over Finuge/St. Senans on home soil. In challenging conditions, Spa delivered an excellent all-round team performance, with Liadh Tobin and Saoirse Kelly particularly influential in attack. The game also saw senior debuts for Lily O'Shea, Alanna Collins and Ava Brosnan, a proud moment for the trio, with Brosnan making an immediate impact on the scoreboard coming on from the bench. Next up for Spa is another home match against Annascaul/Castlegoryn on 5th April.

**SPA SCÓR RINCE FOIRNE TEAM DO CLUB PROUD AT MUNSTER FINALS**

Spa's Senior Rince Foirne team represented the club with great pride at the Munster Scór Finals in Newport last Sunday. Having been crowned Kerry champions last month, the team delivered a strong and spirited performance on the provincial stage. While they did not come away with the title on this occasion, their effort, commitment and teamwork were a credit to themselves and the club.

**SPA SHINE BRIGHT IN KILLARNEY ST. PATRICK'S PARADE**

Spa GAA made a memorable impression at this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade, proudly embracing the theme "Echoes of Killarney's Future." The club's float, designed as a mobile football field, highlighted Spa's status as one of Kerry's senior clubs, while also serving as a stage for the talented Scór dancers and young musicians who performed along the parade route to great acclaim. Under the banner "SPA: Solar Powered All Stars," the display celebrated both the club's recent solar installation and its thriving academy, with children contributing homemade solar-themed arts and crafts. A sea of blue and yellow flags, high fives from Spark the Mascot, and the dedication of the organising committee made the showcase a standout, reflecting the strong community spirit and pride that runs through Spa.

**FIXTURES**

Senior Men - McCarthy Insurance Group County League Division 1 – Spa v Glenflesk

Junior Men – McCarthy Insurance Group County League Division 7B – Spa v Clonmacon

Keep an eye on our socials and website via [www.spagaa.com/fixtures](http://www.spagaa.com/fixtures) for full details on the matches.



Spa's Senior Rince Foirne team who competed at the Munster Scór Finals



Spa Boys Minor Team Crowned Champions of the Minor Boys Championship Division E Shield

**CLUB LOTTO**

Spa Lotto 23/3/2026 Results. Numbers drawn 4, 12, 15, 25. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Louis O'Donoghue, Margaret Gleeson O'Donoghue, Ann Marie Hickey, Ian McMonagle. Next week's draw will be on Monday 30 March for a jackpot of €4,200. Play online via [www.spagaa.com/draws](http://www.spagaa.com/draws)

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

Reminder that 2026 membership subscriptions are now due and must be renewed by the end of March. To renew your membership, visit our website [www.spagaa.com/membership\\_products](http://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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There will also be a special section in the meeting on planning to create an Advanced Healthcare Directive (AHD). This is a meeting not to be missed as most people will get involved with this task, either directly or indirectly at some stage in life. To plan and put in place an AHD could turn out to be the most important thing you ever will do! People of all ages should get one done.

**There will be a Question and Answer session as well at the end of the meeting, followed by refreshments & chat available after the meeting.**

You can download comprehensive notes on making an AHD plus the form to fill out from [www.decisionsupportservice.ie](http://www.decisionsupportservice.ie), and advice on this subject is also available at [www.hospicefoundation.ie](http://www.hospicefoundation.ie) and [www.safeguardingireland.org](http://www.safeguardingireland.org).



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**COME & JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING!**

**KILCUMMIN PARISH**

Written by: Helen Moynihan

**SLIABH LUACHRA**

Sliabh Luachra workshop takes place in Kilcummin Recreational Hall on Saturday, 28th March. Workshop @ 3pm, all instruments and all levels welcome, with Paudie O'Connor & Aoife Ní Chaoimh. Free of Charge. Tutors Recital at 4.20pm; Sliabh Luachra session at 4.45pm, all welcome.

**KILCUMMIN RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Kilcummin Rural Development will be holding their A.G.M. on Tuesday 7th April @ 8pm in the Rural Development Office. New members welcome.

**LOTTO**

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 23rd March for the Jackpot of €7,250. Numbers drawn were 02,07,10,12. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Brenda Murphy, Muireann Sheehy, Daniel & Colm Casey, Irene O'Donoghue. Our next draw will be on Monday 06th April for Jackpot of €7,500. Thank you for your continued support.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH**

Huge thanks to everyone who participated in the St. Patrick's Day Mass and the mass on Monday evening, especially our talented young musicians, singers and dancers, their energy and spirit lifted the celebration and as always we are most grateful for their contribution. Mile Buíochas.

**HOSPICE WALK**

The 21st Kilcummin Hospice walk takes place Good Friday, April 3rd. Starting from the Recreation Hall at 10.00 there is a choice of two routes, 4km or 8km. Donations will be accepted on the day and all money raised will be donated to Kerry Hospice Foundation. Refreshments provided and free Easter Egg draw in the hall after the walk. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**RATHMORE | GNEEVGUILLA PARISH**

By Michael O' Mahony

**SHARE THE BUCKET – WEEKLY DRAW**

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that "Share the Bucket" takes place weekly. The draw is held every Friday evening at 8pm in Teach Fáilte and can be viewed live on the Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook page. This week's jackpot was €202 and the winner was Frank Junior O'Leary. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. Available at Teach Fáilte, online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om>, and in local businesses displaying the green "Share the Bucket" sign. All funds go toward the proposed new community facility. Thank you to all businesses and supporters.

**GNEEVGUILLA ATHLETES**

A great day was had at the 123.ie National Masters Indoor Championships at the TUS International Arena, Athlone. Nine athletes (5 men, 4 women) won 14 medals and set 2 national records: Paddy O'Donoghue – 2 Gold (Shot & WFD, Record) Niall O'Donoghue – 2 Bronze (Shot & WFD) Fred O'Sullivan – Silver (WFD) Freddie Whoriskey – Bronze (Shot) Sean Murphy – PB (Shot) Julie Dwyer – 2 Gold (Shot & WFD) Sheila O'Donoghue – Gold (WFD, National Record), 2 Silver (Long Jump & Shot) Michelle Knee – Gold (1500m), Silver (Long Jump) Oonagh Quinn – Silver (WFD) Total: 6 Gold, 5 Silver, 3 Bronze

**LOTTO UPDATE**

No winner last week. Jackpot for Friday, March 27th: €10,600 + bonus €1,000 draw. From now until Good Friday, all tickets entered weekly into a draw for two Easter hampers.

**YOGA CLASSES**

Traditional Indian Yoga classes have resumed in Teach Íosagáin on Fridays from 6:45pm to 7:45pm. Advance booking required. Pay-as-you-go available. Contact Simon: 087 3379121.

**RATHMORE GAA CLUB**

*Keane's SuperValu Minor Club Football Championship Final:*



*Holy Family Primary School Rathmore Quiz team All Ireland Credit Unions Quiz 2025 winners Eabhla Buckley, Diarmuid Horan, Kayleigh White and Conor McCarthy at a special reception by The Kerry Credit Unions to mark the teams All Ireland Credit Union Quiz win with (front from left) Abina O'Sullivan Rathmore CU and Kerry Credit Unions, John Long and Mary McCarthy Kerry Credit Unions and Fergus McAuliffe CEO Rathmore Credit Union (back from left) Denis Kerins and Joan O'Callaghan Rathmore CU, John Buckley, Aoife and Paul Horan Principal Holy Family Primary School, Teacher Anne Marie Murphy Holy Family Primary School, Eileen Buckley, Neilie Mahony, Bernie O'Leary, Aoife Caralón, Paula McCarthy and Paula Long Rathmore Credit Union. at Rathmore Credit Union recently. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*

**Rathmore 3-15 to Northern Gaels 2-13.**

Congratulations to the team and management. Man of the Match: Cillian Moynihan.

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**COMMUNITY NOTES**

To include items in future notes, please email Michael O'Mahony ([momahony14@gmail.com](mailto:momahony14@gmail.com)) or call/text 087 6676817 before 6pm.

*Congratulations to the students of The Intermediate School Killorglin on qualifying for the National Final of the IMTA Pi Quiz. Pictured from left to right are Michelle O'Connor (teacher), Tommy Foley, Ryan van der Merwe, Alisa Grytsenko, and Georgina Jooste.*



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By Dermot Cronin  
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You can normally get access to your pension from age 60, a lot of the rules depend on whether you are an employee or self-employed. If you are coming close to retirement then you are probably wondering what options you have when you want to get access to your pension. It depends on what type of pension you have but generally there are four options:

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

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

**Annual Pension:** This is a guaranteed income usually paid monthly for the rest of your life that is purchased with the money left after your tax free lump sum, this is subject to taxation.

**Approved Retirement Funds:** You may be entitled to keep some of your money in an approved retirement fund, money can be taken from the fund to give you a regular income, usually monthly. This is subject to taxation also. Taxation at retirement is often much lower than when you are working.

It is extremely important that you take your time and have all the options explained to you in plain simple English and that you understand all your options clearly before you make your final decision. As well as the above there is much more to be discussed about your pension. You should discuss your retirement options with a financial advisor who has access to a number of different pension providers before making any decisions, he or she will help you with the above options and any other queries you may have.

*To discuss the above or any other matter Dermot Cronin QFA can be contacted at 0646622775 or [info@dermotcronin.ie](mailto:info@dermotcronin.ie)*

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**LISTRY PARISH**

*Written by: Colette Leslie*

**LOTTO**

March 22nd 2026, Jackpot €3,750. Numbers Drawn: 10, 12, 17, 18. No Winner. €100 Ciara Power, Ballymalis. €50 Jamie O Connor, Ballyhar. €50 Michael Browne, Killorglin. €25 Aoife Giles, Coolroe. €25 John Murphy, Aughacureen. Jackpot next weekend 29/03/26 €3,900

**SENIORS**

Our seniors are playing at home next SATURDAY March 28th at 5pm v Ballydonoghue in the Co League. All support welcome.

**MINORS**

Congratulations to the Listry minor team who won the Minor A county club final on Saturday.

**SENIORS DAY**

Tuesday, March 31st, Listry Community Centre 12.30-3pm, €10.

Mass with Fr. Timothy, Dinner.

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Ciara 0861997535, Community Centre, 064 6624919



*Congratulations to the Listry Minor Team who won the Minor A County Club final on Saturday.*

**GLENFLESK PARISH**

*Written by: Sean Daly*

**COUNTY LEAGUE**

**McCarthy Insurance Group Senior County League Division 1 Round 1. Glenflesk 1-21 Austin Stacks 1-18.**

*Match report courtesy of Michael Healy.*

On an emotional afternoon in Glenflesk, the home side opened their County League campaign with a well earned victory over Austin Stacks, producing a performance of great skill and effort, to fully honour the memory of former player Ollie Favier, who tragically passed away last week. After an impeccably observed minutes silence in memory of Ollie, Glenflesk started well, with Darragh Roche scoring 2 early frees. More incisive play would lead to scores from Ian Roche and Dara O'Connor as Glenflesk pushed their lead to 4 points to no score after 6 minutes. The visitors eventually managed to get their hands on the ball, scoring 2 back to back points, the second a fine score from Conor Horan, who was their chief scorer on the day. Corner back Jack Murphy then scored after a fine run forward, before 2 more Horan frees left the sides level after 15 minutes. Dylan Roche was then denied a goal by a good save from Mike Tansley. After good play by Darragh Roche and Jeff O'Donoghue, Dylan Roche then struck over a superb point with his left foot. As Glenflesk began to dominate midfield, with the pairing of John Kelleher and Tommy Bowler excelling, back to back 2 pointers from Bowler and Darragh Roche pushed them into a 6 point lead. A 2 pointer from Greg Horan was followed by a 1 pointer from him, as the deficit was halved. Glenflesk though finished the half strong, with a 2 point free from Darragh Roche, plus another fine left footed effort from him, giving his side a 6 point half time lead. Stacks set about their work straight from the throw in. A Conor Horan free and a Ryan O'Driscoll point, which could have been a goal, reward for their quick start. 2 points from Roche and 1 from Bowler settled Glenflesk down again. Two superb saves from Mark Kelleher denied certain Stacks goals, while

down the other end, Tansley again made a smart save to stop Glenflesk. With the match still far from over, Glenflesk attacked down the right hand side of the field. Emmett Finnan's quick pass found Darragh Roche. Roche broke free of his marker and passed to brother Dylan. He fired a hard low shot that evaded Tansley and went in off the post. Glenflesk now held a big lead as the final stages approached. When Bowler extended the lead to 9, it looked as if Glenflesk would pull away. Stacks though, weren't finished it. A penalty from Cain Purcell reduced the deficit to 6. This was followed by another Conor Horan 2 pointer. Darragh Roche then scored a superb point after winning a high ball. Stack's then cut the deficit back to 3 with scores from Gavin Casey and Sean Óg Brosnan. Glenflesk though, won the final knockout, and saw out the hard earned victory. A greatly entertaining game, with both sides having periods of dominance. Glenflesk were worthy winners, with strong disciplined defending, great delivery of ball into the forward line, and great link up in the forwards, helping the team to victory, after a difficult week for the parish. Glenflesk: Darragh Roche 0-14 Tommy Bowler 0-3 Dylan Roche 1-01 Ian Roche 0-02 Dara O Connor 0-01. Austin Stacks: Conor Horan 0-10 Greg Horan 0-03 Cian Purcell 1-02 Ryan O'Driscoll 0-01 Jack Murphy 0-01 Sean Óg Brosnan 0-01. In Division 6 Glenflesk had a good win away to Milltown Castlemaine. Final score 1:6 to 2:14.

**DONAL CURTIN**

In Division 2 of the Senior County Football League Glenflesk ladies had a good win at home against Abbeydorney 6-12 to 5-09.

**KERRY LADIES**

Well done to Anna Lenihan who lined out with the Kerry U16's who beat Tipperary in Round 3 of the Munster Championship and to Kathryn Ryan who was part of the Kerry Senior team who lost to Armagh last weekend.

**SKDP Shows Heartfelt Support for Daffodil Day 2026**

South Kerry Development Partnership turned shades of yellow across all four of its offices in celebration of Daffodil Day 2026, proudly standing in solidarity with the Irish Cancer Society's vital work. Staff came together for a series of Coffee Mornings, each marked by warmth, generosity, and community spirit.

The response was truly inspiring - participation was outstanding, and support was immense. Colleagues donned bright yellow in a symbol of hope, compassion, and remembrance, while contributing generously through donations and the purchase of pins and other Daffodil Day items. These heartfelt efforts reflect the deep commitment of the South Kerry Development Partnership team to supporting those impacted by cancer and helping fund essential research and care.



*Front(left to right) Joanne Griffin; Alina Panasenka; Iuliia Kholodko; Ger Moyniha; Mary Murray (back from left) John Cronin; Patrick McCarthy; Lisa Murphy; Julie Thorne and Michelle HandSouth Kerry Development Partnership Shows Heartfelt Support for Daffodil Day 2026*

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# Muckross Head Of the River

Muckross Rowing Club hosts major rowing time trial event

The Mixed Masters Eight crew of Clonmel RC, gearing up to race at the Muckross Head Of the River time trial held at the National Rowing Centre in Farran, Cork on Saturday.

On Saturday last, Muckross Rowing Club hosted the Muckross Head Of the River rowing time trial event at the National Rowing Centre in Farran, Cork. The event had been rescheduled from its traditional early December fixture when bad weather forced its cancellation for the second consecutive year. The annual event forms part of the national circuit of winter season rowing time trials and saw Muckross RC welcome 458 crews from 29 rowing clubs for the contest. The Head Of the River format precedes the traditional regatta season and owes its name to the fastest crew in a time trial, traditionally crowned as the "Head Of the River". Muckross RC first ran its own Head event in 2003, when a gap in the domestic events calendar opened up. Since then, the event has grown significantly and is the only time trial event held at the National Rowing Centre – the headquarters of Irish rowing. On the approach to regatta season which starts in April, the Muckross club also pioneered a new course distance of 1950 metres, reduced from the normal 3km course, as rowers gear up for the regatta season ahead and shorter racing distances.

With sunshine beaming down throughout the day, rowers enjoyed a fantastic day of competition. The event was attended by 29 clubs, racing in both flatwater and coastal categories. The fastest crew on the day was a composite Mens Masters Eight crew from six rowing clubs in Cork, Kerry and Tipperary in a time of 6 minutes 39 seconds. The fastest



Orla Forde and Oliva Murphy, Muckross RC Womens Junior 15 Double.

Womens crew on the day was the Womens Junior 18 Quad from Killorglin RC, clocking 7 minutes 12 seconds. In the coastal categories, the fastest crew titles went to Rosscarbery's Mens J16 Coastal Quad and the Womens J16 Coastal Quad from Kilmacsimon RC. For the host club, Muckross enjoyed a successful day on the water also, winning five events including the Womens J16 Quad (Marissa O'Connor, Cara Spillane, Julia Weglarz, Orla Forde), Mens Intermediate Single (Cillian Leslie), Mens J14 Quad (Daire Murphy, Cian Whitty, Max Dorrill, Joe Hickey), Womens J14 Octuple (Lauren O'Donoghue, Sophie Culloty, Laura O'Sullivan, Lauren O'Sullivan, Madeleine Lynch, Maria Scanlon, Aoife Coffey, Maria Avila) and Womens J16 Single (Lauren O'Donoghue). The club also scooped three second place and four third

place finishes. There was strong representation from Kerry rowing clubs with Workmen RC of Killarney, Tralee RC and Killorglin RC also competing on the day.

Speaking after the event, Event Secretary and Club Vice Chairman Tim O'Shea said "We were delighted with our Head Of the River event on Saturday. We received great feedback from the participating clubs and great credit goes to all our members, parents of junior rowers and supporters who volunteered their time to make the event a success. We would also like to sincerely thank all those who sponsored the event".

With the Head Of the River season now complete, all eyes turn to regatta season which gets underway in April.



Darragh Kavanagh, Finn Moloney, Muckross RC Mens Junior 18 Double.



Tim O'Shea, Vice Chairman, Muckross RC, presenting the prize to Galley Flash Rowing Club (Cork), winners of the Womens Open Coastal Quad Scull.

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## KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL AGREES TRANSFER OF SARA LEE SITE TO KERRY ETB



The members of Kerry County Council have agreed to transfer the former Sara Lee factory site in Killarney to the Kerry Education and Training Board.

Kerry County Council owns the three-hectare (7.7acre) site at Park Road, Killarney which was purchased by Killarney Town Council in 2005. The conveyance and transfer of the site to Killarney Town Council was conditional on the property being used "for the benefit of the general community of Killarney and surrounding areas." The disposal of the site by the Council is subject to the Intra State Disposal arrangements which require that other public bodies be given an opportunity to acquire such properties. Kerry Education and Training Board (Kerry

ETB) expressed an interest in the site for the development of a new Killarney Further Education and Training Campus.

The proposed development will provide a one-stop hub for skills development in Kerry, enhancing the county's education infrastructure and bolstering economic development. The ETB aims to produce a pipeline of talent which will benefit local employers and the broader Irish economy. It will capitalise on Killarney's strengths, such as its tourism industry, and address skills gaps.

The Valuation Office prepared a market valuation for the site and valued it at €2,375,000. The site includes the vacant factory building and ancillary structures including offices along with a number of other smaller buildings.

Kerry Education and Training Board (Kerry ETB) welcomed the decision by Kerry County Council to proceed with the formal transfer of the site, subject to completion of due diligence requirements. In a statement, Kerry ETB said:

"This decision represents an important step in the overall site acquisition process and enables Kerry ETB to advance to the next stage of the site acquisition process in line with public-sector

governance and capital appraisal requirements. At this stage, Kerry ETB is progressing the preliminary business case for the long-term development of the site, in accordance with the Infrastructure Guidelines, SOLAS and Department of Further and Higher Education procedures.

"Kerry ETB wishes to acknowledge the very constructive engagement and ongoing cooperation of Kerry County Council in progressing this important site transfer.

This milestone marks a significant point in the evolution of the project, and Kerry ETB looks forward to continuing the process with a view to delivering long-term educational, social, and economic benefits for Killarney and County Kerry."

Following the announcement, Cathaoirleach of the Killarney Municipal District, Martin Grady said "I want to welcome the agreement of the disposal of Sara Lee site to ETB. I want to commend follow Cllrs. And the ETB along with the late Jim Finucane.

This is a great step in the right direction. It will transform a derelict site into an education hub".

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## Killarney Twinning Group Attends St. Patrick's Evening Reception in Munich

Members of the Killarney Town Twinning Association were honoured to attend a special St. Patrick's Day evening reception at the Irish Consulate in Munich, hosted by Consul General James O'Shea.

The event, held in a warm and welcoming atmosphere, brought together invited guests to celebrate Ireland's national day abroad. Attendees were treated to an engaging and thoughtful address by Mr. O'Shea, who spoke on behalf of Ireland and highlighted the importance of international connections and cultural exchange.

Representatives from the Killarney Town Twinning Association expressed their delight at being acknowledged during the Consul General's address. Particular mention was made of Killarney's twinning links, including its ongoing relationship with its German twin town of Roth Pleinfeld, as well as its educational and cultural exchanges involving St. Brendan's College and partnerships with Guzenhausen.

The Consul General also noted the presence of German mayors attending the reception, including representatives from towns twinned with Clonakilty in West Cork and Naas in County Kildare, further underlining the strong ties between Ireland and Germany at community level.

The evening was described as a very enjoyable and memorable occasion, celebrating not only St. Patrick's Day but also the enduring friendships fostered through town twinning initiatives.



Josef Mieling, Pleinfeld, Sheila Dickson, Secretary, Killarney Town Twinning Association, Dr. Natalia O'Shea, wife of Consul General of Ireland in Munich, Mr. James O'Shea, pictured with Sean Counihan, Chairman Killarney town twin and sister cities Association.



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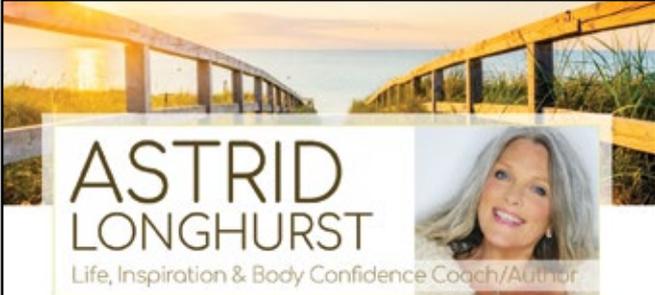
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## SCREEN TIME, FACTS FOR PARENTS

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

### WHAT IS BLUE LIGHT?

Sunlight contains red, orange, yellow, green and blue light rays. Combined, this spectrum of coloured light rays creates what we call 'white light' or sunlight. Depending on where they fall on the spectrum, light rays have long wavelengths (with less energy) or short wavelengths (with more energy).

Blue light is a high-energy visible light and has shorter wavelengths. It is known as blue light because it is on the violet-blue band of the spectrum. Blue light is naturally present in sunlight but is also something we can see from screens such as TVs, computers, smartphones and tablets.

### Can blue light damage my child's eyes?

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

### What is digital eye strain?

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

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

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

### Is there a link between screen time and short-sightedness?

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

### Tips for keeping your child's eyes healthy

Get them outdoors – regular play and exercise can help prevent or reduce the development of myopia (short-sightedness). Studies show two hours of outdoor activity a day is ideal!

Use night settings - using night settings, if your device has them, may help children sleep by reducing the amount of blue light given off by the screen during night-time hours

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

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

### Can blue light affect my child's sleep pattern?

Using screens close to bedtime



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# Minister Norma Foley Joins Celebrations for World Down Syndrome Day in Kerry

Minister Norma Foley TD attended a special gathering at Boyles of Ballyseedy to mark World Down Syndrome Day on March 21. The event brought together families, friends and members of the local community in a warm and welcoming atmosphere, celebrating the lives of people with Down syndrome while promoting equality, inclusion and opportunity for all.

World Down Syndrome Day is recognised globally as a time to raise awareness and highlight the importance of ensuring that people with Down syndrome are fully supported to live meaningful and fulfilling lives. The gathering in Ballyseedy reflected this message, offering an afternoon filled with laughter, connection and a strong sense of community spirit.

Attendees enjoyed the opportunity to meet, share experiences and celebrate together, with the event serving as a reminder of the value of inclusion and the importance of continued support for individuals and families. Minister Foley's presence underlined the significance of the day and the ongoing commitment to building a more inclusive society for everyone.



Minister Norma Foley TD takes time out to help Julia Mianoska from Tralee and Ferdia at a fun painting station, as the Minister attended a special gathering at Boyles of Ballyseedy in Co. Kerry to mark World Down Syndrome Day on 21 March. Photo: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD



Minister Norma Foley TD takes time out to help Alex O'Connor from South Kerry at a fun painting station.

## Measures to Reduce Energy Cuts Should go further

- Danny Healy Rae TD

Danny Healy Rae, TD spoke in the Dáil last night on the Mineral oil Tax. Here is what he had to say:

I welcome the package of €235 million. I am thankful for the reduction in white diesel for hauliers and the promised rebate that is to come. I also welcome the petrol reduction for all of those who are working hard and need their car to go to work.

I deplore the fact that people who need heating oil only get a reduction of 2 cent a litre, which is only €20 for a fill of a 1,000-litre tank. That is very hard.

I welcome the extension of the fuel allowance, but many people are not on the fuel allowance. Many hauliers have a haulier's licence and operate that way, but there are other hauliers who do not have a haulier's licence and do not have to have it, but who supply their own products. Agricultural lorries transporting cattle will not get the diesel rebate either. I am hurting for those people.

Regarding green diesel for the tractor men, as the Ministers know, no tractor has gone inside a gap for the last three months, and now is the

time that they are making a start. Because of the weather conditions, they could not do a bit until now, and there is a lot of work waiting. To offer them 2 cent or 3 cent of a reduction is totally unfair. I was brought up to believe that we should treat everyone fairly. Whatever way the Government could have got around that, it should have done something better for the



tractor people. I include in that the industrial workers and fishermen. Those with any type of engine that uses green diesel are paying up to €1.68 a litre when it was 98 cent three weeks ago. That is an awful jump of 70 cent a litre.

The cost of electricity has gone up day by day since the Government closed Bord na Móna. This war might continue, and no one in here or outside can say it will or will not. I am asking the Government to review the rules it has made on turf cutting and ensure that people who have the facility, have a bog and can cut turf are allowed to cut it, whether it is to sell it or use it themselves. That has to be reviewed because of the cost of electricity. We may not have electricity.

I am also hurting because of the fact that there was no bother two or three weeks ago with Ireland supporting a loan of €1.8 billion to keep the war in Ukraine going, yet we cannot find enough money anywhere to help the tractor men who are using green diesel. The day Zelensky was here, we also gave him €125 million.

# CLlr MAURA HEALY-RAE & DANNY HEALY-RAE TD



## CLLR MAURA HEALY RAE AND DANNY HEALY RAE TD WELCOME FUNDING FOR THE ROADS PROGRAMME 2026 UPDATE:

See below details of the current Roads Programme for 2026 approved by Killarney Municipal District Councillors.

Note changes where three roads have been deferred to 2027 and where 5 roads have been brought forward from the 2027 list.

### DRAINAGE PROGRAMME 2026

Road Number	Road Description	Work Category	Year	Length (m)	Est Cost €	Eng. Area
L-2033	Coolick	DR	2026	100	€5,000.00	Killarney
L-7039	Aglishe Cemetery to Coolbane Cross	DR	2026	1,800	€5,040.00	Killarney
L-11016	Ballytrasna	DR	2026	1,650	€5,600.00	Killarney
L-7040	Coolroe East to Coolroe West	DR	2026	1,900	€5,320.00	Killarney
L-7012	Knockalibade to KMD Bounds	DR	2026	2,500	€7,000.00	Killarney
L-7046	Freemount	DR	2026	650	€7,000.00	Killarney
L-11168	Knockacappul	DR	2026	875	€2,450.00	Killarney
R-563	Listry Bridge to Bounds	DR	2026	1,900	€5,320.00	Killarney
L-11070	Coolcaslagh to Ballagacomane	DR	2026	2,230	€6,244.00	Killarney
L-7052	Kilquane	DR	2026	30	€2,000.00	Killarney
L-11082	Knockearagh	DR	2026	100	€2,500.00	Killarney
L-7058	Clydagh Valley	DR	2026	100	€1,000.00	Killarney
L-2033	Coolcorcoran	DR	2026	100	€2,000.00	Killarney
R-582	Shinnagh to KMD Bounds	DR	2026	50	€5,500.00	Killarney
L-3010	Glounane Cross	DR	2026	20	€2,000.00	Killarney
L-11208	Boula	DR	2026	430	€1,204.00	Killarney
L-2019	Sheens East to Raccomean Cross	DR	2026	1,800	€5,040.00	Killarney
L-7501	Silvegaura to Drombrick	DR	2026	1,350	€1,000.00	Killarney
L-7013	Knockaculig to Bawnaglanna	DR	2026	1,390	€3,892.00	Killarney
L-11222	Stagmount	DR	2026	650	€1,820.00	Killarney
L-11181	Shronce Lake	DR	2026	500	€1,400.00	Killarney
L-3905	Ross Road	DR	2026	50	€4,500.00	Killarney
L-11002	Lissavane West	DR	2026	610	€1,707.00	Killarney

Total Length: 20,785 Total Est Cost: €84,537.00

- The Restoration Improvement Programme is where roads will get full trunking, strengthening and resurfacing works.

- The Restoration Maintenance Programme is where roads will get resurfacing works. - Also note the drainage programme.

### RESTORATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 2026

Road No:	Road Description	Work Category	Year	Length (m)	Area m2	Est Cost	MD Area	Comments
L-3018	Ballynamsuagh (Speed Limit to Kilkummin)	SO	2023	450	2,700	€119,500.00	Killarney	Deferred
L-3903	URDF Killarney Town (College Street)	SI	2026	180	1,170	€47,736.00	Killarney	Deferred
R-876	Park Road (Park Roundabout to N22)	SI	2026	675	4,388	€164,506.00	Killarney	Deferred
R-570	Barraduff Village to Glenflesk	SI	2025	320	3,520	€140,800.00	Killarney	
R-876	Park Road (Park Roundabout to Fair Hill)	SI	2025	800	5,200	€208,000.00	Killarney	
R-876	URDF Killarney (Main Street)	SI	2025	100	500	€25,000.00	Killarney	
L-11008	Flynn's Forge Cross to Laharan Cross	SO	2026	486	2,432	€99,220.00	Killarney	
L-11089	Knockaninane East to KMD Bound	SO	2026	1,100	3,300	€94,248.00	Killarney	
L-7044	Knockdoorah Road	SO	2026	1,000	4,000	€114,240.00	Killarney	
L-11167	Shrone City (Gortnagane)	SO	2026	1,000	3,000	€85,680.00	Killarney	
L-7043	Woodline Road	SO	2026	1,100	6,050	€246,840.00	Killarney	
L-7015	Ballynamsuagh Cross to Clashnagarrane	SO	2026	550	2,750	€112,200.00	Killarney	
L-11071	Ardanenanig	SI	2026	350	1,400	€57,120.00	Killarney	
L-11182	Cummeenavrick	SO	2026	700	2,100	€59,976.00	Killarney	
L-7051	Knockanes	SI	2026	450	2,700	€110,160.00	Killarney	
L-3017	Loretto Road	SO	2027	900	5,400	€224,640.00	Killarney	Advanced
L-7059	Foilduane Road	SO	2027	400	1,800	€74,880.00	Killarney	Advanced
L-7044	Knockdoorah Road	SO	2027	1,000	4,000	€116,520.00	Killarney	Advanced
L-7043	Woodline Road	SO	2027	1,100	6,050	€251,680.00	Killarney	Advanced
L-3019	Annaghilmore Cross to Raheen (Part)	SO	2027	695	5,400	€121,587.00	Killarney	Advanced

Total Length: 12,051 m Total Estimated Cost: €2,142,791.00

### SUPPLEMENTARY RESTORATION MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME 2026

Road No:	Road Description	Work Category	Year	Length (m)	Area m2	Est Cost €	MD Area
L-7050	Burneh Rd	RM	2026	1000	4500	€24,750.00	Killarney
L-2019	Ballybrack Cross to Ballyhar	RM	2026	500	3000	€16,500.00	Killarney
L-3009	Keanes Cross to Tagneys Cross	RM	2026	900	4950	€27,225.00	Killarney
L-3015	Lough Gultane	RM	2026	1000	5500	€30,250.00	Killarney
L-7039	Barleymount to Raccomean	RM	2026	1200	5400	€29,700.00	Killarney
R-570	Glenflesk to Barraduff	RM	2026	1100	6780	€40,549.00	Killarney
L-3031	Doytes Cross to KMD Bounds	RM	2026	700	3500	€19,250.00	Killarney
L-3014	Shrone (e) NS to Gortderig	RM	2026	1000	4500	€24,750.00	Killarney
L-7059	Foilduane	RM	2026	1100	4950	€27,225.00	Killarney
L-11172	Knockdoorah	RM	2026	135	540	€2,970.00	Killarney
L-11085	Knockinane West	RM	2026	315	1181	€6,496.88	Killarney

Total Length: 8980 m Total Estimated Cost: €249,665.88

### 2026 SUPPLEMENTARY RESTORATION MAINTENANCE

Road No:	Road Description	Work Category	Year	Length (m)	Area m2	Est Cost €	MD Area
L-3003	Coolgariv Cross to Aghadoc Cemetery	RM	2026	1450	9063	€49,843.75	Killarney
L-3911	Mill Road, Coolclogher	RM	2026	1400	7700	€42,350.00	Killarney
L-7051	Knockanes to Headford	RM	2026	1100	5500	€30,250.00	Killarney
L-3016	N71 to Mangerton	RM	2026	1100	6050	€33,275.00	Killarney
L-11182	Cummeenavrick	RM	2026	1000	3500	€19,250.00	Killarney
L-11010	Rosnacartan Beg	RM	2026	560	1960	€10,780.00	Killarney
L-7044	Knockdoorah Road	RM	2026	600	2400	€13,200.00	Killarney
L-11167	Shrone City (Gortnagane)	RM	2026	300	1200	€6,600.00	Killarney
L-7015	Knockalibade to Coolick	RM	2026	800	4000	€22,000.00	Killarney
L-11019	Ballinslane	RM	2026	1000	3500	€19,250.00	Killarney

Total Length: 9310 Total Estimated Cost: €246,798.75

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# St. Brendan's College Honours Retiring Staff at Killarney Dinner



Paul Barden and Ed O'Neill who retired from St Brendan's College with deputy principal Bridget Lucey, Principal Sean Coffey and deputy principal Hugh Rudden at their St Brendan's retirement dinner in Randles Court Hotel, Killarney on Friday.

A special evening of celebration was held at the Randles Court Hotel on Friday as staff of St Brendan's College gathered to mark the retirements of two valued colleagues.

Paul Barden and Ed O'Neill were honoured for their years of dedicated service to the school community at a retirement dinner attended by friends and fellow staff members.

They were joined on the night by Principal Sean Coffey and deputy principals Bridget Lucey and Hugh Rudden, who paid tribute to the retirees' commitment, professionalism and lasting impact on generations of students.

The evening provided an opportunity to reflect on their contributions to school life and to wish them both well as they begin the next chapter.

The event was marked by warm tributes, shared memories and a strong sense of appreciation for two careers that have left a lasting legacy at St. Brendan's College.



Anne Culloty, Mary Fleming and Elena Quirke enjoying the St Brendan's retirement dinner in Randles Court Hotel, Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Elaine Ni Chonchuir, Elena Quirke and Roisin Boyle enjoying the St Brendan's retirement dinner in Randles Court Hotel, Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Ed O'Neill who recently retired with his wife Frances, son Fionn and daughter Ellen enjoying the St Brendan's retirement dinner in Randles Court Hotel, Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Hugh Rudden, Turlough, Norma and Eoin Barden and Haulie enjoying the St Brendan's retirement dinner in Randles Court Hotel, Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Anne Culloty, Mary Fleming and Elena Quirke enjoying the St Brendan's retirement dinner in Randles Court Hotel, Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Andrew O'Reilly, Seamus Grealy, Kieran Herlihy, Simon Moore and Micheal O'Dubhain enjoying the St Brendan's retirement dinner in Randles Court Hotel, Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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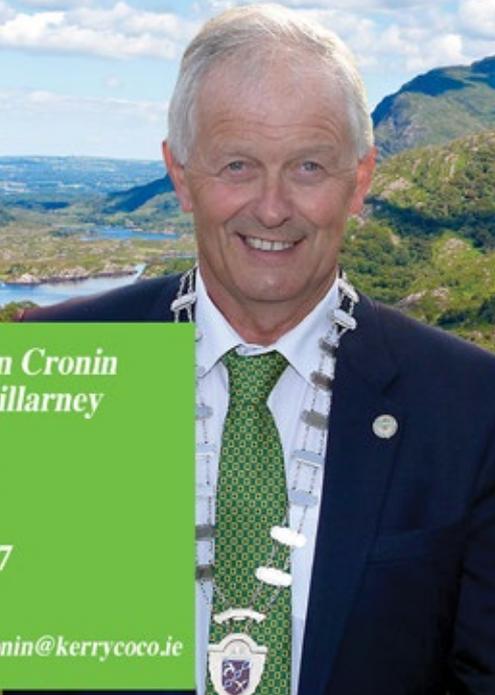
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## Utility Trust St Pauls 65 Flomax Liffey Celtics 71

Report by Enda Walshe

There was heartache for Utility Trust St Pauls as they fell to defeat to Flomax Liffey Celtics on Sunday afternoon in a boisterous Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre. Hopes were high after the regular season exploits that James Fleming's side could go one better than last year, when they lost out to Killester in the showpiece final. They came into the game following an impressive end to the season and were fancied by many to account for Flomax Liffey Celtics.

But the Kildare side are a battle hardened outfit who have competed for honours annually and they brought all that game nous with them to Killarney to spring a bit of an upset. St Pauls, without ever reaching their usual level of performance, led at half time but the Celtics, given their experience, were still very much in the game and started to take their cue during the third quarter to take the advantage heading into the final quarter. And to be fair to St Pauls they upped the ante in that period to take the lead on two occasions but the guiding hands of Destinee Bursch and Sorcha Tiernan navigated the Celtics to success. And while the immediate reaction for St Pauls will obviously be of disappointment, they have now got themselves a seat at the table when future honours will be discussed.

Maisie Burnham and Lorraine Scanlon got them off to the best possible start and with the Celtics yet to find their accuracy it was 6-0 inside two minutes. The visitors would be thankful to American Brooke Kane as it was her promptings that got her side going and she was responsible for all but two of her sides opening eleven points. But Tara Cousins was getting her customary jumper shot going and alongside Burnham the lead was now pushed out to 19-11. Another signature Cousin basket may have made St Pauls feel comfortable but some good outside shooting by Ciara Mulleady and Kane squeezed it up to 21-17 by quarters end.

Irish International Sorcha Tiernan quickly opened her account but that was matched by Leah McMahon and with Lorraine Scanlon in customary form all seemed to be going according to the script. That point was emphasised by a Cousins three but Kane and Tiernan were tipping away and when Mulleady hit another three, the lead was now down to the minimum, 30-29. Lovisa Hevinder hit a timely three and with Cousins scoring from the charity stripe, the lead was maintained at half time, but the Celtics' interest was definitely growing.

Kane hit an early bucket in the third quarter but Hevinder again hit a three, preceded by a Scanlon basket as the hosts made another attempt to take the stranglehold. But Aine O'Connor, Tiernan and Bursch were gathering belief and Kane put her side in front for the first time with 6.40 to go in the third quarter. Defences were definitely on top at this juncture but Burnham, Hevinder and Scanlon did plunder some points while the Celtics would be thankful to Bursch for their 50-48 three quarters lead.

St Pauls hit the final quarter running with a noticeable increase in intensity, most definitely in defence. Leah McMahon was integral in this period which ironically started with a Mulleady three. But Burnham, Scanlon and Hevinder got energy out of the defensive stops and they drew the sides level at 53 each with 6.33 to go. Cousins then gave her side the lead, a lead that was doubled by Scanlon and the game looked to have flipped at 57-53 in favour of St Pauls. Kate Williamson and Bursch had other ideas though as they drew Celtics level. O Connor and Tiernan put them ahead again but St Pauls, buoyed by a vocal support, went again with Cousins getting their noses 63-60 ahead. That lead was wiped out by Bursch in the next offence with a three and teammate O'Connor followed suit to put them in the box seat. With the game going to the wire the next score was always to be crucial and up stepped Tiernan with a massive moment, a huge three to really put the game to bed. The clock was now the enemy for St Pauls as the Celtics ran it down to run out 71-65 winners, and set up a semi final date with Glanmire.

Tara Cousins had 23, Lorraine Scanlon 16, Maisie Burnham 12, Lovisa Hevinder 10, Leah McMahon 4.

Brooke Kane shot 18, Destinee Bursch 16, Sorcha Tiernan 12, Aine O'Connor 11, Ciara Mulleady 9.

Dominos Men's National League  
Playoff Quarter Final  
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## Drogheda Wolves 93 Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers 78

Report by Enda Walshe

The curtain came down on Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers season as they bowed out of the race for honours in the Dominos Men's National League. A trip to Drogheda to face the Wolves was always going to be an arduous task but Luke O'Heas side did what they usually do, showed up and put in a competitive performance. They opened the game in determined fashion with Steve Kelly leading the charge but the Wolves gradually got to grips with the challenge in



JAMES FLEMING TALKING TO HIS TEAM AT THE GAME

front of them. The second quarter would prove to be pivotal in the overall context of the game as a five point Lakers lead was quickly flipped into eleven point Wolves advantage, courtesy of a 31-15 turnaround in that period.

Having met the Louth side only two weeks previous the Lakers did glean some information from that clash. David Oputa who was tormentor in chief on that occasion was well shackled while the contribution of fellow twin tower Chima Obikwelu was also negated by and large. But they didn't account for Dimi Theocharis who enjoyed a golden night netting 23 points while American Vernon Jackson weighed in with his usual high contribution. The Wolves used the buffer of that second quarter purple patch to keep the Lakers at arms length for the remainder of the game, despite a 36 point showing from Steve Kelly with support from Eoin Carroll who shot 21.

As stated it was the Lakers who made the quicker start with Kelly energetic. He struck the opening two salvos before Cian Crowley netted for the hosts from beyond the arc. That was soon followed by a similar effort from Franic Chmielecki which served to negate a Sam Grant three. Vernon Jackson and Chima Obikwelu looked like they were going to give the Wolves a stranglehold on the game but Kelly was in ebullient form and with Jack O Sullivan also netting a three the Lakers ended the quarter on the ascendancy, leading 21-16. In a bid to quell the Lakers momentum Theocharis and David Oputa netted early in the second but Eoin Carroll replied as the Lakers looked well in the contest, leading 23-20. The Wolves though hit their purple patch, displaying their prowess from downtown, with Francisco Dias, Jackson and Theocharis all obliging. Eoin Carroll did break that 11-0 scoring run but Chmielecki then took centre stage. Despite a Kelly three point play, Dias pushed the Wolves clear again with another from downtown. All the while Jackson was conducting the orchestra but the Lakers did steady the ship somewhat thanks to Kelly, Carroll and Oisin Spring. But a quarter that started with a five point surplus ended with an eleven point deficit, 47-36.

Eoin Carroll cut the gap to nine at the onset of the third period but Obikwelu and Theocharis with a three clipped that wing straight away. Theocharis, who was now full of confidence again, struck again and it took a Kelly three to stem the bleeding. Jack O Sullivan and Kelly added further baskets but they couldn't make any inroads into the Wolves lead as Chmielecki,

Jackson and Theocharis kept the scoreboard ticking over. The Wolves accuracy from outside, they shot 14 in total, was a huge factor as the timing of them never let the Lakers build up a head of steam. After a good quarters graft the lead was still at 12, 68-56.

The Lakers again struck first in the final quarter, and did manage to hold the Wolves at bay in the opening minutes. But they may have just

let a few opportunities slip that may have made the home side a little more nervous. The lead was ten, 73-63 with 6.50 to go but Dias and Jackson helped the Wolves play out of their unsteady patch. They quickly pushed it out to fifteen, 81-66, before a Sam Grant three gave the Lakers some hope. Kelly also hit from distance but Theocharis was in the mood which soon transmitted to Jackson and they helped

the Wolves qualify for a date with the Limerick Sport Eagles in next weekend's semi final. Steve Kelly hit 36 for the Lakers, Eoin Carroll 21, Sam Grant 9, Jack O Sullivan 8, Pablo Murcia 2, Oisin Spring 2.

For the Wolves Vernon Jackson had 28, Dimi Theocharis 23, Franic Chmielecki 18, Francisco Dias 13, Chima Obikwelu 4.

## Killarney Lions Club Calls on Public to Support Scrap Metal Fundraiser

Final preparations are underway as Killarney Lions Club confirms arrangements with partner KWD Recycling for its annual scrap metal collection in aid of the Children's Cancer Unit at Cork University Hospital.

The 2026 collection will take place this Saturday, March 28th, at Killarney Racecourse, with members of the public invited to drop off scrap metal between 9am and 4pm.

"Our scrap collection went really well last year, so we're looking forward to as many people as possible making a donation again this year," said Jason Higgins, President of Killarney Lions Club.

Donations of non-ferrous metals such as aluminium, copper, brass, zinc and stainless steel are welcome. However, organisers have noted that white goods, including fridges, cookers and washing machines, will not be accepted.

All proceeds from the recycled materials will go towards improving facilities for families using the Children's Cancer Unit, supporting vital services for those in need.

The club is encouraging the community to once again get behind the initiative and help make a meaningful difference through a simple act of recycling.



Jason Higgins, President, and Mairead Broderick, Killarney Lions Club



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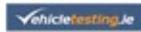


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## BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

### MEN'S COMPETITION RESULTS FOR SAT 21/ SUN 22 MARCH

#### Scotch Foursomes (Pairs).

#### Sponsor: CRL OIL - Killarney

1st: Tom Lynch & Ger Griffin - net score 61

2nd: Pat V Quill & Paudie O'Connor - net score 65

3rd: Alan Smith & Stephen F Riordan - net score 66

### NEXT WEEKEND'S COMPETITION 28/29 MARCH - EASTER HAMPERS

Yellow Tees - Stableford. Sponsor - Garvey's SuperValu - Castleisland

## DR CROKES GAA CLUB

### GOLF SOCIETY

The Dr Crokes GAA Club Golf Society outing at Waterville Golf Club was in memory of the late Denis Coffey, former member, player and officer. Dr Crokes GAA Club Golf Society Denis Coffey Memorial prize in Waterville Golf Club sponsored by Brosnan & Co. Solicitors.

Prize winners were as follows:

1st Keith McMahon(10) 35 pts

2nd John O Leary (21) 35 pts

3rd John Lynch (35) pts

4th David Byrne (21) 34 pts

5th Shane O'Driscoll (27) 34 pts

6th Sean Brosnan (6) 33 pts

Cat 1 Frank Shaw (5) 31 pts

Cat 2 Timmy O'Donoghue (14) 33 pts

Cat 3 Finian Moran (19) 33 pts

Front 9 James Jones (7) 18pts

Back 9 Joey Sheehan (6) 17 pts

Guests

1st Tadhg Hickey (23) 40

2nd John Griffin (12) 37 pts

## DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

### TIM SCANNELL MEMORIAL

Unfortunately, our interest in the Tim Scannell Memorial Inter-Club Matchplay came to an end in Castleisland on Sunday morning as none of our three teams advanced to this Sunday's semi-finals. Our 3 team came the closest missing out by one on being the best of the runners-up in the three groups as they defeated Castleisland 1 by 4-2 on Sunday. The derby between our 1 and 2 sides was a tight affair with 1 getting a 3.5-2.5 win in the finish. Our 1 team were also second in their group. The club compliment the County Board on their new way of running the competition this year, particularly the App designed for it and wish the four Tralee teams well for the rest of the tournament. The club were represented by the following during the tournament- Team 1- Connie O'Sullivan Jr, James Fleming, Eileen McCarthy, Paddy Murphy, Niall O'Loughlin and Dan Broderick. Team 2- Damien Fleming, John McGrath, Sean Kelly, James Foley, Colm O'Dowd and Jason O'Connor. Team 3- Michael Cronin, Declan Kelly, Denis Duggan, David Harnett, Alan O'Sullivan and Gavin Bastable.

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Following on from our recent announcement as regards membership applications for 2026, the Committee wishes to announce that due to the present high volume of applications received in



Pictured at the prizegiving function in The Speakeasy Bar Killarney following the Dr. Crokes GAA Golf Society outing to Waterville in memory of Denis Coffey, former member, player and officer are front from left, Catherine Coffey, Keith McMahon (overall winner), Luke McMahon, Eoin Brosnan (Brosnan & Co Solicitors, sponsor), Noreen Coffey and John O'Leary (second). Standing from left are Shane O'Driscoll, John Lynch, David Byrne, Joey Sheehan, Sean Brosnan, Finian Moran, Timmy O'Donoghue, Frank Shaw, Tadhg Hickey and Matt O'Neill (President).  
Picture: Eamonn Keogh

the Family and U16 categories, it has decided not to accept any further applications for both new Family and U16 Members at this time. New Adult (Non-Family) and all renewing applications from 2025 (Adult and U16) will still be accepted the Committee wishes to stress however.

### GOOD FRIDAY

Please note that we are closed to both green fees and other bookings on Friday April 3rd next due to the hosting of a fundraiser for Mastergeeha Soccer Club.

### CAPTAIN'S DRIVE-IN AND WILLIE PARKER

Please note our Club Captain Gearóid Cronin's Drive-In will take place on Easter Monday April 6th next as part of our Willie Parker Memorial which will be played over 36 holes the same day.

## BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB - LADIES

The Ladies at Beaufort Golf Club were hopping down the fairways with a spring in their step on a beautiful Saturday 21st March to participate in the annual Easter Hamper competition.

The competition was very generously sponsored by Skellig Chocolates. Congratulations to 2022 Lady Captain Maura Kennedy on a super win with 39points.

1st: Maura Kennedy (42) 39 points

2nd: Grainne McShortall (16) 38 points

3rd: Patricia O Connor (24) 34 points

## ROSS GOLF CLUB - GENTS

### RESULTS

On March 21st and 22nd we held the second round of the M D O'Shea Spring League.

This was a stableford competition and kindly sponsored by CK Painters & Decorators.

The winners were :-

1st: Daniel Ling 43 (7)

2nd: Seamus McCarthy 39 (19)

### Division 1

1st: David MacIndoe 37 (02)

2nd: Peter Wickham 33 (09)

### Division 2

1st: Derek McAllister 36 (15)

2nd: Donie Broderick 36 (13)



Pictured at the prizegiving function in The Speakeasy Bar Killarney were from left, Catherine Coffey, Keith McMahon (overall winner), Eoin Brosnan (Brosnan & Co Solicitors, sponsor) and Noreen Coffey.  
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### Division 3

1st: Anthony O'Mahony 37 (19)

2nd: Sam Guerineau 37 (25)

### FIXTURE

On March 28th and 29th we will hold the third round of the M D O'Shea Spring League with a single stableford competition.

### SYMPATHY

We offer our sincere sympathy to the all the Favier Family on the recent passing of Ollie, brother of Ross GC member, Paul, a generous sponsor and dear friend of all in the Ross. R.I.P.

## ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

### OLLIE FAVIER

All at Ross Gents & Ladies Golf Club were very saddened to hear of the death of Ollie Favier Killarney Racecourse Cafe. Ollie was a fantastic supporter of the Ross Gents & Ladies Golf Club and was always willing to help when asked. On behalf of everyone in the Ross Gents & Ladies Golf Club we extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Siobhán, his children Gracie-Mai and Frankie, his mother Marian, brothers Ciarán and Paul, sisters Sinéad and Danielle and all the extended Favier family on the passing of Ollie. He will be dearly missed. May he Rest in Peace.



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212D5158	A6 40TDI 204BHP SE AUTOMATIC	GREY	€39,900	<b>€35,500</b>	€4,400	110,241Kms	Audi Kerry
251C6075	A6 AVANT 2.0 40TDI 204BHP S-LINE AUTOMATIC WITH BLACK STYLING	BLACK	€77,021	<b>€68,900</b>	€8,121	24,105Kms	Audi Kerry
<b>Q2 PETROL MANUAL</b>							
252C761	Q2 30TFSI 116BHP S-LINE	WHITE	€45,308	<b>€39,900</b>	€5,408	13,587Kms	Audi Kerry
<b>Q3 PETROL MANUAL</b>							
181C10640	Q3 1.4TFSI COD 150 ULTRA SE	GREY	€21,900	<b>€21,500</b>	€400	132,456Kms	Audi Kerry
<b>Q3 PETROL AUTOMATIC</b>							
261C5424	Q3 30TFSI 150BHP S-LINE AUTOMATIC	GREY	€68,750	<b>€65,000</b>	€3,750	589Kms	Audi Kerry
<b>Q3 SPORTBACK DIESEL AUTOMATIC</b>							
251KY1283	Q3 SPORTBACK 35TDI 150BHP SE AUTOMATIC	BLACK	€55,825	<b>€51,500</b>	€4,325	271,390Kms	Audi Kerry
<b>Q4 E-TRON</b>							
241CU3290	Q4 E-TRON 45 BLACK EDITION AUTOMATIC	BLUE	€46,995	<b>€45,900</b>	€1,095	28,875Kms	Audi Kerry
<b>Q4 E-TRON SPORTBACK</b>							
251KYU1577	Q4 E-TRON SPORTBACK 45 BLACK EDITION S-LINE AUTOMATIC	WHITE	€74,527	<b>€52,900</b>	€21,627	14,723Kms	Audi Kerry
<b>Q5 DIESEL AUTOMATIC</b>							
252KY127	Q5 40TDI 204BHP QUATTRO S-LINE AUTOMATIC	BLACK	€83,617	<b>€79,500</b>	€4,117	15,123Kms	Audi Kerry
252C3185	Q5 40 TDI Q S-LINE 204PS UPGRADED WHEELS BLACK PACK AMBIENT LIGHTING PRO RED CALIPERS	BLACK	€93,208	<b>€79,500</b>	€13,708	38,126Kms	Audi Kerry
202D14041	Q5 2.0 40TDI 204BHP QUATTRO SE AUTOMATIC	BLACK	€42,995	<b>€40,750</b>	€2,245	96,006Kms	Audi Kerry
<b>Q5 SPORTBACK DIESEL AUTOMATIC</b>							
241D50149	Q5 SPORTBACK 2.0 40TDI 204BHP QUATTRO S-LINE BLACK EDITION AUTOMATIC	GREY	€75,995	<b>€74,995</b>	€1,000	12,196Kms	Audi Kerry

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As a mark of respect all competitions were cancelled.

**RESULTS**

**Saturday 21st March 2026 9-hole single Stableford competition**

- 1st: Muireann Hayes
- 2nd: Dora Campbell
- 3rd: Miriam Hickey

4th: Bridget McGuire

**18 hole single Stableford competition**

Winner: Ailish Mulcahy

**COMPETITIONS**

Saturday 28th March 2026 - 9 & 18 hole single Stableford competition. Enter via the BRS App

**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY**

Meet and play every Wednesday morning. Meet

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**GOLF LESSONS**

New PRO Jonathan Clery is available to give golf lessons at Ross Golf Club. Please contact Jonathan directly on 086 2143510.



## Killarney Golf & Fishing Club & Mark Heinemann recognised by the PGA

Killarney Golf & Fishing Club has recently gained PGA status by becoming only one of two Professional Golfers Association training establishments in Ireland.

The PGA Training Programme is the most respected golf qualification in the world. The Foundation Degree in Professional Golf Studies, delivered by The PGA, is a collaborative foundation degree awarded by the University of Birmingham. This three-year distance learning course is a core element of the PGA Training Programme with a strong focus on golf coaching & sports science, business & finance, equipment technology, custom fitting and tournament play. Approximately 300 students per academic year enrol from golf facilities all across Europe.

The addition of Killarney to the rota of training establishments now provides year 1 & year 2 trainee PGA professionals from the south of Ireland a facility where they are able to complete the practical and theoretical coaching elements of the PGA qualification without the need to travel to the UK. After a thorough application process Killarney Golf & Fishing Club was selected due to its premium golf learning and training facilities on site and local accommodation options nearby.

Killarney Golf & Fishing Club Head Professional Mark Heinemann has also been recognised by the PGA by becoming a PGA Tutor / Assessor.

Mark has been tasked with mentoring a number of young Irish trainee professionals during their 3 year journey to become a PGA Qualified Professional. Particular focus will be on golf coaching, conducting individual and group sessions.

## Basketball Success for Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra

Congratulations to the First Year girls' basketball team and their coaches, Trish Murphy and Abbie Herlihy, on their fantastic success in the SouthWest Regional A Final Thursday 19th March!

The girls delivered an outstanding performance in the semi-final, defeating Mounthawk on an impressive scoreline of 60-32. They then faced Castleisland Community College in a challenging final, showing great determination and teamwork to secure victory with a 45-32 win.

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## KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

Congratulations to our club members who raced the Mallow 10 Mile last Sunday in nice running conditions. Niall Byrne (1.09.24), Toirdealbhach O'Lionaird (1.09.45), Denis McCarthy (1.11.31), Elaine Lanigan (1.19.29) and John Paul Mannix (1.21.17). Fantastic performances from everyone.

Our Streets of Killarney 5-mile race on the 3rd April (Good Friday) is now completely sold out. Best of Luck to all participants.

Our Kids Easter Camp will be returning this year for 1 week only (Tuesday 7th – Friday 10th April) so book online on our website killarneyvalleyac.ie to avoid disappointment.

Please email the club on killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com if you would like to join the club.

## FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

### RESULTS FOR THE 19TH MARCH

N/S

1st: Mary Shanahan & Mary Rose Felle

2nd: Conor Dwyer & Ger McSweeney

3rd: Phyllis O'Regan & Pauline Lyne

E/W

1st: Margaret O'Sullivan & Maura Horan

2nd: Margaret Hickey & Joan King

3rd: Mary G O'Sullivan & Evelyn Breen

Congratulations, great scoring by everyone.

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

## MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

### MUCKROSS HOR

On Saturday last, the club was delighted to host the rescheduled Muckross Head OF the River event following the cancellation of the traditional December fixture in 2025 due to bad weather. In a radical change of fortune with the weather, the sun beamed down on the National Rowing Centre in Farran, Cork, where Muckross RC played host to the only time trial event that is held at the HQ of Irish rowing outside of regatta season. On the day, the club welcomed a total of 29 rowing clubs with over 450 crews racing. On the approach to regatta season, the event also featured a reduced course distance of 1950m and the revised format received great feedback. On the water, the club had a successful day with five wins. Congratulations to the Womens J16 Quad (Marissa O'Connor, Cara Spillane, Julia Weglarz, Orla Forde), Mens Intermediate Single (Cillian Leslie), Mens J14 Quad (Daire Murphy, Cian Whitty, Max Dorrill, Joe Hickey), Womens J14 Octuple (Lauren O'Donoghue, Sophie Culloty, Laura O'Sullivan, Lauren O'Sullivan, Madeleine Lynch, Maria Scanlon, Aoife Coffey, Maria Avila) and Womens J16 Single (Lauren O'Donoghue). The club was also second in three events and third in four events. It was a great occasion for the club with members past and present, parents of junior rowers and supporters alike combining forces to help with the successful organisation and running of the day. Our sincere thanks to all involved.



WORKMEN'S ROWING CLUB – Muckross Head Of River  
Front – Back: Paula Prudnikovaite, Grace Mannix.

### EASTER ROWING CAMP

The club will hold an Easter Beginner Rowing Camp from Tuesday 7th to Thursday 9th April from 10am-1pm each day. The camp will feature onshore and water based activities and is open to new beginners and those wishing to improve their skills. The camp is open to those aged 11-14 (5th class-2nd year), welcoming boys and girls with an interest in sport and the outdoors. Email to muckrossrc.camps@gmail.com for bookings and enquiries.

## WORKMAN'S ROWING CLUB

### WORKMAN'S ROWING CLUB UPDATE

Workman's Rowing Club were delighted to take part in the Muckross Head of the River at the National Rowing Centre in Farran, Cork, last Saturday. The weather gods were on our side, providing superb conditions for a fantastic event

Our crews represented the club exceptionally well, achieving some notable wins and excellent placings throughout the day. A big thank you to coaches MJ and Mary Burns, boat handlers, parents, and supporters for their help and encouragement on the day.

On Sunday, our junior members competed in the Flesk Valley Rowing Club Indoor Rowing Competition at the Racecourse in Killarney. They acquitted themselves very well, with several rowers earning medals. Thanks to the guidance of coaches and support from family members, the juniors demonstrated great competitiveness and spirit.

Training continues as usual for all members. As seen over the weekend training is paying off and well done again to all who competed over the weekend.

### REMINDER

Daylight saving time commences on Sunday, 29 March 2026.

## FOSSA ROWING CLUB

### ST PATRICKS DAY PARADE

A great day out last week in Killarney for the St. Patrick's day parade where Fossa Rowing



WORKMEN'S ROWING CLUB – Muckross Head Of River.  
Front – Back : Aaron O Connor, Zac Donaldson, Finn O Neill, Divo Lucic Kovacevic - Cox - Grace Mannix.

Club was very well represented with a fantastic turnout of our members and of course a mighty float complete with rowing machines and rowers working hard along the route! Very well done to all who helped in the organising and running of the day with a special thanks to the Daly's for doing the float and to our very own St. Patrick, Liam Fleming, for bringing the green! Thank you one and all!

### CONDOLENCES

We would like to offer sympathies on behalf of the club to Maura and all the Talbot family on the recent sad passing of her brother Fr. Paddy O'Donoghue. May he rest in peace.

### OPEN DAY

We are holding a club open day at the Old Church in Fossa on Sunday the 19th of April next. Proceedings will kick off at 11am and all are very welcome to come along and find out more about our amazing club and the wonderful sport of rowing. Come along and have a try of the rowing machines and meet like minded people. All very welcome.

### LAKESHORE CLEAN UP

In conjunction with this years Kerry County clean up, we are organising another Lake shore clean up on Saturday the 11th of April next, so please save the date. All very welcome.

### FLESK VALLEY INDOOR ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

A very well done to our rowers who attended the Flesk Valley Indoor Rowing Championships at the Racecourse last Sunday. A fantastic turnout by our club with plenty of success to boot. Well done to all who took part and a huge thanks to Flesk Valley for organising what was a fantastic event. The results were:

Orla Daly U14 - 500m 1st, 1000m 1st  
Marian Madden master40 - 500m 1st, 1000m 1st  
Cathleen O'Neill Master40 - 500m 2nd, 1000m 2nd  
Donal Daly Master40 -500m 2nd, 1000m 1st  
Noah Slattery u14- 1000m 3rd  
Tim Madden u14 - 500m 3rd



## PICKLEBALL

Great success at our 1st Rotating partners league at SPA GAA on Sunday with 28 players and 2 divisions. This was the 1st pickleball tournament in Killarney open to other club members. Gold Division: 1st place Miro Michalek (Killarney PC) 2nd place Tony Duggan (Kingdom PC) 3rd place Shane O'Sullivan (Killarney PC).

Silver Division: 1st place Cathy O'Regan (Kinsale PC), 2nd place Noah Crawley (Killarney PC) and 3rd place Hubert Servignat (Kingdom PC). Special thanks to our sponsors: The Racquet Here, Brandon stationary and Office Supplies, Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre.



2026 March tournament



2026 March tournament Gold Group winners



2026 March tournament Silver Group winners

## Traffic Restrictions announced for the Streets of Killarney 5 mile race 2026

The annual streets of Killarney 5-mile race is to take place on Friday the 3rd of April (Good Friday) with race starting at 7pm sharp. Athletes are coming from far and wide for this race with some of Ireland's top distance runners taking to the line. Over 50 clubs are represented with runners of all abilities with all different and personal challenges taking place. Family members are racing family members in what again is promised to be a great Killarney valley ac race atmosphere. Race committee leader Sinead Hickey and committee members have again organised a top-class event which has sold out. Thanks to the race sponsors the proceeds of the race ensures the sustainability of the Killarney valley ac arena which is vital for the continued development of track and field athletics within the community, which is located within the school area.

The race ambassador is Maddie Wilson Walker the Canadian Paralympic athlete who is a member of Killarney valley ac and who lives locally.

There will be traffic restrictions in place from 6.30pm to 8.30pm on Good Friday. The race starts on the grounds of Killarney house and upon exiting the national park will cross port road and take in two laps of new street, high street, new road and port road.

The finish line is on Beech road at the Killarney tourist office. The organisers are encouraging people to come and support the runners all along the route. Also, to support the volunteers who aim to keep all participants safe and to enjoy the super race atmosphere and hospitality of Killarney.

The organisers in advance would like to thank our sponsors, Kerry county council, the Gardai, Killarney house, the national parks, the OPW, the Jarveys, the volunteers, the athletics association of Ireland, the media and the public for your support and cooperation for what is going to be again, a superb event.



## Don't Forget to Support Drink Tea for M.N.D. This March

It's that time of year again to put the kettle on and support Drink Tea for M.N.D., a vital fundraising initiative in aid of the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Funds raised help provide essential services for over 470 people living with Motor Neurone Disease across Ireland, including home care support and specialist medical equipment. With 85% of funding coming from public fundraising, initiatives like this are crucial to keeping these services running.

You can get involved by hosting a tea party, coffee morning, or small gathering with family and friends at any time during March. If you're unable to organise an event, donations can be made online at [www.imnda.ie](http://www.imnda.ie) or by calling 01 6703552.

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## KILLARNEY CELTIC

### CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 4,6,22,26. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winner received €150. Next jackpot €8,200 on Monday March 30th. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

### GREYHOUND BAR CUP

#### Killarney Celtic B 0-1 St Brendan's Park A

Celtic B bowed out of the Greyhound Bar Cup after an exciting encounter with St Brendan's Park last weekend. There was only 1 goal in the game but both sides created multiple chances. Celtic had chances but St Brendan's Park held out and converted a chance to move forward to the next round.

### U16 CUP

#### Killarney Celtic 5-0 St Brendan's Park

Tristan Murphy 2, Nikita Tkachenko, Kiernan Kelly, Simon Sirotiak

Celtic A moved forward in the cup after a clearcut win over St Brendan's Park.

### U16 DIV 2

#### Camp 0-4 Killarney Celtic B

Derry O'Gorman 3, Ross O'Gorman

A good all round performance saw the U16B team take the points in Camp. The squad put in a performance and were rewarded with the goals that clinched the points.

### U15 CUP

#### Killarney Celtic A 0-4 Listowel Celtic A

A slow start proved costly in this cup game as Listowel grabbed the initiative within the early minutes. Despite the early setbacks Killarney never stopped trying but Listowel were stronger and moved forward to the next round.

### U15 DIV 1

#### Killarney Celtic B 3-3 Iveragh

Luke Clifford 3

Celtic led early on but Iveragh came back to lead 3-1 at the break. Celtic regrouped and took their chances to regain parity, Iveragh came again but Celtic held firm for a point.

### U14 SHIELD

#### Killarney Celtic B defeated Fenit

Eoin Murphy, Jack Kissane, Keenan McCarthy, Noah Murphy, Nathan Cronin, Cathal O'Donovan Celtic B were always in control and eased into the next round of the shield.

### U14 TROPHY

#### Tralee Dynamos A 3-7 Killarney Celtic C

Josh Buckley 2, Rowan Murphy 2, Cillian Daly, Sam Fleury, Dylan McCarthy



Killarney Celtic U13C squad vs MEK A

Goals were the order of the day as Celtic C defeated Dynamos A. Celtic's forward power was decisive in this encounter.

### U14 DIV 3

#### Killarney Celtic D 5-2 LB Rovers

Oscar Kozub 3, Muhammet Gazal, Sean Looney

Celtic D gained a fine win last weekend as they proved too strong for LB Rovers. Celtic were on the front foot from the off as they played positive football.

### U13 TROPHY

#### Killarney Celtic C 4-3 MEK A

Oliver Stachowiak 3, Zsombi Vida

Celtic defeated MEK A in the U13 Trophy during the week. Celtic were on the front foot after Zsombi Vida netted. Oliver Stachowiak grabbed a hatrick to leave Celtic 4 clear before MEK staged a comeback to leave the bare minimum between the sides. Celtic held firm to deny MEK an equaliser and progress to the next round against Ballyhar.

### U12 CUP

#### Killarney Celtic A 1-2 Killarney Athletic

Conall Favier

Celtic led 1-0 at half time but Athletic came back in the 2nd half to move on to the next round.

### U12 SHIELD

#### Killarney Celtic B 4-0 Killarney Athletic B

Liam Myers, Adam O'Riordan, Chase Barton, Timmy O'Shea

Celtic advanced to the shield semi final after a fine win over Athletic. Celtic were ahead early on after Adam O'Riordan set up Liam Myers, who finished to the net. Celtic were 2up by the break after Adam O'Riordan netted. Chase Barton made it 3 Timmy O'Shea rounded off a good team performance when he calmly finished to

the net to seal the win.

### U12 DIV 1

#### St Brendan's Park 2-0 Killarney Celtic C

In a well contested game Celtic just came up short against St Brendan's Park.

### GIRLS

#### FAI WOMEN'S AMATEUR CUP

#### Killarney Celtic 0-1 Lakewood Ath

Celtic battled hard but Lakewood just edged this tie to move on in the Cup. Celtic drop to the shield competition.

**CONGRATS** to Matt Keane who was part of the Munster FA squad which won the FAI Amateur Inter Provincial Tournament last weekend. Munster now go on to represent the FAI in the UEFA Regions Cup.

**CONGRATS** to Tristan Murphy U16 and Derry O'Gorman U16 who were named on the KSBGL Team of the Week. Congrats to Aoibhinn McCarthy, Aoibhinn Spillane and Hope O'Brien who made the KSBGL Development League Team of the Week.

## MASTERGEEHA

### BOY'S LEAGUE

#### U12 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Our boys had a good win at home where the boys put in a strong team performance and came out on top in a good game in which both sides scored. Huge credit to Killorglin who never stopped trying from first whistle to last. Amongst the goal scorers today were Dara Sheahan, Jake Kelly, Dara Counihan (Capt), Jack Sheahan, John Leahy and Cillian O' Dwyer, with Jack named Player of the Match for his all-round display. Thanks to Dan for refereeing a fine game



Mastergeeha U12 B team



Ballyhar Dynamos FC U14 A squad, away shield quarter finalists victors over Killorglin FCC last weekend.

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and well done to all the lads for their effort, teamwork and attitude throughout.

## U14 BOY'S DIVISION 2

**Tralee Dynamos B 2 v Mastergeeha B 2**

## U12 JOHN MURPHY BOY'S SHIELD Q/F

**Mastergeeha D 1 v MEK B 0**

## U16 BOY'S TUCKER KELLY SHIELD

**Tralee Dynamos B 3 v Mastergeeha B 2**

## MASTERGEEHA U14 GIRLS PITCH & PUTT FUNDRAISER

The countdown is on and tee times are filling up fast for our Deerpark Pitch & Putt Fundraiser on Friday April 3rd in aid of the u14 Girls Barcelona Cup trip. The cost of a Team of 3 – €75 and some Fantastic prizes on the day.

To secure your tee time, contact ASAP: • Sinead – 087 165 7576 • Louise – 086 106 8106 • Jason – 087 455 6466 • Sean – 086 174 2675

## MASTERGEEHA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on 20th March 2026 for the Jackpot of €5,800. Numbers drawn were 3 - 9 - 12 - 22. Consolations Prizes of €50 each to the following, Donal O'Sullivan, Simone & Neil Morrissey, Dan Horan & Ann McSweeney. Our next draw will take place on Friday 27th March at the Village Inn for a Jackpot of €6,000.

## KERRYSCHOOLBOY/GIRL

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#### MIXED FORTUNES FOR KERRY GIRLS IN INTER LEAGUE ACTION

It was a challenging but competitive outing for Kerry sides across the latest All-Ireland Cup and Inter League fixtures, with strong performances despite mixed results.

In the U12 Girl's All-Ireland Cup quarter-final, Kerry's run came to an end following a 2-0 defeat to Kilkenny, as the visitors proved clinical on the day on the Killarney Celtic Astro.

The U13 side also exited the competition after a 3-1 loss away to Galway White in Eamonn Deacy Park, with Olga Kumor getting Kerry's goal in a hard-fought encounter.

There was a brighter outcome at U15 level, where Kerry produced an impressive display to defeat Wexford 4-1. Goals from Orlaith Flynn, Eilidh Cregan, and Grace Ryan helped secure a fifth straight win in the group stage, and they now look to push on in the knockout stages.

#### STRONG SHOWING FOR KERRY CLUBS IN NATIONAL QUARTER FINALS

It was an impressive weekend for Kerry sides in the National Cup and Trophy quarter-finals, with several teams progressing thanks to strong performances.

In the U13 Boy's National Cup, Inter Kenmare delivered a dominant display to defeat Ballybofey United 5-0. Goals from Shay O'Connor (2), Alasdair O'Sullivan, Tadhg Clifford, and Serje Arsenic sealed a comprehensive win and a place in the semi-finals.

At U14 level, Dingle continued their excellent run with a 3-1 victory over Arklow United in the National Cup. Donnacha Ó Murchú, Conall Ó Sé, and Muiris Ó Shúilleabháin were all on target in another strong showing. In the National Trophy, however, Killarney Athletic exited after a 4-2 defeat to Portmarnock, with Artem Dzhandra scoring both goals for Athletic.

In the U15 Boy's National Trophy, Castleisland secured a 3-1 win over Courtown Hibs to book their place in the semi-finals. Yevhennii Momontov struck twice, with an own goal adding to their tally to cap off a confident performance.

#### GIRLS

#### CLOSE CONTESTS IN U12 DOMINIC SCANLON COMPETITIONS

There were tight battles and strong attacking displays across the U12 Dominic Scanlon Perpetual Cup and Trophy, with several closely fought encounters deciding progression.

In the Cup, Castleisland edged a narrow 2-1 victory over Camp, with goals from Olivia Murphy and Emma Reidy proving enough to seal the win in a competitive contest.

In the Trophy, Inter Kenmare came through a thrilling 3-2 win against Tralee Dynamos, with Amy Browne scoring twice and Mary O'Sullivan also finding the net in a strong attacking display. Tiffany Nyereyemhuka and Abi Donovan found the net for Dynamos.

Dingle A were the standout performers of the round, producing an emphatic 5-1 victory over Ballyhar A. Goals came from Meadhbh Corcoran, a brace from Aoife Ní Shúilleabháin, and another two from Aoibhin Ní Mhurchú.

#### DRAMA AND GOALS FIN U15 MARY LYNE SHIELD KNOCKOUT STAGES

The U15 Mary Lyne Perpetual competitions

delivered plenty of excitement across both the quarter-finals and semi-finals, with high-scoring encounters and penalty drama deciding who progressed.

In the Cup quarter-finals, Camp produced a superb attacking display to defeat Tralee Dynamos 7-3. Orlaith Flynn led the way with a hat-trick, while Jemma Skimmer Syne added two, and Roisin O'Driscoll and Hollie O'Driscoll also found the net. Dynamos responded through Caoimhe Daly (2) and Tia Falvey.

Fenit were equally impressive, recording a 6-0 win over Iveragh with goals from Hannah Barrett-Neziri, Erin Harty, Aoibhinn Corridon, Fiadh Nelan, and Aoife Lyons. Killarney Athletic also progressed with a solid 3-0 victory over MEK, thanks to Lillian Slattery, Ella Crowley, and Roisin O'Sullivan.

In the semi-finals of the Shield, Killorglin advanced after a 3-0 walkover against Killarney Athletic B. The other semi-final between Dingle and Castleisland could not be separated after normal and extra time, finishing 0-0. Dingle held their nerve to win 5-3 on penalties, with successful spot-kicks from Jess Murphy, Lucy Keane, Maria Evans, Cara Fitzgerald, and Temi Aderomnu sealing their place in the final.

#### BOYS

#### KNOCKOUT DRAMA ACROSS U12 JOHN MURPHY COMPETITIONS

There was a full programme of knockout action in the U12 John Murphy Cup, Trophy, Shield and Bowl, with plenty of goals and competitive ties across all competitions.

In the Cup knock-out, Iveragh recorded a strong 4-1 win over Milltown, Michael John Moral scoring twice for the visitors, along with goals from Will O'Sullivan and Robbie O'Sullivan. Olly Sheehan scored for Milltown. Tralee Dynamos A edged a tight 3-2 victory over Castleisland A, with goals from Will Hussey, Donal Kissane, and Shane Scanlan, while Kalum Brennan and Dylan Murphy replied for Castleisland.

Dingle A also progressed with a 3-1 win over Tralee Dynamos B, thanks to a brace from Finn MacGearailt and a goal from Ruan Lynch, with Michael McCarthy scoring for Dynamos. In a close Killarney derby, Killarney Athletic A defeated Killarney Celtic A 2-1, Rian O'Reilly and Joe O'Shea found the net for Athletic with Conall Favier scoring for Celtic.



Ballyhar Dynamos u8 girls who participated in a mini blitz at MEK FC along with Killarney Athletic.



Kerry U12 Girls



*Kerry U13 Girls*



*Kerry U15 Girls*

In the Trophy quarter-final, Ballyhar A edged past MEK A 3-2, with Tadhg Fitzgerald scoring twice and Diarmuid Sheehy also on target in a hard-fought win.

The Shield quarter-finals saw Killarney Celtic B produce a strong performance to beat Killarney Athletic C 4-0, with goals from Liam Myers, Chase Barton, Adam O'Riordan, and Timmy O'Shea. Mastergeeha D also advanced with a narrow 1-0 victory over MEK B, thanks to Adam Buckley's decisive strike.

In the Bowl semi-finals, Ballyhar B were the standout performers, defeating Dingle B 5-1, with Ryan O'Sullivan scoring all five goals, while Ben Sheehy replied for Dingle. Castleisland B also progressed with a 2-0 win over Killarney Athletic D, both goals coming from Robbie Normoyle.

**GOALS FLOW ACROSS U14 TOM HAYES CUP, TROPHY AND SHIELD**

There was plenty of action in the U14 Tom Hayes competitions, with high-scoring games and strong team performances across the Cup, Trophy and Shield knock-out stages.

In the Cup, Park A secured a solid 3-1 win over Killorglin A, with goals from Max Fitzgibbon, William Duggan, and James Tansley. Killarney Athletic B impressed with a 5-2 victory over Fenit A, led by a hat-trick from Trey Hurley, with Leon Hebda and Cian Lennihan also on target. Camp A completed the round with a 4-2 win over Mastergeeha A in another competitive tie.

In the Trophy, Park B advanced with a 2-0 win against Ballyhar B, thanks to goals from Jotham

Kiwanuka and Ostap Dudnik. Killarney Celtic C delivered one of the standout performances, defeating Tralee Dynamos 7-3 with goals from Josh Buckley, Rowan Murphy (2), Cillian Daly, Dylan McCarthy, and Sam Fleury. LB Rovers were also in fine form, recording an emphatic 8-2 victory over Iveragh B, with goals from Gearoid Moriarty, Aidan Spillane, Micheal Pierce (2), Luke Scanlan, and Jake Bennett.

In the Shield quarter-finals, Killarney Celtic B had a 7-1 win over Fenit B, with a strong spread of scorers including Eoin Murphy, Jack Kissane, Keenan McCarthy, Noah Murphy, Nathan Cronin, and Cathal O'Donovan. Ballyhar A also progressed with a 6-0 victory over Killorglin C, with goals from Josh Nelligan, Brian McMahon, Ruairi Casey, Thomas Flatherty, Jack Duggan, and Darragh McLaughlin.

**STRONG WINS AND SHOOTOUT DRAMA IN U16 TUCKER KELLY COMPETITIONS**

There was plenty of excitement across the U16 Tucker Kelly Cup/Trophy and Shield, with dominant wins and a dramatic penalty shoot-out highlighting the round.

In the Cup/Trophy, Castleisland A progressed with a 3-0 walkover win over Mastergeeha A. Killarney Celtic A produced a commanding performance to defeat Park A 5-0, with goals from Tristan Murphy (2), Nikita Thachenko, Kiernan Kelly, and Simon Sirotiak.

The game of the round saw Fenit A and Killarney Athletic B battle to a thrilling 5-5 draw after extra time. Athletic's goals came from Martin Villa

(2), Sam O'Shea, Malachy Audley, and Brendan McHugh, but Fenit held their nerve to win on penalties and advance.

In the Shield, Tralee Dynamos B edged a close contest to defeat Mastergeeha B 3-2. Mark Foley led the way with a brace, while Eliot Cajella added the third. Adam Counihan and Sam Guinneau replied for Mastergeeha, but Dynamos held on to secure progression.

**BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK**

1. Eli O'Grady (Tralee Dynamos U12)
2. Sonai Mac an tSithigh (Dingle Bay Rovers U14)
4. Darragh Flahive (St Brendan's Park U14)
5. Eoin Mangan (MEK Galaxy U16)
3. Adam Walsh (Castleisland U16)
6. Daniel Fennelly (Killarney Athletic U16)
8. Tristan Murphy (Killarney Celtic U15)
10. Derry O'Gorman (Killarney Celtic U16)
7. Trey Hurley (Killarney Athletic U14)
9. Ryan O'Sullivan (Ballyhar Dynamos U12)
11. Mark Foley (Tralee Dynamos U16)

**GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR**

1. Sheolagh Daly (Killarney Athletic)
2. Sophie O'Dwyer (Inter Kenmare)
4. Meadhbh Corcoran (Dingle Bay Rovers)
5. Rose O'Donoghue (Inter Kenmare)
3. Aisling Clifford (Camp Juniors)
6. Isabelle O'Connell Wren (Castleisland)
8. Hollie O'Driscoll (Camp Juniors)
7. Amy Browne (Inter Kenmare)
10. Amy Stack (Talee Dynamos)
9. Hannah Barrett Neziri (Fenit Samphires)
11. Ella Crowley (Killarney Athletic)



*The Killarney Community College U19 soccer team that defeated Newport College 3-0 and have now qualified for the FAI schools Munster Trophy Final next month.*

# HOME WIN FOR KERRY

## KERRY FC 1 FINN HARPS 0

by David Moriarty

Kerry FC returned to Mounthawk Park on Friday night for a hard-fought encounter with Finn Harps, as the Kingdom continued their search for a first league win of the season. Backed by their home support and buoyed by a recent run of improved performances, there was a sense of opportunity around the ground, with Colin Healy's side looking to turn promising results into a breakthrough victory.

There was also a welcome boost in team news, with Ryan Kelliher and Cian Bargary both named in the squad for the first time this season. Kelliher's inclusion in particular marked a significant moment, as the forward made his long-awaited return after nearly a year out of action with an ACL injury. Kerry entered the game unbeaten in three, but with draws continuing to stall momentum, the urgency to claim all three points was clear.

Finn Harps, arriving on the back of a similarly stubborn run of results, ensured this would be another tightly contested affair, with little separating the sides across the 90 minutes.

The match began with Kerry FC kicking off in Tralee, immediately looking to assert themselves in front of their home support. Early on, in the fourth minute, the hosts were awarded a free kick in a dangerous area. Vince Borden stepped up and struck an effort that took a deflection, but Lorenzo Barbosa comfortably gathered it in the Finn Harps goal. Finn Harps responded in the sixth minute when Aaron McLaughlin found space to meet a delivery with a free header, but his attempt drifted well wide of the target. The opening exchanges were competitive, with both sides probing but struggling to create clear-cut opportunities.

In the eleventh minute, Kerry FC's Cian Murphy was shown a yellow card, setting the tone for a physical contest. Seven minutes later, Finn Harps' Alex-Mathis Tiego also entered the referee's book after committing a foul.

A key moment arrived in the twenty-second minute when Harry Halwax produced a fantastic save to deny Alex-Mathis Tiego's long-range strike, pushing the ball away to keep the game level. That save proved crucial, as Kerry FC took the lead just two minutes later.

In the twenty-fourth minute, Eric Koufie made an excellent run down the left flank before delivering a precise cross into the box. Cian Murphy reacted quickest, getting ahead of his marker to guide the ball home and score his first goal at Mounthawk Park, putting Kerry FC 1-0 ahead.

Buoyed by the goal, Kerry FC continued to press. In the thirty-fifth minute, Murphy attempted another effort from outside the box, but it went well wide. Two minutes later, he saw

a shot blocked amid loud appeals for handball, though the referee waved play on.

Finn Harps came agonisingly close to equalising in the thirty-ninth minute when Nathan Lumingo struck the post with what appeared to be an open net opportunity, a let-off for the home side. Kerry FC looked to respond before the break, with a promising attacking move in the forty-third minute ultimately dealt with by the visitors' defence.

As halftime approached, Kilian Cantwell received a yellow card in the forty-fifth minute, and moments later Gavin McAteer attempted an audacious trivela effort that sailed over the crossbar. Kerry FC went into the break holding a narrow but deserved 1-0 advantage, thanks to Murphy's decisive goal.

Kerry FC began the second half with intent, as Eric Koufie tried his luck with a curling effort in the forty-fifth minute, but his shot rose over the bar. Finn Harps responded in the forty-ninth minute when Nathan Lumingo saw a deflected effort loop just wide, hinting at the pressure they would apply in the second period.

In the fifty-first minute, Joel Bradley-Walsh delivered a free kick that narrowly missed Harry Halwax's right-hand post. Kerry FC then had a strong opportunity of their own in the fifty-fifth minute. Niall Brookwell flicked on a corner from Finn Barrett into the path of Vince Borden, whose strike went just wide, a significant chance to double the lead.

The game became increasingly tense as Finn Harps pushed for an equaliser. In the sixty-eighth minute, a dangerous pass flashed across the Kerry FC six-yard box before being deflected out for a corner, which the hosts managed to clear.

A notable moment followed in the sixty-ninth minute when Cian Bargary was introduced for Finn Barrett, making his debut for Kerry FC. Further changes saw Luke Palmer replace Eric Koufie in the seventy-sixth minute, as the home side looked to maintain energy.

Finn Harps continued to threaten, with Joel Bradley-Walsh firing a snapshot wide in the seventy-first minute. As the match entered its final stages, Kerry FC were forced into a resolute defensive effort.

In the eighty-fifth minute, Harry Halwax made another outstanding save, this time denying

Former Harps player Kieran Cooney in action against his former side - Photo by Konrad Pytlowski



Conor Tourish to preserve Kerry FC's lead. The visitors came even closer in the eighty-ninth minute when Joel Bradley-Walsh struck the crossbar from a free kick. The rebound fell to Josh Cullen, whose follow-up effort forced yet another excellent save from birthday boy Halwax.

Kerry FC made a late substitution in the ninetieth minute, with Arran Healy replacing Sean McGrath. However, drama followed immediately as Vince Borden received his second yellow card of the match and was sent off, leaving the hosts to see out the closing moments with ten men.

Despite the late pressure and numerical disadvantage, Kerry FC held firm through a determined defensive display. At the final whistle, they emerged 1-0 winners, with Cian Murphy's first-half goal proving decisive in a match defined by resilience, key saves, and a strong collective effort.

Kerry FC now look ahead to next Friday night as they have their third away game in four weeks with a trip to the Carlisle Grounds to take on Bray Wanderers.

**Kerry FC Team:** Harry Halwax; Finn Barrett, Kieran Cooney, Kilian Cantwell (C), Sean McGrath, Cian Murphy (GOAL '25), Jonas Häkkinen, Eric Koufie, Vince Borden (RED CARD '94), Niall Brookwell, Ewan Lee.

**Subs Used:** Luke Palmer, Arran Healy, Cian Bargary.

**Finn Harps Team:** Lorenzo Barbosa; Josh Cullen, Conor Tourish, Oran Brogan, Joel Bradley-Walsh, Temiloluwa Ajibola, Tony McNamee, Gavin McAteer Aaron McLaughlin, Nathan Lumingo, Alex-Mathis Tiego.

**Subs Used:** Max Johnston, Idir Zerrouck, Adam McDaid, Shaunie Bradley, Odhran McHugh.

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**LEGION GAA**

**LOTTO**

Lotto numbers: 3, 5, 19, 21. Bonus 8. Lucky dips/ match 3s: Colm Doyle, Connie O Shea, Ann Broderick

**SENIOR LADIES**

Our senior ladies Co league D2 got underway with a home game v Ballymac. The visitors took the lead with our girls finding it difficult to find scores in the first half. HT Legion 0-03 Ballymac 0-06.

The visitors took control in the early stages of the 2nd half with 1-01 to lead by 7. But our girls battled on and fought their way back into the game. A well taken Legion goal in the 58th minute by substitute Caelyn O Grady gave a glimmer of hope but time was against us with the visitors taking the points FT Legion 1-07 Ballymac 1-11

**MINOR COUNTY CLUB DIV1 FINAL**

**Legion 1-09 Listry 2-09**

Our minor boys unfortunately lost the county final in a very tight game held in Fossa.

We got a great start when a shot for a point was fielded by Cian who slotted it home. Listry then took control of the game and soon we were level. For the last 10 minutes of the first half we started to get some possession and we lead 1-03 to 0-5 at 1/2 time.

We were on top in the first part of the second half and lead by 4 points. However Listry hit us for 2 goals and held out for the win. Thanks to Listry for the game and to Evan Horan and his team of officials for reffing.

**FIXTURES**

**Senior County League Div 1 round 2**

Kenmare v Legion Sat 28 th march 5pm in Kenmare

**Senior County league Div 6 round 2**

Tousist v Legion B Sat 28th March 5pm in Tousist

**MINOR BOYS**

**East Kerry Super leagues 2026 Division 1**

(First team named is at home)

Round 1 Mon 6th April at 6:30pm, Listry V Legion

**SCOR NA BPAISTI**

Huge congratulations to our 2026 County Champions! Our Legion dancers did us proud yesterday at the Scór na bPáistí County Final in the Tinteán, Ballybunion. A fantastic performance from our solo dancer, Abbey O'Leary And our set dancers took 1st place in the county – an incredible achievement! Well done to all! A big congratulations and thank you as well to their dancing teacher, Hannah Majella, who put in countless hours of training, and to the parents for their continued support

**ST PATRICKS DAY PARADE**

Congrats to all involved in last was st Patrick's day parade as they deservedly won the BEST ACTIVITY award.

**BABY JOY**

Congratulations to Brian Kelly and Rheanne on the birth of their beautiful daughter Aria.

**MOTHERS AND OTHERS**

Our Mothers and Others group are back again on Thursdays 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 08769639

**UNDERAGE ACADEMY**

The academy will continue every Saturday morning at Dirreen. All new kids are very welcome. Any query please contact Justin 086 3684108 or Derek 089 2299769

**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

**FOSSA**

**LOTTO**

The numbers drawn on 22/03/2026 for a jackpot of €7,200 were 2, 13, 15, 16. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Niamh Cronin, Mark Dennehy, Ned Spillane, Cillian Myers, Bart Buckley.

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>

**COUNTY LEAGUE FIXTURES**

Our Seniors play Ardfert in Fossa @ 4pm on Saturday, 28th March which will be followed by our Senior B team v Scartaglin @ 5.30 pm. A busy evening of county league football, also wishing Paudie and David Clifford and the Kerry team the very best of luck in the League Final against Donegal on Sunday.

**DR. CROKES**

**LGFA - DONAL CURTIN CUP**

**Dr. Crokes 1:09 MKL 0:11**

Our Senior ladies had a good win in Rd 1 of the Donal Curtin Cup at home on Sunday. A superbly taken goal by Treasa O'Sullivan in the closing minutes proved to be the difference between the sides in a very entertaining game.

**MEMBERSHIP** is now due. Membership can be paid through the club app. Download today <https://drcrokes.com/join-our-club/>

**FIXTURES**

With a busy few weeks ahead keep an eye on all social media platforms for upcoming fixtures.

**CROKES CUBS AND ACADEMY** takes place every Saturday. Hurling from 10am-11am and football from 11:15am-12:15pm. All new members welcome.

**KATHLEEN'S GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS** continues on Tuesdays from 11am in the clubhouse.

**GENTLE YOGA** for both Men and Women take place on Thursdays from 6:15pm-7pm. It is €40 for 4 weeks, valid for 5 weeks.

**LOTTO** took place on March 23rd Numbers drawn were 1, 7, 8, 19. Jackpot of €20,000 was NOT WON. 23 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €25 each. Jackpot for draw on March 30th will be €20,300. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokes-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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Rheanne and Brian

*Pictured is Peter Keane of Keane's super valu club Minor championship final presented man of match to Rathmore's Cillian Moynihan*



Kelly on the birth of their baby girl Aria.

**NOTES**

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

**EAST KERRY NEWS**

**DIVISION 1**

**Listry 0-16 Kilcummin 0-14**

East Kerry Super league finals

**DIVISION 1 FINAL**

Rathmore V Glenflesk. Venue: TBC

**DIVISION 2 FINAL**

Dr Crokes V Currow. Venue: Dr. Crokes Park

Both Finals are Sunday 12th April at 12 noon

**COACH EDUCATION**

East Kerry IGG Coaching Course was completed in Faranfore Club Hall. The two night course gave all coaches an excellent chance to improve and develop coaching ideas. Tutors in attendance over the duration of the course were Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC, PJ Reidy Mid Kerry GDC and PJ Ryan Munster Tutor. It was great to see over thirty coaches in attendance. Thanks to Firies GAA club for the use of the superb indoor facility.

**POST PRIMARY SCHOOL FOOTBALL**

St Brendans College U17 Developmental League team competed in the Kerry County Board schools competition over the last few weeks. Thanks to John Mitchels and MTU for the use of both Astro Turf pitches. Congratulations to St Brendans College on defeating a strong St Michaels College Listowel team in a superb final.

St Brendans College U15 team made the journey to Limerick to play in the Munster U15 Taft Cup Final in TUS Moylish. St Flannans Ennis proved worthy opponents on the day. It was great to see seven East Kerry clubs represented on the starting fifteen. This shows the superb work done by all club coaches and Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC in developing all club players in the district. Playing superb open football the St Brendans College team gained a deserved victory over a spirited Clare outfit. Thanks to Der Brosnan (Fitzgerald Stadium) for the use of the excellent pitch in advance of the final and to all teachers in St Brendans College for coaching the players all year.

# Armagh Claim Two Point Victory Over Kerry

**ARMAGH 1-13  
KERRY 2-8**

By Elaine Ingram

Armagh desperately needed a win to move out of the Lidl National Football League Division 1 relegation zone and they managed to get it in a tight tussle against Kerry with a two-point victory.

While there was no breeze in Silverbridge, Kerry were playing into the sun as it dipped low in the sky after the 5pm throw-in. Armagh avoided the blinding light as it had sunk below the treeline for the second half.

The Orchard County led 1-6 to 1-2 at the break, thanks to a free from Aimee Mackin, who was a welcome returnee to the field from injury, and a brace from the dead ball converted by Kelly Mallon.

Before that the sides there was just one score in it with the home side leading 1-3 to 1-2 as after Kerry battled back from a five-point deficit.

The Kingdom almost had the ball in the net twice in the first quarter, but it was the Orchard County who rattled it first with a goal from Blaithin Mackin, well set up by Lauren McConville in the tenth minute. A couple of points followed and the home side led 1-3 to 0-1 but Leah Boyle scored the next point and on 20 minutes Siofra O'Shea drilled the ball to the roof of the net for the Kingdom. The aforementioned Armagh frees concluded the half in a close contest between these two familiar foes. Kerry were reduced to 14 players when Aoife Dillane was sinbinned before the break and that certainly helped Armagh's cause as they came out strong in the second half.

They went nine points clear after Mallon put two over the bar and Aimee Mackin, McCoy and Marley made it 1-11 to 1-2.

Kerry were struggling to find the target, while Aimee Mackin sent another beauty between the sticks before Niamh Ni Chonchuir and sub Maeve Mulvihill responded.

Kerry continued to chip into Armagh's lead and a second goal from O'Shea made it a two-point game 1-13 to 2-8 with minutes remaining. Armagh gained possession and tried to keep it as the clock wound down and they managed to do just that to win 1-13 to 2-8.

**Scorers:**

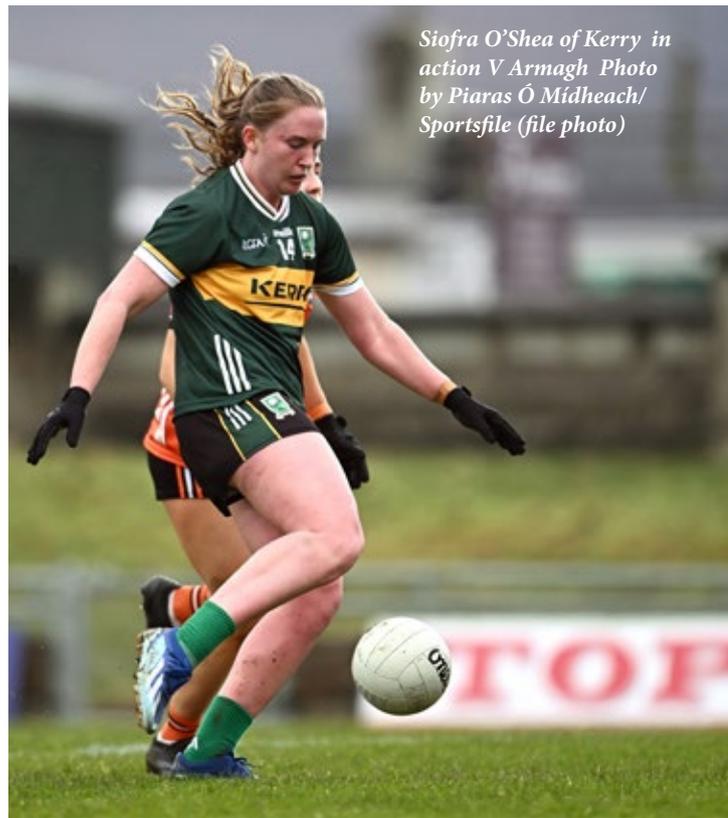
Armagh: B Mackin 1-0, K Mallon 0-5 (2f), A Mackin 0-4 (1f) A McCoy 0-2, C Marley 0-2.

Kerry: S O'Shea 2-2, (0-1)f, K Enright, N Carmody, L Boyle, N Ni Chonchuir, M Mulvihill, N Carmody 0-1 each.

**ARMAGH:** B Mathers; M Ferguson, C McCambridge, C Towe; A Donnelly, L McConville, G Ferguson; B Mackin, C O'Reilly; C McNally, A McCoy, E Druse; A Mackin, C O'Hanlon, K Mallon. Subs: M Lennon for McNally (40), E Reid for Marley (42), E Druse for McCoy (55), E McConaghy for Mallon (55).

**KERRY:** C Butler; E Lynch, D Kearney, R Rahilly; E Ni Laighin, A Dillane, L Boyle; N Carmody, A Galvin; K Enright, N Ni Chonchuir, C Evans; S O'Shea, D O'Leary, R Dwyer. Subs: M Mulvihill for Evans ht, L McMahon for Dwyer h-t, J Lucey for O'Leary (36), N Quinn for Enright (42), K Ryan for Boyle (49).

Referee: David Hurson (Monaghan)



Siofra O'Shea of Kerry in action V Armagh Photo by Piaras Ó Midheach/Sportsfile (file photo)

# Killarney Judo Club Shine at National Grading

Members of Killarney Judo Club travelled to Dublin on Sunday, March 22nd to take part in the National Judo Grading, an important milestone for athletes progressing on their journey towards achieving Black Belt status.

Among those representing the club was Kevin Casey, who rejoined to the club after a number of years to resume his judo career and demonstrated that it is never too late to achieve success. Kevin successfully completed a demanding technical assessment, showcasing a wide range of throws to earn his Blue Belt.

Two of the club's rising young talents, Patrik Polubnak and James Maher, both aged 15, delivered impressive performances to earn their Brown Belts. One of the standout moments of the grading came when James executed a spectacular throw, lifting an opponent nearly twice his size clean into the air and earning a perfect score from the examiners. The two teenagers will now spend the coming months preparing intensively as they set their sights on competing for their Black Belts this September.



Also continuing her strong progress through the ranks is Ciara Forde, who is now just three contest wins away from achieving her Black Belt. Should she succeed, Ciara will become the 26th Black Belt in the proud history of the club. The club members were accompanied by coaches and supporters who made the trip to Dublin, highlighting the strong community

spirit within the club. The success at the national grading marks another positive step forward for Killarney Judo Club as it continues to develop athletes of all ages and abilities. Their achievements reflect the dedication, discipline, and hard work that the sport of judo demands, values that remain at the heart of the club's continued growth.



JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

## MICHAEL LYSTER RIP

He didn't stand out. On panels where Colm O'Rourke and a passionate Spillane analysed and argued and Joe Brolly.....was Joe Brolly, and invariably excessively so, Michael Lyster was the quiet, calm professional. He didn't want attention. As far as he was concerned, he was there to facilitate and gently guide a discussion, not be the focus of it. George Hamilton always did the same with soccer; leave the headlines to Giles and Dunphy – soccer's own version of Joe Brolly. I blame Sky Sports in the nineties for the introduction of pundits who thought they were the show. Lyster was of an older breed, quietly serious people who cared about the games. They didn't hide from controversy but now did they ever court it. Remember that scandal involving Michael Lyster? Yeah, I don't either, because there wasn't one.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

**Kerry 0-24 Armagh 1-21**

Lads, I don't even know what to make of that. Kerry were brilliant, then they were terrible. Armagh were badly stuck in second gear, and suddenly they were all over us. It was just inexplicable. I will say that I wasn't impressed with the camera work on GAAGO, it was too far from the action too much of the time. Kerry lorded midfield in the first half but, because the camera never panned out to show the positioning, I don't really know how. I just....I don't like quibbling on stuff like this but if you are charging for a service....

David Clifford with the opening score off his left. That was well crafted by Kerry. Blaine Hughes is looking for a short option for the kick-out; there isn't any. He's forced to go long and Kerry mop it up. I like the long kick-out contests, old-fashioned football and one of the real arts of the game. Yes, certain managers aren't in favour. I have genuine and enormous respect for Kieran McGeeney, but that doesn't mean that I always agree with him. Modern managers want to control every aspect of the game, I and most supporters like a bit of chaos. Dylan Geaney goes round the outside, a little burst of pace, and picks off a point. Too easy. Kerry win the kick-out again and the Dingle man repeats the trick. David pops over a free. Joe O'Connor, already an immense influence, takes a neat little pop pass on the run and fists it over; he could have one for goal. David does go for goal; it crashes back off the crossbar.

Two years ago Armagh saw of Kerry on their way to the All Ireland. Where is that team? Because these lads might have the same names, but they are not the same players. I was under a strong impression that Armagh had been playing well and were unlucky to be in the relegation mix. But this? This is abject. This isn't Armagh. Jaysus, even on their bad days they are far better than this. To be fair, Joe O'Connor, Mark O'Shea, Seán O'Brien....superb.



The late Michael Lyster, jockey Barry Geraghty, Legendary Kerry Team trainer Mick O'Dwyer, RIP, Mike McCarthy-Larkin and Colm Gooch Cooper pictured at the Kerry Hospice / Palliative Care Day at Killarney Races in August 2019. (file photo) Photo: Don MacMonagle

Seán O'Shea appears to be getting through lot of work as well.

David again. 0-6 to 0-0. Armagh with a decent effort; good catch by Seán O'Brien under his own crossbar. Dylan Geaney with his third point. Then his fourth. Armagh can't deal with his pace at all. I truly don't understand what's happening here. Armagh are making this too easy for Kerry. Are they trying to hide stuff from Ulster Championship opponents? I seriously doubt it, but this is just bizarre. David with a free. 0-9 to 0-0.

At last. Cian McConville with an Armagh score. It only took 23 minutes. You'd nearly be happy for them.

Darragh McMullan with a two pointer. That was....I don't know. That was a lot more Armagheseque. If we aren't careful, we could get drawn into a battle.

Ben Crealey. Somehow – it still frustrates me that the camera isn't catching the movement in midfield – Armagh are getting on top there and running at Kerry. And we visibly don't like it. Ben Crealey with a point. Again, direct football, and we are struggling with it.

David Clifford with a magnificent two pointer. We needed that. 0-11 to 0-4. And all I'm feeling is a sense of relief. Not assurance, relief. Something feels brittle about Kerry and I get the impression that Armagh are sensing it.

Jarly Óg Burns. A very well taken score, but once again we left that door open. Half-time can't come fast enough for us.

Oisín O'Neill, just on the pitch, fires over a free. Conor Turbitt with a point from play. Just a goal in it now. Tubritt again. Jaysus, lads, both sets of forwards are capable of cutting wreck – but only one set is getting any supply. Darragh McMullan....one point game now. One team playing football, and it's not us.

Joe O'Connor with another burst of pace before

fisting over. We needed that one badly. Kerry 0-12 Armagh 0-10. I don't know what Jack O'Connor is going to be saying at half-time. Jack, famously, has no time for all the roaring and shouting; he tends to be calm and focussed during the break. This one must be tempting though.

Half-time. A quick glance at the Dublin Galway game on TG4. That's....quite a talking point. I don't know what provoked it, but whatever it was, there are no excuses for any team official getting caught up in that.

None of our business.

Second half. Greg McCabe with a white flag, just one point in it again.

Tom O'Sullivan with a glorious two pointer. Some year he is having.

Ross McQuillan with two quick points in a row. Cian McConville with another. Level pegging, 0-14 apiece. No way can I see us hanging on. That first half dominance feels like it was months ago.

David Clifford with a point. We had a chance of another, fluffed it. Gave that back too easily, to be honest, and here come Armagh with a burst. McMullen slices right through us. Dylan Casey with a save on the line. Kerry are scrambling desperately to clear....McCormack denied at the last second....Oisín O'Neill gets his boot to it and it's a goal. It was coming. 1-14 to 0-15.

Tm O'Sullivan again with a two pointer. He's a leader. Kerry are about to find out if they have enough of them.

Oisín O'Neill nudges Armagh back in front. David Clifford replies with a two pointer free to put Kerry back in front. Magic. If we can get enough ball to him.....yeah. 'If.

Darragh McMullen squares it up again and Cian McConville picks off a free. It feels a bit cagier now; the pace is dropping a bit. McConville with another free. Two in it now. Five minutes



Mid Air Magic.....Thomas Kennedy Kerins O'Rahillys in Action from the Kerry V Armagh National League Clash at Armagh Athletic Grounds.  
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Action from the Kerry V Armagh National League Clash at Armagh Athletic Grounds.  
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left. Kerry are bobbing and weaving on the ropes. I'd shake hands on a draw right now; I don't think we are going to get one.

Did David kick a two pointer? He thinks so. I have no idea, for obvious reasons....I don't think I'll be renewing my GAAGO subscription, to be honest about it.

Joe O'Connor with a two pointer. Big moment. David Clifford with a score. Conor Tubritt with a goal chance...Brian Ó Beaglaíoch gets a foot to it. Close run thing. Tom O'Sullivan fists over at the other end....we're two in front. Not for long. Oisín Conaty with two points.

Ross McQuillan.....Armagh in front. Time running out fast. As it stands, we'll miss out on a League Final and Armagh will escape relegation. Hard to keep track of the permutations.

Seán O'Shea. Amazingly, it's his first point of the day and it's a vital one.

Armagh with possession. Running down the clock. Right thing to do, don't leave Kerry with time to come back with another equaliser. Wait for the last few seconds before picking off a point.

Except that none of them shoot. There were opportunities, but nobody willing to take on the responsibility. The reality is that Armagh had us on the hook and should have kicked a winner.

We were lucky. We were up nine points to no score and we were bloody lucky to get a draw. I don't know what went wrong there, but something did. Alright, we have a League Final to correct matters. I don't know what broke down in the middle third and I didn't like how easily Armagh were able to profit with direct running. Good result, but I'm not sure it was deserved.

Kerry: Shane Murphy, Paul Murphy, Jason Foley, Dylan Casey, Tom O'Sullivan (0-4, 2tp), Mike Breen, Armin Heinrich, Joe O'Connor (0-2), Sean O'Brien, Mark O'Shea, Seán O'Shea (0-1), Graham O'Sullivan, Dylan Geaney (0-04), David Clifford (0-10, 2tp, 2f), Keith Evans. Subs: Micheál Burns (for Graham O'Sullivan, 46 mins) Tomas Kennedy (for Keith Evans, 46 mins), Killian Spillane (for Dylan Geaney, 59 mins).

Armagh: Blaine Hughes, Gareth Murphy, Aaron McKay, Peter McGrane, Ross McQuillan (0-3), Tiernan Kelly, Jarly Óg Burns (0-1), Paddy Burns, Ben Crealey (0-1), Tomas McCormack (0-

2), Darragh McMullen (0-4, 1tp), Greg McCabe (0-1), Cian McConville (0-3, 0-2f), Jason Duffy, Oisín Conaty (0-2). Subs: Oisín O'Neill 1-1, 1f (for Jarly Óg Burns, 28 mins), Conor Turbitt 0-3, 1tp (for Oisín Conaty, 30 mins), Oisín Conaty (for Jason Duffy, 38 mins), Jarly Óg Burns (for Ben Crealey (blood sub 46 mins), Jarly Óg Burns (for Paddy Burns, 52mins), Callum O'Neill (for Tiernan Kelly, 63 mins).

Referee: Brendan Cawley (Kildare).

## KERRY HURLERS PROMOTED NATIONAL LEAGUE Kerry 2-18 Meath 0-18

Kerry bounced straight back up after last year's relegation and have the added bonus of a Division Two League Final against a strong Laois side – no harm at all as they prepare for their opening round of the Christy Ring Cup, which will also be against Meath.

Kerry made a good start, Ronan and Colin Walsh with the opening three points. A foul on Colin Walsh saw Dara Shine black carded and Ronan Walsh despatching a penalty to give Kerry a five point lead, 1-3 to 0-1. However, Meath rallied well and Kerry could be glad to see a great goal chance whizz just wide. Pádraig Boyle was on the pitch for Kerry by then, replacing the injured Oisín Maunsell and for me, he has always been the real cutting edge to our attack, notching four points himself but also providing a real outlet. By half-time Kerry were seven points clear, 1-12 to 0-8. Kerry were largely able to maintain that gap in the second half, with Tom Doyle scoring a second Kerry goal after three minutes and points from Boyle and Kyle O'Connor making it 2-14 to 0-10. Meath kept plugging away and showed that they will be a tough proposition in the Christy Ring, but Kerry had enough in the bank by then to see it out.

Kerry: Conor Bohane, Eric Leen, Seán McGrath, Kyle O'Connor (0-1), James O'Connor (0-1), Jason Diggins (0-1), Michael Leane, Kevin Goulding (0-1), Ronan Walsh (1-4, 1-0 pen, 3f, 1'65), Tom Doyle (1-1), Colin Walsh (0-2), Jordan Brick (0-1), Michael Slattery, Daniel Casey, Oisín Maunsell. Subs: Liam Og O'Connor 0-2 (for Daniel Casey, 27 mins), Pádraig Boyle 0-4, 1f (for

Oisín Maunsell, 29 mins), Luke Rochford (for Michael Slattery, 60 mins), Evan Murphy (for Jason Diggins, 60 mins), Adam Segal (for Kevin Goulding, 66 mins).

## KERRY CAMOGIE BOOK THEIR SPOT IN LEAGUE FINAL CENTRA NATIONAL LEAGUE DIV 2

### Kerry 4-14 Derry 0-9

Kerry arguably saved their best league performance for their most decisive game of the group stages, with a brilliant attacking display carrying them past home side Derry and into the league final. Kerry had started the day at the top of the table but with a long journey up to Ulster while both Meath and Laois were breathing down their necks in the hunt for a league final spot.

Derry sharpshooter Ciara Collins served notice that Kerry would get nothing easy by clipping over an early free and in fact, Derry were narrowly wide with another chance. Kerry had two chances of opening their own account go a-begging before Collins doubled her own and the home side's tally with another free. However, Kerry were starting to assert themselves in open play and a superb move involving Patrice Diggin, Laura Collins, and then a precise pass by Amy O'Sullivan to Kate Lynch saw the Glenflesk native rattle the Derry net and nudge Kerry in front, 1-0 to 0-2. Derry equalised with another free but Kerry were really finding their rhythm now. Jackie Horgan rattled over two points while Patrice Diggin snapped over a free. Ciara Collins pulled one back with her fourth pointed free but Patrice Diggin replied in kind and added another point from play. A brilliant fetch by Amy O'Sullivan saw her cut in for a trademark goal and, while Derry did respond with their first point from play, Kerry could be well pleased with a deserved 2-5 to 0-5 lead as they traipsed in at half-time.

Kerry made a lightning start to the second half. Patrice Diggin neatly split the posts for the opening score and Kerry attacked the pickout before Amy O'Sullivan struck for her



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second goal and Kerry's third. Kerry were well on top now and hunting in packs, with Kate Lynch firing over a point to stretch the lead. Derry did pull a point back, but Patrice Diggin immediately fired back with a free to make it 2-8 to 0-6.

Ciara Collins fired over a Derry free but there was to be no respite as Patrice Diggin hit back with three points on the trot, one from a free and two from play. Once Jackie Horgan struck for a fourth Kerry goal, there was no real way back for the home side and Kerry could afford to run their ench, including a welcome return back from injury by Aoife Behan. It didn't interrupt Kerry's momentum, far from it, as Patrice Diggin (f) and Shannon Collins extended the lead out to 4-13 to 0-7.

Derry did manage two late points, one from substitute Conie McBride from play and another Ciara Collins free, but it was Kerry's Amy McCarthy who had the final score of the day to seal a really impressive Kerry win and a Division Two League Final spot against Meath, who just pipped Laois into second place on scoring difference.

Kerry: Aoife Fitzgerald, Rachel McCarthy, Sara Murphy, Michelle Costello, Roisín Quinn, Niamh Leen, Ellen O'Donoghue, Patrice Diggin (0-9), Caoimhe Spillane, Amy O'Sullivan (2-0), Ruth O'Connor, Kate Lynch (1-1), Jackie Horgan (1-2), Laura Collins, Emma Conway. Subs Aoife Behan (for Roisín Quinn), Shannon Collins 0-1 (for Emma Conway), Amy McCarthy 0-1 (for Laura Collins), Áine Devlin (for Niamh Leen), Lauren Bowler (for Aoife Fitzgerald)

## WORLD CUP

There's one main topic of conversation for sports fans this week, and unfortunately this column will have gone to print before I can write about it. Or maybe fortunately, I guess depending how it goes. I think we will be alright for this one. This is not the team of Nedved, Baros, Rosicky. Mind you, I'm not suggesting they will be any kind of pushover. Don't mind that defeat to the Faroes Islands, their pattern of results is quite impressive.

If we beat Czechia, and I do think we are the form team heading into that one, then we face Denmark. Anyone want to take a look back at

our recent history in that regard? I don't either. So let's go back a little bit further and look at what the FIFA World Cup actually is.

It is the biggest sporting competition in the world. Not the most watched single event – that's the Tour de France – but taken as a whole, it's by far the biggest. The American Superbowl? Cricket is easily quadruple that; people forget how big the populations of the likes of India and Pakistan are. Cricket is absolutely huge in numbers. Rugby? Will you stop. Not even in the conversation. Tennis dwarfs the rugby. Athletics? Too diversified. Check the viewing numbers for the Olympics. Everyone watches a little bit, but the total average viewing figures? Way, way less than you think. The World Cup? Yeah, it's about as corrupt and appalling as it can get....and it still fascinates the world more than anything else we have. There are statistics, genuine statistics (I've been reading Simon Kuper, arguably the best soccer writer out there, even if he has the American writing style of including personal anecdotes to clarify points, a la Bill Bryson, which is extra weird because he isn't American)) that show life expectancy in a lot of countries goes up or down based on how they do in World Cup games.

It was the brainchild of Jules Rimet, and it was roughly the same era as the establishment of the Olympics. The brainchild of another Frenchman, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, and there are similarities. Organised sport really developed during the nineteenth century. The Industrial Revolution had created the concept of leisure time (medieval peasants worked less than you think, washed more, ate better, albeit with less meat, and lived longer – sadly, infant mortality was huge and brought down the average). Agricultural output practically doubled in the nineteenth century, as did the size of chickens in the twentieth – I promise, I am not making that up, there was an agricultural revolution that was arguably more impactful than the industrial one. There was also a growing urbanisation that meant factory production of food, an increase in retail, and, well, large numbers of people looking for entertainment. I.e organised sport – communal gatherings had been treated with suspicion in the age of royalty, but there was a greater sense of something we can loosely call democracy.

People could gather and play games, and new technology meant that people could travel further than before.

'Mens sana in corpore sana'. A healthy mind in a healthy body, the formal motto of the British public school system. It was a doctrine that extended far, far from Britain. Sport was a thing to be encouraged. Boys in particular – girls being far too delicate for such matters, being suited only to the triviality of childbirth and also being prone to hysteria – were expected to be toughened on the playing fields. Stiff upper lip, etc. 'Tom Brown's Schooldays' was an enormously popular book of the day. Have you read it? I have. It is a literal description of monsters. How schoolboys emerged with their sanity intact is beyond me, and I'm not sure that they all did.

Coubertin and Rimet were both believers in sport as a substitute for war – though Coubertin certainly intended sport as a training ground in case the necessity should arrive, and both he and Rimet were tentative about a relatively young country called Germany that they suspected of imperial ambition.

There was a difference in the two men, one that I strongly feel has been neglected by history. Coubertin was an aristocrat and felt that it was the duty of his class to guide lesser people, proletariats, in how they should live. He would establish the principles, and the athletes would be bound by them. Profit was a corrupting influence on sport and could not be permitted as a motivation. Amateurism was a basic requirement.

It sounds noble, does it not? Except that the practical effect was to exclude people who had to work for a living from sport. Check the history, people – the earliest winners of the Olympic Games among other sports were all landed gentlemen of leisure, those scions of feudalism whom P.G. Wodehouse so humorously pilloried (great writer, very dodgy human being). Coubertin's idea was an egalitarian idea of sport, but only for a certain class.

Rimet was the son of a grocer who studied law at night. He wasn't independently wealthy. He wanted sport to be open to everyone, and he realised early on that yes, making a living from it had to be a possibility. He denounced amateurism as "a way to allow the arbitrary

domination of a privileged oligarchy". As you may have guessed, I agree with him. There was a famous amateur British soccer team called the Corinthians. They believed so strictly in the amateur ideal that they wouldn't even accept penalties awarded to them – it was against the 'principle of the game'.

Apparently, so was including poor people.

At the same time, Rimet was a founding member of a soccer club in Paris, Red Star who were signing players from the Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany on 'expenses' or for token employment. They were professional players, and even if it wasn't openly said, everybody knew it.

A 'World Cup' had first been mooted in 1905 but it was first tabled at a FIFA meeting in 1914. The soccer competition at the Olympic Games, completely amateur, would be recognised by FIFA as a World Cup. Rimet was part of a minority who bristled at the amateur concept but had to agree.

On the second morning of that FIFA meeting in Switzerland, the world changed. Archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated in Sarajevo, and Europe's complex network of colonial powers and the old world orders of the Ottomans and Hapsbergs began to unravel with terrifying speed. Though generations of young gentlemen and aristocrats would be wiped out on all sides, this would not be their war and the world that would emerge after it would never again show their heirs the same deference. That would have consequences in itself – capitalism would replace land income

and birthright and there is a definite argument that it has become something of an unbridled monster in its own right.

Rimet fought in that war. Fought heroically, as it happens, winning the Croix de Guerre three times.

He emerged into a new world order with greater credibility. By the 1920s he was far from the only one pressing for a professional international soccer tournament open to all nations (caucasian nations – the new world had plenty of the bigotries of the old one).

FIFA basically had no money, it had been wiped out in the 1929 crash. The UK was having nothing to do with this weird 'World Cup' concept – they had invented soccer and the temerity of other nations challenging their established position was practically insulting. America, with its breadbasket turned into a dustbowl (the Wall Street Crash was not its biggest problem, far from it, the weather destroying the agricultural output of the Midwest was worse) had neither money nor inclination and was tentatively beginning to embrace its own sporting culture (mainly baseball – American Football and Basketball were far from what they would become). Luckily for FIFA, one of the World's richest countries was celebrating its centenary in 1930 and agreed to not only host, but pay the costs of visiting teams. Most of the European teams travelled on the same ship, the Conte Verde. France fielded a weakened team (they only participated to oblige Rimet), Belgium and Yugoslavia were not strong teams, Italy withdrew after being rejected as hosts,

and the Romanian team was selected by the country's monarch, while Egypt missed their connection and gave up. Accompanying them was FIFA Chairman Jules Rimet. He brought with him a statuette weighing four kg that he had commissioned from a friend.

Uruguay, the 1924 and 1929 Olympic champions, to no one's surprise, beat Argentina in that first final by 4-2, having trailed 2-1 at the break. Home advantage was a regular feature of the early World Cups. It does sound as though Uruguay won on merit. There is a famous story that the game was played with the Argentine ball (purchased from Scotland) in the first half, which Argentina won 2-1, and the Uruguayan ball (purchased in England) in the second half, which Uruguay won 3-0. Good story. Unfortunately, it's completely apocryphal.

What is true is that the Uruguayan captain, Dorado, is seen holding some sort of a silver trophy. Rimet, surrounded by a jubilant crowd, had been unable to present his gold statuette. It wasn't presented at the next one, either. Mussolini's Italy, the second victorious hosts (gunplay wasn't actually used, but Mussolini wasn't pretending it wasn't an option) had commissioned a huge bronze trophy for themselves.

It didn't matter. The first World Cup had captured the imagination. As besmirched and degraded as it has become, a pocket-lining embarrassment for sportswashing, it still fires the world's imagination.

## Ambitious Celtic are off to sunny Spain

Reigning Kerry champions Killarney Celtic FC are packed and ready for a major Erasmus+ project which will see 30 children, group leaders and accompanying adults travel to València in Spain for the first week of the Easter holidays.

Club executive members, coaches and players have launched Celtic's second Erasmus+ Youth Mobility project, for which funding was secured from National Agency Léargas.

Celtic were the first Irish sports club to avail of Youth Mobility Erasmus+ funding for a memorable Italian trip in 2025 and this year's project will see them off to sunny Spain.

The Celtic contingent will travel to València for a programme of social, physical and cultural activities planned with local partner, the Maristas College.

The partnership has been forged by the family of Nando Dominguez, a Spanish student who spent a year in Killarney when he was a beneficiary of the club's

previous Erasmus+ Youth Mobility project.

A programme of activities will be undertaken jointly by a group of Spanish youth, led by the college under their Erasmus co-ordinator, Fernando Torran, with the Irish visitors drawn from six

Killarney Celtic teams from under 14 and under 17 levels.

Some activities are also supported by Nando's local soccer club CFB Ciutat de Valencia.

The value of the funding secured is of the order of €50,000.

"We are extremely grateful to

Léargas, for the training and opportunities they provided to our club to apply for this funding strand and make this exchange a really exciting prospect," said Celtic chairman, Philip O'Callaghan.

Preparations have been ongoing for months with youth involvement and countless digital engagements with the Spanish organisers led by Celtic coach and project manager Davide Mosca.

"The project represents a great opportunity for our young people to have life enhancing experiences and to grow. Erasmus+ is a great programme and great credit is to people like our local MEP Seán Kelly who saw that it had potential beyond formal education," said Davide.

"Although the application process can seem difficult, the training and support we got from Léargas was of huge value in building a funded project and we appreciate their assistance and encouragement," he added.



Killarney Celtic underage players, coaches and officers at the unveiling of their programme for the upcoming Erasmus+ trip to Valencia. Included are Paul Sherry, Davide Mosca, Brian Moloney, James Murphy, Linda O'Leary Mosca, Brian Looney and Thomas Horan. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

# WALKING TALL

## A Profile of Michael O'Connor

By David Kissane, Kerry Athletics PRO



### From Walsh's Field to Torun

When Michael O'Connor (Farranfore Maine Valley AC) points his toe upwards behind the start line of the 3K indoor race walk final in Torun, Poland at the European masters' indoor athletics championships on this Friday evening around 6pm, he won't be thinking of Walsh's field in Farranfore. He won't be thinking of Lawlor's field or Finnegan's Cross either as he traverses the six-lane, blue ramped track where the world indoor athletics championships were staged this past weekend. He will have the tunnel vision, the eagle eye, the keen chin and the indelible intent of the hardened master competitor that he has become since he first experienced athletics in his native parish over 6 decades ago.

Michael will be competing in the M75 3K race walk in the same stadium in the beautiful big town of Torun where he collected the perfect set of European medals a mere two years ago. He will also be competing in his favourite 5K road race walk on the following Tuesday as part of the Irish M70+ team. In 2024 over a three-day period in his 3rd European championships, he won silver in the individual indoor 3K race walk, then bronze in the 5K road race walk and led his Irish M70+ team to the gold team medals in that race ahead of the highly-fancied French and German teams. Sweet occasion for the retired FCA commandant and college lecturer. Born in 1949, the Kilcummin native was a late starter in athletics. He attended Coolick NS in Kilcummin and recalls being present at an open sports in Lawlor's Field at Finnegan's Cross. He was about ten years old and his grandfather Mikey Finnegan took him to the sports. He recalls that he saw the long jump pit being dug and a "tep board" laid down. John Teahan, the local school master was in charge and some jumpers were bare-footed. Later Michael attended the Vocational School in New Street in Killarney where the principal, Seán Russell was a big athletics man who organized local sports in the area. Wednesday afternoons were devoted to sports and the young Michael had a go at the high jump, using the "scissors"

method, in his stockinged feet and clearing a bamboo pole and landing on the bare ground. His state-of-the art shorts had been crafted by his needle-handly neighbour, Mrs Scott, from a white flour bag. Unbranded.

### The Medal in Walsh's Field

Football was never far away and Michael responded to the parish call and won an East Kerry championship medal with Kilcummin. But despite that not inconsiderable achievement, he was drawn more and more to athletics and the light-bulb moment came in the Muintir na Tíre sports in Kilcummin's sportsfield in the summer of 1967. He won 3 events and got silvery cups as prizes. In fact, he tied with Jimmy Keane (RIP) for the prestigious title of best all-rounder on the day. A run-off was decided and Jimmy won the race and the title but a fire was lit.

The fire continued to burn and a job in the machine room in Liebherr's in Killarney brought him into contact with the inspirational Jim O'Shea who asked him to consider doing "a bit of running" for Farranfore AC. A novice cross country race was upcoming in the local stadium of Walsh's field in Farranfore in 1967 and Michael duly competed and came second to Michael Geaney from Scartaglin. He was presented with a unique embossed medal by club supremo, Jack Crowley, who told him the medal had been brought from New York by local hero and Cherry Tree Marathon winner, Tom McCarthy. That performance, and that medal, confirmed Michael's sport from then on.

### Cross Country Champion

And success followed at many levels. In 1969, he won the senior one mile county championship race at Ballyhar open sports ahead of John Foley (Kenmare) and Pat Griffin (St John's). At the county track and field championships in Listowel in June 1969, he came 3rd in a hotly contested 1500m which was won by Tadgh O'Donoghue (Kenmare) and silver went to Dan Murphy (St John's), both of whom were to be awarded US scholarships later.

With Jerry Kiernan among the talent competing on occasion at local sports at that time, middle-distance running was on a high in Kerry and Michael O'Connor responded to the challenge. In January 1972, in a field of 38 runners, he won a competitive Kerry BLE county senior cross country championship title in Ballymacelligott. Looked composed and resolute too. The consistent Donal Crowley (St John's) challenged

all the way but the Farranfore AC man won by a few yards at the line. Farranfore team mate Derry McCarthy got the bronze. Places on Kerry cross country teams and road running followed. A decade later, in 1981, Michael ran the 2nd Dublin Marathon in a good 2:57.35. He enjoyed that and celebrated to mark.

### And Then Came Race Walking

And then came race walking. He had heard of walking races being organized in Listowel before the races. He had heard of walkers in the 1960s assembling where Lyons's Funeral Home is now and race walking to the square. Patsy Buckley from Clounmacon won the race. Then in the early 1970s, a walking race was organized for St Patrick's Day, with a route to Aghadoo and back. He found he could race walk and liked it. He competed in a race in Kilkenny and liked it even more. When life rolled on masters' race walks became popular, he competed once he had achieved master status. And then county, Munster and national success became annual features and then European championships and top 5 places. The year 2024 and the gold, silver and bronze medals in Torun was a just reward for his commitment to the sport. And the resilience, dedication and mental grit can be further justified in the coming week in his beloved Torun, where he goes as the 2026 national M75 race walk champion.

Part of the ongoing training is performed in the weekly Killarney parkrun where race walking is an established item on the menu.

When Michael stood on the gold medal podium with his Irish team mates after leading them to victory two years ago, he sang the national anthem loud and pure, displaying his love of country, local history and military background. And also the joy of race walking.



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# Rugby Stars of the Future Shine at Aghadoe for Aviva Munster Mini Festival

The future of Munster rugby was on full display yesterday as Killarney RFC's Aghadoe grounds played host to the prestigious Aviva Munster Mini Rugby Festival.

Over 450 young boys and girls from across the province descended on the club for a day defined by skill, sportsmanship, and the pure joy of the game. From the first whistle at 10:00 AM, the pitches were alive with the sounds of cheering parents and the determined footwork of U10 and U12 teams representing clubs such as Killorglin RFC, Garryowen, Clonmel, and host club Killarney. The festival, which is part of a national series sponsored by Aviva, focuses on development and participation rather than high-stakes competition. For many of the young players, the highlight was the opportunity to test their skills against teams they rarely meet in regular local fixtures.

"It's about creating a lifelong love for the sport," said one David Hickey. "Seeing the kids from different clubs swapping stories and shaking hands after a tough game—that's what the spirit of rugby is all about."

The success of an event of this scale relies heavily on the community. Killarney RFC was transformed into a bustling hub of activity, supported by an army of club volunteers and a roster of local businesses.

Attendees were kept fueled and moving thanks to the support of local partners including Kelly's Londis, Flesk Meats, and The Warehouse Cafe, while Patchino's Coffee & Treats from Killorglin provided the much-needed caffeine boost for the sidelines. The logistical heavy lifting—vital for hosting hundreds of visitors—was made possible through the contribution of firms like Moynihan Scaffolding, Leanes Tool Hire, and O'Callaghans Coaches.

A particularly moving sight during the festival was the Clonmel RFC squad wearing odd socks in celebration of World Down Syndrome Day, a gesture that resonated deeply with the crowd and highlighted the inclusive nature of the rugby community.

As the final games wrapped up in the afternoon, every player departed with a sense of achievement (and perhaps a few grass stains). For the lucky teams involved, the journey doesn't necessarily end here; stand-out participants from these provincial festivals often move on to the National Festival held at the Aviva Stadium in Dublin later this season.

Killarney RFC has once again proven itself a premier venue for grassroots sport, leaving the "Black and Red" army proud of their home turf and their rising stars.





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# CALL FOR STATE FUNDING FOR THE KERRY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP IN DAIL EIREANN

In Dail Eireann this week when the motion on Cancer was raised, Deputy Danny Healy Rae spoke. He highlighted the need to progress the oncology unit for UHK. Anyone diagnosed with cancer should be entitled to a medical card. The Kerry cancer bus offers a wonderful service and is voluntary funded and I said it deserves state funding.

**Here is what he had to say:**

Like every other county in Ireland and, I suppose, other places across the world, Kerry has its fair share of cancer patients. Sadly, many people have passed on at a young age as a result of cancer. As a public representative, I come across more than my share of these patients from day to day. Kerry is lacking in many ways because of the distances involved. A person with cancer who lives in Cahersiveen, Dingle, Lauragh or other places nearby is 50 miles or 60 miles from Tralee, in the first instance, and over 100 miles from Cork. Kerry has been promised, in the grounds of University Hospital Kerry, UHK, oncology services. We are still waiting for those. Comfort for Chemo Kerry has done a lot of fundraising for this project, which the HSE has approved. These services would help a lot of



people who are currently to CUH for treatment. I thank those who operate the "cancer bus" that takes people for treatment, chemotherapy or whatever. That bus is funded on a voluntary basis. If anything deserves to be funded by the State, it is the bus that takes patients for treatment. When people get cancer, they should be entitled to medical cards. Whatever means you have or whatever number of children, you are not able to work, and you need a medical card to pay for treatment. Otherwise, you are treated as a second-class citizen. People feel like that. Early diagnosis is of paramount importance, as is early treatment. We need to ensure that happens in every case. The other thing we must look at is what is causing it. I have been saying that the South American beef is not vetted in the same way as Irish beef, and I am worried about that.

## Nigel Tops the Field in Killarney Legion Fundraiser



1st Prize Nigel Shevlin winner of €1,000.00 being presented his cheque by Peter McCarthy & David O Sullivan



2nd Prize Shane McCarthy €500.00 being presented his cheque by Peter McCarthy & David O Sullivan

Killarney Legion GAA Club recently celebrated the success of its Annual Fundraising Competition, with a strong community turnout and an exciting finish in the club's popular Cheltenham Tipster event. Taking top honours was senior team trainer Nigel Shevlin, who demonstrated that his sharp instincts extend well beyond the football pitch. His winning performance saw him claim first place ahead of a competitive field of nearly 300 participants. Second place went to Shane McCarthy, while Kevin McCarthy secured third position. Just missing out on the prize money was Caelyn O'Grady, who finished in a very close fourth place.

The event proved to be both enjoyable and highly successful, drawing widespread support from the local community. Club officials extended their gratitude to all who took part, noting the importance of such initiatives in supporting the continued development of the club. Special praise was reserved for the organisers, David O'Sullivan and Peter McCarthy, who ensured the fundraiser ran smoothly boosted by the help of Brian Looney. With such a strong response and positive atmosphere, the fundraiser has been hailed as a great success, reinforcing the strong sense of community spirit within Killarney Legion GAA Club.



3rd Prize Kevin McCarthy €250.00 being presented his cheque by Peter McCarthy & David O Sullivan



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# St Brendan's Students Prepare for Life-Changing Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Students from St Brendan's College in Killarney are once again preparing for a remarkable journey that promises to leave a lasting impact not only on those they serve, but on the students themselves. Each year, a group of dedicated pupils is selected to travel to Lourdes as part of the annual Kerry Diocesan Pilgrimage, where they take on the role of carers for pilgrims in need.



This opportunity is widely regarded as far more than a simple school trip. For those chosen, it represents a meaningful step beyond the classroom and into a world of compassion, service, and personal growth. During their time in Lourdes, students assist individuals who are sick, elderly, or require additional support. Their duties include helping with daily tasks such as cleaning and serving meals, but more importantly, offering companionship and kindness to those they care for.

Teachers and past participants often describe the experience as transformative. Students develop a deeper sense of empathy and understanding, while also forming strong bonds with both pilgrims and fellow carers. The pilgrimage encourages them to appreciate the value of service and to recognise the importance of community and connection.

Despite generous subsidies provided by the school, the cost of participating in the pilgrimage remains a challenge. Students are now appealing to the wider community for support to help make the journey possible. Funds raised will go towards essential expenses, including travel, accommodation, meals, and programme costs in Lourdes.

Organiser of the gofundme, Evan Counihan has said that every contribution, no matter how small, plays a vital role in enabling them to take part. By supporting the initiative, donors are not only helping fund a trip, but also investing in the development of young people committed to serving others.

As preparations continue, the students of St Brendan's College remain hopeful that with the community's generosity, they will be able to embark on a journey that promises to shape their lives and strengthen the spirit of care and compassion within Killarney.

They expressed their sincere gratitude to all who contribute, noting that such kindness ensures the continuation of a tradition rooted in faith, service, and humanity.

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# Kerry Fine Gael Senator and Councillors meet with Tánaiste in Government Buildings

Tánaiste Simon Harris has held a meeting with Fine Gael colleagues from Kerry in Government Buildings.

The meeting focused on delivering for the people of Kerry on the issues that matter most; from housing and water infrastructure to rural regeneration, roads and local services.

The Tánaiste reaffirmed Fine Gael's commitment to working as a team to drive forward key priorities for Kerry.

The meeting was chaired by Tánaiste Simon Harris and attended by Senator Mike Kennelly and Councillors Tommy Griffin, Bobby O'Connell, Mike Foley, Teddy O'Sullivan and Aoife Kennelly.

Tánaiste Simon Harris said: "Today Fine Gael Councillors from Kerry came to Government Buildings to ensure county Kerry gets the investment it deserves.

"I want to thank our Councillors for making the journey to Government Buildings. Being a Councillor is one of the toughest jobs in politics and I wanted to hear directly from them about what is happening on the ground in Kerry and how we can work together to deliver.



Pictured from left to right: Fine Gael Senator Mike Kennelly, Councillor Tommy Griffin, Councillor Bobby O'Connell, Councillor Michael Foley, Tánaiste Simon Harris, Councillor Aoife Kennelly and Councillor Teddy O'Sullivan Casey

"During the meeting we had a frank and open discussion about the priorities for Kerry. Housing was a central focus, including dereliction and vacancy and the need for investment in water infrastructure to unlock development in our towns and villages across the county. We also discussed rural regeneration, the condition of our national secondary roads, tackling vacancy and dereliction and improving respite services for families.

"Fine Gael is strong in Kerry and we intend to deliver. I am determined that our Ministers will work closely with our Councillors to get things done in the county and deliver on key projects. "We are committed to greater teamwork and better communication between Government and our local representatives. Together, we will continue to fight for Kerry and deliver real improvements for the people we represent."

## Radio Kerry to Honour Cycling Legend Gene Mangan



A special radio documentary celebrating the life and legacy of Irish cycling great Gene Mangan is set to air on Radio Kerry tomorrow, March 28 from 9 to 11am.

Titled "The Life of Gene Mangan Recorded at His Special Places in Killorglin", the programme, presented by Frank Lewis, will mark the first anniversary of Mangan's passing on March 25, 2025. The broadcast will revisit key locations in Killorglin that were central to his life and career, offering listeners a deeply personal insight into one of Ireland's most iconic cyclists.

Mangan's name remains firmly etched in the history of the Rás Tailteann. He still holds the remarkable distinction of being the youngest ever winner of the race, having claimed victory in 1955 at just 18 years of age, a record that stands to this day, 71 years later. He also achieved the extraordinary feat of winning four consecutive stages, a milestone that has never been matched.

Speaking ahead of the broadcast, fellow Killorglin cyclist Pat Healy recalled Mangan's quick thinking and generosity during the 1969 Rás.

"In my first Rás in 1969, Gene grabbed me and pulled me to the left, saving my life from running into a parking bollard," Pat remembered, reflecting on the moment during a celebratory homecoming in Killorglin following Mangan's historic win.

That homecoming remains a treasured memory in the town, where Mangan was welcomed back as a sporting hero after his 1955 triumph. His achievements and character left a lasting impression not only on the cycling community but also on generations in his hometown.

The upcoming programme aims to celebrate both the sporting accomplishments and the personal story of Gene Mangan, capturing the spirit of a man whose legacy continues to inspire.

Listeners across Kerry and beyond are expected to tune in to remember a true legend of Irish cycling and to honour a life that left an indelible mark on sport and community alike.

## THE SPRING SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF LIFE

By Nicky Barry

When you're offside for a while, as I was for six weeks,  
Lying in a hospital bed, the old legs get kinda weak.

Just to get from A to B, never mind climbing stairs,  
Is a mighty challenge, that can lead you to despair.  
At 41 this would be easy, but when you double that,  
You feel rather helpless, and are wary of mishaps.

Then one day I decided, I just had to get out,  
And walk up to the Muckcross road, but I had my doubts.

I huffed and puffed unsteadily, with my trusty crutch,  
And made it to the Parkavon, for a bite of lunch.

I sat outside with pint and pipe, watching the world go by,  
With a soft breeze wafting, underneath an azure sky.  
Cars and buses came and went, and young folk cycled by,  
While lovers ambled hand in hand, and babies in prams cried.

Azaleas blossomed on a bush, and a black dog barked,  
Delighted to be heading, for a long walk in the park.

Birds were singing in the trees, and stray cats prowled about,  
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"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's Glorious standard" (Romans 3:23 NLT). All of us sin, no matter how good or nice we are. But Jesus never sinned. He demonstrated graciously to His followers how to walk in Truth, and find one's purpose and make life meaningful, and fruitful (John 15:1-17). Isaiah had prophesied about the promised Messiah over seven hundred years before the birth of Jesus, that the Saviour would serve, suffer for, and save the underserving. That He would grow up in obscurity without notions or grandeur. Yet He was God's Only Begotten Son. This is what the 'learned ones' missed when Jesus did arrive. They were looking for opulence and instead met the humble King of all kings (Matthew 12:16-20). Some like to portray Jesus as being poor, weak, and helpless. He was none of those things. Read your Bible and find out the Truth friend. Meek is not weak. Sandals and a donkey weren't poor in the context of that time. His robe that the soldiers fought over after His crucifixion was a handmade woven garment (John 19:23-24). Jesus was not helpless. If He wanted to, Jesus could've called for battalions of angels to come rescue Him, and it would've been all over for mankind (Matthew 26:53-56). But Jesus finished what He came for – to pay for our sins, to break curse and failure, to deliver us from fear, death, the devil, and hell, and to restore us to our Heavenly Father – washed clean by His sinless Blood sacrifice (Isaiah 53:6-9).

"Yet it was our weaknesses and pains that He carried. It was our sorrows and griefs that weighed Him down. We thought His troubles were a punishment from God... for His own sins! But He was pierced for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement needful for our peace was upon Him. He was whipped and beaten so we could be made whole - and by His stripes we were healed" (Isaiah 53:1-5). When the followers of Jesus, including His mother, watched His brutal death, everything seemed lost. But God's plan was to crush Him (Isaiah 53:10-12). Jesus knew He was going to suffer – He had studied the Word of God since childhood. He understood His assignment. Only Jesus alone was able to complete the task and bring many to Glory, by giving His life as a one-time Love offering for all. Calvary became a place of Forgiveness, Redemption, Salvation, Healing, Restoration, and Reconciliation. All in a day's work for Messiah Jesus - the Victor! He did it unto God, not man. No one else's opinion mattered - only the audience of One.

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Today we remember with deep love and gratitude a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, and sister who was called home by you.

*Though a year has passed since she left this world, the love she gave continues to live in our hearts. We thank you for the gift of life, for her kindness, her strength and guidance and many, many moments that remain a blessing to us. Lord grant her eternal rest and peace in your heavenly home.*  
 Amen

I sincerely thank our wonderful neighbours & friends for their kindness and support over the years that meant a lot to her and us.

I also extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who sent Mass cards, messages, flowers, support in any way. Your kindness and thoughtfulness have brought me comfort.

*We hold you close within our hearts  
 And there you will always remain  
 To walk with us throughout our lives  
 Until we meet again.*

*So rest in peace dear Mother,  
 And thank you for all you've done.  
 We pray that God has given you  
 The crown you truly deserve.*

Deeply missed Mum, forever in our hearts until we meet again. Heartbroken.

Your daughter Catriona & Vincent,  
 Nessa & Darragh.  
 xxxx

**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.  
**N.T.**

**1ST ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**ANNETTE O'DONOGHUE**



DUNNE COURT,  
 PIKE HILL, KILLARNEY  
 WHO PASSED ON  
 23RD MARCH 2025.

*We hold you close within our hearts  
 And there you shall remain  
 To walk with us throughout our lives  
 Until we meet again.*

*So rest in peace dear loved one  
 And thanks for all you've done  
 We pray that God has given you  
 The crown you've truly won.*

Forever loved and missed  
 Matthew, Siobhan, Sharon,  
 Lisa and Families.

**THE MIRACLE PRAYER**

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour).  
 Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it.  
 Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine.  
 Amen.  
 Say this prayer for three days.  
 Publication of prayer and favour will be granted.  
**PD**

**3RD ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY SON  
**DENJOE O'CONNOR**



ALOHERT, BEAUFORT.  
 WHO PASSED AWAY  
 ON 27TH MARCH, 2023.

*We think of you in silence  
 We often speak your name,  
 All we have are memories  
 And your pictures in their frames.  
 Your memories are our keepsake  
 With which we'll never part,  
 God has you in his keeping  
 We have you in our hearts.*

Love Always  
 Your Mother Joan and Family.

**3RD ANNIVERSARY**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
 MY BROTHER  
**DENJOE O'CONNOR**



ALOHERT, BEAUFORT.  
 WHO PASSED AWAY  
 ON 27TH MARCH, 2023.

*Another day goes by without you  
 Another day to reminisce,  
 About all the times we shared together  
 And everything I miss.  
 Flowers by your graveside  
 Photos in a frame.  
 I still feel you all around me  
 But nothing feels the same.  
 If I could see you for a minute  
 I know what I would do,  
 I'd freeze that moment in a heartbeat  
 So I could stay with you.  
 I know someday we'll be together  
 In a place not far away,  
 And my heart will not be broken  
 Like it is today.*

From Sister Kathleen, niece Catriona & family and godchild John & family.

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