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# A Note from the EDITOR



From presidential visits to powerful, heartwarming moments on the pitch, and from inspiring fundraisers to All-Ireland fixtures, this week's edition of the Killarney Outlook is packed with all stories that matter.

A well-known local family continues to make a lasting impact, shaping communities through generations of leadership, a touching moment on the football field has captured hearts and gone viral for all the right reasons and two bright Killarney students are making waves with their climate-conscious app, showing that innovation and care for the planet go hand in hand.

The landmark Barraduff Bridge has now been officially dedicated to the memory of the late Kerry TD, Jackie Healy-Rae, marking a moment of local pride and remembrance.

A courageous local SNA is preparing to take to the skies as part of a school fundraiser, The Art House continues to spotlight local creativity with its latest exhibition, and a memorial bench has been unveiled in honour of the late Tom Joe O'Donoghue.

The Summer Markets return to the Arbutus Hotel this weekend, full of local crafts and handmade treasures, the much-anticipated Battle of the Bands is on the horizon, and there's a fundraising dance in Milltown this Sunday in aid of the Kerry Cancer Support Group.

A beloved teacher has retired from St. Brendan's College, and Killarney Valley AC athletes continue to shine on the European athletics stage, and of course, Jimmy has his take on All Things Sport this week.

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*Aisling Crosbie*



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# A Legacy of Leadership.....

## Three Generations

## Three Presidents

The call to lead runs deep in the Irwin household, with three family members currently holding the role of President in three different organisations.

Teresa Irwin, known throughout the length and breadth of Killarney and beyond, is currently President of the Killarney Soroptimist Club, a role she has remarkably held six times. Teresa, a well-known Irish dancing teacher to generations of local students, has been a dedicated member of the Soroptimists for over 40 years. Her commitment to the club has earned her recognition from groups both in Ireland and abroad. From 1991 to 1997, she also served as National Treasurer, and she remains a hands-on contributor to the society's mission to educate, empower, and enable opportunities for women and girls at local, national, and international levels.

Teresa and her late husband, Peter Irwin, have four daughters: Ciara, Clodagh, Niamh, and Émir. Their eldest, Ciara, is currently the President of the Killarney Rotary Club, her second time in the role, having previously served in 2007/2008. A driving force within the club, Ciara has spearheaded numerous fundraisers including the Wine & Art Night, the Afternoon Tea Event, and the Youth Leadership Programme. She follows in the footsteps of her late father Peter, who was Rotary President in 1986/87.

Continuing the family's remarkable tradition of service, Ciara and her husband Dermot Foley's daughter, Siofra Foley, has just been appointed Student President of the University of Limerick Student Life. A graduate of the Faculty of Science & Engineering (Class of 2024), Siofra spent the past year as Deputy President & Welfare Officer in the Students' Union. She now leads as President, representing the university's large and diverse student body on various boards and committees.

From local clubs to national and international platforms, this extraordinary family continues to shape communities through service and leadership, proving that the legacy of leadership is truly a family affair.



Teresa Irwin, seated, President of the Killarney Soroptimist Club, pictured with her daughter, Ciara Irwin-Foley, President of the Killarney Rotary Club and her granddaughter, Siofra Foley, President of the Student Union in the University of Limerick.

# Killarney man brings Fitzgerald's story to life

Talented Killarney author Patrick O'Sullivan Greene, who has penned a fascinating book on the life and times of The Great Gatsby writer F Scott Fitzgerald, has said there is strong anecdotal evidence that the great American wordsmith had Kerry roots.

There has been suggestions that Fitzgerald's family can be traced to Horse Island off Ballinskelligs and research is ongoing to determine if the famous novelist, essayist and short story writer gave any indication of his Kerry connection during his lifetime.

Patrick O'Sullivan Greene, formerly of New Street, Killarney and now residing in Beaufort, is the author of *Gatsby: Death of an Irishman* which was released in March to coincide with the 100th anniversary of publication of Fitzgerald's most famous work.

O'Sullivan Greene's research found that Fitzgerald (1896-1940) was initially deeply ashamed of his Irish connection but his views softened when he took an interest in revolutionary politics.

The Killarney man's book guides the reader through F Scott Fitzgerald's troubled upbringing, his quest for status, his ambivalence

towards his Irish heritage, the socio-political climate of early 20th-century America and the careless jazz era excesses portrayed in *The Great Gatsby*.

The book peels back the intricate layers of Fitzgerald's character, revealing the underlying themes of identity and self-rejection in his work, his shifting views of Irish issues and how his personal battles influenced his writing and contributed to his tragic life.

Patrick O'Sullivan Greene will deliver what promises to be an engaging talk on the life and times of F Scott Fitzgerald in the ANAM Arts and Cultural Centre in Killarney on Thursday, July 3 at 6.45pm.

Part of the Celebration of Irish and American

Friendship programme, the free lecture is titled *Revolution, Rejection and Revival* and it will mark a celebration of 100 years of *The Great Gatsby*.

The event will also include a glamorous 1920's dance spectacular, tuition on how to dance the Charleston and a live performance by Killarney's own Liberace, Jack Patrick Healy. The master of ceremonies for the event will be Radio Kerry's Brendan Fuller.

The author will also share the story of how F Scott Fitzgerald's grandson, Thomas Manhan, came to Ireland to learn Irish following his graduation in 1964.

Patrick O'Sullivan Greene's works include *Revolution at the Waldorf* (2022) and *Crowdfunding the Revolution* (2020).

A qualified chartered accountant, he has worked in finance for most of his career and is back in his native Killarney after spells in Dublin, London, New York and France.

He has presented at the Dublin Book Festival, the American Irish Historical Society in New York, the Princess Grace Irish Library in Monaco and at the national conference of the American Conference for Irish Studies.







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# Heartwarming Moment from U14 County League Final Goes Viral



*True sportsmanship....  
Jane O'Callaghan,  
Annascaul helps Emma  
Broderick during the U14  
County League final.  
Photo: Matt O'Neill*

A simple act of kindness on the pitch has captured hearts across Ireland, after a photograph taken during the U14 County League Final between Dr. Crokes and Castlegregory/Annascaul went viral for all the right reasons.

During the game, Annascaul player Jane O'Callaghan was photographed by Dr. Crokes stalwart Matt O'Neill, helping Dr. Crokes player Emma Broderick tie her shoelace, an everyday gesture made extraordinary by the setting and spirit behind it. With the match still in full flow and Emma wearing gloves that made tying her lace difficult, she turned to Jane for help. Without hesitation, Jane knelt down and tied the lace, while still keeping one eye on the action.

The photo has since exploded on social media. First shared on the Dr. Crokes Facebook page, it has garnered almost 300,000 views, and has been shared by almost 200,000 accounts, and drawn dozens of heartfelt comments praising the girls, their families, and their clubs.

Some of the most touching reactions include:

*"Omg, as a parent of these girls,*

*wouldn't you just explode with pride... win, lose or draw, this is precious."*

*"Brilliant. Those lovely little girls, their mentors & parents—we should be so proud of all of them. That's what sport should be all about."*

*"Fabulous. This photo should be enlarged and put in every club dressing room in Ireland."*

*"I love that she is tying the shoe while keeping an eye on what's going on at the same time."*

Speaking to the Killarney Outlook, photographer Matt O'Neill expressed his surprise at the reaction:

*"God knows how many more have seen it on the Facebook pages of others. It's gone well beyond our expectations."*

In a world where competition can sometimes overshadow compassion, this moment is a beautiful reminder that the true spirit of sport lies not just in winning, but in respect, kindness, and teamwork. Jane and Emma have given everyone a reason to smile and a shining example of what youth sports can and should be.

## KILLARNEY STUDENTS Present Climate App to Rotary Club

Two Killarney students, Keira Geaney and Abbie O'Sullivan, were warmly welcomed by the Killarney Rotary Club at their weekly lunch meeting in the Great Southern Hotel last week.

Currently studying Political Science and Government at University College Cork (UCC), Keira and Abbie were invited to speak about My Carbon Buddy, a climate-conscious app they developed during Transition Year at St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School. The app is designed to track individual carbon footprints and is being tailored for use by environmentally aware businesses, particularly in the aviation sector.

My Carbon Buddy has already garnered accolades, winning awards at both the BT Young Scientist Exhibition and SciFest.

"We were delighted to welcome Abbie and Keira to the lunch at the Great Southern Hotel," said Ciara Irwin, President of the Killarney Rotary Club. "The girls are no strangers to us, having participated in our Youth Leadership Programme. Abbie even represented our club in Strasbourg in 2023."

Now working full-time on the app, Keira

and Abbie are part of the 2025 Student Inc. programme, Ireland's flagship student entrepreneurship accelerator. Hosted at the Tom Crean Business Centre in Tralee, the programme began its 13-week summer session on May 26, bringing together 90 student entrepreneurs from nine higher education institutions.

This year's cohort includes 11 teams and 65 solo entrepreneurs, with a 40/60 gender split and an even balance between business-humanities and science-engineering disciplines. Participants receive €4,000 in seed funding, along with mentoring, industry-led workshops, and expert coaching to develop their startups.

Beyond their entrepreneurial efforts, both Keira and Abbie serve on the National Youth Council of Ireland. They are currently in Slovenia, representing UCC in a shadow cabinet for the European Union, helping to shape youth policies across the EU.

Keira is the daughter of Linda Bartlett and Bernard Geaney, and Abbie is the daughter of Aisling Crosbie and John O'Sullivan.



*Abbie O'Sullivan and Keira Geaney pictured with President of the Killarney Rotary Club at a recent lunch in The Great Southern Hotel.*



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A fantastic turnout at the Sunshine, Sprinkles & Smiles at Kayne's Ice Cream Fun Day Fundraiser



# Sunshine, Sprinkles & Smiles at Kayne's Ice Cream Fun Day Fundraiser

Sunshine, sprinkles, and smiles reigned supreme at Kayne's Bar & Brasserie last weekend, as families and friends flocked to the terrace for a heartwarming Ice Cream Fun Day in support of Down Syndrome Ireland.

Organised by the team at Dromhall and Randles Hotels, and spearheaded by HR Manager Caroline Doherty, the day was a vibrant celebration of community spirit, sweet treats, and summer joy. From the very first scoop, the atmosphere buzzed with excitement and the terrace alive with colour and activity.



Children lined up eagerly for face painting, and temporary tattoos, while grown-ups enjoyed an array of home-baked delights and live music that kept the energy high and the mood festive. Special guests including a dancing dinosaur, a dazzling unicorn, and a cheery clown stole the show on the day.

"It was magical to see the community come together with such joy and generosity," said Bernadette Randles of Dromhall Hotel. "Every smile, scoop, and sprinkle made a difference."

"Thank you to everyone who came or donated," added Shelley Steadman of Randles Hotel.

The glorious weather added to the magic, providing the perfect backdrop for an unforgettable day. Kayne's terrace proved the place to be for both locals and visitors alike.

Most importantly, the event raised €740, which was matched by management, bringing the total donation to €1,500 in support of the incredible work done by Down Syndrome Ireland across the country.

Everyone at Kayne's, Dromhall, and Randles Hotels would like to thank everyone for joining them, supporting the cause, and helping to make a difference.



All smiles for the camera at the Sunshine, Sprinkles & Smiles at Kayne's Ice Cream Fun Day Fundraiser





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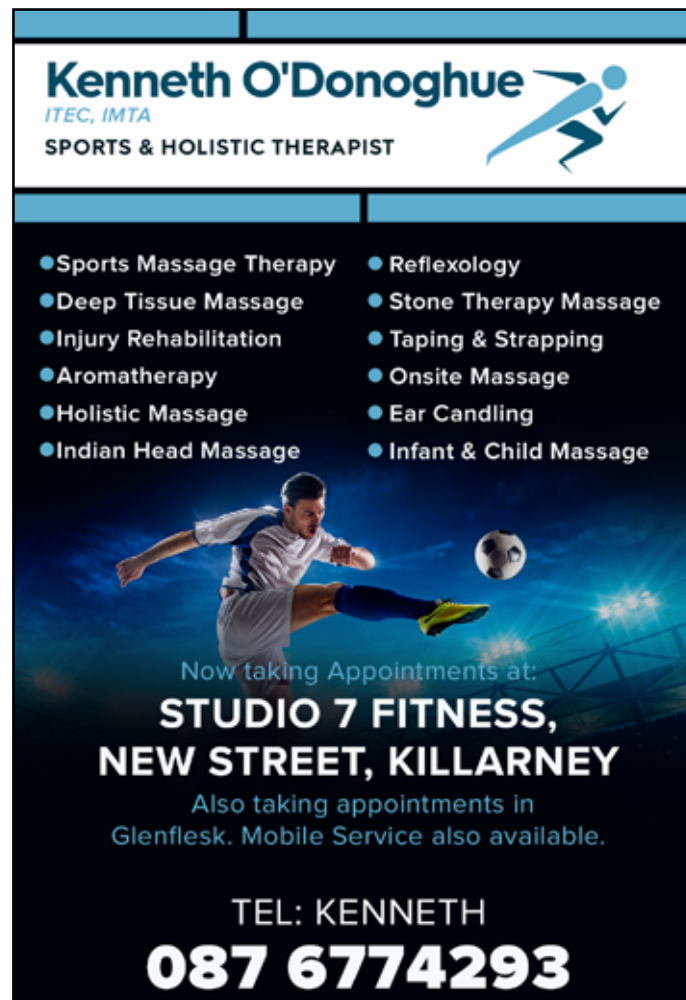
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# Jackie's bridge described as a 'fitting tribute'



Cllr Maura Healy-Rae (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), at the unveiling of a plaque at Barraduff Bridge dedicated to the memory of her grandfather, the late Jackie Healy-Rae TD.

It was a project very close to his heart during his high-profile political life and now his name will be forever associated with it.

The landmark Barraduff Bridge – on the busy road from Killarney to Mallow – has been dedicated to the memory of colourful Kerry TD Jackie Healy-Rae who campaigned long and hard for a new structure to be built there.

The long-awaited replacement bridge, located at what had been a notorious accident blackspot, was close to the top of the no-nonsense Independent TD's famous €100 million deal, agreed with the then Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern, in return for his support after the 2007 general election.

It is understood that the Kilgarvan politician had initially sought €4 million for a new super bridge but Healy-Rae later agreed to the existing bridge being widened and the road realigned at a considerably reduced cost of €1.5 million.

The new structure, which crosses over the Owneycree River and was unveiled in 2011, now has a plaque dedicated to the politician with the trademark tartan peaked cap and it has been described as a fitting tribute shortly after the 10th anniversary of his passing last December.

Fittingly, the honour of unveiling the specially inscribed memorial on Thursday evening fell to Jackie Healy-Rae's granddaughter, Maura, who was officiating at one of her last engagements as Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District Council.

It was she that first suggested the bridge dedication and the proposal received unanimous backing from her Killarney Municipal District Council colleagues.

"This plaque and the dedication of this bridge serves to recognise Jackie's contribution as an elected public representative over a period of time that spanned 40 years," Cllr Healy-Rae said. She recalled her grandfather as being straight



Angela McAllen (Killarney Municipal District Manager), Mayor of Kerry Cllr Breandan Fitzgerald, John Ahern (Killarney Municipal District Engineer), with Cllr Maura Healy-Rae (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), Minister of State Michael Healy-Rae TD, Deputy Danny Healy-Rae TD, Cllr Johnny Healy-Rae and Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae Junior and Healy-Rae family members and supporters at the unveiling of a plaque at Barraduff Bridge dedicated to the memory of the late Jackie Healy-Rae TD. *Pictures: Eamonn Keogh*



Minister of State Michael Healy-Rae TD and Cllr Johnny Healy-Rae and John Healy-Rae junior at the unveiling of a plaque at Barraduff Bridge dedicated to the memory of the late Jackie Healy-Rae TD.

talking, charismatic, witty, colourful, shrewd and serious when the situation demanded but, above all else, he had an ability to connect with people, his constituents trusted him, and he treated their concerns or problems as his own.

"It is very difficult to encapsulate his political career and the contribution he made to this area, and indeed the county, but I guess the greatest compliment that can be paid to Jackie is that when he achieved the unimaginable in getting elected to Dáil Éireann in 1997, he never forgot the people that put him there.

"He demanded and ensured funding was provided for key pieces of infrastructure in Kerry which he believed had been neglected – this bridge being an example of such," Cllr Healy-Rae added.

She said many criticised Jackie for the famous list of projects and schemes he presented in



Cllr Maura Healy-Rae (Cathaoirleach, Killarney Municipal District Council), with Tom and Aidan Murphy, Barraduff, at the unveiling of a plaque at Barraduff Bridge.

return for government support but when asked towards the end of his career if he would have done anything different in this respect, Jackie replied: 'No, I'd do a hell of a lot more of the same'

"That was a key attribute of his – he meant what he said and said what he meant. It didn't matter to him what the media or his political opponents said if he felt he was doing right by his constituents."

The Healy-Rae family and supporters were out in force for the unveiling with Minister of State Michael and Deputy Danny both celebrating their father's great legacy.

Also in attendance were outgoing Mayor of Kerry, Cllr Breandan Fitzgerald, Killarney Municipal District Manager Angela McAllen and Killarney Municipal District Engineer John Ahern.





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## EMPTY BUILDINGS EVERYWHERE, AND NO PLACE TO LIVE

The National Parks and Wildlife Service said it has six houses in Killarney that are "uninhabitable". These are in the vicinity of the regions's main tourist attraction, Muckross House. Yet none of the "uninhabitable" houses is on the Kerry County Council derelict site list. One of the houses is used for bats. At this stage I think the whole approach by the State to housing is itself batty. The full extent of the vacant property owned by the HSE in Kerry was released on foot of a query by Sinn Féin councillor Deirdre Ferris.

The 14 vacant HSE properties include town centre buildings in Tralee, at Pembroke Street and Denny Street; the old Dingle Hospital and Workhouse; The St Finan's Hospital, land and gate House in Killarney; health centres in Dingle, Kenmare, Ballinskelligs, Waterville and Rathmore as well as radio stations in Knocknagoshel in the north of the county and Clahane in the west.

Then Pa Daly TD found vacant OPW properties, in Kerry. There are 7 former coastguard cottages on Valentia Island alone. Garda stations in Abbeydorney near Tralee, and Brosna are lying idle with 12 years.

In Killarney we have the prime "vacant" ¾ acre site on the Muckcross Road. It was one of two sites bought in 1981 for a Department of Justice if memory serves. One was sold off. Apparently there are "title issues" to be resolved before disposal.

I have said it previously, I think the housing emergency now is such, the housing ministry should be handed over to Sinn Féin. We already have independents in Government who are at the same time wishing to say they are in opposition. Quite frankly, there are too many

vested interests anchored in property in Fine Gael, Fianna Fáil and the independents.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW MAYOR - BUT A TOUGH YEAR AHEAD FOR THE COUNCIL IN KILLARNEY

Congratulations to the new Cathaoirleach of Killarney MD Martin Grady. We like to say mayor even though Killarney is not technically entitled to the title.

Mayor Martin is a third generation local politician. And congratulations to the vice-chair John O'Donoghue whose uncle was also a councillor, Micheal Gleeson, a former mayor. Killarney's Cllr Marie Moloney, a former senator, is Kerry vice-chair so well done to Marie too. Martin and John and Marie will be faced with tough decisions requiring strong leadership. Number one is the Áras Phádraig primary care and theatre complex. That has to be voted on again. A passionate campaign has risen against it. Just why it has to be voted on again has not been fully explained.

Mayor Martin was not present for the previous vote; his colleagues all approved the plans and Martin has said he may vote against it primarily because this is council land, not HSEs. Yes, it seems ridiculous that the HSE own so much land, while they need council land to build their primary care centre.

But sites including St Finan's have been mooted before for primary care centres and they failed. There is also this misunderstanding going around that the Áras was gifted to the people of Killarney. It was bought by the council, is my understanding. And surely a medical centre for its people, is a fit purpose, whether it was a gift or not? Councillors have to ascertain basic full information for the public. This is true also of the Green Lawn car park proposal which to me is the biggest disaster of all and has upset



*Martin is a third generation local politician. He was co-opted onto his father Donal's seat at Kerry County Council. He is pictured with his late father, Donal Grady who passed away late last year.*

more people than the Áras proposal. And with the Áras, development worth 21 million euro is at stake, around three quarters of which is under the Urban Regeneration Fund, itself underpinned by European money. Will Killarney councillors forgo the opportunity of a much needed small theatre, a much needed primary care centre, because of a head of steam over one State agency giving land to another state agency? Seriously? The design includes plant rooms and is much better than some of the awful buildings in much of modern Killarney, even those on Lewis Road /College Street.

My big issue is the trees - they need to be preserved. And the theatre needs to seat 300. A perfect combination would have been a badly needed large new library and theatre on the site. But none of our officials or councillors seems to have come up with that. Could we eventually have all three perhaps - library, theatre and primary care centre? Surely no one is arguing a theatre - and by extension those frequenting it - are too precious to have a medical centre as its neighbour. In ancient Carthage which I once visited, the baths, the library and medical areas were all together.

Big questions lie ahead for our Mayor and his councillors.



## THE EDGE TAKES THE CENTRE STAGE AT THE CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES

Word had not got out. And there were very few media present. But it was the Edge who took centre stage at the Gleneagle arena. It was a thrill and a half to meet with him, even briefly.

Now whether he will play on the stage might be the next question. He seemed very moved by the whole event. They are joyous occasions. But there are questions to be asked. One such is the level of English language skills demanded of new Irish citizens and front line workers.

Ireland is an outlier along with Cyprus and Sweden when it comes to not demanding language skills. The stipulation in all other countries is in place so new citizens especially those in front line work can participate fully in their new country. We keep putting this question off. I asked Justice Minister Jim

O'Callaghan about poor levels of English at all levels in nursing homes and hospitals.

He was confident most of those he would meet on Monday would have good English.

Administratively, it would be very difficult to bring in a language test, as there would have to be testing and assessments, the minister said.

Of course, the big unspoken elephant in the room is the Irish language. Irish is our first language. Putting in a provision for basic English only language skills would rattle this skeleton, sources tell me.

Meanwhile a number of candidates at the citizen ceremonies I approached could not communicate with me. One woman had not one word. Another man here with 16 years had little English either and needed an assistant to translate my question, help him fill forms and read the instructions.

I just wonder how this lack of basic communications skills will end up for all of us, new and old?





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## OVER 80 PEOPLE TO CLIMB CARRAUNTOOHIL ON PENULTIMATE DAY!

**M**ore than 80 participants are expected to climb Carrauntoohil this Friday, 27th June, commencing 10.30am. The ascent will be the penultimate of five climbs over five consecutive days in memory of a young man who tragically lost his life in a car accident last August.

Family, friends, and GAA teammates of the late James McNeive, from Knock, Co. Mayo, a much-loved member of the communities he touched, are preparing to honour his memory, from tomorrow June 24th until 28th through the Summit for James – 5 Peak Challenge less than a year after the 28-year-old primary school teacher's tragic death. A core group of 30 dedicated climbers, including James's family and former teammates from the local Aghamore GAA club where James played, will take on all five peaks across the UK and Ireland. Over 400 people are expected to support the final climb on Croagh Patrick in James's home county, including architect and TV personality Dermot Bannon. Remembering James, cherished by his pupils, their parents and colleagues in the schools where he taught, Dermot Bannon said, "James was an amazing person and was special to our family, as he was my son's teacher."

The Summit for James - 5 Peak Challenge will raise funds for several worthy causes which were close to James's heart including the Irish Kidney Association, the charity chosen as his younger brother, Matthew, age 27, has spent his entire twenties on dialysis while waiting for a second kidney transplant.

In an extraordinary show of determination and resilience, Matthew plans to take on three of the five mountain peaks as part of this 5-day event. For two of the days, Matthew will have to attend dialysis treatment at Beaumont Hospital, yet he remains committed to pushing forward with three of the climbs.

Lending their support to raise awareness of the challenge with their large social media

## CONTINUING JAMES'S LEGACY:

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followings are Mayo man Garron Noone, Irish professional golfer Leona Maguire, and Arsenal football legend Paul Merson, a particularly meaningful gesture, as James and his late father Pete were lifelong Arsenal supporters. There will be live link updates from each of the mountains to local Mid-West radio presenter Tommy Marren during his morning show, with the final summit broadcast live back to the station, as Tommy himself joins the climb.

Anyone can join the challenge, whether they wish to climb, donate, or spread awareness. The event is self-funded, meaning participants cover their own costs. This ensures that 100% of funds raised will go directly to charity. While honouring James's memory, the goal was to raise in excess of €50,000, which has already been surpassed, through the online fundraising platform, <https://www.idonate.ie/crowdfunder/James5PeakChallenge>



## Killarney Markets Return This Sunday at the Arbutus Hotel

One of Killarney's favourite community events is making its much-anticipated return this weekend. The Killarney Markets will take place on Sunday, 29th June at the Arbutus Hotel, running from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

A much anticipated fixture in the local calendar, the markets bring together a vibrant mix of stalls featuring some of the best local talent and creativity. Shoppers and visitors can look forward to an array of handmade crafts, local photography, candles, jewellery, art, prints, and more. Organisers say the event promises something for everyone, from unique gift ideas and artisan products to the simple pleasure of

browsing beautiful, handcrafted items.

Held indoors at the centrally located Arbutus Hotel, the market offers a welcoming atmosphere, rain or shine. Locals and tourists alike are encouraged to stop by and enjoy what's sure to be a lively and memorable day out.

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Eileen Greaney – Baby knitwear

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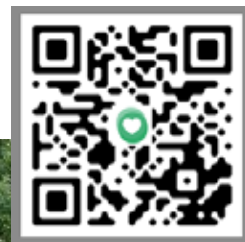


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# Local SNA Takes to the Skies for Raheen NS Fundraiser



Gráinne pictured with principal Joan Mullane.

Gráinne Lenihan, a Special Needs Assistant at Raheen National School, is preparing to take a leap of faith, literally, in support of a community cause close to her heart.

On August 30th, Gráinne will participate in a charity skydive to raise vital funds for Raheen NS's "Pitch Upgrade and Community Walking Track" project. The initiative aims to enhance the school's outdoor facilities, creating a safer, more inclusive space for students, families, and the wider community. Originally from Glenflesk and now living in Kilcummin with her husband Ger and their two sons, Charlie and Archie, Gráinne has been a valued member of the Raheen NS staff since 2018. She speaks fondly



Gráinne pictured with staff and students at Raheen National School.

of the school's welcoming and supportive environment, led by principal Joan Mullane, whose open-door policy fosters a strong sense of community.

"This school is incredibly special," Gráinne said. "It's not just about the children it's about everyone. That's why this project is so important. We want to provide a space that benefits the whole community, young and old." The proposed development will see the existing pitch upgraded and a new community walking

track installed encouraging physical activity and social connection in a rural setting.

Gráinne is now calling on the public to support her skydive and help bring this vision to life. "Every donation counts, no matter how small. It's for the kids, their families, and everyone who calls this community home."

To donate or learn more about the fundraiser, please contact Raheen National School or visit their fundraising page.

## Art House Killarney to Host Exhibition and Social Night Celebrating Local Talent

ART HOUSE KILLARNEY HAS ISSUED AN OPEN INVITATION TO A SPECIAL EVENING THIS FRIDAY, JUNE 27TH, CELEBRATING THE CREATIVITY AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF ITS ADULT STUDENTS AND STAFF. THE EVENT, WHICH BEGINS AT 7:00 PM, WILL FEATURE AN EXHIBITION OF ARTWORK CREATED BY STUDENTS WHO HAVE TAKEN PART IN ART HOUSE'S ADULT CLASSES, ALONGSIDE PIECES BY STAFF ARTISTS.

The exhibition and social night aims to highlight the creative talent nurtured within the community and to recognize the dedication and growth of those who have participated in the centre's art programs.

"This is a celebration of our students, their creativity, progress, and the community they've helped us build," Tracy Sexton, proprietor of the Art House Killarney told Killarney Outlook. "It's also our way of giving back and saying thank you to everyone who has supported our classes and our mission."

Attendees can expect a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere, a diverse display of artwork, and the opportunity to meet and mingle with local artists and art enthusiasts. The event is free and open to the public.

Art House Killarney has become a creative hub in the region, offering a variety of classes and workshops aimed at fostering artistic expression and building community through the arts.







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# Inaugural Killarney Bridge Congress a Huge Success

*The inaugural Killarney Bridge Congress, held over the weekend of 13th to 15th June, proved to be a resounding success, exceeding all expectations.*

Players travelled from all over the UK and Northern Ireland, with one participant making the journey from as far as Australia. National and local bridge enthusiasts gathered at the beautiful Castlerosse Park Resort to compete in a series of events across the three-day congress. We were especially honoured by the attendance of Catherine Byrne, President of the Contract Bridge Association of Ireland (CBAI), and Ciaran Broadbery, President of the South of Munster Region, both of whom took part in the weekend's play.

The COVID-19 pandemic dealt a heavy blow to bridge congresses throughout Ireland and the UK, pushing many avid players online. While clubs have gradually returned to in-person play, regional congresses have taken longer to resume. Killarney was no exception, with the former South of Munster Congress, once held annually at the Lake Hotel having not returned post-COVID. In response to this void, a local committee was formed with the aim of bringing bridge back to Killarney.

Thanks to this effort, the Killarney Bridge Congress was born, and the overwhelming response has firmly established its place on the national bridge calendar. Plans are already



Pictured at the inaugural Bridge Congress held in Killarney were from left: Phyllis O'Regan, Honourary Patron, Marie Moloney, President, Joan Lenihan, Treasurer, Anne Wrenn Assistant Treasurer Ciaran Broadbery, South Munster President and Therese McCarthy, Secretary.

underway to make this an annual event, with ambitions for an even larger congress in 2026. Competitions were offered for all levels of play from Masters to Novices and were expertly overseen by renowned International Tournament Director Diarmuid Reddan. A number of local players proudly featured among the winners across various categories. Beyond the competition, the congress offered a welcome opportunity for socialising, rekindling old friendships, and sharing in the camaraderie

and good humour that are hallmarks of the bridge community.

"We extend our deepest thanks to our sponsors, whose generosity helped make this inaugural event possible and brought many visitors to Killarney. Special thanks also to the management and staff of the Castlerosse Park Resort for their exceptional hospitality and support throughout the weekend" Marie Moloney, President of the Killarney Bridge Congress told Killarney Outlook.



*Congratulations to Tara O'Shea and David O'Sullivan who were married recently in Albufeira, Portugal. The couple were joined by family and friends for a wonderful celebration in the sunny Algarve.*

## AIB LAUNCHES COMMUNITY MESSAGING CAMPAIGN TO SPOTLIGHT GAA CLUBS

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The O'Donoghue family of Gneeveguilla AC honoured the memory of their Dad, Tom Joe O'Donoghue at a special unveiling of a memorial bench at Gneeveguilla GAA grounds. Front row from left, Tomás, Michael, Peggy O'Donoghue, back row from left, Brigid, Denis, Paddy O'Donoghue, Padraig, Niall and Josephine O'Donoghue.

PHOTOS: VALERIE O'SULLIVAN



Peggy O'Donoghue and Michael O'Donoghue, sitting, with members of Kerry Stars, Special Olympic Club who were coached by Tom Joe O'Donoghue, at a memorial event together with The O'Donoghue family of Gneeveguilla AC honouring the memory of their Dad, Tom Joe O'Donoghue at a special unveiling of a memorial bench at Gneeveguilla GAA grounds.

The O'Donoghue family of Gneeveguilla Athletic Club gathered recently to honour the memory of their beloved father, Tom Joe O'Donoghue, with the unveiling of a beautifully crafted memorial bench at Gneeveguilla GAA grounds.

Tom Joe, a cornerstone of the local community, dedicated his life to the betterment of Gneeveguilla and the wider Sliabh Luachra area.

Alongside his brother Paddy, he co-founded Gneeveguilla AC in 1978, laying the foundation for a club that has inspired generations of athletes. Tireless in his efforts, he gave selflessly to organising, coaching, and promoting athletics across the county.

Beyond his athletic contributions, Tom Joe was a deeply respected figure in every organisation he was involved with, remembered for his generosity, leadership, and enduring community spirit. His legacy is also rooted

in local history, his grandmother, Katie Donnelly, holds a poignant place in the area's collective memory as the sole survivor of the Knocknagheha Moving Bog Disaster of 1897. The memorial bench itself is a special tribute, handcrafted by master craftsman Stephen McCarthy, who is married to Tom Joe's granddaughter, Heather. The bench now stands as a lasting symbol of Tom Joe's enduring impact on the community he loved so dearly.



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# Martin Grady Elected as Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District



Killarney, Independent councillor Martin Grady has been elected as Cathaoirleach of Killarney MD Photos: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD.

**Independent councillor Martin Grady has been elected as Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District, following the Annual Meetings of Kerry's Municipal Districts held this morning at Áras an Chontae.**

Cllr. Grady's nomination was proposed by Cllr. Niall O'Callaghan and seconded by Cllr. Brendan Cronin. Kerry Independent Alliance councillor John O'Donoghue was elected Leas-Cathaoirleach, with his nomination proposed by Cllr. Brendan Cronin and seconded by outgoing Cathaoirleach Cllr. Maura Healy-Rae.

**Other Municipal District appointments include:**

**Tralee MD:**

Cathaoirleach (Mayor): Cllr. Terry O'Brien (Labour)  
Leas-Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Angie Bailey (Fine Gael)

**Listowel MD:**

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Michael Leane (Fianna Fáil)  
Leas-Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Aoife Kennelly (Fine Gael)

**Castlesland/Corca Dhuibhne MD:**

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Bobby O'Connell (Fine Gael)  
Leas-Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Tommy Griffin (Fine Gael)

**Kenmare MD:**

Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Norma Moriarty (Fianna Fáil)  
Leas-Cathaoirleach: Cllr. Dan McCarthy (Independent)

The newly elected Cathaoirleach and Leas-Cathaoirleach will serve for the coming year, overseeing local governance and representing their respective districts across Kerry.



Castlesland/Corca Dhuibhne Fine Gael councillor Bobby O'Connell has been elected Cathaoirleach of Castlesland/Corca Dhuibhne MD.

# Family Carers in Kerry Invited to Join Free Dementia Training Course by The Alzheimer Society of Ireland



The Alzheimer Society of Ireland (The ASI) is inviting family carers of people living with dementia in Kerry to take part in its free "Insights into Dementia - Informing and Empowering Family Carers" course this September. This in-person programme is designed to support and educate family carers by offering practical information, emotional support, and a person-centred approach to caring.

Open to anyone caring for or supporting a family member, friend, or neighbour living with dementia, the course is led by expert ASI tutors and provides practical skills such as understanding dementia progression, improving communication, managing daily routines, and accessing essential

supports. Emotional support and opportunities for peer connection are also key elements, helping carers feel more confident and less isolated in their role.

The course will take place at The Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa, Kenmare Pl, Demesne, Killarney, Co. Kerry, V93 X3VW

The course will run every Wednesday from 10th September to 22nd October 2025, from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm.

For those unable to attend in person, the "Home-Based Care: Home-Based Education" online course will begin on 8th September 2025 and is open to participants nationwide.

An estimated 2,429 people live with dementia in Kerry, with approximately 64,000 affected across Ireland.

**Places are limited and early registration is strongly recommended. To apply or learn more, contact: 1800 341 341 [familycarertraining@alzheimier.ie](mailto:familycarertraining@alzheimier.ie) [www.alzheimer.ie](http://www.alzheimer.ie)**

# HOUSE PRICES RISE IN KERRY

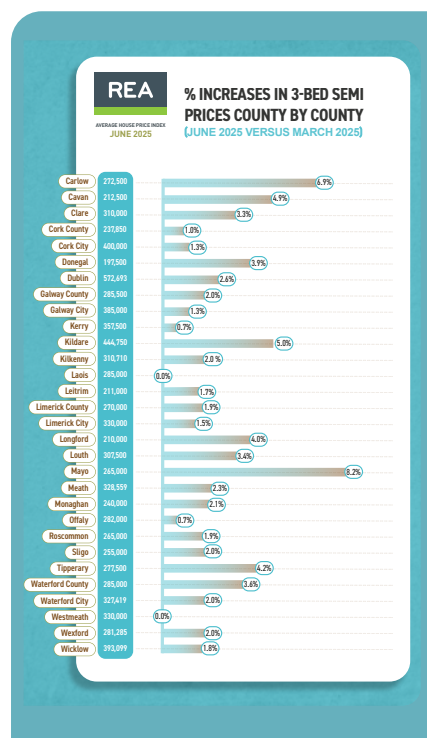
The price of the average second-hand three-bed semi in County Kerry has increased to €357,500, up 0.7pc from €355,000 in the last three months, according to a national survey by Real Estate Alliance.

Across the county, the average time taken to sell fell by one week to an average of five, the Q2 REA Average House Price Index shows.

Average Killarney prices were steady this quarter at €395,000, with time to sell currently five weeks, while Tralee prices rose 1.6pc to €320,000, with time taken to sell at five weeks.

"We are seeing a trend where more and more landlords are selling and exiting the market, while no new investors are entering into the market," said Donal Culloty of REA Coyne and Culloty, Killarney.

The survey shows that across the county, 50pc of purchasers were first-time buyers, while a total of 30pc of sales in the county this quarter were attributed to landlords leaving the market. Additionally, agents across the county reported that the BER ratings of properties saw A-rated properties command 10pc price increases in comparison to comparable C-rated properties.



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With the 100-year anniversary of the opening of Killarney National Park – gifted to Killarney by the Bourn-Vincent and McShain families – scheduled for 2032, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce initiated a programme in 2023 to acknowledge that landmark occasion and to celebrate past and present links.

One of the highlights of this year's programme, commencing at 5.00pm on Friday, July 4, will see the remarkable life story of John McShain, the man who built Washington and then went on to buy Killarney, re-enacted in word, music and song and by multi-media at the ANAM Arts and Cultural Centre.

The top class production, scripted by Noel P O'Sullivan and produced, directed and narrated by performing arts school owner Fiona Crowley, will chart the life and times of

the McShain family, their time in Killarney and their very special legacy in the town.

Showcasing the finest of Killarney talent, the event will feature the magnificent voice of Mary Culloty O'Sullivan, the musical genius of Tomy Flaherty, the thought-provoking poetry of Tim Buckley and so much more.

A native of Philadelphia and the youngest son of Derry-born Catholic emigrants, construction tycoon John McShain was the main contractor in the \$4.25 million reconstruction of the White House during the Truman years, from 1949-1952.

He was also responsible for the construction of the Pentagon, the Jefferson Memorial, the Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park, the JFK Centre for Performing Arts, Washington National Airport and many other notable US landmarks. A regular visitor to Killarney with his wife Mary and their daughter, Sr Pauline, they acquired some magnificent properties, including Killarney House in the 1950s.

In 1973, the McShains gifted Innisfallen Island,



John McShain

Ross Castle and 8,000 acres of parkland, mountains and lake to the State and an agreement was reached that, when they passed on, Killarney House and Gardens would be given to the Irish Government for a nominal sum.

John McShain died in 1989 and when his wife, Mary, passed away in 1998, their daughter Pauline, a US based nun, carried out her father's wishes and handed the keys and the deeds of the property to the people.



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# SHORT STORY COLLECTION LAUNCHED IN KILLARNEY

On a beautiful sunny evening last Friday, June 20th, *The Decades*, short story collection, was launched in the Anam Arts & Cultural Centre in Killarney. This fresh new collection comprises original stories from six emerging writers. The authors featured are: Seán Coffey, Máirín Stronge, Sharon Guard, Geraldine O'Sullivan, Sarah Lou Ryan and Conor Clohessy.

One of the authors, is Killarney-based writer Geraldine O'Sullivan (Gio). The authors are part of a collective called the Adnibs Collective and came to know each other through a creative writing course at UL. The stories are set across six decades and woven with common threads: a priest, a house, the wild and windswept West coast of Ireland. The kind of place where anything can happen.

The stories take place at a point in each decade since the 1960s, providing a slice of life from each one as time goes on, insightful, funny and fresh. 1964: Danny Freyne drives a train. He's kept his life on the rails, but his childhood friend Larry was not so lucky. 1978: Shaun took off for London blaming himself for a death; only his return home and the truth can reconnect him with his future. 1989: Sixteen-year-old Nina is exploring the boundaries of her existence when she's derailed by forbidden passion. 1999: Parish funds go missing. Elizabeth tries



Outside Anam Arts and & Cultural Centre Killarney for the launch of *The Decades* Máirín Stronge (author), Helena Mulherns (451 Editions), Eileen Sheehan (Q&A host), Geraldine O'Sullivan (author), Sean Coffey (author)

to uncover the facts, but must overcome the Bull, the bishops and the local begrudgers. 2007: Boomtime. The Caseys are riding high on the Celtic Tiger, yet beneath a shiny veneer, the decay seeps through. 2018: Nuala lives in a hut with no floor and a voice promising redemption. When her obsession and paranoia

reach dangerous levels, the storm howls in.

The book launch in Anam Arts & Cultural Centre featured readings from the collection and a short Q&A hosted by Killarney poet, Eileen Sheehan. Books are available online and in Easons Killarney.



The Adnibs Collective: Sharon Guard, Máirín Stronge, Conor Clohessy, Seán Coffey, Geraldine O'Sullivan, and Sarah Lou Ryan, who are all of the authors featured in *The Decades*.

## HSE South West Launches New Wellbeing Booklet for expectant and new mothers in Cork and Kerry

The HSE South West has launched a new informational booklet aimed at supporting the wellbeing of mothers during pregnancy and after birth. Available to all expectant and new mothers across Cork and Kerry, the booklet offers practical guidance on nutrition, exercise, sleep, and mental health resources.

The initiative is a collaboration between staff at Cork University Maternity Hospital (CUMH), University Hospital Kerry (UHK), and HSE South West Mental Health Services. It is funded by Connecting for Life – the regional suicide and self-harm prevention strategy.

The multidisciplinary team includes Dr Freda Wynne, Senior Clinical Psychologist; Breda Bird and Louise Chawke, Clinical Midwife Managers; Zodwa Lenihan, Clinical Midwife Specialist; Martin Ryan and Donagh Hennebry, Resource Officers for Suicide Prevention in Cork and Kerry respectively.

The team also acknowledged the contributions of HSE Dublin and South East colleagues, whose earlier work laid the foundation for this Cork and Kerry-focused edition. The booklet is now available through maternity and community health services across the region.





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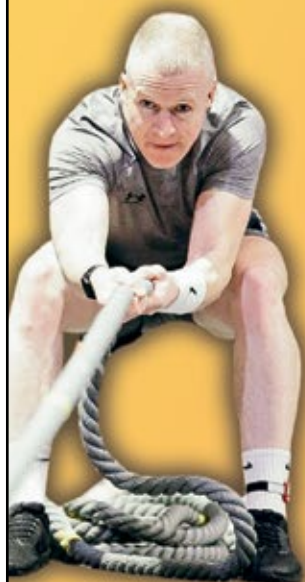
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# Muckross House Welcomes Delegation from American Twin, Filoli Estate

*Killarney's iconic Muckross House and Gardens recently welcomed a distinguished delegation from its American twin, the Filoli Country House in California, also known as the Bourn-Roth Estate.*

The visit saw representatives from the historic Filoli Estate spend the day exploring Muckross House and the surrounding Killarney National Park, strengthening ties between the two heritage properties.

The link between the estates stems from their shared history: both were once owned by the wealthy Bourn family, whose legacy continues to shape the cultural and architectural heritage of these landmark residences.

The 26-strong group of Filoli friends and donors, led by President and CEO Kara Newport, travelled from the US to visit the Gardens of Ireland last week and, on Thursday, they enjoyed a day-long visit to William Bourn's former Killarney residence which inspired the Filoli project.

Set on 16 acres of formal gardens surrounded by a 654-acre estate, Filoli is a historical landmark in California listed on the National Register of Historic Places in the US. It was built between 1915 and 1917 for William Bowers Bourn II and his wife, Agnes.

Around that time, Bourn regularly took his family to visit Europe and while on an Atlantic crossing in 1906, his daughter Maud met Arthur Rose Vincent, from Cloonlara in Co Clare.

They were married four years later and Bourn purchased Muckross House and its surrounding 11,000 acres, on the Lakes of Killarney, for their daughter and new son-in-law and immediately began plans to develop the gardens.

The Bourns travelled frequently to Ireland to visit their beloved daughter and soon fell in love with the local landscape. William's affection for his daughter and Killarney was so strong that he decided to build a Californian home reminiscent of his daughter's Killarney estate.

They commissioned the construction of the Georgian style Filoli Country House and they



Muckross House and Gardens, played host to some very special visitors when a delegation from its twin residence, Filoli Country House in California, also known as the Bourn-Roth Estate, spent a day in Killarney National Park.

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engaged the highly acclaimed Willis Polk as the principal architect with instructions to use Muckross House as a model.

Nestled at the edge of towering oak and redwood-forests in the coastal foothills, just 30 miles south of San Francisco, there are amazing similarities between the 43-room stately residence and the house at Muckross.

It served as one of their residences from 1917 until the time of both William and Agnes Bourn's deaths in 1936. The estate was sold the following year to William P Roth and Lurline Matson Roth, heiress to the Matson Navigation Company, and in 1975 they donated the estate in its entirety to the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The Filoli estate operates as a private, non-profit organisation with its own board of governors, staff and volunteers and it attracts in the region of 400,000 visitors per year.

It has been the set of a number of Hollywood films and, most famously, it was the mansion seen from the air in the opening credits of the smash hit television drama series Dynasty.

Like Muckross House, Filoli is run by a Board of Trustees with a very significant National Parks input. The Trustees of Muckross House are a not-for-profit charity organisation which runs the enterprises in order to preserve the crafts and to preserve and maintain the history, heritage and folklore of Kerry.

All funding generated on site is spent on achieving those goals as well as on the maintenance of the house and on enhancing the visitor experience for visitors.

The group visiting Filoli's twin residence in Muckross – joined by the bond that was William Bourn – was formally welcomed by Muckross House Trustee Sandra Dunlea and Denis Reidy along with Pat Dawson of the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

They enjoyed a tour of the historic house accompanied by head guide Anne Tangney, a private viewing of the amazing art on show with library and research staff, a trip around the magnificently manicured gardens and a visit to Muckross Traditional Farm with head gardener Gerry Murphy.



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# Summer Fayre

## in Tralee to Support Meals on Wheels Service Expansion

A special Summer Fayre is set to take place in Tralee on Thursday, July 10th, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Pipe Band Hall on Matt Talbot Road, in aid of the expanding Meals on Wheels service that now reaches both Tralee and Killarney.

The event is jointly organised by the Killarney Women's Shed and Kit's Vintage Fashion, and will raise vital funds to support the volunteer-run service that delivers over 17,000 meals annually. The initiative, originally set up in 1970 by St Vincent de Paul under the directorship of Paddy Kevane, not only provides nutritious meals but also critical social interaction and wellness checks for older adults and vulnerable individuals, many of whom live alone.

In addition to its core meal delivery service, Meals on Wheels now offers Community Laundry services, further enhancing the quality of life for its recipients, especially those with limited mobility or access to transport.

The Killarney Women's Shed, which celebrates its first anniversary this July, shares a community-focused mission. Established in 2024 after an initial public meeting drew 145 attendees, the Shed has become a thriving hub for retired women aged 55 and over, offering weekly activities including yoga, line dancing, social talks, day trips, and peer support. Operating as a non-profit, it now welcomes 70 to 90 women each week.

One of the fair's main collaborators is Catherine



Sheila K. Martin, Chairperson, Killarney Women's Shed, and Catherine O'Brien of Kit's Vintage, getting ready for the Summer Fayre fundraiser for Meals on Wheels on Thursday, July 10th. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

O'Brien, owner of Kit's Vintage, who advocates for sustainable fashion. Her collection of high-quality vintage and designer clothing helps raise awareness about the environmental impact of fast fashion. With over 100 billion items of clothing produced globally each year and the majority ending up in landfills, Catherine encourages conscious buying, recycling, and reusing.

The Summer Fayre promises to be a lively and engaging community event, featuring:

Live music by Jack Patrick Healy on piano and a variety of stalls, including:

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There will be Raffle prizes, refreshments, and plenty of bargains with all proceeds from the day will directly benefit Meals on Wheels Tralee and Killarney, helping sustain and expand this essential community service.

# NO OTHER LAND

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Killarney for Palestine, in collaboration with the generous and kind support of the West End School of Arts, is proud to announce the first exclusive screening in Kerry of the Oscar-winning and critically acclaimed documentary No Other Land.

This powerful film documents the ongoing destruction of Masafer Yatta, a cluster of villages in the southern West Bank, offering a harrowing and intimate insight into the lived reality of Palestinians under brutal Israeli occupation. No Other Land was awarded Best Documentary at this year's Academy Awards in Los Angeles and is widely recognised as one of the most vital and moving pieces of filmmaking in recent years.

The evening promises more than just a screening. Join us for a wine and nibbles reception, followed by your choice of two screening times: 5:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. There will also be a raffle and the opportunity to mingle and connect in the beautiful setting of the West End School.

"We're honoured to welcome Sally MacMonagle, who recently returned from time spent in Aida Refugee Camp in Bethlehem. She will share a few words at one of the screenings, offering a personal perspective on the current situation in Palestine", Susan Larkin & Lisa O' Sullivan, Killarney for Palestine said.

Tickets: €25.00 and the screening is taking place on Thursday 3rd July at 5.30pm and 7.30pm. All proceeds will go directly to support Camp Breakers Crew, an incredible children's charity based in Gaza. This group empowers children through creative expression via dance and is also actively engaged in food distribution programs in Nuseirat Camp and Deir al-Balah, where aid is urgently needed due to severe shortages resulting from the Israeli blockade.

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## Love.... Laughter & Happy Ever After....



A Stunning Celebration..... Madeline Griffin and Stephen Cusack who were married at The Cahernane Hotel last weekend. The Killarney couple had a fantastic weekend celebrating their nuptials with family and friends. Photos: Katie O'Connor Photography.

## Minister Foley welcomes €129 MILLION INVESTMENT BY ASTELLAS

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has welcomed the latest €129 million investment by Astellas.

Astellas, one of Japan's largest life sciences companies and a leading developer and manufacturer of pharmaceutical products globally, is currently building a new €330 million facility in Tralee and has an existing facility in Killorglin.

Minister Foley welcomed its latest Astellas investment of €129 million in its Irish operations in Kerry and Dublin over the next three years.

Minister Foley said:

"I'm really pleased to welcome this multi-million euro investment by Astellas, supported by the Government through IDA Ireland. This is a real boost of confidence, in addition to the €330 million invested for a state-of-the-art facility in Tralee and the fantastic existing facility in Killorglin.

Minister Foley welcomed the new facilities which the investment would deliver in Astellas' facilities in Tralee and Killorglin. These investments are supported through funding by the Irish Government through IDA Ireland "It is a great, positive story for all involved. Thank you to Astellas for



their unstinting commitment to Kerry."

Astellas is starting the process of building a new drug product fill facility in Tralee, creating 120 new jobs. Additionally, more than 500 workers will be involved in the construction phase. The new facility will accelerate the expansion of Astellas' in-house production capabilities and ensure a stable supply of high-quality medicines to patients around the world. The new facility will also be fully digitally enabled and will adhere to high energy and environmental standards.

Astellas will undertake a

comprehensive plan to equip employees in Tralee with skills to address strategic challenges, focusing on leadership development, digital literacy, environmental sustainability, innovation, and compliance.

Astellas will set up a research and development project in Tralee to enhance the production of antibody-drug conjugates and monoclonal antibodies, aiming to establish a high-efficiency, low-waste, multi-product biologics facility.

Astellas will have a Green Capital project in Tralee to reduce energy use and lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

The planned upgrades include heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, a woodchip boiler, solar panels, and an on-site wastewater treatment plant.

Astellas Killorglin will implement several initiatives to significantly reduce energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. These measures include wind turbines, woodchip boiler economisers, chiller upgrades, BioLPF/HVO tanks, water heat pumps, and energy metering systems.

Speaking from Tokyo, Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Peter Burke who met with members of the Astellas senior leadership team stated: "This announcement by Astellas highlights Ireland's role in the global life sciences sector. Our ongoing investment in education, infrastructure, and innovation continues to create the optimum environment for companies to thrive. Astellas' decision to grow its footprint in both Kerry and Dublin highlights the strength of Ireland's offering and our commitment to supporting enterprise development across all regions."





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## FOR KERRY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP THIS SUNDAY IN MILLTOWN

After experiencing the devastating impact of cancer when his wife Abina sadly passed away 23 years ago, Knocknagree native John Joe Herlihy has devoted himself to raising funds and awareness in support of cancer patients. Over the years, John Joe has been instrumental in organising countless fundraisers for the Irish Cancer Society and related causes. Now, he is once again stepping up to make a difference. This Sunday evening, June 29th, John Joe will host a charity dance in aid of the Kerry Cancer Support Group Transport Service, which provides vital transport for cancer patients attending treatment centres in Cork, Kerry, and Limerick.

The event will take place at Milltown Community Centre from 6pm to 9pm, and promises to be a lively evening of music, community spirit, and fundraising. Entertainment will be provided by a fantastic line-up of performers, including: Dermot & Irene Ring, Ger Healy (The Jarvey),



Deacon Thady O'Connor, Sheila Fitzgerald and Peter O'Connor. With such a strong roster of local talent, attendees can expect an unforgettable night of music, dancing, and joy, all in support of a truly worthy cause. As always, John Joe Herlihy's events draw a crowd, a testament to his standing in the community

and the enduring popularity of his social dancing gatherings. There will also be plenty of fantastic spot prizes up for grabs throughout the evening.

Founded in 2007, the Kerry Cancer Support Group has been operating its transport service since 2010. The group is dedicated to ensuring that those affected by cancer can access their treatments in a comfortable, safe, and supportive way, entirely free of charge. Their work is made possible by the generous support of individuals, communities, and organisations both at home and abroad.

Join the community in Milltown Community Centre on Sunday, June 29th from 6pm - 9pm for an evening of entertainment and solidarity. All proceeds go directly to the Kerry Cancer Support Group Transport Service. Admission at the door - all are welcome!

## Killarney Set to Rock This Summer with ANAM's Inaugural Battle of the Bands

A brand-new music competition is about to heat up Killarney's summer nights as ANAM Arts & Cultural Centre launches its first-ever Battle of the Bands. Kicking off on Friday, July 11th at 7pm, the event promises four consecutive weeks of live performances from emerging and established musical acts across all genres.

Organised with support from the Kerry County Council Arts Office and Kerry Community Youth Services (KCYS), the competition aims to spotlight local and regional talent, offering performers of all ages and experience levels a platform to connect with audiences and showcase their music. Each Friday evening, three bands or solo artists will take the stage at ANAM to deliver

a 20-minute set. A panel of special guest judges will select the weekly winner, with the crowd stepping in to cast the final vote if needed. The winners of the first three rounds will advance to the grand finale on August 1st, where one act will be crowned the Battle of the Bands Champion.

Applications are now open, and the call is going out to rock bands, folk duos, hip-hop artists, and everything in between. Interested performers can text "ANAM" along with their name or band name to 085 849 6667 to secure a slot.

With a diverse mix of genres, spirited competition, and live audience participation, ANAM's Battle of the Bands is shaping up to be a highlight of Killarney's cultural calendar.



## Milltown Listry Hospice Collection Raises €475 for Palliative Care



The organisers of the recent Milltown Listry Hospice Collection have extended their thanks to everyone who generously supported the church gate collections held in the area.

A total of €475 was raised, with all proceeds going directly to support Palliative Care services in Kerry.

"This funding plays a vital role in ensuring compassionate, high-quality care for those who need it most," organisers said. "We're incredibly grateful for the continued support of our community."

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*From Lesson Plans to Retirement Plans....*

# Ed O'Neill Retires

After 31 Years at St. Brendan's College, Killarney

After more than three decades of dedicated service, Ed O'Neill has retired from his teaching post at St. Brendan's College, Killarney, bringing to a close a remarkable career that began in 1995.

Ed taught Physical Education and History, two subjects through which he inspired generations of students over the past 31 years. Known for his approachable nature, professionalism, and passion for teaching, Ed was a valued colleague and a respected mentor to the boys of "The Sem." Reflecting on his time at the school, Ed shared that he deeply enjoyed teaching, working alongside his colleagues, and always found the students to be "a pleasure."

His contribution to the life of the college, both inside and outside the classroom, will be remembered with great appreciation and fondness. The entire school community extends heartfelt thanks and best wishes to Ed as he begins his well-earned retirement.



*Ed O'Neill cutting his retirement cake with Hugh Rudden, Bridget Lucey (Deputy Principal) and Sean Coffey (Principal) at St Brendan's College, Killarney.*

*Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*



*Ed O'Neill (fourth from left) at his retirement party with retired teaching staff Mish O'Donoghue, Billy Condon, Patsy Harrington and Denis O'Donoghue at St Brendan's College, Killarney. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*



*Ed O'Neill at his retirement party with former and present administration staff Samantha O'Connor, Carmel Fitzgerald, Kerry Fitzgerald, Eileen O'Leary, Mary Fleming and Geraldine Cunningham at St Brendan's College, Killarney.*

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*Ed O'Neill at his retirement party with retired and present day teaching and administration staff at St Brendan's College, Killarney. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*



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## RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O' Mahony

### SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €203 and the winner was Breeda O'Donoghue. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om>. or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

**SYMPATHIES** to the Mahony family Denis ,Johnny, Pat Joe, Philip & Oliver, Brenda, Kathleen, Noreen, Anne Marie, Bernadette & Joan & families in the death of their brother Tim Joe Moynihan, Gullane, Gneeveguilla whose funeral took place on Saturday 14th June in Gneeveguilla.

To the Cahill family, Headford, John Joe, Willie & Fr. Daniel, Brid & Families on the death of their brother Patrick (Pat) Cahill, Gullane, Clonakilty whose funeral took place on the 5th June in Clonakilty.

To the Hartnett family of Banteer. Sincere sympathy to Eileen Hartnett Cronin, (Rathmore GAA juvenile secretary) & son in law Mike & family ,extended families on the death of Eileen's father Connie.

May Tim Joe, Patrick and Connie rest in peace.

### ALL IRELAND SENIOR QUARTER FINALS

Best of luck to the Kerry team especially Shane Ryan & Paul Murphy & the Kerry team & management this Sunday against Armagh in Croke Park.

### KNOCKNAGREE LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB

Congratulations to our Junior Player Katie Horgan who is on the Cork Senior Ladies Team who came away with the win v Mayo last Saturday to reach an All Ireland Quarter Final v Dublin ( away game ) on the weekend of July 5th / 6th. On the same weekend our neighbours Kerry will play Kildare at home.

Our summer schedule is kicking off at the moment with teams entered for the U13, 14 & 15 Summer Leagues which will run throughout the Summer. These games will be played with available players on the day so plenty football available for all players.

Our U6s will train away. They are very fortunate to have been gifted a set of jerseys from Denis Brosnan Plastering Services which we launched recently Our U8 & 10s are playing in their scheduled blitzes at the moment and the U12s are as well, they also have a league which is going well.

On to our older teams, the U16s will finish their league shortly with the Minor league commencing in July and the Adult Divisional League & Championship to be played from July to Oct.

We offer structured training days and times as well as plenty game time.

We welcome players for all ages and abilities and who may like to return to playing Ladies Football.

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Jersey launch for Rathmore GAA's new U6 team.

Photo includes l-r: sponsor Denis Brosnan Plastering Services with his wife Aileen as well as some of our coaches & players

(Facebook & Instagram) or please call Chairperson Catherine on 083 3498778 or Club Secretary Maura O'Mahony on 085 1450533

### ALL IRELAND MINOR SEMI FINAL

Congratulations to the team & management & best of luck to the minor team & management in the All Ireland Final

### RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA COMMUNITY GAMES

A great weekend of Athletics was held in An Riocht where we had 22 competitors taking part on Saturday with five competitors making it through to Sunday's finals. Sunday got off to a late start due to very wet conditions thankfully the weather improved and the games continued with some wonderful competitions and photo finishes on the track.

Thank you to all our Athletes who represented our area Sunday.

Cara McIlroy Under 14 100m. Doireann O'Leary Under 14 long Jump. Aisling Fenton Under 14 800m. Karl Thompson Under 14 200m. Neil Thompson Under 16 1500m. Congratulations to Aisling Fenton who was 3rd, Bronze County Medal in her 800m Under 14 ,and Neil Thompson who was 2nd, Silver County Medal in his 1500m under 16 , both will now represent Kerry at the Regional Finals to be held in Clonmel, Co.Tipperary on Saturday the 9th of August. Best of luck to both as they continue with their training .

Special thanks to all the Parents and families who attended at the weekend

### NOTES

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

## LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

### LOTTO

Numbers Drawn 4, 9, 10, 15. Not Won. €100 Teresa Commins, Holy Cross Gardens, Killarney. €50 Danny Griffin. €50 Hailey O'Riordan, Ballyhar. €25 Mary Rogan (online). €25 Amanda Howe Rockfield (online). Jackpot next week 29/06/2025 €10,300

### U16'S

U16 Co League Div 1 Rd3 Listry are away to Killarney Legion at 7pm on

Thursday 3rd July

### KERRY MINORS

Congratulations to Danny Murphy ,David McCarthy and the Kerry minor team and management who won the All Ireland semi final now qualifying for the All Ireland final.

## BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

### RESULTS

Glenbeigh/Glencar 1.14 Beaufort 1.14 in senior Co League, Div. , round 10.

Beaufort 4.17 Glenflesk 2.08 in Co League, Div. 6, round 10.

Beaufort 3.16 Currow 8.13 in U14 Girls Co League, Div. 4 semi-final.

### LOTTO

There was no winner of Beaufort G.A.A. Club lotto jackpot of €6,400 on Sunday, 22nd June. Numbers: 5, 18, 22, 23. Consolation Prizes: €80 Deborah and Alice c/o Kissane's shop, €50 Jimmy Kennedy, Gap of Dunloe, Michelle Kissane, Carnahone, Meabh Harold, Beaufort The next draw for a jackpot of €6,600 will be on Sunday, 6th July. Thank you for your support of our lotto.

### GOLF CLASSIC

Beaufort GAA Club annual Golf Classic was held on Friday, 13th June in Beaufort Golf Club. It is one of the main fundraisers for the Club. Thanks you to the organisers, main sponsor, M.F. Decorating, all the team and tee box sponsors and Beaufort Golf Club for hosting the event.

Results: 1st Inverary Guesthouse Team 90pts, 2nd Owens McCarthy Team 90pts, 3rd Gerard Doyle Team 88pts, 4th Jer's Kerry Gardens Team 88pts, 'Longest Drive' Dara Kealy (Fexco), 'Nearest the Pin' Donie Kiely (Sean Kelly)

**GOOD LUCK** to Mike Breen, Seán O'Brien and the Kerry senior team and management in the All Ireland senior football quarter final against Armagh next weekend.



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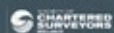
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## KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

### KILLARNEY CHESS CLUB

Join our summer Chess Club – a great place to learn, play and make new friends! Whether you're a beginner or an experienced player, this club is designed to help you improve your concentration, chess and critical thinking skills, while also having a bit of craic! Chess lessons are taking place in Kilcummin GAA Club Bar. Started Tuesday 24th June from 5:00pm-6:00pm/6:00 - 7:00pm. Children ages – 6-12 years old. Fee: €10 per session/€75 for 9 weeks, families: 1st child €10/every child after €5. Maximum 30 children per session. Contact Tomás – 087 1755689 or Oisín – 087 3229879 for more information.

### KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

#### U13 PROJECT, IRELAND IN THE PAST

Congratulations to Ronan O'Leary, Colm Fleming, Aodhan O'Halloran who were placed second in the U13 "Ireland in the past" category project County Final. The boys now go forward to the All-Ireland in Carlow in July.

### UPCOMING CEMETERY MASSES

Upcoming Cemetery Masses will be celebrated in the following grounds. Killarney Burial Ground, Knockeendubh: Monday the 30th of June @ 7pm.

Muckross Abbey: Monday 7th of July, Pilgrimage at 6.30pm with Mass at Abbey Graveyard at 7.30pm.

Holy Cross Mass: Wednesday the 2nd of July @ 7.30pm.

Old Kilcummin Mass: Wednesday the 6th of August @ 7.30pm.

New Cemetery Mass: Monday the 4th of August at 7pm.

Please spread the word to those living away who would like to attend.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Significant Wedding Anniversaries will be celebrated on Saturday 6th September in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Kilcummin, for couples in our parish and outside with special Anniversaries this year eg. 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60. You are invited to renew your marriage vows at this Mass.

### KILCUMMIN GAA by Donal Barry PRO

#### SENIORS

A share of the spoils after an entertaining contest was enough to secure the Credit Union Senior Football County League Division 1 status for next season as James Foley's side battled back from 9 points down to after the opening quarter of play in which Glenflesk opened really strong.

Glenflesk held a five point lead by the end of the third quarter 1-18 to 0-16 before Kilcummin made the better of things coming down the back straight as Mark O'Shea found his mark with a brace of points before brother Paul hit a fine two point effort to reduce the gap to a single score. Glenflesk found a vital score to stop the Kilcummin run to go two points clear before points from Keelan O'Shea and Matt Keane levelled up matters and when Paul O'Shea found the range with a long rang point Kilcummin went ahead for the first time. Glenflesk however managed a good counter attack late on and found a late equaliser

#### JUNIORS

A crucial Colm Janot goal helped secured another vital draw for Kilcummin in their Credit Union Senior Football County League Division 7 Cup on Saturday evening away to Listowel Emmets.

It was a special evening for Janot who is still a minor player but answered the call late to ensure the team had sufficient players to field and it was the debutant that reacted quickly to a penalty rebound to tap into the net for what proved to be a vital score in the 1-12 to 2-9 draw.

Trailing the home side by four points at the break a spirited second half saw them surge ahead before Listowel levelled at the death.

The win moves Kilcummin to 9 points and one clear of the chasing pack in the Division 7 Cup with one game left to play which will see the team play host to John Mitchels

#### UNDER 16'S

Our under 16's opened their county league Division 1A campaign with a 3-13 to 3-10 win over Killarney Legion in a reversal of last month's Div 1 East Kerry Final.

#### UNDER 13'S

Our under 13's opened up their East Kerry Division 1 campaign on Thursday in an exciting battle with Rathmore in which they just came up short in a 5-20 to 5-18 classic.

#### FEILE

Best of luck to our Feile team who take to the road on Friday next for the long journey to Derry for this year's John West Feile Peil where they



*Congratulations to Ronan O'Leary, Colm Fleming, Aodhan O'Halloran who were placed second in the U13 "Ireland in the past" category project of the Community Games County Final.*

compete in Division 1 with 11 more teams. The team will be grouped with Derry side Ballinascreen and Down champions Clonduff. Games start on Saturday at 11am and follow the clubs X account for updates throughout the day.

#### LADIES

Well done to our under 8 and under 10 girls who provided the half time entertainment in the Credit Union County Senior Football league game on Saturday evening. The future is bright with these girls.

#### CONDOLENCES

Kilcummin GAA extend their condolences to the Morrissey family on the death of Kathleen Morrissey (née Galvin) Knockaninane West, Kilcummin.

#### GAA LOTTO

There was one winner of our lotto on Monday 16th June for the Jackpot of €2,750. Numbers drawn were 06,10,19,23. Congratulations to DJ Fleming. Our next draw will be on Monday 30th June for Jackpot of €2,250.

#### MASTERGEEHA F.C.

##### LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 20th June 2025 of the Jackpot €8,200. Numbers drawn were 08,18, 21, 27. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Tom O'Connor, Kilbrean, Mary Mangan, Knocknahoe, Con & Ann Marie O'Riordan, Dermot O'Neill, Mastergeeha. The next draw will be on Friday 27th June for Jackpot of €8,400.

### KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

There were fantastic performances in the County Finals in Castleisland last weekend, with many of our athletes progressing from the heats into semi-finals and finals. Many of our athletes enjoyed their first County finals. Clodagh Ahern U10 60M hurdles final, Emily Brosnan U8 60M final, Conall O Mara U12 100m final.

#### FINALS

Mia Lynch O Doherty ran a fantastic 100m final to come in 4th and claim the pewter medal. Charlie Jay Kelliher ran a steady race and finished strong in the U12 600m to get the pewter medal.

#### U12 BOYS RELAY

Our U12 Boys relay ran an outstanding final to claim the bronze medal, just pipped on the line for the silver medal. A fantastic performance by all the boys, Charlie Jay Kelliher, Conall O Mara, Fionn O Donoghue, Jack Sheahan, Dara O Donoghue. We are very proud of all our athletes today.

#### U14 80M HURDLES

Sinead Coleman ran a great race to get a bronze in the U14 80m Hurdles. Sinead will now go on to compete in the regionals.

#### U14 100M FINAL

Dan Barry ran a superb race in U14 100m final and won the pewter in a very tight contest. Congratulations to both Dan and Sinead.

#### U10 MIXED RELAY

Well done also to our U10 mixed relay who competed Sunday morning in very wet conditions on track. Well done to everyone who competed over the 2 days, and thanks to all the parents who supported them. Kilcummin Community games are very proud of you all. For more information please see our Facebook page.





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

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## SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

### CREDIT UNION SENIOR FOOTBALL COUNTY LEAGUE ROUND 3

Congratulations to our Aherns Castleisland Kerry LGFA U14 County League Finals Division 9 champions after they defeated NaGaeil in Tralee last week

#### LOTTO

Congratulations to Niamh O'Sullivan, Tullig who was the winner of last weeks Spa lotto jackpot.

#### CREDIT UNION SFL DIVISION 1

Spa welcomed near neighbours Dr Crokes to Spa @ 14.00 today for round 10 of the Credit Union SFL Division 1. Languishing in the bottom third of the division before throw in meant a win and a much needed 2 points was critical for our survival in Division 1.

Crokes opened the scoring within the first minute with a point from corner forward Mikey Casey.

Mike Foley of Spa broke through the lines in the 4th minute with a fine point to level the score.

The next three scores a point in the 5th minute, a two pointer in the 10th both David Shaw and a point by Chris Brady in the 11th minute gave the black and amber a lead of 5 points to 1.

A point by Cian Tobin (Free) in the 12th minute was following by a point from play from Evan Cronin. The score now in the 18th minute Dr Crokes 0-5 points to Spa 0-3.

For the remainder of the first half, up stepped David Shaw for Dr Crokes with 2 two pointers either side of a Black Card for Spa's Daragh Brosnan on 21 mins.

A point from play from the impressive David Shaw on 29 mins gave Dr Crokes a lead of 0-10 to Spa's 0-3 just before the break.

A free for Spa on the 30 min mark was brilliantly converted by Gary Vaughan (off the ground) to earn Spa 2 points and the sides went in at Half-Time Dr Crokes 0-10 to Spa 0-5.

Dr Crokes started brightly in the second half with both David Shaw and Michael Casey scoring a point each, (Shaw from a free & Casey from play). With Spa trailing now by 7 points on 34 mins, things were looking ominous, however up stepped David Spillane with a timely goal and reduce the margin to Dr Crokes 0-12 to Spa 1-05.

Dr Crokes responded well with 3 points in succession Mikey Casey (Play) David Shaw (Free) & Liam Randles (Play) leaving the scoreline Dr Crokes



Congratulations to Niamh O'Sullivan, Tullig who was the winner of last weeks Spa lotto jackpot.winner. Pictured are: Jim Gleeson, Spa lotto, Laura Wickham, Lotto Chairperson, Niamh O Sullivan and Tadhg Hickey, Spa Chairman. Photo: Anne Holland.

0-15 to Spa 1-05 on 42 mins.

Following this, Spa responded with our best spell of the match, Cian Tobin with 2 points from frees on 44 & 50 mins followed by a goal from Niall Mc Carthy on 51 mins, a point from play from Evan Cronin on 52 mins & another point from play by Joey McCarthy to level the scoreline Dr Crokes 0-15 to Spa 2-09 on 55 mins.

Cian Murphy put over a two pointer on 56 mins only for this to be cancelled out by Shane Murphy for Dr Crokes on 58mins again leaving the sides level coming up to full time.

The final two scores of the game came from the boots of Evan Cronin & Gary Vaughan giving Spa a vital win on a scoreline of Spa 2-13, Dr Crokes 0-17.

#### NOTES

Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411

## GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

### FLESK FEST 25

Join us for an unforgettable weekend of music, dancing, fun and community vibes at Barraduff Community Field on July 18th, 19th & 20th. Live music, food trucks, fully licensed bar & cocktails. Family fun, Dance Hall Friday, The Big Stage Saturday & Family Fun Day Sunday. It's sure to be a great weekend! Tickets available on the following link: <https://shorturl.at/5d9Vf>

### COUNTY LEAGUE

Results: Division 1 Kilcummin 0:23 Glenflesk 1:20. Division 6 Beaufort 4:17 Glenflesk 2:08

### U14 CHAMPIONS

Well done to the Glenflesk U14 girls on being crowned Division 6 County League Champions. They beat Daingean Uí Chúis in the final.

### KERRY MINORS

Congratulations to Liam O'Brien and the Kerry Minor team on reaching the All Ireland Final following their win against Mayo last weekend.

### COMMUNITY GAMES

Well done to all the participants who competed and represented Glenflesk so well at the athletics County finals last weekend. Congratulations to the following participants who ran great races and won County medals: Kaylee Lynch gold in U8 60m, Aoife McSwiney bronze in U8 60m, Séimí Favier silver in U8 60m, Dylan O'Connor silver in U10 100m and Zara Nagle bronze in U12 600m. Aoife, Séimí, Dylan and Zara now go on to represent Glenflesk and Kerry at Regional finals in early August and Kaylee goes straight to National finals in late August to represent Glenflesk and Kerry. Fantastic achievement for these young athletes.

### BLITZ

The Nóirín Lynch Memorial blitz was held in Barraduff last week between pupils from Knockanes, Glenflesk, Barraduff and Raheen National Schools. Congratulations to Barraduff who beat Knockanes in the final after extra time. Team captain Rebecca O'Donoghue accepted the trophy on behalf of her school. It was a day of brilliant football, thrilling games and great sportsmanship from all involved.

#### NOTES

If you would like anything added in the notes, please email to [pro.glenflesk.kerry@gaa](mailto:pro.glenflesk.kerry@gaa)



Glenflesk medalists in the County Final Community Games last weekend.



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## KILLORGLIN ROWING CLUB

### CORK REGATTA

We competed at Cork Regatta last weekend (June 21–22) at the National Rowing Centre in Farran Woods, Ovens. This was the final full-status event ahead of the Irish Rowing Championships, taking place on July 11th–13th.

We're proud to share the following wins:

Women's Club2 Coxed Quad - Sadhbh O'Sullivan (cox), Kate, McMahon, Maria Murphy, Chloe O'Sullivan and Ava O'Sullivan

Men's Club2 Double - Noah Granville and Rory Barry

Men's J18B Double Scull - Noah O'Flaherty and Joe Horan

Men's J18B Coxed Quad - Noah Granville, Rory Barry, Noah O'Flaherty and Joe Horan coxed by Kate McMahon

Womens Intermediate Single Sculls - Aoibhe Horan

Women's Club2 Single Sculls - Fiola Foley

Women's Club2 Double Scull - Maria Murphy and Fiola Foley

Well done to Fiola, Maria, Aoibhe, Kate, Chloe, Ava, Noah, Joe, Noah, and Rory for their outstanding performances - and to all the Killorglin rowers who gave it their all on the water.

A big thank you to all the parents, coaches - especially Michael G Fleming, and supporters whose help made the weekend possible!

## WORKMAN'S ROWING CLUB

Our athletes took to the water at the Cork Regatta last weekend at the National Rowing Centre, undeterred by the challenging weather conditions. Spirits were high, performances were strong, and the event offered valuable race experience for all involved. Whether it was their first major event or another step in their rowing journey, each competitor showed great commitment and club pride.

A special thank you to MJ & Mary Burns for their outstanding support throughout the weekend— who went above and beyond in supporting our rowers across both days—helping with logistics, morale, and ensuring everything ran smoothly. Your efforts are truly appreciated by all.

### LOOKING AHEAD

Next on the calendar is the Junior Championships, taking place at Loch Rinn in County Leitrim on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th June. Our junior squad has been training hard and is ready to represent the club with focus and determination. We're excited to see them compete and continue developing their racing skills on a national stage. We wish them the very best of luck!

### ONGOING TRAINING

Regular training sessions continue as scheduled throughout the week. With summer regattas still ahead, consistency and teamwork in training remain key. Keep showing up, pushing forward, and supporting one another.

## KILLARNEY VALLEY

### ATHLETIC CLUB

A huge congratulations to Babatunde Smith who soared to victory in the High Jump at the Tailteann Games, clearing a personal best of 1.88m. This win secures his place on Team Ireland for the upcoming Schools International in Derby, UK, taking place July 19th–20th.

**THE MUNSTER 'B' JUVENILE T&F CHAMPIONSHIPS** were held in Templemore on Saturday and Killarney Valley AC had some proud performances and podium finishes. Eanna Mulligan was 1st in the U14 Boys Shot Put. Allie Casey was 1st in the U11 Girls 60m Sprint.

**THE U12 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** were held in Tullamore on Sunday. Kayla O'Sullivan finished 6th in her heat of the 60m Sprint. Lucy Devane jumped 1.20m in the High Jump narrowly missing the Final. Our 4x100 Girls Relay Team of Lucy Devane, Kayla O'Sullivan, Lily Horgan, Chloe O'Sullivan and Marcela Piechowiak finished 7th in their heat. Congrats and well done to all.

### SUMMER CAMPS

Our Summer Camps are booking out fast on our website. You have 3 weeks to choose from. 21st–25th July, 28th July – 1st Aug, and 11th Aug – 15th Aug. Book now to avoid any disappointment.

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

## FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

### RESULTS FOR THE 19TH JUNE

1st: Tim & Mai Corcoran



Killorglin Rowing Club: Womens Intermediate Single Sculls Aoibhe Horan

2nd: Hazel O'Connelly & Kathleen Coen

3rd: Ron Carron & Ciaran Broadbery

Well done to all.

**SUMMER BRIDGE** continues every Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel. All bridge players are welcome

## KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

The Club attended the Munster Swim Festival on Sunday at UL with 32 Killarney swimmers competing. This was an exciting end of season gala for swimmers across all of the squads. Swimmers excelled, competing against 18 other Munster Clubs, taking home 35 medals, countless PBs and as always an excellent day out with friends and rivals. Daniel Cremin took the gold medal in the 100IM Superfinal with an exciting win. Swimmers Zarah Tomlinson, Cora Sheehan and Ronan O'leary also made it to the Superfinals with Ronan finishing in 4th place, Zarah in 5th and Cora 8th. Divo Lucic Kovacevic, Samuel O'Neill, May O'Mahony and Orlaith Mackey all made it into the final 4 of the Skins Events with Samuel placing 3rd. Overall an exciting day for the club, with killarney swimmers delivering a strong performance, demonstrating noticeable improvement and



Killorglin Rowing Club: Men's Junior18B Coxed Quad Noah Granville (L) Rory Barry, Kate McMahon (middle) Joe Horan, Noah O'Flaherty (R)



Killorglin Rowing Club: Womens Club2 Coxed Quad Kate McMahon (L) Maria Murphy, Sadhbh O'Sullivan (middle) Chloe O'Sullivan, Ava O'Sullivan (R)





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competitive spirit.

### Results

Maria Avila 3rd 100 Back. Aileen Casey 2nd 50 Free, 3rd 100 Back. Daniel Cremin 1st 50 Back, 1st 100 Breast, 1st 100 IM Swim Off Superfinal. Ayla Keogh 3rd 250m Free Relay. Kate Kissane 3rd 250m Free Relay. Divo Lucic Kovacevic 1st 100 Back, 1st 100 Breast, 2nd 50 Fly, 2nd 200 Free, 3rd 250m Free Relay. Orlaith Mackey 1st 100 Back, 1st 100 Free, 3rd 50 Fly, 3rd 100 Breast. Reece O'Donoghue 1st 50 Fly, 1st 50 Breast, 1st 50 Free. Ronan O'Leary 1st 50 Back. May O'Mahony 1st 200 Free, 3rd 100 IM Skins Final. Samuel O'Neill 3rd 100IM Skins Final, 2nd 200 Free, 3rd 50 Fly, 3rd 100 back. Cora Sheehan 3rd 100 Breast. Dara Sheehan 3rd 100 Breast, 3rd 250m Free Relay. Zarah Tomlinson 2nd 50 Fly, 50 Back, 50 Breast, 50 Free.



Killarney Swimming Club members Madeline Lynch, Orlaith Mackey, May O'Mahony, Coach Sean Farandon, Divo Lucic Kovacevic, Samuel O'Neill, Ayla Keogh.



Killarney Swimming Club members Zarah Tomlinson, Adam Tomlinson and Robbie Fennelly



Killarney Swimming Club members Divo Lucic Kovacevic and Samuel O'Neill



Killarney Swimming Club members Aibhinn Creedon, Derbhla Kiely, Tosia Spodymek, Juan Avila, Reece O'Donoghue and Nina O'Mahony.



Kilcummin participants in the Castleisland Community Games County finals



Kilcummin participants at the Community Games in Castleisland last weekend. The five boys are Charlie Jay Kelliher, Conall O Mara, Fionn O'Donoghue, Jack Sheahan, & Dara O'Donoghue.



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- 500g lean pork mince (5% fat or less)
- 2 spring onions, finely chopped
- 1 green chilli, deseeded and finely chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- 5cm piece fresh root ginger, peeled and grated
- 3½ level tbsp mild curry powder\*
- 1 tbsp chilli powder
- 3 tbsp chopped fresh coriander, plus leaves and sprigs to serve
- 3 tbsp fat-free natural Greek yogurt
- Low-calorie cooking spray
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 2 large red peppers, deseeded and sliced
- 2 tbsp tomato purée
- 400g can chopped tomatoes
- 200ml boiling chicken stock
- 300g dried basmati rice

\*Watch out for spice/seasoning blends that have added ingredients (like sugar, flour or seeds). To protect your weight loss, count ½ Syn per level tsp/1½ Sps per level tbsp.

**Method**

Put the pork mince in a large mixing bowl with the spring onions, green chilli, 1 crushed garlic clove, half the grated ginger, 1 tbsp curry powder, ½ tsp chilli powder, the chopped coriander, yogurt and a pinch of salt. Mix well with your hands, then roll into balls.

Spray a large non-stick saucepan with low-calorie cooking spray and put it over a medium-high heat. Put the meatballs in the pan and cook for around 5 minutes, turning until lightly browned all over, then transfer to a plate.

Add the onion, red peppers and 3 tbsp water to the pan, then cover, reduce the heat to medium-low and cook for 10 minutes, or until the onion is soft. Remove the lid, increase the heat to medium and add the remaining garlic and ginger. Fry for 1 minute, then add the remaining curry powder and chilli powder and cook for a further 1 minute, stirring often. Add the tomato purée, chopped tomatoes, stock and a pinch of salt and bring to a simmer. Return the meatballs to the pan and spoon some of the sauce over them. Partially cover, and simmer for 15 minutes, or until the meatballs are cooked through and the sauce has reduced and thickened.

While that's going on, cook the rice according to the pack instructions. Divide the curry and rice between 4 bowls, then top with the coriander leaves and sprigs to serve.

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## HALFWAY THROUGH THE YEAR: TIME TO REFLECT AND RESET

As we reach the halfway point of the year, it's a perfect moment to pause and take stock of where we are in life. The fast pace of everyday responsibilities can cause us to lose sight of our goals and personal growth. Mid-year offers a natural checkpoint—a chance to reflect on what's working, what's not, and how we want the rest of the year to unfold.

Start by reviewing your progress: Have you made strides toward your goals? What challenges have shaped you? Honest self-assessment helps highlight both achievements and areas needing attention. It's important not to judge yourself harshly; growth often comes from setbacks as much as success.

From there, set or revise your intentions. Perhaps it's time to focus more on health, relationships, career, or mental well-being. Small, consistent changes can create powerful momentum—whether it's carving out time for daily walks, reconnecting with a loved one, or learning a new skill.

Most importantly, remember that it's never too late to shift direction. The second half of the year is a blank canvas. This is a beautiful time to recommit to yourself and finish the year strong whilst building a life that's more aligned with your values and aspirations.

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### How to Use Pre-Workout Supplements

The general recommendation is to consume pre workout supplements 15-60 minutes before exercise.

### Why is Caffeine in Pre-Workout Supplements?

Simply, when caffeine builds up in your body, it stops you from feeling tired.

### Other Key Ingredients in Pre-Workout Supplements

Beyond caffeine, pre-workout supplements often contain other active ingredients like beta-alanine, citrulline, and creatine.

The type of 'energy' you get from caffeine is very different from the energy you get from food. Caffeine does not provide 'caloric' energy. Instead, it temporarily wards off feelings of tiredness and promotes feelings of focus and alertness by blocking receptors in your brain.

Beyond caffeine, pre-workout supplements often contain other active ingredients like beta-alanine, citrulline, and creatine. Beta-alanine helps to remove the acid that builds up in the muscle after high intensity exercise, allowing you to train for longer at higher intensities. Citrulline helps to improve blood flow to the muscle, enhancing oxygen and nutrient delivery. These ingredients work together to improve your workouts.



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### Who is affected by blurred vision?

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

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

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

### What are the symptoms of blurred vision?

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



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

### How do you treat blurred vision?

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

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

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Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has today warmly welcomed new proposals recommending a 10% pay increase for Early Years Educators and School-Age Childcare Practitioners, hailing it as a major victory for staff, families, and the future of high-quality childcare in Ireland.

The proposed increase, recommended by the Joint Labour Committee, stands to benefit over 35,000 professionals working in early learning and care across the country.

“This is excellent news for childcare workers, parents, and children alike,” Deputy Cahill said. “These professionals provide one of the most important services in our society, caring for and educating our youngest citizens, and they deserve fair recognition and pay for their crucial work.” Deputy Cahill, who has consistently advocated for improvements in the childcare sector, emphasised that better conditions for workers are key to improving access and quality for families.

“I have long said that we must value and retain the people at the heart of childcare. This pay increase is a clear and practical step towards

professionalising the sector, attracting new talent, and ensuring that children continue to receive the best possible care and education,” he stated.

The Government has earmarked €45 million in Core Funding to support these proposed increases without additional costs being passed on to parents, a move Deputy Cahill strongly supports.

“This announcement underlines our commitment to affordable, accessible childcare. We are easing pressure on families while also acknowledging the incredible dedication of childcare professionals,” Deputy Cahill added. “Better pay means more workers, less turnover, and better outcomes for children. It’s a win-win for everyone.”

Deputy Cahill concluded by stating, “I commend the work of the Joint Labour Committee and all stakeholders involved in securing this proposal. I will continue to champion investment in early years and school-age care, because when we support those who support our children, we build a better Ireland for all.”

## Minister Healy-Rae announces a competitive public procurement procedure seeking tenders for the Provision of Children’s and Young Person’s Farm Safety Awareness Initiatives

Minister of State for Forestry, Farm Safety and Horticulture, Michael Healy-Rae, TD, is seeking proposals for projects which promote children’s and young person’s safety awareness on farms for the next five years.

Minister Healy-Rae said: “The Department is providing funding of €200,000 from its dedicated farm safety budget for 2025, with an option to extend the contract for a further four years. This tender will support initiatives that have the potential to make a real impact on farm safety and reduce the number of fatal and serious non-fatal incidents involving children and young people on Irish farms.”

Announcing the competitive public procurement procedure and request for

tenders, Minister Healy-Rae said: “This request for tenders will support initiatives that promote a lifelong culture of farm safety from a young age. The successful initiatives will make an important contribution to changing attitudes to safety on Irish farms, not only by increasing farm safety awareness among children and young people, but also by encouraging conversations about farm safety among all generations in farming families.”

Over the past ten years, 17 people under 18 years of age have died on Irish farms, accounting for almost 10% of all fatalities on farms. Children and young people are particularly vulnerable on farms as the workplace surrounds the family home.



For further information on farm safety visit: [www.gov.ie/farmsafety](http://www.gov.ie/farmsafety).

## BAN THEM OR CATER FOR THEM – but stop ignoring illegally parked campervans in Kerry

Ireland South MEP Cynthia Ní Mhurchú, a leading member of the EU Tourism Taskforce, has called on local authorities across Ireland to grant more planning permissions for facilities for campervans or invest in municipal campervan parks where no private facilities exist.

Ní Mhurchú has accused local authorities of putting their head in the sand when it comes to the regulation of, and opportunity provided by, camper van tourism.

Ní Mhurchú says that Ireland is way behind the rest of Europe when it comes to facilities for campervans. According to Ní Mhurchú, it is leading to a situation where campervans are parking illegally by our beaches and in public car parks annoying local residents in our coastal communities and causing friction. “I would like to see more planning permissions given to camping and caravan parks and more supports for private existing campsites. Where no private facilities exist, local authorities should invest in modern basic facilities for campervan tourists that will allow them to dispose of waste, have showers, get water and power. Charge them a small fee for using these municipal camper van parks and reinvest that money back into the park”

According to Ní Mhurchú, illegally parked campervans are an eyesore at our beaches, “Where are those campervans dumping their waste, grey water, sewerage and where are they getting water and sanitation?”

Camper van tourists spend money in the local restaurant, the local shop and buy groceries in the local supermarket. They are a valuable part of our tourism offering and we should have specific facilities that they can use and stay in the area.

Ní Mhurchú emphasised that she is only advocating for municipal facilities to be provided where existing private campsites do not exist.

Ní Mhurchú will raise the issue with EU Tourism chief, EU Commissioner Apostolos Tzitzikostas when she meets with him in July. She will ask the EU Commissioner to consider EU funding supports to build these basic campervan facilities across Europe so that we can encourage a sustainable form of tourism that will reap rewards for coastal communities across Ireland and the EU.

Campervan culture has exploded since Covid as it becomes an increasingly popular way for Europeans to holiday. Travelling by road can be a more sustainable approach to exploration and adventure.





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## BASIC INCOME FOR ARTISTS

Deputy Michael Cahill has welcomed the announcement by Minister Patrick O'Donovan, the Minister with responsibility for the Arts that he will be extending the Basic Income for Artist Pilot Scheme, by 6 months.

"There has been very clear evidence that this scheme has been hugely successful in assisting artists, in being more productive and advancing their careers, while reducing the precarious income and stress associated with this sector" said the Kerry TD.

"I submitted a Parliamentary Question to the Minister on this very issue and I am pleased with his response" stated Deputy Cahill.

While the Minister is working on a successor to this pilot scheme, for Budget 2026, Deputy Cahill will be calling on him, to ensure that this successor programme, will expand on and build on, the very successful Pilot programme, to support a wider community of artist and finally give recognition and financial security that this important sector in County Kerry deserves.

## €17,100 being allocated to Parent & Toddler Groups in Kerry

Fianna Fáil Kerry TD Michael Cahill has warmly welcomed the announcement by his party colleague and Minister for Children, Disability and Equality Norma Foley T.D. of over €420,000 in funding nationally for Parent and Toddler Groups – including a total of €17,100 being allocated across 18 groups in County Kerry.

Deputy Cahill highlighted the positive impact of this funding, which will directly benefit groups providing vital support to young children and their parents throughout the county. "This is wonderful news for communities across Kerry," Deputy Cahill said. "Parent and Toddler Groups play an absolutely crucial role in the social and emotional development of our youngest children, while also offering an essential support network for parents and carers – particularly those who may be new to parenting or to the local area."

Deputy Cahill stated "I am particularly pleased that the following groups in Kerry are receiving funding - Caherdaniel, Castlegregory, Castlemaine, Furies, Kerryhead, Kilcummin, South Kerry, Aiseanna na hÓige, Down Syndrome Kerry, The Toddle Inn, Slíabh Luachra, and Comharchumann Forbartha an Leith Triúigh. It also gave me great pleasure to see the following valued and crucial organisations working with families throughout the county receive funding - Ardfer, Ballybunion, Ballyduff, Community Inclusion, Kilflynn, and St.Brendans".

Deputy Cahill concluded by stating, "The additional investment shows a real understanding of the importance of early years supports and the difference these local groups make in communities like ours".

## Extra Train Services Confirmed for Kerry Game V Armagh

Kerry Fianna Fáil TD Michael Cahill has welcomed confirmation from Iarnród Éireann that additional train capacity and a special return service will now be provided for Kerry supporters travelling to the All-Ireland Quarter Final against Armagh this Sunday.

Following Deputy Cahill's strong appeal earlier this week for increased transport options for Kerry fans, Iarnród Éireann has now confirmed:

- Additional capacity on the 07:10 Tralee to Heuston train on Sunday morning, ensuring more fans can travel to Dublin in time for the match at Croke Park.
- A special return train from Heuston to Tralee at 19:20 on Sunday evening, providing a much-

needed travel option for supporters returning home after the game.

"This is a hugely welcome development and a direct response to the concerns raised by Kerry people throughout the county," said Deputy Cahill. "I want to thank Iarnród Éireann for engaging positively and acting swiftly to ensure our supporters can get to and from this critical match."

The move follows days of growing frustration from fans unable to secure return train tickets, with the only scheduled evening service already fully booked.

"This special return service will make a real difference," Cahill added. "It's a common-sense

solution that recognises the passion and loyalty of Kerry supporters who are travelling in their thousands to back the team."

Deputy Cahill again thanked the supporters for their unity and strong backing of Kerry football, and praised the quick response from the relevant transport authorities.

"This weekend is about pride, county, and community, and now, thanks to these additional services, many more fans can be part of it in person. I'll continue to work to ensure that public transport reflects the needs of rural counties like Kerry, especially during major national events."




This World Refugee Day (20th June 2025), a new resource and campaign booklet has been launched to equip individuals and communities to identify, challenge and respond to racism. Launching the booklet at Tralee International Resource Centre (TIRC) are from left: Theresa Elumelu, TIRC, Doreen McDonagh, Local Government Management Agency, John Smith, Cork Migrant Centre, Bridget Fitzgerald, Kerry County Council, Cllr. Mikey Sheehy, Mayor of Tralee, Claire O'Toole, Kerry Children & Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC), Róisín Ní Charthaigh, Kerry County Council, Raphael Olympio, Cork Migrant Centre, John Kennelly, Kerry County Council and Mary O'Carroll, TIRC.

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Division 2 Runner-Up: Maria Murphy 40 pts (19)

Division 3 Winner: Mary MacMonagle 42 pts (37)

Division 3 Runner-Up: Sinead Lynch 42 pts (23)

13 Hole Competition: Noritta O'Connor 32 pts (28)

**NEXT FIXTURE** will be Lady Captain Máire Murphy Prize is on 29th July 2025 18 Hole Single Stroke & 11 Hole Single Stableford on Killeen Course.

## ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

### CHALLENGES CUP TEAM

Congratulations to the Ross GC on their great win over the Castlerosse in the Challenge Cup. Best of luck in the next round.

### LIEBHERR GOLF CLASSIC

A great win for Ross GC in Killarney last week as the President Betty O'Farrell, Lady Captain Elaine Casey and Breda O'Farrell representing Bricin Restaurant won the Liebherr Golf Classic in Killarney G&FC (missing from picture is Paddy McGuire, Bricin Restaurant). Well done to all.

### WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

Meet and play every Wednesday morning. Meet in the Club House 10.00am tee off 10.30am. All members welcome.

### GOLF LESSONS

Gordon Howard is available to give golf lessons. Please contact Gordon directly in the Club.

## DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

### TRALEE SCRATCH CUP

While it was a sad week in general for Pitch & Putt in Kerry, Damien Fleming was the winner of last Saturday's Tralee Senior Mens Scratch Cup with a score of 23 under par. James Foley won the Junior B Mens prize with a score of six over par as Eileen McCarthy was the Ladies Gross prizewinner.

### KEVIN MCCARRON RIP

The club was saddened to hear of the death of former County Board Chairman Kevin McCarron of Listowel last Saturday. Kevin was a regular visitor to our club in many different roles as a player and administrator and foremost in our thoughts are his son Bobby, his brothers Mike (a former member of our club) and Declan, his extended family and friends. May he Rest in Peace.

### SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Betterball- First Nett: John Murphy & Aidan O'Keeffe 37½, Gross: Dave Spillane &



Players and caddies for the Munster Women's Challenge Trophy



Ross GC Representing Bricin Restaurant in the Liebherr Golf Classic pictured are President Betty O'Farrell, Lady Captain Elaine Casey and Breda O'Farrell (missing from picture is Paddy McGuire, Bricin Restaurant).

Dan Kiely 48 and Second Nett: Niall O'Loughlin & Mike 'Seve' O'Leary 41. Hole-in-One: Sean O'Brien (9th Hole).

### SUMMER SERIES

In association with the Flesk Restaurant- Wednesday June 18th Results- Winners: Hugh O'Sullivan, Jean O'Shea, Gavin Moynihan and Fionn Culloty, Second: Gearoid Cronin Dan Kiely & Adam Twomey, Third: Noel Moynihan, Paddy Murphy, Thomas O'Sullivan & Liam Lyne.

### CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Please note at a recent Committee Meeting it was decided to not consider membership applications for new U18 members from July 1st for the remainder of the 2025 season. We ask anyone U18 and interested in joining to have an application made prior to next Monday June 30th.

### UPCOMING FIXTURES

Our Captain John McGrath's prize takes place on Friday next July 4th while our Chairman Sean Kelly's prize takes place on July 11th please note with both presentations taking place on the night. Further details will be sent to members in advance.

**BEST WISHES** to our U16's heading to the



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Munster U16 Matchplay Championships in Riverdale, Nenagh, Co Tipperary this Saturday. Deepest Sympathies: The club also offers its sympathies this week to the Morrissey family of Kilcummin on the death of Kathleen Morrissey.

## BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB (LADIES)

**22ND JUNE, LADY CAPTAIN SUSAN DARBY'S PRIZE.**

Winner: Karen Tess (13) 71 Nett  
2nd: Josephine O'Shea (47) 72 Nett  
Best Gross: Grainne McShortall (15) 91 Gross  
3rd: Marie Flood (26) 74 Nett  
4th: Máire Ní Loinsigh (19) 74 Nett  
Front 9: Rosaleen Kennedy (35) 35.5 Nett  
Back 9: Niamh O'Donoghue (48) 37 Nett  
Past Captain: Mary O'Shea (40) 76 Nett  
Nearest the Pin: Rosaleen Kennedy  
Longest Drive: Karen Tess



Tourism companies from the island of Ireland at the IAGTO North American Convention in Alabama, with Brendan Keogh, SWING Golf Ireland (front, left); Joe Murphy, Fáiite Ireland (back, second left); Ciaran Barry, Tourism Ireland (back, fourth left); George Diamondis, Tourism NI (back, fifth left); David Connellan, Tourism Ireland (back, third right); and John Eggleston, Ballybunion Golf Club (back, right).



Ross GC Challenge Cup winners. Pictured from left to right Therese O'Keeffe, Mona Looney, Miriam Hickey, President Betty O'Farrell, Jennifer Nash, Noreen O'Mahony, Emir Coffey, Lady Captain Elaine Casey, Brenda Kelliher and Peg Wickham.



Pat Favier Club President Killarney Golf and Fishing Club (right) presenting his President's prize to Men's winner David O'Donoghue with (front from left) Tom Daly 3rd, John C O'Connor 2nd, Colm O'Connor 4th, Michael McAuliffe Captain (second row from left) Rory McCan, Raymond Wolfe 6th, Brian Clarke 7th, Michael Maher 8th (back row from left) Donal Culloty 2nd Cat 1, Malcolm O'Brien 4th Cat 1 and Enda Favier Guest Prize at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Pat Favier Club President Killarney Golf and Fishing Club (fourth from left) presenting his President's Novice Boys prize to winner Thomas O'Shaugnessy with (front from left) Ryan Lowe 2nd and joint winners Noah O'Sullivan and Darragh McLoughlin (back from left) Junior Boys winners George Leech, Brian McCarthy Category 1, Cormac Sweeney and Eoin Bennett Category 2 with (right) Michael McAuliffe Captain at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Pat Favier Club President Killarney Golf and Fishing Club (third from left) presenting his President's Ladies prize to winner Lisa Cullen (front from left) Viola Broderick Junior girls winner, Margaret Campion 2nd Ladies, Máire Murphy Captain (second row from left) Aoife Twomey 6th, Peg Wickham 4th and winner Loughguittane Cup, Mege Dalton 5th, Mairé Geaney 3rd (back row from left) Mary Sheehy 7th, Marie Leahy 8th, Lelia Moloney 9th and Carmel Fitzgerald 11th at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Killarney on Sunday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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## KILLARNEY CELTIC

**CADBURY KICK FIT** is now at Killarney Celtic. Ladies, try something new, join up, meet new people. It's only 1 hour per week from 7pm-8pm. Start date was Wednesday May 28th and the programme continues on Wednesdays.

### CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 5,7,14,19. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €40. Next jackpot €15,000 on Monday June 30th. Jackpot is capped at €15,000 with the additional €200 going on to the 1st jackpot after the next jackpot win. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

### KILLARNEY CELTIC SUMMER CAMPS

Week 1 is from Monday June 30th - Friday July 4th. Week 2 is from Monday July 14th -Friday July 18th. Bookings through Clubzap Clubs App. **OUR U12 GREEN SQUAD** competed in the TFA Elite ESEI Cup in UL. The squad acquitted themselves very well against some top class opponents.

**WELL DONE** to our Football For All section who attended a training session at MTU with Paddy O'Reilly FAI FFA Programme co-ordinator, Paul Smyth FAI FFA Development Officer and Peter Murphy FAI Kerry Development Officer.

### CHARLEVILLE CHEESE U17 WOMEN'S LEAGUE FINAL

#### Inter Kenmare 1-5 Killarney Celtic

Ali Bowler 2, Holly Forrest, Hannah Casey, Lauren Buckley

Celtic captured the U17 Women's League title after a clear cut win over Inter Kenmare. Celtic opened the scoring when Sarah Warren set up Holly Forrest to finish to the net. Kenmare bounced back to level matters to leave the sides deadlocked at the break. Ali Bowler put Celtic back in front before Hannah Casey made it 3-1. Celtic were now dominant and Ali Bowler beat the offside trap to slot home. Lauren Buckley capped off a fine team performance when she smashed the ball to the roof of the net to leave



Killarney Celtic U17 Women's League winners vs Inter Kenmare

Celtic clear winners on the night. Well done to all the players who contributed throughout the season and to the coaches.

## BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

### LOTTO

No.s 3, 5, 6, 29. No winner of the jackpot. 5 x €25 - Micheal O Sullivan, Farranfore. Rachel O Connor, Headford. Pat Lawlor, Ardfert. Bridie Breen, Furies & Ger Dowd, Furies. Next draw for a jackpot of €2600 will take place on Sunday next 29th June at Henderson's Bar Furies. Tickets available from committee members, Sheehans filling station, Farranfore, Spar & Hendersons Shops, Furies & Butlers Bar, Furies. Thanks to all who support & help out with the club lotto.

### AGM

The club annual general meeting will take place on Monday 30th June at 8.30pm at Murt Scott park. All welcome.

### SYMPATHY

The club offers it condolences to the O Shea, Family Farranfore & Casey Family, Furies on their recent family bereavements. May Eileen & Donie rest in peace.

## KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC

### 7 A SIDE U14 COMPETITION

U14 Boys: First Aid First 3 v 0 Mac Attack  
U14 Boys: Chaos FC 0 v 4 Igloo FC  
U14 Boys: 7 Up 1 v 1 Kebab Killers  
U14 Boys: First Aid First 0 v 0 Chaos Fc  
U14 Boys: Mac Attack 0 v 2 Igloo Fc  
U14 Boys: 7 Up 5 v 0 First Aid First  
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U14 Boys: First Aid First 0 v 4 Kebab Killers  
U14 Boys: Mac Attack 2 v 3 Chaos Fc  
U14 Boys: 7 Up 0 v 0 Igloo FC  
1st v 4th: Igloo FC 1 v 0 Kebab Killers  
2nd v 3rd: 7up 1 v 3 Chaos FC  
Winner SF1 v Winner SF2  
U14 Boys: Igloo FC 0 v 1 Chaos FC

# KILLARNEY ATHLETIC A.F.C.

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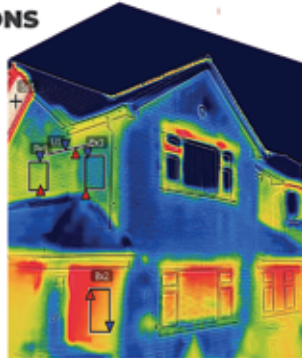


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# SSE AIRTRICITY MEN'S FIRST DIVISION

## VICTORY FOR KERRY OVER BRAY WANDERERS

### KERRY FC 2-1 BRAY WANDERERS

By David Moriarty

Kerry FC were back at home this Friday ahead of a double game-week, which saw them first play host to third-placed Bray Wanderers in Tralee. Kerry FC came into the game off the back of a last-minute equaliser by the hands of Athlone Town last Friday night in the midlands. Still, it is not all bad for Kerry FC as they have only lost one of their previous six games, which came against league leaders Dundalk FC a month ago.

For Bray Wanderers, they lost last weekend away to Treaty United but remain firmly in third place, just eight points off the summit of the First Division league table and seven clear of fourth place. Bray's last win on the road came on the fourth of April, which would be a big factor in the minds of both sets of players heading into the game.

Kerry FC were still without Carl Mujaguzi and Joe Adams as they work back to full fitness from injury, and it would be a first league start of the season for Kennedy Amechi, who impressed with a goal off the bench last Friday night in Athlone.

It was a fantastic evening for League of Ireland football in the Kingdom and brought with it a huge atmosphere to Mounthawk Park on a special evening for the club which would be the one hundredth competitive game in Senior football for the Men's team, all it needed to cap off a special night was a victory.

#### FIRST HALF

Kerry FC had the dream start on the evening when Kennedy Amechi scored the fastest goal in the club's history inside just eleven seconds. From the kick-off, Sean McGrath played the ball back to Tim-Oliver Hiemer, who went route one and looked like it would be dealt with by the Bray defence. Amechi made himself and nuisance, and James Corcoran made a hash of his clearance, which gave Kennedy the perfect opportunity to slot the ball home into an empty net.

Eleven minutes in and Kerry FC were the most controlled of the two sides. A lovely move in



Sean O'Connell in action

the attack opened up space for Oran Crowe to take on a shot, but it whistled wide of the near post of Corcoran. A let-off for the seagulls who started the game far from where they would have liked to have been.

The first half had very little to write home about and got quite fiery in the middle of the pitch instead of both eighteen yard boxes with four yellow cards being dished out in the space of twenty minutes by referee Oliver Moran.

Kerry FC went in at half time ahead and conveyed a very impressive opening forty-five minutes' performance, which would hopefully continue into the second half.

#### SECOND HALF

Five minutes into the second half, Bray Wanderers were awarded a penalty when goal scorer Kennedy Amechi took down Jamie Ryan. Oliver Moran showed no hesitation in pointing to the spot which Max Murphy dispatched with some vigour.

Bray started to push up the intensity and had a fine chance to turn the game on its head when Cian Curtis found Billy O'Neill in the box, but his header was kept out superbly by Tim-Oliver Hiemer.

Just seven minutes later, on the hour mark, Hiemer was on hand once again to keep out O'Neill one more time. The shot was at a tough angle, but he managed to get it off, and Tim did brilliantly to see off the danger.

With thirteen minutes to go, Daniel Okwute had a great opportunity to regain the lead for the hosts, but his curling effort outside the area didn't have enough dip and it went over the crossbar.

In desperation to get a winner in the eighty-fourth minute, centre back Abel Alabi was brought on up front to replace Daniel Okwute, with the idea of the big man making himself a nuisance, and he did so to huge effect. He created a chance which went out for a corner and pounced on a mistake from Corcoran,



Abel Alabi celebrates his late winner

which allowed Alabi to head the ball into an empty net, regaining Kerry's lead with just three minutes remaining of normal time.

Kerry FC would see out the four minutes added in injury time and pick up a huge win and a first-ever win against Bray. A superb performance from the Kingdom, who now have a quick turnaround as they head to St. Colman's Park on Monday evening to face Cobh Ramblers.

**KERRY FC TEAM:** 1. Tim-Oliver Hiemer, 3. Sean O'Connell, 5. Chris McQueen, 4. Oran Crowe, 7. Sean McGrath (C), 8. Ronan Teahan, 11. Daniel Okwute, 12. Kennedy Amechi (GOAL '1), 15. Kevin Williams, 18. Samuel Aladesanusi, 28. Niall Brookwell.

**SUBS:** Mathyas Randriamamy, Luke Palmer, Nathan Gleeson, Cian Brosnan, Abel Alabi (GOAL '87), Alex Dunne, Finn Barrett.

**BRAY WANDERERS TEAM:** 1. James Corcoran, 2. Max Murphy (PEN GOAL '51), 4. Killian Cantwell (C), 7. Conor Knight, 10. Guillermo Almirall, 12. Jamie Duggan, 14. Cian Curtis, 16. Paul Murphy, 17. Cian Doyle, 19. Billy O'Neill, 23. Jamie Ryan.

**SUBS:** Stephen McGuinness (GK), Thomas Considine, Jordan Tallon, Rhys Knight, Calum Costello, Danu Kinsella Bishop, Richard Ferizai, Kyle Degelman

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Kennedy Amechi in possession



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# Time to look at Modular Homes to deal with the Housing Crisis

Delivering the extremely large numbers of Housing Units set down in the Programme for Government will be more than challenging in the present 5 year term, if we don't embrace new initiatives, according to Kerry Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Cahill. Deputy Cahill is calling for a diverse number of solutions, including Modular Homes. The Rossbeigh man has raised the issue regularly in Dáil Éireann and he is calling for urgent, focussed action, because housing is the subject of the majority of the representations made to him and his son, Kerry County Councillor Tommy Cahill

"The traditional house build will always be with us, but in this time of a great shortage of housing for a rapidly growing population, we need to look at a range of solutions. We need all types of housing, including affordable homes. We need Local Authorities to source and deliver Low Cost Sites. We also need put significant resources towards the delivery of Modular Homes, because they cost so much less than traditional houses and can be delivered much more quickly" stated Deputy Cahill, Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Older People and Tourism.

"Modular homes are not only cheaper to provide and can be erected in double quick time, but they are also reputed to be easier and cheaper to heat and maintain. I have spoken to many young couples and their parents who agree that Modular Homes can be a big part of the solution to this housing shortage. These houses have up to 80 years of a lifespan and would appear to fulfil the requirements of young families starting out or even an older couple downsizing" said Deputy Cahill.

"But the crux of the matter is that we need to move now and forge ahead with acquiring

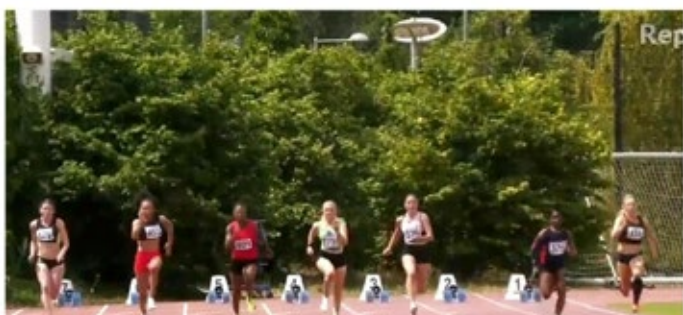
sites and erecting homes now. There can be no dilly dallying, no more talking about it. I will keep pushing the relevant Ministers for Housing, Finance, Local Government, Public Expenditure etc and we will get this done" said the Rossbeigh man.

"Sites exist on lands owned by semi-state bodies and other organisations, that are not being utilised at present for any productive purpose and I feel they can be targeted quickly and easily to ease a lot of the pressure here. It is up to the Local Authorities to identify them, acquire them and either erect houses on them or make them available to couples who can do so themselves" said Deputy Cahill.

"WE need to give our people choices, affordable housing, social housing, private housing, low cost sites and modular homes, we need to zone plenty land, Uisce Eireann must provide

infrastructure such as Wastewater treatment facilities, including Constructed Wetlands in our unsecured villages as it is a much cheaper and speedier solution and developers must be allowed provide workable Wastewater treatment facilities" stated the Kerry TD.

"Our people need homes, not excuses and I believe good quality Modular Housing is how we should address this now. Young couples and indeed their parents have said to me in Killorglin, Killarney, Cahersiveen, Dingle, Kenmare, Castleisland and in every corner of County Kerry that they are more than happy to build or buy a modular home as they are affordable and they can secure mortgages. I am convinced that this is the answer to the Housing shortage at this time" added Michael Cahill TD.



## International Action for Killarney Valley AC Senior Athletes

All eyes were on Killarney Valley AC's senior athletes this past weekend as they took to tracks across Europe, proudly representing both the club and Ireland with standout performances and season's bests. Keelie O'Connor competed at the Stratford Speed Grand Prix in London, delivering strong performances with season-best times of 12.28s in the 100m and 25.74s in the 200m.

In Geneva, Sarah Leahy continued her impressive international form, clocking a sharp 11.57s in the 100m (SB) and anchoring a fast 4x100m relay with Team Ireland.

Meanwhile, Oisín Lynch showcased remarkable consistency, racing his third European 800m in as many weeks and finishing in a swift 1:50 — a testament to his endurance and form on the continental circuit.

Well done to all the athletes flying the KVAC and Irish flags with pride!



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## HIT AND MISS KERRY SEE OFF CAVAN CHALLENGE

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**KERRY 3-20 CAVAN 1-17**

Kerry had been coming along an easy route for a lot of this year's campaign. I don't think anyone can really argue that a lot of the counties in contention for the National League title weren't exactly going all-out for it. Since then we haven't met any Division One team. Cork gave us a great game of it the first time out and nothing easy the second time, either, but realistically we haven't really had our collar pinned in comparison to other leading contenders for Sam.

And then we ran into Meath last weekend. And I mean, ran straight into a brick wall of a Meath team. Muscle, pace, power....you'd give them the edge. As for hunger....the disparity there was seriously worrying. Kerry lose out on the week's rest after coming second in the group – I still wasn't worried about Cavan too much. That's not to be disrespectful but their concession rate coming into this was just too big and their scoring rate, while decent, didn't look likely to make up the difference. But that week's rest....I really think that the schedule is overloaded and stamina and panel depth is what won Armagh last year's All Ireland (that's not to doubt that they kicked some phenomenal scores as well). Can we match it? Moreover, do we really believe deep down that we can match it? I'm not asking about your personal opinion, I'm wondering about the players. I wanted a statement victory here. A real "we had a bad day at the office; get over it" kind of feeling. Did we get that?

Cavan ran at Kerry straight from the throw-in and won a free tapped over by Paddy Lynch. I'm afraid I think we are a little vulnerable to that direct running – a lot of people will be thinking of Donie O'Sullivan or Tim Kennelly; I'd have Liam Flaherty in that company as well. If you are running with those lads nearby, I advise you to be running away. I will say that the old bugbear of the lack of a defined tackle has been an ongoing conversation since at least the sixties. Nine times out of ten, when a forward runs into a defender, the forward gets the free.

Diarmuid O'Connor had started around the middle, but he came off holding his shoulder after just three minutes. A lot of criticism of management for starting him. I wouldn't be



Hands Up: Kerry defend themselves against Cavan in the All Ireland Preliminary Quarter-Final last weekend. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

that hasty in judgement. There's no way that you could throw him in against Armagh without playing minutes under his belt. It cost Mayo in 1997 as well and Brian Cody with King Henry in an All Ireland Final, but it's one of those that if it works, you look like a genius.

Graham O'Sullivan won the kick-out and finished the move himself with a point. Pádraig Faulkner won a free for Lynch to fire over again – it's not begrudgery, but I really did think that one was soft enough. David replied in kind after a foul on Brian Ó Beaglaoich.

And then the big man cut loose. Turned his hapless marker, sliced in along the endline, and struck a bullet into the far corner of the net. Are there five players in the whole country that could do that? Dylan Geaney calmly fisted over another score. This was the purposeful Kerry I had been hoping to see.

Seán O'Shea narrowly wide with a great two pointer effort. Brian Ó Beaglaoich fouled, but again Seán's effort drifts just wide of the post. That's not criticising Seán; even with David's final tally, I thought Seán was my man of the match for his tireless work in the engine room. Mark O'Shea and Seán O'Brien both looked completely revitalised compared to last week as well. This time, it was the opposition who were struggling on their own kick-outs. They lost Niall Carolan to a black card as well, a bit of a careless tackle on Conor Geaney.

Tom O'Sullivan with a great effort. Good work by Joe O'Connor and Gavin White is racing onto it at the back post – somehow, he clips it off the post and wide. Gavin was another to have a good game, himself and Tom O'Sullivan got their drives forward to telling effect, but that should have been a goal. David Clifford with a two point effort....just wide. The football was brilliant, but the scoring return? It was giving me twitchy vibes, that's zero out of a potential 1-6.

That's more like it, a great two pointer from Seán O'Shea after a fine catch by Joe O'Connor. Conor Geaney quickly added another. This

is Kerry in full flight. David Clifford with a magnificent two-pointer despite being tackled and off balance. David is at his peak here....even watching it, sunglasses should be advised. David in a practised one-two with Paul Murphy and again Liam Brady has no chance from close range. Superb finish off his left leg, clipped the post and in. 2-6 to 0-2.

Paddy Lynch with a free after a foul on the returned Niall O'Carolan. Their first score in a quarter of an hour, but Seán O'Shea replied in kind after a foul on Tom O'Sullivan. Joe O'Connor almost got in for a score, but in fairness Ciarán Brady made a superb tackle.

Joe made a great turnover himself and David Clifford was on hand to split the posts. The Kerry players were looking to David as their first option more often than not. Wouldn't you?

Seán O'Shea on the end of a great move for a two pointer. David gathered from Conor Geaney and swivelled, but Liam Brady did well to deflect it. Dylan Geaney notches a point. Cavan just can't find their forward line or penetrate Kerry's arc, not least because of our workrate, and they can't quite plug their own leaks. That said, Kerry did have another three wides before the break, and they did get caught for a two up rule breach (no team can be doing that from now on; the air is a lot thinner at this level) and Lynch added another two pointer free just before the whistle.

**Half-time Kerry 2-12 Cavan 0-8.**

Kerry had left behind almost as many chances as scores, but Cavan definitely looked outclassed. David Clifford fisted over to open the second half scoring. Straight from the kick-out Kerry came again, Conor Geaney with a great goal effort, but Liam Brady saved and Cavan (Oisín Kiernan, I think?) got a deflection on the follow-up attempt for a '45, with Shane Ryan's effort tailing off.

A foul on Pádraig Faulkner saw Paddy Lynch slot another free.

Tom O'Sullivan with another surging run before giving it to David Clifford – again, Liam Brady





Action from the All Ireland Preliminary Quarter Final Kerry V Cavan last weekend. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

ade himself big for the save. Joe O'Connor tried to fist in the rebound but he had no room to manoeuvre and Brady blocked again. Shane Ryan did convert this '45 and David Clifford added another point.

Cavan on the attack but that was great tracking by Seán O'Shea to steal it and he sends a kick pass to David Clifford – Kerry's kick passing was effective all day. David's effort whizzed narrowly wide of goal.

Long ball in touched on by Pádraig Faulkner and Evan Crowe is on hand in the square to fist it to the net. Very much on hand – the attacking player cannot be inside the square before the final pass is made. Since 2012 he can be in the square when that ball arrives, but not before the pass is initiated. Unless, of course, the referee and umpires don't spot it. Cavan got away with one there. It isn't worth an argument in a game like this, but in a tight encounter..... ah, well. Let's not be fomenting unnecessary controversy.

Jason McLoughlin with a great two pointer. Cavan were beginning to look sharper. Pádraig Faulkner was cutting wreck, and a defensive slip allowed him to snare the ball and drive at goal. His rocket flew just over rather than under the crossbar. That's 1-3 on the trot from Cavan. It's Kerry who look a bit rattled now. Six points in it.

Seán O'Shea with an important point. Ryan O'Neill quickly cancels it. Joe O'Connor on the burst goes for goal, again Liam Brady makes the save. That's six goal chances, six, that we haven't taken.

Paddy Lynch with a two pointer. That was a stunning score from massive range. That one is up there with any score I've seen this year, including that two pointer by David in the first half, and the new rules has made this a good year for scores. 2-16 to 1-15. With two pointers as an option and teams forced to keep players forward, four points is not a big lead anymore. There we go. Sixty minutes gone and Kerry finally wrap it up. David Clifford claims his hat-trick. I have to give Killian Spillane great credit for the pass. A less experienced or unselfish player would have chanced his own shot; the Templenoe man quickly and smoothly laid off to the man in space and made the finish simple. Paddy Lynch scored another two point free –

fine player, with an even dozen points to his name, but little enough from play against Jason Foley. That was Cavan's last effort though. Killian Spillane took a good score off his left. Shane Ryan added a two point free. Young Tomás Kennedy closed out the day's scoring, fisting over with his first touch in senior inter-county football.

Was it completely convincing? Not wholly, but plenty good enough. Would it beat one of the big guns? I can only give the famous Scottish verdict of 'unproven' (most legal systems only have 'guilty' or 'not guilty'). One way or the other, we'll know for sure one way or the other by this time next week!

Kerry: Shane Ryan (0-3 (1 tpf, 1'45), Paul Murphy, Jason Foley, Tom O'Sullivan, Brian Ó Beaglaoich, Tadhg Morley, Gavin White, Joe O'Connor, Sean O'Brien, Diarmuid O'Connor, Sean O'Shea (0-4, 1tp, 1f), Graham O'Sullivan (0-1), David Clifford (3-7, 2tp, 1f), Conor Geaney (0-1), Dylan Geaney (0-2). Subs: Mark O'Shea (for Diarmuid O'Connor, 3 mins), Dylan Casey (for Tadhg Morley, 43 mins), Paudie Clifford (for Conor Geaney, 56 mins), Killian Spillane 0-1 (for Dylan Geaney, 56 mins), Evan Looney (for Graham O'Sullivan, bs, 61-ft), Tomas Kennedy 0-1 (for Brian Ó Beaglaoich, 66 Mins).

Cavan: Liam Brady, Niall Carolan, Brian O'Connell, Cian Reilly, Oisín Kiernan, Ciarán Brady, Pádraig Faulkner (0-1), Jason McLoughlin (0-3, 1tp), Evan Crowe (1-0), Gerard Smith, Dara McVeety, Oisín Brady, Cormac O'Reilly, Paddy Lynch (0-12 (2tp, 2tpf, 4f), Seán McEvoy. Subs: Luke Fortune (for Cormac Reilly, 8 mins), Cian Madden (for Seán McEvoy, 43 mins), Ryan O'Neill 0-1 (for Oisín Brady, 56 mins), Ryan Donohue (for Jason McLoughlin, 60 mins), Killian Brady (for Brian O'Connell, 64 mins)

Referee: Jerome Henry (Mayo)

## QUARTER-FINALS

All games in Croke Park

Saturday 3.15pm

Galway v Meath

Galway have been knocking very hard on the door in recent years. Shane Walsh looks back to his absolute best. But Galway haven't been able to muster at full strength either. I believe that

Armagh outlasted them stamina-wise rather than outplayed them last year. Two weeks ago, I'd have said Galway for this one. After last weekend? Was it that we were that bad or Meath that good? They also beat Dublin. But I still give Galway as slight favourites.

## Saturday 6.00pm Dublin v Tyrone

I've genuinely been very wary of Dublin all year. I still say that they were hiding cards. Have they regressed that much since being champions two years ago? Con O'Callaghan is likely to be unleashed for this one. Look, I think that Tyrone are more dangerous than people think, especially if the Canavans and McCurry can all sing in harmony. But look, since one off-form defeat in Leinster, I think too many people have been patting the wounded tiger on the head and forgetting that it's still a tiger. There were a few hurling experts were patting Niall Ó Ceallacháin's Dublin team coming into last weekend. And then that particular tiger bit..... This was kind of supposed to be a glamour football weekend for the GAA. And yes, I did think too many of those games are behind a paywall.

This was the weekend where the British and Irish Lions are heading to Australia, having extracted every possible revenue source out of marketing the thing at this stage. I do sympathise, rugby does have financial troubles on the horizon in most countries, but the media saturation about the Lions has been over the top and Argentina beating them.....well, you sort of had to admire Argentina's effrontery as such.

FIFA are using Saudi Arabia billions to effectively take over club soccer and drum up US excitement in next year's World Cup. Like this year's Champions League, I felt that it was so drawn out that I lost any interest. Maybe it got interesting in the latter stages: I will literally take your word for it. Once these were watercooler conversation events. Now? Unlikely to even get a mention. The Club World Cup is an absolute fiasco. I'm sure Netflix will release their paid-for hagiography later, but somebody really should make a parody movie here.





Action from the All Ireland Preliminary Quarter Final Kerry V Cavan last weekend. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

But with all that going on, what absolutely gripped the attention of all Irish people last weekend? By far the single biggest talking point? Yup, Dublin beating Limerick in the hurling.

## Sunday 1.45pm Donegal v Monaghan

I think it'll be Donegal. To be totally honest, I'd prefer Monaghan. It just feels to me that Donegal, and McGuinness in particular, seem to be coming out with a complaint after every single game. Is the six day turnaround in a particularly crowded three weeks fair? No, the schedule is far too crammed. But it's like the boy who always cried 'wolf'. I mean, that follows a complaint after the game that you won about having to travel? Donegal is reasonably remote alright....compared to that short swim to New York. It's not like Kerry ever looked in the likes of Valentia or Waterville for Kerry footballers.... maybe think about that one. That statement by the Donegal County Board two or three days later with a new complaint? I'd expect Kerry to kick up under the circumstances....behind closed doors. We all wash our underwear, Donegal. The rest of us don't put it up on tiktok. Or is it instagram now? Or meta-something? Some kind of youtube public broadcast anyway. Ye all get the metaphor, anyway. I know there's a few people reading this thinking, "Ah, that kind of comment could be ammunition for Donegal if we meet them later on; he'd be better off saying nothing". Yeah, I'll start doing that the day I start calling a certain orange unreality star in a white house 'He Who Must Not Be Named'. The bottom line is that Donegal and Monaghan play a similar style of game. Donegal just do it a fraction better.

## Kerry v Armagh Sunday, 4.00pm Croke Park

It always looked like being Armagh, and it was always likely to be Dublin on the Saturday and the reigning champions against last year's semi-finalists and league champions on the

Sunday. Those games are likely to draw the biggest crowds. Cynical? Sure – but I'd have been looking at trying to maximise revenue as well.

Anyway, four o'clock on Sunday is a handy time for a game in Dublin. An hour to get up there, lunch in Chapter One, out to the corporate box in the Hogan. Out afterwards, jump in your private helicopter, and down home for ten past seven.

I'll admit it's an awkward time for people who don't own private helicopters. Maybe they could come by yacht along the canal? I don't know; I've never interacted with such people.

Okay, laying the sarcasm on a bit thick there, but I think ye get my point. And by the way, the Kerry Ladies are facing Kildare at seven o'clock on Saturday, but at least that's in Austin Stack Park. Spare a thought for the Kildare supporters. Next weekend is a step up for Kerry, a big one. We have taken hits, but are holed below the waterline? I've seen Jack O'Connor relish the underdogs tag before. Dublin in 2009 is the famous one. Nobody outside of Kerry and few inside thought Kerry could eat Dublin that day, given how we were struggled. It was the famous game of the "startled earwigs".

Mind you, Coláiste na Sceilge looked dead and buried at half-time in the 2009 Hogan Cup Final against St. Marys of Edenderry. The Offaly side led by five at the break and had the best player on the field in Paul Cribben, who gave as good an exhibition as I've seen. But somehow, Coláiste na Sceilge stayed calm and focussed and an injury time goal from Éanna O'Connor was enough to in it against the odds. One last one. Cork were red hot favourites in the knockout minor semi-final of 2015. I remember Jack in an early press briefing telling us that he would have had a young lad on his panel except that there was a new rule preventing U16s playing inter-county minor. That young lad from Fossa? Arrah, he found his way into a Kerry jersey eventually. But the point of the story was that Cork team had some great players. Dan Ó Dúinnin, Seán Powter, Shane Kingston, David Lowney. Steven Sherlock. Kerry had good players themselves. Dingle's Mark O'Connor was top class. Jason Foley at full back had height and speed. Seán O'Shea from Kenmare was a very good forward. Gavin White on one wing was a ball carrier.

Daniel O'Brien in the other was a great player, unlucky with unjury after. Mike Breen was a big and calm centre back. Ronan Buckley, Graham O'Sullivan, and Dara O'Shea all came off the bench. But no-one expected them to be able to outshoot that Cork side. Except that, after an absolute cracker, Kerry somehow just kept hanging in there and taking it into extra-time. Twice they went down, twice they came back. In injury time Michael Foley fisted over the winning score and Jack O'Connor went on to lead that team to a second minor All Ireland. Jack has form in lifting underdogs. And make no mistake about it, a depleted Kerry will be underdogs next weekend. Can Jack do it again?

## MINOR

**KERRY 1-19 (1-2-15)  
MAYO 3-10 (3-0-10)**

Every positive attribute of these famous footballing counties was evident in an enthralling game in Zimmer Biomet Páirc Chíosóg.

Mayo had even managed to edge in front in injury time, Ben Holmes with another inspirational score. With the game poised, sub Nick Lacey showed remarkable courage at the other end to kick one score and win a couple of frees that ultimately kept the Kingdom alive. There was drama throughout. The game was open and honest from the throw-in. Ben Kelliher, who finished with an incredible 0-9, established his stranglehold on the game early, kicking two early scores. Ronan Sheridan was as imperious at the other end.

But there were heroes everywhere. Mayo manager David Heaney even got in on the action when he picked up a loose ball on the sideline, handed to Cian May, who took the sideline ball quickly. He played a one-two with Conor Hession, burst through and buried for a goal.

There was plenty more brilliance in the first. Holmes and Hession showed well for ball and used it clinically too. Dara Flanagan kicked crucial scores under pressure, none more so than a penalty before half-time.

Mayo needed it, because Maidhc Ó Sé had



stolen in for a quality goal himself after being found by David Sargent. Against the breeze, a couple of points from Gearóid Whyte meant that Kerry were only one down at the break. They were a man down too, losing one to a black card at the penalty incident. Despite this, Ben Kelliher and Kevin Griffin (2) kicked three monster two-pointers after the break to change the complexion of the tie.

Mayo's resilience has not skipped a generation. Their boys were as brave as any and against the odds would wrestle back the advantage. Flanagan showed class with the game in the melting pot. Oran Murphy made a huge impression off the bench and levelled it after bursting through on goal and finding the net in the 48th minute.

Hession and Holmes each contributed to give Mayo every chance, but the daring of White, Lacey and Kelliher won out, each scoring to make a final after a couple of years of heartbreak at the semi-final stage for their county.

Kerry: Ruairi Kennedy, Ronan Sheridan, Eoghan Joy, Tadhg Ó Slatara, Danny Murphy (0-1), David Sargent, Marcus Clifford; Maidhc Ó Sé (1-0), John Curtin (0-1), Mark O'Carroll, Gearóid White (0-3), Alex Tuohy, Ben Kelliher (0-9, 2f, 1tpf), Kevin Griffin (0-4, 1tpf), Tadhg O'Connell. Subs Seán Sargent (for Tadhg O'Connell, 29 mins), Tadhg O'Connell (for Ruairi Kennedy, 39 mins), David McCarthy (for Eoghan Joy, 49 mins), Liam O'Brien (for Tadhg O'Connell, 50 mins), Nick Lacey 0-1 (for Mark O'Carroll, 55 mins).

Mayo: Thomas Williams, Conor Coghil, Barry Langan, Cahair Tighe, Ryan O'Donnell, Declan Duffy, Eoghan Dever; Adam Kelly, Cian May (1-0), Rhys Neary, Dara Flanagan (1-3, 1-0 pen), Conor Jordan, Ben Holmes (0-3), Conor Hession, Tony Carey (0-1). Subs Ben Joyce (for Rhys Neary, 42 mins), Oran Murphy (for Tony Carey, 42 mins), Oisín McCann (for Conor Jordan, 47 mins), Fionn Ó Cinnseala (for Conor Hession, 60 mins).

Referee: Conor Dourneen (Cavan).

## CAMOGIE

### Group Winners Kerry Advance to All Ireland Semi-Final

**KERRY 2-20 KILDARE 0-4**

Kerry's hard-fought victory away to Down last weekend put them clear at the top of the

group and guaranteed a knock-out game. Top team in either group goes straight into a semi-final, while second and third play off in quarter-finals. Kerry had beaten Carlow and Down, and with four points already in the bag, would still have been ahead of Down on head to head. Nonetheless, momentum is crucial and a good home performance was still required by John Madden's side. And to say that they produced one is an under-statement.

Kildare had not been going well and a young Lilywhite outfit simply had no answer to Kerry's precision and power, and certainly they had no way of stopping the deadly long range missiles from Kerry joint captain Patrice Diggin in particular. She opened the scoring almost instantly with one such long range strike and quickly added a free won by Jackie Horgan. She did have one effort curled wide but added two more the points in quick succession, the second after an excellent pass by Kate Lynch. Jackie Horgan set up Ann Marie Leen for a fine score to make it 0-5 to 0-0.

Kildare were trying to send long ball into an isolated forward line, but Kerry were quite simply in complete control and clearing their lines comfortably.

Patrice Diggin and Jackie Collins, the joint captains, both picked off points – Caoimhe Spillane had actually made a great break into space for a goal chance for the second point. Patrice Diggin, in unstoppable form now, clipped over another free and won the puck-out to return it between the posts. In the twentieth minute Ellen O'Donoghue gathered from Jackie Horgan and neatly sliced straight through the defence. She tried flicking it past the keeper, who did well to stop it, but Kate Lynch pounced with a natural predator's instinct to knock it to the net. Kerry didn't score again, despite a few chances, but more significantly, nor did Kildare.

#### Half-time Kerry 1-9 Kildare 0-0

Whatever slender hopes Kildare had of relied on a fast start for their side. Unfortunately for hem, Kerry's hunger was far from sated and they put a ferocious press of Kildare's beleaguered defence, forcing enough turnovers so that Kate Lynch finally had space for a rocket of a shot that gave the keeper no chance. Kildare did at least get on the board shortly after, Caoimhe Ní Bhurceál slotting over a '45. Patrice Diggin replied straight away with a free but Kildare's Laura Edwards soon picked off her first point from play. Was there a danger of a contest breaking out here?

Not really, to be honest. Kerry weren't long wrapping matters up with ten points on the

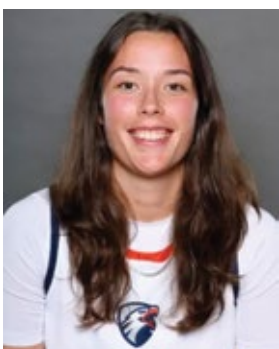
trot. Patrice Diggin coolly took her tally to an even dozen with four more frees. Jackie Horgan and Ann Marie Leen scored a second point each. Ellen O'Donoghue and Ruth O'Connor (a superb score) joined them on the scoreboard. Even Niamh Leen, linchpin of an unshakeable defensive unit, had the luxury of coming up the field to send over a great point before Jackie Horgan took her own tally to three and Kerry's lead to 2-20 to 0-2. Kildare did finish with two frees from Ní Bhurceál but any competitive element was long gone from Austin Stack Park by then.

That won't matter to Kerry. More importantly, they showed real hunger throughout – in fact, it has been the theme of a fantastic group stage for them. They got game time into a lot of players, with players coming off the bench to add impetus in all three games, including a number of championship debuts. Crucially, they haven't picked up any long-term injuries and now have time to recharge the batteries. The road is about to take a steep uphill curve now that Kerry are down to the last four. Kerry bowed out last year by the narrowest of margins to Kilkenny in extra-time at this stage. Can they go a step further? With the greatest respect to a young and rising Kildare side, the next step will be much harder, but Kerry certainly look well primed.

Kerry: Aoife Fitzgerald, Michelle Costello, Sara Murphy, Rachel McCarthy, Áine O'Connor, Niamh Leen (0-1), Aoife Behan, Patrice Diggin (0-12, 7f), Ruth O'Connor (0-1), Ellen O'Donoghue (0-1), Kate Lynch (2-0), Ann Marie Leen (0-2), Shannon Collins, Jackie Horgan (0-3), Caoimhe Spillane. Subs Moloney (for Aoife Fitzgerald, 42), Áine Devlin (for Michelle Costello, 42), Amy O'Sullivan (for Shannon Collins, 42), Ciara O'Sullivan (for, Aoife Behan, 51), Emma Conway (for Kate Lynch, 51)

Kildare: Ellen Donovan, Aisling Connaughton, Shauna Dunne, Sinead O'Brien, Caoimhe O'Sullivan, Shauna Mulligan, Aoife Newman, Niamh Krahn, Sadhbh Buckley, Laura Edwards (0-1), Louise Murphy, Rebecca Duffy, Hannah Davis, Roisín Maguire, Caoimhe Ní Bhurceál (0-3, 2f, '45). Subs Liana Glynn (for Laura Edwards, 42 mins), Saoirse Coffey (for Aisling Connaughton, 42), Meabh Maguire (for Aoife Newman, 45), Mae Donovan (for Shauna Dunne, 50), Rianna Cribbin (for Rebecca Duffy, 55) Fionnuala Hughes (for Sinead O'Brien, 60)

Referee: Joseph Mullins (Clare)



## Lovisa Hevinder joins Utility Trust St Pauls

Lovisa Hevinder becomes the first female Swede to ply their trade in Killarney as the Stockholm native makes the move to Superleague runners up Utility Trust St Pauls. She comes to the league via the University of Texas at Tyler Athletics where she spent her college career. Indeed on February 1st this year she set a new record for the Patriots, when she netted her 213th three pointer in their win over Oklahoma Christian.

She was a regular starter in her final year where she contributed 7.2 points per game, 5.5 rebounds per game and dished out 82 assists, an accumulation of four years of effort and honesty. This was duly recognised as she was named to the LSC Athletic Performance All Conference Team. She has represented her native Sweden at underage level and memorably played a leading role in their U16 European championship win in 2018. Standing at just over 6ft, Lovisa will be looking to bring her height and athleticism to the fore in the forward position.

She will join fellow new signings Maisie Burnham and Tara Cousins in due course before the start of the Women's Superleague season in October.



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maintenance grants ranging from €612 to €4,292.

## GRANT

The maximum standard non-adjacent maintenance grant payable in the 25/26 academic year will be €4,292. For students who live less than 30km from their college, the standard maximum adjacent grant is €1,774. The gross annual income level for grant eligibility is €47,010 (less than four dependent children), €51,520 (between four and seven children) or €55,850 (between eight or more dependent children). Income thresholds increase by €4,950 for each additional family member in college. The amount of non-assessed holiday income that a student can earn per annum is €8,424.

## SPECIAL

There is also a special maintenance grant of €7,586 (non-adjacent) and €3,230 (adjacent) for applicants whose annual gross income is less than €27,400 (less than four dependent children), €30,030 (between four and seven children) or €32,555 (eight or more dependent children). On 31st December 2024, the reckonable household income must include an eligible long-term Department of Social Protection payment as prescribed in the Student Grant Scheme.

## PRIORITY

SUSI is prioritising new grant applications until 10th July. SUSI will process late applications but its best to be on the priority applications list. Submit your online grant application as soon as possible. Applicants are assessed on gross income from all sources in the 2024 financial year. Applications are assessed as either a 'dependent', 'mature dependent' or 'independent' application. A dependent applicant is assessed on the income of parents or guardians, while an independent applicant is assessed on personal income and that of her/his partner.

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As the grant is means-tested, visit the eligibility reckoner on [www.susi.ie](http://www.susi.ie). This facility provides potential applicants with an approximate indication of whether or not they are likely to qualify for a grant. However, it's always advisable to submit a grant application. Even if you don't currently qualify, your financial circumstances may change going forward.

## REGISTER

Before you start your application, create an account in your SUSI student portal. You will be asked for your Personal Public Service Number (PPSN), Name, Date of Birth, Email address and Phone number. Create your log in details where you can set up your username, password

and security pin. Then carefully complete the interactive application form. Once you have submitted a grant application you can follow its progress on the SUSI Online Application Tracker.

## FUNDING

Further information on state funding can be found on [www.studentfinance.ie](http://www.studentfinance.ie).

Most of the institutions also offer a range of scholarships for excellence in areas such as academic, sport, creative arts and entrepreneurship. Colleges also operate a Financial Assistance Fund for students experiencing financial difficulty during term. Go to the relevant colleges' websites for further details. Watch out also for local scholarships such as Credit Union Scholarships available to members. If at all possible, avoid taking out a student loan, but if you must then the best rates are available from your local Credit Union.

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- Many college students depend on their parents to make ends meet
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- The minimum distance to college for the higher grant is 30km
- The higher or non-adjacent grant payment is €4,292
- The smaller or adjacent grant payment is €1,774
- CAO 'Change of Mind' facility closes at 5pm on 1st July
- Leaving Cert results will be published on Friday, 22nd August
- CAO Round One offers will be available at 2pm on Wed., 27th August

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## KILLARNEY LEGION GAA

### SENIOR MEN

Our Senior Mens picked up another win in Division 1 of the County League with a Sunday afternoon win over Ballymac. A poor start saw the team trail by 6 points in the early stages but a good recovery saw them lead at half time by the bare minimum, 0-13 to 1-9. The team exchanged scores throughout the second half and in the end we emerged with a good 2 point win. We currently sit third in the table going into the last round which is at home to Rathmore, which is slated for the weekend of July 5th/6th. Full time Ballymac 2-14 Killarney Legion 0-22.

### U12 BOYS

The final games for our U12 boys in the Kerry Go Games series took place in Ballyduff on Tuesday evening. Two teams took on their counterparts where there was a stiff breeze, ensuring both matches would be games of two halves. Playing into the breeze in the first half, the green team struggled to get to grips with the game early on and, in the second half, found their rhythm to deliver a better performance. As the game came to a close, Ballyduff shaded it on the scoreline, but the boys finished strongly to give a good account for themselves. The black team also played into the breeze in the first half and struggled to get to grips with the opposition from the throw-in and were down a few scores before we registered on the scoreboard. As the half wore on, we got more into the game, and a great contest was being played out. With the wind to our backs in the second half, the boys made their passes stick and started taking some excellent scores. Ballyduff did not give up and made the boys play right till the end to just shade it.

Thanks to Ballyduff for hosting to their referees and the sporting manner both games were played in. Best of luck to Ballyduff in the divisional leagues. Up next for our boys is the U12 East Kerry.

### U16 BOYS

Our U16 Boys Team travelled to Kilcummin to play the locals in Round 1 of the County League Division 1 in a repeat of last month's Division 1 East Kerry Final. Kilcummin started the better and struck for a goal from the throw-in. The boys responded with a fine goal of their own, but Kilcummin were generally the better team in the first half and let by 2 at the break 3-6 to 2-7. With the wind at their back, Kilcummin built out their lead to 6 points midway through the second half. The boys battled away throughout but were unable to bridge the gap, and Kilcummin prevailed by 3 points Well done to Kilcummin on a deserved win, and best of luck to their U15 team in Feile this weekend. Our boys now turn their attention to next weeks game against Laune Rangers at home. Full time: Kilcummin 3-13 Killarney Legion 3-10

### U12 GIRLS

Churchill was the venue for our Under 12 girls' Go Game on Wednesday evening. In glorious weather conditions in Tralee Bay, the girls played against Churchill in two ten a side games. They played really well against a well coached and good home side. Thanks to the host club for having us and the referees for excellent officiating.

### U14 GIRLS

Both our U14 teams had a semi final this week but unfortunately came out the wrong side of the result in each of the games. The Division 2 came up against the powerhouse that is Southern Gaels on Monday while on Thursday the second team had a good battle with Laune Rangers. The season continues though with the East Kerry competitions and the U13 Club Championship all down for decision.

### KERRY COMMUNITY GAMES

Four Legion lads represented Spa Muckross In the Under 12 relay in Kerry Community Games in Castleisland on Saturday. They came 2nd in the Final and were very unlucky not to win, Oisín Sheehan O Donoghue, Diarmuid O Regan, John Hegarty and Conor Scannell were the members of the flying brigade.

### KIERAN MOLONEY

The star that is Kieran Moloney continues to shine in the Athletics world as he successfully annexed the Munster U15 Discus competition during the week. Well done Kieran!!

### BABY JOY

Congratulations to Senior player James O Donoghue and Christina Tangney as they welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the world over the weekend. Glad to report that both mother and baby Sofia are doing well while James is busy training for the night feeds.

### DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The Club extends its sympathies to the family of Chriss O Connor, late of Kanturk. Her son in law Eoin Carroll is a very proactive member of our Club.

Also we remember the late Pat Curran of Woodlawn Park. Pats daughter Mary helps out in the Saturday Morning Academy where her children attend.

Also to the family of the late Kathleen Morrissey of Kilmummin.

### LOTTO

Results Monday June 16th. Numbers were 5, 6, 12, 27. Bonus 14. No Jackpot Winner Match 3s / Lucky Dips: 1. Noreen O Doherty 2. Jerome Corkery 3. Declan Grimes

## EAST KERRY NEWS

### EAST KERRY FR. GALVIN CUP 2025 sponsored by Aquilla Club, Gleneagle Hotel.

First team named will be at home

Preliminary Round: Currow V Kilgarvan

Semi-Finals: Cordal V Currow/Kilgarvan, Scartaglen V Listry

### GNEEVGUILLA ACADEMY COACHES WORKSHOP

Coaches working in East Kerry clubs in advance of the Kellogg's Cul Camps during the summer period hosted Gneeveguilla club academy last Saturday. Seventy boys and girls took part in the coaching session on the day. Eighteen coaches gained valuable experience developing a variety of activities over the sixty minute session. Club coaches observed the session on the day with positive feedback by everyone in attendance at the session. Thanks to Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC for organising the well run event linking in with Sean O Keeffe (Gneeveguilla) club to complete the workshop. Coaches delivering the session gained great practical experience in

advance of busy summer season.

### KERRY MINORS

Well done to the Kerry Minor team in reaching the All Ireland Final.

## FOSSA GAA CLUB

### LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 22/06/2025 for a jackpot of €11,100 were 1, 9, 19, 21. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Colin Miller, Brendan Coffey, Michael D O'Mahony, Bridie Doyle, Cliona O'Sullivan and Mary Ferris.

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 DIV.2

Fossa played Milltown/Castlemaine in the penultimate game of the county league on Sunday knowing that a win was necessary to keep their Div 2 hopes alive for next season. The opening minutes of the game was tentative with both sides playing cautiously but Milltown/Castlemaine were three points to the good before Lee Lenihan kicked Fossa's opening score with a two-pointer. The visitors dominated proceedings from here and while Fossa did kick a few scores through Emmett O'Shea, Harry Buckley and Rian Collieran they trailed 0-5 to 0-12 at the break.

Fossa brought a bit more urgency in the second half but ultimately Milltown/Castlemaine controlled matters. Scores from Tadgh and Emmett O'Shea and Ted O'Gorman briefly cut the deficit to four points but they ran out of time and it finished Milltown/Castlemaine 0-17, Fossa 0-11.

### CO LEAGUE DIV 5

#### Fossa B 1-9, Scartaglin 1-9.

With just the bare 15 players available, Fossa B put in a very spirited performance to share the points with Scartaglin. Playing with the aid of a slight breeze in the 1st half, Fossa led by 0-6 to 0-2 at halftime with the points coming from Jack Clifford (0-3), Diarmud Carr, Kevin McCarthy and a 45 from Peadar Kelliher. With an injury to Conor Quirke just before half time, the Fossa mgt team had to dig deep and unleashed Merry Talbot from selector duties to a corner forward role. It was a ding dong second half as Scartaglin threw everything they had at us. With Scartaglin holding Merry scoreless in the second half, it was Jack Clifford who contributed another 1-3 to ensure we got a well deserved share of the points.

### U-16'S

Fossa Under-16's delivered an impressive all-round performance on a beautiful sunny evening at home, defeating Kerins O'Rahillys 3-14 to 1-9. Kerins O'Rahillys started strongly, dominating the early kick-outs and racing into a three-point lead. It took 11 minutes for Fossa to register their first score, a well-taken free by Eoin Bennett. Ben O'Sullivan quickly followed up with a second point, but Kerins O'Rahillys responded to edge back into a two-point lead. Fossa then found their rhythm. After a flowing move, James O'Meara found the back of the net with a composed finish. That goal was followed





Killarney Legion's Ryan O'Grady in action v Ballymac at the weekend.  
Photo: Maria O'Sullivan



Killarney Legion's Daragh Lyne in action v Ballymac at the weekend.  
Photo: Maria O'Sullivan

by points from James O'Meara again and Ross O'Gorman. Throughout the first half, Morgan O'Brien and Oisín Cryan stood out in defence, making crucial interceptions and tackles to keep Kerins O'Rahillys at bay. Kerins O'Rahillys fought back with a couple of scores but Mikey Moroney struck for Fossa's second goal to restore control. Both sides exchanged two points each before the break, with Fossa's coming from James O'Meara and Mikey Moroney, at half-time, Fossa led 2-7 to 0-8.

Kerins O'Rahillys again started brightly in the second half, finding the Fossa net early to cut the gap to three points. However, Fossa responded superbly, showing real composure and control. Eoin Bennett added two more points, with further scores from Ben O'Sullivan, Mikey Moroney, and Luke Rennie. Luke Clancy kicked a fine two-pointer while Luke Rennie also weaved his way through the defence to add Fossa's third goal.

Paddy Myers put in a tireless shift, driving the team forward with strong running throughout the match, while Luke Clancy and Donnacha Vaughan were particularly impressive in midfield during the second half, winning vital possession and setting up key attacks. At the back, Dara Whelton was outstanding in goal, making four crucial saves to keep Kerins O'Rahillys at bay. He was ably assisted by Sam O'Leary and Kevin Breen, Josh Salvador and Fionn O'Donovan also worked tirelessly, their energy and commitment evident from start to finish.

The strength and depth of the Fossa squad were clear, with substitutes like Marc Sheehan and Mateusz Golebicki making a notable impact when introduced, adding fresh energy and helping to maintain Fossa's momentum in the closing stages.

Kerins O'Rahillys added a late point, but it was Fossa's second-half dominance that sealed a well-earned and convincing victory.

Final score: Fossa 3-14, Kerins O'Rahillys 1-9.

Many thanks to Referee Evan Horan who did a great job throughout the game.

Next up for the boys is a tough away fixture against Ballyduff.

#### **EAST KERRY U13 LEAGUE ROUND 1**

**Currow 5-14, Fossa 1-11**

In the brilliant sunshine our U13 boys headed for Currow to play their first competitive game of the year in the East Kerry U13 League.

Unfortunately for our boys they came up against a bang on form Currow team who were very strong all over the pitch. The hosts won the toss and elected to play with the fall of ground into the village end for the 1st half and they immediately struck the front hitting Fossa for two quick goals. They totally dominated the half and by the short whistle enjoyed a commanding 16 point lead on a scoreline of 3-09 to 0-02, with Fossa's only scores coming from Mark O'Connor and Billy Brosnan.

Whatever was said to the Fossa boys by their coaches at half time did the trick, as they emerged a transformed team for the 2nd half.

Fossa played their hearts out for the remaining 30 mins and outscored their opponents in that half. Finian Swarwick crashed the ball into the Currow net and was unlucky not to get another goal or two. Aaron O'Sullivan kicked two huge points from midfield and Mark O'Connor kicked four excellent points from frees. When the Furies Referee blew his final whistle Currow would emerge victorious on a scoreline of 5-14 to 1-11. Fossa will be disappointed with their opening half but restored a lot of pride with their 2nd half performance. Onwards and upwards for round 2 next week.

Fossa scorers: Mark O'Connor 0-05, Finian Swarwick 1-0, Billy Brosnan 0-03, Aaron O'Sullivan 0-02, David Kennelly 0-01.

### **DR. CROKES**

#### **SFL DIV. 1**

**Dr. Crokes 0:17 Spa 2:13**

After a tightly contested encounter filled with plenty of drama, we fell short to Spa despite a valiant effort. We started well with Mikey Casey opening the scoring in the first minute of play. Spa looked dangerous early on, forcing numerous goal saves in the opening 10 minutes. By halftime we seemed well in control, leading on a scoreline of 0:10 to 0:05. Spa started the second half the brighter, with an early goal in the 5th minute. Mikey Casey, David Shaw and Liam Randles all kept the scoreboard ticking and we continued to lead. Our luck seemed to run out in

the 16th minute when Liam Randles was black carded. Our opposition utilised this and raised their second green flag of the day. Despite a Shane Murphy 2 pointer in the closing stages of the game, it was unfortunately a little too late to recover the deficit. Our final game of the league will be away to Ballymac.

**LOTTO** took place June 23rd. Numbers drawn were 5, 16, 21, 27 Jackpot of €8,300 was NOT WON. 7 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €60 each. Jackpot for draw on June 30th will be €8,600. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached [https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?ll\\_id=734#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor) ([https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?ll\\_id=734#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor))

#### **BINGO**

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

**Condolences** to the Hennigan Family on the recent passing of Mary. Condolences also to Sean O'Donoghue and the O'Donoghue family on the death of their mother Tess and to the O'Shea family on the passing of Martina's mother Kathleen Morrissey.

#### **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)



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# Over 7,500 New Citizens Welcomed at Irish Citizenship Ceremonies in Killarney

More than 7,500 people from 143 countries were officially granted Irish citizenship this week during a series of ceremonies held at the Gleneagle Arena, Killarney. The events mark one of the largest gatherings of new citizens in recent years.

Among those taking the Oath of Fidelity was U2 guitarist The Edge (David Howell-Evans), who shared his personal connection to Ireland.

"Today's ceremony was very moving," he said. "The room was full of so many people, everyone from different backgrounds, with different stories. It was a privilege to be a part of it and to experience the collective joy as we all became citizens together. I moved to Ireland with my parents as a baby, so it's not a stretch to say that this is long overdue. I have always felt Irish, this will always be home to me."

The ceremonies were presided over by retired Judge Paddy McMahon and officiated by the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, Jim O'Callaghan, alongside Ministers Colm Brophy and Niall Collins.

According to the Department of Justice, the top nationalities represented among the new citizens were Indian (1,888), Brazilian (817), and British (516). In terms of residence, most applicants were from Dublin (3,820), followed by Cork (777) and Kildare (619).

The latest ceremonies bring the total number of people granted Irish citizenship since the introduction of official ceremonies in 2011 to over 206,000.

Citizenship processing has significantly improved in recent years. In 2024 alone, nearly 31,000 decisions were made, with average processing times reduced from 15 months in 2023 to just 8 months. The Department credits digital applications, electronic vetting (eVetting), and streamlined systems for the faster turnaround.

*The Edge, (David Howell-Evans) pictured with fellow citizens after they received Irish Citizenship at Gleneagle Killarney on Monday. PHOTOS: DON MACMONAGLE*



*Some of the attendees who recieved Irish Citizenship at a ceremony at Gleneagle Killarney on Monday. Photo: Don MacMonagle*



*Irish Citizens show their emotion after taking the Irish Pledge at the Irish Citizenship ceremony at Gleneagle Killarney on Monday. Photo: Don MacMonagle*



*Former CNN News TV anchor Gina London from Indiana, USA celebrates after receiving her Irish Citizenship*



*Daniel and Ronda Peden from Belfast pictured after receiving their Irish Citizenship*



*Richard Hurst from Edinburgh and his wife Ann Morriow who received their Irish Citizenship at a special ceremony at Gleneagle Killarney on Monday. Photo: Don MacMonagle*



*Ramesh Kumar, Jancy, Acben and Aimy Jose. from Galway and originally India pictured after receiving their Irish Citizenship*



*Olbukola, Adeyinka and Adedolapo Adeleke from Enfield, County Meath, originally from Nigeria pictured with Minister Colom Brophy and retired Judge Paddy McMahon after receiving their Irish Citizenship at a ceremony at Gleneagle Killarney on Monday.*





Silas, Lilian and Joshua Mugwagua from Limerick and originally Zimbabwe who received Irish Citizenship at a ceremony in Gleneagle Killarney on Tuesday. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Fr Luke (new Hampshire USA) and Fr Rene (Washington DC) from SHM, Mallow, County Cork wave the Irish Flag after they received Irish Citizenship at a ceremony in Gleneagle Killarney on Tuesday. Photo: Don MacMonagle



New Irish Citizens who received Citizenship at a ceremony in Gleneagle Killarney on Tuesday. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Marcelo and Janaina Araujo from Bray, County Wicklow and originally Brazil who received Irish Citizenship at a ceremony in Gleneagle Killarney on Tuesday. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Xanilize Botha from waterford and originally South Africa who received Irish Citizenship at a ceremony in Gleneagle Killarney on Tuesday. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Minister Niall Collins with Nitin, Tushi, Ananya and Toishaan Sharma from Athlkone, County Westmeath and originally India who received Irish Citizenship at a ceremony in Gleneagle Killarney on Tuesday. Photo: Don MacMonagle



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# KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

“ERRATIC  
PLANNING  
DECISIONS  
WITHOUT  
CONSEQUENCES  
FOR  
KERRY COUNTY  
COUNCIL”

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

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

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

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



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



This is a photo of a manhole that was built in 2008. This manhole is in perfect condition after sixteen years. The specifications on building a manhole has changed recently and Kerry County Council wants all the manholes in the estate dug up and rebuild under the updated specifications and this work will cost the builder €45,000.

Kerry County Council does not accept that this decision is a gross abuse of power. There is no appeal system and no consequence for the decision makers.



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



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Examples would be a weeping tree which never gets too tall and is very easy to prune back if need be. On the other hand you can choose a tree that is columnar in shape and it won't spread out too much. There is also the option of standard trees. These trees are usually about 3ft to 4ft in height and grow from the top to ground level, staying at the height you plant them at.



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Margaret Cooper and her daughter Ciara who took part in the 25km family cycle for Down Syndrome on Sunday.

## CUSTER'S LAST STAND

By Nicky Barry



General Custer had golden hair,  
just like you know who,  
And thought he had the answer,  
to all those pesky Sioux.  
He rode in with his long knives,  
and rifle repeaters,  
To put manners on them,  
at the Little Bighorn River.  
But Crazy Horse donned war paint,  
for he'd had enough,  
Of the Seventh Cavalry, and he played real rough.  
He cut Custer down to size, in a famous victory,  
And gave the Sioux nation back, a sense of dignity.  
Trump is cut from the same cloth,  
as General Custer was,  
With a strong arm attitude, unrestrained by laws.

He's rounding up illegals,  
as the Nazis did the Jews,  
And causing consternation, with his  
family wrecking crews.  
Instead of softly softly, he sends in the  
National Guard,  
So Los Angeles erupted, and set the streets on fire  
He brought it all upon himself, with his Trump  
delusions,  
That he is God almighty, and has all the solutions.  
He said he's be a dictator, when he was re-elected,  
And no one took him seriously,  
but he really meant it.  
Now he's gone bananas, bombing bunkers in Iran,  
Could this go down in history, as Donald Trump's  
last stand?





## A Word of Victory

*"And she, at her mother's suggestion, said, Give me here on a plate the head of John the Baptist" (Matthew 14:8).*

Welcome back dear student, John the Baptist was God's prophet in the time that Herod Antipas was King. Let's look at the power of suggestion and the danger of seduction. Firstly, before John was born, he reacted to the Presence of the Lord Jesus in Mary's womb. John's mother Elizabeth was six months pregnant when her cousin Mary came to visit. Elizabeth told Mary of how the baby in her womb had leaped as Mary had entered her home (Luke 1:44). Make no mistake friend, unborn children are connected to God and are precious in His eyes (Matthew 18:10). "...You knit me together in my mother's womb" (Psalm 139:13-16). John grew up strong in the Spirit of God. He preached repentance in the wilderness and multitudes were convicted of sin and baptised by him in the Jordan River. King Herod heard about John's ministry and had him arrested after John publicly rebuked Herod for his sinful lifestyle with the queen Herodias. So, she had it in for John and waited in the long grass for her moment to destroy him. Herod imprisoned John but didn't order his death because He didn't want to upset the people - they loved John and drew close to God as a result of his influence. On the night of the King's birthday party, Herod asked the daughter of Herodias to dance for him. The dance delighted him, and Herod asked the girl what she would like as a gift to thank her? He got caught off guard when she asked for the head of John the Baptist on a plate as her reward. This request was not her own - instead, it was prompted by her mother's wishes, and the king had no choice but to carry it through because he had been seduced, duped, and set up (Mark chapter 6).

What has this got to do with us? God's Word is "a lamp to your feet and a light to your path" (Psalm 119:105). Throughout the Bible, Jesus warns about deception, and how easy it is to be seduced by wickedness, sin, or ungodly counsel causing really bad decision making that has life-long consequences. Demonic spirits of seduction are real and dangerous, and most don't recognise it until after the damage is done. The devil dresses his delicacies of sin up to look like a harmless thing. Everyone may be doing it. The Word says Satan disguises himself as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14). But dabbling with demons is a recipe for disaster and separates one from God (2 Corinthians 6:15). King Solomon advised us to be on guard and not get seduced into rebellion and immorality for it only leads one down a path to death (Proverbs chapter 5). Discipline and self-control is a fruit of the Spirit, and it is cultivated hand in hand with the Word (Galatians 5:22-23).

It's heartening to see younger generations seeking God. Godly young influencers like Mary Hulgaine offer another viewpoint. Many are turning away from promiscuity, drugs, and alcohol because they've witnessed its mayhem everywhere. Our kids need prayer support. Let's ask God to protect them from evil and perverse people (2 Thessalonians 3:2). We must pray fervently that they would hear God's voice calling their names and seek Him rather than following to the voice of the enemy leading them to destruction (John 10:5+27; Jeremiah 29:11-14; Isaiah 54:13; Philippians 1:6). We must proclaim God's promises and His good plans over their lives - to give them a future and a hope, and we trust the Lord to complete His purpose for their lives, in Jesus' Name, Amen. Rally For Life Dublin - July 5th.

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## 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.*

**MK**

## 11TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**AGNES LINEHAN**  
(NEE REEN)



2 PARK ROAD, KILLARNEY  
WHO DIED ON  
25TH JUNE 2014.

*Those we love remain with us,  
For love itself lives on,  
Special memories never fade,  
Because a loved one's gone.  
Those we love can never be  
More than a thought apart,  
For as long as there is memory,  
They will live on in our heart.*

*Will those who think of Agnes today,  
A little prayer to Jesus say.*

Loved and remembered always by  
Maureen, Sean & Jerry.

## EVENTS OVER THE COMING MONTHS

Aglish Cemetery Mass Friday June 27th 8pm  
Novena to the Sacred Heart: From the 19th—27th of June.  
Inisfallen Island Mass: Friday 20th of June. Boats leaving Ross Castle from 4pm onwards, Mass on Island at 6.30pm. Killarney Burial Ground Mass: Monday 30th of June.  
Muckcross Abbey Pilgrimage and Cemetery Mass: Monday 7th of July, pilgrimage at 6.30pm with Mass at Abbey Graveyard at 7.30pm.  
New Cemetery Mass: Monday 4th of August at 7pm.  
Please spread the word to those living away who might like to attend

## TIDY TOWN

Congratulations to all on team Killarney for a great result in the Ibal anti litter competition especially the outdoor staff of Kerry County Council who achieved third place finish, to their dedicated commitment in keeping Killarney looking good. Volunteers please meet in the High Street Car Park at 6pm on Monday Night.

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IN LOVING MEMORY

AGNES  
LINEHAN  
(NEE REEN)



2 PARK ROAD, KILLARNEY  
WHO DIED ON  
25TH JUNE 2014

*No special day is needed  
for us to think of you  
You always in our thoughts  
No matter what we do  
Our hearts are full of memories  
With pride we speak your name  
Though life must go on without you  
it will never be the same.*

Loved and missed always  
Your sister Geraldine,  
John, Kevin and Sean.

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Also remembering our parents  
Jer & Bridie Reen of Corran,  
Headford

BIRTHDAY  
REMEMBRANCE OF

DONAL GRADY



WHOSE BIRTHDAY OCCURS  
ON THE 29TH JUNE.

*Dad  
Birthday Memories  
A special smile, a special face,  
a special dad we can't replace.  
You gave your love,  
your whole life through.  
God bless you Dad  
we love you too.  
A loving father is now at rest  
for each of us he did his best.  
His love was great,  
his heart was kind,  
a beautiful memory left behind.*

*'Always in our thoughts, Forever in our hearts.'*

Joan, Carla, Colin, Michael, Dorothy, Denise,  
John Martin and their beloved Mother Julia  
and their families.

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10TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

NELLIE  
DOONA  
(NEE O'LEARY)



CARHOONAHONE, BEAUFORT  
AND LATE OF  
DUNMANWAY  
WHO DIED ON THE  
24TH JUNE 2015

*No special day is needed,  
For me to think of you,  
You are always in my thoughts,  
No matter what I do.  
You always had a smile to share,  
Time to give and time to care,  
Your loving nature,  
your heart of gold.  
These are the memories  
I am proud to hold.*

Always remembered by your loving  
husband Michael

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
& 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MICHEÁL  
O'DONOGHUE



ÁRAS ANTOINE, BARRADUFF,  
KILLARNEY  
R.I.P. 1ST JULY 2024.

As we lovingly remember Micheál on his first anniversary, we, his daughter Siobhán, son-in-law Kevin and grandchildren Muireann, Caoimhe and Micheál and extended family, wish to express our appreciation for the sympathy and support shown to us on our great loss.

Thank you to all who called to our home, attended the removal, Requiem Mass and burial and those that joined the Mass online. We are grateful to those who sent floral tributes, Mass cards, perpetual enrolments, sympathy cards and letters, text messages and online condolences.

Our sincere thanks to Fr. Jim Lenihan for his prayers and guidance and also for celebrating the Requiem Mass. Thanks to Fr. Paddy O'Donoghue, Fr. Micheál Ó Dochartaigh, Fr. Tadhg Ó Dochartaigh and Fr. Tom Looney for concelebrating the Mass. Thanks also to Derry & Rosie Healy for the beautiful singing and music at the Mass. Thank you to Kenneth O'Donoghue for livestreaming the Mass.

Thanks to Clare Brosnan for receiving Micheál's remains into the church on the evening of his reposal.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the Guards of Honour from Glenflesk GAA and the INTO. Our appreciation also for the Facebook tributes.

We would like to thank Dr. Gary Stack and the staff of Park Medical Practice for the wonderful care and kindness shown to Micheál over the years. Thanks also to the staff of Kennellys at the Reeks Pharmacy for their assistance. Thanks to all the nurses in Rathmore Health Centre for their excellent care.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the Kerry Palliative Care Community Team and the Kerry Hospice Foundation Night Nurse Team who looked after Micheál in his home in his final days. Our appreciation to all the brilliant and dedicated carers that cared for Micheál in his final years, his team of private carers and his HSE Homecare Team.

Thanks to the team at Tom Murphy Undertakers for all their advice and professionalism.

Thanks to the staff of the Dromhall Hotel for the lovely meal after the funeral.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Micheál's first anniversary Mass and Maureen's second anniversary Mass will take place on  
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PRAYER TO  
PADRE PIO

O Jesus, full of grace and charity,  
victim for sinners, so impelled by Your  
love for us that You willed to die on  
the Cross, I humbly beseech You to  
glorify in heaven and on earth Your  
servant, Padre Pio, who generously  
participated in Your sufferings, who  
loved You so much and labored  
so faithfully for the glory of Your  
Heavenly Father and for the good of  
souls. With confidence I ask You to  
grant me, through Saint Padre Pio's  
intercession, these special requests...  
(Mention here).

14TH ANNIVERSARY

IN FOND AND LOVING  
MEMORY OF A WONDERFUL  
WIFE AND MOTHER

BRIDGET  
DINEEN



LATE OF  
CLOUNTS, RATHMORE

WHO DIED ON  
22ND OF JUNE 2011.

*"The years roll on and time slips by  
and still we ask and wonder why,  
you left so young and in your prime,  
but your memory lives  
not dimmed by time."*

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husband Michael and your daughters  
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