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Master of Sound ... Killarney has honoured the achievements of yet another Killarney native, gifted musician and world class Mastering Engineer Ruairi O'Flaherty. Now with his own portrait by Artist Paul Egan: Known for his Icons Collection. The mural is located at the Omniplex Cinema on Park Road. Ruairi won a Grammy at this year's 68th Grammy Awards. He was joined by his parents, Corrie and Josie O'Flaherty, Artist, Paul Egan, Cathaoirleach Killarney Municipal District, Cllr., John O'Donoghue, Municipal District Officer, Matthew Farrell, Tidy Town volunteers, Michael Gleeson, Kathleen Foley, Johnny McGuire, and members of the O'Flaherty family, His Brother Tony, and his family, Noeleen, Cael and Roisin O'Flaherty. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



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A Note from the EDITOR



In the week when local man Ruairí O'Flaherty was honoured in his home town, we have a busy magazine for you to enjoy this week. Local athletes are in training to represent their country at the cheerleading world championships, Models in Recovery are taking to the Catwalk at the Gleneagle Arena and a local retailer is celebrating a Millionaire lottery win. Pig's Lane brought home the bacon from the Bar of the Year awards, the Sheahan group joined the Tidy Towns volunteers for the weekly Meitheal and there are calls for American Mink control in the National Park.

Style reigned supreme at Ladies Day at Killarney Racecourse, work has begun on a new administration building at Liebherr Container Cranes and Leaving Certs from around the county celebrated on results day.

Heritage Week drew enormous interest throughout the National Park, MTU have launched a higher education programme for students with intellectual disabilities and the streets of Killarney came alive with a breathtaking spectacular show.

In Sport, Jimmy takes a look at the club championships, the Clifford brothers greyhound, Solo and Go has booked his place in the Shelbourne Park Derby on Saturday night and Glenflesk GAA Club welcomed the Dillon Quirke Foundation to their grounds for a Cardiac Screening Clinic.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie



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Master of Sound: Killarney Honours Ruairí O'Flaherty



Master of Sound ...gifted musician and world class Mastering Engineer Ruairí O'Flaherty, pictured with Artist Paul Egan at the Omniplex Cinema on Park Road. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Master of Sound ...gifted musician and world class Mastering Engineer Ruairí O'Flaherty, pictured with his parents, Corrie and Josie O'Flaherty Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Killarney has honoured the remarkable achievements of another of its talented natives, world-class mastering engineer and musician Ruairí O'Flaherty, with a striking new mural in the town.

Ruairí now joins an impressive collection of celebrated Killarney-born stars honoured through the town's mural project, alongside Hollywood actors Michael Fassbender and Jessie Buckley.

The latest portrait, created by renowned artist Paul Egan, is part of his acclaimed Icons Collection. The mural is located at the Omniplex Cinema on Park Road and celebrates Ruairí's outstanding contribution to the international music industry.

Ruairí recently added one of the highest accolades in the music world to his impressive list of achievements when he won a Grammy at the 68th Grammy Awards for Record of the Year for "Luther" by Kendrick Lamar and SZA. He has also received multiple Grammy nominations

for his work on projects involving Kendrick Lamar and Sabrina Carpenter.

Now based in California, Ruairí works with the prestigious Sterling Sound as well as through his own company, Nomograph Mastering. His expertise has seen him work at the very highest level of the global music industry.

Ruairí was home in Killarney recently to spend time with his parents, Corrie and Josie O'Flaherty, and his family when the Killarney Municipal District, together with Killarney Tidy Towns, unveiled the new portrait box in his honour.

The tribute recognises not only Ruairí's extraordinary international success, but also the pride felt locally in a Killarney native who has reached the very top of his profession on the world stage.

His portrait will now form part of Killarney's growing collection of murals celebrating people with strong connections to the town who have achieved remarkable success internationally.

Four Kerry Athletes Selected for Irish National Cheerleading Team

Four Kerry athlete, Emma Rose Byrne, Saoirse McHugh, Emily Quirke and Alicia Heapes, have been selected to represent Ireland at the Cheerleading World Championships in the USA in April 2027.

Members of Legacy Elite Cheerleading and Gymnastics in Killarney, the girls attended the national team selection in Dublin in July and were thrilled to secure their places on the Irish squad.

The athletes train weekly with coach Hayley Murphy at Legacy Elite and also attend regular tumbling classes with Elevate Gymnastics. They are now travelling to Galway for training with the national squad as preparations intensify for the prestigious championships. Their selection is a fantastic achievement for cheerleading in Kerry, and the athletes are seeking community support to help fund their journey to the World Championships.

A GoFundMe page has been set up to support the girls with the costs involved in representing Ireland on the international stage. You can donate on <https://gofund.me/13cf4b28e>



From left: Hayley Murphy, Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr Brendan Cronin, Saoirse McHugh, Emily Quirke, Emma Rose Byrne, Hotel Killarney Manager PJ McMahon, and Cllr Martin Grady.



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Models in Recovery Fashion Show 2026

Set to Raise Funds for Kerry Hospice

The launch of the 2026 Models in Recovery Fashion Show took place this week at the Gleneagle Arena, with excitement already building for what promises to be another memorable evening in support of Kerry Hospice Foundation and Palliative Care.

This year's fashion show will take place on Wednesday, September 16, with doors opening at 6.45pm for a wine reception. The Liam O'Connor Family will take to the stage at 7.30pm, while Noel Cunningham will once again host the evening.

The Models in Recovery Fashion Show is a very special event, with all of the male and female models taking to the catwalk having experienced cancer and now being in recovery.

Organised by the Killarney Branch of Kerry Hospice Foundation and Palliative Care, the event combines fashion, entertainment and fundraising while celebrating the courage and resilience of the

models.

Tickets are priced at €20, with a fantastic selection of door prizes and raffle prizes also up for grabs on the night.

All proceeds will go towards the planned five-bed extension to the existing palliative care unit. The major project is estimated to cost €6.5 million and will provide much-needed additional facilities and accommodation.

The Models in Recovery Fashion Show is much more than a fashion event. It is an opportunity for family and friends to come together to support the inspirational men and women who will take to the catwalk, while also helping raise vital funds for the future of palliative care in Kerry.

It promises to be a special night and is a must for fashion followers, supporters of Kerry Hospice and, most importantly, the families and friends of the remarkable models taking part.



Pictured at the launch of the Models in Recovery Fashion Show 2026 at Gleneagle Arena. Tom Moriarty, Mary O'Donoghue, Phyllis O'Sullivan, Angela Curran, Ronan O'Sullivan, Siobhán Kelliher and Pat Doolan.

Glenflesk GAA Promotes Heart Health

with Vital Cardiac Screening Clinic



Pictured L to R Darragh Byrne, Dr Don Coffey, Barbara Mary Mahoney from Advanced Medical Services with members of Glenflesk GAA, Glenflesk LGFA & Glenflesk GAA Healthy Club Denis O'Sullivan, Catherine O'Sullivan, Mary O'Brien, Neeve Cronin & Mary McCarrick

Glenflesk GAA Healthy Club recently welcomed the Dillon Quirke Foundation for a cardiac screening clinic, providing vital heart health checks for young members of the club.

A total of 45 club members aged between 12 and 18 took part in the screening, highlighting the importance of early detection and heart health awareness among young athletes.

The club expressed its sincere thanks to Advanced Medical Services for carrying out the screenings with care and professionalism, while the Glenflesk GAA Healthy Club Team was also praised for organising the event.

The Dillon Quirke Foundation carries out important work raising awareness of Sudden Adult Death Syndrome (SADS) and providing cardiac screening clinics for young people. The Foundation is a non-government-funded organisation and relies on public support to continue its work.

Glenflesk GAA said it was very proud to support the Foundation and encouraged people to donate if they can, helping the organisation reach and screen more young people.

Every donation helps the Dillon Quirke Foundation continue providing these potentially life-saving screening clinics and promoting greater awareness of heart health among young people.

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Norma Celebrates

Another Successful Fashion Show

The Rose Hotel in Tralee was once again the stylish setting for the annual Fall Designer Fashion Show, organised by Norma O'Donoghue Model Agency, as part of the Rose of Tralee Festival. This year's event was held in association with Kerry Mental Health.

Irish fashion royalty descended on The Rose Hotel from early Friday morning to showcase their latest collections, with designers including Synan O'Mahony, Marion Murphy Cooney, Cáitríona King, Julie Caulfield, Cathy Troth and Tina Griffin, among many others.

Several well-known boutiques also featured in the show, including Slow Concept, Wardrobe, Hannons and Jasmine.

The evening began at 7pm with a champagne and canapé reception in the hotel's beautiful foyer, before the fashion show got underway at 8pm.

Produced once again by the Norma O'Donoghue Model Agency, the show proved to be a spectacular evening of Irish fashion, culminating in a very special finale featuring a collaboration between three talented Irish designers.

The finale brought together milliner Cathy Troth, designer Synan O'Mahony and Synan's sister, Noelle O'Mahony, designer of luxury knitwear brand Oh Elle. It marked the first time the collection had been showcased in Kerry.

Adding an extra-special family touch to the finale was 15-year-old Lucy, Synan O'Mahony's niece, who was invited to model one of his bespoke pieces.

"What made it even more special was that Synan rang me a few days before to ask if his 15-year-old niece Lucy could model one of his bespoke pieces in the finale, and of course I said yes," Norma explained.

"It really was an emotional family affair closing the show."

There were more than €3,000 worth of prizes on offer throughout the evening. The Best Dressed prize was won by Sarah Geary, who received a prize valued at more than €600, sponsored by Horans Healthstores.

Every guest attending the event also received a goody bag worth €60, again sponsored by Horans Healthstores.

Proprietor of The Rose Hotel, Mrs Eibhlin Henggeler, attended the event with her family.

"I met Mrs Henggeler the following morning and she was absolutely delighted with the entire event," Norma said.

The evening concluded with an after-party in Dott's Bar, where the celebrations continued into the early hours.

Once again, Norma O'Donoghue's Fall Designer Fashion Show proved to be a memorable celebration of Irish fashion, style and creativity, with a very special family element adding to the occasion.



Norma O'Donoghue with Eibhlin Henggeler (second from left) her sister Anne O'Shea and family members at the Rose Hotel the morning after the show.



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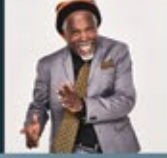
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Killarney Mourns the Passing of Tracy Eagar

There was widespread sadness in Killarney this week following the passing of Tracy Eagar, of Lahard Avenue, Beaufort, and formerly of New Road.

Tracy's death has prompted an outpouring of sympathy from her heartbroken family, lifelong friends, former colleagues and the many people who had the privilege of knowing her. A devoted mother, Tracy's five children, Jemma, Richard, Orla, Lia and Lola Rose, were the centre of her world. She was immensely proud of them, and her love for them was returned in full.

Tracy was remembered for her beautiful smile, warm hugs, quick wit and the kindness and grace she showed to everyone she met. She faced her illness with great courage and dignity, qualities that reflected the strength of character she had shown throughout her life.

A former theatre nurse at the Mater Hospital, the Coombe and the Bon Secours Hospital in Tralee, Tracy was also fondly remembered

by former colleagues, while tributes from old school friends and people she had met throughout her life reflected the lasting impression she made on those around her.

Messages of condolence from near and far filled her RIP notice, with many recalling Tracy's warmth, generosity, humour and caring nature. Her family and friends will cherish memories of her radiant smile, infectious wit and famous warm hugs, while her loss will be deeply felt by all who knew and loved her.

Tracy is survived by her five children, Jemma, Richard, Orla, Lia and Lola Rose, their father Richard, brother Roland, sister-in-law Ana, nieces Kerry, Lola, Marina, Ciara and Alice, aunt Mary, cousins Myra, Saoirse and Aoife, as well as her extended family, neighbours and many friends.

Following Requiem Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday, Tracy was laid to rest in Aghadoe Cemetery alongside her parents, Bridie and Jim, and her brother Seamus.



Killarney Retailer Celebrates as Kerry Player Becomes Latest National Lottery Millionaire

Celebrations are underway across The Kingdom as the National Lottery confirms that Friday night's EuroMillions Ireland Only Raffle, worth an incredible €1,005,000, was sold at Centra The Reeks, Reeks Gateway, Tralee Road in Killarney. The Kerry player purchased their Quick Pick ticket on the day of the draw, Friday, 21st August, which included the winning raffle number: I-VBD-36131.

John Bowler, Store Owner, was thrilled to receive the phone call from the National Lottery. "There's a great buzz around the store today and we're absolutely delighted to have sold Friday night's winning EuroMillions ticket. We have a mix of local customers and visitors coming through our doors every day, so the winner could be anyone. I've had the shop for more than 20 years and, while we've sold some fantastic prizes over the years, this is by far the biggest. It's wonderful news for Killarney and the wider Kerry community, and we'd like to wish the winner every happiness as they enjoy their incredible prize."

Friday night's EuroMillions draw featured a special 'Ireland Only' Raffle event, with a guaranteed €1,005,000 prize for one player. As with every EuroMillions draw, ten players win €5,000 with their unique raffle ticket number, and among them one winner has had an additional €1,000,000 added to their prize, making them the latest National Lottery millionaire of 2026.



Staff at the Centra, The Reeks, Tralee Road, Killarney, were thrilled to hear that their store sold the winning EuroMillions Ireland Only Raffle ticket worth €1,005,000 in the Friday 21st August draw. Photo: Eamonn Keogh

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Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
happening in Killarney



Killarney Water Search & Rescue need to train locally

The Killarney Water Search, Rescue and Recovery team, founded in 1995 has yet to find a home. And now the charitable organisation has no Killarney lake to train on. Apparently the boats "disturb" the lake - two times a month. They are under the cosh because of a lack of an environmental impact study. Which they can't afford.

This is the volunteer crew who are called in to search and recover bodies on our rivers and lakes and every so often to ferry lost souls from the rhododendron forests and even the gardens around Muckcross.

They use seven metre boats, much like the Gap boats.

They have previously trained at the Five-Mile. In more recent years the Muckcross lake is the launch pad. But they are forced now to transpose to Caragh Lake outside Killorglin. This means they can only manage training once a month.

They have no boat house and a birdie told me they are considering an approach to Killarney

Golf and Fishing Club. A berth in the Golf Club lagoon would give them direct access onto the waterway of Lough Leane.

But anything to do with golf by its very nature is expensive. A berth at the club could cost a whack of a down payment.

I asked the NPWS what was going on. Have the commercial operators too had to produce impact studies, I wondered

This is what I got back:

"The Lakes of Killarney are located within a highly protected environment, including a Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Area (SPA), National Park and UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Killarney National Park engages constructively with all relevant stakeholders to ensure that activities on the lakes are managed in a manner that supports appropriate recreational, commercial and community uses while protecting the area's internationally important natural heritage."

I would still like the NPWS to explain if the environmental laws are "lifting" all boats. Do all lake users, occasional, commercial and

sporting in Killarney have to produce costly environmental studies? Meanwhile, the fees for boats come before the members of the Killarney Golf and Fishing Club at their annual general meetings. This is a sensible club. Highly respected. It would do them no harm at all to create a space for a nominal sum for a voluntary organisation such as the local water rescue.



Need to dredge the rivers and clear the forest floor

Almost 500 people have been arrested on suspicion of starting wildfires in France since the start of the summer. Fires run wild, certainly. But someone starts them.

Some of the fires were the result of accidents, but the prosecutions will be the same.

Part of the problem with the wildness of fires is forest management. Or the lack of it. We need to start getting serious about the forest floor. There has been too much letting nature take care of itself.

I recall sitting through meetings where people argued against taking ivy off trees. Trees brought down by storms were left where they fell when they might have been of some use to humans.

Thankfully there seems to be a shift in attitude.

The NPWS tell me "fallen trees in our National Parks are managed on a case by case basis and it is not the case that all are left to decay." Obstructions are removed. There is also an important internal saw mill operation now underway for fencing projects.

Regular safety audits on dangerous trees are also being undertaken, they say.

This is good news. Forests have always needed management and the realisation is welcome. Clearing scrub land and the forest floor should be an annual task, rather than leaving it as fuel for the next idiot who lights a barbecue.

Waterways too need management. It is time to start dredging rivers like the Flesk and the Laune.

People marvel at how low the rivers get in summer and how much flooding there is in the winter. When rivers are no longer dredged, there can be no other outcome, climate change or no climate change. It is time to start dredging rivers like the Flesk and the Laune to deepen the channels and clear the silt.

Confusion surrounding which side of the road to walk

We are hearing all sorts of things now about e-scooters and driving down the wrong way on roads. But no-one is raising the contradictory rules for cyclists, pedestrians and others in our national parks and ways?

Walkers are the most vulnerable of all and the general rule of walking on the right does not always apply.

Nor does the general rule of cycling on the left as many of us who use the national park have experienced. A few weeks ago I was on the right hand side of the road/path in the Demesne coming onto Ross Castle when a young man taking a video of the scene on an e-scooter came behind me and nearly blew me to kingdom come. He was doing around 30 kms. On the other side of the Demesne we have several inconsistent rules issues as a walker associated with this magazine points out.

The RSA tells us the general rule for pedestrians is to walk on the right.



But someone starting at the Cathedral and following the Fossa Way is instructed to keep left. On reaching the Castleross the route includes a short section of

road used by cars and buses. Following the National Park guidance means walking with traffic approaching from behind. Shortly afterwards, the route rejoins the Fossa Way, requiring walkers to move back to the left.

The same uncertainty arises near the golf club.

This confusion is particularly difficult for parents teaching children and it is a real health and safety issue.

As the reader asks, "why is there not one clear, consistent rule for pedestrians on public roads, private roads and roads within the National Park?"

We have no clear guidelines on shared spaces anywhere. Rural greenways are considered different from urban greenways. Then there is the stop start nature of most of our infrastructure. Including our national road infrastructure.

And then there are all the cooks: Transport Infrastructure Ireland, the Department of Transport and the Road Safety Authority are all to be consulted on greenway walking - with no clear guidelines by any.

Our council needs to see to it that along all greenways and ways in Kerry, urban or rural there are rules. And the same rules must apply across the board.

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Bringing home the bacon:

Pig's Lane in Killarney crowned BAR OF THE YEAR 2026

Killarney's underground hot spot, Pig's Lane, emerged as the undisputed star of the night at last night's Square Bar of the Year 2026 after being crowned the overall winner and also sweeping Gold for Cocktail Bar of the Year and Best Designed Bar / Inside Space.

The announcement was made at a glamorous gala awards ceremony hosted by Anton Savage at the Clayton Hotel on Burlington Road, Dublin, on Monday evening, 24th August.

Following a record-breaking year featuring over 1,000 national entries, the industry gathered to honour the extraordinary innovation, resilience, and craftsmanship defining Irish bars, hotels, craft breweries, and hospitality venues.

Located beneath College Street, the family-run O'Donoghue Ring Collection cocktail bar and whiskey parlour has consistently redefined the Irish bar experience. Having been named Innovative Bar of the Year in 2024 within its first year of opening, and the Best Designed Bar of the Year in 2025 (alongside a bronze medal in the Cocktail Bar of the Year category), Pig's Lane has now clinched the coveted overall prize.

This year's judges praised the subterranean bar for its "unmatched excellence across the board".

Amidst this incredible standard of competition, the independent Kerry-based group secured a total of eight finalist nominations across three of its distinctive bars: Café du Parc, The Kenmare Rooms at Killarney Avenue Hotel, and Pig's Lane.

Commenting on the bar's windfall of awards, Gemma Ring, Pig's Lane Founder and Managing Director of the O'Donoghue Ring Collection said:



"We are absolutely over the moon and so, so proud to be crowned Ireland's Bar of the Year 2026! What a journey it has been since we opened our doors in 2023, and to see that journey culminate into this award, among Best Cocktail Bar and Best Designed Bar is an incredible feeling. The Irish bar industry is full of exceptional talent, and to be recognised alongside so many brilliant friends and peers makes this achievement all the more meaningful. A huge amount of work, creativity and passion goes into everything that we do so this is a hugely special moment for our incredible team."

Pig's Lane pays homage to the historical name of its location, which was once known as Pig's Lane in the early 1800s, running from College Street through Railway Road. The venue invites a sense of intrigue from the moment patrons enter through its captivating, lamp-lit archway, leading

them down a dramatic, beautifully tiled staircase, reminiscent of old underground railways, into the exquisitely crafted bar that's drenched in character from reclaimed decor.

In the last 12 months alone, the bar has held exclusive collaborations with the likes of iconic New York Irish pub The Dead Rabbit and was among the first bars in the country to receive a coveted '1 PIN' from The Pinnacle Guide - widely regarded as the Michelin Guide for bars. On September 11th, the bar will welcome Solas, Dingle for an exclusive evening of Michelin Bib Gourmand tapas paired with Pig's Lane cocktails, bringing two of Kerry's most exciting hospitality destinations together for one night only.

Sheahan Group Staff Join Tidy Towns Team

Staff members from the Sheahan Group recently joined the Killarney Tidy Towns team to put the final touches to the painting of the railings at the Friary.

The project proved a tremendous success and highlighted what can be achieved when local businesses, volunteers and the wider community come together for a shared cause.

The efforts of everyone involved have made a wonderful difference, with the newly painted railings helping to enhance the appearance of the area.

A sincere míle buíochas goes to all the businesses and volunteers who gave their time, energy and support to make this project possible.



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Calls for American Mink Control Measures in Killarney National Park

A growing local conservation campaign is calling for stronger action to tackle the American Mink, regarded as one of Ireland's most destructive invasive species and a major threat to wildlife in and around Killarney National Park.

The American Mink (*Neovision vison*) is a non-native, semi-aquatic predator that has become established across Ireland after escaping or being released from fur farms introduced during the 1950s. Today, the species is widespread throughout the country and is well established around Killarney's lakes, rivers and wetlands.

Conservationists say the mink poses a serious threat to ground-nesting birds, adding further pressure to habitats already affected by wetland drainage, intensive grassland management, gorse fires, peat extraction and other forms of human disturbance.

The animal is easily identified by its dark brown, sometimes almost black, fur, narrow snout and occasional white patch on its chin or throat. Measuring between 45 and 65 centimetres in length, mink thrive in both freshwater and coastal environments and are commonly found along rivers, lake shores and coastal areas. A single mink can occupy up to five kilometres of a waterway.

An opportunistic carnivore, the American Mink preys on birds, fish and small mammals. Wading birds, waterfowl and game birds are especially vulnerable, with mink often taking both adult birds and their eggs. With no natural predators in Ireland, mink populations can increase rapidly if left unmanaged.

New European Union regulations will require Ireland to introduce additional measures to manage invasive mink populations.

In September 2025, Minister of State for Nature Christopher O'Sullivan announced a three-



and-a-half-year pilot project in the Lough Ree area. The initiative is a collaboration between the Breeding Waders European Innovation Partnership, the National Association of Regional Game Councils and the National Parks and Wildlife Service. It uses innovative detection and trapping methods while also relying on a trained network of local volunteers through a citizen science approach.

Killarney-based conservation group Lochanna Beo hopes the project will eventually be expanded to Killarney National Park. Since its formation earlier this summer, the group has grown to around 150 members and believes many local volunteers would be willing to work alongside National Parks and Wildlife Service staff if training opportunities become available. As well as campaigning to improve the declining health of local waterways, including

the lower River Flesk, Folly Stream, Lough Leane and the River Laune, Lochanna Beo is also raising awareness of invasive species affecting the area. These include the Fringed Water Lily, the American Skunk Cabbage, which has become a particular problem along the River Laune, and the American Mink.

The group says community involvement has already proven successful through initiatives such as the work of Killarney Mountain Meitheal, which has helped raise awareness of and remove invasive *Rhododendron ponticum* from Killarney National Park in partnership with the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Lochanna Beo hopes a similar collaborative approach can help protect Killarney's waterways and wildlife for future generations.

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High fashion and vibrant racing action converged at Killarney Racecourse for the highly anticipated Canella Lane Best Dressed Day during the August Festival. With an incredible display of individuality and glamour on show, Offaly's Sylwia Novak and Killarney local Gary Moynihan ultimately captured the top honors, taking home the coveted Best Dressed titles amid stiff competition.

Taking the title of Best Dressed Lady was Sylwia Novak, a Personal Assistant in the Medical Directorate at Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore. Wearing a head-turning red polka-dot ensemble, Novak captivated the judging panel with her timeless elegance and grace.

Her winning look was a masterclass in local collaboration and sustainable Irish design, created by award-winning Tullamore milliner and designer Rita Daly. The bespoke outfit featured a custom-designed hat paired with a dress, handbag, and innovative magnetic jewelry from Daly's new iADORN collection, crafted entirely from recycled plastic and suspended on transparent thread.

"I was absolutely delighted and overwhelmed," said Novak, reflecting on her win. "I traveled from Tullamore that morning and, running short on time, ended up changing right in the racecourse car park! I never imagined I'd return home as the winner. This win is especially meaningful because it celebrates two Tullamore women and showcases Rita's extraordinary creativity, craftsmanship, and commitment to sustainable fashion."

The Best Dressed Gentleman title was awarded to local Killarney resident Gary Moynihan, a self-employed Neuromuscular Therapist, who

impressed judges with a striking, meticulously detailed tailored look.

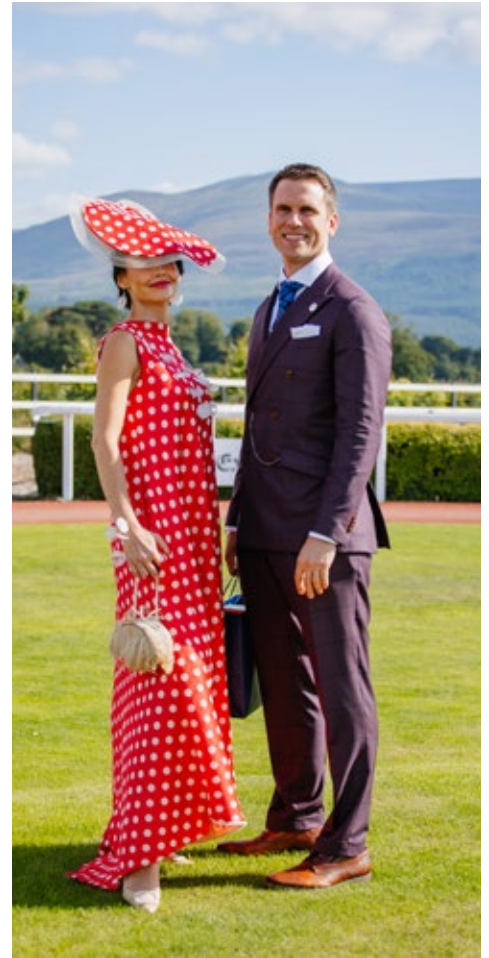
Moynihan's standout attire featured a made-to-measure six-button burgundy double-breasted suit with a navy check pattern from Saville Menswear in Cork City, paired with a matching navy paisley tie and white dress shirt from Simply Suits in Killarney. He completed the sharp ensemble with brown derby shoes from Pavers at the Killarney Outlet Centre, a Ralph Christian skeleton watch with a navy leather strap, a Newbridge Silverware lapel pin, and a tie pin from Brian James.

The event marked a highly successful debut for new title sponsor Canella Lane, who brought their fully branded style tent, interactive atmosphere, and expert judging panel of Michelle Fitzpatrick and Caoimhe McGinley to the heart of the racecourse grounds.

"We were absolutely delighted to sponsor Best Dressed Day at Killarney Races and the style certainly did not disappoint," said owner of Canella Lane - Ciana Aspell. "Whittling it down to our Top 10 Ladies and Top 5 Men was a seriously tough job. Sylvia stole the show in her red polka-dot outfit with absolute elegance, while Gary was a firm favorite in his dapper bespoke suit. Killarney certainly brought the style!"

Speaking after the event, Killarney Racecourse Manager Karl McCay extended the racecourses sincere gratitude to Canella Lane, the judging panel, and all the racegoers who brought such exceptional effort and creativity to the track.

Although that is the end of Killarney's summer racing festivals, there is little rest for the team as they gear up for their October Festival (4th &



Best dressed winners.... Sylwia Novak and Gary Moynihan.

5th) and their first-ever Student Raceday with SPIN South West on that Monday. Tickets and bus transport from Tralee, Cork, and Limerick are selling fast, and the racecourse is advising students to grab their tickets early to avoid disappointment.

All photos: Anastasiia Garbera





Liebherr breaks ground on new administration building in Killarney

- Work commences on new building in Killarney, reinforcing long-term commitment to Ireland.
- Investment highlights the strategic importance of the Killarney plant to the Liebherr Group
- A modern workspace, ready by summer 2028, designed to support future ways of working and greater connectivity across teams.

Liebherr Container Cranes Ltd. (LCC) has commenced construction of a new administration building at its Killarney facility, underlining the Liebherr Group's continued commitment to its Irish operations and workforce.

The milestone was marked with a ground-breaking ceremony attended by Patricia Rűf of the Liebherr family, the Liebherr Container Cranes Board of Directors, and members of the MCCtec (Maritime Cranes and Construction Technology) Board. The new building will provide a modern, state-of-the-art working environment designed to support collaboration, innovation, and future workplace requirements. Construction is expected to take approximately 22 months.

Commenting on the development, Declan O'Sullivan, Managing Director – Sales at Liebherr Container Cranes Ltd., said: "This investment represents a significant milestone for our Killarney facility. It strengthens our ability to support how we work today and into the future, while reinforcing the importance of the site within the Liebherr Group. It is also a strong endorsement of the capabilities and commitment of our teams here in Killarney." Charlie McCarthy, Managing Director – Engineering at Liebherr Container Cranes Ltd., added: "This project provides us with the opportunity to create a working environment that reflects how our teams operate today and how we will need to work in the future. It will

support greater collaboration across functions and ensure our infrastructure continues to match the scale and ambition of our operations in Killarney."

During the construction phase, a number of office-based employees will temporarily relocate to alternative facilities, including office space at Fexco in Killorglin, ensuring continuity of operations.

The investment is particularly noteworthy given the current global economic environment, marked by geopolitical uncertainty and rising energy and raw material costs. It reflects both the strategic importance of the Killarney facility within the Liebherr Group and the competitiveness of Liebherr Container Cranes Ltd.

Liebherr has been part of the Killarney



Artist's impression of the impressive façade of the new Liebherr administration building

community since 1958, when the site was established in Fossa as the first Liebherr production facility outside Germany. Since then, the operation has grown into a global centre of excellence for container crane design and manufacture. The project part of a broader programme of investment by the Liebherr family in County Kerry, including recent developments at the Europe Hotel & Resort and ongoing upgrades at The Dunloe Hotel & Gardens.



Work has begun on Liebherr's new administration building. L to R: Rudolf Ganser, MD – Production MCCtec, Leopold Berthold, MD – Sales MCCtec, Dominique Maurer, MD – Production LCC Patricia Rűf, Liebherr International, Charlie McCarthy, MD – Engineering LCC, Declan O'Sullivan, MD – Sales LCC, Rudi Cherdron, MD – Finance LCC, Marcus Schmidle, MD – Finance MCCtec, Reinhard Krappinger, MD-Engineering MCCtec

HSE South West launches free information evenings to help people plan for the future

The HSE South West is running six free information evenings across Kerry this September and October. The 'Plan Today For Peace of Mind Tomorrow' series will help people, families, and carers plan for their future health and care needs.

The project is a partnership between the HSE South West, SAGE Advocacy and Healthy Age Friendly Homes. The main goal is to give practical advice so people can live safely and independently at home for as long as possible. Hannah Healy, General Manager IHA Kerry, HSE South West said:

"We want to support people in Kerry to make informed choices about their future so they can enjoy peace of mind. These free 'Plan Today For Peace of Mind Tomorrow' sessions are a key part of our Caring for Kerry campaign and will give families trusted information on how to access local services and understand their rights."



Attendees will get clear, simple information on topics such as: Local health services and community support; tips for keeping homes safe and age-friendly; independent support from SAGE Advocacy; making decisions and setting up legal protections, including

Enduring Power of Attorney, and how the Fair Deal nursing home scheme works.

Everyone is welcome to attend and no booking is required. All events start at 8pm at the following locations:

Tuesday, 1 September: Listowel Arms Hotel, The Square, Listowel, V31 V062

Tuesday, 15 September: RDI Hub, Killarney Road, Killorglin, V93 KP68

Tuesday, 29 September: Sacred Heart University, John St, Dingle, V92 V593

Tuesday, 13 October: Cahersiveen Social Services, The Parsonage, Caherciveen, V23 R726

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KERRY HOPES KEPT ALIVE IN BOYLE SPORTS IRISH GREYHOUND DERBY

Solo And Go progresses to next round for Liam Dowling-trained syndicate featuring David and Paudie Clifford



Kerry's challenge in the BOYLE Sports Irish Greyhound Derby remains firmly intact after Solo And Go booked his place in the next round of the competition at Shelbourne Park on Saturday night.

Owned by a syndicate which includes Kerry football stars David and Paudie Clifford, Solo And Go overcame a difficult start to qualify from the eighth heat and stay in contention for

greyhound racing's most prestigious prize and the €125,000 winner's purse.

Trained by Liam Dowling, one of Ireland's most respected handlers and a previous BOYLE Sports Irish Greyhound Derby winning trainer, Solo And Go showed tremendous determination to keep his Derby dream alive.

Despite being sent off favourite for the heat, Solo And Go missed the break and found

himself under pressure in the early stages as rival Harvard Square quickly established a commanding lead. However, the Kerry-owned runner displayed all his battling qualities to work his way through the field.

Charging into contention entering the closing stages, Solo And Go slipped into second place before the final bend and dug deep to hold off the strong-finishing Barntick Bucko, securing qualification for another week.

While Harvard Square went on to claim victory in 29.62, Solo And Go's performance to recover from early trouble and finish second highlighted why he remains among the leading contenders in the competition.

The qualification ensures that Kerry supporters, including fans of All-Ireland-winning football brothers David and Paudie Clifford, will continue to have a strong interest in the closing stages of the Derby as Solo And Go pursues a place in the final.

With the competition now entering a crucial phase, Liam Dowling's charge remains firmly in the hunt for the coveted BOYLE Sports Irish Greyhound Derby title, giving Kerry hopes of celebrating success in one of the biggest events on the Irish sporting calendar.

The action continues this weekend (Saturday 29th August), gates open at 6.00pm.

Castleisland Community College Celebrates Outstanding Leaving Certificate Results

There was a wonderful atmosphere in Castleisland Community College as students returned to the school to celebrate their excellent Leaving Certificate results for 2026. Many of the students chose to come into the school to meet and chat with their teachers and staff, sharing their results and reflecting on the years they have spent in the school. The atmosphere was one of great pride, happiness and achievement as students, teachers and staff celebrated together.

The results achieved by the 57 students in the Leaving Certificate class were particularly impressive, with the school performing well above the national average. Nationally, 10.1% of students received at least one H1 grade, while seven students in Castleisland Community College achieved a minimum of one H1. This represents 12.28% of the school's Leaving Certificate cohort, highlighting the exceptional standard achieved by the students. H1 grades were achieved across a wide range of subjects, including Mathematics, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Agricultural Science, Home Economics, Construction Studies, DCG, French and Spanish. The highest individual result in the school was achieved by Bryan O'Leary, who received an outstanding 613 points.

Principal Máiréad Corridan congratulated the



Delighted with their results; from left Siobhán Mahony, Rachel Horgan, Laura O'Donoghue, Sharon Fitzmaurice.

entire Leaving Certificate class, saying: "We are immensely proud of all our students and wish them every success and happiness in the next chapter of their lives."

The excellent results are a testament to the hard work, commitment and determination shown by the students throughout their time at Castleisland Community College, as well as the dedication of their teachers, support staff and families. The school caters to the needs



Bryan O'Leary, who received an outstanding 613 points.

of all students whether they are striving for dentistry, medicine, primary school teaching, business or apprenticeships etc..

As the students now look ahead to college, apprenticeships, employment and other opportunities, they can do so with a great sense of achievement. The school community wishes every member of the class of 2026 every success and happiness as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

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Heritage Week Celebrated In Muckross

Photos: Valerie O'Sullivan



The very popular 'Harps for Heritage' in Muckross School House always draws enormous interest. It usually marks the final celebrations of Heritage Week in Ireland. Toddy Doyle, (4th left), Manager, Muckross Traditional Farms welcomes, Aibhlín Mc Crann, Cathaoirleach of Harp Ireland and organiser (2nd Left) was on hand to feature 'Hands on Harps', Crafting a Harp with Killarney Harpmaker Tim O'Carroll. (1st left). The Harps for Heritage Concert drew enormous interest with a packed School House for a performance of 'Macalla na Mara - Sea Echoes', featuring master harpers and acclaimed artists like Lisa Lambe, Cormac De Barra, (Centre) Deirdre Granville, (5th Left) Aoife Granville, and Niamh O'Brien.



World renowned Harpist and Composer Cormac de Barra giving a lesson to Lee O'Sullivan, 'The very popular 'Harps for Heritage' in Muckross School House, traditionally it marks the final celebrations of Heritage Week in Ireland



Ellie O'Sullivan, plays a scale on the harp.



World renowned Harpist and Composer Cormac de Barra giving a lesson to Jaxson O'Sullivan.



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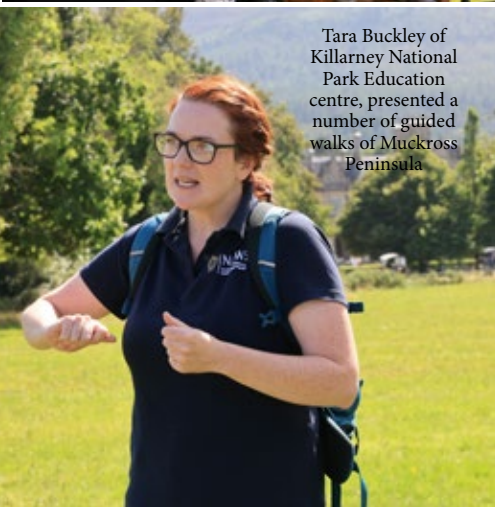
TikTok sensation Eoin Riordan demonstrating his techniques and tips for traditional Irish woodwork using traditional Green Woodworking utensil crafting at a workshop at Muckross School House for this years Heritage Week 2026 programme.



Celebrating National Heritage Week in Killarney National Park, Chris Barron and Tara Buckley of Killarney National Park Education centre, presented a number of guided walks of Muckross Peninsula.



Renowned traditional Irish seanchaí, musician and local historian, Dáithí Collopy, with his Children, Sádhbh, Siún and Dáithí Óg.



Tara Buckley of Killarney National Park Education centre, presented a number of guided walks of Muckross Peninsula



Fidelma and Saoirse McGovern, enjoying renowned traditional Irish seanchaí, musician and local historian, Dáithí Collopy.



TikTok sensation Eoin Riordan demonstrating his techniques.



Jennie and Evie Kelleher.



Fintan O'Donoghue, left, trying out woodcrafting with TikTok sensation Eoin Riordan demonstrating his techniques and tips for traditional Irish woodwork with traditional Green Woodworking utensil crafting workshop at Muckross School House for Heritage Week 2026.

MTU launches dedicated higher education programme for students with intellectual disabilities

Munster Technological University (MTU) will launch a dedicated higher education programme for adults with intellectual disabilities and learning difficulties at its Kerry campus this September.

The Certificate in Personal and Professional Development for Employability and Further Studies will give ten students the opportunity to earn a two-year, part-time Level 5 qualification while participating fully in university life.

Delivered through MTU's EmpowerEd programme, the course is funded under Path 4 Phase 2 of the Government's National Access Plan. It aims to widen access to higher education for students who have traditionally had limited opportunities to progress to third level.

The curriculum combines academic, personal and career development. Students will complete dedicated modules in Advocacy, Human Rights and Personal Development, with practical electives including Food and Beverage Preparation and Culture, Health and Wellbeing.

A co-learning model will allow participants to take selected classes alongside the wider undergraduate population. Students will also undertake study visits and have opportunities to join MTU's social and sporting societies.

Preparation for employment will be embedded throughout the programme. Students will progress from work-shadowing opportunities within areas such as MTU's library, IT and student services to external placements with employers across the region. Programme partners include Tralee Chamber Alliance and Kerry Group.

Dedicated academic support staff, social engagement facilitators and a work placement coordinator will assist students throughout their studies.

The programme builds on a successful pilot at MTU's Kerry campus. Pilot participant Méabh



Students at the Food and Beverage class.

Rohan completed modules in Tourism and Hospitality, Culture Health and Wellbeing, and catering, while also developing her confidence, independence and workplace skills.

Encouraging prospective students to take up the opportunity, Méabh said: "Be yourself and give the course a try. You get to meet people, find things you have in common and learn new skills."

Commenting on the launch, Gerard O'Carroll, EmpowerEd Programme Coordinator at MTU Kerry, said:

"EmpowerEd marks a vital step towards making higher education genuinely inclusive across the southwest. It goes beyond academic study, using a rights-based framework to help students participate fully in university life,

develop self-advocacy and gain meaningful workplace skills.

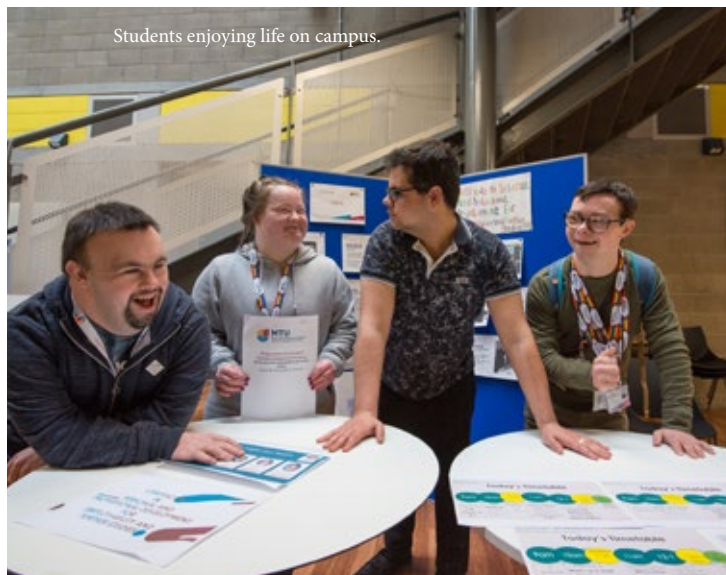
"By partnering with businesses and community networks across Kerry, we are opening sustainable pathways to employment and demonstrating the immense value these students bring to our workplaces and communities."

MTU is inviting employers and community organisations across the region to engage with the programme and explore work-placement and employment opportunities for EmpowerEd students.

For further information and to apply, please visit: <https://www.mtu.ie/courses/tlspdeu/>
The application deadline is 20th September 2026.



A study trip to Muckross House



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12 IMRO National Radio Award Nominations for Radio Kerry

Radio Kerry has been shortlisted in 12 categories for the 2026 IMRO National Radio Awards. It is the highest number of nominations received by a local radio station across the island of Ireland. Today's announcement brings Radio Kerry's nominations to 160. The station has won 83 IMRO National Radio Awards in the past 18 years.



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The shortlisted nominations are:

1. IMRO Irish Music Programme or Initiative - New Moves – Niamh Daly
2. News Story – It started with a phone call – Kerry CAMHS Scandal
3. Sports Programme – Local / Regional – Radio Kerry Weekend Sport
4. Short Feature – Words Matter – Students on the Kerry College/ Radio Course on Journalism, Podcasting and Radio.
5. Magazine Programme – Courage – The Saturday Supplement

6. Magazine Programme – Travels Through a Kingdom: Forever 19 – Kaya Flynn
7. Sustainability – Protecting the Ringed Plover - Siobhan Brosnan
8. Community Social Action – Many Voices, One Kingdom – Niamh Daly
9. On Air Competition/Promotion – Good Luck Jessie
10. Digital and Social Innovation – #Proudof Jessie – Kaya Flynn, David Corkey
11. Specialist Music Broadcaster – JJ O Shea

12. Sports Broadcaster Local/ Regional – Tim Moynihan
- Fiona Stack, CEO of the Radio Kerry Group, congratulated all the nominees and expressed her own and the gratitude of the Board of Directors to everyone who worked on this year's entries. She said Radio Kerry is very proud of all the output across the year and acknowledged the work on all of the entries submitted for this year's awards, shortlisted or not. The IMRO National Radio Awards invite radio stations annually to

submit entries that they feel show a true and thorough representation of the output of the station and its franchise area. Our sister stations Shannonside/Northern Sound also received 4 nominations. The 2026 Awards ceremony will take place at Lyrath Estate, Kilkenny, on Friday, October 2nd. IMRO said "The 2026 Awards have once again attracted one of the largest volumes of entries in the history of the event, underlining the continued strength, relevance and ambition of Irish radio. Entries came from across the full breadth of the sector, including national, regional, local, public service and commercial stations, with shortlisted work representing the range of voices, formats and communities that make radio such a powerful part of daily life". For more details on the IMRO National Radio Awards visit Shortlist 2026 - IMRO (imroradioawards.ie)

Conor Kissane Killarney Valley AC dedicates 3rd spot to the late Jerry Kiernan

Conor Kissane from Killarney valley ac finished in style in a top class 5km race in Listowel over the weekend.

The sub 15 min 5km athlete shows great proficiency from every distance from 800m upwards and with every season makes great strides forward. The race was won by Jeremiah Sheehan from North Cork ac, with Denis Hegarty in second place and Conor Kissane in 3rd place.

The Jerry Kiernan 5k was dedicated to Kerry's very own legend of athletics and on hand on the day to present the prizes and guest speak was Jerry's friend the former world 5,000m champion and chairman of the boards Eamon Coghlan. Jerry competed for Ireland on 17 occasions, 7 of those appearances was at the world cross country championships. He won 5 Irish titles in races spanning from the 1500m to the marathon and was one of Kerry's only 4-minute milers. The former RTE athletics analyst was at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles having finished in 9th place an achievement often overshadowed by his friend John Treacy's silver medal that day. Jerry who was friends with members of Killarney valley ac and a former Kerry minor footballer in conversations at the Morton stadium was highly impressed by efforts in Killarney at the time to develop track and field athletics.



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FUNDING OF €100,000 FOR COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION INITIATIVES

A new funding stream to support climate actions initiatives in local communities has been launched by Kerry County Council as part of a nationwide €3m initiative supporting Tidy Towns groups, residents' associations and community organisations engaged in environmental action.

The IPB Insurance and Local Government Ireland Community Fund, also known as the Local Environmental Action Fund (LEAF), is a national partnership between IPB Insurance and all 31 local authorities.

For Kerry County Council, this will see approximately €100,000 in funding being made available to local community and voluntary organisations undertaking community-led projects focused on environmental enhancement, biodiversity and climate action. The initiative forms part of IPB Insurance's centenary year, marking 100 years of partnering with local authorities in protecting and supporting communities across Ireland.

Funding in Kerry County Council will be delivered through a matched funding model, combining IPB Insurance contributions with existing local authority supports and environmental funding programmes.

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Mikey Sheehy welcome the announcement, saying: "We are delighted to support the rollout of this Community Fund in Kerry County Council, which recognises and strengthens the vital work carried out by our local Tidy Towns groups and community organisations.

"These groups are at the heart of our communities, driving real improvements in environmental quality, biodiversity and civic pride. This funding will help enable practical, locally led projects that enhance our towns, villages and neighbourhoods for everyone."

Details of the fund have been published on the Kerry County Council website and the closing date for applications is 25 September 2026.

The IPB Insurance and Local Government



Ireland LEAF initiative builds on the strength and legacy of the Tidy Towns movement and community volunteers nationwide, whose contributions play a key role in enhancing quality of life and supporting Ireland's climate and biodiversity goals. It also marks the first anniversary of the Tidy Towns Insurance Scheme partnership, which has removed insurance barriers for eligible groups.

The Local Environmental Action Fund (LEAF) is designed to:

Support environmental enhancement, biodiversity and climate action projects
Empower Tidy Towns committees and voluntary groups

Encourage collaboration between community organisations and local stakeholders
Deliver visible, practical improvements in local areas

Local authorities administer the fund within their areas, aligning national objectives with local priorities.

Momentum holds strong in Kerry as Minister Browne welcomes latest home commencement figures

The latest figures released today by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage show that 545 new homes were commenced throughout Kerry in the first seven months of the year, an increase of 247% on the 157 homes that were commenced during the same period last year.

Nationwide, a total of 18,974 new homes were commenced since the start of the year, an increase of 152% on the 7,539 homes commenced in the first seven months of 2025 and representing the second highest number of new homes since recording began in 2014. The positive momentum observed in the first seven

months of this year builds on strong figures for 2024 and 2025 combined when a total of 85,723 new homes were commenced, an increase of 43% compared with the combined total for the previous two-year period (2022 and 2023).

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne TD, welcomed the latest figures:

"Momentum in the housing sector is seeing an uptick and these are strong figures as we move into the second half of the year.

"I have set ambitious targets in the Housing Action Plan and we need to keep our shoulder firmly to the wheel. I want more homes delivered

and thousands of people are counting on that progress. I'm under no illusion about it.

"Commencements aren't the be all and end all, and in my view the real measure is always final delivery and keys in the hand of a homeowner or a family supported with housing. But commencement rates do mark a critical milestone in development and they also give key insight into the health of the sector and what's to come in the coming months."

Of the 545 new homes commenced in Kerry in the first seven months of the year, 172 (32%) are scheme dwellings, 239 (44%) are apartments, and 134 (24%) are for one-off units.

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MOTHÚ Brings Magical Street Spectacle to Killarney

The magical theatrical group MOTHÚ took to the streets of Killarney on Saturday night.

What a spectacle it was as the magical theatrical group MOTHÚ took to the streets of Killarney on Saturday night, captivating audiences with a stunning fusion of theatre, music, fire and visual artistry.

The performance extravaganza, titled *The Seeker* or *An Cuardaitheoir*, featured giant puppets, fire dancers, musicians and spectacular lantern displays, transforming the streets into a vibrant outdoor theatre. The production was inspired by the work and writings of renowned Irish poet Seán Ó Ríordáin, exploring themes of the soul, isolation and rebirth. MOTHÚ, a West Kerry performance group, has become a firm favourite with Killarney audiences, having previously brought its unique brand of large-scale street theatre to the town.

There will be another opportunity to experience the magic of MOTHÚ when Aisling Ghobnait returns to the streets of Killarney for Culture Night on Friday, September 18, 2026. The free street spectacle will begin at 6.30pm in College Square, with the performance bringing together towering puppetry, music, dance and fire in a celebration of the legend of St Gobnait.

Culture Night 2026 takes place nationwide on Friday, September 18, with all events free to the public.



Jean Hamilton performing with the magical theatrical group MOTHÚ took to the streets of Killarney on Saturday night.





Nicola Courtney performing with the magical theatrical group MOTHÚ took to the streets of Killarney on Saturday night.



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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

ILLEGAL DUMPING

A series of green waste fly-tipping of hedge clippings, trees, and green waste has recently taken place on the Bog Walks. We would like to bring it to the attention of those involved that this practice is strictly illegal under the Waste Management Acts and Litter Pollution Acts in Ireland. Even though garden clippings are "natural" materials, discarding them on a mountain or blanket bog constitutes fly-tipping and carries the exact same penalties as dumping household rubbish. Help protect our local environment by reporting any sightings or fly-tipping anonymously to Kerry County Council on 066 716 2000, the Environmental Hotline at 1800 326 228, or via email at environ@kerrycoco.ie.

KILCUMMIN LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB

The Kilcummin Ladies Football Club annual used clothes collection will take place at the clubhouse on Friday, 25th September, from 7pm to 9pm; on Saturday, 26th, from 10am to 12 noon and Sunday the 27th, from 11am to 12:30pm. Items that can be included are re-wearable clothing, paired shoes, handbags and belts, towels and blankets, soft toys, and curtains. Every bag counts. Your support is greatly appreciated.

COMPUTER COURSE

Computer course starting in Kilcummin Rural Development Office on Monday 7th September from 7pm to 9.30pm. The course is entitled Graphic Design QQI Level 3; basic knowledge of Word Processing is necessary. Microsoft Word, Desktop Publishing and PowerPoint programmes are used throughout the course. Places are limited. Please ring Mary on 086 0749756, 11am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, for further information and to book your place.

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COMMUNITY GAMES

Last weekend 'Cairn Community Games National Finals' took place in Carlow. Congratulations to all who represented both Kilcummin and Kerry. Siun O'Callaghan Competed in the U12 long jump; Charlie Jay Kelliher in the U12 long jump and Sinéad Coleman in the U14 80m hurdles. We are very proud of everyone who represented Kilcummin

Community Games Events this year. Well done to all.

KILCUMMIN GAA

KERRY PETROLEUM INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Kilcummin 2-14 John Mitchels 0-19

In an entertaining game that went down to the last kick, we emerged victorious thanks to a massive two-pointer from Brendan Kealy in injury time. A victory that sees us win the group and earn a home game against Ballymac on Saturday at 5.30pm. We started brightly with a Kevin McCarthy point followed by a Philip O'Leary goal and led by 1-3 to 0-3 after 15 minutes. Mikey Casey and Philip O'Leary added points before Casey goaled following great work from Kevin McCarthy. We led 2-05 to 0-05 with ten minutes left but Mitchels added four points to leave us leading by just two points at half time.

The second half was to prove very exciting with both teams exchanging scores throughout. After 10 minutes the sides were level again 2-07 to 0-13. Kevin McCarthy and Philip O' Leary pointed again to counter a Mitchels team that were now on top and playing well. Our defence was being stretched but held up well and further points from Jack Fogarty and Cian Foley saw the side's level with 3 mins left. When Mitchels pointed a free after a breach we feared the worst but once again Brendan Kealy was our saviour after a mammoth kick that was greeted with sheer delight. Man of the Match - Kevin McCarthy.

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 24th August 2026 for the Jackpot of €10,000. Numbers drawn were 01,06,08,30. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Eamon John O'Donoghue; Denny O'Connor; Nora Riordan; Noah & Freddie O'Leary. Our next draw will be on Monday 7th September for Jackpot of €10,250. Thank you for your continued support.

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LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Friday, 21st August for the Jackpot of €10,200. Numbers drawn were 01,05,12,17. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Kathleen Mannix O/L; Denis Walsh, Milleen; John B. Doran, Allmans Terrace; Melissa O'Connor, Clashnagarrane. Our next draw will be on Friday 28th for Jackpot of €10,400.



Siun O'Callaghan & Charlie Jay Kelliher



Sinead Coleman

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

August 23rd 2026. Jackpot €4,500. Numbers Drawn: 3, 13, 15, 20. WINNER Margaret O' Sullivan, Dunboy House, Faha. Jackpot next weekend 30th Aug 2026 €3,000

SENIORS

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GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Castleisland Desmonds 2-13 Glenflesk 1-12.

Castleisland Desmonds just about got a deserved victory over Glenflesk, who still qualify for the quarter-finals, in an error-ridden Round 3 game in the Intermediate Championship. With the game being played on the tighter confines of Desmonds' second pitch, space would be hard found. Glenflesk got off to the perfect start, with Dylan Roche opening the scoring inside a minute. A great catch from John Kelleher ended with another early score. When Darragh Roche added another point soon after, Glenflesk looked well in control. The momentum changed suddenly, though, with the home side thundering into the game. Points from Brian Leonard and Thomas Lynch were added to by a goal from Adam O'Donoghue. A bad injury for Glenflesk goalie Mark Kelliher then saw the game delayed for a number of minutes. Glenflesk were really struggling for penetration at this point and were grateful to Patrick Darcy for two more points before half-time, leaving them trailing by just two at the break, on a score of 1-05 to 0-06. Glenflesk once again got the opening score of the half, with Darragh Roche getting a point in the first minute. With O'Donoghue superb at midfield, Desmonds struck back, with an O'Donoghue two-pointer putting his side three points ahead after 35 minutes. Things got even better for them when Thomas Hickey found the net after linking well with Luca Brosnan. The game then got scrappy, with both sides losing the ball cheaply and inaccurate shooting to the fore. With Desmonds looking likely to see out the victory, sub Callum Cronin found a brilliant finish to the net to bring Glenflesk within one. Luke Crowley then equalised with a super point soon after. With a draw looking certain, O'Donoghue fired over his second two-pointer of the day, and Desmonds had earned their first win of the group, sending them into the relegation play-offs confident of securing safety. For Glenflesk, a ragged performance has not meant the end of their Intermediate campaign. They have been drawn away to Laune Rangers this Sunday 30th at 4pm. A repeat of this performance will not be good enough from here on in, while qualifying with one win from a group is a rare occurrence. Best wishes to Mark Kelliher after his unfortunate injury also. Thanks to Michael Healy for the match report.

DILLON QUIRKE FOUNDATION

Huge thanks to the Dillon Quirke Foundation for visiting Glenflesk GAA recently to run a fantastic cardiac screening clinic. We were thrilled to see 45 of our club members aged 12-18 take part in these vital heart checks. Early detection and heart health awareness are so important for our young athletes. A sincere thank you to Advanced Medical Services for carrying out the screenings with absolute care and professionalism, and to our Healthy Club Team for organising everything seamlessly. The Dillon Quirke Foundation does incredible, non-government-funded work raising awareness of Sudden Adult Death Syndrome (SADS) and keeping these clinics running. We are very proud to support them. If you can, please consider donating to help them screen more young people by using the following link: <https://www.dillonquirkefoundation.com/> Remember your donation allows the Foundation to continue screening.



Dylan O'Connor who came 4th in the U10 100m Community Games National Finals in Carlow last weekend.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Congratulations to Dylan O'Connor who came 4th place and won the pewter medal in the U10 100m at the National Finals in Carlow last weekend, a brilliant achievement.

Well done also to Kaylee Lynch and the three O'Donoghue brothers Ryan, Jacob and Robbie for reaching the National Finals and for giving fantastic performances in Carlow.

KERRY MASTERS

Shane Dennehy, Colm Casey and Gary O'Donoghue were part of the Kerry Masters side that took on Donegal in the Mick Loftus Cup All-Ireland Semi-Final last Saturday in Claregalway. Unfortunately, Kerry came up short on the day.

LINE DANCING

Classes will commence on Thursday 24th of September in Glenflesk Hall. Beginner classes will take place from 6 to 7pm, with Intermediate and Advanced classes running from 7 to 8.15pm. The cost is €50 for five classes. For further information or to book your place, text Bridie on 087 6988492.

IRISH DANCING

Classes starting on Monday 31st of August in Glenflesk Hall. All levels are welcome. For further information, contact Lisa Hegarty on 087 6403828.

LOTTO

There was no winner of the Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 17th of August. Jackpot €8,200. Numbers drawn 1, 17, 23, 27. Consolation prizes of €50: Dan Dwyer, Anabla, Match Day Lotto Sellers, Mike Nash, California, Eileen Crowley, Knockanes. Next draw is Monday 31st of August. Jackpot will be €8,400. Thanks to all who support our Lotto & to Damien McCarthy & HR Buddy for sponsoring our tickets.

WEDDING

Congratulations to Gavin Kelly and Clara Buttmer who got married last weekend. Wishing you both a lifetime of health and happiness together.



Glenflesk Gaa U12 boys who played Furies recently.

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RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O'Mahony

GNEEVEGUILLA ATHLETES CLUB

Reminder that we are back training in Gneeveguilla at the GAA grounds from Thursday 27th @ 7pm, all athletes born 2019 and older.

Throws and Jumps every Sunday at 11am from Sunday August 30th (in both Gneeveguilla and Glash)

Senior & Masters running training Mondays 7 to 8pm, contact Cheryl 087 6413612

Dont forget our Couch to 5k is back! Starting Monday September 7th at 7pm. Everyone is welcome, whether you are starting from scratch or getting back into fitness, this is for you! Mondays and Thursdays, continuing to early December. Meeting point, the picnic benches in Glash. Contact Ger: 083 0503340, Sheila 086 8136523

Our 2026/2027 calendar is packed full of opportunities, events and fun for everyone no matter what age, this could be your year to start or get back to exercise and fitness! This is the sign you have been waiting for!

No winner of last weeks Lotto, Jackpot for this coming Friday August 28th, €15,000 + Bonus draw for €1000.

COLLECTION

Knocknagree Community Development Group CLG will hold their annual Church Gate Collection on Sat 29th of August in Knocknagree..

RATHMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Your support is greatly appreciated. OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS FOR 2026/2027. Membership €100 for 12 months. €1,000.00 per month given away!!! 1 x €500 Winner, 5 x €100 Winners. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marie 087 65 62 388 Jacentha 087 704 4176, Siobhan 087 222 4118. Rathmore Community Centre 28th August 5pm to 7pm for Ticket Purchases. Your membership helps develop & enhance our community in Rathmore

LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

This takes place on Sunday 27th September. The bus leaves at 6.30 a.m. from the Church of the Resurrection Park Road, Killarney. Stops in Farranfore and Castleisland. price 30.00 euro. Ring Pat at 086 8510423 for

booking The Butter road Camino group will be arriving in Rathmore on this Friday evening 7761669 or email rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie

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SACRISTANS Urgently required for Shrone Church. We are looking for more than one volunteer for this role so a rota can be put in place for the Saturday evening weekly Mass. Please contact the Parish Office 064 7761669 or email: rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie by Tuesday 18th August. Thank you. Parish Office: Opening Hours: Mon, Tues, & Wed 9.30am -12.30pm - Fri 11am – 2pm CLOSED

VOTER.IE

Kerry County Council staff were over the weekend promoting the public to check their details on Voter.ie

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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 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €202 and the winner was Elaine Carmmody. 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.

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



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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

SPA SUFFER NARROW DEFEAT TO DINGLE

Spa suffered a narrow one-point defeat to Dingle in Round 3 of the Kerry Petroleum Senior Football Club Championship Group 1, going down 2-17 to 1-21 in a thrilling contest last weekend. Spa made an excellent start and played some fine, free-flowing football in the opening stages, before Dingle settled and began to edge ahead. A superb goal from Dara Moynihan, following a quick turnover and neat combination with David Spillane, helped Spa regain the lead, while an excellent two-pointer from Dan O'Donoghue kept the sides within touching distance. Dingle led 1-12 to 1-9 at half time.

Dingle moved five points clear early in the second half, but Spa showed tremendous character to fight their way back into the game. Further scores from Dara Moynihan, Cian Murphy and Dan O'Donoghue, followed by a well-taken goal from Shane Cronin after good work from Moynihan and Spillane, brought the sides level. Joey McCarthy then put Spa ahead from a free, but Dingle quickly levelled before Dylan Geaney landed a decisive two-pointer with two minutes remaining. Spa pushed forward in search of a winner, with a late point from the resulting attack leaving just one between the sides, but the hooter sounded shortly afterwards. The result means Spa will now face a relegation play-off against the losers of Templenoe and An Ghaeltacht, with details to be confirmed.

SPA TO HOST ANNUAL U8 & U10 BOYS AND GIRLS BLITZ

Spa GAA will host its annual Boys & Girls U8 and U10 Blitz on Saturday, August 29th, building on the success of last year's fantastic event. We are delighted to welcome teams from Kilcummin, Fossa, Rathmore and Legion for an afternoon of football, fun and plenty of activity.

The blitz gets underway at 12pm, with lots of football action as well as fun challenges and a bake sale. Our Coffee Dock will also be open throughout the afternoon, so come along, enjoy a cuppa and support the future stars of Spa GAA. Everyone is welcome!



Members of our Spa U8 Girls Team

SPA U8 GIRLS CONTINUE TO PROGRESS WITH GREAT GO GAMES PERFORMANCES

Our Spa U8 Girls had a fantastic second batch of Go Games, putting in some excellent performances against John Mitchels, Fossa, Scartaglen and Listowel Emmets.

The team acquitted themselves brilliantly and continued to improve with every outing. Their performances are a great reflection of the enthusiasm, effort and positive attitude they bring to training every Saturday.

CLUB LOTTO

Spa Lotto 24/08/2026 Results. Numbers drawn: 14, 16, 26, 28. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Shirley Murphy, Christine Kearney, Mary Lyne, Marie Cahillane Lynch, Sean Somers.

Next week's draw will be on Monday 31 August for a jackpot of €10,800. Play online via www.spagaa.com/draws

Shane Cronin puts the ball in the net v Dingle



BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

LOTTO

Next Draw for a Jackpot of €5,200 on Sunday 30th August Tickets available from usual sellers, local shops, bars and restaurants. It can also be done online <https://beaufortgaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/> beaufort-gaa-club It's quick and easy, with options for Quick Pick, buying for a friend and more. Your support is greatly appreciated.

RESULTS

Intermediate Championship - Beaufort 1-23 Kerin O'Rahillys 0-12. Senior Ladies Intermediate Championship Group game MKL Gaels 3-18 Beaufort 2-10

U14 girls beat Glenflesk 8-10 to 7-5

U16 girls beat Duagh 9-11 to 1-7

U12 Boys had a great day competing in the Furies Annual Jerry Foley Blitz. They lost out to a strong Listry team in the Shield Final. Well done to

coaches and parents who traveled with the team for the day and also to Furies who ran a great Blitz.

FIXTURES

Friday 28th August: U12 boys play Glenbeigh/Glencar in the first round of the Mid Kerry, time to be confirmed.

Sunday 30th August: Our Senior men play John Mitchels in Beaufort on Sunday next at 1pm. It would be great to have a big local crowd to cheer on our team in this quarterfinal of the Intermediate Championship.

BEST OF LUCK to all our players involved with Mid Kerry U16 and Minors during this week.

WELL DONE to Amelia Breen, Avril Lynch, Emily Prendiville and Ruby Coffey who played for u13 Mid/South Kerry pdp in the Munster Festival of Football held in Adare on Saturday.



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Money Matters



**By Dermot Cronin
Financial Advisor**

WHEN CAN YOU ACCESS YOUR PENSION & WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS WHEN YOU WANT TO RETIRE?

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

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

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

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

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

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

To discuss the above or any other matter Dermot Cronin QFA can be contacted at 0646622775 or info@dermotcronin.ie

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Leaving Cert Grade deflation again fails to bring down Round One points' requirements as 54% of CAO courses increase

RECORD

When CAO Round One of college offers was released at 2pm on Wednesday, 26th August it was clear that, for the second consecutive year, grade deflation has been of minimal advantage to the 2026 Leaving Cert Class as it has been offset by a record number of CAO applicants. Although the post marking adjustment of raw Leaving Cert scores deflated the 2026 grades, the 19,491 applicants to CAO with inflated Leaving Cert grades from the past six years had the edge. The record CAO application figure of 95,740, up 6,393 or 7.2% from last year's 89,347, also resulted in keen competition for the available places

INCREASE

The excellent results achieved last week by Kerry's Leaving Cert candidates saw them collect their fair share of college offers. The vast majority of Kerry's CAO applicants have received a college offer. CAO received 2,610 applications from Kerry, an increase of 232 or 10% on last year's figure of 2,378. On a pro rata population basis, Kerry's CAO applicants will be close to the top of the class in securing college places. However, it remains to be seen what percentage of Kerry's applicants achieve their courses of choice.

COMPETITIVE

A 7.2% increase in CAO applications was bound to keep points competitive across many courses. A random selection for entry to a large number of courses left applicants missing out on their top choice. When places are being allocated and more applicants are tied on the minimum cut-off points than there are places available, a lottery process, known as random selection, is used. An asterisk beside the cut-off points denotes random selection.

UP & DOWN

At Level 8, points have increased for about 54% of courses. Points have decreased for about 38% while the rest are relatively unchanged. It's very evident that the 2026 Leaving Cert class was disadvantaged by the prevailing circumstances and that scenario will continue while the infamous post marking adjustment of raw scores applies. Grades deflation will be used again in the 2027 Leaving Cert exam. Hopefully

it will then be abolished so that college places can be allocated on actual exam performance rather than any artificial adjustment of marks.

EFFICIENT

The 2026 statistics prove that the applicants are very efficient in their engagement with the CAO. 62,166 CAO applicants received at least one of the 90,866 courses on offer on Wednesday afternoon. The offers consisted of 56,618 at Level 8 and 34,248 at Level 7/6. Offers are issued independently in respect of the two lists (Level 8 and Level 7/6), so that some applicants received two offers, one from each list. The collective good news is that of the 56,618 applicants who were offered a Level 8 course, 26,917 (48%), received their first preference and a very impressive 42,989 (76%) received one of their top three preferences. Of the 34,248 applicants who were offered a Level 7/6 course, 29,812 (87%) received their first preference and a whopping 33,507 (98%) received one of their top three preferences.

EMPLOYMENT

The overriding conclusion from the points' trends is that CAO applicants are totally focussed on the jobs market. They applied in large numbers for courses with strong employment growth. UCC's flagship Biological and Chemical Sciences is offered at 531 points, while its Engineering degree is up to 540 points. Physiotherapy at the University of Limerick came in at 579 points while Occupational Therapy is offered at 542 points. Primary Teaching at Mary Immaculate College Limerick is 475 and MTU Tralee's excellent General Nursing Degree is 390 points. Health Science courses remain very popular putting them beyond the points' totals of most CAO applicants. Dentistry at UCC, for example, requires a staggering 625* points and Pharmacy is offered at 590. All points' requirements are available on the CAO website, www.cao.ie.

RUSH

School leavers continue to rush to college in unprecedented numbers. The steady flow also of mature and non-traditional applications is a very healthy development as everybody deserves a second chance. A quota of places was reserved by CAO for the 8,663 mature

applicants and the 12,917 applicants from the Post Leaving Cert (PLC) sector. Congratulations to all applicants who received a CAO college offer.

CHECKLIST

- 70,411 Leaving Cert candidates in total – 65,326 LC Established & 4,779 LC Applied & 306 Level 1 & Level 2 Learning Programme
- 2,165 Leaving Cert candidates in Kerry – 2,016 LC Established & 149 LC Applied
- Average post marking adjustment of Leaving Cert marks is down from 5.8 to 4
- 95,740 CAO applications in 2026; up 6,393 (7.2%) on last year's 89,347
- Kerry's 2,610 CAO applicants did very well in Wednesday's Round One offers
- An applicant was offered the highest course preference to which s/he was entitled
- When an applicant was offered a course preference, s/he was excluded from any course preference LOWER than the one offered.
- In the second or subsequent rounds of offers, an applicant won't be considered for a preference LOWER than that already offered.
- An applicant who was offered a preference, which is not her/his first preference, may subsequently be offered a HIGHER preference
- It's not necessary to accept an offer in order to be considered for a HIGHER preference
- An applicant who has accepted an offer is not obliged to accept any subsequent offer
- CAO Round One offers available from 2pm on Wednesday, 26th August
- CAO available place facility opens at noon on Thursday, 27th August
- Accept CAO Round One offer by 3pm, on Tuesday, 1st September
- Congratulations to all with CAO Offers in Round One

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THEY SAY IT'S GOOD TO TALK!

BY Nicky Barry

People are astounded, that I don't have a mobile phone,
For when I'm out and about, I wish to be left alone.
But what if someone wants you? I say ring me at home,
For I have one upon the wall, with a dialling tone.
Phone companies keep telling us, that it's good to talk,
For every call makes money, to fill their bank vaults.
Still some say that talk is cheap, but not so on the phone,
But some people need to talk, when they're at home alone.

This basically is small talk, about nothing specific,
Like maybe the weather, which they think is terrific.
It's called communicating, which is not a bad thing,
For lonely folk get a big lift, when their mobile rings.
But if you don't do small talk, it can be a nuisance,
When someone gets the urge to ask, 'Well, how are tings?
'Ah not too bad,' you reply, 'and how are tings yourself?
'Yerra I'm only struggling, shure you know yourself.'
And so it goes for half an hour, without drawing breath,
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New €20,000 scholarship to support Kerry student at MTU

Bon Secours Hospital Tralee and Munster Technological University have launched a new scholarship providing up to €20,000 in financial support to a student beginning their studies at MTU's Kerry campus.

The Potel Scholarship Programme will provide €5,000 per year for up to four years, helping to reduce some of the financial pressures associated with higher education. The scholarship will support an eligible student beginning a full-time Level 8 programme in a STEAM discipline - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts or Mathematics - or in Nursing and Health Care Studies at MTU.

Alongside the financial support provided through the scholarship, the partnership may also create opportunities for the successful student to gain insight into the world of work and future career pathways through Bon Secours Hospital Tralee.

It is aimed at students who may experience additional barriers to accessing and completing higher education, including those from low-income households, DEIS schools, Traveller or Roma communities, direct provision settings, mature learners and students with disabilities.

Stephanie Somers-Crowley, Access Officer at MTU, said:

"MTU is delighted to partner with Bon Secours Hospital Tralee on the Potel Scholarship Programme. Widening participation is a key priority for the University and we



Pictured at the MTU Kerry Campus were : Dr Brendan O'Donnell, Director of Student Services Office of VP Academic Affairs, MTU; Dr Deirdre Creedon, Head of Access and Disability, MTU; Stephanie Somers-Crowley, Access Officer, MTU; Tim Daly, Vice President Engagement and International, MTU; Prof Christine Cross, VP Academic Affairs & Registrar VP Academic Affairs & Registrar, MTU; Owen McCarthy, Head of Missions, Bon Secours Hospital Tralee; Dr Mary Galvin, Dean of Health and Social Sciences, MTU; Jane Swansen, Project Officer, Access Office, MTU. Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD

know that, for many students, financial and other barriers can have a very real impact not only on accessing higher education, but on their ability to participate fully and succeed once they are here. This scholarship represents a significant investment in a Kerry student over the course of their studies and is a strong example of what can be achieved through partnership between higher education and our local

community. We particularly welcome the inclusion of Nursing and Health Care Studies alongside the broader STEAM disciplines, building on the existing relationship between MTU and Bon Secours Hospital Tralee while creating opportunities for students across a wide range of programmes." Stephanie Somers-Crowley, Access Officer, MTU [Bon Secours Hospital Spokesperson] said:

"We're proud to partner with MTU on the Potel Scholarship Programme. We hope this support will make a genuine difference to a student from our local community, helping them to focus on their education and build towards their future career."

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Cahill welcomes Government decision to halt planned fuel excise increases

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry Michael Cahill has welcomed the Government's decision that the planned increases in fuel excise duty on September 1 and October 1 will not now proceed.

Deputy Cahill, who is a member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Agriculture said the decision will provide important relief for families, farmers, contractors and businesses at a time when fuel and energy costs remain a significant concern.

"I welcome the Government's decision to halt the planned increases in fuel excise duty in September and October. This is something my office has received a large amount of representations about and I am happy to have lobbied for and worked within Government for this halt".

"People across Kerry are feeling the impact of higher fuel costs, particularly those who rely heavily on their vehicles for work and those in rural areas where driving is often essential. Farmers, contractors and other key sectors are also particularly exposed to fluctuations in fuel prices.

"The Government has already made a significant intervention to reduce the cost burden at the pumps and to support those most vulnerable to energy poverty. Given the change in global circumstances and the resulting increase in petrol and diesel prices, it is right that we respond accordingly.

"As a member of the Joint Oireachtas



Committee on Agriculture, I am particularly conscious of the pressures facing our farming and agricultural communities. Fuel is a major input cost for farmers and contractors, and keeping costs under control is vital for the viability of these businesses and for the wider rural economy.

"I also welcome the commitment that the Government will continue to monitor the situation closely and that nothing is being ruled out. We need to remain agile and respond to developments as they arise.

"Ultimately, de-escalation of the conflict in the Middle East remains the most important step we can see to bring stability to global

energy markets. However, in the meantime, Government must continue to do everything within its power to protect households, farmers, workers and businesses from excessive cost pressures.

"Budget 2027 will also be critically important. As the Government has indicated, it must be a Budget that addresses the cost of living, rewards work, reduces costs for households and protects the strength of our economy.

"This decision today is a sensible and timely step, and I will continue to raise the concerns of people in Kerry and ensure that the pressures they are facing are reflected in Government decisions."

The Kingdom Comes Alive for Culture Night 2026

Killarney and communities across Kerry are preparing for a spectacular evening of arts, culture and entertainment as Culture Night 2026 takes place on Friday, September 18.

From Killarney to Dingle, Kenmare to Listowel and every corner of the county, hundreds of free events will celebrate the creativity, talent and cultural richness that make Kerry unique. Residents and visitors alike are being encouraged to step out, try something new and enjoy an exciting programme of exhibitions, workshops, concerts, theatre, film, heritage events and family activities.

Killarney is expected to play a major role in this year's celebrations, with a variety of performances, exhibitions and community events taking place throughout the town and surrounding areas. From live music and storytelling to visual arts and street spectacle, Culture Night offers something for all ages and interests.

The programme has been shaped by local artists, community groups, venues and cultural organisations, ensuring that each event reflects the people and places of Kerry. The Arts Office of Kerry County Council coordinates the county-wide programme and provides funding



support for the majority of events.

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Mikey Sheehy, said Culture Night showcases the remarkable creativity that exists throughout the county.

"Culture Night is a great night for the Kingdom because it shows just how much creativity we have in every corner of Kerry. Our artists, musicians, performers, makers and communities bring it to life, and for one evening we get a chance to celebrate all of that together," he said.

He also highlighted the importance of the county's Gaeltacht communities and the Irish language in Kerry's cultural identity, with Irish-language and bilingual events forming a key part of the programme across Corca Dhuibhne and Uíbh Ráthach.

Kate Kennelly, Arts Officer with Kerry County Council, said Culture Night is an opportunity for people to discover new experiences and connect with their communities.

"Culture Night is one of those evenings when Kerry feels full of possibility. Local people have the ideas and make the events happen in their own communities. You don't have to be a regular arts-goer – Culture Night is for the curious," she said.

Supported by Kerry County Council, the Arts Council, Creative Ireland Kerry and Cultúr 2026, the annual event continues to grow in popularity, drawing thousands of people to events across the county each year.

Culture Night Kerry takes place on Friday, September 18, with all events free to attend, although some may require advance booking. Full programme details are available at CultureNight.ie/Kerry, with updates also available through Kerry County Council Arts Office social media channels.

One night, one county and countless opportunities to see, hear, create and celebrate the best of Kerry's cultural life.



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KILLORGLIN ROWING CLUB

NINE IN A ROW: KILLORGLIN WOMEN COMPLETE CHAMPIONSHIP CLEAN SWEEP IN WICKLOW

Killorglin Rowing Club strengthened its place at the forefront of Irish Offshore rowing on Saturday, completing a clean sweep of the senior women's events at the Swift Irish Coastal Senior Championships in Wicklow.

Victories in the Women's Coastal Single (CW1x), Double (CW2x) and Coxed Quad (CW4x+) saw Killorglin leave Wicklow with all three senior women's national titles - while extending three championship winning streaks that now span the best part of a decade.

The standout milestone came in the Women's Coxed Quad, where Fia O'Gorman, Monika Dukarska, Maria Murphy and Freya Doyle, coxed by Celine Kavanagh, secured Killorglin's ninth consecutive national title in the event.

It is a run stretching back to 2018 and one that has survived changing crews, combinations and generations of athletes. For nine championships in succession, however, one thing has remained unchanged: the Women's Coxed Quad title has returned to Killorglin.

There was another major milestone in the Women's Coastal Single, where Monika Dukarska took gold ahead of Neptune Rowing Club's Xena Jordan, with Wicklow's Maeve McLoughlin completing the podium.

The victory extended Killorglin and Monika's unbeaten run in the event to eight consecutive championships, from 2019 to 2026, and brought the club's overall record to nine Women's Single titles in the last ten championships, Monika having also won this event in 2017.

Completing the sweep were Fia O'Gorman and Monika Dukarska in the Women's Coastal Double.

Racing together in a new combination, the Killorglin pair claimed the national title ahead of Mary Ann Kent and Ella Cialis of Castletownshend/Arklow, with Wicklow's Katie Dunne and Maeve McLoughlin taking bronze.

The result in the Double added another chapter to the club's history in the event, which now includes eight consecutive championship victories between 2019 and 2026.

These results represent more than another successful championship. Nine consecutive titles



Gerry McGuinness Community Games President, presenting the pewter medals to Alanah McGlynn, Lucy Devane, Kayla O'Sullivan, Aoife Delaney and Kiley Biggins, Spa Muckross Community games.



Spa Muckross Community Games U12 Boys relay team finishing 5th place in Ireland: James Doody, Denis Doolan, Diarmuid O'Regan, Gary Arthur and Reece O'Donoghue.

in the Women's Quad and eight consecutive titles in both the Single and Double reflect the consistency, quality and strength of Killorglin's rowing programme across generations of athletes.

Record breakers and history makers - crews may change, but the standards remain.

A huge part of that success belongs to Michael Fleming, one of the most decorated coaches in Irish offshore rowing, whose commitment and expertise have been central to this extraordinary run.

Our sincere thanks also go to club sponsors Fexco and LocalSolicitor, and to the families, supporters and club members who travelled to Wicklow and continue to support our athletes.

Finally, thank you to the organisers, officials and volunteers for another excellent championship.

SPA MUCKROSS COMMUNITY GAMES

Spa Muckross Community Games athletes enjoyed a fantastic weekend at the Cairn Community Games National Athletics Finals in Carlow, producing a number of excellent performances against some of the best young athletes from across Ireland as they represented Kerry.

Leading the way was the U14 Girls Relay Team of Kiley Biggins, Aoife Delaney, Lucy Devane, Kayla O'Sullivan and Alannah McGlynn, who produced a superb performance to finish fourth in Ireland, earning National Pewter Medals.

There was also an excellent performance from the U12 Boys Relay Team of Gary Arthur, James Doody, Denis Doolan, Diarmuid O'Regan and Reece O'Donoghue, who finished an impressive fifth nationally.



l to r Michael G Fleming, Fia O'Gorman, Celine Kavanagh, Monika Dukarska, Freya Doyle, Monika Dukarska.



l to r Joe Cantillon Swift Racing, Fia O'Gorman and Monika Dukarska Winners Womens Double.



l to r Celine Kavanagh (Cox), Maria Murphy, Fia O'Gorman, Michael G Fleming, Freya Doyle, Monika Dukarska and Maggie K Fitzgerald (Monika's daughter).

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In the individual events, James Doody secured an excellent fifth-place finish in the U12 600m, while Aoife Delaney finished sixth in the U14 Hurdles. Reece O'Donoghue also performed strongly, taking ninth place in the U12 Ball Throw.

Kayla O'Sullivan and Gary Arthur both progressed to the semi-finals of their respective 100m events, with Kayla finishing fifth in her U14 semi-final and Gary fifth in his U12 semi-final.

Spa Muckross was also proudly represented by Elsie O'Doherty in the U16 200m and Kiley Biggins in the U14 200m.

Qualifying to compete at a National Final is a significant achievement in itself, and all of the Spa Muckross athletes did their families, community and County Kerry proud.

Congratulations to all of the athletes on their performances and to the families, coaches and supporters who helped them on their journey to the National Finals.

KILLARNEY RFC CLUB

SENIOR MEN EDGED OUT BY NCW

Killarney RFC Senior Men continued their pre-season preparations with a very useful run-out against Newcastle West, with the visitors just edging a tight contest on a 21-19 scoreline. Killarney crossed for three tries, with Matt McAuliffe touching down and Gearoid Sugrue adding two more. Shane Morrissey and Gearoid Sugrue added the conversions.

Although the result went the way of NCW, there was plenty for Killarney to take from the game, particularly the impact of five new senior caps who have moved up from the U18.5 boys squad. Congratulations to Ciaran Doody, Alex Sheahan, Paddy Moore, Shane Morrissey and Jack Donoghue on making the step into senior men's rugby. Their involvement is a great reflection of the club's underage pathway and the work being done across the age grades.

SENIOR MEN'S TRAINING CONTINUES

Senior men's pre-season training continues at Aghadoe as preparations build for the new campaign. New and returning players are very welcome to come along and get involved. Training takes place at Killarney RFC, Aghadoe, and the club encourages anyone interested in playing senior rugby this season to make contact through the club's social media channels.

SENIOR WOMEN'S RUGBY RETURNS

Killarney RFC is delighted to see senior women's rugby returning, with the first senior women's training session taking place on Friday, August 28 at 7.30pm in Aghadoe, Killarney, V93 WK4V. The session is open to former players, returning players and anyone who would like to try rugby in a friendly and welcoming environment. No previous experience is needed.

YOUTH AND GIRLS RUGBY

U14 boys training is back at Aghadoe for boys born in 2013 and 2014, with training continuing every Tuesday and Thursday at 7.00pm. The KICK U14 girls group also returns shortly, with training for girls born in 2013 and 2014 starting on Tuesday, September 1 from 7.00pm to 8.30pm at Aghadoe. All new players are welcome.

GOLF CLASSIC AND CLUB DEVELOPMENT

The club also continues its fundraising and development work, including the Killarney RFC Golf Classic at Beaufort Golf Club. Thanks to all players, sponsors, volunteers and supporters who continue to back the club and its plans for the future.

Further updates are available through Killarney RFC's website and social media channels.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 20TH AUGUST

1st: Phyllis O'Regan & Pauline Lyne

2nd: Finola Spillane & Ger Foley

3rd: Horst Rosler & Hanneke Nieman

Congratulations, well done.

REMINDER

Our new season 26/27 is starting next week, 03rd September. Membership for the year is €30 and payable by the end of October. President Michael is looking forward to welcoming all new/previous members back for the season ahead.

BRIDGE CONTINUES every Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel. Hope to see you all there.

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

Killarney Valley High Jumper David Watson has been selected for the Irish U18 Development Team to compete at the Scottish Championships in Aberdeen in late August.



Killarney RFC Senior Mens Ciaran Doody, Alex Sheahan, Paddy Moore, Shane Morrissey and Jack Donoghue

David has put in years of dedicated training and has had an outstanding season winning National medals and hitting a personal best of 1.90m. David is the fourth KVAC athlete selected to represent their country in 2026 and is a proud achievement for himself and his family.

Killarney Valley road racers have been on fire lately with Brendan Joy winning the recent Rose 5k in Tralee with a time of 15m 14s. Meanwhile Conor Kissane was on the podium at the Jerry Kiernan Memorial 5k race in Listowel.

Many of our training sessions have been scaled back recently to give members a break in the season but are due to resume shortly as we prepare for cross country season.

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

KILLARNEY BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR MONDAY 24TH AUGUST

1st: Maureen Culloty and Ger McSweeney

2nd: Therese O'Donoghue and Brenda Moynihan

3rd: Margaret O'Sullivan and Michael McHugh

4th: Pauline Lyne and Ger Foley

Congratulations to all the winners.

SUMMER BRIDGE

Next Monday will be the last night of Summer Bridge at the Monastery School, New Road at 7pm. All are welcome. We return to our Club Bridge on Monday 7th September.

FOSSA COMMUNITY GAMES PARTICIPANTS HAD AN EXCITING WEEKEND IN CARLOW AT THE NATIONAL FINALS. CONGRATS TO EOIN, FIONN AND THE U12 BOYS WHO ALL REPRESENTED FOSSA AND KERRY BRILLIANTLY IN THEIR EVENTS.



The Boys U12 Soccer team met Donegal in the All-Ireland Semi-final. In an exciting and extremely close match Fossa just missed out on a place in the final following a narrow 3 to 2 defeat. The boys showed great skill and determination throughout the game and it was a huge honour for Fossa to play in Nationals representing Fossa, Kerry and Munster on the day.



Fionn Daly represented Kerry in the U8 60 metres and performed very well, getting through the Heat and Semi-final stages before finishing with a super impressive 6th place in the final of the U8 60 metres.



Eoin Murphy represented Kerry in the Boys U14 Long Jump. Eoin progressed all the way to the final and finished an impressive 5th overall achieving a personal best jump on the day



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DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

NATIONAL U16 STROKEPLAY AND INTER-COUNTY

If Ciara Lowe's win in Cunnigar for the club the previous Sunday was special in its own right, well another National Title coming six days later only increased the enormity of what has happened in the space of a short week! Six days after his own win in the Bruff U16 Scratch Cup, Fionn McMonagle won again at the Limerick course but this time it meant he was National U16 Boys Strokeplay Champion for doing so! He needed a nine-hole playoff to do it like two of the other three club members who have won this event in the last 15 years but he now stands alongside Creagh Courtney (2011), Conor McCarthy (2013) and Ben Kelliher (2024) in being a Eugene McCarthy Cup winner for the club. Fionn would then win silver with Kerry alongside both Aodhan O'Halloran and Daniel Quinlan as Tralee's Joey Blake made up the team as the club is proud of their efforts once more alongside Fionn O'Callaghan and Donnacha Slattery's participation on Saturday. A well done to our U16 Officers Michael Cronin and Niall O'Loughlin for their guidance over the summer as the year is far from over. We congratulate the other Kerry players on their successes also namely Eoin Barrett of Listowel on winning the Boys U13 and Shona Griffin on finishing third in the Girls event.

CAPTAIN'S PRIZE

Our Club Captain Gearoid Cronin extends a big thank you to our members for the great turnout for his prize last weekend as he was delighted to see so many hole-in-ones especially from his brother James who showed he hasn't lost his touch by getting a one in the Guest Section on Sunday. Gearoid was delighted his nephew Ben was the winner of the Guest Prize however.

FULL RESULTS

Overall Nett: David Harnett 92, Overall Gross: John McGrath 98, Second Nett: Nathan Cronin 93, Third Nett: Niall O'Loughlin 94, +3-7.4 Nett: Declan Kelly 98, 7.5-16 Nett: Denis Duggan 95 (B18), 18 Nett: James Foley 45, 18 Gross: Dan Broderick 54, Ladies Winner: Margaret O'Brien 103, Ladies Runner-Up: Eileen McCarthy 105, Guest Prize: Ben Cronin and Lucky Dip: John Murphy.

CHAIRMAN'S PRIZE

We look forward to our Chairman Sean Kelly's event tonight (Friday August 28th) as full details will have been distributed to club members elsewhere. The presentations of the following will also take place on the night (i) Willie Parker (ii) Utility Trust Doubles Matchplay and (iii) Captain's Prize

FLESK RESTAURANT SUMMER SERIES

Tuesday August 18th- Winners: Mike Cronin, Colin Murphy & Oisín O'Mahony 33¾ and Runners-Up: Jason O'Connor, Aodhan O'Halloran & Mark Bowler 34. Please note next Tuesday September 2nd event is the last event of this Series.

MUNSTER INTER-COUNTIES

Our Best Wishes and a safe journey to all our adult members who are putting on the county colours in the respective adult grades for the

county this weekend in Riverdale.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The club would like to offer its sympathies to Jason, Ger and the entire Reen family on the death of Mary Reen last week. May she Rest in Peace.

KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB - MEN'S

DOOKS GOLF CLUB EXCHANGE DAY - SINGLES STABLEFORD, SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2026

Sponsored by Green C Marine

Winner: Donal O'Reilly (21) 39pts.
2nd: Shane O'Sullivan (18) 38pts.
Best Gross: Donal Considine (+2) 74.

Cat 1

1st: George Vass (4) 36pts
2nd: Joseph Sheehan (6) 36pts
3rd: Peter McEnery (2) 34pts.

Cat 2

1st: Brian Holden (10) 36pts
2nd: Shane O'Sullivan (10) 35pts
3rd: Michael Barry (10) 35pts.

Cat 3

1st: Daniel Kelly (17) 38pts
2nd: Brian Clarke (15) 37pts
3rd: Ivan O'Sullivan (18) 35pts.

Cat 4

1st: Con O'Connor (20) 35pts
2nd: Patsy O'Donoghue (19) 35pts,
3rd: John Geaney (20) 34pts.

AUGUST MONTHLY MEDAL - SINGLES STROKEPLAY PLAYED ON KILLEEN, SATURDAY 15TH & SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST 2026.

Kindly sponsored by Seamus Weldon

Winner: Cormac Sweeney (18) 64.
2nd: Kevin Carroll (16) 66.
Best Gross: Moss Lyons Jnr 73.

Cat 1

1st: Niall Greaney (9) 68
2nd: Jonathan Sparling (9) 68
3rd: Matt Leacy (4) 69.

Cat 2

1st: Conor Culloty (11) 68
2nd: Cillian O'Regan (13) 68
3rd: Colin McCarthy (10) 69.

Cat 3

1st: Owen Nolan (16) 67
2nd: Matthew O'Connor (18) 68
3rd: Bernard O'Connor (16) 68.

Cat 4

1st: Eoin O'Carroll (19) 67
2nd: Carty Donoghue (21) 68
3rd: Cathal Kelly (35) 68.

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB COMPETITIONS

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Meet in the Club House 10.00am tee off 10.30am. All Members welcome.

GOLF LESSONS

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



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club's Fionn McMonagle (centre) pictured with the National Boys U16 Strokeplay Championship Cup after his win in Bruff, Co Limerick last Saturday. He is pictured alongside fellow club members Daniel Quinlan and Aodhan O'Halloran who were part of the Kerry U16 team with him that finished second in the Inter-County event.



The Kerry U16 Pitch & Putt Team who were second in the National Inter-County event in Bruff, Co Limerick last Saturday. Included L to R: Joey Blake, Daniel Quinlan, National U16 Boys Strokeplay Winner Fionn McMonagle and Aodhan O'Halloran. The team was kindly sponsored by Sewell's Pharmacy, Killarney.



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club's Fionn McMonagle and Listowel's Eoin Barrett pictured with the Boys National U16 and U13 Strokeplay Cups after their respective wins in both events in Bruff, Co Limerick last Saturday. Also included in photo is Listowel's Shona Griffin (left) who was third in the Girls event.

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CASTLEROSSE LADIES

MIXED SCRAMBLE 11TH AUGUST, RESULTS:

1st Place: Liam Sweeney, Finola Geary, Brendan Brosnan (31) net 22.0

2nd Place: Kieran O'Brien, Rose O'Connor, Eugene O'Riordan (36) net 26.5

3rd Place: Thomas Lyne, Roy Stone, Micheal O'Leary (38) net 31.5

LADIES WEEKLY COMPETITIONS

18 Hole Stableford

1st Place: Nora Long 30 pts (40)

2nd Place: Kay Malone 30 pts (41)

9 Hole Stableford

1st Place: Margaret Crowley 15pts (22)

2nd Place: Nuala Ward 15pts (22)

COURSE DEVELOPMENT

We welcome the opening of the new green on the 5th hole which is an excellent test of our golf skills, please also note that there is a temporary tee box on the 3rd Hole whilst works takes place on the new layout.

SOCIAL GOLF

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

MIXED SCRAMBLES

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

GOLF LESSONS

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

KERRY PITCH & PUTT CLUB

After the success of Deerpark's Ciara Lowe in the National Ladies Intermediate Strokeplay the weekend before last Saturday was the turn of the county's U16 players in Bruff, Co Limerick last Saturday to shine on the national stage and they certainly obliged in the Singles events.

Less than six days after winning the Bruff U16 Scratch Cup itself, Deerpark's Fionn McMonagle won again around the tight track but this time it meant he was National Boys U16 winner as he won a nine-hole playoff on this occasion for the title. A great second 18 of seven under par put him in a tie with Fermoy's Conor Ronan on nine under par overall as both players had to go for a further nine holes to decide the outcome.

While Fionn went into a four shot lead midway through the playoff, Ronan fought back to within one shot near the end before Fionn held his nerve to record a two stroke victory. Fionn's win makes him the seventh Kerry player to win the event, the fourth from Deerpark itself and the fifth from the county in the last 15 years to

win the title. Fionn then had to quickly switch into the county colours to help Kerry in the conclusion of the Inter-County event.

Here Fionn and his team-mates Aodhan O'Halloran, Daniel Quinlan and Joey Blake were a combined 11 under par for their Singles, three behind Cork as the team ultimately had to settle for silver when the two Kerry pairs brought in a combined eight under par for their Scotch Foursomes rounds, Fionn & Daniel shooting five under par and Aodhan and Joey's three under bringing the county's total to 19 under par, five behind Cork's winning score of 24 under par. The County Board commends the players on their efforts last Sunday in finishing second and thank our U16 Officers Tom O'Connor and Monty Galvin for their work with the team during the summer.

Thanks once more to Sewell's Pharmacy Killarney for their continued support of the team. Indeed, there was far more to the day itself as Listowel's Eoin Barrett marked himself down for the future by winning the Helen McMorro Cup for the Boys U13 National Singles event. Eoin is a first cousin of former National U16 winner Ajay Barrett and his four under par total from the first session was good enough to win by a single stroke over Fermoy's Jack Murphy and Westmeath's Ben Gorman as it is the third time in the short history of the event that it has been won by a Kerry player.

The other podium spot claimed by a Kerry player at the weekend was for Listowel's Shona Griffin as she finished third in the Girls event to continue a solid summer for her. In making a final comment on the achievements themselves the County Board says well done to Deerpark, Listowel and Tralee as clubs for their efforts with U16 players once more. We look forward to the County U16 Matchplay now in the coming weeks.

This weekend is the turn of the adult teams to put on their county colours for the Munster Inter-County events in Riverdale, Nenagh, Co Tipperary. Kerry are represented by the following this weekend in four of the events.

Senior Mens Team

Damien Fleming (Deerpark)

Jason Cregan (Tralee)

Chris Gibney (Listowel)

John McGrath (Deerpark)

Jamie Blake (Tralee)

Michael Conway (Tralee)

Team Manager: James Fleming (Deerpark)

Intermediate Mens Team

Michael Cronin (Deerpark)

Tony Blake (Tralee)

Connie O'Sullivan (Deerpark)

Michael Creagh (Tralee)

James Fleming (Deerpark)

Mark Lucey (Tralee)

Dan Broderick (Deerpark)

Manager: John Fitzgerald (Tralee)

Junior Mens Team

James Foley (Deerpark)

Adam Ricken (Castleisland)

Paddy Murphy (Deerpark)

John Clifton (Castleisland)

Alan O'Sullivan (Deerpark)

Jason Reen (Deerpark)

Sub: David Hobbert (Tralee)

Manager: Christy O'Mahony (Castleisland)

Ladies Team

Ciara Lowe (Deerpark)

Eileen McCarthy (Deerpark)

Charlotte Blake (Tralee)

Lisa O'Connor (Tralee)

Manager: Tony Blake (Tralee)

Finally, it was announced last week that regrettably Castleisland have had to withdraw as hosts of October's National Scotch Foursomes event due to the event of the recent weather on the course. While the County Board wishes Castleisland well it also wishes to commend Tralee for stepping up and agreeing to host the event and ensuring it remains in the county. The Board will make an announcement as regards any potential Qualifiers for the event in due course.

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB - MEN'S

RESULTS FOR SATURDAY 22/SUNDAY 23 AUGUST, 18 HOLE STABLEFORD FORMAT

Sponsor - The Men's Club

White tees

1st: John Looney 41 points (17)

2nd: Cillian Finn 40 points (8)

3rd: Damien Greer 39 points (19) Last nine holes

Yellow tees

1st: Donal Carrol 36 points (23)

2nd: Richard Gallagher 35 points (14) Last six holes

CAPTAINS' CHARITY DAY - SUNDAY 30 AUGUST - OPEN COMPETITION

In aid of the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation Separate Stableford competition for Men and Ladies. 24 Maximum playing handicap for Men, step down allowed. Phone the clubhouse to book tee-times: 064 6644440. Sponsor - Boyles of Killorglin



Killarney Community College Students celebrate their Leaving Cert Results.



St Brendan's College Micheal Carey Brickley, Julian Milellan and Jamie O'Donoghue who received their Leaving certificate results with Bridget Lucy Deputy Principal at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School students celebrate their success on Leaving Cert Day Kate O'Leary, Fiona McHugh, Maggie Hickey and Muireann Healy.



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St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School students celebrate their success on Leaving Cert Day Doireann Dwyer, Maria Clayton, Caoimhe O'Halloran and Grace O Shea,



St Brendan's College Darragh Kavanagh, Conor Purcell, Mark Brosnan, Elijah Kehoe and Cathal Breen who received their Leaving certificate results at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Friday. *Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*



Twins Ellen and Sally Cudden pictured at St. Brigid's Secondary School.



St Brendan's College William Lyons, Filip Zbylub, Christian and Broan O'Sullivan who received their Leaving certificate results with (left) teacher Eimear Buckley at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Friday. *Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*



St Brendan's College Jack Ruden who received their Leaving certificate results with his Dad Hugh Deputy Principal at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Friday. *Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*



Killarney Community College Students celebrate their Leaving Cert Results.



Students who got over 600 points Fiona McHugh, Ruby Courtney, Aine Fitzgerald and Lily Courtney pictured with principal Mairead McElligott



Aoife Doyle, Abby Cronin, Neveen O'Sullivan, Molly Collins and Doireann Dwyer.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 2,5,24,27 . No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winner received €150. Next jackpot €12,600 on Monday August 31st. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through Clubzap.

COACHES WANTED FOR THE UPCOMING 2026/27 SEASON

Positions available across all age groups from Academy to Senior Teams. If interested please contact Mike Lyne 086 083 6356.

KILLARNEY CELTIC GOLF CLASSIC will take place on Saturday September 5th at Beaufort Golf Club. Tee Times are from 7am-4pm. To book a tee time contact Tim Jones 087 977 1302 or to sponsor a tee box please contact Mary Lyne 086 648 5809.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

The Fixture list for the new National League has been released. Killarney Celtic will play their 1st home game on Saturday September 5th against UCC at 2pm. Killarney Celtic is delighted to announce Seefin Aviation-Aircraft Trading as the Official Sponsor for our new National league

team. As we celebrate our 50th anniversary, we are proud to welcome Seefin Aviation on board for this exciting new chapter in the club's history. This partnership represents an important milestone and we are grateful to Seefin Aviation for investing in the future of football in Killarney. A sincere thank you to everyone at Seefin Aviation.

MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 2026/27 SEASON IS NOW OPEN

Membership payment can be made online at killarneyceltic.ie/membership-signup



Some of the St Brendan's College who received their Leaving certificate results with teachers Eimear Bucklet, Bridget Lucey Deputy Principal, Kevin Cronin, Lisa Gallwey, Paul Moriarty, Simon Moore , Sean Coffey Principal, Hugh Rudden Deputy Principal and Andrew O'Reilly at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Friday. *Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*



St Brendan's College Iam Counihan, Diarmuid O'Donovan and Shane Morrissey who received their Leaving certificate results at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Friday. *Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*



St Brendan's College William Lyons, Tom Purcell and Senan Cotter who received their Leaving certificate results with Sean Coffey Principal at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Friday. *Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*



Killarney Community College Students celebrate their Leaving Cert Results.



St Brendan's College Gearoid O'Connor, Luke Courtney and Elijah Kehoe who received their Leaving certificate results at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Friday. *Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin*

ALL SQUARE IN MOUNTHAWK PARK

Kerry FC 1-1 UCD AFC

By David Moriarty

Kerry FC returned to League of Ireland action on Friday night, welcoming UCD AFC to Mounthawk Park after a two-week absence from home.

Since their last outing at MHP, Kerry FC had spent the previous fortnight on the road. First came a 3-1 defeat to Cork City at Turners Cross, before they bowed out of the FAI Cup last weekend following a defeat to Sligo Rovers at The Showgrounds. A return to Tralee was therefore long overdue for the Kingdom.

Kerry FC's home form has reached unprecedented levels, with the club unbeaten in their last ten games at Mounthawk Park, a club record they were hoping to extend on Friday evening. UCD, meanwhile, arrived in Tralee with their own sights set firmly on the play-off places. The Belfield side sat third in the table before kick-off, eight points clear of Kerry FC. The visitors had endured a mixed run of form in recent weeks and had not won a league game away from home since defeating Finn Harps in Ballybofey on June 12. Coincidentally, the following week saw Kerry FC claim a 1-0 victory over UCD in the capital, with Cian Brosnan's first-half strike securing all three points for the Kingdom.

Kerry FC were without two regular starters for Friday's encounter. Daniel Okwute picked up an injury during last weekend's FAI Cup defeat to Sligo Rovers, while Cian Murphy was unavailable through suspension. Their absences presented an opportunity for players on the bench to stake their claim and give manager Colin Healy plenty to consider in the weeks ahead.

A superb crowd gathered at Mounthawk Park, with supporters hoping to see Kerry FC return to winning ways as they began the final quarter of the season.

FIRST HALF

Kerry FC started brightly and created the first opportunity of the game in the opening minute, when Sean McGrath's effort from outside the area went just wide of the right-hand post. UCD AFC responded in the sixth minute when Goodness Ogbonna struck the post, before Kerry FC threatened again four minutes later. Cian Bargary delivered a fine ball into the area, finding Sean McGrath at the near post, but his effort went wide.

Unfortunately for the Kingdom, the visitors struck first and took the lead in the fifteenth minute. Charles Akinrintayo found the net to put UCD AFC 1-0 ahead.

UCD AFC continued to pose a threat, with Michael McCullagh's cross from the right glancing off the head of Goodness Ogbonna in the eighteenth minute and going well clear of danger.

Kerry FC responded with a sustained spell of pressure. In the twenty-second minute, Sam Aladesanusi's cross created an opportunity for Ryan Perez, who worked hard to get a shot away, only for Noah Douglas to make an excellent save. Sean McGrath then went close again in the twenty-fifth minute, putting an effort just wide of goal.

Sean O'Connell tried his luck from distance in the twenty-eighth minute, but his effort sailed over the crossbar. Three minutes later, Douglas was called



Arran Healy battles for possession.
Photo: Konrad Pytlowski

upon again, producing an excellent save to deny Sean McGrath from a tight angle.

UCD AFC threatened at the other end in the thirty-second minute when Hugh Smith's glancing header was guided just wide. Kerry FC responded with another strong effort from distance, as Vince Borden's strike in the thirty-fourth minute was tipped over by Douglas.

Louis Dignam sent a free kick wide of the right-hand post in the forty-second minute, while Charles Akinrintayo was shown a yellow card two minutes later. Kerry FC had the final chance of the half when Cian Bargary's effort went over the crossbar just before the interval.

Kerry FC went into the break trailing 1-0 despite creating several promising opportunities.

SECOND HALF

Kerry FC made the perfect start to the second half, drawing level in the forty-sixth minute. A free kick from Sean O'Connell was delivered into the area, where Ewan Lee headed the ball into the path of Niall Brookwell. Brookwell made no mistake from close range, smashing the ball home to bring Kerry FC level at 1-1.

The equaliser gave Kerry FC renewed momentum, although UCD AFC remained dangerous. In the fifty-sixth minute, Sean O'Connell produced an excellent challenge to deny Hugh Smith as he advanced towards goal, before Matthew Connor gathered the loose ball.

Ewan Lee was shown a yellow card in the fifty-eighth minute, with Michael McCullagh receiving a booking one minute later. Kerry FC then came close to taking the lead in the sixty-first minute when Vince Borden's effort from distance struck the outside of the post.

Matthew Connor was called into action in the sixty-second minute, making a brilliant save to deny

Goodness Ogbonna and keep the scores level.

Kerry FC made its first substitutions in the seventy-first minute, with Vince Borden and Cian Brosnan replaced by Arran Healy and Colin Healy. Jayden Goad was shown a yellow card in the seventy-fifth minute, before Rob Keane replaced Sean McGrath in the seventy-eighth minute.

Ryan Perez tested Douglas in the eighty-first minute with a low effort, but the UCD AFC goalkeeper gathered comfortably. Perez was then replaced by Matthew Britton in the eighty-third minute.

There were four minutes of added time, and both sides had late opportunities to snatch all three points. In the ninetieth minute, Matthew Connor denied Sam Norval from inside the area, while Matthew Britton saw his effort from distance safely caught by Douglas.

Neither side could find a winning goal, and the final whistle confirmed a 1-1 draw. Niall Brookwell's second-half strike ensured Kerry FC earned a share of the spoils at Mounthawk Park after a determined performance against UCD AFC.

A deserved point apiece as the MHP unbeaten record stretches to eleven games for Kerry FC. They have the chance to make it twelve when they welcome Treaty United next Friday.

Kerry FC Team: Matthew Connor; Sean O'Connell, Sean McGrath (C), Jonas Häkkinen, Cian Brosnan, Samuel Aladesanusi, Ryan Perez, Vince Borden, Niall Brookwell (GOAL '46), Ewan Lee, Cian Bargary.

Subs Used: Arran Healy, Colin Healy, Matthew Britton, Robert Keane.

UCD AFC TEAM: Noah Douglas; Sean Murphy, Luca Cailloce, Carl Lennox, Adam Wells (C), Michael McCullagh, Louis Dignam, Hugh Smith, Charles Akinrintayo (GOAL '15), Goodness Ogbonna, Eoin Sheeran.

Subs Used: Jayden Goad, Samuel Norval, Stephen Mohan

LEGION GAA

LOTTO

Lotto numbers: 5, 12, 16, 28. Bonus 25. Lucky Dips: Mary O Connor, Eileen Buckley, Eve Crowley

SENIOR LADIES

Our senior ladies welcomed Ballymac to Johnny Culloty Park this morning for R2 of the Bon Secours Junior Premier Championship. The visitors started the better scoring 3 goals inside the first 10 mins. To legions credit they battled hard and fought their way back into the game, helped in large by a well taken Aine Devlin goal. HT Legion 1-06 Ballymac 4-06

Ballymac got the first scores of the 2nd half with a brace of points but to our girls credit they did not lay down and fought their way back into the game. Goals from Aine Devlin, Eve Coffey and Aoife Healy reduced the deficit to 3, but the visitors responded with some well taken points. We continued to press but couldn't find another goal and Ballymac took the points on a final scoreline of Legion 4-09 Ballymac 4-14. With our group games complete we await further results to see who we face in the quarter final.

MINOR BOYS

Minor county championships R2.

North Kerry 4-26 Legion 1-07

Our minor boys made the long trip back to Tarbert to take on a very strong north Kerry side this evening.

We started well and were in contention after 15 minutes when we trailed by 0-7 to 1-03 after a well worked team goal scored by Cian.

However this seem to spark north Kerry into life and they took over to dominate the remainder of the half. They lead 3-15 to 1-3 at halftime.

In fairness to our lads they battled really hard and never gave up against a powerful outfit in the second half. We were down a number of players through injuries so we look forward to getting them back and making our panel stronger.

Thanks to Timmy Falvey and his officials for reffing and best of luck to north Kerry for the remainder of the championship. We play St. Kieran's next week at home in the last group game.

U16 GIRLS

U16 Girls County League Div 3:

Killarney Legion 3-18 Austin Stacks 1-12.

Killarney Legion travelled to Connolly Park yesterday evening to take on Austin Stacks in the final round of the county league. With Stacks sitting at the top of the table, we knew going into the game that it was going to be a tough challenge.

Playing fierce in difficult wet and windy conditions, Legion made the most of the strong breeze in the first half and built up a six-point lead at half time, leading 0-12 to 0-6.

Austin Stacks narrowed the gap early in the second half, but Legion showed great determination, battled hard and regained control of the game. The girls finished strongly to run out winners on the night.

Thank you to the referee and to Austin Stack for a very competitive game.

The result sees Killarney Legion progress to the league semi-final, which is likely to take place next week tbd.

U12 BOYS

U12 Boys EK League Div 1



Well done to Kilcummin U11 boys who put in a brilliant display throughout the Jerry Foley Blitz in Furies on Saturday last. The first two group games against Listry and Currow proved tough and close with Kilcummin coming away with a win and a draw respectively.

The team really grew in strength from there and knew a win was required against Milltown/ Castlemaine in the final group game to advance to the Cup. They delivered with fantastic teamwork resulting in some excellent scores and a well-deserved win. Kilcummin proved too strong for Newmarket in the semi-final and followed that up with another excellent performance against Desmonds in the final to win the Jerry Foley U11 Cup. A fantastic achievement and a great day for the team. A huge thank you to Furies GAA for the excellent hospitality shown to us throughout the day. As always, the Jerry Foley Blitz was excellently organised and a fantastic day of football. Kilcummin are always delighted to take part and really appreciate all the work that goes into making the day such a success.

We played Fossa in Johnny Culloty Park and, despite the slippery conditions, we witnessed two cracking games.

This was the third time the teams have met and it was great to see a much-improved performance from both home teams. Plenty of positives to take and lots to build on.

Thanks to the Fossa boys and management for two sporting and competitive games, and to our referees John and James.

Next up for the boys is a visit from Laune Rangers next Sunday, as a curtain raiser to the Men's Intermediate Final Group game against the same opposition.

SENIOR MEN

Our senior men crashed out of the intermediate championship last Sunday in Johnny Culloty Park. Trailing by 5 points at halftime to Laune Rangers, a victory was still achievable but the Killorglin outfit proved much too strong in the second half and ran out 3-22 v 2-10 winners

SYMPATHIES

The club would like to express their sincere condolences to the family of Tracy Eagar who passed away last week. Sympathies to her children, Jemma, Richard, Orla, Lia and Lola Rose and her bother Roland. May she rest in peace.

The club sends its sincere condolences to Jimmy, Pat, Dermot, Maura and Margaret Reen and all the Reen family on the passing of their mother Maureen. Ar Dheis De go raibh a Anam

DR. CROKES

SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Dr. Crokes 0-16 Rathmore 0-12

We secured our place in the club championship semi-final following a hard-fought four-point victory over Rathmore. We made a strong start, with points from Cian McMahon and Evan Looney helping settle into the game. Cian McMahon was particularly influential from placed balls and added a superb two-pointer, while Micheál Burns and David Shaw also got on the scoresheet as we built a 0-11 to 0-07 lead at half-time. Rathmore came out strongly after the break and reduced the deficit, but we remained

composed and continued to find scores. David Shaw, Cian McMahon and Micheál Burns all added points, before Tom Doyle registered late on to help secure the win. With Rathmore unable to close the gap, we finished strongly to run out 0-16 to 0-12 winners and, importantly, book our place in the club championship semi-final.

LOTTO took place on August 24th Numbers drawn were 2, 11, 12, 23. Jackpot of €5,900 was NOT WON. 10 patrons matched 3 numbers and received €40 each. Jackpot for draw on August 31st will be €6,200. Play online by following the link below <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokes-gaa/fundraisers>

BINGO

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Jason Lyne and Emma Murnane on their wedding.

BEST OF LUCK to minor player Sean Collins and the Collins Family on their new adventure in Australia.

CONDOLENCES to the O'Shea Family on the recent passing of Anne's sister Siobhan in Dublin. May she rest in peace.

NOTES

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

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LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 23/08/2026 for a jackpot of €10,5000 were 3, 5, 10, 21. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; David Brooks, Monika Saubak, Josh Healy, Tess Crowley, Siobhan Kissane and Ronan Bennett.

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>

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The seniors had a good win over Ballymac in the third round of the Intermediate Championship

on Saturday, winning on a scoreline of 1-24 to 3-13. They are now at home next Sunday @ 1pm to Listowel in the quarter final of the championship, since this is knock out from now on, all support will be greatly welcomed.

SENIOR LADIES

Bon Secours Junior Premier County Championship Group 1 - Rd 2

Fossa Ladies produced a disciplined and hard working display on the road to secure an impressive eight-point victory over ISG, emerging deserved winners on a scoreline of 1-13 to 1-5 despite physically demanding conditions. Leading 1-8 to 0-3 at half-time, Fossa laid the foundations for victory with an energetic opening half, combining excellent defensive organisation with efficient scoring. While both sides competed fiercely throughout, Fossa consistently carried the greater attacking threat and were rewarded with a convincing win.

The game was characterised by high intensity and strong defensive pressure from both teams. Fossa's work rate without the ball was particularly impressive, restricting ISG to just six scores over the course of the contest.

At the other end, Fossa created a wealth of scoring opportunities and dominated possession from kick outs, allowing them to control key periods of the game. While there is still room to improve efficiency in front of goal, the volume of chances created highlighted their ability to repeatedly break through the ISG defence. Encouragingly, the scores were shared across the team. Across the field, Fossa's collective effort, defensive

discipline and ability to win crucial possession proved decisive. Overall, this was another highly encouraging team performance, with defensive organisation, kick out dominance and attacking intent providing the platform for a deserved victory and plenty of positives to build on in the weeks ahead.

EAST KERRY

COUNTY MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

East Kerry 6-14 Laune Rangers 2-08

COUNTY UNDER 16 CHAMPIONSHIP

East Kerry 5-22 West Kerry 2-09

Eoghan Rua 1-15 Tralee District 0-04

South Kerry 5-10 East Kerry B 1-07

SYMPATHIES

Condolences to the families of Tina Barry (née Coffey), Boherbee, Cahersiveen, Kerry / Tramore, Waterford on her recent death.

KERRY LGFA

BON SECOURS KERRY LGFA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS WEEKEND

Full details are on the club website : <https://clubs.kerryladiesfootball.com/>

SENIOR — Sunday 23 August

Finuge/St Senans 1-19 beat Clounmacon/ Moyvane 3-09, at Clounmacon.

Southern Gaels 1-12 beat Na Gaeil 0-12, at Waterville.

Castleisland Desmonds 3-15 beat Dr Crokes 2-06, at Dr Crokes.

Scartaglen v Rathmore, at Scartaglen — result to follow.

Southern Gaels and Castleisland Desmonds lead the two groups on six points apiece.

INTERMEDIATE

Saturday 22 August: Corca Dhuibhne 7-06 beat Abbeydorney 1-07, at Abbeydorney.

Sunday 23 August: MKL Gaels 3-17 beat Beaufort 2-09, at Beaufort.

Sunday 23 August: Austin Stacks 3-12 beat Furies 3-11 by a single point, at Connolly Park.

Corca Dhuibhne and MKL Gaels are both unbeaten on six points and meet in the final round on 6 September.

JUNIOR — Sunday 23 August

Listowel Emmets 5-09 beat Kerins O'Rahilly 2-05, in Tralee.

Kilcummin 2-10 beat Daingean Uí Chúis 0-06, at Daingean.

Churchill 1-08 drew with Annascaul/ Castlegregory 1-08, at Churchill.

Listowel Emmets and Kilcummin are both on six points and meet on 6 September.

NOVICE — Sunday 23 August

Cordal 5-11 beat Dromid Pearses 2-10, at Cordal.

Ballyduff v Brosna/Knocknagoshel, 7.30pm at Ballyduff — result to follow.

COMING UP

Final round of group games across all four grades on Sunday 6 September. Quarter-finals 13 and 20 September, semi-finals from 20 September, with the Senior and Intermediate county finals on Saturday 3 October.

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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP ONE

Dr. Crokes 0-15 Rathmore 0-11

Spa 2-17 Dingle 1-21

Dr. Crokes maintained their unbeaten run with a good victory over fellow East Kerry side Rathmore to advance to the semi-finals with a bit to spare. They did the bulk of the damage in the first half, leading by 0-11 to 0-8 at the break. The second half was a much calmer affair. David Shaw and Cian McMahon had two pointers in either half to help drive their team forward. Cathal Ryan, Alan Dineen, and Fion Murphy tried hard for Rathmore but they just couldn't get enough pressure on Crokes and the scores wouldn't come. A dearth of two pointers probably didn't help their cause.

Spa lost out at home to the All Ireland Club Champions by just a single point and can feel a little bit unlucky to have ended up in a relegation final. They actually played well in all three games but just couldn't get over the finish line. Joey McCarthy, Dara Moynihan, and Evan Cronin were on the scoreboard early on, while the outstanding Dan O'Donoghue kept a tight shackle on danger-man Paul Geaney. Geaney did tee up Tom O'Sullivan for a goal and Barry Dan O'Sullivan kicked two points but Spa rallied to level it at 1-7 to 0-10. Dan O'Donoghue and Dylan Geaney exchanged two pointers just before the break.

Dingle led by three points at the 45 minute mark, and Spa keeper Shay O'Meara had denied a few more with some great catches. However, Dan O'Donoghue scored another fantastic two pointer. Dingle pushed three ahead again, only for Shane Cronin to strike for a Spa goal and Joey McCarthy to coolly nudge the home side in front. However, Dylan Geaney equalised and his last kick raised an orange flag to finally see off Spa's great effort.

GROUP TWO

Templenoe 1-17

Kenmare Shamrocks 2-17

Kenmare Shamrocks looked a bit like Clark Kent for most of this game. Except that after they brought on Paul O'Connor and Stephen O'Brien, they quickly changed in a phone box. Templenoe were dominant from the off here. Killian Spillane was always dangerous. Gavin Crowley, as well as nullifying much of Seán O'Shea's threat, was involved in everything and Brian was a superb playmaker at the other end. Tom Murnane did get a tap-in goal for Kenmare after good work by Eoghan McCarthy, but they needed it. Gavin Crowley replied with a Templenoe goal and they deservedly by 1-8 to 1-5 at the break. The third quarter saw them pull away. With just over ten minutes left, they led by 1-17 to 1-12.

Then came O'Connor and O'Brien, who pointed with his first touch. O'Connor set up a second goal on a plate for Murnane and added three points of his own, with O'Brien kicking a brace overall. A phenomenal turnaround in the circumstances.

GROUP THREE

An Ghaeltacht 0-9 Na Gaeil 2-8

It came down to fine margins. Na Gaeil, given the talent they are missing in Diarmuid O'Connor and Oisín Maunsell, with Jack Barry limping off early on, are a bit of a surprise package to reach the semi-final. Mind you, they surprised a lot of us last year as well. The key game in this group was Milltown/Castlemaine's victory over An Ghaeltacht, and that's really the one that put the Gallerus men in trouble. They actually put up a very good battle here but with Stefan Okunbor giving a display for the ages, Na Gaeil had goals from Liam Cooper and impressive sub Ruairí Ó hAiniféin had goals from the Tralee side. An Ghaeltacht left too many two point chances behind them but did have impressive displays from Brian and Ruaidhrí Ó Beaglaóich and the Sauerland brothers.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP ONE

Fossa 1-24 Ballymac 3-13

Gneeveguilla 1-16

Glenbeigh/Glencar 1-13

Fossa wrapped uptopspot with a win over second placed Ballymac. Harry Buckley's first half goal and a superb display from Ted O'Gorman had them in control. Ballymac kicked three goals in the second half through Michael Quirke, Tadhg Brick, and Niall Collins, while Donal Daly and Jack Joy always dangerous, but with the Clifford brothers increasingly influential, Fossa always had that little bit to spare.

The second game to decide who entered the relegation battle was a lot more interesting. Glenbeigh/Glencar pulled out easily their best performance so far, a great effort, but Gneeveguilla had actually badly rattled both Fossa and Ballymac in their games and just had that little bit more firepower. Liam Smith excelled for Glenbeigh/Glencar, with Darran O'Sullivan giving his all, but with Cornelius Buckley, Paudie O'Leary, Oisín O'Leary, and Connie O'Connor the main contributors. Glenbeigh/Glencar reduced the deficit from twelve down to three by the final whistle....but there was still three between them.

GROUP TWO

Kilcummin 2-14 John Mitchels 0-19

Ballydonoghue 1-12 Fries 2-6

Kilcummin and Mitchels served up an absolute thriller. Goals from Philip O'Leary and the excellent Mikey Casey had Kilcummin leading by 2-5 to 0-9 at the break. Midfielder Kevin O'Gorman and forward Kevin McCarthy were in scintillating form for them. Mitchels brought on Gearóid White for the second half and he certainly made a difference. Darragh Cunnane (0-5) actually put the visitors ahead in injury



Action from the Spa V Dingle game. Photos: Anne Holland



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time of a thrilling second half, but a good turnover followed by a superb long range free from Brendan Kealy saw Kilcummin snatch the win and top spot.

Ballydonogue and Furies were locked at 1-5 apiece at half-time, James Horgan kicking 1-4, 4f for Furies and Brian Mson with two Ballydonoghue orange flags. Horgan would add another 1-1 in the second half but Ballydonoghue's Jack Kennelly caught fire, finishing with 0-7 and guiding his side to a win. Furies face a relegation battle; injuries certainly didn't help their cause any.

GROUP THREE

Killarney Legion 2-10

Laune Rangers 3-22

St. Marys 2-13 Listowel Emmets 2-18

Listowel Emmets blitzed St Marys early on, Joe Joe Grimes with a fifth minute goal and Darragh Lynch and Sam Tarrant quickly getting on the scoreboard. They led by 1-12 to 0-5 at the break, and while St.Marys did rally in a much harder fought second half, the issue was never really in doubt at any stage.

In Derreen, Ryan O'Grady was denied early on by a great Jason Browne save but Rob Leen had the ball in the Laune Rangers' net soon after. Laune Rangers' Eoin Clifford (I'd have him on any Team of the Championship for the past three years, and I'd strongly consider him for a higher level) had one goal effort saved but scored another soon afterwards. Three points from Adam O'Neill had Laune Rangers leading by the same margin at the break and the Killorglin men began to take over in the second half. Brian Kelly had to make two great saves for Legion and couldn't do anything about Clifford's second green flag. Stephen Gannon added a third goal late on. Oisín Fleming did cancel that out with a great finish, but to no avail by then. Eoin Clifford, fittingly, closed it out with a great two pointer.

GROUP FOUR

Castleisland Desmonds 2-12

Glenflesk 1-13

Kerins O'Rahillys 0-12 Beaufort 1-23

After winning a tough battle against

Castleisland Desmonds last week, Beaufort put a slightly disappointing Kerins O'Rahillys to the sword with a certain amount of ease in Strand Road. Stars of the show, yet again were Ciarán Kennedy and Liam Carey, but all of Beaufort looked sharp. Darragh O'Connor kicked 0-12 for Rahillys, but he was mostly ploughing a lone furrow. Tomás Kennedy and Barry John Keane tried hard at midfield, but Beaufort were really in control all through. Rahillys end up losing out on scoring difference to Glenflesk. Just three points in the difference – it must be a case of 'what might have been' for the Tralee side.

The East Kerry side have lived on their luck a bit to get through the group stages. Plenty of talent – Luke Crowley was a dynamo once again – but they haven't really gelled together as yet. Desmonds, on the other hand, seemed to take heart from their great display against Beaufort and they snatched victory in a rollercoaster game with a great last kick by the impressive goalscorer Adam O'Donoghue (1-6). They go into the relegation battle, but I would be surprised to see them go down.

JUNIOR PREMIER

GROUP ONE

Listry 2-18 Annascaul 0-11

Keel 3-12 Waterville 1-12

That was a statement win by Listry over a good Annascaul team. They opened the throttle after the break, Aaron O'Shea (1-4), Ruairí Murphy (1-0), Éanna Murphy, and Cathal O'Donoghue inflicting most of the damage.

An understrength Keel rattled in three early goals through Michael Byrne, Shane Evans, and a Gary Sayers penalty. They led by 3-6 to 0-5 at half-time but Waterville, with Barry O'Dwyer, Jamie Batt O'Sullivan, Jack O'Shea, Oran Clifford, and Dylan Huggard to the fore, really began to claw their way back into it. Incredibly, when big targetman Eoin Murphy fisted to the net in the 57th minute, the sides were level. However, Keel managed to pick off the last three points for a win.

GROUP TWO

Duagh 2-18 St. Pats Blennerville 0-13

Tarbert 0-12 Ardfert 2-17

Reigning Junior champions Tarbert are in a bit of trouble after struggling to contain Ardfert's former underage goalkeeper turned poacher par excellence, with Bobby O'Regan (2-7) leading his team to a comfortable victory and the knockout stages. John Coolahan kicked 0-8 for the home side but to no avail.

Duagh are quietly looking more and more like dark horses with every game. Cormac Dillon is a serious talent, finishing with 1-7, but Duagh also had impressive displays from the likes of Tom Scanlon, Mike Wren, Joe O'Connell, and Mark Joy. St. Pats Blennerville are a very good footballing team and this game was actually closely contested, with Eoin Greaney particularly impressive, but they just couldn't put enough on the scoreboard.

GROUP THREE

Dromoda na Piarasigh 2-12

Currow 1-13

Churchill 2-18 Brosna 0-17

Brosna led by just one at the break, but it was notable that Churchill were very reliant on frees for their scores. Brosna had gone down to a surprise defeat at home to Dromid last week but looked sharper and began pulling away in the second half. Thanks to Conor Lane, Adam Barry, and the O'Sullivan brothers. Disaster struck for them, though, with goals in the last five minutes from Cian McKenna and Hugh Lenihan. Churchill were impressive here, especially with some great long range kicks.

I don't think too many people had Dromoda na Piarasigh down as contenders initially – I didn't, to be honest – but they take the runners-up spot and a quarter-final after a cracking victory over Currow. Niall Ó Sé and Chris Farley got first half goals and Farley, Donagh Shine O'Sullivan, and Dylan O'Donoghue kept the scoreboard working. Dan O'Shea and goalscorer John McMahon were excellent for Currow.

GROUP FOUR

St. Senans 2-18 Castlegregory 2-18

Reenard 4-12 Ballyduff 2-10

Castlegregory pulled off quite a major coup in St. Senans, coming away with a thrilling draw

and just leapfrogging to the group summit. They looked dead and buried at half-time trailing by 2-12 to 1-5, but an incredible second half comeback inspired by Cian O'Grady with 1-10 and Paudie Fitzgerald with 1-4. That was despite losing Kerry panellist Thomas O'Donnell to an unfortunately injury, and he is likely to be a major loss going forward.

Reenard will be a little disappointed at not progressing further after a sparkling second half display consigned Ballyduff to relegation. Seán Tehan and Michael O'Leary shared four goals between them and nine names on their scoresheet overall.

JUNIOR

GROUP ONE

Sneem/Derrynane have been quietly getting things right over the past couple of years. It's nothing dramatic, just incremental improvements, and an impressive ability to take their two pointers. They weren't quite in the promotion hunt in the last two rounds of the County League, but they were high up in the chasing pack. Cordal have been close to contention in the Junior for quite a while now, without ever quite reaching the promised land. The clash between the two was for first or second play, and that was an excellent win for Sneem/Derrynane.

GROUP TWO

This was a tough group. Again, Moyvane have been quietly going about their business the right way and it showed as they won all three games to top the group. Finuge lost to Moyvane in their opening round but big wins over Ballylongford and Tousist wrapped up second place comfortably enough.

GROUP THREE

Cromane are a very good club – and I really like how they give genuine commitment to both the mens and ladies teams. They know how to maximise resources. But drawn against both Beale and Lios Póil? I know league isn't championship.....so would ye go back and check out how Lios Póil, not to mind Beale, got on last year in the championship? Straight up, I think Beale are flying and, barring injuries of course, I really think they could be the last team standing. As it stands, their victory over Lios Póil was basically the group decider.

GROUP FOUR

I expected this group to be the tightest of them all. I'd have given any team a strong chance of beating any other team on any given day. But as it happened, Knocknagoshel had other ideas. They reached a semi-final last year and were one of the stories of the year when they reached a North Kerry Final. I obviously wasn't giving them enough credit - they topped the group with room to spare. Second place was tougher to decide between Kilgravan and Scartaglin. They drew in the East Kerry Superleague, Scart won their County League clash, but in the most crucial clash, it was Kilgravan who prevailed.

Even then calculators were needed – Kilgarvan went through with a better scoring difference of two points.

KNOCKOUT FIXTURES SENIOR

Semi-Finals

Dr. Crokes are in the last four by virtue of winning the four team group. Na Gaeil join them, having been drawn out of the hat ahead of fellow group winner Austin Stacks.

Quarter-Finals

This includes the tree group runners-up and Austin Stacks.

Kenmare Shamrocks v Milltown/Castlemaine, Saturday, Sept. 5Th, 3.00pm, Fitzgerald Stadium
Austin Stacks v Rathmore, Saturday, Sept. 5th, 5.00pm, Fitzgerald Stadium

Relegation Semi-Final

Templenoe v An Ghaeltacht, Sunday Sept. 6Th, 2.00pm, Johnny Culloty Park, Derreen. The losers of this game will play Spa (loser of the four team group) in the Relegation Final.

INTERMEDIATE

Quarter-Finals

First named team at home
Laune Rangers v Glenflesk, Sunday Aug. 30th, 4.00pm
Beaufort v John Mitchels, Sunday Aug. 30Th, 1.00pm
Kilcummin v Ballymac, Saturday Aug. 29th, 5.30pm
Fossa v Listowel Emmets, Sunday Aug 30th, 1.00pm

Relegation Semi-Finals

Castleisland Desmonds v Furies, Saturday Aug. 29Th, 3.00pm in Currow
Glenbeigh/Glencar v St. Marys, Sunday Aug. 30Th, 2.00pm in Foilmore

JUNIOR PREMIER

Quarter-Finals

Keel v Dromid Pearses
Castlegregry v Annascaul
Listry v St. Senans
Churchill v Duagh

Relegation Semi-Finals (neutral venues)

Tarbert v Ballyduff

Currow v St. Pats Blennerville

JUNIOR

Quarter-Finals

Moyvane v Cordal
Beale v Finuge
Knocknagoshel v Lios Póil
Sneem/Derrynane v Kilgarvan

AFL 'POACHING' GAA PLAYERS

It's a thorny issue. The whole history of the compromises between GAA and AFL, two sports with an awful lot in common and bot of which had good reasons to want to introduce an interational dimensio to what were, essentially, domestic games. I include both London and New York diasporas in that – very strong GAA cultures, but more or less conained within the diaspora. The fact that their bases have expanded quite a bit is one of those quietly brilliant GA success stories over the past generation – and didn't get the assistance from the GAA that they deserved, by the way. It was, and almost always still is, fundraisers for the GAA 'back home'; rather than the GAA supplying funding across international waters. The likes of John Kerry O'Donnell in New York ploughed a lot of a lone furrow. As for the early days of London GAA....I don't know if any of these names ring any bells, Michael Collins? Liam McCarthy? Some lad named Sam Maguire? I must check if I spelled that correctly. The GAA has started to really thrive in other climes. Most American cities have a GAA base. It's stronger than you think in both Europe and Australia. The Asian Games are a golbal highlight of the game. England, of course, not just London. Tough football, by the way, and an awful lot of Kerry people have reson to be grateful for it.

Nobody had any objection when the likes of Kerry's Seán Wight and Dublin's Jim Stynes signed up with AFL clubs. There was a lot of common ground. The Compromise Rules started being a reular thing, pushed hard by both organisations, despite some misgivings among the grassroots. They were actually kind of uncompromising. Professional against amateur didn't help and the tackling was a bit of a grey area. Games could and did get out of had a bit too often. I'm sorry now, but it felt more like a showboating jaunt than anything else. The games couldn't seem to settle o whther they were competition or exhibition and fell hard between those two stools. Meanwhile playing schedules, on both sides, were getting more and more crowded, too much so at this stage, in my honest opinion).

But the AFL could and still can take GAA players on rookie contracts – the numbers of professional imports to AFL teams are restricted; Irish amateur players are not. The trickle of players has become a flood. Tadhg Kennely was one of the most successful and then came home to win an All Ireland medal. The likes of Anthony Tohill and Ciarán Kilkenny had opportunities to sign.

Mark O'Connor....fantastic player, great guy, but to hear some people say it, we'd be aiming for a 13th All Ireland in a row if he had stayed. Respectfully, now, I think a lot of people are forgetting how Mark basically battled knee injuries all the wy through the 2015 minor campaign. I personally think that moving to AFL gave him a chance to develop properly that he wouldn't have gotten here, that's the honest truth. To be fair, the opposite can be said of Tommy Walsh.

Zach Touhy of Laois, Setanta Ó hAilpín and Mark Keane of Cork, Oisín Mullin of Mayo (they wanted to bring him back from Geelong for this

year's All Ireland Final), Marty Clarke of Down, Callum Brown of Derry, Conor Nash of Meath....I don't know how many of you remember Colin Riordan, the Tipperary minor wing back when they won the All Ireland in 2012, he was as good a young player as I've seen.

The combines (trials) in Ireland have become a rich harvest ground for Afl. Of course they have; it's a free and comparatively untapped resource. I'd be doing no different. Their biggest coup, of course, has to be Kobe McDonald of Mayo. His fame was already eclipsing his fathers' even before the All Ireland Final – and Ciarán McDonald was Mayo's best footballer on great Mayo teams. I do not say that lightly. Kobe.... you don't even need to say the surname, do you? Jason Sherlock of Dublin, Clare's Shane O'Donnell, the young Colm Cooper and Ciarán Kilkenny might have been there or thereabouts, David Clifford was/is an even bigger sensation than Sherlock was....that's a celebrity status that far exceeds the GAA's own reach in Irish culture. Crazy stuff – and I'm not for one second suggesting that any of them were actually looking for it; I suspect the exact opposite. But it's unlikely enough that we'll see Kobe play GAA again.

Deividas Uosis, Stefan Okunbor (I'm told he is absolutely back to his best), Cillian Burke, Rob Monaghan, Ben Murphy (already a sensation over there in VFL, and I'm not remotely surprised). I think it's fair to say that with their talent, it's more than the clubs losing out.

And now we hear that Kerry's U20 All Ireland winning midfield pair of Evan Boyle and Daniel Kirby have the chance to go to Australia. I will say that my understanding is that it's nowhere near as cut and dried as has been reported. They are short-listed, not considering actual offers, as yet. The cynic in me feels that it's important to point out that most media sources will relish laying out the worst case scenario always. They want to stir the reaction and provoke the outrage. I genuinely believe that there is too many people absorbing opinions and then trying to ascertain the facts rather than the other way around these days. It's not healthy. However, it's certain that Boyle, Kirby, and players like Dublin's Charlie McMorrow, Tim Deering, minor Cian Rafferty, Leitrim's Barry McNulty, Westmeath's Hogan Cup winner Críostóir Ormsby....it might be a small number of players in overall terms, but it's a serious amount of elite talent.

Look, it's an issue for the LGFA as well, and I'd be quite a while listing those names. But I think there are differences. In a lot of cases, simply because of the scheduling, a lot of the AFLW Irish contingent are able to return for the latter stages of the inter-county championship. Not ideal, but not as bad, either.

The GAA have made it clear, quite rightly, that they don't like the situation. But exactly how do they go about curbing it?

It's extremely difficult. The amateur organisation, obviously can't have player contracts. And I know a lot of people say that the GAA should 'take care' of them quietly under the table in terms of scholarships, accommodation, cars.....That's one of those things that people say without actually thinking it through. Did

you get the impression in the last couple of years that the Revenue Commission are afraid to call out the GAA? They aren't, and I don't ever want to live in a country where that would happen (hello, USA, how are things going with that?). Under the table payments are not any kind of realistic solution. It would be more like paying danegeld to the Dane. Anyway 'taking care of people quietly' always makes me assume we are talking about sleeping with the fishes. Maybe I watch a lot of Pacino movies, maybe I've just lived an interesting life. Ye'll never know.

The AFL should pay compensation for the players. Ah....to who?The County Board? The club? I sympathise with the concept and I can see the logical argument....unfortunately, it's just wrong. The players, just as much as trainers, administrators, stewards....they are all volunteers. If a player has a part-time job at the weekends, should that business receive a payment? If they play other sports, as a lot of players do, should those sporting organisations get compensation? The GAA did not 'invest money' in players based on future 'earnings'. The players aren't being 'gifted' by the clubs and counties. They are voluntarily giving an awful lot of time and effort to them. This idea that the young players 'owe' the GAA? That's a level of self-righteousness that I can't stomach. A player has a chance to get a free education, a very good salary, doing something they love, in a country with a vibrant and friendly culture that has a lot of sunshine. Ah no, you can't..... you 'owe' us because you put a lot of effort into playing for us. Somebody make it make sense. The GAA is a communal and cultural thing, not a commercial thing. That, literally, was the whole point of the GAA in the first place.

I have heard it mooted that the AFL be limited in the amount of players they can take from any one county in a given year. Ahhh.....how on earth did anybody imagine that would be enforced? Will we enforce tariffs? Blockade the ports? Put players in witness protection programmes (again, I watch a lot of movies)?

I'm not sure that the GAA have much grounds to stand on here. I do think you could say that players can't play for the U20 squad unless they formally agree not to sign a professional sports contract for the following year or maybe two.

I can see and sympathise with the GAA's position. Of course I can. But I can also see that most of the mooted solutions seem to be rooted in fantasyland. It's a thorny one, I can't see it getting any better in the short term.

AFL GOALS CONOR MCKENNA

I actually like watching AFL. I've said it before, back in the late eighties and early nineties the AFL used to put together a simple hour long tv programme (it was actually something like 46 minutes; there is a standard amount of time allotted for advertising) of weekly highlights, news etc. And it was really well made, high octane, often funny, always dramatic. They used to sell it really really cheaply, practically give it away to tv stations around the world. RTE have always shopped in that kind of market,

so it would be repeated regularly, especially at night. And because I really enjoyed that, I like watching AFL ever since. I wouldn't follow the ins and outs properly, but you'd pick up a general idea of how it's going.

It might be old news by the time ye read this, but I can't resist pointing this out to those who haven't seen it. Conor McKenna from Tyrone scored a goal for the Brisbane Lions in their win over Collingwood at the Melbourne Cricket Stadium. He was at full stretch, just managing to reach out his right foot at full speed and just gently bounce the ball, inches from going wide at pace, through the tiniest sliver of an angle and between the posts. Really phenomenal.

SOCCER

Transfer News by Óran O'Hare-Barry

Ferran Torres has joined PSG from Barcelona for a fee of €50 million. The World Cup often serves as a platform for breakout players to show their talent, and there isn't a much better way to do so than scoring the World Cup final winner. He was not present in PSG's Trophée des Champions (French equivalent of the Community Shield) clash VS Lens, which they lost 1-0. He joins a formidable attacking line up, featuring stars such as Kvaratskhelia, Dembélé, and Doue. The latter two shining at the World Cup for France. Together, they will be hoping to bring PSG to a third Champions League title in a row.

As of Monday 17th August, West Ham and Real Betis are both pursuing the signature of Irish star Troy Parrott. The 24-year-old was in exceptional form last season, with an impressive 37 goals between his games for AZ and Ireland. He's been left out of AZ's squad as of late, implying that he will be taking his talent elsewhere. A move to a major league such as La Liga would be hugely beneficial for him. Particularly, to join a challenging team such as Real Betis, who finished 5th in the league last year, and will compete in the Champions League this year.

Djed Spence has moved from Spurs to Inter Milan for a fee of approximately €35 million.

Another man who has excelled on the international stage, the right-back was a standout performer for England this summer. In today's transfer market, €35 million for a 26-year-old coming off a strong international tournament might seem like a steal. This is the second English defender the reigning Italian champions have signed this summer, following the acquisition of John Stones on a free transfer in July.

Another departure for Spurs, Cristian Romero has joined Atletico Madrid for a fee of approximately €40 million. The World Cup finalist joins several of his Argentine teammates in the Spanish capital, such as Julián Alvarez and Giuliano Simeone. It's no secret that Spurs have seriously struggled over the last couple of years, only narrowly avoiding relegation to the Championship in May. It is imperative that they put the revenue gained from their departures towards building a stronger defence.

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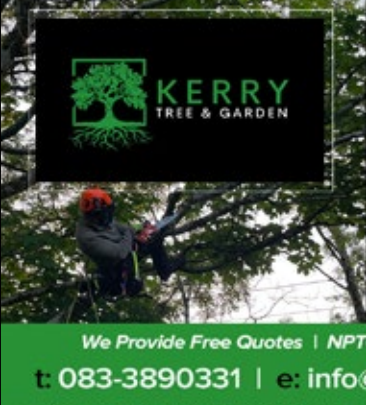
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"God takes no pleasure in the strength of a horse or in human might. No, the LORD's delight is in those who fear Him, those who put their hope in His unfailing Love" (Psalm 147:10-11).

Welcome back dear student, mankind puts trust in many things other than the LORD God. The enemy uses man's power and strength to impress or trick people who can't see help coming from anywhere else. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). In coming to know the LORD of Heaven's Armies – we discover His endless Love for us, and how majestic and all powerful He is (Psalm 20:7-9). 'I look to the mountains, where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth... He will not let your foot slip, He Who keeps us will not slumber or sleep' (Psalm 121).

We need God's help now more than ever - putting it mildly, things have gone haywire. Lawlessness, violence, reckless lack of respect for life, antisemitism, and strife are everywhere, and there is no fear of God. There has been no accountability, no reporting or confrontation of evil, and no common sense - instead there is a soft approach taken out of fear of causing offence. Some measure worth in achievements or activism, while scoffing at morality, respect, and integrity. Fakeness and corruption are accepted - no-one bats an eyelid. We are being dictated to by folks who neither know nor care about our culture, or our history. It's every man for himself – cover your back: and help yourself. That's not God's nature! Because we are generally a kind and respectful nation, most have just gone along with the flow, without realising the consequences of passivity. They talk of how the Irish emigrated – yet conveniently leave out that they worked, contributed, and enriched those nations with blood, sweat, and tears. They were lonely for home, but they integrated and built vibrant societies upon Christian values, grateful for the opportunities given. People reminisce that Ireland was a land of saints and scholars. That's been sadly forgotten, now they're taking us for fools.

The recent Fleadh demonstrated that all is not lost. Irish traditional music, dance, and craic is thriving. Many were blown away by the effect of the celebration upon the city of Belfast. Sadly, at times it's felt like some have become ashamed of who we are. We are a Christian nation who have warmly welcomed people here for decades from across the globe. They have worked and contributed so much when they've integrated. We cannot allow powerful global forces to dilute and eradicate our Christian heritage or crush our unique nature. Our forefathers endured enough of that pain. Many nations are realising that embracing open borders, and unrestrained ideologies is destructive to their national identity and security. It's not being racist or phobic, but we cannot allow the distinct beauty of our native people be destroyed trying to please everyone.

What's the answer? Not violence, or more talk. It's our faith! For the past two years Christian Voice Ireland has organised the March4Jesus in Dublin. Twelve thousand people marched in 2024, and last year over twenty-five thousand showed up! It's not a political march, or an activist movement. It's simply Christians from every denomination worshipping and exalting the LORD Jesus on the streets of our capital city, praying together. Feet on the ground is the only language to express the power of our Christian heritage. Our help comes from the Living God and, united, we can serve Him for the honour of His Name. This year's March takes place on Saturday 26th September in Dublin. Yes, it is a journey and commitment - but so worth it friends – a joyous day of celebrating our LORD Jesus Christ!

Bible Study and Prayer every Sunday @ 11am and Thursday @ 7.30pm at Word of Victory Christian Fellowship Killarney V93V6X4

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 Sundays @ 6pm

LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK.

This takes place on Sunday 27th September. The bus leaves at 6.30 a.m. from the Church of the Resurrection Park, Road, Killarney. Stops in Farranfore and Castleisland. Price 30.00 euro. Ring Pat at 086 8510423 for booking.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

The KILLARNEY ST. PIO PRAYER GROUP is organizing a pilgrimage to Italy, visiting Assisi and places associated with St. Pio. More information from Michael Clifford, 095 1309835

EVENING OF HEALING, WITH PRAISE WORSHIP AND HOLY MASS

Led by Fr John Keane, supported by Deacon Thady O'Connor at St Agathas Church, Glenflesk V93 XK54 on Friday 28th of August at 7pm preceded by the Rosary, Everyone Welcome.

LISTEN TO HORIZONS ON RADIO KERRY Sunday mornings at 9.00am - Communicating the Christian message

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BINGO at St. Mary's Parish Hall, will be held on Thursdays @ 8.30pm. All Welcome.

FREE DIGITAL SKILLS SUPPORT

Want to feel more confident using your phone, tablet, or laptop? Free, friendly support sessions begin at the Killarney ABE Centre on Tuesday, 15th September, from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Learn to browse safely, email, and stay connected at your own pace. All welcome. For more information, please contact Elaine on 0867969625 or elaine.clifford@staff.kerryetb.ie

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MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND (2-4 OCT 2026)

Marriage Encounter Ireland invites married couples to a residential Weekend from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th October 2026 at the "Focolare Centre" "Curryhills", Prosperous, Co. Kildare.

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A PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

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

PRAYER TO MOUNT CARMEL

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother.
O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity.
There are none that can withstand your power.
O show me herein you are my mother.
O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times).
Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (three times).
Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days and then you must publish it and it will be granted to you.

2ND ANNIVERSARY & 17TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

PADRAIC & MARGUERITE FINNERTY



GRAIGHIN AGHADOE, KILLARNEY, CO.KERRY

DIED SEPTEMBER 3RD 2024.

DIED 14TH JULY 2009.

*God called your name so softly, that only you could hear,
and no one heard the footsteps of angels drawing near.
The golden gates stood open, God saw you needed rest,
His garden must be beautiful, He only takes the best.*

*Sacred heart of Jesus, We place our trust in thee,
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us.*

Sadly missed and remembered by Una, Olivia and Karol, family and friends.

Anniversary Mass at Fossa Church, Sunday, September 13th at 10am.

13TH AND 7TH ANNIVERSARIES

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**BRENDAN HEFFERNAN
AND HIS SISTER
CAITRIONA HEFFERNAN FLEMING**



LACKABANE, KILLARNEY

DIED SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2013

DIED OCTOBER 10TH, 2019

*Asleep in God's beautiful garden
Free from all sorrow and pain
Some day when life's journey is ended
We will be together again.*

Always remembered by their loving family and friends.

Anniversary Mass for both will be held on Thursday, September 3rd at 6.15pm in St. Mary's Cathedral

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly (Mention your request here. . .)

And that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen

5TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**CLARE
QUINLIVAN**



KNOCKMANAGH, KILLARNEY.

WHO PASSED ON
1ST SEPTEMBER, 2021,
BUT WHOSE BEAUTIFUL
LIGHT WE STILL SHARE.

"Forever in Our Hearts"

Con, Lauren and Andrew.

Anniversary Mass
Saturday, 29th August at 6.15pm,
in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney.

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

You have said O Divine Jesus, ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be opened to you. Relying on these promises, I come with confidence during this novena to beg of you the favours that I need (make request). From whom shall I ask Lord Jesus if not from you whose heart is an unfailing source of graces and merits. Most loving heart of my God. I believe in your power, I believe in your knowledge I believe in your personal love for me, and therefore O Sacred Heart of Jesus I place all my trust in you. Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory. Say 3 times for 3 days and request will be granted. Never known to fail. Must publish.

POWERFUL NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

O my Jesus, you have said:
"Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you."

Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of. . .

(Mention your Intention Here)

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I place all my trust in you.

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