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A Note from the EDITOR



Welcome to this week's Killarney Outlook! It's a busy one, full of festive fun, news, sport and of course fantastic offers from our loyal advertisers. Spa Mothers & Others turned on the style for their annual awards night, there has been broad welcome for the news that the Killarney to Farranfore Bypass will commence in 2030 and the Chamber of Tourism & Commerce has welcomed a new vice president. Preparations for this year's annual Christmas Day Dip are underway with the help of local clubs, a Killarney skincare company has hit the headlines and winners have been announced in the Killarney Women's Shed Photography competition. Glenflesk is buzzing following their annual Christmas Bazaar and their upcoming Christmas Concert, there were national awards for the O'Connor family and the Tree of Light is being dedicated to the late Donal Grady. Anne Lucey takes a look at the laneways of Killarney, Kerry FC enjoy their annual celebration night and 12,000 people will descend on Killarney next week as the Irish Citizenship Ceremonies take place. In sport, Kingdom Wheelblasters welcome clubs to MTU, Ryan Kelliher signs a new multi year deal with Kerry FC and Jimmy takes a look at All Things Sport. Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie



*A beautiful frosty morning
in Killarney park captured
by Julie Gaffey*



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KILLARNEY-FARRANFORE BYPASS TO REACH CONSTRUCTION BY 2030 UNDER NEW NDP SECTORAL PLAN

Minister Michael Healy-Rae TD and Deputy Danny Healy-Rae TD have welcomed what they describe as a "historic and long-overdue commitment" from Government as the N22 Killarney-Farranfore section of the Kerry-Cork Economic Corridor is to be formally included in the Department of Transport's Sectoral Plan under the National Development Plan Review, to be published today.

For the first time, Government is explicitly committing that this major infrastructure project, costed at well over €200 million as categorised in the plan, will reach construction within the lifetime of this NDP, by 2030.

Minister Michael Healy-Rae said: "This is the clearest and strongest commitment that has ever been made to this project. The Killarney-Farranfore Bypass is finally being treated as the strategic national investment that it is, and Government is now publicly committing to have it at construction by 2030. That is the ambition Kerry has waited far too long to hear." He added that the shift in momentum did not happen by accident:

"Let's call it straight, this commitment was lacking in the last government. The truth is that if this project was left to others it would still be sitting on a shelf. The difference this time is simple: the Healy-Rae's are at the table, and Kerry is finally getting its fair share."

Deputy Danny Healy-Rae said: A new dawn arrived at the beginning of this year with the €3 million allocation secured for Kerry County Council, funding that never would have been delivered without us. That allocation allowed the topographical surveys, the ground investigation works beginning on 3 November,

and the detailed planning and design phase to move ahead. You cannot build a multi-million road without doing the groundwork first, and we made sure it happened."

Both Deputies highlighted that the project is vital not only for Killarney but for the entire county, strengthening the Kerry-Cork Economic Corridor, easing congestion, improving safety, and supporting long-term economic development.

Minister Michael Healy-Rae concluded:

"I want to sincerely thank the Taoiseach, the Tánaiste and the Minister for Transport for recognising the importance of this project and for supporting its inclusion in the NDP Sectoral Plan. Their commitment ensures that this project is now firmly positioned for delivery, something Kerry has been seeking for decades. This is exactly what we said when we agreed to support this Government, that key infrastructure projects in Kerry would finally move from talk to delivery. Today's

announcement proves that commitment is being honoured."

Minister Norma Foley has also welcomed the news saying:

"Since becoming minister in the last government and this present government, I have secured funding to allow for route selection and preliminary works for the Killarney bypass. Today the final tranche of funding of up to €500 million for the Farranfore to Killarney bypass is included in the Transport sectoral plan, which is one of the key road projects for funding and delivery by government."

Minister Foley also welcomed the funding in the plan for new road developments which will positively impact and improve access to County Kerry.

"It is very positive to see funding confirmed for the Abbeyfeale and Newcastle West relief roads and the Limerick to Foynes route, which includes Adare bypass due for completion in 2027", she added.



Oh What a night!

Spa Mothers & Others Bring the Glam and the fun to Annual Awards Night

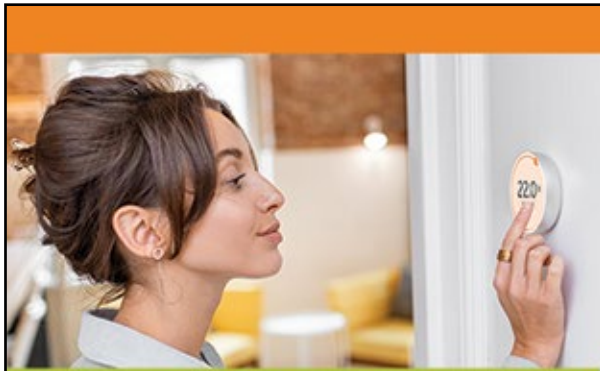
Spa Mothers & Others lit up the annual awards ceremony with style, sparkle, and plenty of laughter. The group arrived to JM Reidy's in full glam mode, celebrating another fantastic year of friendship, community, and feel-good energy.

A special shout-out goes to mentors Kieran McCarthy and Susan Waters, whose support and encouragement continue to make every member feel like a true VIP. Their dedication remains at the heart of the group's success.

This year also saw the debut of the group's brand-new Walking Club, created to make the most of the beautiful 1km track, and judging by the enthusiasm, it's already a hit!

A massive thank-you to J.M. Reidy's for hosting the celebration, Karen at Loughdale Cottage for her flawless organisation, and Anita O'Donoghue, whose stunning balloon displays added an extra burst of magic to the night.

As the season wraps up, the message is simple: new members are always welcome.



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KILLARNEY PUTS EMPHASIS ON CYBER SECURITY

Businesses in Killarney have been fully briefed on what measures they need to take to ensure greater cyber security to protect their companies. Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce hosted a very informative breakfast briefing in the International Hotel at which they keynote speakers were cyber security experts Mike Dennehy and Ger McAuliffe from progressive local company Tricel.

The opening question at the event was how will a business operate tomorrow if it loses access to its data today?

Mike and Ger recommended that all employers to include IT training as part of the induction programme for new entrants, organise monthly awareness training for all employees and to conduct monthly spot-checks to ensure everything is going according to plan.

It was essential, they pointed out not to give the same level of access to all employees to reduce risk and to devise a disaster recovery plan in case it is needed.

Companies have also been advised not to allow the public to use their private wi-fi network and, instead, to set up a public or guest network.

Chamber thanked the experts from Tricel for their engaging talk which certainly put the spotlight very firmly on the need to enhance cyber security measures.



Siobhan O'Shea (Aghadoe Heights Hotel), Roisin Kivlehan (ETC), and Josie O'Kelly (Muckcross Park Hotel) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members breakfast briefing on Cyber Security in The International Hotel, Killarney.

Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Tomas Griffin (AIB Bank), Catriona White (International Hotel) and Sean O'Sullivan at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members breakfast briefing on Cyber Security in The International Hotel, Killarney. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Ger McAuliffe, Cyber Security and Infrastructure Manager Tricel Group, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President Johnny McGuire and Mike Dennehy, IT Manager Tricel Group at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members breakfast briefing on Cyber Security in The International Hotel, Killarney. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Eoin Brosnan (Brosnan & Co. Solicitors), Mike Buckley (Kerry Coaches), Michael McSweeney (Gleneagle Group) and Tomas Griffin (AIB Bank) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members breakfast briefing on Cyber Security in The International Hotel, Killarney. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Norma O'Regan (Killarney Chamber), Ger McAuliffe, Cyber Security and Infrastructure Manager Tricel Group, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce President Johnny McGuire, Mike Dennehy, IT Manager Tricel Group and Finbarr Kennelly (Kennellys Pharmacy) at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce members breakfast briefing on Cyber Security in The International Hotel, Killarney. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



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At the launch of the Christmas charity dip, Tina O'Donoghue, Caitriona Shanahan, Carol Horne, Nikki McCarthy, Gleidiane Temoteo, Kevin Murphy, Jess O'Connor, Liam Fleming, Mary O'Donoghue and Abbie Fleming. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Santa Claus Takes Over the Reins from Nikki as Killarney's Christmas Day Dip Enters a New Era

For the past sixteen years, Christmas morning in Killarney has begun with a splash, and with the unmistakable voice of Nikki McCarthy echoing across Dundag Shore as she launched the annual Charity Dip on Muckross Lake. Together with her husband David, Nikki has built the Christmas Day Dip into one of the most popular festive traditions in Killarney, attracting hundreds of hardy swimmers and spectators each year.

This Christmas marks a significant transition, as Nikki and David pass the organisational reins to the Killarney Cycling Club, supported by the Killarney Triathlon Club. While the McCarthys step back from leading the event,

their legacy remains firmly woven into the festive fabric of the community.

The Dip will continue its beloved traditions, beginning with the annual loudhailer countdown at 11:00 a.m. sharp on Christmas morning. Attendees are advised to arrive early and use designated parking at the Arboretum or Muckross House car parks to ensure smooth access to the lakeshore.

Over the years, the McCarthys' dedication has raised more than €70,000 for Aware, the national charity supporting individuals experiencing depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety, and their loved ones. The funds have helped Aware continue providing free,

compassionate services at a time of year that can be particularly challenging for many.

As the event moves into its next chapter, the spirit of generosity and community that Nikki and David fostered remains as strong as ever. And while Santa Claus may be the symbolic figure taking over the reins this year, the heart of the tradition, coming together for a good cause, continues to shine just as brightly.

This Christmas morning, swimmers will once again take the icy plunge for Aware, knowing they are carrying forward a tradition built on kindness, community, and festive cheer.

Kerry Archaeological And Historical Society Launches Annual Journal And Kerry Magazine 202

The Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council was the guest of honour at Tralee Library on Thursday evening for the launch of the 2025 editions of two popular publications from the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society. Cllr Michael Foley was present for the publication of the 2025 Journal of the Society as well as this year's Kerry Magazine, both of which are now on sale across the county and online.

The 2025 Journal of the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society includes a diverse collection of chapters, from the O'Connells of south Kerry to the bog tracks of north Kerry, from the role of the railway line in Killarney to Labour and the revolution in Kerry, and from the life and times of Denis Shine Lawlor to the life and times of Brian Kelly.

The Kerry Magazine for 2025 contains a very wide array of short articles on a diverse range of topics including religious frenzy in Dingle in 1846, the O'Rahilly of Ballylongford, and the Clashmealcon Caves executions.

Cllr Foley said: "I very much look forward to this year's edition of the Kerry Magazine which continues to be a very popular publication for Kerry people at home and abroad. I know that it is widely read by Kerry people all over the globe and it is the ideal Christmas gift. The magazine, edited by Edel Codd, provides a wide selection of articles from across the whole spectrum of history and heritage in the county and, I am sure, will prove as popular as ever this year.



Pictured at Kerry County Library on Thursday evening for the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society's launch of the 2025 Journal and also Kerry Magazine from front l-r were: Tom Roche, Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Michael Foley, Edel Codd and Tony Bergin (President). Back l-r were: Jerry Flynn, Owen O'Shea (MC), Tadhg Ó Coileáin, Bryan MacMahon, John Flaherty, Jim O'Sullivan, Con Traynor, Pádraig Ó Concubhair, Jimmy Deenihan and Muiris Bric. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

"I also congratulate editor Tony Bergin and those involved in bringing the annual Journal to the public this year. For decades now, the Journal has presented an exceptionally high standard of articles on the many diverse aspects of the story of our county. Maintaining that high academic standard, it also appeals to a wide readership and anyone with an interest

in that story," Cllr Foley added.

The Journal and Magazine are available for purchase in hard copy and soft copy from www.kerryhistory.ie and will also be available in shops and bookshops throughout the county including Tralee, Killarney, Listowel, Dingle and Caherciveen.



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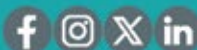
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Killarney Organic, a proud purveyor of certified organic, plant-powered skincare, celebrated a major victory last weekend at the Hi Style Awards, held at the Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa in Cork.

Owned and operated by Killarney woman Rosemary O'Connor, and based on Mill Road, Killarney Organic has gone from strength to strength over the past years.

This accolade places Killarney Organic among the most elite brands in the industry and serves as a testament to their dedication to creating gentle yet effective skincare. The brand is deeply proud to promote its range of high-quality, organic products that are focused on wellness and using the purest ingredients for sensitive skin at a fabulous affordable price point.

The Killarney Organic team is now focusing on the upcoming festive season and is excited to meet customers at the Christmas Markets in Killarney. You can find our stand for three weekends in December, where we will be proud to be offering some of our new ranges offering perfect, organic gift options for the holidays.

The brand also has exciting plans for expansion in the new year our KO range an offshoot of killarney organic which will include the introduction of new product lines starting off with handbags. This growth marks a promising new chapter for the Killarney brand.

Rosemary O'Connor, Killarney Organic is presented with the High Style Wellness Brand Award by Deric O h'Artsgain,



Rosemary O'Connor proprietor of Killarney Organic.

Landmark portraits of Munster Women Unveiled as part of Accenture's Women on Walls at University College Cork

Artworks depict trailblazing women with ties to Kerry, including Dr. Patricia Sheahan

A significant new series of contemporary fine art portraits celebrating pioneering women from across Munster, including Kerry's own Dr. Patricia Sheahan, have been unveiled at University College Cork (UCC).

Commissioned as part of Accenture's Women on Walls at UCC, 11 trailblazing women from, or with links to, the Munster region are featured in the portraits. The collection was officially unveiled today at a ceremony in UCC's historic Aula Maxima, where they will

now be displayed as part of the UCC Art Collection.

Following a powerful public response to an open call for subject nominations, more than 600 submissions were received in 2024. 11

subjects were then selected by a panel of UCC staff and student leaders. The commissioned portraits were created by Irish-based artists Gerry Davis, Vanessa Jones, Vera Klute, and Julianne Guinee, selected following a competitive open call for artists led by Business to Arts.

Group portrait consists of:

Brigid Carmody, Coordinator of Cork Traveller Women's Network, a grass-roots community organisation that works for Traveller rights, leadership, culture and heritage.

Mary Crilly, feminist activist and founding member and CEO of the Sexual Violence Centre Cork.

Dr. Myra Cullinane, medical doctor, barrister

and Senior Dublin District coroner who held the Stardust inquests.

Dr. Evelyn Grant, musician, broadcaster, educator, arts advocate, social entrepreneur and co-founder of the Cork Pops Orchestra.

Dr. Naomi Masheti, psychologist, three-time UCC graduate and Programme Director of the Cork Migrant Centre.

Dr. Patricia Sheahan, consultant palliative care physician and head of palliative care at University Hospital Kerry.

Caitríona Twomey, volunteer co-ordinator of Cork Penny Dinners, a charity that offers food and support to anyone in need.

Dola Twomey, therapist/activist at the Sexual Violence Centre Cork.

Accenture Women on Walls. Picture by Shane O'Neill, Coalesce.



Accenture Women on Walls. Including Joanne O'Riordan, sports journalist, disability activist and motivational speaker (on left) Picture by Shane O'Neill, Coalesce.



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Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
happening in Killarney



THE LANEWAYS OF KILLARNEY ARE THE HEART OF THE TOWN

It was with particular interest I saw the the lanes raised by Councillor John O'Donoghue at the meeting of the Killarney MD.

Around forty years ago, the then Killarney UDC commissioned architect designed plans on low rise craft centres, shops and cafes for the lanes. Alas the beast the Celtic Tiger arrived and swallowed them.

Some - but thankfully not all - the lanes lost their character.

Those down by the old Hilliards with fine two storey buildings for instance are not quite destroyed and they retain an amount of history. An aunt of mine once told me how every house

there lost someone in World War One.

The names alone are worth some research - Bishop's, Chapel, Barry's, Pawn Office, Bowers, Ball Court, Brasby's, Hogan's, Duckett, Bower's, Pig's, and so on.

John wants a muti-annual restoration project for the laneways.

"The laneways of Killarney are of enormous historical and cultural significance as they are the 'Old Killarney' where residents of the town lived in large numbers, and indeed where many of our ancestors came from. They are part of the fabric of our town and are still inhabited," he said.

There is good news - the council told John it has secured funding and plans to strengthen the use of the lanes and rejuvenate them.



The laneway beside the old Hilliards Shop on Main Street.

PUBLIC TOILETS: WORLD TOILET DAY URGES US TO SPEND MORE PENNIES

World Toilet Day highlighting the dire lack of toilet facilities globally last week went largely unremarked. Apart from a call by Clean Coasts about what to flush and not to flush. But public toilets are a serious convenience. The older we get the more toilets we need, a meeting of Tralee Municipal District heard.

Fine Gael councillor Angie Baily said on the one hand more people are engaging in outdoor pursuits, while at the same time we have older people. All needing the "bog" was the gist of it. In fact, if you look at some of the outdoor pursuits people, many are retired. In other words they have the leisure time and often have a penny to spend - in more ways than one. Hence Angie's call for portable toilets in places like Blennerville, the gateway to cycling and walking in the west Kerry and Tralee area. This was "the comfort" of the many tourists, cyclists, runners and walkers using the village

as their start and finish point, Angie said.

This column and indeed other councillors have long called for more public facilities not just on beaches and in towns.

Popular mountain hill walking areas at Carrauntoohil and Mangerton also need toilets for their thousands of users undertaking walks of several hours.

The UN's world toilet day had a theme this year "Sanitation in a Changing World," and this could well tie in with Angie's double edged idea - aging and more outdoor activity.

The council says it must look after and do up the 37 public conveniences under its remit before it can provide new public toilets.

It has set aside €1.145 million in next year's budget for operation and maintenance of the public conveniences in Kerry.

But the pressure must be kept on for more pence for the public's convenience.

THE IRISH LANGUAGE - CELEBRATE THE CÚPLA FOCAL BUT STOP PRETENDING IT'S THE FULL SENTENCE.

Pa Daly TD seems greatly exercised by the use of the Irish language and recently kicked up a storm about the main sign at Kerry Airport which he maintains should be bilingual.

Bilingualism may not even be the objective. There is a certain sense about much of this new Irish language movement which would promote this official language as the first over English and perhaps replace it altogether.

While yes, it is right we have acknowledgment of Irish, I am not certain it is a medium for our lives. The Liam O'Murchú Trom agus Eadrom approach is probably the best - a phrase anois's arís. For a start we don't have a natural Irish any more. I wince when I hear the thin careful halting caighdeán spoken by 98 per cent of those who speak Irish now, including our new President. It is little more than a direct literal translation - word for word. Esperanto would do as well.

The truth about the what we call the revived Irish of today is that it is barely a skeleton of what once was. It has no flesh. We can thank ourselves for this, and not blame the English. The attempt 100 years ago to force Irish down the throats of every school child choked the natural language. The grammar, the correctness, the sanitisation, the concentration on the purity of the language supposed to reflect the purity of the Gael was such that we can't curse in Irish anymore; we can't feel in Irish; we can't love or grieve in Irish. We lost all our emotional tools and have had to pick up new tools in English. What we have mostly in the revived Irish

is an anaemic version of what it once was. That's the truth. As the poet and my old teacher John Montague put it "a new tongue was grafted". John believed his sometimes terrible stutter was linked to the trauma of the language change. The new Irish may be grafted again but it will be just as difficult a graft. And it will be rose without perfume.

My generation and older are probably privileged. At least we have the underground river of Irish in the way we speak English. For English was very much a language being learned when I was young. I recall how conscious we were of correct grammar as people said does bes and don't bes and got tenses and number mixed up. "He were here; he was came," was often heard.

Some could never pronounce v so that very became "wery" (w doesn't exist in Irish and v is an import). English was a language being learned. There was a self-consciousness about it. Then of course when we went to school, we faced a similar challenge with Irish. The wonder is we speak any language at all! Irish too might have been anchored in more fertile plains - inland places where the bardic schools and their refined literary colloquies still echoed, rather than the barren hungry coasts.

Those jumping up and down about the revival might be a bit more up front. Oh and Pa Daly's own press releases come only in English. Oops.

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NEW VICE PRESIDENT for Killarney Chamber



Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce vice president Carol Dempsey and president Johnny McGuire with members of the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce executive in The Killarney Park Hotel. Second row from left are Padraig Treacy, Bernadette Randles, Sarah Treacy, Claire Frawley and Michael Culloty. Back from left are Niall Kelleher, Pat O'Leary, Diarmuid Leen, Conor Hennigan, Pat O'Sullivan Greene, John Foran and Finbarr Kennelly. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce vice president Carol Dempsey and president Johnny McGuire at the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce executive meeting in The Killarney Park Hotel. Picture: Eamonn Keogh

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce has a new vice president. Carol Dempsey has joined the executive of the business representative organisation which had its end-of-year meeting in the Killarney Park Hotel on Wednesday.

Carol will work closely with president Johnny McGuire on several projects over the next 12 months.

A native of Dungarvan, Co Waterford, she has lived and worked in Killarney for the past 35 years and she owns and operates the Children's House Montessori Schools in Killarney and Milltown.

She works alongside her daughter, Róisín, who returned after some time in Canada to work in the business.

Carol has represented the Montessori community at an executive level

both nationally and internationally.

A long-time member of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, she was very involved in the early days of the Christmas in Killarney Festival and she is also a member of the organising committee of the hugely successful Wander Wild Festival.

Carol said she is really looking forward to working with the team at Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce which has a very dynamic and can-do attitude.

"Killarney gives us so much in terms of vibrancy and vitality and I am looking forward

to giving something back and playing a greater role going forward," she said.

Pig's Lane 'Highly Commended' at Irish Food & Wine Awards



The Pigs Lane Team pictured at the Food & Wine Restaurant of the Year Awards 2025 in the Shelbourne Hotel Dublin. Picture Andres Poveda

Pig's Lane was proud to be 'Highly Commended' in the 'Best Cocktail Experience' category at the prestigious 2025 Food & Wine Restaurant of the Year Awards, held recently at the Shelbourne Hotel in Dublin in association with Rémy Martin.

The awards, a highlight of Ireland's culinary calendar, celebrate the very best in restaurants, cafés, wine experiences, and cocktail programmes nationwide.

The award placed the Killarney venue in second place on the night, behind one of Ireland's most accoladed bars, Bar 1661 in Dublin. The recognition comes hot on the heels of a string of accolades for Pig's Lane this year, including winning Best Designed Bar at the 2025 Bar of the Year Awards and receiving 1 Pin from the prestigious Pinnacle Guide, an honour shared by only two other Irish bars including, Bar 1661 and The Sidecar at The Westbury Hotel.

Founder of Pig's Lane, Gemma Ring commented: 'It's an honour to receive this recognition from Food & Wine Ireland. The awards celebrate the very best of Irish food and drink so to be recognised at this level and among the countries finest bars is incredibly special for us.'



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KERRY FC ENJOY *Celebration Night*

Players, supporters and volunteers dropped the football kits for the glad rags on Friday night as the club united as one at the 2025 Kerry FC Celebration night, which took place in the Rose Hotel in Tralee on Friday night.

With over 200 guests in attendance, it was a fantastic evening as we celebrated a record-breaking season for the club both on and off the field. The club won their first piece of League of Ireland Silverware with victory in the EA Sports LOI Academy MU20 Shield competition, while our MU15s and MU14s brought home winners' trophies from the London Pro-Elite Cups on the August Bank Holiday Weekend. All 3 trophies were proudly on display in front of the stage on the night. It was also a season to remember for our senior side, who recorded their highest league finish with a record points total, all while reaching the last 4 of the Sports Direct Men's FAI Cup. The night was MC'd by club media officer and Radio Kerry presenter Ivan Hurley, who kept the crowd entertained throughout the evening.

Award Winners

The club's special merit award was presented to the Tralee Gladiators Football For All team, who joined forces with Kerry FC in the off-season. They instantly became part of the Kerry FC community in Mounthawk Park and the group has been growing from strength the strength ever since.

5 awards were presented for our Academy team's Players of the Year.

Iarla O'Donovan won the MU14 award but was absent on the night after undergoing a successful ACL surgery earlier in the day. The club wish him a speedy recovery.

MU15 captain Ryan McDonnell was crowned Under 15 Player of the Year as he led his side to glory in England in August.

Aideen Riedy was presented with the WU17 POTY award after an outstanding first season



Aideen Riedy was named Women's Under 17 Player of the Season.

with Kerry FC.

Ethan Ballard won the MU17 accolade while Shayne Stack took home the MU20 honours, after scoring 3 goals on Kerry's way to victory last month.

Senior Awards

Cian Brosnan won the 2025 Goal of the Season title with his super volley against Cobh Ramblers in the Sports Direct Men's FAI Cup 3rd Round. The Tralee man won with over 50% of the fan vote and made it two Goal of the Season awards in as many seasons for the fan favourite.

Ronan Teahan was voted as the Supporters' Player of the Season after another impressive campaign for the Cahersiveen native. Again, with a large supporter-led vote, Ronan was well received by the crowd gathered in the Lee Suite of the Rose Hotel on Friday night.

Niall Brookwell won the 2025 Senior Player of the Season. The Wigan native impressed in his

first year in Mounthawk Park, scoring 3 goals from his defensive position. A leader on and off the field, Niall was a deserving winner of the ultimate prize. Absent on the night, Niall's award was collected by club captain Sean McGrath.

The final award of the evening was the inaugural 'Alfie' Award, a prize to recognise the hard work and commitment of Kerry FC's match night volunteers. Adrian O'Connor, a dedicated volunteer for 3 years, sadly passed away during the season, but his memory will live long in the hearts of everyone in Kerry FC. Mark Nolan was presented with the award by Adrian's daughter, Carmel and our Matchday Operations Manager, Gerardine Nagle.

Kerry FC would like to thank the Rose Hotel for hosting the evening, and a massive thanks to everyone who made the effort to attend the night and make it another memorable evening for the football club.



Cahersiveen's Ronan Teahan took home the supporters player of the year award



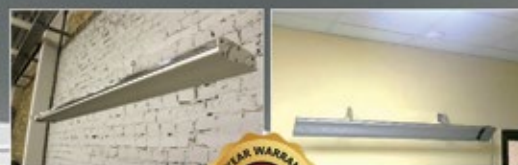
First Team Coach and Killarney man Conor McCarthy presenting Cian Brosnan with the Goal of the Season Award

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EOIN AND ALEX TO REPRESENT IRELAND IN THE US

Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra, Rathmore is proudly celebrating the outstanding achievement of their students Eoin Cashman and Alex Thompson who came overall runners-up in the National SciFest finals in Marino College, Dublin last week, winning the Regeneron International Science & Engineering award and will now go on to represent Ireland in a world event to take place in Phoenix, Arizona, US in 2026.

Their project was titled "Dust Dynamics: Analysing Planetary Bodies through the Ballistic Motion of Lofted Dust Particles". This project explores how the motion of moving dust particles can be used to determine the physical properties of a planets environment and calculate such quantities as atmospheric density and acceleration due to gravity. In their work they analysed the behaviour of the dust particles kicked up by the tyres of the Lunar Roving Vehicle driven by Commander John Young on the lunar surface during the Apollo 16 mission in 1972 as observed in the 16mm footage taken by astronaut Charlie Duke.

SciFest is the largest second-level STEM fair programme in Ireland. Hosted locally in schools and regionally in third-level colleges with the regional winners travelling to Dublin for the national finals. The

national winners then progress on to represent Ireland in the Regeneron International Science & Engineering Fair in Phoenix, Arizona in 2026. This is the world's largest pre-college science competition. In the finals in Dublin the lads had to present and explain their project to a series of judges from scientific, engineering and Physics backgrounds and drawn from colleges, universities and industry. Over 16,000 second-level students entered SciFest 2025 so to be judged as national runner-up was a major achievement.

In their analysis they use online software to track the motion of the dust particles and the equations of motion that they learnt in their Physics class to perform calculations. Their calculation of the value of the acceleration due to gravity on the lunar surface of 1.72 m/s^2 was within 6.7% of the accepted value. They believe that future applications of their work could include the analysis of footage taken on other planets such as Mars so as to determine characteristics such as the presence and density of an atmosphere as well as the strength of local gravity. Both students study Physics in Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra, Rathmore with their teacher Kevin McCarthy (who mentored the project) and all at SPSL are very proud of their achievement.



Alex Thompson, Kevin McCarthy (Physics teacher) and Eoin Cashman with their award in Dublin.



Alex Thompson and Eoin Cashman with their project at the national SciFest Finals in Dublin.

Santa's Grotto is on the move in Killarney

The big man in red was due to arrive at Deenagh Lodge in Killarney National Park in the build-up to Christmas but, due to ongoing works rethatching the roof of the traditional building, a decision has been decided to move.



Santa's new destination will be the Golden Gates Lodge in the grounds of Killarney House and Gardens. It is located just inside the entrance on the Muckross Road side (V93 X29C) and it is a very short stroll from the original destination.

Santa and his elves are really looking forward to seeing their new Killarney home in the park and they are very excited too to be able to visit the spectacular Killarney House and Gardens this year.

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Winners announced in Killarney Women's Shed Photography Competition

On Tuesday 18th November, Killarney Women's Shed held the Prizegiving of their Photography Competition and launched an Exhibition of Photographs taken by the Women of the Killarney Women's Shed.

The event took place in Killarney House and the free exhibition of photos will be in the beautiful Exhibition room overlooking the Gardens of Killarney House for the next two weeks. The committee of the Killarney Women's Shed would like to thank Diana Fawcitt and her team at Killarney House for all their help in making this event so successful.

The Photography Competition took place following Digital Photography workshops funded by SICAP funding through the South

Kerry Development Partnership.

Michelle Breen Crean, photographer, delivered the workshops teaching a range of skills related to the content of photos and the use of cameras on mobile phones. The theme of the competition was 'Timeless Landscapes' and being in Killarney there was no shortage of stunning landscapes to choose from.

The winners were, 1st Fionnuala Lynch, 2nd Anne O'Keefe, 3rd, Joan O'Gorman and 4th Mary O'Leary.

We would like to thank Michelle Breen Crean, Breda Joy, journalist and author, and Tatyana McGough, photographer, who pooled their expertise and creative talent to judge the seventy photos entered. Michelle, Breda and

Tatyana very kindly presented the prizes on the day and launched our photo exhibition.

The Killarney Women's Shed is about bringing women together, for connection, enjoyment, a range of activities and opportunities to participate in talks and presentations on a wide range of topics. The Shed provides an inclusive space for women, fostering kindness and support. It is also about social events, fundraisers and day trips.

The Shed meets every Tuesday at 10.30a.m. in the Spa GAA Club, Tiernaboul, Killarney. All our events are advertised on our facebook page, Killarney Women's Shed.



The winners of the Killarney Women's Shed 'Timeless Landscapes' photography competition currently on exhibition at Killarney House & Gardens were: Mary O'Leary (fourth place), Anne O'Keefe (second place), Joan O'Gorman (third place) and Fionnuala Lynch (first place). Also pictured are Sheila Martin (Chairperson) and photography judges Breda Joy and Tatyana McGough. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



Members of the Killarney Women's Shed enjoyed seeing their photography work 'Timeless Landscapes' on exhibition at Killarney House & Gardens on Tuesday morning where the winners of the competition were announced. Pictured are: Sheila Martin (Chairperson) and photography judges Breda Joy and Tatyana McGough. The winners were: Fionnuala Lynch (first place), Anne O'Keefe (second place), Joan O'Gorman (third place), and Mary O'Leary (fourth place). Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

Spar Launches Christmas Raffle 2025 to Support Firies National School Sports Development Fund

As the holiday season approaches, O'Connor's Spar has kicked off the festive spirit by announcing its Christmas Raffle 2025, a community-focused fundraiser designed to bring joy to participants while supporting a meaningful local cause. This year, all proceeds from the raffle will go directly to the Firies National School Sports Development Fund, helping enhance sports facilities and opportunities for students.

At the heart of the raffle is an impressive grand prize, an Electrolux Washing Machine & Dryer Set, offering one lucky winner a high-quality upgrade to their home. The prize reflects Spar's long-standing commitment to giving back to customers while investing in



the local community.

Residents and supporters can purchase raffle tickets conveniently at the counter inside O'Connor's Spar starting October 14th. Ticket pricing is especially accessible, with one ticket for €10, two for €15, or three for €20, encouraging shoppers to increase their chances while contributing to a worthy

initiative. The highly anticipated raffle draw will take place on December 8th, adding an extra touch of excitement to the Christmas season. Spar encourages everyone to "spread the cheer and support a great cause this Christmas," highlighting the importance of community spirit during the holidays. O'Connor's Spar extends its gratitude to all participants and supporters who help make the annual raffle a success. With every ticket purchased, the community moves a step closer to improved sports resources for the students of Firies National School — a gift that will last far beyond the festive season.

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NEW COLLECTION OF ESSAYS SHEDS FRESH LIGHT ON THE CIVIL WAR IN KERRY

The Civil War in County Kerry and its many impacts and legacies feature in a new book which was launched at the Kerry County Museum in Tralee on Friday evening by Minister Norma Foley. Edited by Bridget McAuliffe, Mary McAuliffe and Owen O'Shea, 'The Civil War in Kerry and Beyond: Histories, Memories and Legacies' is a compilation of essays from a range of academics, historians and researchers who spoke at the acclaimed Kerry Civil War Conference in Tralee in February 2023.

"We are so grateful to the very large crowd who turned out at the launch on Friday," said Mary McAuliffe, "and it's indicative of a continuing interest in this period which, for so long, wasn't spoken about in Ireland. Among those who joined us were descendants of those involved in the Civil War, which was very important."

The chapters in the book deal with the events of the war itself – in Kerry and elsewhere – as well as themes and topics of gender, trauma and loss, politics, social and economic impacts, and the many legacies of the Civil War a century later. It also features a chapter based on the innovative creative media exhibition on the conflict which was presented at the conference by students at Kerry College and the MTU Kerry Campus.

The contributors to the book include the late Martin Mansergh, Thomas Earls Fitzgerald, Daithí Ó Corráin, Orson McMahon, Richard McElligott, Liz Gillis, Hélène O'Keeffe, Fionnuala Walsh,



Pictured at the book launch of 'The Civil War in Kerry and Beyond: Histories, Memories and Legacies' in Kerry County Museum, Tralee on Friday evening (November 21st) from front l-r were: Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Michael Foley, Mary McAuliffe (Author), Minister Norma Foley, Owen O'Shea (Author), and Bridget McAuliffe (Editor). Back l-r were: Richard McElligott, Helene O'Keeffe, Lisa McElligott, Kieran McNulty, Philip Doyle and Siobhán Murphy.

Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

Kieran McNulty, Mary McAuliffe, Owen O'Shea, Tomás Mac Conmara, Siobhán Murphy, Lisa McElligott, John Dorney and Philip Doyle, and the students of MTU Kerry and Kerry College.

"We are grateful to have received support from the Department of Culture, Communications, and Sport as well as Kerry County Council and Kerry Library to enable the book to be published. We hope that it will serve not only as a reminder

of the excellent contributions made to the conference but also as a definitive collection of research on this important period," said Mary.

'The Civil War in Kerry and Beyond: Histories, Memories and Legacies' is published by Four Courts Press and is now available in all good bookshops and from the Kerry Civil War Conference website.

KILLARNEY PARISH SILVER CIRCLE

Week 7 Results

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Sean Kiely, Lewis Road Seller: Martin Walsh

Winners of €75 each are as follows;

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Nelius Walsh, Cappagh Seller: Parish Office

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Emily O'Leary, Rookery Road Seller: Nannette O'Leary

Adrian & Grainne O'Sullivan, Ballaugh Seller: Fr. Joe Begley

Congratulations to all winners, and thanks to all who supported, promoted and sponsored the draw this year. Tickets are still available from the Sacristies and Parish Office. This week's prize money is sponsored by: Gleeson Dental Surgery, Feoin Electric Ltd, Killarney Printing Works, PTSB Bank & O'Callaghan Plumbing Ltd

KILLARNEY LIBRARY TO HOST "CEOL CRUITE NA NOLLAGH" A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION OF HARP MUSIC

The gentle sounds of Irish harp music will fill Killarney Library this December as it hosts "Ceol Cruite na Nollagh: Christmas Music on Harps," a special seasonal performance showcasing some of the region's finest harpists. The event, taking place on Thursday, 4th December from 6:30pm to 7:30pm, will feature performances by a distinguished group of musicians, including Margaret Looney, Nina Wagner, Sr. Colette, Marina Blyth, Niamh O'Brien, and Reidun Schlesinger. Each performer brings a unique musical background and style, promising an evening of festive atmosphere and traditional charm. Organisers say the concert aims to celebrate both the Christmas season and Ireland's rich harp tradition, offering the community an opportunity to enjoy live music in a warm and welcoming setting. The library has a long history of hosting cultural events, and this year's Christmas programme is expected to draw strong public interest.

The event is free to attend, and families, music lovers, and community members are encouraged to come along and enjoy an hour of soothing seasonal melodies.

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HSE South West Opens Regional Community Neuro Rehabilitation Team

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley TD, has officially launched the new HSE South West Regional Community Neuro Rehabilitation Team, along with a new dedicated rehab building at Baile Mhuire, Tralee. The team, one of only three pilot services nationwide, provides specialist rehabilitation for people with neurological conditions, including stroke, injury-related impairments, and progressive illnesses, with bases in Tralee and Mallow.

Minister Foley described the launch as a "landmark day for Kerry," saying the service is transforming lives by offering high-quality, local care. She also praised the strong partnership between HSE South West and voluntary organisation Baile Mhuire, which provides accommodation and supports multiple community health programmes.

Julie O'Neill, HSE South West manager in Kerry, said the team's interventions are already helping people regain independence, from returning home safely to walking again. She highlighted Baile Mhuire's role in delivering a wide range of community services to more than 700 people weekly.

Angela O'Neill, Head of Disability Services, noted that the new centre provides both specialist staff and advanced equipment, allowing clients to receive intensive, 12-week therapy programmes. Baile Mhuire Chairperson Ed O'Connor welcomed the opening, saying it strengthens the campus as an integrated hub for neurological services in Kerry.



Minister for Children, Disability and Equality Norma Foley TD today (November 24 2025) officially launched the HSE South West regional Community Neuro Rehabilitation Team. During a visit to HSE and voluntary services at Baile Mhuire, Tralee, Minister Foley officially launched the region-wide service, and also officially opened a new Community Neuro Rehab building. Minister Foley pictured with service user Jerry O'Leary who was also helped by Bina O'Leary from Barraduff Co Kerry. Photo: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD

A Chara,

I have just attended a demonstration in Killarney town centre to highlight the plight of several tenants facing mass evictions from a housing estate in the town. It was organised by CATU, the Community Action Tenants' Union, a grassroots movement campaigning for stronger protections for tenants, struggling mortgage holders etc. It is heartening to see people mobilising in support of those who have little prospect of the basic shelter of a 'home' from one day to the next. At the same time, it is disappointing that none of our elected TDs or senators was present to support these unfortunate people and I spotted only one councillor, who was from the Tralee Municipal District. These are the people with the power to bring pressure to bear on government at a national level to address such pressing social issues. Mass eviction by institutional landlords is one of the major issues of our time, affecting tenants right across this country. And it is worth noting that such mass evictions will have consequences far beyond the tenants left homeless as a result. Community groups will be left without members, employers in our town will be left without essential workers, local schools can expect to lose pupils as many of the tenants are children attending primary and secondary schools in the area. Indeed the loss of pupils in significant numbers can jeopardise teaching jobs in smaller schools.

We hear on a regular basis about the efforts being made at regional and national levels to address the housing crisis. We are all so familiar with such terms as social and affordable housing, tenant-in-situ, housing first. However there appears to be no scheme and little political will to take urgent action to prevent this inhumane treatment of people who form an integral part of the fabric of our town. As a starting point, the 'no fault eviction ban' is worth reconsidering.

Miriam Ní Shúilleabháin

LETTER
TO THE
EDITOR



NEW GP PRACTICE OPENS IN KILLARNEY

Dunloe Medical Practice is opening on 1st December and is being led by **Dr Aidan Daly**, who has worked in Killarney for a number of years. He comes from a strong medical background and is a second-generation GP, following his father who worked as a GP for almost 50 years in Tralee and subsequently in Killarney.

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

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

Community Commitment Dr Daly intends to provide a personalised service to patients of all ages in a relaxed environment. The practice will offer state-of-the-art technology to ensure smooth and efficient delivery of service. Originally from Tralee, Dr Daly now lives in Beaufort with his wife and practice manager, Karina, and their son.



New patients, both medical card holders and private, are welcome to join Dunloe Medical Practice from 1st December.

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Trócaire warns millions of Sudanese children face starvation amid escalating conflict

Trócaire has warned that millions of children in Sudan are at risk of starvation as conflict-driven famine intensifies. Launching the agency's Christmas Appeal for Children Caught in Conflict, CEO Seán Farrell described Sudan as the world's largest humanitarian crisis, with 25 million people needing aid and 12 million displaced since violence erupted in April 2023.

Farrell called the situation a "genocide and man-made famine," stressing that children and women are being hit hardest. Nearly four million children are acutely malnourished, over two million newborns face life-threatening conditions due to a collapsed health system, and one in six children lack routine vaccinations.

Trócaire is providing healthcare in 15 centres and nutrition services in 11 outreach sites, but says demand is rising sharply. The organisation is urging global political leaders to act, calling for sanctions on warring parties, protection of civilians, unhindered humanitarian access, and support for Sudanese civil society.

Sudan is one of many crises affecting children worldwide; more than 473 million children live in conflict zones, with war driving most global humanitarian needs. Climate change is compounding these emergencies.

Sean Farrell is appealing to the public to support Trócaire's Christmas Appeal or purchase a Trócaire Christmas Gift to help vulnerable children and families.



The only thing millions of children want this Christmas is to survive: Eirinn (12) and Saoirse (10) launch Trócaire's Christmas Appeal 2025 for 'Children Caught in Conflict'. More than 473 million children - over 1 in 6 children globally - currently live in areas affected by armed conflict. From Sudan to Gaza, Somalia to Ukraine, children are often the most vulnerable in times of war. Forced to flee their homes, many experience hunger, displacement, trauma and a loss of access to education and healthcare.

For more information, visit trocaire.org or call 1800 408 408

Pres Launch Basketball Academy with Prestigious Basketball Superstars

On Thursday 20th November, Presentation Secondary School Castleisland launched its exciting new Basketball Academy in the presence of basketball royalty, including the Kingdom's very own Kieran 'Star' Donaghy, who was joined by three professional international basketballers currently applying their trade with Tralee Warriors. The basketball stars included:

Jordan Perkins - USA

Irshaad Hunte - Canada

Daniel Jokubaitis - Germany

All four players engaged Pres Castleisland students, along with girls from a host of local primary schools, in a one-hour basketball masterclass, that left everyone feeling like they're going to be the next Michael Jordan or LeBron James. The evening was full of drills, skills and high-level fun. The evening officially launched the school's new Basketball Academy which will be commencing next September 2026 for all students in the school.

The Academy will bring the school's long and illustrious 100 year history, tradition and basketball culture into a very bright future.

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Kieran Donaghy with Jordan Perkins - USA Irshaad Hunte - Canada and Daniel Jokubaitis - Germany at the launch of the new Basketball Academy at Presentation Secondary School Castleisland

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Minister Foley announces that 40,000 young children in Ireland have benefited from 2025 Little Library Initiative

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley has released new figures today revealing that almost 40,000 young children have benefited from the Little Library initiative this year.

Each year, every one of the 50,000 children leaving pre-school and starting primary school are invited to visit their local library to pick up a free book bag and take the opportunity to join the library as part of the My Little Library Initiative.

So far almost 40,000 young children have collected their bag and taken the opportunity to join the library if they weren't already a member. While many of them are already members of their local library, nearly 20,000 children across Ireland will join the library this year because of the My Little Library funded by the Department of Children, Disability and Equality.

The books and resources in the book bag, which is available in both English and 'as Gaeilge', support parents and their children in the transition to primary school.

Minister Foley said: "I am really proud to support the My Little Library initiative for children and their families and welcome the high levels of participation all around the country."

"The gift of reading to and with children on a regular basis cannot be overestimated. It not only supports connection between parents and their children but also promotes early language and literacy development which is crucial for children's success in their education journey."

"There is still a small number of Little Library



Minister Foley announces from Kerry County Library located in Tralee, that 40,000 young children in Ireland have benefited from 2025 Little Library Initiative. Also pictured is Tommy O'Connor Kerry county librarian.

Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD

book bags in libraries around the country for any five- and six-year-olds who have still to collect their bag. I encourage all remaining families to avail of this initiative and to join the library in the process."

Ireland has 330 public libraries, which are managed by the local authority in the area in which they are located. The focus of the My Little Library Initiative is to build strong links between young children, their families and their local library.

Books in the My Little Library Initiative are available in Irish and English. A glossary of the language in the Irish books is included.

A collection of resources and information is also provided in each bag. This includes a library social story card, First 5 Guidance for Parents of Children Moving from Pre-School to Primary School, Dyslexia and the Younger Child by Dyslexia Ireland and Bookshare Ireland by Vision Ireland.

Citizenship Ceremonies Return to Gleneagle, Killarney

Killarney will welcome more than 12,000 people on Monday, December 1, and Tuesday, December 2, as six Irish Citizenship Ceremonies take place at Gleneagle, Killarney.

To support the large numbers expected, An Garda Síochána has implemented detailed traffic management plans in the vicinity of the venue. A free shuttle service will operate from 08:00 each morning, running from the train station and from Scott's Street, with multiple pick-up and drop-off points along Muckcross Road.

Parking at or near Gleneagle will be limited. Hotels, guesthouses, and B&B operators are asked to encourage guests attending the ceremonies to walk or use the shuttle services and to avoid driving to the venue. Significant traffic delays are expected near Gleneagle and along Muckcross Road, particularly between 09:30 and 16:30.

Ceremony Schedule

Six ceremonies will take place over the two days at the following times:
11:00 | 13:00 | 15:00

The duration of each ceremony is approximately 30 minutes.

Advice for Attendees and the Local Community

- Allow additional travel time if travelling to or through Killarney on these dates.

- Walk or use the free shuttle bus where possible to reduce congestion.
- Local residents should expect delays and plan routine journeys accordingly.
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Large applicants take the Irish Pledge at the Citizenship Ceremonies in the INEC, Killarney at last year's ceremony Photo: Don MacMonaghe



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FORTY HOURS ADORATION TOOK PLACE OVER THE WEEKEND FINISHING ON SUNDAY MORNING IN THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION IN KILLARNEY.

A constant stream of people kept Jesus company as the Blessed Sacrament was exposed from six o'clock on Friday evening until 11am Mass on Sunday morning.

Deacon Thady O Connor led the opening of the Forty Hours with consoling words from scripture and with singing. He set a prayerful tone for the large number of people gathered in readiness to give the night in solitude to Our Lord. In spite of the poor weather conditions there was a steady number of people

ready to take the challenge and be present in the beautiful and intimate surrounds of St Bridget's chapel.

Different parish prayer groups led many of the hours in reflective prayer whilst other hours were kept the silence allowing the Lord to speak to the hearts of those present. The children's rosary hour was of particular significance with some very young children taking part in saying the "Hail Mary" as they held the baby Jesus in their arms. Group leader Analia, with her daughters present, explained the presence of Jesus in the Sacred Host. The children were engrossed in every word and took great comfort in learning that Jesus loves them at all times and

40 Hours Adoration at the Church of the Resurrection

in all circumstances. They took particular interest when they were told that they should turn to Jesus when they felt troubled or worried particularly in school. Interestingly this approach to working with children in promoting the children's rosary in schools is becoming very popular around the country and beyond. Many schools are using grandparents to sit with children in small groups in schools whilst they spend half an hour praying the rosary. One such place is Waterville in west Kerry.

Another very significant group present in Adoration was the Marriage Encounter group. Deacon Thady led a prayerful session explaining the importance of marriage and the family. He highlighted the importance of a good marriage in keeping the family together and the inevitable fruits that come from it. He mentioned one such fruit as the gift of priesthood.

A constant theme running through the reflective hours was the need to be reminded to do 'Reparation'. Our Lady of Fatima requested that the laity should do the First Saturdays in reparation for the offences against her Immaculate Heart. This was an opportunity for



people to learn about the concept of "reparation" and how folk can bring peace to the world by doing reparation as requested by Our Lady.

At the concluding Mass celebrated by Fr Joe Begley great appreciation was expressed for the many prayer groups taking part in the forty hours. Each prayer group brought a special dimension to the prayerful event. It is hoped that there will be another forty hours during Lent.

TEEN- HANGOUT FOR KILLARNEY AREA

A Chara,

In the early millennium Killarney town council had set up a committee to examine and bring to fruition proposals that would enhance facilities that might be useful for the recreational and leisurely pursuits of the people of the area, into the future. Having conducted a few surveys a number of facilities was recommended one of which identified the need for a suitable place for teens to hang out. While examining what might be available, the Franciscans solved the problem by delegating a sizeable portion of their premises to be used for this particular purpose.

Fr. Ger. Godley was the man who sat on the committee representing K.D.Y.S Kerry Diocese Youth Service. The generosity of the order in making this valuable space available to the teenagers of the catchment was recognised by the council in the form of a civic reception

held in their honour. Available over the twenty or so years, the facility has been an invaluable place for our youth to sit back and relax with light refreshments, play areas or just a place to chill out.

To develop the facility must have taken hundreds of thousands of Euro, it ticked all the boxes, secure, safe and well organised.

What happened? why is it necessary to go seeking some other place ?

I read recently that this was so, finance has been provided for a new place but it isn't yet selected by the elected councillors.

Sometimes, I think society keeps going around in circles at times, we passed this spot twenty years ago and a solution was found then and the solution remains as it did then, in the friary. Our civic fathers and Youth leaders should use the funds available now to ensure whatever impediment exists with the present location for the young of the parish, the money available now, should be used to overcome the obstacle, in the friary, it still ticks all the boxes.

Sean O'Grady.



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HOW A KILLARNEY-BASED PHOTOGRAPHER Became Part of a Major Project

Photographer Olga Derevyanko, who moved to Ireland from Ukraine, tells a deeply personal story of healing and adaptation through her art. Her photograph "Two Worlds", taken at Banna Beach in County Kerry, reflects the beauty of the local landscape as well as her own inner transformation.

Recently, Olga's work gained significant international recognition. It was presented in Paris at the Joseph Gallery as part of the major exhibition "New Voices", held during Paris Photo 2025, one of the most important global events in photography. The exhibition featured works by 60 Ukrainian photographers from both Ukraine and the diaspora.

The "New Voices" project provides space for diverse artistic voices, the participants showcase the Ukrainian perspective on the global stage at a critical moment in history.

The exhibition gave Olga the opportunity to present her work among Ukrainian artists, curators, critics, and collectors. Her photograph "Two Worlds" now belongs to a private collection in France, marking both recognition and a symbolic connection between her two homes.

In Ireland, this work is currently on display at Outset Gallery in Galway (until January 25, 2026). Through this exhibition, the landscapes of Kerry are presented not merely as beautiful scenery, but as part of a broader narrative about healing, belonging, and the power of nature.

According to Olga, the nature of Kerry was not just a backdrop, but a companion in her process of growth and recovery. Emotions of nostalgia, peace, and renewal permeate her work, allowing viewers to feel the restorative power of nature.

"After moving here, I realised that nature could become not just a background, but a partner in life," says Olga.



Olga is currently also working on a photography project "Healing Land" exploring the healing of Ukrainian women through nature, investigating how natural landscapes help restore inner harmony, discover oneself, and find new life resources. She continues photographing the Irish countryside, the places that have become her home, combining themes of memory, resilience, and transformation.

Kerry ETB Encourages Parents and Guardians to Take Part in New National Primary School Survey

Kerry Education and Training Board (Kerry ETB) is encouraging parents and guardians across the county to take part in a new Primary School Survey, launched today by the Department of Education and Youth. The national survey invites parents and guardians of children aged 0–12 to share their views on the future shape of primary education in Ireland.

For the first time, families are being asked directly about their preferences on key aspects of school provision. Kerry ETB is urging all eligible parents and guardians to participate and to share the survey link within their family networks and local communities.

Kerry ETB's Director of School Youth and Music Con Moynihan said: "This is an important opportunity for parents and guardians in Kerry to have their voices heard. Primary education plays a central role in every community, and the views gathered through this survey will help inform how schools are planned, supported, and developed in the years



ahead. We strongly encourage anyone with children aged 0 to 12 to take a few minutes to take part."

The short online survey asks parents and guardians for their views on:

- Whether their primary school should be co-educational or single-sex
- Whether their school should be denominational or multi-denominational
- Whether their school should educate through English or through Irish

The survey is available at: www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey

Responses are confidential and anonymous, and findings will contribute to national planning for primary education. Early summary results will be published in 2026, with further local engagement expected in areas where strong support for change is identified.

Kerry ETB encourages all parents and guardians to complete the survey and to share it with others who are also eligible.

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Pictured were Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Michael Foley, Owen O'Shea (Author), Bridget Leen (O'Mahony's Bookshop), Bridget McAuliffe (Editor), Minister Norma Foley, and Kerry County Museum Curator, Helen O'Carroll, and seated were Maureen O'Shea and Niamh Rice (O'Mahony's Bookshop) at 'The Civil War in Kerry and Beyond: Histories, Memories and Legacies' book launch in Kerry County Museum, Tralee on Friday evening (November 21st). *Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography*



At a special Long Service Award ceremony in Killarney House for staff of National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) who have worked for more than 35 and 40 years of dedicated service to the Department. Niall Ó Donnchú, Director General, National Parks and Wildlife Service, (centre) was on hand to present the awards. They were honoured in the company of their fellow colleagues in Killarney National Park, Kerry and Cork divisions. front row from left, Sheila Carroll, Mary Walsh, Gerry Murphy, Declan O'Donnell. Back From left, Pat Dawson, Sean Breen, Mike Fleming, Liam Lenihan and Padruig O'Sullivan *Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan*



Enjoying the 100 Years of Hegarty's of Muckcross Road celebrations were Deputy Danny Healy-Rae, T.D., who joined in with local Muckross band 'The Hacksaw Ceili Band' at the opening of the newly refurbished Hegartys Supermarket on the Muckcross Road. *Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan*



Enjoying the 100 Years of Hegarty's of Muckcross Road celebrations were Teresa Lyne, seated left, Rossa Cronin, Kathleen Murphy, Austin Cronin, Back Row, Alan Lyne, Manager, Gillian Lyne, John Cronin and Dessie Cronin at the opening of the newly refurbished Hegartys Supermarket on the Muckcross Road. *Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan*



Killarney triathlon Christmas party at The Great Southern Hotel on Friday night.



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Rotary Club Wine and Art Night

MAYOR BUYS KERRY JERSEY FOR CHARITY

Mayor of Killarney, Martin Grady, showed his support for local charities at this year's Killarney Rotary Club annual Wine and Art Night by purchasing a signed Kerry jersey in the event's charity auction. The jersey, autographed by the triumphant 2025 All-Ireland winning team, proved to be one of the standout items of the night.

Mayor Grady praised the Rotary Club for organising the long-running fundraiser, describing the evening as "fantastic, with great exhibits recognising the talents of local artists and craftspeople." The event once again showcased the strong community spirit of Killarney, with 30% of the proceeds dedicated to local charitable causes.

Wine and Art Night remains a highlight of the Killarney social calendar and is delivered in partnership with Daly's SuperValu, Cronin's Cider, and Killarney Credit Union.

This year, funds raised will support a wide range of schools and community organisations, including Faha, Fossa, Gaelscoil Faithleann, Knockanes, Loughquittane and St. Brendan's College. Community groups set to benefit include Kerry Stars, Killarney Athletic AFC, Killarney Valley AC, Killorglin Family Resource Centre, and the Rise & Shine Trust.

The continued success of the event reflects the dedication of local volunteers, sponsors, and attendees who come together each year to celebrate creativity and give back to the community.



Members of Killarney Rotary Club with Mayor Martin Grady,

KERRY HR & PAYROLL FIRM NAMED IN TOP EMPLOYER OF RECORD PROVIDERS FOR GLOBAL FIRMS

HR Buddy, which is headquartered in Killarney and has offices in Cork, Limerick and Dublin has been announced by anywhere.com as one of the leading providers of EOR in its latest market research.

HR Buddy is an Employer of Record, Republic of Ireland service provider offering HR support, payroll handling, and local compliance guidance for foreign employers. They help companies hire Irish workers without forming a local entity.

An EOR Republic of Ireland allows foreign companies to hire employees legally in the country without opening a local company. The EOR becomes the legal employer, while the foreign firm manages daily work tasks. This model helps businesses avoid administrative delays and reduces compliance risks.

The anywhere guide presents a clear overview of the top Employer of Record companies in Ireland, including both local and global EOR partners. It is designed to help global businesses compare options and choose the right EOR partner for their team. Anywhere research remarked that "it explored companies that truly make an impact in helping businesses hire and

support talent in Ireland. HR Buddy stood out for its local expertise, dependable service, and commitment to simplifying workforce management for global teams."

Yaryna Kobryn, Market Researcher with Anywhere EOR Reviews & Comparisons remarked on <https://www.anywhere.com/eor-in-ireland/> that HR Buddy was a great local partner for everyday HR & Payroll tasks. Managing director of HR Buddy, Damien McCarthy says that "this news came as a surprise to the team and I am very proud of our team for the reputation we have built globally as a trusted EOR provider. We are working with organisations in Japan, China, Singapore, Canada, US, Scandinavia, Europe & the UK. It is testament to our team that independent market research places us as a leading provider in this area."

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KILLARNEY MUSICAL SOCIETY CHORUS MEMBERS TAKE PART IN Q & A

In this week's Killarney Outlook Chorus members Caoimhe Scanlon, Cian Collins and Brónagh Murphy from the Killarney Musical Society give an insight into their roles in the upcoming production of All Shook Up

• What is your favourite part about being in the cast of 'All Shook Up'?

Caoimhe: The friends you make through doing shows and the community.

Cian: It gives me a chance to socialise with a great bunch of people and having a laugh while doing so.

Brónagh: The people! Everyone is so supportive and positive. Rehearsals feel like hanging out with friends! It's hard not to have fun with this group!

• What is your voice type?

Caoimhe: Soprano.

Cian: Bass.

Brónagh: I'm an Alto (whooo Altos!) I love learning harmonies. There's something super satisfying about it!

• Which number is your favourite to perform?

Caoimhe: Heartbreak Hotel.

Cian: So far, maybe It Hurts Me or Can't Help Falling in Love.

Brónagh: Can't Help Falling in Love- it's a classic.

It's such a gorgeous moment on stage and the harmonies are fab!

• What is your favourite moment in the show?

Caoimhe: The scene before 'A Little Less Conversation'.

Cian: Probably Sheriff Earl's scene towards the end (spoilers!)

Brónagh: I love the moment when Sheriff Earl finally plucks up the courage to speak his mind!

• What is the hardest part involved in the process?

Caoimhe: Trying to learn all the intricate vocal works and dance moves at the start.

Cian: Remembering choreography, going left instead of right!

Brónagh: Probably juggling all the pieces at once. There's a lot to learn, and staying focused can be tough but makes the achievements feel even bigger.

• What is your favourite Elvis song?

Caoimhe: Can't Help Falling in Love

Cian: Can't Help Falling in Love- powerful song!

Brónagh: 'And I love you so' even though it's not in the show, it was my Granny's favourite and always makes me think of her. In the show, Jailhouse Rock- love the dance.

• What message do you hope audiences take away?

Caoimhe: That if you open your heart to it, love can be found in all forms in the most surprising way.

Cian: Hope we do the song justice and that they enjoy the song and the performance.

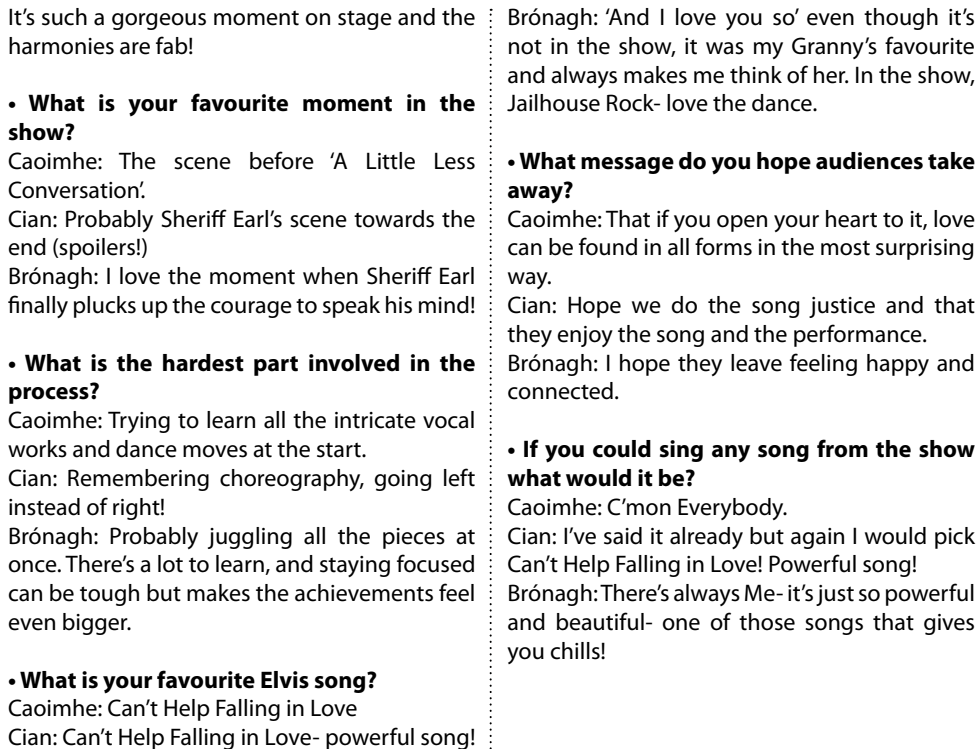
Brónagh: I hope they leave feeling happy and connected.

• If you could sing any song from the show what would it be?

Caoimhe: C'mon Everybody.

Cian: I've said it already but again I would pick Can't Help Falling in Love! Powerful song!

Brónagh: There's always Me- it's just so powerful and beautiful- one of those songs that gives you chills!



Glenflesk CCÉ HOLD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Glenflesk Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann is delighted to announce that its annual Christmas Concert will take place next Sunday, 30th November, in Glenflesk GAA Hall at 3pm.

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We invite everyone to come along and enjoy a fabulous, fun-filled afternoon for all the family. Celebrate the season with the magic of Irish culture and community spirit!



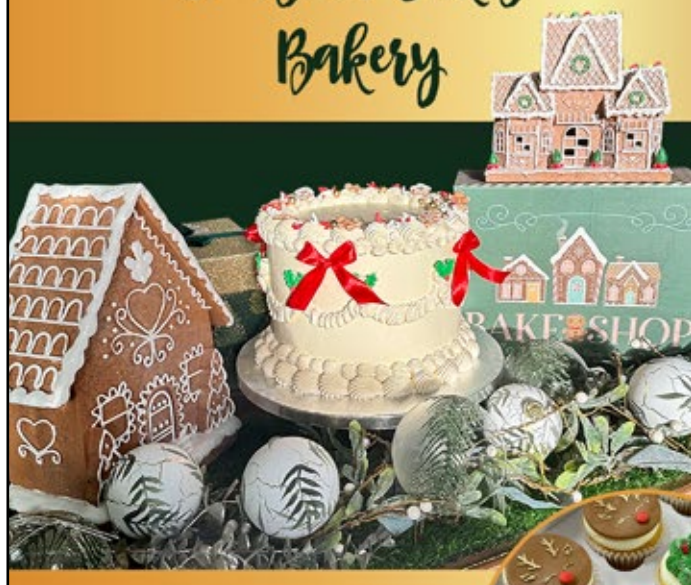
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Musician Liam O'Connor *Receives Inaugural Order of Saint Finbarr 2025*

Musician and entertainer Liam O'Connor has been announced as the first-ever recipient of The Order of Saint Finbarr 2025, a prestigious honour introduced this year to mark the 21st anniversary of the Rémy Martin Cork Business Awards by Business Cork. Created as the highest accolade Business Cork can bestow, the Order of Saint Finbarr celebrates individuals who have made an extraordinary contribution to the cultural identity and global reputation of Cork. In selecting Liam O'Connor as its inaugural honouree, organisers praised his 35-year career spent promoting Cork and Kerry through his electrifying blend of music and performance.

Liam O'Connor has toured extensively across the world, performing for international audiences, major corporations, and multiple television outlets, including RTÉ. His extraordinary technical ability earned him a Guinness World Records title as "the fastest fingers in the world," and his innovative style has led many to call him "the Jimi Hendrix of



Broadcaster Miriam O'Callaghan presenting Liam and Saoirse O'Connor with their awards.

the accordion." Throughout his career, he has remained a passionate ambassador for his native Cork and Kerry.

This week has proven to be a remarkable one for the O'Connor family, as Liam is not the only family member to receive a major honour.

At the Cork Business Awards 2025, the title of Entertainer of the Year was awarded to Saoirse O'Connor, adding another chapter to the family's multigenerational musical legacy. Judges praised her strong Cork roots, her talent as a teacher, and her exceptional vocal ability. Her new single, "The Boys of Barr na Sráide," is



set for release next week and has already drawn significant anticipation. Saoirse was recognised as a vibrant representative of the best of Cork and Kerry's artistic heritage.

"Ladies and gentlemen," the announcement concluded, "The Cork Entertainer of the Year 2025 is... Saoirse O'Connor!"

Together, the honours bestowed upon Liam and Saoirse O'Connor mark a moment of pride not only for their family, but for the cultural communities of Cork and Kerry, whose traditions they continue to champion on both national and global stages.

A Festive Finale to a Joyful Chapter at Ballyfinane National School

This week marked the end of a wonderful chapter at Ballyfinane National School. The final session of the Children's Books Ireland "Every Child a Reader" programme, was filled with holiday cheer as students celebrated the season and their many achievements.

As part of the festive gathering, Katie O'Donoghue had the pleasure of donating a piece of artwork to the school's nurture room, inspired by her first book, *The Little Squirrel Who Worried*. The nurture room is a dedicated space that supports children through a "nurturing approach" to education, focusing on emotional well-being, social development, peer learning, and hands-on, engaging experiences that help children grow into confident and competent learners.

Reflecting on her time with the school, Katie shared: "Throughout the programme, I've been privileged to witness the students' enthusiasm and genuine love for reading and creativity. Each session brought smiles, laughter, and inspired confidence in the young readers. It's been an incredibly rewarding experience to help foster a lasting reading culture within the school."

She added: "I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to work with Ballyfinane National School, where I was warmly welcomed by all. I'm really excited for the future of these young readers. I also want to mention the brilliant staff who made me feel so at home, it has been a privilege to witness their endless care and compassion for their students. It has been wonderful to be part of their team, even for just a short while."

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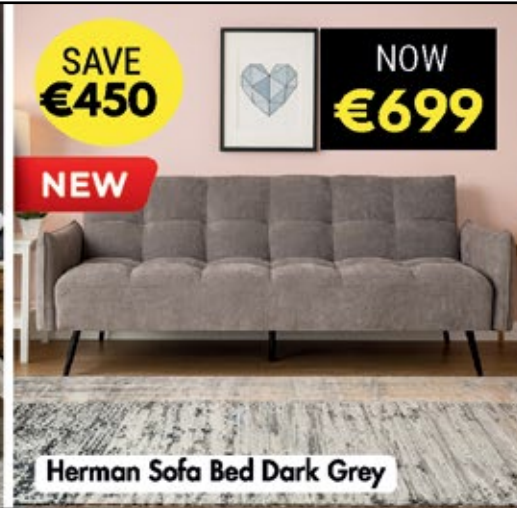
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A former Mayor of Killarney, who dedicated so much of his life to the town and its people, is to be honoured in a very special way this Christmas.

The feature star on the spectacular Tree of Light at St Mary's Cathedral will take on an extra special meaning this year as it will be dedicated to the late Donal Grady, a long-serving local councillor who worked diligently and passionately for the community.

Donal, who passed away last in 2024, was a dedicated public representative who was never reluctant to express an opinion and he worked with great passion and a real sense of purpose on behalf of his loyal supporters.

Through his work as a long-serving chief fire officer in Killarney, he helped so many families at a time when they most needed assistance and reassurance and he brought a great sense of calm and responsibility to the position.

Donal always put Killarney first. He loved the town and its people, he worked passionately on their behalf and he achieved so much and helped so many people.

First elected to Killarney Town Council in 1999, following his late father, John, and brother Seán into politics, he held his seat in every election and he was a very popular and proud Mayor of Killarney in 2010/11. When the town councils were abolished in 2019, he was successful in his campaign to win a seat on Kerry County Council.

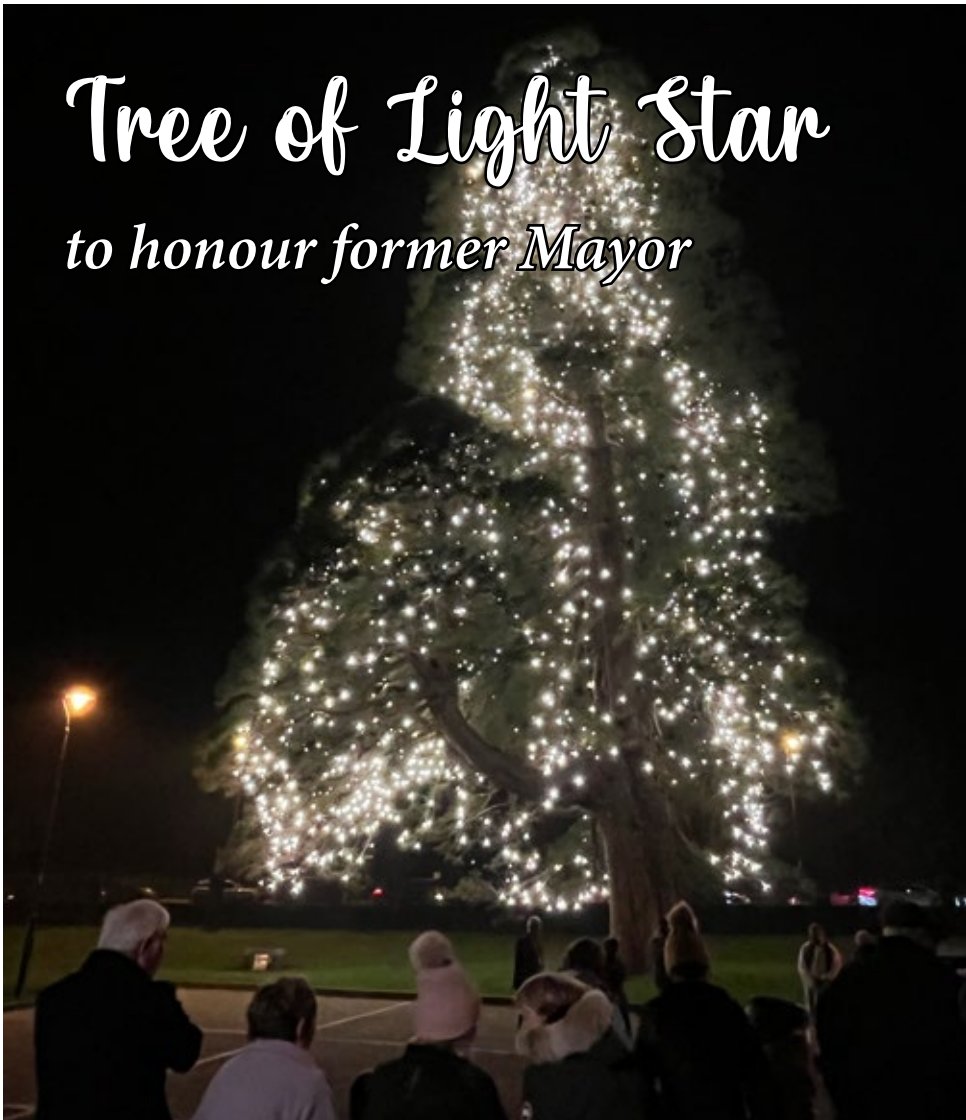
His son, Martin, the current Mayor of Killarney, was co-opted on to Kerry County Council when Donal stepped down in 2023 and it was a particularly proud day for Donal when his son retained the seat, in emphatic fashion, in the last local elections.

A true champion of the disadvantaged, Donal was a strong voice for the homeless, always highlighting their plight and fighting their corner and the right to affordable housing was always at the top of his agenda.

Cllr Niall Kelleher, Chairman of the Christmas in Killarney Festival – a sub-committee of Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce – said the star dedication was a fitting tribute to a man who is very fondly remembered in the town.

"He contributed enormously, over a long period of time, to the local community and he always had the interests of Killarney to the forefront of his agenda," he said.

Tree of Light Star to honour former Mayor



The 100ft Tree of Light on the grounds of St Mary's Cathedral, which is adorned with over 3,500 energy efficient bulbs, creates a magnificent focal point during the Christmas in Killarney celebrations.

The feature Californian Redwood tree is one of the most wonderful visual features in Killarney and it will greet tens of thousands of people passing the cathedral.

The Tree of Light was first lit to mark the

millennium year when it commemorated all those who lost their lives in the conflict in Northern Ireland and it was again illuminated in the mid-2000s to remember those who had been killed on Irish roads.

Since then the project is all about community and, in the past, the star at the top of the tree has been dedicated to great community activists Johnny Hickey, Yvonne Quill, Paul Coghlan and Rena Kennelly.



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CHANGES TO MAXIMUM RENT CAP FOR COUNCIL TENANTS

- : Majority of tenants will not be affected
- : First adjustment to rent cap since 2004
- : Rental income to be invested in maintenance of homes
- : New scheme brings greater fairness and equity

Approximately two-thirds of County Council housing tenants will be unaffected by new changes to the maximum rent cap which will take effect in February 2026.

Households in which the only source of income is the State pension (Contributory or Non-Contributory) and households on low incomes will not be affected by the revised scheme and

the provision that no household will pay more than 20% of their assessable income on rent remains in place.

This is the first adjustment to the rent cap since 2004 and will bring greater fairness and equity to the present system under which those earning higher incomes are paying proportionately less rent than those on the lower incomes because of the existing rent cap. Kerry County Council has one of the lowest rent caps of any local authority, and the current cap has been in place for over twenty years. It will be phased out over the next three years.

Approximately 5,000 tenants – the majority of whom will not be affected by the changes – are

being informed of the changes this week.

As outlined in the Council's budget for 2026, which was adopted this week, the income from the change in the maximum rent cap will be targeted towards a planned housing maintenance programme across the Council's housing stock and will also support estate enhancements and estate management initiatives.

Correspondence with tenants, which is issuing this week, includes a series of 'Frequently Asked Questions' and any tenant with queries can contact the Housing Unit of Kerry County Council if they have any queries: 066 – 7183708 or email rentreview@kerrycoco.ie

The Saturday Supplement

IRISH NURSES 'CANNON FODDER' IN WORLD WAR 2 BRITISH HEALTH SYSTEM

A SELECTION OF STORIES FROM THE 21ST EDITION OF THE SLIABH LUACHRA JOURNAL, ALONG WITH REFLECTIONS FROM DONAL HICKEY, WHO HAS EDITED ALL TWENTY-ONE EDITIONS OVER THE PAST 42 YEARS, WILL FEATURE ON THE SATURDAY SUPPLEMENT ON RADIO KERRY TOMORROW, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, FROM 9 A.M. TO 11 A.M.

Among the stories highlighted is the remarkable discovery of the grave of nurse Ellie Buckley, who was born in Mountcain, Knocknagree, in 1913. Her resting place was located in Lewisham, London, 75 years after her death in 1942. Ellie had worked on the front lines caring for patients suffering from tuberculosis (TB), a highly infectious disease. At the time, many Irish nurses like her were considered "cannon fodder," much like the young men sent to the front during the First and Second World Wars.

Ellie Buckley's story, written by her niece Eileen Fleming, is included in the 2024 edition of the Sliaibh Luachra Journal. All 21 editions of the journal, since the first published in 1982, have been edited by journalist Donal Hickey. Stories from the 2024 journal and its veteran editor will feature on the Saturday Supplement on Radio Kerry with Frank Lewis next Saturday, November 29 2025 from 9 to 11am. The programme was first broadcast in November 2024.

Over £30,000 was taken out of Knocknagree by the three banks after a fair day, Christy Lehane writes, some of the cattle dealers did not respect the farmers and tried to cheat them. A painted mural of the fair fills an entire gable end in the village.

Ben Brosnan lists 29 shops in the parish of Kilcummin between 1909 and 1924. Now

there are only two – opened in 1896 O'Keeffe's at Gattabawn, near Gneeveguilla and the post office in Kilcummin run by the McCarthy/Healy family since 1946.

Button accordionist Bryan O'Leary wrote a personal reflection on Jimmy Doyle and his music and throughout the Radio Kerry programme plays music associated with Jimmy Doyle. As well two polkas Jimmy Doyle's and Knocknamoyle are played by Jimmy's son Padraig (guitar), with grandchildren Grace Doyle (12) on concertina, Jack Doyle (11) on accordion, Kaylie Doyle on concertina and Jamie O'Donoghue on his grandfather's accordion.

In 1961 Gneeveguilla beat Rathmore in the East Kerry League. Johnny Barry wrote the story and with Aenie O'Leary tells of Gneeveguilla man Ambrose O'Donovan, as Kerry captain, bringing the Sam Maguire home in 1984. That was almost as memorable as the game in 1961. Dr. Elsie Quinlan/Sr Aidan, born in Ballydesmond in 1914, was martyred by a riot mob in the East London township in South Africa in 1952. Johnny Walsh writes of Elsie's going against the grain at the time in her living and working with her fellow Dominican nun Sr Gratia Khumalo, a black woman. Elsie and Gratia treated twice as many patients as other medical practitioners because back up from home covered the cost of the medicines.

Australian soldier George Nash, on leave from the World War 1 front in France in 1917, visited Lisnaboy in Cullen, Co Cork, from where his mother Margaret Nolan (nee O'Sullivan) had emigrated to Australia in 1870. In a letter home George wrote 'I went to a fair in Millstreet. Nearly everyone claimed relationship with me. I had no idea I had so many relatives in Ireland.' Donal Hickey writes about the old Gneeveguilla



national school that was knocked and a private house built on the site. "A limestone plaque with 1880 engraved on it was found and is now erected on the front wall of the private house," Donal explains. "The school was opened in 1842. In 1889 the school was extended and renovated."



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Kingdom Wheelblasters Welcome Clubs to MTU

On Sunday Kingdom Wheelblasters, Kerry's local multi-sport club for children with physical disabilities, welcomed clubs from around the country to MTU Tralee for the second round of IWA-Sport's 2025/26 Wheelchair Basketball Junior Blitz. Children from 5-16 with a physical disability took part in Wheelchair Basketball throughout the day at the Kerry Sports Academy.

Kingdom Wheelblasters club was delighted with the event and hopes these events also encourage more young members from across Kerry to join the fun. The multi-sport club for children with physical disabilities offers them a chance to participate in sport in a fun environment, while helping to develop physical and social skills. The club provides a variety of Para Sport and adapted sports, such as the Wheelchair Basketball, which they hosted as part of IWA-Sport's Junior Blitz season.

With club nights taking place Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 7pm at the Kerry Sports Academy at MTU Tralee, club Chairperson, Laura Sheehy shares how Wheelblasters provides a unique safe place that brings a level playing field for those with a physical disability.

"The Kingdom Wheelblasters has provided for their members a safe place to be part of a team on a level playing field which wouldn't be available in other sporting fields. a place to make new friends, share stories and experiences. try out new skills and opens it has opened doors to new activities. It has also taught us a way to adapt and play many sports." On the day, Para Powerlifter Niamh Buckley, who recently broke an 11-year European Record at the World Championships in Cairo, Egypt attended the Junior Blitz. Buckley, who began her Para Sport journey when she was a child with Kingdom Wheelblasters presented



her medals to members. Showing what members can achieve even if they venture into another Para Sport, Buckley explains the impact Kingdom Wheelblasters had on her.

"When I was growing up all of my friends were competing in sports that I couldn't take part in, so it was a great feeling to be able to take part in sports that were inclusive and where I could fully get involved. It also opened up a whole new world to me."

Kingdom Wheelblasters brings people together from all over Kerry, providing opportunity for those with a physical disability to take part in sport, whether to soar to heights Niamh Buckley has reached, or to participate recreationally on a level playing field.

Laura Sheehy explains, "Kingdom Wheelblasters brings people from all over Kerry together regardless of their disability, where they might not have had the opportunity to meet before. Everyone gets to share their stories and each other's knowledge and skill set. We offer

support to the individuals and their families. The club has opened the door to trying many Para Sports and adaptive sports, like our recent events with Tralee Tennis club and Badminton Ireland." Niamh added to Laura's sentiment, saying "people should get involved with Wheelblasters because it can open up so many avenues. For me it gave me the opportunity to try out different sports, travel the country and make new friends. It was thanks to the Wheelblasters that I found my true passion and love for sport.

"Get involved, make the most of every opportunity and have lots of fun while doing it!"

Kingdom Wheelblasters are always seeking new members to join the club and can do so by visiting IWA-Sport's Find Your Club page to register interest. <https://www.iwa.ie/sport/our-sports/find-your-iwa-sport-club/>

HOPE FOUNDATION – CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

This year, the students of Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland proudly spearheaded the annual shoebox appeal in support of the Hope Foundation. Since its founding in 2010, Team Hope has organised the Christmas Shoebox Appeal every year, delivering gift-filled shoeboxes to children in developing countries who might otherwise go without.

Through concerted effort and community spirit, the students collected empty shoeboxes, wrapped them with care and then distributed them throughout the school community. Families, staff and pupils were invited to fill these boxes with small but meaningful gifts- from toys, school supplies, hats and gloves etc.

What made this year's appeal especially memorable is the focus on sustainability and reuse. Many of the donated items came from homes and wardrobes rather than being newly purchased. In doing so, the students demonstrated how kindness and environmental responsibility go hand in hand, giving to those in need while reducing waste and recycling what we already have.

The school wishes to thank all pupils, staff and families who took part. Because of your generosity, many children in Africa, Ukraine, and Eastern Europe will receive a warm reminder this Christmas that where kindness exists, hope follows.



Front L-R- Eva Burke, Loren Caldwell, Eibhlín McCarthy.

Middle: - L-R- Sarah Lenihan, Yogita Prakash, Carlota Cano, Aswathi Kattimuttah, Lakshmi Thajeeesh, Niamh Keane, Gwen O'Sullivan, Caoimhe Fleming, Ellen Casey, Marie Barry, Áine O'Sullivan, Ellie Sheehy, Jane Noskova, Sandra Rzuclidlo, Mary Anne O'Shea, Amy Mangan, Aedin Healy, Kelly Ryan. Back L-R- Riona Walsh, Chinva Vongsar, Helen Credo, Sharon Babalola, Clodagh McMahon, Katelyn Murphy, Brigh Harkin, Ciara O'Donoghue.

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BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

GAA AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held on Sunday 7th December 2025 at 5.00pm in Beaufort GAA Clubrooms.

Nominations are invited for election to the Committee for 2026 and motions are invited for consideration at the Annual General Meeting.

BEAUFORT LOTTO

Draw for a Lotto Jackpot of €8600 was held on Sunday last 23rd November. They're was no winner. Numbers drawn 5, 11, 16, 17. Consolation Prize winners: €80 Teresa Ferris, Gap of Dunloe. €50 each to Sharon O'Sullivan, Shanacloon, Karen O'Sullivan, Gearha and John Cronin, Caragh Lake. Next draw on 7th December for Jackpot of €8,800. Tickets available from usual sellers, bars and shops, Lotto can also be done online on <https://beaufortgaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/beaufort-gaa-club>.

MID-KERRY FINAL

Beaufort Seniors played Milltown-Castlemaine in the replay of the Mid-Kerry Championship on Sunday last. Final score: Beaufort 0-13 Milltown-Castlemaine 0-12.

Well done to our senior players who retained the Mid-Kerry Championship title on Sunday with a close encounter against Milltown-Castlemaine. Though the challengers got the first score Beaufort never went behind in the game after that. Missing a few players through suspension and injuries the replacements stood up and had fine games, none more than

Jason Foley in goals who saved a penalty in the first half. Well done to the management team led by Eanna O'Malley who put in great work all year and to all the players who had a long year and finished it out with this win. Well done to all concerned.

MID-KERRY MINOR LADIES DISTRICT TEAM played East Kerry in Fitzgerald Stadium on Sunday last. Unfortunately it wasn't their day and East Kerry ran out as comprehensive winners. Beaufort were represented by Eabha McEvoy, Ruby Breen and Avril Rooney, also on the Management team was Donal McEvoy.

HEALTHY CLUB RECYCLING DRIVE

Now is a great time for an Autumn Clean Out! Items such as Women's, Men's and Children's Clothes, Shoes, Handbags, Belts, Curtains and Sheets can be recycled. Collection is on this Thursday 27th November. Bags may be dropped off at the Clubrooms up to early Thursday morning. Any queries to Mary on 086-0640065.

DID YOU KNOW... ..

1 IN 4 WOMEN DIE FROM HEART DISEASE AND STROKE?

In conjunction with the Healthy Club Project, you are welcome to join us for a talk on women's heart health by Sharon Butler of the Irish Heart Foundation on Thursday, 4th December at 7.30pm in the GAA Clubrooms. Members and non members welcome. More information if required from Mary on 086-0640065

GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

O'SULLIVAN CUP FINAL

Best of luck to the team and management as they take on Listry this weekend in the O'Sullivan Cup Final. The game is provisionally set for this Saturday 29th at 2pm in Glenflesk. Check out Glenflesk Facebook page for confirmation of the fixture closer to the date.

WEDDING

Best wishes to Shane Dennehy and Nicole O'Brien who are getting married this Friday 28th. We wish them a lifetime of health and happiness together.

EAST KERRY

Congratulations to the Glenflesk girls and management who helped the East Kerry U17's retain their County title with a 6-07 to 0-07 win over Mid Kerry last Sunday.

SOCIAL

Join us on Friday 5th of December at 7pm in the Killarney Avenue Hotel to honour the Millennium Cup winning team of 2000 and this year's Senior Ladies County Championship winning team. Special Guest Bernard Casey. 3 course meal and disco. Tickets €35. Please contact David O'Donoghue 087 9952048 or Catherine O'Sullivan 086 8157575

CONCERT

The Glenflesk CCE Xmas Ceoltas Concert is on this Sunday the 30th at 3pm in Glenflesk GAA Hall. The kids are practicing their hearts out and are so excited to take the stage! We hope you can join us for a fabulous afternoon of music, fun and festive cheer! Come support our youngest stars and make it a special day!

SANTA FUN RUN

Glenflesk GAA Healthy Club is hosting a Santa Fun Run, Walk or Crawl at



Congratulations to Glenflesk girls and management who helped East Kerry retain their county under 17 title today. They beat Mid Kerry 6-07 to 0-7 today.

Missing from Photo is Niamh Brosnan

the Glenflesk GAA walking track on Monday evening December 15th at 7pm. Open to all club and community members, whether you're running, walking or just joining the festive fun! After the event, everyone is warmly invited back to the club for a chat and a cuppa. No pace too slow, just go!

SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

AGM

AGM takes place Tuesdays 9th December at 8pm. All nominations and motions to be submitted before then.

SPEEDY RECOVERY

Wishing senior player Cian Tobin a speedy recovery. Cian underwent surgery following a severe leg injury during the O'Donoghue Cup Semi Final versus Dr.Crokes. We hope to see you on the road to recovery and back in the blue and gold in the future.

EAST KERRY MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP DIV. 2 FINAL

Spa versus Listry takes place Saturday 6th December at 2pm. Venue TBC.

SPA LOTTO IS 24/11/25 RESULTS

Numbers drawn: 1, 12, 23, 27. No jackpot winner. Lucky dips €50 each: Stephen O'Donoghue, Online; Donagh Cronin, Coolcorcoran; John Lenihan, Kilcummin; Eoin O'Sullivan, Rathmore. Next week's draw will be on Monday 1 December for a jackpot of €5,100

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RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O'Mahony

THE RATHMORE BRANCH OF THE KERRY PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION wishes to honour the late Michael Dinneen for his lifelong commitment to the organisation, particularly through his Christmas fundraising activities. In his memory, the branch will continue this tradition. A Bingo fundraiser will take place in the Rathmore Community Centre on Sunday, 7th December at 3pm. Sponsorship and donations are being sought for each game, and a raffle will be held at half-time. All proceeds will go to the Kerry Parents & Friends Association.

CHRISTMAS IN RATHMORE will take place on Sunday, 30th November 2025 from 5pm to 8pm in the Rathmore Community Hall. Families are invited to meet Santa and his elves, enjoy Christmas carol singing, take part in "Guess the Weight of the Doll" and "Guess the Weight of the Cake," and enjoy a range of refreshments and festive fun. Everyone is welcome to attend.

RATHMORE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL reminds the community of their annual Church Gate Collection, which will be taken up on the weekend of the 13th and 14th December at all churches in the parish and in Ballydesmond. Many people regularly support their work, and without this generosity, they would not be able to assist those who are struggling. One hundred percent of the money raised goes directly to people in need in the local area, helping with food vouchers, fuel costs, health expenses, school needs and other essential living costs. SVP can be contacted at 087 3462332.

THE MILLSTREET AND RATHMORE GARDA TEXT ALERT SCHEME invites anyone interested in receiving Garda text messages to submit their name, phone number and €10 to John Vaughan, Donal Vaughan, Ted O'Connor or Eileen Fleming. This service helps keep the community informed about local safety and security updates.

GNEEVEGUILLA COMMUNITY ALERT notes that Christmas Mass Bouquets are now available in the Parish Office. The St. Stephen's Day Mass will take place on 26th December at 11am in Rathmore.

YOGA LE CHÉILE AND YOGA TOGETHER invite members of the community to a "Mindful Morning," a supportive event for anyone on or affected by the cancer journey. This gathering will take place on Monday, 16th December from 10am to 12pm in Teach Iosagáin, Rathmore. There will be spot prizes on the day, and although there is no charge to attend, donations are welcomed. All proceeds will be donated directly to the Kerry Cancer Support Group. To book a place, contact Denise on 086 8901234.

CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR IN RATHMORE

On Sunday Dec 7th at 3.00pm a special bingo session will be held in the Community Centre in Rathmore in aid of Kerry Parents and Friends. Lots of prizes and a huge Christmas Raffle is also included. Open to all it's being held in memory of Michael John Dinneen, who for years ran the Bingo and



the Sale of Work and was also Chairman of the Kerry Parents and Friends association.

FOR THOSE SEEKING A THOUGHTFUL CHRISTMAS GIFT, Fr. Ferris's "History of the Parishes of Rathmore, Gneeveguilla and Knocknagree" is available for €20. The book, which is fully indexed, is a unique record of the Sliabh Luachra and Duhallow area. It can be ordered through www.rathmorehistory.com or by emailing rathmorehistory@gmail.com

SHARE THE BUCKET

The Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds the public that the weekly "Share the Bucket" draw takes place every Friday evening at 8.30pm in Teach Fáilte and is streamed live on their Facebook page. This week's jackpot winner was Betty Carmody, who received €202. Tickets cost €2 each or three for €5 and may be purchased in local businesses, in Teach Fáilte, or online. All funds go towards the development of the proposed new community facility, and the group extends their thanks to all who support the project.

THE EAST KERRY SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL, sponsored by Gleneagle Leisure and the Dr. O'Donoghue family, will take place this Sunday, 30th November at 2pm in Fitzgerald Stadium, where Rathmore will play Dr. Crokes.

NOTES

If you would like to add information to future community notes, please contact Michael O'Mahony by email at momahony14@gmail.com or by phone or text at 087 6676817 before 6pm.

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

Jackpot €13,450. Numbers Drawn 10,11,19,26. Not Won. €100 Peter Ahern, Faha. €50 Lorna Hickey (online). €50 Craig Hewerdine (online). €25 Lorraine Kennedy, Ballymalis. €25 Dan Cooper, Muckross. Jackpot Next Week 30/11/2025 €13,600

SENIORS

Our senior team play Glenflesk in The East Kerry O Sullivan Cup final on this Saturday November 29th at 2pm. Venue to be confirmed

U16

Congratulations to Listry U16 team and management who won the East Kerry Div 1 final v Kilcummin.

The U16 team next play the Co League Div 1 Semi Final v Furies. Sunday 30th Nov at 12 noon. Venue: Farranfore

Congratulations to the U16 Listry team and management who won the East Kerry Championship Div 1 Final





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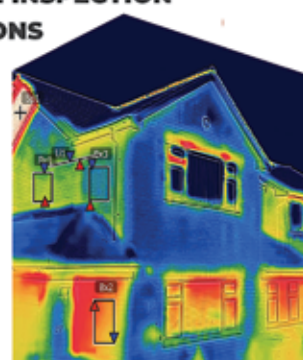


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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Pink Night Fundraiser for "Comfort for Chemo" will take place on Saturday, 3rd January 2026 in the Klub Bar at 8pm. Everyone welcome, more details to follow.

KILCUMMIN RURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Kilcummin Rural Development Board would like to express its gratitude to Kerry County Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development for providing financial support under the Local Enhancement Programme 2025 for the upkeep and maintenance of our bog walks.

KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

Kilcummin Looking good Christmas 'Jingle & Mingle' would like to acknowledge the support of Kerry County Council through the Community Support Fund relative to the delivery of our Christmas event to be held on Sunday the 14th of December 2025.

KILCUMMIN GAA BY DONAL BARRY

UNDER 16'S

There was disappointment for our Under 16's on Sunday morning at Fitzgerald Stadium when they went down 2-21 to 3-11 in the East Kerry Division 1 Final. In the end Listry proved worthy winners in a contest in which Kilcummin showed little of the great form that had got them to the final berth. That said the team fought back from a nine-point deficit to get back on level par and battled into the lead by the 40th minute before Listry aided by a number of 2 pointers pushed clear once again. Listry took early command of the contest and led 0-5 to 0-0 after the opening quarter. Kilcummin opened their account on the 15th minute when the impressive Liam O'Mahony raised an orange flag after a long-distance effort. Despite this it was Listry who continued to force the issue and pushed well clear by the 25th minute 1-8 to 0-2. Kilcummin who were on a 3-game unbeaten run finally found some of the form that sent them to the final when they hit a telling purple patch which included a rasper of a goal from Cian Stack which proved too hot to handle in the Listry square. This followed by points by Stack, O'Mahony, Joe O Connor and Aidan Huggard had the sides level at the break 1-8 apiece. Cian Stack

into the wind put Kilcummin into the lead for the first time in the contest and despite creating a number of chances failed to push further ahead before Listry found the target for 3 unanswered points to regain the lead 1-11 to 1-9. Then the score of the game for Kilcummin, a wonderfully timed short kick out by Hugh Maguire which was collected by Tristan Murphy before Joe O'Connor continued the run down the line before sending a highball into the edge of the square with Liam O'Mahony at the end of the delivery scoring a goal. It put Kilcummin back into the lead by the 40th minute. Listry would score the next 1-6 of the contest to put them clear and despite a late flurry of scores including a Daragh Keane penalty it was to be Listry's day. Well done to all the players who gave their very best on the day and there is little time for a break as they face Na Gaeil next weekend (TBC) in the County League Division 1 semi-final.

JUVENILE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Join us on Sunday, 30th November for a fun-filled afternoon as we celebrate Christmas and acknowledge the achievements of all our players throughout the year. Starting at 2:30pm a very Special Guest from the North Pole will be making a special visit with the Medal Presentation starting from 4:00pm.

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AGM

Kilcummin GAA AGM will take place on November 28th, 2025, at the Club house 8.30pm.

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 17th November for the Jackpot of €5,000. Numbers drawn were 07,23,24,27. Consolation prizes of €50 went Ciara Prendville, Michael Piggott, Liam Fleming, Joan Brosnan. Our next draw will be on Monday 1st December for Jackpot of €5,250.

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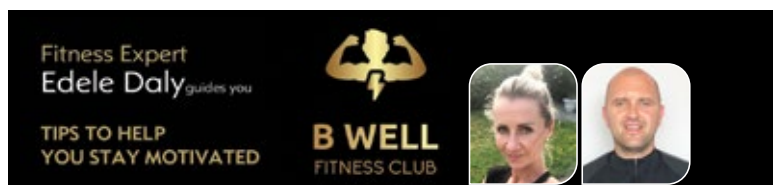
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Mixer Calories:

Many alcoholic beverages are mixed with sugary sodas, fruit juices, or syrups, which significantly increase the calorie content. These added ingredients are often overlooked when estimating total calorie intake.

Food Intake During Drinking:

Alcohol consumption can increase appetite and reduce inhibitions, leading to overeating or choosing calorie-dense foods, which contribute to overall calorie intake.

Food Intake the day after:

How many times have you gone for the greasy fry the morning after or if unable to eat a breakfast how many times have you spent your day binge eating high calorie content snacks or fast foods like a takeaway

Effect on Metabolism:

Alcohol can impair fat metabolism, leading to the body prioritizing alcohol processing over burning fat, indirectly contributing to increased fat storage.

Calorie-Dense "Hidden" Additives:

Some flavoured or processed alcoholic drinks contain added sugars, flavourings, and preservatives that add to the calorie count but are not always obvious.

While alcohol calories are often underestimated, they can add up quickly, especially when combined with sugary mixers and food. Regular consumption of alcoholic beverages can contribute to a significant calorie surplus, which may lead to weight gain over time if not accounted for in your overall diet. When weight loss slows, plateau's or turns into weight gain it can often be the "hidden" calories that are to blame.

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OCULAR MIGRAINE

Retinal migraine (ocular migraine) is an eye condition that causes brief attacks of blindness or visual problems like flashing lights in one eye.

These episodes can be frightening, but in most cases they're harmless and short-lived, and eyesight goes back to normal afterwards.

Some people get retinal migraine every few months, although the frequency can vary.

Retinal migraine is a separate condition and should not be confused with headache-type migraine or migraine with aura, which usually affects the vision of both eyes.

The symptoms of retinal migraine may include:

- partial or total loss of vision in one eye – this usually lasts 10 to 20 minutes before vision gradually returns
- headache – this may happen before, during or after the vision attack

It's unusual for an episode of vision loss to last longer than an hour. The same eye is affected every time in almost all cases.

Vision may slowly become blurred or dimmed, or there may be flashes of light. Some people see a mosaic-like pattern of blank spots (scotomas), which enlarge to

cause total loss of vision.

Retinal migraine is caused by the blood vessels to the eye suddenly narrowing (constricting), reducing the blood flow to the eye. It may be triggered by:

- stress
- smoking
- high blood pressure
- oral contraceptive pill
- exercise
- bending over
- high altitude
- dehydration
- low blood sugar
- excessive heat

Retinal migraine tends to be more common in:

- women
- people aged under 40
- people with a personal or family history of migraine or other headaches

Treatment for retinal migraine usually just involves taking pain relief for any headaches and reducing exposure to anything that might be triggering the retinal migraine.

If you experience any sudden changes in your vision it is important to have a sight test to rule out more serious causes.

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THINK ONCE – your local pharmacy. Many minor illnesses can be managed fully in the pharmacy, helping you feel better faster and avoiding unnecessary waits. This should be your first stop for minor illnesses such as coughs, colds, sore throats, earaches, rashes and stomach upsets.

THINK TWICE – your GP or out of hour GP service (South Doc). GP surgeries are busy at this time of year, but they will attempt to accommodate an urgent problem if it means saving you a trip to the emergency department. They can assess a wide range of concerns, arrange tests, imaging, referrals to specialists, and can potentially save you a trip to the Emergency Department, which is for critical emergencies only.

THINK A THIRD TIME – Injury Units in Mallow and Bantry. Killarney is just one hour from the Mallow injury unit, and Tralee is only one hour 20 minutes from the Mallow injury unit. If you're in South Kerry, Bantry is closer than UHK and could give you the expert

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Big Win for KCC Student at National Cybersecurity Competition

Killarney Community College is celebrating a major achievement as Third Year student Ramana Alagappan has been awarded the prestigious Gold Award for his project "Cybersafety Heroes" in the 2025 Adventures in Cyberland nationwide competition.

Organised annually by UCD's Centre for Cyber Resilience Education (CCRE), the Adventures in Cyberland Awards honour students who demonstrate creativity, innovation and critical thinking in promoting a safer and more responsible digital world. This year's competition centred around the theme "Global Opportunities and Challenges in Cybersecurity."

Ramana's project, which explores ways to empower young people to stay safe online through engaging and accessible digital tools, earned one of the top accolades in the country. His work was officially listed in the Gold category, distinguishing it as a standout submission among nationwide entries.

In recognition of his achievement, Ramana has been invited to attend the Adventures in Cyberland Awards Day on 11th December at UCD, Dublin, where he will join other award recipients for a special ceremony.





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9.30 PM

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

3rd Friday

7.30 PM
8.00 PM
8.15 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Castleisland Area

River Island Hotel, Castleisland
The Kingdom Bar, Castleisland
The Crown Hotel, Castleisland
Hughes Bar, Cordal
Lyon's Bar, Scartaglen

1st Wednesday

8.00 PM
8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Killarney Area

Torc Hotel, Lissivigeen
The Village Inn, Kilcummin
Old Killarney Inn, Aghadoe
The Golden Nugget, Fossa

4th Thursday

7:00 PM
7.30 PM
8.15 PM
8.45 PM
9.15 PM
9.45 PM

Killorglin Area

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

1st Thursday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM
10:00 PM

Glenflesk & Barraduff

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

4th Friday

8.30 PM
9.30 PM
10.00 PM
10.45 PM

Kenmare & Sneem Area

The Roughty bar, Kenmare
Riney's Bar, Sneem
Blackwater Tavern
O'Connor's Bar Kenmare

1st Friday

9.30 PM
10:00 PM
10:30 PM

Tuosist & Lauragh

Sailors Bar, Killaha West
Helen's Bar Kilmacalogue
The Lake House Tuosist

Last Monday

8:00 PM
8:30 PM
9:00 PM
10:00 PM

Farranfore Area

Ulick's Bar, Farranfore
James Daly's Bar, Farranfore
Cunniffe's Bar, Currow
John Hendersons, Fries

3rd Monday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM
9.45 PM

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Government must end energy rip-off as number of people in debt on energy bills hits record high – Pa Daly TD

Sinn Féin spokesperson on Energy, Pa Daly TD, has slammed the government for failing to tackle the deepening energy rip-off as the number of people in arrears on their energy bills hits a new record high.

He called on the government to urgently reinstate energy credits and to adopt Sinn Féin's proposals to cut household energy bills ending the rip-off once and for all.

Teachta Daly said: "Shocking new figures from the energy regulator reveal that the number of people in debt on their energy bills has reached a new high. 308,000 people are now in arrears. Many many more are barely scraping by.

"That is a damning indictment of Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael and the Regional Independents, including the Healy-Rae brothers.

"To think that they have withdrawn credits at precisely this moment when fresh price hikes were implemented by a spate of energy



suppliers and as we enter the darkest depths of winter, demonstrates just how little they care about the impact of the cost of living crisis.

"Everything is moving in the wrong direction.

"Prices are getting higher, the temperature is getting colder, debt has reached new record

highs and the government is ripping away supports.

"In September, Sinn Féin introduced a motion to end the energy rip-off.

"Unsurprisingly, the government rejected our proposals and abandoned its responsibility to ensure that households can heat their homes and keep the lights on this winter.

"We told them the crisis would continue to deepen. So did the energy regulator. And now the highest ever number of households cannot afford to meet their most basic energy needs.

"Enough is enough.

"I am calling on the government to urgently reinstate energy credits and to implement Sinn Féin's proposals to bring down the cost of energy long term.

"This crisis is not inevitable.

"Solving it is a matter of will, a political choice that this government is unwilling to make."

Councillor Cahill Welcomes Council Support for New Night-Time Market Scheme in Kerry

Fianna Fáil Councillor Tommy Cahill has warmly welcomed the positive response from Kerry County Council to his motion at the November full meeting, calling for the development and piloting of a Night-Time Market Scheme across towns in the county.

Councillor Cahill's motion proposed that Kerry County Council engage and collaborate with town teams, community councils, chambers of commerce, and Tidy Towns groups to explore the creation of vibrant night-time markets that would stimulate local enterprise, strengthen the evening economy, and offer safe, family-friendly activity within town centres.

In its official reply, Kerry County Council confirmed its firm commitment to the Town Centre First Policy, emphasising that the proposed Night-Time Market Scheme aligns strongly with national objectives to create attractive, liveable, economically resilient towns and villages. The Council stated that it "would welcome continued collaboration" with local stakeholders to explore, develop and pilot a scheme that reflects local

needs and opportunities, enhances community activity, and contributes to the overall vitality of towns across the county.

"I am delighted that the Council has acknowledged both the value and the opportunity that a Night-Time Market Scheme presents. Towns right across Kerry are eager for new ways to boost footfall, support local traders, and create safer, more vibrant spaces in the evenings. This is a chance to build something fresh, exciting, and community-driven."

Councillor Cahill highlighted at the meeting how similar initiatives have been transformative in other cities. "Cities like Edinburgh, London, and Prague have shown how well-run night-time markets can completely re-energise town centres especially around the festive period and during the summer. They attract locals and visitors in huge numbers, support small businesses, strengthen the tourism offering, and, importantly, create a safer night-time environment by increasing activity, lighting, footfall, and community presence."

Councillor Cahill also pointed to the Government's Night-Time Economy Taskforce, which has advocated for greater diversity of night-time activities, improved public realm, and better opportunities for cultural and economic engagement after 6pm. A Kerry pilot, he said, would align perfectly with this national direction. "This is about giving our towns new life after dark, markets with crafts, food stalls, music, culture, and community activity. It's about safe, welcoming, well-lit spaces where people of all ages can gather. I firmly believe Kerry can be a leader in this space."

Councillor Cahill said he looks forward to working with town teams, businesses, community groups, and Council officials to progress the next steps. "The appetite is there. The Council is supportive. And most importantly, the national policy is backing it. Now let's bring the various stakeholders together and deliver a pilot that can be rolled out county-wide."

Killarney Innovation Centre

Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment, Peter Burke TD has assured Fianna Fáil TD Michael Cahill that the Killarney Innovation Centre will receive "appropriate consideration" of its application to The Smart Regions Enterprise Innovation Scheme under Enterprise Ireland.

Deputy Cahill raised the application by way of a Parliamentary Question in Leinster House recently on behalf of the long established Killarney Innovation Centre, in their efforts to raise funding for future projects.

"Part of Enterprise Ireland's remit around this scheme is to help applicants such as the Killarney Innovation Centre to develop proposals in line with the scheme and its goals together" stated Deputy Cahill.

"This will give the Killarney organisation a first run to the ball so to speak, in identifying suitable projects in their field of operation for which funding can be successfully sourced and applied for. Minister Burke wished the Killarney Innovation Centre well, which he says has

benefited from significant Government support and funding over the past 30 years" said the Rossbeigh based TD.

"The Minister also acknowledged that there are three other such projects underway in Kerry, including an allocation of €1 million for the AI Navigator Programme by the RDI Hub, located in Killorglin, which aims to assist small business in adapting to AI. I will continue to follow up progress on these fabulous projects being developed for the people of Kerry" added Michael Cahill TD.

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MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

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On Saturday next, December 6th, the club is scheduled to host the annual Muckross Head Of the River time trial event at the National Rowing Centre in Farran, Cork. In recent years, we have had mixed fortunes with weather and following last year's cancellation we are hopeful that Mother Nature will oblige with calm conditions. Our thanks to all members and parents of junior members who have volunteered to help. A reminder that our Volunteer Information Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 3rd December at 8pm in the Muckross Park Hotel.

IRISH PROVINCES INDOOR ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last Saturday, 16 members of the club competed in the Irish Provinces Indoor Rowing Championships held in the UL Arena. The event attracted a large entry of competitors from Ireland and abroad and was a great challenge for those taking part. Our Muckross rowers put in a fantastic performance with a number of podium finishes and personal bests recorded on the day. Congratulations to Cara Spillane, winner of the Womens Junior 15 5 minute event, with a clocked distance of 1316m and the only competitor in the field of 16 to top 1300m. Congratulations also to Sean Tangney, winner of the Lightweight Mens 50-59 category racing over 2km. In the Mens J13 events, there were two big results for Max Wesolowski, who placed second of 104 competitors in the 500m race and third in a field of 78 in the 3-minute sprint clocking 893m. Well done also to Orla Forde, fourth of 43 in the Womens J14 4-minutes race and to Madeleine Lynch, fifth of 50 in the Womens J13 3-minute sprint.

ROWING IRELAND HIGH PERFORMANCE TRIALS

Well done to all our members who took part in last weekend's first round of water based High Performance trials, as part of the national crew selection process for 2026.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR THE 13TH NOVEMBER

N/S

1st: Anne Looney & Michael McHugh

2nd: Hannike Nieman & Maura B Moynihan

E/W



Fossa Rowing Club members at the Indoor Rowing Championships at the weekend.

1st: Conor Dwyer & Ger McSweeney

2nd: Phyllis O'Regan & Ciarán Broadbery
Well done.

RESULTS FOR THE 20TH NOVEMBER

N/S

1st: Phyllis O'Regan & Pauline Lyne

2nd: Ciarán Broadbery & Ursula Daly

E/W

1st: Evelyn O'Leary & Mary Gleeson

2nd: Joan Lenihan & Marie Moloney

Well done all.

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

FOSSA ROWING CLUB

INDOOR ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last Saturday a great turnout from Fossa Rowing Club took part in the Provincial Indoor Rowing Championships at the University of Limerick. Very well done to all who took part, representing the club with huge pride, hitting some serious times across all age groups. A huge thanks also you to Conor and Declan who looked after our rowers on the day. Also a huge thanks to all our awesome supporters who travelled up to cheer them on. Another fantastic day for the club!!

JOHN O'LEARY - REST IN PEACE

On Saturday we were saddened to hear of John O'Leary's passing. May John rest in peace. John was a former oarsman, trainer, mentor, president and stalwart member of both Fossa RC. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this time. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

WORKMEN'S ROWING CLUB

What an incredible day for Workmen's Rowing Club at the Provinces Indoor Rowing Championships in UL on Saturday last! Our juniors represented the club with pride, determination, and fantastic team spirit from start to finish.

Every one of our athletes put in exceptional performances, with all competitors achieving top-10 finishes in their individual events — an amazing achievement that reflects their hard work and commitment over the past number of weeks.

Days like this highlight the strength and promise within our junior squad, and we're excited to see what the future holds for these young athletes.

Well done to all involved, and a massive thank-you to the coaches, parents, and supporters who make days like this possible.

Regular training sessions continue as scheduled throughout the week. Consistency and teamwork in training remain key and keep showing up, pushing forward, and supporting one another.

KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

Killarney Swimming Club had 19 swimmers attend the Munster Short Course (25m) Championships at the University of Limerick over the weekend. This was a 3-day event



Cara Spillane (centre), Muckross Rowing Club, winner of the Womens Junior 15 5-minute event at the Irish Provinces Indoor Rowing Championships at the UL Arena, Saturday 22nd November. Also pictured left Kate Fogarty, Clonmel RC (2nd place) and right Larson Liao, Sligo RC (3rd).



Zac Donaldson (left), Muckross Rowing Club, second in the Mens Junior 13 500 metre event at the Irish Provinces Indoor Rowing Championships at the UL Arena, Saturday 22nd November. Also pictured centre Mike Hartmann, Castleconnell BC (1st place) and right Matthew Gouws, Villiers School RC (3rd).

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that saw swimmers enter up to 10 events each, including relays. Killarney excelled on the regional stage, swimming against some of the top swimmers in the country, including John Shortt, who set 4 National Records over the weekend. Coach Sean Farndon guided the swimmers throughout the weekend.

Divo Lucic Kovacevic (16th 100 Breast, 16th 400IM, 15th 50 Breast), Sarah Quirke (11th 400IM, 11th 200 Fly) and Ella Cremin (14th 200 Breast, 15th 100 Fly) all made finals and excelled in their swims. Training continues for our senior swimmers for January Meets, and our younger swimmers are currently training for the upcoming Future Challenger event. Past swimmer Cathal Mackey, who now swims with UL Wolves, came away from the meet with two bronze medals.

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

The National Juvenile Even Age Cross Country Championships was held in Derry on Sunday. Super runs from our U16 athletes on a tough national course. Muireann Breen was 25th in the Girls U16 4K in a time of 15.14secs. In the Boys U16 4K, Conor Duffin was 71st in 14.38secs and Thomas O'Sullivan was 108th in 15.32secs. Our KVAC Pole Vaulters travelled to Nenagh for the Open Indoor Competition and delivered a brilliant haul of PB's. In the U13 Girls, Sinead Coleman came 1st with a PB of 1.80m while Marcela Piechowiak came 2nd with a PB of 1.65m. In the U15 Boys, Daniel Smith came 2nd. In the U17 Girls, Maria Coleman came 2nd with a PB of 1.65m. Thanks to Coaches Anna O'Shea, Alan Burke and Maureen O'Shea.

Join us in The Laurels Lounge on Wednesday 3rd December at 8pm for a brilliant night of fun, prizes and friendly rivalry! Hosted by quiz legend Cathal Walshe, with questions for all levels. All are welcome on the night to our fundraiser.

Our Couch to 5K program for 2026 has been launched and is now available to book online on our website www.killarneyvalleyac.ie. It will start on 13th January twice per week for 8 weeks (Tuesday and Thursday at 7.15pm). The goal is for all to be able to complete the Killarney Parkrun on Saturday 7th March 2026 in a fun non-competitive environment. Please email the club on killarneyvalleyac@gmail.com if you would like to join the club.

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KILLARNEY RFC CLUB MONSTER QUIZ SUCCESS RAISES VITAL FUNDS

Killarney RFC extends a huge thank you to everyone who supported our highly successful Monster Table Quiz last week. The event was a fantastic success, generating crucial funds for the club's development and running costs.

A special acknowledgement must go to the Killarney Avenue Hotel for their generous hospitality in hosting the evening. This event truly would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our phenomenal organisers, Ger and Sinéad Sugrue. We are incredibly grateful for the countless hours they put into ensuring the night ran smoothly.

Finally, thank you to all the generous local businesses and sponsors who contributed excellent prizes, helping to make the quiz a fun and competitive success. Your support is invaluable to the club.

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS PARTY & MATCH NIGHT

Get ready to mark your calendars! The club will be hosting its annual Christmas Party & Match Night on Saturday, November 29th, at Scott's Hotel Killarney.

The event kicks off at 5:00 PM and runs until 8:00 PM. Attendees can enjoy the thrilling action of the Munster vs. Stormers match live on the big screen, alongside complimentary finger food and festive cheer. This is a great opportunity for all players, members, friends, and family to gather and celebrate the season. All are welcome!

ON THE PITCH

Killarney / Iveragh / Castleisland / Killorglin U14 Girls Shine at Old Crescent RFC! What a superb performance from our Killarney / Iveragh/ Castleisland / Killorglin U14 Girls team who travelled to Limerick yesterday, Saturday, November 22nd, to face Old Crescent RFC! The girls truly played like a unified team today, demonstrating excellent teamwork, fantastic commitment, and scoring some lovely tries in the process. You made your coaches so, so proud! A huge well done to every single player! Your effort and spirit were incredible! We want to extend a massive thank you to Old Crescent RFC for their super hospitality. We greatly appreciate your welcome! Special Thanks: * A special



Pictured are Killarney Swimming Club members Divo Lucic Kovacevic, Orlaith Mackey, Beibhinn Kiely, Coach Sean Farndon, May O'Mahony, Ayla Keogh, Evan O'Donoghue, Samuel O'Neill, Raegan Browne, Sarah Quirke, Aoife Coffey and Maria Avila.

mention and thanks to Kelsey from Old Crescent, who generously joined our team for the match! * And huge thanks to Claire and Ian at Old Crescent for all of their help and organisation.

MATCH REPORT: KILK U18.5 GIRLS VS TRALEE RFC (FRIENDLY)

Killorglin RFC | Saturday, 22 November What a performance from our KILK U18.5 Girls (Killarney, Iveragh, Listowel & Killorglin RFC amalgamation) today against Tralee RFC! On a wet and muddy Saturday afternoon, the girls showed incredible skill, strength, and resilience in truly difficult conditions. It was a dominant display from KILK, who adapted brilliantly to the challenging weather while running in several well-earned tries and conversions. This result is a fantastic testament to the squad's growing cohesion! A massive thank you goes to the Tralee RFC players and management for a competitive and sporting game. It was a tough, fair contest! Special mentions and thank you to the referee for their time and effort today. A huge thank you to Killorglin RFC for hosting the match! A very special word of thanks to Andrew and Killorglin RFC for all their help, especially for coordinating the moving of games, and for providing all the sweets, treats, and some of the best pizzas for both teams afterwards. It was much appreciated by all the players and management after a hard-fought match! A great day of rugby and teamwork all round! Well done, KILK!

SPA /MUCKROSS COMMUNITY GAMES

AGM of Spa Muckross Community Games will take place on Thursday December 4th at 8pm in Spa GAA Clubhouse. All are welcome. If interested in coaching/ mentoring teams next year please attend.

KILLARNEY BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS 24 NOV

1st: Therese mc Carthy John oShea
2nd: Ger Mc Carthy Sheila Spillane
3rd: Joan Lenihan Hazel O Connell
Congratulations to all



KILK U18.5 Girls after their match



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SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Past Captain, John Ivory, to Kathy and all the Ivory Family on the recent passing of his brother, Lar R.I.P. and also to John Joe Healy on the recent passing of his sister, Mary Spillane. R.I.P.

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3rd: Annette Sheehan & Joseph Geaney 41pts (28)

NEXT FIXTURE

30th November 2025, 18 Hole Single Stableford Competition on Mahony's Point Course Club sponsored.

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. will be held in the Club House on Saturday 28th November at 10.00am. Motions & Nominations must be received by 15th November. All new members welcome. Followed by a Scramble or a refresher on the Rules of Golf.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

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

GOLF LESSONS

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

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SAVE THE DATE

Our annual end of year get together in Murphy's Bar takes place on Friday December 12th. Prizes to be presented on night include: Club Strokeplay, Club Matchplay, Christmas Hamper (Adult), Player of the Year and Club Person of the Year will also be announced on night.

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MEMBERS ONLY

A reminder to the general public that as of November 1st until the end of next February the course is open only to members except in the case of a pre-arranged booking through the club phone on 0877823138.

ST STEPHENS DAY

Our traditional 18-hole Three Ball Scramble will once again take place on December 26th this year at 10am. Entry €5 per player.



Captain Annette McNeice (right) presenting first prize in the Diageo Mixed Foursomes Stableford to winners Mary Treacy and Tommy Galvin with (from left) Betty Farrell and Donal Begley 2nd, Annette Sheehan 3rd and Donal G O'Sullivan Best Gross at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Sunday.
Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Jason O'Connor (Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club PRO, Sponsor) presenting the prizes for this year's Deerpark Club U16 Christmas Hampers to Daniel Quinlan (Winner), Jack O'Leary (Runner-Up) and Fionn O'Callaghan (Gross Prize).



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CASTLEISLAND COMMUNITY STUDENTS

Selected to Represent Ireland in Basketball

Three of Castleisland Community College's finest athletes have achieved an extraordinary milestone, earning places on Basketball Ireland's national squads. Their success is a testament to their skill, determination, and the thriving basketball culture within the school.

Jamie Nolan has been selected for the U17 Basketball Ireland squad, a remarkable achievement that reflects his consistent excellence on the court. Jamie was a key player in the school team's historic run of three consecutive All-Ireland A Division titles in 2023, 2024, and 2025. His talent was further recognised when he was named Male U16 Schools Player of the Year 2025, cementing his reputation as one of the brightest young stars in Irish basketball.

Joey Kelly and Ógie O Leary Griffin have both been chosen for the U16 Basketball Ireland squad. Their journey has already been marked by success, having helped secure the 1st Year A Division Basketball Ireland Schools League title in 2024 and the 2nd Year A Division Basketball Ireland Cup Championship in 2025. Their teamwork, resilience, and passion for the sport have set them apart as leaders among their peers. Once a month, Jamie, Joey, and Ógie now travel to Dublin for intensive six-hour training sessions with the national squads. They will also undertake training days over the Christmas holidays in Dublin. This commitment demonstrates not only their dedication to the sport but also their willingness to make sacrifices in pursuit of excellence.

'This achievement is a source of immense pride for our school and the wider community. Their success highlights the strength of youth basketball in the school and serves as an inspiration to younger students who dream of following in their footsteps. We congratulate Jamie, Joey,

and Ógie on this outstanding accomplishment and wish them every success as they represent Ireland on the national stage,' stated Máiréad Coridan (Principal).



Photo from left Jamie Nolan, Ógie O leary Griffin and Joey Kelly. Jamie is holding the All Ireland School A Division Basketball Cup that was won by by himself and his team in the U16 league this year. Joey is holding the All Ireland School A Division Basketball Cup that was won by himself, Ógie and team in the U15 Cup competition.

RYAN KELLIHER

signs new multi-year deal in Mounthawk Park



Kerry FC is delighted to confirm that our all-time leading goal scorer, Ryan Kelliher, has committed his immediate future to his home club and has signed a new multi-year deal with the Kingdom ahead of the 2026 campaign.

Despite missing a large portion of the 2025 season due to an ACL injury he suffered away to UCD last April, Ryan has progressed along really well with his injury and is looking forward to getting back out on the Mounthawk Park pitch sooner rather than later.

The 24-year-old Killarney man has been one of the stand-out performers since the club's inaugural season in 2023. He has donned the Kerry jersey on 81 occasions, scoring 32 goals for Kerry FC. Ryan started the 2025 season in fine form, netting 3 goals in 8 First Division games before being ruled out for the remainder of the campaign with injury.

Speaking after he sealed a return to Mounthawk Park for 2026, Ryan Kelliher said, "I'm delighted to have signed for the upcoming season. Last season was a big disappointment for me after the injury I got, but I have been working really hard since, and I can't wait to be back out playing and scoring goals in front of all the fans in Mounthawk Park in 2026.

Also speaking after Ryan re-committed to the Kingdom for the new campaign, First Team Manager Colin Healy said, "I'm delighted to have Ryan signed back for the 2026 campaign. Ryan was injured before I arrived, so I haven't had the opportunity to work with him on the field yet, but I'm looking forward to seeing him in our sessions again soon. His numbers speak for themselves: a proven goal scorer and a threat in front of the goal. His loss last year was evident, and we know how dangerous a fully fit Ryan Kelliher can be up front for us. So a small bit more patience is needed with his recovery, but I can tell he is hungry to score more goals once he is back up and running again."

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KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC

U16 DIVISION 2

Killarney Celtic 3 Killarney Athletic 3

Jakub Sijud x 1 Brendan McHugh x1 Constantin Preda x 1

We played out a thriller with our near neighbours Saturday evening in Celtic park when we were left disappointed leaving with a draw . Athletic went in 2 goals up at half time through Jakub and Brendan and in truth were in complete control having played some lovely football. Celtic as expected really put it up to us 2nd half levelling the game up with 10 minutes to go . We thought we had won it late through a lovely Constantin goal but as so often happens in these derby games Celtis equalised with literally the last kick of the game . Much improved performance from Athletic and with a little better game management may have taken all 3 points . Player of the match Rob Murphy

U14 BOYS DIVISION 1

Killarney Athletic B 1 Mastergeeha A 4

Goal: Cillian Sheahan

U13 GIRLS PREMIER LEAGUE

Tralee Park 1-0 Killarney Athletic A

Killarney Athletic A travelled to face league leaders Tralee Park today, a side unbeaten so far this season. Despite the challenge ahead, our girls delivered a performance full of determination, teamwork, and heart. Leading them out as captain for the day was Caitlin Hickey, who set the tone with strong communication and relentless work rate. From the opening whistle, Killarney Athletic showed no fear, creating several promising chances and testing the Parks defence. Our midfield moved the ball with confidence, and the forwards found pockets of space to get shots away. At the right back, Lily Duggan produced one of the standout moments of the half, making a superb last-ditch clearance to deny what looked like a certain Park goal. Alongside the three other defenders, Lily helped maintain excellent shape and ensured that Park's usually free-scoring attack found little room to operate. The team pushed out well, communicated effectively, and contributed hugely to keeping the game scoreless at the break. Anna Lyne on the left back also had a great game, attacking from deep when called upon. The second half began with increased pressure from Tralee Park, but our defence continued to dig deep. Unfortunately, in a moment of misfortune, Lily Duggan, who had been outstanding throughout, was unlucky to see her attempted clearance deflect into her own net. She had read the danger perfectly, made the run to cover and made the right decision to challenge the ball, but the bounce favoured the Park, putting them 1-0 ahead. Despite the setback, Killarney Athletic responded brilliantly. The girls pushed forward with intent, creating several chances as they searched for the equaliser. The team showed grit, passing confidently and working tirelessly to break down a very compact Park defence. Tralee Park continued to threaten on the counter, but our defence stood firm to keep the gap at one. Even with late pressure and a few promising attacks, we couldn't quite find

that final breakthrough. Though the result went the way of the league leaders, the performance from our girls was exceptional. They matched Tralee Park for long stretches, showed excellent teamwork, and demonstrated the progress they continue to make week after week. Plenty of positives to take into the next match, well done, girls!

Player of the Match: Lily Duggan

Despite the unfortunate own goal, one that came only because she was bravely attempting to stop a certain scoring opportunity, Lily is fully deserving of the Player of the Match award. Her effort, work rate, and passion throughout the entire game was exceptional. Thanks to The Park and referee Kevin for a good sporting game.

BOYS U12-NATIONAL CUP

Today our u12 As made their exit from the National trophy after suffering a 1-0 loss at home to Summerville Rovers from Limerick. Summerville started the brighter in the first half and looked solid defensively and were tidy on the ball. We came back into it and began to create chances but with 10 minutes to go in the first half we conceded a sloppy goal when we had a number of chances to clear the ball and went into half time 1 down. The second half was much improved with the boys putting huge pressure on the Summerville defensive line and we started creating a lot more. Unfortunately, we missed a number of big chances that would go in on another day. The last 10 mins we went all in but in fairness to the Summerville team and their keeper they defended brilliantly and they held onto their lead and saw out the game. Credit to every one of our players who did not stop running and trying until the final whistle. It just wasn't our day. Best on the day for the team was Daniel O Donoghue, Tiernán Kavanagh and MOTM John Hegarty. We wish Summerville all the best in the next round and we would like to thank them for the sporting game.

BOYS U12 DIVISION 1

National Trophy Round 3

Killarney Athletic B vs Kenmare 1-1

MOTM & Goalscorer = Juan Ávila x 1

A round up of this mornings action. It was fantastic to see our blues back to themselves. An amazing performance all over the pitch , everyone played out there of skin & when we went down 1-0, when we were on top, we pressed for the equaliser and got it so quickly. We were so unlucky not to get the winner we deserved , but a huge improvement again. We're officially unbeaten at home. Thanks to all our supporters , it's so important to us. Also big thanks Kenmare for travelling to Ferndale this morning for what was a cracking match.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC U12D

Boys U12 Division 3 Result

A dominant display by our young Blues last night as we welcomed Dynamos to Woodlawn. Despite having only the bare nine players available, the lads didn't let that hold them back. Every single one of them worked tirelessly for each other from start to finish. Three well-earned points, but what impressed us most was how they approached the game, playing the right way, keeping their shape and showing real bravery on the ball throughout.

Well done lads! A big thanks to Dynamos and

the referee for an entertaining and sporting game. Goalscorers:

Carlos González Romero x 3 Charlie Meenan x 2 Fionnán O'Connell x 1 Stevie Murphy x 1 Abàn Murphy x 1 MOTM: Carlos

GIRLS U13 DIVISION 1

LB Rovers 4 Killarney Athletic B 1

Athletic met a very well organised and strong LB Rovers team this morning in Ardfer. From the start LB rovers were putting Athletic under pressure who found it hard to push back from our own half , but thanks to some very good defending from all our back line and some great saves from our keeper Abbey Reidy , Athletic held them out until virtually last kick of the half when LB grabbed a goal. After some changes in midfield and up front Athletic started to push and Sarah Crowley ran on to through ball from midfield and calmly slotted home for a deserved equalizer. However LB started to push up and pressured the Athletic kick out a grabbed a couple more goals. Thanks to LB for a great game

U-15 GIRLS PREMIER DIVISION

Killarney Athletic 1-3 MEK

Ella Crowley x 1

Our U15A team had an early home game v MEK in the league today Unfortunately the girls started slowly and MEK capitalised and we went in at half time 3-0. However, the second half was a different story! The girls rallied at half time and showed huge grit and determination and battled hard. Ella's goal was a build up from Lilian Slattery and. Evie Doolan. It really was a game of two halves! The girls can be very proud of their second half performance. Although not our day today It was an outstanding panel effort, thanks also as ever to our neighbours. MEK for a very fair and competitive game

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TEAMS

The club u11s had a positive result away to Killarney Celtic with goals from Denis Fleming, Aisling O Sullivan & Jack O Mahony in a game where all the squad played well.

The U13 B squad travelled away to Castleisland B and while being defeated 7-2 played very well. Shane Collins & Jamie O Connor were on the scoresheet while Matthew Hickey, Micheal Griffin, Tadhg Fitzgerald & Eoghan Clifford were excellent on the Day.

The U13 A squad played Ferry Rangers in the KDL and had a good 5-0 victory with a hat trick from Fabian Mrotek and one each from Bryan Evans & Dylan O Sullivan.

The U14 girls, Division 1 had a good 2-1 home win over MEK FC with Mollie O Connor & Anna Kate Daly on the scoresheet.

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Mastergeeha Under 12 Div 2 Team

The U15s travelled to Inter Kenmare where they lost 3-2 after Ballyhar taking an early lead. Josh Nelligan was on target twice for Ballyhar with Adam Quirke, Luke Bartlett, Daniel Ryan, Daithi Allen, Eoin Cremin & Joshua O Sullivan playing well on the day.

The Youth squad had a hard earned 4-2 home win against Camp Juniors at Murt Scott Park. Lee Cirillio, Conor Edwards & two goals by Kealan Riordan sealed the win for Ballyhar with Eoin O Mahony, Conor Giles, Jayden Mujeni, Ross Lally & Tom Costelloe also impressing. The U16s premier squad on Saturday last came out on the wrong end of a 7 goal cracker at Murt Scott Park against Inter Kenmare in a 3-4 defeat. Ryan Quilter with two goals & one from Diarmuid Casey was not enough to secure a point with Jamie O'Brien, Jack Kelly, Paddy Cournane O Shea, Killian Casey & Daire Cornally putting in big performances.

CONDOLENCES

The Club offers its sympathy to the Family & Friends of the late Fr Brendan Harrington. Sympathy to the McMahon Family, Faries on the passing of Jerry Clifford & to the O Mahony Family, Ballyhar on the passing of Rena Clifford. May they rest in peace.

MASTERGEEHA FC

U13 GIRL'S PREMIER

Mastergeeha 5 MEK 1

This game was far tighter than the final score line suggests. Mastergeeha got off to a strong start when Gracie Maher opened the scoring with the first of yet another hat-trick. MEK hit back immediately with an equaliser, and from there both teams created plenty of chances.

Up front, Gracie Maher, Lucy Devane, and Melissa O'Leary all came close, but the MEK defence stood firm. At the other end, MEK also threatened regularly, with Sophie Moynihan pulling off several excellent saves. Lily O'Donoghue, Laura Breen, and Clodagh O'Sullivan were kept extremely busy in defence throughout the half. Finally, in the 28th minute, Gracie showed her class again, taking on three defenders before finishing superbly to make it 2-1 at halftime. Mastergeeha started the second half strongly. Laura Breen pushed further up the field, causing problems and coming close to scoring, while Aine Herlihy was also unlucky not to get on the scoresheet. The pressure eventually paid off when Caomhie Darmody made it 3-1 with a brilliant run and a calm finish. In midfield, Melissa O'Leary, Faye O'Connor, and Emer O'Connor worked tirelessly throughout the game. And of course, Gracie Maher wasn't leaving without her hat-trick — a powerful run and clinical finish to make it 4-1. Shortly after, Annie Mai O'Donoghue struck from outside the box with a superb effort that left the MEK keeper with no chance, and sealing the win. Despite the result, MEK pushed us all the way and put us under pressure for large periods of the game. A huge thanks to John Ross for his encouraging words to the girls, and to MEK for a very sporting match.

U15 GIRLS DIVISION 1

Dingle 2 v Mastergeeha 1

U12 BOY'S NATIONAL TROPHY ROUND 3

Newmarket Celtic 5 v Mastergeeha B 0

Our Trophy journey came to an end on Saturday afternoon, we were disappointed but very proud of our boys for the effort given on the day, Best of Luck to Newmarket Celtic in the

next round of the Trophy.

U12 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Mastergeeha C 2 v Park C 1

Mastergeeha U12 C Team played Park C at home on Saturday morning. Mastergeeha created the first chance of the game following a good run and cross by Micheal O'Connor. Park took the lead on 10 minutes with a smart finish. Mastergeeha had our keeper, Charlie Lenihan, to thank for keeping the deficit to one goal at half time.

Half time subs, Jamie Scanlon, Conor Doyle and Maitiu O Morain helped to inspire a second half comeback. Despite dominating possession and territory Mastergeeha were again grateful to our keeper Charlie for making some good saves following quick counter attacks by the Park. Following a sustained period of pressure on the Park goal, Finn Murphy won the ball back, found Dara Reen who crossed for Jamie Scanlon to score the equaliser, with 10 minutes to play. Mastergeeha kept pushing and were rewarded in the final minutes when Finn Murphy converted from a corner by Jack Lucey. Best on the day for Mastergeeha were Charlie Lenihan, Darragh O'Connell, Jamie Scanlon, Conor Doyle, Maitiu O' Morain. Scorers Jamie Scanlon, Finn Murphy, Assists Dara Reen, Jack Lucey and Captain was Finn Murphy. Player of the Match Charlie Lenihan. Thanks to Referee John Ross to Park for a very competitive and sporting game.

U12 BOY'S DIVISION 3

Mastergeeha D 6 v Inter Kenmare B 0

U14 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Killarney Athletic B 1 v Mastergeeha A 4

A great away win for our U14 boys on Saturday afternoon.

U16 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Mastergeeha B 1 v Camp A 1

Goal Scorer: David O'Mahony

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Sunday 23rd November for the Jackpot of €2,400. Numbers drawn were 01,02,06,19, Consolations Prizes of €50 each to the following, Margaret Lucey Killarney, Rebecca O'Leary, Inch, Rian & Sean Fleming Knockancore and Sinead Collins Aghadoe. Our next draw will be on Friday 21st November at the Village Inn for Jackpot of €2,600.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO



Ballyhar Dynamos FC Youth squad who defeated Camp Juniors FC at Murt Scott Park in the Kerry District League.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC U11s who travelled away to Killarney Celtic.

Numbers drawn 4,12,16,24. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €40. Next jackpot €4,800 on Monday December 1st. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

KDL PREMIER

Killarney Celtic 2-3 Killorglin

Matt Keane, Evan Cronin

Celtic A suffered their 1st league loss of the campaign after Killorglin turned the game on its head in the 2nd half.

KDL CHAMPIONSHIP

Killarney Celtic B 3-1 Mastergeeha

Evan Cronin, Callum Cronin, Ryan O'Grady

Celtic B came out on top in this fine contest. Both teams served up some great football in which Celtic had early and late goals to gain the win.

JAKO MUNSTER YOUTHS CUP

Killarney Celtic 2-5 Killarney Athletic

Cillian Cronin 2

Celtic youths battled bravely in this Munster Youths Cup before exiting the competition.

U16 SFAI NATIONAL CUP

Tralee Dynamos 1-0 Killarney Celtic

Celtic U16s went out of the SFAI National Cup after Tralee Dynamos scored a late winner. 2 equally matched teams gave their all but on the day Dynamos got the breakthrough.

U16 DIV 2

Killarney Celtic B 3-3 Killarney Athletic B

Derry O'Gorman 3

Celtic B came back in the 2nd half to draw this exciting local derby that went right to the wire. Derry O'Gorman had a hat trick to gain a point for this gallant squad.

U14 SFAI NATIONAL CUP

Killarney Celtic 1-2 Newcastlewest Town

Jack Clifford

Celtic U14 went out of the SFAI National Cup after Newcastlewest came back in the 2nd half to gain the day. Celtic led at the break through Jack Clifford but the physically bigger Newcastlewest team came back in the 2nd half to claim the win.

U14 DIV 1

LB Rovers 1-2 Killarney Celtic B

Eoin Murphy 2

In a tight contest Celtic B edged home in front thanks to a 2 goal salvo from Eoin Murphy.

Killarney Celtic C 4-2 Tralee Dynamos

Josh Buckley 2, Pdraig O'Sullivan, Illia Pomischyk
Celtic C maintained their unbeaten run in this division after seeing off Dynamos B. Celtic C remain top of the division.

U14 DIV 3

Killarney Celtic D 2-3 Iveragh

Oskar Kozub, Sean Looney

Celtic D came out the wrong end of the contest after Iveragh just got home in front.

U12 DIV 1

St Brendan's Park 4-1 Killarney Celtic

Chase Barton

Killarney Celtic C 4-3 LB Rovers

Dwayne Koeller 3, Scott O'Sullivan

Celtic C came out on top of goalfest in this Div 1 clash last weekend. Celtic C are top of this division.

CONGRATS to Evan Foley U16 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week. Congrats to Max



O'Reilly U11 who was named on the KSBGL Boys Development League Team of the Week and to Hope O'Brien U11 who was named on the KSBGL Girls Development League Team of the Week.

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

NATIONAL:

DINGLE REACH 12'S NATIONAL STAGE

Dingle Bay Rovers booked their place in the National Stages of the U12 Boys National Cup with a big win at the weekend, while Castleisland booked their place in Round 4 of the National Trophy.

Dingle Bay Rovers advanced in the U12 Boys National Cup with an impressive 2-0 victory over Ballynanty Rovers, securing the win through well-taken goals from Lui Ó Sé and Joey O'Connor in a composed team display. In the National Trophy, Castleisland produced a standout performance on the road, defeating Dromore United 4-2 thanks to a spread of scorers, Shea Mathews, Kalum Brennan, Elliott Walsh and Ryan O'Donoghue all finding the net.

KERRY TEAMS REACH U14 NATIONAL STAGES

Killorglin and Dingle Bay Rovers booked their place in the National Stages of the U14 Boys National Cup, while Inter Kenmare reached the National Stages of the U14 Boys National Trophy.

Dingle Bay Rovers continued their superb run in the U14 Boys National Cup with a disciplined 2-0 win away to Caherdavin Celtic, secured by goals from Muris Ó Shúilleabháin and TJ Ó hAinfein.

Killorglin AFC also booked their place in the next round after winning a tight contest against St. Brendan's Park, where Eoin McClure struck the decisive goal in a hard-fought 1-0 victory.

Killarney Celtic however bowed out of the competition following a narrow 2-1 defeat at home to Newcastle West Town, Tiernan Cronin on target for the home side.

Meanwhile, Listowel Celtic were involved in a thrilling five-goal battle but also fell just short against Pike Rovers. John Carey and Eoin Cuddigan found the net for Celtic, yet Pike held firm late on to emerge 3-2 winners in a

dramatic finish.

In the U14 Boys National Trophy, Fenit put in a spirited effort but were unable to contain a strong Rathkeale AFC side, falling 6-2 despite a brace from Conor Walshe. The meeting of Croom United and Killarney Athletic was postponed.

While in Round 4 of the Trophy, Inter Kenmare overcame Listowel Celtic B 7-4 in an action-packed contest. Sean Moriarty and Alistair O'Sullivan each netted twice, while Quillan McCarthy and Ben Leonard added further goals to seal an impressive away victory for the Kenmare outfit.

MIXED EMOTIONS AS KERRY TEAMS QUALIFY IN 16'S NATIONAL CUP

Castleisland, Tralee Dynamos and Killarney Athletic are all in the hat for the National Stages of the U16 Boys National Cup, while Killarney Celtic and Listowel Celtic bowed out after narrow defeats.

Castleisland delivered one of the standout performances of the U16 Boys National Cup Round 4, overcoming Aisling Annacotty with an impressive 5-0 victory. Harvey Leen was in unstoppable form as he fired a superb hat-trick, while Liam O'Connor and Dean O'Donoghue added further goals to seal a dominant win on the road. Tralee Dynamos also advanced after winning a tight contest against Killarney Celtic, the first game on their brand new Astro, with Danny Lane providing the decisive strike from the penalty spot in a hard-fought 1-0 triumph. Killarney Athletic produced a composed and disciplined display to see off Newcastle West Town 2-0, with Oisín Cryan stepping up brilliantly to claim both goals.

GIRLS:

PARK CONTINUE TO LEAD 13'S PREMIER

A three point gap is in place at the summit of the Amber Killarney U13 Girls Premier as St Brendan's Park hold off chasers Mastergeeha. Park continued their unbeaten start with a narrow 1-0 victory over Killarney Athletic, the only goal arriving via an unfortunate own goal that ultimately proved decisive. Mastergeeha sit just behind after an impressive 5-1 win over MEK Galaxy, driven by a superb Gracie Maher hat-trick and further goals from Caomhie Darmody and Annie Mai O'Donoghue. MEK's response came through a well-taken strike from Katie Foley.



Killarney Athletic U13 Girls Div 1



Killarney Athletic U14 Boys Div 1

There was nothing to separate Castleisland and Iveragh in a tense 0-0 draw, with both sides battling hard but unable to find a breakthrough. Listowel Celtic meanwhile came out on top in a tight contest against Killorglin, inspired by a brace from the lively Katelyn Joy, while Chloe O'Sullivan kept Killorglin in touch with a fine finish of her own.

INTER KENMARE CONTINUE UNBEATEN WAYS

Inter Kenmare stretched their unbeaten run to five games in the Amber Killarney U13 Girls Division 1, moving top of the table two points ahead of Camp Juniors who did not play this week.

Inter Kenmare A produced an impressive performance defeating MEK Galaxy B in a 6-0 victory. The goals came from all across the pitch, with Fallon O'Shea, Ali Cremin, Mila Riney, Sinead O'Connor, Lily Noonan Murphy and Orlaith Lynch all getting on the scoresheet. LB Rovers were also in strong form as they secured a 4-1 win over Killarney Athletic B. Laoise McCarthy led the charge with a fine brace, while Cora O'Sullivan and Lydia Lyne added one each to complete the scoring. Sarah Crowley pulled a goal back for Athletic.

SLENDER LEAD FOR PARK IN 15'S PREMIER

Extending their unbeaten run to five games, and off the back of their fourth win of the season, St Brendan's Park lead by a single point in the Muckross Park Hotel U15 Girls Premier. Park were impressive in front of goal in their 5-0 victory over Camp. Arina Sucari and Nessa Kirby each helped themselves to doubles, while

Saoirse Moynihan also got on the scoresheet. MEK Galaxy are just behind them after a well earned 3-1 win away to Killarney Athletic. Ella Crowley struck for the home side, but goals from Isabelle O'Connell, Alannah Daly and Elise Brunner ensured MEK claimed the points.

IVERAGH CLOSE THE GAP IN DIVISION 1

With Mastergeeha dropping points off the back of their first defeat of the season, Iveragh closed the gap with a win away to Tralee Dynamos, spoiling the hosts celebrations on the opening of their new Astro.

Iveragh produced an excellent away performance to overcome Tralee Dynamos 4-1. Tia Falvey found the net for Dynamos, but a superb hat-trick from Amy Rose Shanahan powered Iveragh to victory, with Zoe Gleeson also getting on the scoresheet to seal a strong team display.

Dingle Bay Rovers got their first win of the season in a tight contest against Mastergeeha, winning 2-1 thanks to goals from Lucy Kennedy and Temi Aderomnu. Shauna O'Riordan struck for Mastergeeha.

BOYS:

U12 BOYS ACTION CONTINUES

It was another busy weekend of action across the EBS Boys U12 Divisions, with games in the Premier, Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3.

The EBS U12 Boy's Premier saw Killorglin A and Listowel Celtic play out an entertaining 1-1 draw, with Gerald O'Grady netting for Killorglin and Shane Hegarty scoring for Listowel Celtic. In Division 1, Park D ran out 4-1 winners against Killarney Celtic B thanks to goals from

Logan O'Connor (2), Isaac Hutchinson, and Luke O'Mahony, while Chase Barton scored for Killarney Celtic. Killarney Athletic B shared the spoils in a 1-1 draw with Inter Kenmare A as Juan Ávila and Toby Griffin traded strikes, elsewhere Killarney Celtic C defeated LB Rovers A 4-3, with Dwayne Koeller bagging a hat-trick and Scott O'Sullivan adding another, while Bobby Mannix scored twice for LB.

Iveragh A produced an impressive 7-1 victory over Ballyhar A, with goals from Niklas Remagen (2), Ryan Curran, Michael John Moran, Sean O'Sullivan, Chris Wynton, and Daniel Clifford, while Milltown beat Killorglin B 2-0, Martynas Kerpe scoring twice.

In Division 2, Tralee Dynamos defeated LB Rovers B 6-0 on the road, and Mastergeeha C narrowly defeated Park C 2-1 with Finn Murphy and Jamie Scanlon on the scoresheet. Castleisland defeated Killorglin C 6-0, with six different scorers including Luke O'Regan, Finn Lynch, and Tadhg Broderick.

Division 3 action saw MEK B overcome Ballyhar B 5-2, while Killarney Athletic D had an 8-2 win over Tralee Dynamos C with Carlos González hitting a hat-trick, Charlie Meenan scoring twice, and further goals from Fionnán O'Connell, Stevie Murphy, and Aban Murphy. Ballyheigue beat LB Rovers C 6-0, Mastergeeha D claimed a 6-0 victory over Inter Kenmare B, and Iveragh B defeated Killarney Athletic C 5-1 to round out a weekend of high-scoring action.



Killarney Athletic U15 Girls



Killarney Celtic U16 National Cup

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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

Munster Senior Club Semi-Final

Dingle 2-15 Mungret (Limerick) 0-2

Look, this is not a report I'm going to dwell on. I didn't travel to it – some-one else got the joy of writing 800 words about this game. I'm not being disrespectful in saying that. I don't think anybody really expected the Limerick champions to put it up to the Kerry champions, and I think that it's fair to say that while they left no pride behind them in the effort, it was never really a contest. Dingle just had too much for them. I don't know can the format be tweaked in any way – I think the idea of the Kerry hurling champions playing at Intermediate grade in Munster works well, but I don't think it would translate well to the bigger ball code. I've seen plenty of Limerick teams well able to match and beat Kerry teams in various grades – I include senior inter-county, and those of you who saw the likes of John Galvin, John Quane, Muiris Gavin et al, or Iain Corbett in more recent times, won't argue the point.

But this one just wasn't a contest. Mungret were down a lot of players even from the team that won their first ever Limerick championship. It was 1-8 to 0-0 at the break, Conor Geaney with the goal and Niall Geaney having a stormer. Mungret got their first score in the fourth quarter and scored just two frees in total, while Conor Geaney found the net, and Dingle didn't just win pulling up, they were hauling on the reins, taking off the likes of Mark O'Connor and Paul Geaney.

The other side of the draw was a cracking contest. Dingle, who are holding out hope of having Mark O'Connor available (it depends on Gelong's pre-season training) will have it very tough against Cork side St. Finbarrs. Brian Hayes scored a hat-trick for the Barrs and a strong case can be made for the Cork hurler actually being the best player in Munster right now, if not further afield.

Dingle: Gavin Curran, Brian O'Connor, Tom Leo O'Sullivan, Tom O'Sullivan (0-2), Aidan O'Connor, Conor Flannery, Pádraig O'Connor, Mark O'Connor, Billy O'Connor; Tadhg de Brún, Paul Geaney (0-3), Dylan Geaney (0-2, 1f), Conor Geaney (2-2), Matthew Flaherty (0-1), Niall Geaney (0-4, 1tp). Subs: Cathal Bambury 0-1 (for Matthew Flaherty, 42 mins), Ned Ryan (for Billy O'Connor, 48 mins), Mikey Geaney (for Paul Geaney, 52 mins), Ronan McCarthy (for Conor Geaney, 52 mins), Dara O'Sullivan (for Mark O'Connor, 56 mins).

Munster Intermediate Club Semi-Final

An Ghaeltacht 1-13 Corofin (Clare) 0-11

This game looked like it was heading in the

same direction as the Dingle one, but Clare champions Corofin rallied superbly and made it a real fight to the finish – honestly, that's what teams and spectators (neutral or otherwise) want in these games.

Corofin actually opened the scoring but An Ghaeltacht, despite missing seven starters from the County Final (the likes of the Sauerland brothers, Ruaidhrí Ó Beaglaoich, and Seán Ó Cuinn) soon took over. PJ Mac Láimh got them off the mark and Éanna Ó Chonchúir added three more. Aodhna Ó Beaglaoich (I wouldn't say he's ready for a Kerry senior panel yet, but he is certainly on the right road) set up Tomás Ó Sé for a goal. Tomás added a point, as did Brian Ó Beaglaoich. Corofin notched three points, but Gavin Ó Cinnéide's point gave An Ghaeltacht a 1-7 to 0-4 half-time lead.

On the restart, Brian Ó Beaglaoich (tp) and Tomás Ó Sé gave An Ghaeltacht a nine point lead. However, Corofin got the next three points (1tpf). Gavin Ó Cinnéide and Dara Ó Beaglaoich pointed but Corofin had the wind in their sails now. Gearóid Cahill notched three points, one of which was a definite goal chance. Jamie Malone had a point. Five points on the trot and the lead down to four, but Corofin really needed a goal and An Ghaeltacht were able to hold them out – just barely.

A good test, a very good one – it certainly won't get any easier against Cork champions Aghabullogue in the Munster Final.

An Ghaeltacht: Seán Ó Lúing, Cian Ó Murchú, Rónán Ó Beaglaoich, Adam Mac Amhlaoibh, Pádraig Ó Sé, Brian Ó Beaglaoich (0-3, 1tp), Aodhna Ó Beaglaoich, Aodán Breathnach, Cathal Ó Beaglaoich, Gavin Ó Cinnéide (0-2), Dara Ó Beaglaoich (0-1), PJ Mac Láimh (0-1), Conn Ó Riagáin, Éanna Ó Chonchúir (0-4, 2f), Tomás Ó Sé (1-2). Subs: Diarmuid Ó Séaghdha (for Dara Ó Beaglaoich, 52 mins), Óigí Ó Sé (for Tomás Ó Sé, 56 mins), Cian Mac Gearailt (for Conn Ó Riagáin, 56 mins), Conchúr Ó Corrdubh (for PJ Mac Láimh, 62 mins)

Munster Junior Semi-Final

Ballymacelligott 4-12

Clonmel Óg (Tipperary) 2-9

Ballymac's young guns were to the fore in opening up a 1-3 to 0-1 led, Domal Daly setting up Jack Joy for the goal. Clonmel Óg picked off some good scores themselves, including some great two pointers off limited possession, and only trailed by 1-7 to 0-6 at the break.

In fact, a cleverly taken free ended up in the net to bring Clonmel Óg back to within a point, but just a minute later Jack Joy was driving a penalty to the net and Donal Daly goaled from play soon after. The Tipperary side go a penalty of their own but Christy Leen pulled off a great save and Donal Daly's second goal gave Ballymac a cushion despite a late goal

from Clonmel Óg. Ballymac march on to meet Buttevant of Cork in the Munster Final.

Ballymac: Christy Leen, Eoin Creedon, Daniel O'Shea, Eoin Moriarty, Cathal Dunne, Tadhg Brick, Diarmuid Galvin, Aidan Breen (0-2, 2f), Darragh Broderick (0-2, 1f), Adam Sheehy, Mairtín McKivergan (0-2), Jack Joy (2-1), Niall Collins (0-3), Donal Daly (2-2), Darragh Regan. Subs: Ciarán O'Donnell (for Darragh Regan, 53 mins), Sean Rice (for Diarmuid Galvin, 54 mins), Brian Cassidy (for Cathal Dunne, 54 mins), Andy Rogers (for Adam Sheehy, 56 mins), Michael Herlihy (for Darragh Broderick, 58 mins)

North Kerry Final

Listowel Emmets 3-9

Knocknagoshel 1-15

There were very few outside of the parish, myself included, that were giving Knocknagoshel any real chance in the North Kerry Final. They have never won it (I always thought that Eamonn Walsh had won one, but it seems that I was wrong – yes, no need to mark that in your diaries), whereas Listowel Emmets were a bit unlucky not to win last year's All Ireland Junior Final. Yes, I know that David slew Goliath, but let's face it, God was playing favourites on that occasion.

The men from The Mall opened the scoring through John Bell. Both sides missed chances in the first half, with Listowel leaving four good goal chances behind. It was good football, just that the finishing didn't really match the play. The underdogs did have that little bit more of the ball and were fully deserving of their 0-5 to 0-3 half-time lead.

That evaporated very quickly, though, as Listowel Emmets stormed into the second half. Conor Sweeney, only just introduced, announced his presence with two goals in six minutes and three other Listowel points suddenly had them leading by seven points. Darragh Lynch gathered from Eddie Healy to fire home a third goal. Ten points in it and fifteen minutes left. A Division Two side against a team that got relegated from Division Four.

It's North Kerry Championship, though. It is literally the most unpredictable competition in Kerry. Any team can win it and as far as Knocknagoshel were concerned, it could just as easily be them.

A quick point from Jack Brosnan. A short kick-out, Knocknagoshel pounced, and Conor Cahill drove it into the net. Six in it now.

Cathal McElligott and Jack Brosnan with white flags.

Bryan Sweeney with a relieving point for Listowel. But back came John Bell with a two pointer. Just two points between them as the seconds ticked away – and two points is just one kick of a ball nowadays.

One last long kick....grabbed by a Listowel defender. Understandably, with time up, his instinct was to kick it out of play.

Except that's a '45 now regardless of whether time is up (the new rules will not allow you to 'kill the clock' in a cynical fashion – we actually saw it in the County Championship as well). John Bell knocked the '45 back and Jack McElligott had a go from outside the arc....and got it.

Everything back on the line as the two sides must face off again. Nobody in North Kerry, especially Knocknagoshel, will be complaining at the prospect!

Listowel Emmets: Shane Quinn, Micheál Kennedy, Patrick Walsh (0-1), Ger McCarthy, Ciarán Pierse, Eddie Browne, Niall Collins, Joe Joe Grimes (0-1), Darragh Leahy, Eddie Healy (0-1), Seán Keane, Jamie McVeigh, Darragh Lynch (1-4, 4f), Aaron Kennelly, Adam O'Rourke. Subs: Conor Sweeney 2-1 (for Eddie Browne, half-time), Sam Tarrant (for Seán Keane, 42 mins), Bryan Sweeney 0-1 (for Adam O'Rourke, 50 mins), Darragh Carey (for Darragh Lynch, 59 mins)

Knocknagoshel: Mike Casey, Eoin McSweeney, Joseph Bell, Jack Walsh, Michael Walsh, Jack McElligott (0-3, 1tp), Conor Sheehan, Shane O'Connell (0-1), Billy O'Rahilly, Jack Brosnan (0-2), Cathal McElligott (0-1), John Bell (0-4, 1f, 1tp), Conor Cahill (1-4, 2f), Ciaran Mangan, John Walsh Subs:Niall Barrett (for Billy Rahilly, 55 mins), Shane Brown (for Jack Brosnan, temp., 54-55)

Referee:Patrick Dowling (Ballylongford)

Mid Kerry Final

Beaufort 0-13

Milltown/Castlemaine 0-12

The two sides couldn't be separated in last week's draw and there was very little between them at the final whistle on this occasion either, but it was holders Beaufort who retain their Mid Kerry crown.

Dara Hogan had an early penalty for Milltown/Castlemaine, but Jason Foley made a superb save. Scores from Liam Carey and Fergal Hallissey saw Beaufort take a 0-3 to 0-1 lead. Brendan Casey and Hallissey exchanged scores, but somehow Beaufort seemed to lose momentum in front of the posts and didn't score again before the break. Milltown/Castlemaine didn't do a whole lot better, but Éanna O'Connor did score two frees to level things up at 0-4 apiece. Both sides will feel it was a poor enough return for the amount of ball they had – this was actually very good football in testing conditions.

Seán O'Brien opened the second half with a brilliant two pointer. Éanna O'Connor put Dara Hogan through o goal, but the whistle had already sounded for a free on O'Connor and it ended up just being one point from a free – maybe a little bit of a Beaufort let-off, all things considered. Ciarán Kennedy and Seán O'Brien put Beaufort three points clear, 0-8 to 0-5.

That didn't last long. Éanna O'Connor nailed a two pointer free and added a single and the sides were level heading for the finishing straight.

Jack O'Connor kicked a fine point and then added a two pointer. Three points in it now again, but once more Milltown/Castlemaine put



Beaufort football team and supporters following their win in the Mid Kerry final

their shoulder to the wheel again. Dara Hogan and Darragh O'Connor exchanged points. Then came the defining move of the game. Éanna O'Connor found Cathal Moriarty who sliced inside before crossing for Brendan Casey to finish.....only for the ball to skid on the wet ground and spill harmlessly wide. Desperately unlucky after doing everything right.

Jack O'Connor slotted a Beaufort free but Éanna O'Connor landed another big two pointer. Just one in it.

Double breach. One last chance for Milltown/Castlemaine. A great effort by Cathal Moriarty... but it fell just short and Liam Carey grabbed it as though it was the Michael O'Connor Cup itself.

Beaufort: Jason Foley, Eoin O'Hagan, Ethan Coffey, Kieran O'Sullivan, Mark Neary, Mike Breen, Sean Kelliher, Ronan Murphy, Sean O'Brien (0-3, 1tp), Liam Carey (0-1), Ciaran Kennedy 0-1, Fergal Hallissey 0-2f; Darragh O'Connor 0-1, Darragh Dennehy (0-1), Jack O'Connor (0-4 (1f, 1tpf). Subs: Jeremiah O'Sullivan (for Seán O'Brien temp., 22-27), Jeremiah O'Sullivan (for Mark Neary 59.

Milltown/Castlemaine: Cormac Leane, Aaron Dinham, Pa Wrenn, Stephen Roche, Anthony Kelliher, David Roche, Gavin McKenna, Killian Kerins, Donal Dennehy (0-1) Gavin Horan (0-1), Brendan Casey (0-1), Dylan O'Neill, Dara Hogan (0-2), Éanna O'Connor (0-7, 2tpf, 3f), Cathal Moriarty. Subs: Michael Lynch (for Dylan O'Neill, 39 mins), Seán Hogan (for Killian Kerins, 49 mins), Jonathan O'Connor (for Gavin McKenna, 52 mins).

Referee: Eddie Walsh (Rathmore)

Rugby

**Autumn International
South Africa 24 Ireland 13**

I know it annoys people, and I'd openly say that I was sorry for that except that I would be lying. The Autumn Internationals, particularly in the professional era, are a learning curve. There's a bit too much significance attached to those results; they are actually part of the learning curve. Six nations is the bread and butter, the World Cup is the cake, the Autumn Internationals help to pay the bills.

I do think it's fair to say that Ireland have

regressed a bit since the World Cup. We are bedding youth into a – respectfully – aging team, and it's hard. These test matches have exposed questions. I think we have to admit that the set pieces against the top teams have been a bit muck. Our line-outs....God, that goes back a long way. Has anyone ever really filled Shane Byrne's boots?

Bit of a shaky start. South Africa maul us – almost literally as well as in terms of the rules. We simply have no match for their pace and power. That in itself doesn't surprise me. This South Africa side are the World champions, and the Springboks were never shrinking violets in terms of physicality. What does surprise me is that we seem determined to go head to head and match them for brute force.

Five minutes gone and they are over, Damien Willemse finishing off a great move. Just simply rugby done at top pace.

Just a minute later Tommy O'Brien is clattered. And, yes, clattered is the word. I'm not gone on all the subsequent whinging after the game but yes, definitely, that should be a card. Remember Tadhg Beirne in Chicago? 'Should be'. It isn't. Ireland are objecting fiercely and I agree with their stance. That's a blatant yellow. I know in most sports all of my sympathy is with a referee when pundits start using slow-mo on replays, because in most sports, the refs don't have that. But they do in rugby, and that's very poor refereeing.

This is a good overall period for Ireland as they push, but South Africa hold their line well and we can't force a gap. No harm; this is the rugby I want Ireland playing.

James Lowe gives away a penalty – again, no fault, just committed early – but South Africa can't capitalise.

Penalty for Ireland and Prendergast goes for it – just ff the post! James Lowe reacts fastest and Ireland drive for the line with Tadhg Beirne getting over. Game on!

Game kind of off again. James Ryan infringed at the ruck and caught Du Toit on the head. It's a yellow. And yes, it is certainly a yellow, even if it's not as blatant as the earlier one. I know, two wrongs don't make a right.

South Africa win a line-out too easily (lads....) and form a maul. Eventually they are over the line, but it's ruled out for a forward pass. Correct

decision, but Ireland knew very little about it. A let-off.

Jams Ryan's yellow card has been upgraded to red. Look, there is no balancing of scales; that is a decision that can stand on its own merits. It's going to be tough now on Ireland, who are a battling second best already.

South Africa win another line-out and opt for a maul. This ain't going to be no kicking match! Ireland stop them, but not legally, and it's a penalty.

Tommy O'Brien catches Moodie, but the referee deems it accidental. Penalty but no card. Realistically, it could have been given. Matthew Carley is at least as busy as any player on this pitch!

South Africa are just pounding us. Ireland have to do a bit of shuffling. Finally, with six minutes to go in the half, Cobus Reinach goes over. It's been coming for some time. The conversion makes it 12-0. I'm worried that this game could spiral away from us completely.

Sam Prendergast off on a yellow. Thirteen men now to hold the World champions? Can we hold on until half-time?

We can, much to my bemusement, do a lot better than that. Good work by Josh van der Flier and Bundee Aki, and there's big Dan Sheehan to muscle over. Brilliant try against all the odds. Jack Crowley converts – just 12-7 now.

Oh lads. Jack Crowley is off after knocking the ball out of the hands in the ruck. Hello, Neil Back, you do know that you are not forgotten in these parts? South Africa with a penalty. Jack Crowley and Sam Prendergast are sitting beside each other in the sin-bin. The Springboks, of course, opt for the scrum. Why would they not? They are really taking us to school in that regard.

Yep, there's another one that Ireland collapse, and Andrew Porter is joining the lads in the sin bin. Penalty try. I suggest the Irish management consider playing Sevens Rugby for the second half.

Somehow, Ireland actually start the second half well. Sam Prendergast is back – thank God, I was getting worried that we were going to have to start pulling volunteers out of the crowd. Difficult chance at a penalty, but Prendergast nails it. There are certainly faults in his game, but at the things that he is good at, he is very good indeed. 19-10. We might only be clinging on by our fingertips, but we are still in this.

South Africa with another scrum. Almost inevitably they pile on the pressure and Ireland just don't have enough bodies to cope, with Feinberg Mngomezulu touching down. Another missed conversion – I can't see it making any difference in this game, but Rassie Erasmus will look at that going forward.

Ireland finally back to a full complement of players and still half an hour to go. Remember a certain Troy Parrott? The Irish supporters aren't writing off miracle comebacks these days!

The team are certainly giving it everything, and Ireland are actually winning those vital little duels all over the pitch now. A foul on Gibson-Park allows Sam Prendergast to knock over another penalty and trim the gap a little bit more. Still struggling desperately in the scrum,

though. A lot of the analysis has concentrated on Ireland's ill-discipline. I would argue that in this case, those card chickens emerged from the scrum-collapsing egg. And, yeah, off goes Paddy McCarthy with a card. Jaysus, lads, I don't get that many on my birthday!

Ireland are defending desperately but also brilliantly. Interestingly, Jack Crowley is in the thick of the action and doing well; he is a different player to the callow aspirant of last year.

In fact, in the dying minutes, it's Ireland who are laying siege to South Africa's lie. They don't get over, but it's not for the want of trying.

Has it been a good Autumn for Ireland? Not really – but there's real potential there.

Ireland: Mack Hansen, Tommy O'Brien, Garry Ringrose, Bundee Aki, James Lowe, Sam Prendergast, Jamison Gibson-Park, Andrew Porter, Dan Sheehan, Tadhg Furlong, James Ryan, Tadhg Beirne, Ryan Baird, Josh van der Flier, Caelan Doris (capt). Replacements: Rónan Kelleher (for Dan Sheehan, 55 mins), Paddy McCarthy (for Josh Van der Flier, 40-49 mins), for Porter, 60-70 mins), Finlay Bealham (for Tadhg Furlong, 60 mins), Cian Prendergast (for James Ryan, 39 mins), Jack Conan (for Ryan Baird, 60 mins), Craig Casey (for Garry Ringrose, 72 mins), Jack Crowley (for Tommy O'Brien, 32 mins), Tom Farrell (for Mack Hansen, 64 mins).

Corn uí Mhuirí Second Half Surge Sees St. Brendans Safely Through to Quarters

Corn uí Mhuirí Round Three: St. Brendans 4-23 Skibbereen CS 0-11

St. Brendans came into this game with just one win under their belt, a lot of players on the injured list, and with no guarantees that even a victory would see them into the knock-out stages, as a Ballincollig win over Clonakilty would have brought the possibility of a three way tie. That Clonakilty Ballincollig clash was always likely to go down to the wire, and in fact it did, with Clonakilty only pulling away late on. And yet, in the end, none of that actually mattered. The Sem just had to concentrate on doing their own business correctly, and they emphatically did that, pulling away in a totally dominant second half. Once you produce it on the scoreboard, everything else becomes irrelevant.

Skibbereen were a good side and showed their mettle early, with Luke O'Sullivan curling over the opener. The Sem's response said everything though. A defender did well to get the ball ahead of Liam O'Brien, only for O'Brien to very deftly pick his pocket and slip the ball to John Henderson, who fed Ben Kelliher at the back post. A goal almost out of nothing but hard work and opportunism.

Ben Kelliher fed Mark O'Carroll for a point and notched another himself. With midfielder Paddy Collins making some really eye-catching fetches, Skibbereen struck for more scores from Luke O'Sullivan and James Goulding. 1-2 to 0-4. The Sem actually had slightly less possession but were more productive with it and much faster to send it into their forwards and it began

to pay dividends. Ben Kelliher with a point. Liam O'Brien from play and then another from a free. The Glenflesk man punished an over-carrying offence – again, good pressure by the Sem forwards – by sending over a two pointer and Ben Kelliher added a free. Just like that it was 1-8 to 0-4 in favour of the Killarney side.

Back came Skibbereen. Niall O'Callaghan kicked his second point. Danger-man Dan McCarthy pointed a free, added a point from play, and then swung over a two pointer. The Sem were unlucky when Zach Cronin's rasper came back off the crossbar. Ben Kelliher did notch a free and Skibbereenkeeper Adam Limerick did well twice to win races for possession to prevent goals. At half-time the game was finely poised, with the Sem leading by 1-9 to 0-9.

The Sem came flying out of the blocks in the second half. Liam O'Brien swung over. Adam Limerick was forced into a point blank save, but Mark O'Carroll put over the '45. Ben Kelliher and Dan McCarthy exchanged frees. Mark O'Carroll had another '45, this one dropped short, but Mark Kennelly touched it on to John Henderson, who neatly fisted home. A touch of luck about that goal, but it was a hammer blow for Skibbereen. The Sem were completely rampant now. Liam O'Brien made it 3-13 to 0-10 before Mark Kennelly burst through for a cracking individual goal. The rest of the match was a procession, really. Bryan Walsh and Conor Clifford picked off good scores. Liam O'Brien, Ben Kelliher, and Mark O'Carroll added to their tallies. Substitute Samuel Scroope really caught the eye, notching a brace. James Dempsey put the game and the Sem's fate completely beyond doubt with a fourth goal.

It wasn't just the scoreline; it was the manner in which it was done. Make no mistake; this was the first time this year that the Sem played with absolute assurance. They will be drawn against group winners from the other three groups for the quarter-final; no team will be in a hurry to see them coming out of the pot.

St. Brendans: Caolan Mitchell, David McCarthy, Zach Cronin, Bryan O'Connor, Conor Clifford (0-1), Zach Cronin, Jake Nash, Mark Kennelly (1-0), Bryan Walsh (0-1), Fionán Blackwell, Joey McCarthy, Mark O'Carroll (0-3, 1 '45), Liam O'Brien (0-10, 2tpf, 1f), Ben Kelliher (1-6, 3f), John Henderson (1-0). Subs Cian Stack (for Bryan O'Connor, half-time), Samuel Scroope 0-2 (for John Henderson, 45), James Dempsey 1-0 (for Joey McCarthy, 51), Jake Hallissey (for Conor Clifford, 51)

Skibbereen CS: Adam Limerick, Darragh Courtney, Alan Daly, Neil McCarthy, Matthew Murphy, James Goulding (0-1), Aaron Dempsey, Niall O'Callaghan (0-1), Paddy Collins, Odhran Herlihy (0-1), Dan McCarthy (0-4), Will O'Donovan, Eamon O'Donovan, Luke O'Sullivan (0-41tpf, 2f), Aodh Whooley. Subs Cathal Daly (for Odhran Herlihy, half-time), Ronan Collins (for Donagh Courtney, half-time), Michael Hurley (for Will O'Donovan, 40), Dylan O'Donoghue 44, Eoin Buckley (for Neil McCarthy, 52)

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FR. PADDY'S CARDS NIGHT will continue on Wednesdays from 8pm in the clubhouse. All are welcome.

GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS with Kathleen continues on Tuesdays from 11am in the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome.

GENTLE YOGA for both men and woman takes place on Thursdays from 6:15pm-7pm. It is €40 for 4 weeks, valid for 5 weeks.

BINGO

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

CONDOLENCES to the Connolly Family on the recent passing of Kathleen's Brother Malachy Keaveney in Galway.

NOTES

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

EAST KERRY

O'DONOGHUE CUP FINAL

Dr Crokes V Rathmore Sunday, Nov 30th @ 2.00pm Fitzgerald's Stadium

O'SULLIVAN CUP (JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP) SEMI FINAL

Fossa 0-15 Listry 2-10

Final: Glenflesk V Listry Saturday Nov 29th 2pm.

EAST KERRY U16 CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Listry 2-21 Kilcummin 3-11

Firies B 1-11 Legion B 2-05

U17 DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

Well done to the East Kerry Ladies on winning the U17 District Championship Final last weekend.

EAST KERRY DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Kilcummin 3-11 Listry 2-21

In a final where both side's enjoyed periods of dominance, Listry found the extra quality at the crucial time, to win the 2025 East Kerry U16 Championship Final, in front of an enthralled crowd at Fitzgerald's Stadium.

Listry set out at a fast tempo, taking a 5 point's to no score lead early. Killian Fitzgerald with a long range 2 point free, pushing them 5 ahead. Kilcummin's opening score didn't arrive till the



East Region Coiste na Nog Dennis McCrohan presents Cup to Listry Captain Danny Murphy

15th minute, a superb 2 point effort from Liam O Mahony. Listry though, pushed on again, with a Cade Jameson goal from a high ball in from Fitzgerald. Kilcummin badly needed a response. It came from a brilliant goal from Cian Stack. Driving at the heart of the Listry defense he beat multiple defenders and his low shot found the net. Stack followed up with another 2 pointer, and from nowhere, Kilcummin had dragged themselves back level at half time, at 1-08 apiece. A brilliant early Danny Murphy 2 pointer put Listry back into the lead. Some good work from Darragh Keane then released O Mahony who found the net with a rasper of a shot. Kilcummin back in the lead. From here, Listry set the foundation for the win with a run of brilliant score's. Cillian O Donoghue with a superb 2 pointer, followed up by a Keelan Riordan goal after his free dropped into the net. A pair of Fitzgerald 2 pointer's increased the lead further. Despite a clinically taken penalty from Keane, Listry held out Kilcummin's attempts to add another goal, and held on for a fully deserved victory.

O'DONOGHUE CUP PREVIEW

After 4 round's of high quality action we are left with just 2 team's in the 2025 Gleneagle Hotel, Gleneagle Leisure and Dr O Donoghue Family sponsored O Donoghue Cup. Defending champion's Rathmore take on record holder's Dr Crokes, in what should a highly contested final. Rathmore have seen off local rival's Gneeveguilla in the Quarter Final, having to hold off a strong comeback by the host's after taking a 1-09 to a point lead early, winning on a score of 1-18 to 0-18. In the Semi Final against Kenmare Shamrocks, a run of 1-06 after half time, the goal coming from Ciaran Collins, saw them claim a 1-17 to 1-13 victory. With Cathal and Shane

Ryan in top form, they will go into the Final quietly confident of retaining their crown.

For Crokes, their Quarter Final took place on a Friday night under the light's against Kilcummin. A second half Billy Courtney goal, plus a superb performance by Tony Brosnan, saw them too a 1-17 to 0-15 victory. In the Semi Final an 8 point's to no score lead set them up for victory against Spa. Cian McMahon getting the goal that ended Spa's comeback attempt's. With Courtney and Mark O Shea excelling at midfield, and Brosnan in lethal form up front, Crokes look in a strong position to again get their hand's on the O Donoghue Cup.

With the 2 best club team's in East Kerry qualifying for the Final, the qualify should be of the highest order. Both team's will be desperate to get their hand's on the coveted trophy. Good luck to both Club's on the day, on what will be a brilliant way to finish off the East Kerry Senior Championship for 2025.

FOSSA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 23/11/2025 for a jackpot of €4,650 were 4, 8, 10, 14. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Bernadette Kissane, Beatrice Colleran, Michaela Myers, Oige Clifford, Shane Coffey.

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>

O'SULLIVAN CUP

Fossa and Listry played a very entertaining semi final on Sunday in Gortroe. The opening exchanges were even enough with the sides swapping scores, Kevin McCarthy and Eoin



The Dr. Crokes Team



The East Kerry Team

Talbot getting the first two scores for Fossa. With Ruari Doyle going through a tremendous amount of work, it allowed the home side to stretch the lead to two points with scores from Jack Clifford and Darren Ryan after ten minutes of play. Listry were always dangerous on the counter attack and they reeled off three scores without reply, however further scores from Kevin McCarthy and Rocco Sheehan meant the sides went in at the break tied at six points apiece.

Michael Dwyer kicked the first score of the second half but Listry struck for their first goal in the 9th minute. Fossa didn't panic and played their way back into contention with scores from Paddy Sheehan, Rocco Sheehan and Michael O'Dwyer but unfortunately they conceded a second goal in the 14th minute which meant they had to start all over again. In an exciting

last fifteen minutes both sides gave it their all, Michael O'Dwyer showed all his experience with two points, Peadar Kelliher, Killian Buckley and Brian Myers brought the deficit back to one with time running out. Try as they might, Fossa couldn't break down a resolute Listry defence to get the equaliser and it finished Listry, 2-10, Fossa 0-15.

NATIONAL CLUB DRAW - FOSSA GAA

For the 1st time Fossa GAA are participating in the GAA National Club Draw and all the money from every ticket sold by Fossa stays in our Club. The easiest way to support this is buy your ticket(s) via Foireann. You can log into your own account and you will see on right "Enter Draw". The following executive members can also enter you to the draw via their own Foireann account: Pat Sheehan, Domhnall O'Sullivan, Peter O'Shaughnessy, Siobhan Kissane, Maria

Vaughan, Katherine Butler, Karen McGlynn, Mike Cahillane, Amy Moriarty, Peter Kelliher, John O'Neill, Michael Talbot & Merry Talbot. Physical tickets will also be available and will be in circulation next week.

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

CHRISTMAS 2025

Excited news heading into Christmas 2025 - we have launched a new edition Paudie and David Clifford Jersey available to shop in our link below: <https://6f06fc-2.myshopify.com/> FREE postage for Ireland & UK before the 23rd November.

Students and Teachers from St Brendan's College Set for Exchange with Roth College

Students and teachers from St Brendan's College are preparing to embark on their second international exchange visit to Roth College, located near Pleinfeld in Bavaria, Killarney's official twin town. The group will travel shortly for a week-long stay, immersing themselves in local culture and day-to-day school life.

During the visit, students will stay with host families from the Roth area, attend classes at the college, and explore a variety of cultural and historical sights. The exchange aims to strengthen ties between the two communities and broaden students' educational and cultural experiences.

Roth College students are scheduled to make their return visit to St Brendan's College early next year, a continuation of what has become a warmly welcomed and successful partnership.

Representatives of the Killarney Town Twinning Association (KTTA), Sean Counihan and Mike O'Leary, met with participating students this week, alongside teachers Angela Daly and Clive O'Sullivan, who will once again accompany the group. KTTA praised the ongoing exchange, highlighting it as a strong example of the benefits that arise through twin-town and sister-city collaborations.

The association is also encouraging other schools, community

organisations and voluntary groups to get in touch to explore similar opportunities that promote cultural understanding, education, and international friendship.



Representatives of the Killarney Town Twinning Association (KTTA), Sean Counihan and Mike O'Leary, with students from St. Brendan's College and teachers Angela Daly and Clive O'Sullivan, who will once again accompany the group.



Congratulations to Denis Mahony on His 101st Birthday

Warm congratulations are extended to Mr. Denis Mahony, who celebrated his remarkable 101st birthday on Wednesday.

A native of Quarry Cross, Gneeveguilla, Denis has been a much-loved resident of Ashborough Lodge, Milltown since the age of 99. Staff, friends, and family marked the special occasion with heartfelt good wishes for a man well-known for his gentle spirit and long life filled with community connections.

Here's to Denis on this tremendous milestone, wishing him continued health and happiness.

UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS VS FLOAMX LIFFEY CELTICS REPORT

Dominos Womens Superleague
Saturday November 22nd
Leixlip Amenities Centre

Utility Trust St Pauls 81
Flomax Liffey Celtics 68

Report by Enda Walshe

The stage is now set for what is sure to be a mouthwatering clash next Saturday when arguably the best two teams in the country come face to face in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre. League leaders Killester lost their unbeaten start to the season when they fell to Trinity Meteors while Utility Trust St Pauls bounced back from their cup heartbreak with an extremely impressive win over Flomax Liffey Celtics. What it now means is that the aforementioned three sides are now all locked at the top on five wins which gives the Killester trip to Beautys Home a feel of an early season title decider. It's sure to bring a bumper crowd to the Killarney venue, tip 4pm, and if yesterday is anything to do by , James Fleming's side certainly look bang in form.

The foundations of yesterday's win on the scoresheet was undoubtedly Tara Cousins and Maisie Burnham who combined for over fifty points between them but there were other factors to the win. You would run out of words to describe the impact of Lorraine Scanlon on the game. The newly capped Irish International is a colossus under the boards , winning balls she has no right to win and her finishing was top notch. Recently crowned All Star Siofra O Shea was not too far behind her, picking up rebounds and driving the team forward at every opportunity. When the fat was in the fire Lovisa Hevinder fired some missiles from beyond the arc while it is now a measure of Leah McMahaons status that she is handed the task of shadowing Irish International Sorcha Tiernan.

On the road a fast start is also a great way of settling into a game and St Pauls were 11-4 to the good after three minutes with Burnham, Scanlon and O Shea all finding their range. Kate Williamson was accurate for the Celtics early doors and she helped ignite the hosts' spark. They enjoyed the better of the next five minutes with their American Brooke Kane getting involved. Aine O Connor cut the gap to 19-12 with Scanlon adding to St Paul's total. Kane got her side right into the game by the end of the quarter with the gap now down to 2, 19-17.

The second quarter was a high quality period with Scanlon continually being picked out with her cutting runs. It also coincided with St Pauls best period in the game so far with Hevinder finding her range. Burnham and O Shea were also on target and in the blink



Coach James Fleming with the team

of an eye, St Pauls were 34-21 to the good. The home side, sensing the need to stay in the game, were to hit some high quality outside shots, five in the closing minutes with Kane instrumental. Hevinder did break that sequence with one of her own but it took the intervention of Burnham late on to give her side a 42-38 advantage at half time, her last basket particularly important.

The half time interval allowed St Pauls to straighten the furniture after that Celtics blitz and it didn't take long for them to get back on the horse. Scanlon, Burnham and particularly Cousins were all instrumental in opening up a game changing lead . Cousins was now conducting the orchestra while defensively they steeled the rearguard action, limiting the Celtics to just 11 points in the period. Netting 23 of your own meant the scoreboard had a healthy 65-49 look about it.

The home side did try to rally the troops early in the final quarter but the opening moments were always going to be crucial. St Pauls succeeded in minding the gap with Burnham and Cousins keeping a keen eye . Sorcha Tiernan was doing her utmost for the Celtics and a couple of three point efforts did put a more healthy complexion on the scoreboard for them .Fittingly it was O Shea and Cousin who had the final say for the visitors who now had promising teenagers Clodagh O Sullivan and Annie Brosnan on court , the final score reading 81-68.

Carrick Cruisers vs **Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers** **Report**

Dominos Mens Basketball
League
Saturday November 22nd
Phoenix Centre

Carrick Cruisers 95 **Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers 102** **Report by Enda Walshe**

A massive win for Luke O'Heas side considering the circumstances . They travelled to the inform Carrick Cruisers minus the unavailable Rui Sariava and the injured duo of Jack O Sullivan and Pablo Murcia. A five hour journey to the Phoenix Centre would give plenty of time for plotting the win and it's fair to say it would be hard to find fault with both the performance and attitude of the Lakers side. With absent players it afforded others an opportunity and Darragh O Callaghan , Cathal Spring and Cillian O'Leary were all called to arms. O Leary in particular hit a very important three at a crucial stage in the second quarter which helped his side generate extra momentum heading towards the break. The win gives the Lakers their fourth win of the season and sets up next Saturday night's Derby with the Cougars nicely. With the Women's team playing Kilester earlier in the day at the same venue, Saturday evening will be block booked for Killarney basketball fans.

The game was the tale of the scoring exploits of two Americans. Keon Edwards hit 42 points for the Cruisers and also pulled down nine boards. An impressive haul but even he had to give way to Steve Kelly when it came to the games most influential player. Kelly can look back with satisfaction at a treble double, the Holy Grail of all players, as he harvested 38 points, 10 rebounds and 14 assists . Sam Grant is now a consistent contributor in the mid 20s while Captain Eoin Carrolls 21 points were huge. The Cruisers looked to have the game in hand in the opening quarters but towards the end of the third quarter you could feel the wind change in the Phoenix Centre and a 35 point final quarter carried the spoils down South.

Marko Bencic opened the scoring with a similar effort from Kelly sandwiching a Keon Edwards three pointer. Tyler Mutemasango was sharp early on for the Cruisers and but for the intervention of Eoin Carroll the Cruisers would have had a firmer grip on proceedings. Edwards and James Aboaba were getting into their stride but Kelly and Grant stepped up to make it 16 each with 3.56 to go in the first quarter. Abrace of threes from Ben Kelly Flynn and Angelo Bumatay kick started a late surge from the hosts and despite baskets from Bencic, Kelly and Oisin Spring it was 27-22 to the Cruisers by quarters end.

The second quarter saw Aboaba forceful inside and he was starting to cause trouble. Grant, Kelly and Bencic went toe to toe with him but the Cruisers were definitely getting on top. But the Lakers would soon get energy, initially from a Mark Sheehan three which cut the gap to 34-31. When Edwards then went on the rampage it was Kelly who rose the resistance with six points without reply. It gave the Lakers a leg up in the game and when young Cillian O'Leary tied it up at 40 each with a three you could feel the enthusiasm level soar. Edwards was keeping

the scoreboard ticking over but Kelly, Carroll and Spring, from a fast break, maintained parity at half time 46-46.

The Cruisers made the better start to the second half with Andrew O Connor instrumental but the Lakers stayed on their coat tails. Carroll, Grant with a three and squeezed it up again to 56-55 and when Aboaba went again, Kelly equalised with a three. The remainder of the quarter was a real arm wrestling with both sides fighting for supremacy with Carroll and Grant keepin the Lakers in tow at 65-65. Spring then came up with a basket to give his side the lead as both sides slugged it out to the end of the quarter. The Cruisers took their last lead of the game early in the final quarter when Ben Kelly Flynn hit a three. But that Spring basket seemed to give the Lakers the edge in confidence as Kelly and Grant certainly started to prosper. The former put his side back in front while the latter hit a basket and then a massive three to open up a six point lead. Carroll worked his socks off to add two more from the charity stripe to give the Lakers an eight point lead. But if they thought that was it they were mistaken as Padriag Mc Groggan hit two

rapid fire three's to roar back into the game. Kellys contributions were now pivotal as he steadied the ship somewhat but the Cruisers were breathing down their necks. Grant and Carroll then put their shoulders to the wheel to stretch it out to 90-84. A pivotal moment in the game was to arrive as an unsportsmanlike foul helped the Lakers push the lead out to 10,94-84 and they never looked back after that with Kelly, Grant and Spring putting the icing on the cake.

Steve Kelly topped the Lakers chart with 38, Sam Grant had 23, Eoin Carroll 21, Oisin Spring 8, Marko Bencic 6, Mark Sheehan 3, Cillian O'Leary 3.

For the Cruiser Keon Edwards had a game high 42, James Aboaba 17 and Andrew O Connor was next best with 8.

So the stage is now set for the first instalment of the Killarney Derby with the Sports and Leisure Centre playing host. While the Cougars have found wins hard to come by, they possess enough talent to pose a threat and with the unpredictability of a local joust, no one can predict the outcome with any certainty. Tip off is at 7.30pm.

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KILLARNEY COUGARS

An improving and increasingly confident Killarney Cougars side pushed Templeogue all the way on Saturday night in Dublin, delivering an encouraging performance despite a narrow 110-105 defeat in a thrilling, high-scoring Division One encounter. The Cougars showed clear signs of growth and cohesion throughout, matching the

experienced former Super League outfit in long stretches and finishing with a strong late surge that had the home crowd on edge and highlighted the team's ability to compete with the league's more experienced sides.

Templeogue started the stronger side, edging the opening quarter 28-22 with American Evan Cook leading the charge with 14 points

with Cougars responding well after a slow start with Simon Olanipekun and Kenny Shimwa adding 7 points each.

The home side increased their advantage to 57-45 at halftime after another well-balanced scoring period with Micheal Gormley three pointers the key scores in this period.

The hosts maintained the advantage in the third, outscoring the Cougars 32-29 as the visitors worked hard to stay in contention, with Sean Conway influence starting to make a significant impact as he added 17 points, but Templeogue continued to lead 89-74 entering the final quarter.

The Cougars, however, produced a superb fourth-quarter charge. Led by the outstanding Sean Conway, who delivered a strong double double performance with 36 points and 16 rebounds.

Killarney stormed back with a 31-21 final quarter, closing the gap to a single possession in the final minute. Despite the late pressure, Templeogue through Evan Cook who added a further 13 points held on to seal the important victory with the influential Cook the games top scorer with 37 points and 11 rebounds.

Next up for the young improving Cougars is a short journey across town for the Killarney derby with the Lakers.

Top Scorers

Killarney Cougars: Sean Conway 36, Simon Olanipekun 27, Kenny Shimwa 21, Paul Adedeji 12, Adam Linehan 7, Lucas Cronin 2.

Templeogue: Evan Cook 37, Michael Gormley 19, Millan Lopez 19, Conor Gallagher 15.



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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

“ERRATIC PLANNING DECISIONS WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES FOR KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL”

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

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

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

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



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



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

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



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

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By NICKY BARRY

If all those bible stories, are to be believed,
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Designed by the Almighty, as part of his plans.
With her buddy Adam, she lived a life of ease,
Wandering around Eden, doing as she pleased.
There were flowers everywhere, and many apple trees,
And a serpent lurking, with his beady eye on Eve.
God gave them total freedom, with one stipulation,
That apples were sacrosanct, and not to be eaten.
There were plums and damsons, growing in abundance,
But the wily serpent, thought he'd pull a fast one.
G'wan, g'wan, g'wan he said, those apples are so ripe,
Don't mind what the governor said, just have a little bite.
He was most insistent, and so Eve thought why not,
So she sank her teeth in one, and that started the rot.
When God heard that apple crunch, he became furious,
And threw herself and Adam, out the gates of paradise.
It was the start of everything, in the world we know,
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A Word of Victory

"And that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hand" (1 Samuel 17:47).

Welcome back dear student, David said the above as he was running towards Goliath. Many people are fighting overwhelming battles with sicknesses, addictions, family problems, financial, or mental health issues. The list is endless, but the effects are the same. Fear, dread, exhaustion, emptiness, and confusion. No doubt as he faced this giant, David's heart was racing, his body sweating, his mind in overdrive, but his spirit was strong, and his faith in God sustained him (Psalms 62:7). He told King Saul and those who laughed at him, of how God had delivered him from both lions and bears – fearful situations (1 Samuel 17:34-37). This is what strengthened David's faith – his past experiences of God's Power. The time he spent worshipping God had deepened his relationship with the Lord. Relationship fosters trust - you will trust those you know you can depend on. It is vital for anyone facing their Goliath to press in and seek God (Jeremiah 29:11-14). The Word declares "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6).

It's not a lack of education, achievements, or finances that's destructive, but lack of knowledge of God and His Word. Yahweh, the Lord of Heaven's Armies, is a Covenant-keeping God. David knew this, the others had forgotten. Covenant is an unbreakable agreement. God is Faithful to His Covenant – His Word. People hope God comes through for them because of their good works or learnt off prayers, and then if it doesn't happen they're confused and disappointed that God failed them. But God never fails (Luke 1:37). The Word of the Lord is True. When David slung that stone into Goliath's forehead the people saw raw courage and youth, and probably thought luck played a part in the victory. But they didn't see the hours, days, and months of fellowship between David and his God; the trust, relationship, and tenderness developed in private worship on the side of a hill, between a boy minding sheep and his Creator.

Multiple encounters between God's people and their foes are recorded in the Word. Enemies so powerful and cruel that no bookie would give odds on (2 Kings 6:16). Yet, when they turned to God in sincerity and trusted in Him for deliverance – obeying what He told them to do and giving Him thanks and praise, they won! Their testimonies are still encouraging us today. King Jehosaphat of Judah was surrounded by not one, not two – but three different enemy armies. Wipeout was assured in the natural. But Jehosaphat humbled himself before God and his people. He cried out to God, asking the people to do likewise, acknowledging... 'O Lord, these enemies are too big for us, and we don't know what to do, but our eyes are upon You' (2 Chronicles 20:12). It took a lot for a King to admit weakness before his nation. Humility is key to breakthrough. Going into battle they sang of God's Covenant – His unfailing Love (2 Chronicles 20:21). Faith is not about big brash prayers or courageous talk. Mostly faith is developed in tears, with trembling hands and knees, crying 'Lord save me!' (Luke 18:9-14; Isaiah 35:3-5). Lots of people are enduring battles that seem hopeless. Friend, you are not alone - call upon the Name of the Lord Jesus! (Romans 10:9-13). "The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him sincerely and in truth" (Psalm 145:18). Big battles are overcome with God (Matthew 19:26). The Lord Jesus revealed "with man this looks impossible, but with God all things are possible". Happy Thanksgiving!

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Thank you to all who joined us for Donal's
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Donal is loved, missed and remembered
every day.

May his gentle soul rest in peace.

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In Memory of Donal O Grady

A year has passed, yet still we feel
Your warmth, your voice, your steady will.
A loving father, proud and true,
Whose heart held family first in view.

Your grandchildren and
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In stories that we'll always tell
Phil dear friend and colleague true
We'll pause today to honour you*

Deeply loved & Sadly Missed
By All the Leane Family &
Colleague's at Leane's Tool Hire.

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked many favours.

This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour).

Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your Father sees it.

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

Amen.

Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted.

Thank you for favours received

NOVENA TO ST. CLAIRE

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

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be
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whole world forever. Amen
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Grateful Thanks to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Our Lady of Lourdes,
St. Charval
and St. Carlo Acutis
for favours received for
health problems
in grateful appreciation.

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