

A Note from the **E** DITOR



The town of Killarney is preparing to welcome thousands of people this weekend with the 20th Anniversary of the Bikefest taking place on the grounds of The Gleneagle Hotel and the Killarney 7's taking place at Spa GAA Club.

A social media star is calling on cyclists to join the Jack & Jill team for the upcoming Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle, graduations continue at secondary schools in Killarney and surrounding areas and a Summer Soiree is being planned as part of Flesk Fest.

Knockanes NS has announced the provision of a new class for pupils with autism, the third section of the Kerry Greenway opens today and a special performance took place at the Friary in aid of St. Francis Special School.

The Huge O'Flaherty Humanitarian Award is set to resume later this year, Anne Lucey shares her take on local and national news and Cruinniú na nOg Kerry promises to create fun across the county.

In sport Kerry ladies claimed the Munster title, it was disappointment for the senior mens team at the Fitzgerald Stadium and the South Kerry Mini Sevens was a great success!

Hope you all enjoy the June Bank Holiday and this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie



Slea Head where even the seagulls stopped to admire the view.

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Killarney Braces

for One of Its Biggest Weekends of the Year

Killarney is preparing for a spectacular June Bank Holiday weekend as thousands of visitors descend on the town for two major events that promise to deliver excitement, entertainment and a major boost for local tourism and businesses.

At the centre of the celebrations is the return of Ireland BikeFest, alongside the ever-popular Killarney Club 7's tournament in Spa, creating what is expected to be one of the busiest and most vibrant weekends of the summer season. Since its launch in 2007, Ireland BikeFest has grown into Ireland's largest free open motorcycle and music festival, attracting riders and visitors from across Ireland, the UK, Europe and beyond.

This year's festival carries added significance as organisers celebrate the event's remarkable journey over nearly two decades while also looking firmly toward the future of biking culture in Ireland.

Throughout the weekend, Killarney will come alive with the unmistakable roar of motorcycles, live music and festival energy as riders explore some of the country's most scenic routes along the Wild Atlantic Way and Ring of Kerry.

Festival highlights will include the hugely popular purpose-built Bike Village at the Gleneagle Hotel, guided ride-outs, live music across multiple stages, Harley-Davidson experiences and displays, the Custom Bike Show and the iconic Bike Parade through the



An overall view from Ireland BikeFest – the country's largest, free open motorcycle festival. The Bike Village located on the grounds of the Gleneagle Hotel where bikers from around the world will descend on Killarney.

Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

streets of Killarney.

Food stalls, entertainment and family-friendly attractions will ensure the festival appeals not only to bikers but to visitors of all ages.

One of the enduring strengths of Ireland BikeFest has been its welcoming atmosphere. Organisers continue to emphasise that the festival is open to every rider, every bike and every visitor, celebrating all aspects of motorcycle culture in an inclusive and relaxed environment.

Supported by Harley-Davidson, Gleneagle, Fáilte Ireland and local tourism partners, the festival continues to place Killarney firmly on the international motorcycling map while delivering a substantial economic boost to the

region each year.

Hotels, restaurants, pubs and local businesses are all expected to benefit from the influx of visitors over the bank holiday weekend.

Adding to the packed weekend schedule is the return of the Killarney Club 7's, one of the highlights of the Spa GAA calendar.

Teams and supporters from across the region are expected to gather in Spa for what promises to be another exciting and community-focused sporting occasion.

Organisers have praised the efforts of the many volunteers and club members whose work behind the scenes helps ensure the smooth running of the tournament each year.

From stewarding and parking to refreshments, pitch coordination and event organisation, volunteers once again play a central role in delivering the popular competition.

The club has expressed its appreciation for the continued commitment and community spirit shown by members and supporters and is looking forward to welcoming teams for another fantastic weekend of football and camaraderie.

With BikeFest bringing an international flavour to the town and the Club 7's showcasing the strength of local community sport, Killarney is set for a memorable and exceptionally busy bank holiday weekend.

The combination of tourism, entertainment, sport and community spirit is expected to create a unique atmosphere across the town and surrounding areas as visitors and locals alike enjoy one of the standout weekends of the year in Kerry.



The Killarney Club 7's, one of the highlights of the Spa GAA calendar.

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TADHG FLEMING CALLS ON CYCLISTS TO JOIN TEAM JACK AND JILL FOR RING OF KERRY CHARITY CYCLE

Social media sensation and proud Kerry man Tadhg Fleming is leading the charge for Team Jack and Jill this summer as he takes on the 170km Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle on Saturday, July 4th in support of more than 500 Jack and Jill families nationwide.

Speaking at the announcement of his participation Tadhg commented, "It's a sin a Kerry man hasn't done the Ring of Kerry yet... but it's about time I did it! I'm absolutely delighted to be taking it on for Jack and Jill, a charity very close to our hearts. Dad has done it a few times and told me it's a piece of cake... so we'll soon find out about that!"

Tadhg continued, "I'd love to see plenty of people jump on the saddle this July and join me and take in the unbelievable scenery the Kingdom has to offer - it'll be worth the sore bottoms! I might need a push or two getting up the hills, but there'll be plenty of craic along the way and it's all for a brilliant cause. Every euro raised will go towards helping families who really need the support."

Among those who understand first-hand the importance of this support is Tralee mum Anna Walsh, whose family receives in-home nursing and respite support from Jack and Jill for her youngest daughter Róisín, who lives with Angelman syndrome - a rare neurogenetic condition that causes severe developmental delays, seizures, mobility issues and little-to-no speech.

Anna and her husband Brian Morrissey live just outside Tralee with their daughters Róisín and Connie. The family returned home from Australia in 2023 to be closer to family following Róisín's diagnosis and were referred to Jack and Jill shortly afterwards.

"Jack and Jill has made such a difference to our family life," says Anna. "The hours of in-home nursing care we receive mean I'm able to work, which is massively important for our family. It gives us breathing space, practical support and reassurance when things are overwhelming."



Anna and Brian Morrissey from Tralee with their daughters Connie and Róisín joined social media sensations and proud Kerry men Tadhg and Derry Fleming to call on cyclists everywhere to get on their bikes and join them on the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle this July as part of Team Jack and Jill. Anyone wishing to take on this iconic route while helping to raise funds to provide in-home nursing care and respite support to over 500 families nationwide can visit <https://www.ringofkerrycycle.ie/our-charities/jack-jill-foundation/>. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

Anna says their family already knows first-hand what an incredible event the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle is, with family members having taken part previously in support of Jack and Jill.

"We've had family members do the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle before and they absolutely loved it. It's such a brilliant day out and there's an amazing atmosphere from start to finish," she says. "But what makes it even more special is knowing the difference the fundraising makes to families like ours. Every kilometre cycled helps provide care and support that families genuinely rely on."

This year, Tadhg is encouraging cyclists of all abilities to sign up and join him as part of Team Jack and Jill. The hugely popular Kerry content creator, known for his humour and community spirit, will take on the full 180km challenge to help raise awareness and vital funds for the charity.

The Jack and Jill Children's Foundation provides in-home nursing care and respite support for children with severe learning disability often associated with complex medical needs up to

the age of seven, giving families precious time, support and space to cope with the challenges of caring for a seriously ill child at home. There are currently 14 families in Kerry alone that are currently receiving this vital support which can only be delivered by the support of people taking part in events like this.

Jack and Jill is delighted to once again be a charity partner of the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle, one of Ireland's largest and most celebrated fundraising events. Last year alone, the event raised €1,190,620 for charities nationwide and an incredible €20.9 million for charities since it began.

Now, the charity is calling on people to sign up, take on the challenge and cycle with purpose as part of Team Jack and Jill this July.

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Spa score heavily in Community Climate Action Programme

As Spa GAA ramp up activity in advance of their busiest weekend of the year in hosting The Killarney Club 7's, they have been buoyed by the welcome allocation of €89,132 in funding by Kerry County Council under the Community Climate Action Programme scheme. The grant has been awarded to fund energy control initiatives within their sporting campus in respect of enhanced Solar energy generation and battery storage, replacement of main pitch floodlighting with LED efficient lighting, along with various other renewable energy, biodiversity and climate action initiatives.

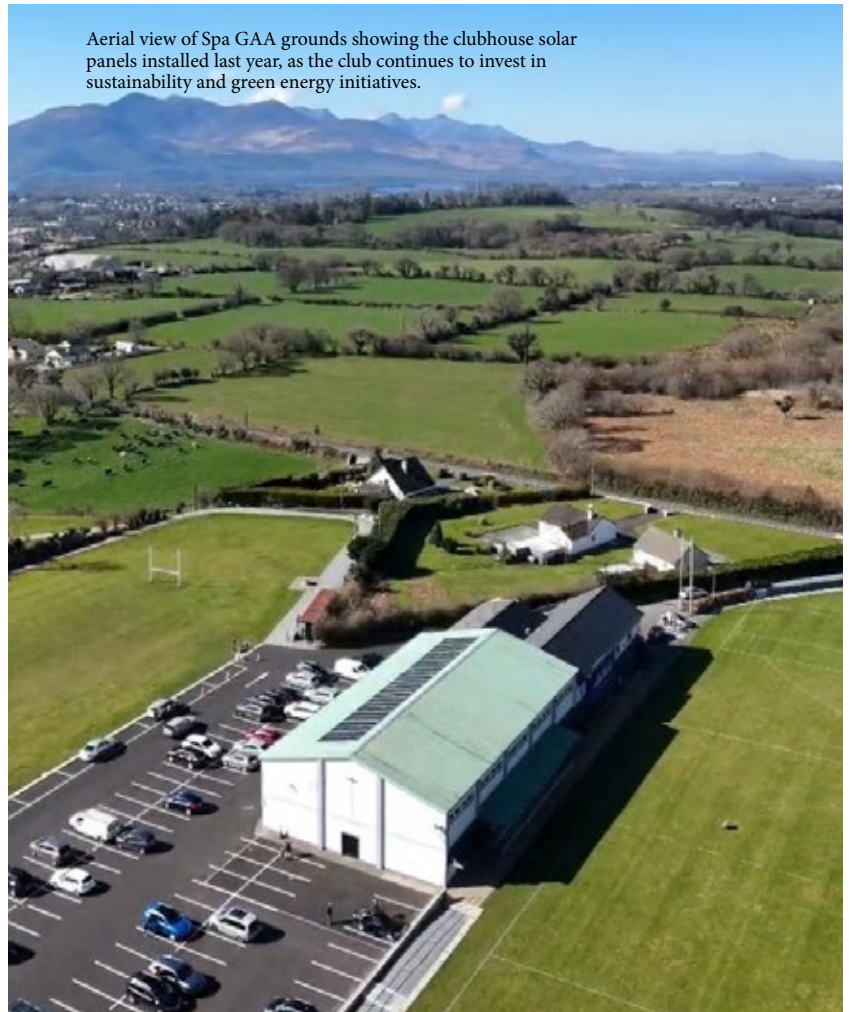
Earlier this year the club undertook significant insulation retrofit works to their multi-purpose Sports Hall and Clubhouse to improve energy efficiency and thermal comfort for patrons. These measures, along with reducing the club's energy consumption will impact positively in reducing local greenhouse

gas emissions.

Welcoming the grant announcement club Chairman, Tadgh Hickey commented, "How we build, heat and run our sports complexes can play a big part in National climate action targets and good energy management is a big priority for us at Spa GAA."

Separately, in another ambitious green energy action, the club have just signed a contract with ePower Cork for the installation of 2 EV charging points at Spa GAA, and become one of the first GAA clubs in the county to provide an on site electric vehicle charging facility to patrons.

These latest developments mark another significant step in Spa GAA's ongoing commitment to creating a more sustainable and energy-efficient club for future generations, while continuing to provide modern facilities for our members, players and the wider community.



Aerial view of Spa GAA grounds showing the clubhouse solar panels installed last year, as the club continues to invest in sustainability and green energy initiatives.

New Suite Of Advanced Therapies Unveiled At AGHADOE HEIGHTS HOTEL & SPA



Aghadoe Heights Hotel & Spa has unveiled a new suite of advanced treatment bed experiences, marking a significant evolution in its wellness offering. Combining cutting-edge spa technology with a more holistic, inclusive approach to care, the new additions include two non-contact, immersive treatments alongside specialised oncology training for therapists.

The new 30-minute treatment bed offerings

at The Spa at Aghadoe are designed to support deep relaxation and physical renewal, offering immersive, non-contact treatments designed to support relaxation and physical restoration, supporting detoxification, skin health, and overall vitality. They can be used alone or as a way to prepare the body and mind ahead of a facial or body treatment.

Treatments include an IDome Experience, Spa & Body Wave Experience and Cancer-care treatments where alongside these new treatments, therapists are undergoing specialised oncology training, enabling them to safely adapt treatments for guests undergoing or recovering from cancer-related care. The spa treatments are tailored to each person, with a strong emphasis on comfort, safety, and overall wellbeing including gentle, modified massage techniques and relaxation-focused therapies, depending on the guest's condition and stage of treatment.

The new additions come under the direction of newly appointed Spa Manager Lorna Jankovic who brings extensive experience across luxury hotels and destination spas in Ireland and Europe.

Perched above the Lakes of Killarney, The Spa at Aghadoe Heights has long been recognised as one of Ireland's most scenic wellness destinations. Under Jankovic's direction, the focus now shifts towards a more intentional, restorative spa experience, combining advanced technology with deeply personalised care.

Over the coming year, plans include further development of bespoke therapies, enhanced team training and continued innovation in holistic wellness programming. To book one of the new experiences or for a full list of treatments available at The Spa at Aghadoe, go to <https://www.aghadoeheights.com/spa>.



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The AIBF Adjudication Panel recognised Irish Drain Services for sustained performance, trusted service and consistency over a six-year period. Achieving six consecutive accreditations reflects the company's resilience, customer trust and continued leadership within its sector.



Mary B Teahan, co-owner of Irish Drain Services, said "We're proud to receive this recognition for a sixth consecutive year. Our team works hard to provide reliable, professional drainage services for customers throughout Ireland, and this accreditation reflects both that commitment and the trust our clients place in us."

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and Business All-Star Accreditation is The Nation's Symbol Of Trust. These are companies that merit recognition based on an independent audit of their performance, reputation and customer-centricity.

HUGH O'FLAHERTY HUMANITARIAN AWARD TO RESUME IN OCTOBER 2026

The Hugh O'Flaherty Memorial Society is delighted to announce that after a 6 year absence, the Hugh O'Flaherty International Humanitarian Award Programme will resume in October this year. Society Chair Jerry O'Grady said "This has been made possible through the generous support of Kerry County Council Community Support Programme, Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce and other sponsors. The 12th Hugh O'Flaherty International Humanitarian Ceremony will take place during the last weekend in October".

For resource reasons, the Award was suspended after the 2019 Award presentation to Ireland's UN Peacekeepers. Its resumption was further delayed by Covid.

The Memorial Society will shortly be putting out a call for Nominations for the 2026 Award. Full details of the Nomination Procedure, Closing Date etc., can be obtained by emailing the Society at oflahertysociety2008@gmail.com

Previous Award Recipients are:

- 2009 Sharon Commins and Hilda Kawuki - Darfur based GOAL aid workers.
- 2010 Fr Michael Synott Columban Missionary in the Philippines.
- 2011 Sally O'Neill Trócaire's Regional Director for Latin America,.
- 2012 Sr Agnes Hunt of the Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas.
- 2013 Donal Walsh Posthumously awarded to the inspirational young Kerryman
- 2014 Dr John Beavis founder of the Gaza medical aid charity IDEALS.
- 2015 Fr Sean Myers Redemptorist Missionary to Brazil.
- 2016 Fr Shay Cullen founder of the PREDA Foundation in the Philippines.
- 2017 Sr Orla Treacy, Human Rights & Educational/Medical needs activist in South Sudan.
- 2018 RNLI, Irish Coast Guard and Kerry Mountain Rescue – all risking their lives for others.
- 2019 Ireland's UN Peacekeepers – Serving the cause of World Peace for over 60 years.



The 2019 Award Ceremony took place in St Mary's Church, following a wonderful performance of the play "God Has No Country" by the late and greatly missed Donal Courtney RIP. In addition to Government and Irish UN military personnel, the audience that evening included Ambassadors and representatives from 7 countries who were in various ways associated with the WW2 events in Rome.



L to R: Jim Casey (IUNVA), Major General Kieran Brennan, Defence Minister Paul Kehoe, Brigadier General Pat Flynn and Joh O'Mahony (IUNVA) accepting the Award from Judge Hugh O'Flaherty on behalf of Ireland's UN Peacekeepers. Pictures Don MacMonagle



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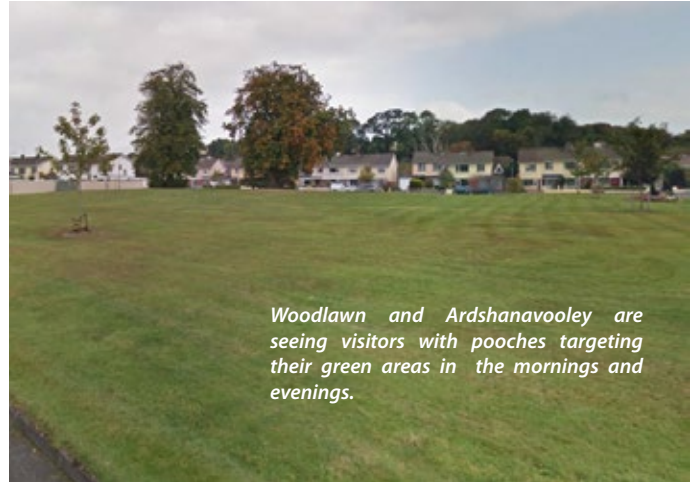
Anne Lucey looks at the positive news happening in Killarney



KILLARNEY'S GREEN AREAS UNDER WATCH

Killarney's Green areas and even sports grounds are coming under increasing pressure from dog owners. Basically dogs are being led from outside and leaving their mark! So bad is it now, some areas now have set up neighbourhood dog watches. Woodlawn and Ardshanavooley are seeing visitors with pooches targeting their green areas in the mornings and evenings. These areas are being revitalised with a number of young

families whose children all love the green areas. Mayor Martin Grady said the same is happening in a number of green areas in Killarney with people coming in from other areas to let dogs run and he is calling for action. Dog owners have to be responsible. Woodlawn's Cathal Walshe celebrates his 80th and we congratulate him. He was a fine councillor too. I recall a motion he had in the then town council where he actually counted the numbers of leavings all along the Woodlawn area early one morning. So this problem is not new and it has to be addressed.



Woodlawn and Ardshanavooley are seeing visitors with pooches targeting their green areas in the mornings and evenings.

MADE IN JAPAN

There is a lighter side to everything. A certain case in Killarney which got the headlines last week brought me back to a summer job. My friend and I both got work in different establishments. Not necessarily Killarney. And certainly not the establishments in the headlines. Much of her job was behind the scenes. It was to rub out "Made in Japan" from various souvenirs which were in high demand by tourists. I am not sure if there was a made in Killarney or a designed in Ireland to be attached. It was Japan that concerned her. My job in a food retailer was often rubbing out prices and making them higher! These days of course everything is made in China - or Pakistan as we learned last week. She was a bit annoyed that tourists might be fooled the ceramic harp wasn't made in Killarney. But it was a job. What mostly irked her was the effort it took "to take out "Japan. The very precise matriarch of the establishment wanted no trace of the land of the rising sun. Storming Okinawa Island would have been easier! The following summer she was promoted to what these days would be labelled customer service. Someone else oversaw Japan. This of course was the era before consumer protection and helplines and watchful inspectors. And suspicious tourists. Four authorised officers

no less investigated the piles of geansaís in Kenmare and Killarney on separate occasions after a French tourist rang up. Before finding an uncut solitary tag in each shop saying "made in Pakistan" There has been concern in the Dail recently about the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission amid run away price hikes and apparent lack of action for the consumer. However, they arrived in force in the court in Killarney. And not alone did they do their own work, but they took on the work of court journalist! Before any court reporter left the CCPC sent out a report of the court case. All from their own perspective and a press release, with pictures. Now I have nothing to say of their prosecution though I do wish the consumer protectors would look more at supermarket and petrol pump price gouging. But sending out court reports is a big step for a State Prosecution service. Court reporting is an old, and genuine craft. It is a very demanding skill honed by hours of hard graft and experience and even then it can be tricky. It can only be "made in locus". And that some established media organisations, as in the case last week, should run the State agency's one sided report verbatim, without one word of the defence, is causing alarm on the press bench.

OLD POLITICS SURVIVES - BY CLINGING TO EACH OTHER

The two by-elections at either arm of the M6, indicate a new Ireland. The old parties - Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael and Labour have essentially coalesced. A vote for Fianna Fail will transfer to Fine Gael and a vote for Labour will transfer to their old coalition partner, Fine Gael. Nigerian born Helen Ogbu in Galway made a good showing but I suspect some of the applause is that a woman of color who arrived as an immigrant did so well. Galway west, remember, is the old labour stronghold of Michael D Higgins and Catherine Connolly was also Labour until she fell out with the party. Connolly's was essentially a Labour seat, in other words. And the bottom line is the result is the loss of a seat to Labour and the left. The other big story of course is the downward slide of Sinn Fein. The main opposition party naturally gets more attention, more speaking time than anyone else. And even so it failed to win a seat in Dublin Central where the party leader herself has her base. Mary Lou from Dublin was outclassed by Holly Cairns from West Cork. Full stop. But don't let the West Cork element fool you. Holly and Soc Dems are an urban party - their seats are Cork City or Dublin city and the Pale. What worries SF now is that the middle class will vote Soc Dem where they would never vote SF

and will no longer vote Labour. And that's the reality. But the real story in my opinion in Galway is Independent Ireland. They outclassed Labour and the Left by a country mile. They were only done out of a seat in Galway by the old Civil War parties and Labour voting pacts and nod and winks. It took all three to deprive them. The difference in the new politics is that you know what the parties stand for. Whether it is Independent Ireland or the Soc Dems. The Soc Dems might not eat into Sinn Fein in Kerry, but Independent Ireland will. Were a good councillor, Killarney's Cllr John O'Donoghue, or maybe Mayor Martin Grady, to stand for them, votes would be taken off the Healy-Raes, Fianna Fail, Fine Gael as well as Labour and Sinn Fein. Guaranteed. The solo independents race is run, as far as I can see. The Healy-Raes family party is showing cracks. A new Ireland is being aligned and party politics will be the thing. Killarney Municipal District which has anyway too many independents might like to take note. "By -" by the way, means local. It is an old Norse word. The Irish - "Fo(th)" signals unusual and odd and it is better. So, "Fothlection" from now on!

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Guests will be welcomed from 6pm with light bites along with prosecco on arrival, followed by an evening of engaging experiences beginning at 7pm.

The event will be guided by energetic host Brendan Fuller who will keep the atmosphere lively throughout the evening. Attendees can look forward to a live culinary experience by Head Chef Chad Byrne, featuring creative dishes made with fresh local ingredients, alongside expert tips suitable for home cooks. Fashion and beauty experts Mary O' Donnell and Kerry O' Connor will also take centre stage, with dedicated segments offering summer style inspiration and on-trend look including some style and fashion from leading boutiques, including Scarlett Boutique in Killarney and Kenmare Cashmere.

Adding to the atmosphere will be live music from a renowned local performer, Jack Patrick Healy delivering a mix of piano, vocals, and signature flair to fill the marquee with energy and entertainment.

In addition to the main programme, guests will enjoy:

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Launching The Summer Soirée at Fleck Fest. Joan Bowler, Niamh O'Connor, Chad Byrne, Gearoid Healy, Mary O'Brien and Glenflesk GAA Chairman Tim Murphy. Photo: Seamus Healy

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Calls for Greater Flexibility in Short Term Letting Implementation and Consideration of Exemption

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry and party spokesperson on tourism, Michael Cahill, has called for greater flexibility and common sense in the implementation of the Government's short-term letting policy, warning that many long-established tourism accommodation providers in Kerry are deeply concerned about the impact on their livelihoods and on the wider tourism economy.

Deputy Cahill raised the matter directly with the Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment through a Parliamentary Question, highlighting the particular importance of tourism to County Kerry and especially Killarney.

Responding to Deputy Cahill, the Minister confirmed that under the proposed new short-term letting framework, operators in towns with populations under 20,000 will have a two-year period to meet planning compliance requirements once the new register comes into effect in late 2026. The Minister also acknowledged the importance of balancing housing supply needs with protecting rural



and regional tourism and jobs.

Deputy Cahill said:

"As spokesperson on tourism and as a TD representing Kerry, I fully appreciate the need to address housing challenges but we also must recognise the enormous importance of tourism to communities across Kerry. In areas like Killarney, tourism supports hundreds of jobs and family-run accommodation providers who have been operating responsibly for many years."

"I specifically asked the Minister to reconsider aspects of the short-term lets policy and to examine a waiver or exemption for operators who have been in business for three years or longer. Many of these providers are long-established local businesses that play a vital role in supporting our tourism offering, particularly during peak seasons."

Deputy Cahill noted that the Minister's reply confirmed there were approximately 3,910 short-term letting units advertised in Kerry in October 2025 representing an increase of over 10% since 2022.

He continued, "We need a balanced approach that protects housing supply while also safeguarding rural tourism and the livelihoods of families who rely on this sector. Kerry's tourism economy is unique and any policy changes must take account of the realities facing counties like ours."

"I will continue engaging with Government colleagues and tourism stakeholders to ensure Kerry's voice is heard as these proposals progress."

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Coastal Erosion, Caused by Climate Change

“Could take our home in 3 or 4 bad years”



Concerns over the growing impact of climate change on Kerry's coastline are highlighted in a new Radio Kerry documentary featuring poet and writer Paddy Bushe, who warns that coastal erosion “could take our home in three or four bad years”.

Speaking from the back garden of his home overlooking Carraig Eanna reef on Ballinskelligs Bay in Waterville, Bushe reflects on the vulnerability of coastal communities and the urgent need for people to reconnect emotionally with the places they inhabit.

“If every time we wound our world we realised we were wounding ourselves,” he says, stressing the importance of protecting both heritage

and environment from the destruction he believes climate change is accelerating.

The reflections form part of a special two-hour Radio Kerry programme in which broadcaster Frank Lewis travels through the Iveragh Peninsula with Bushe, exploring locations featured in his acclaimed book, *The Amergin Step*, subtitled *An Exploration in the Imagination of Iveragh*.

The programme, airing from 9am to 11am on Saturday, May 30, visits eight sites rich in mythology, archaeology and folklore across South Kerry.

Among the locations featured is the 4,000-year-old Cum a' Chiste wedge tomb, where archaeologist John Sheehan discusses the ancient history of Iveragh while overlooking Kenmare Bay and the Beara Peninsula. The

site also recalls the historic 1828 homecoming of Daniel O'Connell following his victory in the Clare by-election and the achievement of Catholic Emancipation.

Traditional singer Tim Dennehy performs Donal binn O Conail caoin, composed by Tomas Rua O Súilleabháin and first sung during O'Connell's celebrated return to Kerry.

The documentary also visits the ancient monastery at Cill o' Buaine overlooking St Finian's Bay and the Skelligs, where archaeologist Frank Coyne explains the site's likely role in supporting the monks of Skellig Michael.

At Tobar Fhionáin, or Fionán's Holy Well, local historian Tom O'Shea recounts how his family has cared for the sacred site for more than 300 years, while Bushe reflects on the region's deep spiritual and cultural traditions.

Other stops include Derrynane House, where guide Declan Moron discusses both the triumphs and tragedies associated with O'Connell's family home, and Waterville's Arthach Dana monument, where sculptor Holger Lonze explains the maritime inspiration behind the landmark artwork.

The programme concludes at the Eightercua standing stones, where John Sheehan describes how the ancient monument aligns with the midwinter sun, a symbol, he says, of hope and renewal.

Music also features prominently throughout the broadcast, including *The Boys of Barr na Sraide*, performed by Sean Garvey and regarded by many as an anthem of Iveragh.

The special programme based on *The Amergin Step* will air on Radio Kerry from 9am to 11am on Saturday, May 30, on 96-98FM and online worldwide. The programme will also be available as a podcast from the following Tuesday on Radio Kerry Podcasts.

Cruinniú na nÓg Kerry Promises Creative Fun Across The County

Kerry County Council's Creative Ireland Kerry and Arts Office has unveiled an exciting programme of free events for Cruinniú na nÓg 2026, with more than 30 activities planned across the county on Saturday, June 6th.

This year's programme places a strong focus on participation and creativity, with workshops and events designed to help young people build confidence, skills and imagination through art, music, circus, animation and storytelling.

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Michael Foley, said the expanded programme encourages children, teenagers and families to try something new in a welcoming environment. Events will take place in Tralee, Killarney, Listowel, Dingle, Kenmare, Killorglin, Caherdaniel and other locations throughout Kerry, all offered free of charge.



Among the highlights are the “Speak Up Sessions” rap and lyric-writing workshops led by Music Generation Kerry, origami workshops inspired by Beatrix Potter, circus and juggling experiences at Happy Hoopla, graffiti art workshops at Síamsa Tíre and animation, comic-book and filmmaking workshops in Killarney.

Creative Ireland Kerry Coordinator Kate Kennelly praised the response from artists and community groups across the county, saying the programme offers something for all age groups, from toddlers to teenagers.

Other events include mindfulness through art, graphic novel workshops, collaborative collage exhibitions, STEM activities, storytelling, dance and outdoor creative experiences.

Cruinniú na nÓg events will run throughout Kerry from 9am to 11pm on Saturday, June 6th.

Full programme details are available on Kerry County Arts Office and the national Creative Ireland website.

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Knockanes National School Announces Opening of New Special Class for Pupils with Autism

Knockanes National School, Headford, Killarney, Co. Kerry, is proud to announce the opening of a new Special Class for pupils with Autism, marking a major milestone in the continued development of inclusive education within the school community.

The approval of the new class follows a significant period of planning, collaboration, and commitment by school leadership and staff, reflecting the school's dedication to meeting the evolving needs of pupils and families in the local area.

Principal Lucy O'Sullivan described the announcement as "a hugely positive step forward for our school community and an important investment in inclusive education. We are delighted to be able to expand the supports available to pupils and ensure that more children can access the education and care they need within their own community."

As part of this development, the school's existing Special Class for Pupils who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing will be redesignated as the new Autism Class. The redesignation has been carefully considered in response to changing educational needs and will enable the school to provide targeted support for pupils with autism



in a welcoming and supportive environment. The new class will offer a nurturing and inclusive setting, supported by highly committed staff, where pupils can thrive both academically and socially while remaining connected to the wider school community.

This development represents another important step in Knockanes National School's ongoing commitment to inclusion, diversity, and supporting every child to reach their full potential.

The school also confirmed that it will continue to run its Summer Programme this year, providing valuable support and continuity for pupils with additional needs during the summer period.

Further information regarding the Special Class, enrolment procedures, and related supports can be obtained by contacting the school office on 0647754038 or by email at knockanesnationalschool@gmail.com.

THIRD YEAR STUDENTS CELEBRATE AT KCC

Killarney Community College was proud to celebrate the graduation of its Third Year students participating in the Junior Certificate Schools Programme (JCSP) last Thursday.

The occasion marked an important milestone in the students' Junior Cycle journey and recognised the hard work, commitment and progress they have shown over the past three years. The JCSP is a highly valued initiative within the school, supporting students in reaching their full potential while building confidence, developing essential life and learning skills, and fostering a positive attitude towards education.

The graduation ceremony highlighted the resilience, determination and achievements of the students, as well as the dedication and support provided by their teachers and Special Needs Assistants throughout their time in the programme.

Certificates were presented to each student by Year Head Mr. J. O'Sullivan. Special recognition was also given to Ms. Murphy, JCSP Coordinator, and the JCSP team for their ongoing commitment to the programme and to student success.

The event concluded with a warm and enjoyable celebration attended by students, staff and guests, reflecting the strong sense of community within Killarney Community College. Killarney Community College extends its congratulations to all graduating students and wishes them every success as they continue their educational journey.



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Local Retailers Complete Irish Camino Challenge in Support of Nurses for Night Care



Noel Kelly and John Cronin, Kelly's Londis Rathmore Co Kerry were among the Londis retailers and their teams from across Ireland who came together to complete the Londis Irish Camino Challenge for Nurses for Night Care, a national charity fundraising initiative in support of the brand's charity partner, the Irish Hospice Foundation.



Joan and Séamus Kelly from Kelly's Londis Milltown, Co Kerry were among the Londis retailers and their teams from across Ireland who came together to complete the Londis Irish Camino Challenge for Nurses for Night Care, a national charity fundraising initiative in support of the brand's charity partner, the Irish Hospice Foundation.

Kelly's Londis Milltown and Kelly's Londis Rathmore have completed the Londis Irish Camino Challenge for Nurses for Night Care, a national charity fundraising initiative in support of the brand's charity partner, Irish Hospice Foundation.

Séamus and Joan Kelly from Kelly's Londis Milltown and Noel Kelly, John and Mark Cronin from Kelly's Londis Rathmore, Co Kerry alongside 115 Londis retailers, staff, family members and friends representing 42 Londis stores nationwide took on a challenging 22km hike through Laragh and Glendalough, Co Wicklow earlier this month. The challenge formed the centrepiece of a nationwide fundraising effort to support the Nurses for Night Care service, which provides overnight nursing care to patients at end of life in their own homes across every county in Ireland 365 nights a year and relies on fundraising support and donations to operate.

The Londis Irish Camino Challenge was the culmination of weeks of fundraising activity carried out by Londis retailers in their local communities. Stores nationwide engaged customers through iDonate fundraising pages, in-store donation buckets, POS kits featuring QR codes and a "Donate €1 at the till" mechanic. As part of its local fundraising efforts, both Kelly's Londis Milltown and Kelly's Londis Rathmore organised a fabulous raffle and Spinathon which received strong support from the local community, raising extra funds for the cause.

The 22km route began at Laragh GAA Club and concluded at Lynam's of Laragh Hotel. The finish point provided an opportunity for retailers and participants to come together following the hike for a post-challenge meal and refreshments, marking the collective achievement.

A Long-Standing Partnership with Irish Hospice Foundation

Londis has partnered with Irish Hospice Foundation since 2023, with the collaboration raising over €250,000 to date in support of services that provide vital care to families nationwide. The Londis Irish Camino Challenge builds on this ongoing partnership, with funds raised supporting Irish Hospice Foundation's Nurses for Night Care service, which enables patients to remain at home, supported by expert nursing care, during their final days. Irish Hospice Foundation is a national charity that addresses dying, death and bereavement in Ireland. Our vision is an Ireland where people facing end of life or bereavement, and those who care for them, are provided with the care and support that they need. From advocacy and education to services such as Nurses for Night Care and our Bereavement Support Line, Irish Hospice Foundation believes in the importance of dying well and grieving well wherever the place. www.hospicefoundation.ie

Minister Norma Foley welcomes funding of €200,000 to address local flood risks in Kerry

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has confirmed funding of €200,000 to address local flood risks in Kerry.

The Office of Public Works' minor works scheme provides funding to local authorities to undertake minor flood mitigation works.

Minister Foley welcomed the funding under the scheme to cover the removal of river blockages, with €200,000 in funding being provided to Kerry County Council.

"This funding will help to reduce the risk of flooding to communities in Kerry. A personal thanks to Minister of State at the Office of Public Works, Kevin "Boxer" Moran

who visited Kerry with me recently to open advanced works to future proof Listowel against the risk of flooding," she said.

Blockages of river conveyancing are a common source of flooding to properties. While the revised Minor Works Scheme can provide funding to address these restrictions, the funding to local authorities will expedite their efforts to remove river conveyance blockages. This once-off allocation can be used to fund the immediate removal of blockages from locations such as river crossings, bridges or culverts and that are causing a restriction to rivers which pose an immediate risk to flooding of properties.





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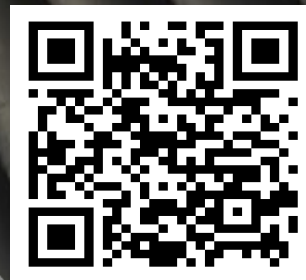
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Amber Thursday — Agencies Promote Public Safety During Summer Months



Pictured at the launch at the Wetlands Tralee of Amber Thursday were: Mark Brady Station officer Kerry Fire & Rescue Service, Declan Keogh KCC Road Safety Officer, Sergeant Garda Irene Riordan Community Policing, Niall O'Sullivan Water Safety Ireland. Front Lifeguards from Ballybunion Tomas Argabarez and Donato Guggiana Declan Keogh KCC Road Safety Officer. Photo: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD

Local government, emergency services, and water safety authorities have joined forces in Kerry to promote the nationwide 'Amber Thursday' initiative which took place, yesterday, Thursday, 28th May, with the aim of highlighting the risks and dangers around fire, road and water-based activities over the summer month.

The colour amber signifies a hazard or warning. Ahead of the June Bank Holiday weekend, 'Amber Thursday' encourages member of the public to be vigilant and to take care when enjoying the summer season.

The June Bank Holiday weekend sees an

increase in people using the roads. In addition to that, many people may also take to the water or have barbeques or campfires while enjoying the extended weekend break.

James Foley, Acting Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer with Kerry Fire Service said: "We urge the public to enjoy the good weather responsibly by ensuring barbeques and open fires are fully supervised and completely extinguished after use. Even small fires can spread quickly in dry conditions, putting lives, property and wildlife at risk. Taking simple precautions can help prevent avoidable incidents and reduce unnecessary callouts for emergency services."

With an increase in activities on our roads, in waters or around fire during the summer months, the Fire Service as well as Kerry County Council and Water Safety Ireland are reminding everyone to think ahead when planning their activities and think about the safety aspects when planning their events.

Kerry County Council's Road Safety Officer Declan Keogh said: "Driver fatigue, speeding and dangerous behaviour on the road are all contributing factors in the causation of serious or fatal road collisions. Our advice is for motorists to plan and prepare for their journey, take regular rest breaks on long journeys and for the everyone travelling in a vehicle to be wearing a seatbelt. Vulnerable road users must ensure they too are using the roads safely. Sharing the road and being courteous and considerate to others using the road makes all our journeys an enjoyable stress free and safe one."

Water Safety Officers are urging the public to swim where lifeguards are on duty, to plan ahead for a safe summer by encouraging friends and family to stay away from the water's edge when walking, to always wear a lifejacket for activities on or near water including angling, to take training courses in advance of any aquatic activity and to always swim within your depth. During Thursday, 28 May, the agencies will be sharing several public safety messages and advisories with the public along with emergency services and other bodies across the country.

KCC Students Embrace The Atlantic Ocean



Students from Killarney Community College recently enjoyed an exciting and adventurous day coastering along the spectacular North Kerry coastline on Tuesday.

The group embraced every challenge the Atlantic had to offer, from cliff jumps and rock scrambling to navigating the rugged shoreline in true adventurous spirit. Despite

the windy conditions, rain showers and chilly sea temperatures, students displayed fantastic enthusiasm, teamwork and resilience throughout the day.

The outing provided students with an opportunity to step outside their comfort zones, build confidence and create lasting memories together. Laughter and encouragement could

be heard above the crashing waves as students took on each activity with great energy and determination.

Killarney Community College is delighted to continue providing students with opportunities that promote wellbeing, teamwork, personal development and outdoor adventure experiences.



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FRIDAY 29TH MAY

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 10:00 - 21:00 BikeFest Information & Festival Merch Shop
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 10:00 Guided Ride Out 2 approx 6 hours (Ring of Kerry & Skellig Ring) DEPARTS BIKE VILLAGE
 11:00 Guided Ride Out 3 approx 5.5 hours (Dingle Peninsula & Sleah Head) DEPARTS BIKE VILLAGE
 12:00 DJ OUTDOOR STAGE
 15:30 - 17:00 The Absolute Eagles OUTDOOR STAGE
 16:00 - 00:30 Bikers Lounge ACCESS LIMITED TO REGISTERED BIKERS ONLY
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 18:00 - 19:30 The Complete Stone Roses OUTDOOR STAGE
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 21:00 - 00:30 The Iron Horse Bar REGISTERED H.O.G.™ MEMBERS ONLY
 21:30 Super Céili HARLEY® BAR
 21:30 Alternative Route BIKERS LOUNGE
 22:00 Iron Maiden Tribute Run to the Beast MAIN STAGE GLENEAGLE ARENA
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SUNDAY 31ST MAY

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 10:00 - 22:30 Bike Village Open
 10:00 - 21:00 BikeFest Information & Festival Merch Shop
 10:00 - 18:00 Technical Bike Repair Shop Open BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ON WATERFORD HARLEY WEBSITE
 11:00 Parade Departs Bike Village
 12:00 - 18:00 Free H-D Demo Rides
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Laura Falvey Proud to Lead Kerry Into Gaynor Cup History

The countdown is on for the 2026 Gaynor Cup as Kerry prepare to travel to the University of Limerick with renewed belief, strong momentum and a historic figure leading them from the sideline.

Under the guidance of first female head coach Laura Falvey, Kerry will compete in Group 4 against Sligo-Leitrim and NERL from June 1st to June 5th, hoping to build on an impressive campaign which already saw them reach the All-Ireland Bowl semi-final earlier this season.

For Laura, the role represents the culmination of years of dedication and growth within the game. "It's very exciting and I'm absolutely privileged and take a massive amount of pride in it," she said.

Laura's coaching journey began as a parent volunteer helping on the sidelines before progressing steadily through the ranks. Having worked closely with many of the current squad since U12 level, she believes the strong connection built over the years has helped the team develop confidence and independence.

"When I took on the team, I decided that I was going to make sure that I got their confidence up and their independence in their play," she explained.

"I think the fact that I'm a female coach has really helped with that confidence because I'm a role model to them."

The Kerry boss admitted being appointed head coach was one of the proudest moments of her life.

"Even for my own children to see their mum, having never played sport in my life, get to this point, I feel like it's inspiring for myself and my family," she added.

Kerry now head into the competition determined to continue their progress on one of the biggest stages in underage girls soccer.

Dalton Ready To Captain Kerry Dream

Listowel Celtic defender Aoife Dalton will captain Kerry at this year's Gaynor Cup after describing the honour as one of the proudest moments of her football journey.

The commanding centre-back will lead the Kingdom into Group 4 alongside vice-captain Amy Rose Shanahan as Kerry prepare for clashes



L-R Tom Costello (Goalkeeper Coach), Aoife Dalton (Captain) Amy Rose Shanahan (Vice-Captain) Laura Falvey (Head-Coach)

against Sligo-Leitrim and NERL in the University of Limerick.

Dalton admitted emotions took over when she learned she had been named captain.

"When I was first announced as captain, my eyes welled with excitement and tears," she said.

"It was such an honour and a really happy moment in my career"

A natural leader from the back, Aoife says she prides herself on setting standards through effort and organisation on the pitch.

"I'm so proud to lead such a lovely bunch of girls into the Gaynor Cup this year," she said.

"It means the world to me. I go out and just give 110% every time."

Representing Kerry has been a dream for Aoife since she first joined the county setup at U12 level.

"Putting on that jersey just gives you motivation," she explained.

"Ever since I made the U12's and I figured out about Gaynor, it was my dream."

Aoife has already experienced success captaining Kerry teams in the past, previously leading the county to an All-Ireland Final at U12 level, but says this latest achievement ranks among her greatest honours.

She also praised head coach Laura Falvey for the impact she has had on the squad's development over recent years.

Now, with excitement building ahead of the tournament, Aoife Dalton says the team is determined not only to compete but to create lifelong memories together.

"It is such a big occasion and such an honour and proud moment in girls' careers," she said.

"I'm looking forward to the competition but also

making memories of a lifetime."

O'Riordan Twins Living Kerry Dream Together

For twins Shauna and Kaitlin O'Riordan, this year's Gaynor Cup will hold extra significance as the sisters prepare to represent Kerry side by side on one of the biggest stages in underage girls soccer.

The Mastergeeha twins are part of the Kerry squad travelling to the University of Limerick for the prestigious tournament, where Kerry face Sligo-Leitrim and NERL in Group 4.

Having played together since childhood, the opportunity to share the experience in a Kerry jersey makes the occasion even more special.

"It's really special because we both get to experience it together," said Shauna.

"We've always played on the same team."

Shauna plays in goal for Kerry while Kaitlin lines out in defence directly in front of her, continuing a partnership that first developed during family kickabouts inspired by their older brothers.

"We both got involved because our older brothers played with Mastergeeha," Kaitlin explained.

"As a family, we used to play soccer in the yard."

The sisters say their competitive nature has helped drive each other on over the years while always remaining supportive.

Shauna, who recently attended SFAI Ireland U14 trials as a goalkeeper, said the call-up was another proud moment in her football journey.

"It was really good getting called in for the Ireland trials and I was really excited," she said.

Kaitlin, meanwhile, has grown into her defensive role after initially starting out as a striker during her early years in the game.

Now, with the Gaynor Cup just days away, both sisters are focused on enjoying every moment together while hoping to help Kerry challenge for silverware.

"We both hope to win a trophy, but also enjoy the experience," Kaitlin said.

"Our dream moment together is to win games, but also to enjoy it."

With strong family support behind them and years of dedication finally rewarded, the O'Riordan twins are ready to create unforgettable memories in green and gold.



Gaynor Cup Squad:

Killarney Celtic: Leah Mannix, Olga Kumor, Elsie Clifford
 Mastergeeha: Isla Cronin, Shauna O'Riordan (GK), Kaitlin O'Riordan
 Killarney Athletic: Roisin O'Sullivan, Lori Rujevcan (GK)
 Iveragh United: Amy Rose Shanahan, Leanna Foran
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Students Celebrated At St. Brigid's Awards Day

Students at St Brigid's Secondary School were celebrated during a special Awards Ceremony and Graduation Day held recently in the school, recognising achievement, contribution and commitment across all areas of school life.

More than 200 students received awards throughout the ceremony, reflecting the wide range of talents and strengths within the school community. Awards were presented across categories including academic achievement, sport, attendance, leadership, mentoring, public speaking, music and choir, school spirit, generosity of spirit and contribution to the school's ethos and CEIST values.

The event highlighted not only excellence and success, but also the importance of kindness, resilience, compassion and positive contribution to others within the school community.

Among the major award recipients were Lily McCarthy, recipient of the Orla Benson Memorial Award, Aoife O'Keeffe, winner of the 2026 CEIST Award and Niamh Kissane, who was named LCA Student of the Year 2026.

A special address was delivered by past pupil and former CEIST Award recipient Niamh Hickey, now working as an Assistant Professor in Education, who returned to the school to speak to students and staff.



Orla Benson Winner - Lily McCarthy pictured with her family and Mairead McElligott, Principal.

Later in the day, the school community gathered for a Graduation Mass for the departing 6th Year students as they prepare to begin the next stage of their journeys. During the ceremony, each student was presented by Principal Ms McElligott with her Graduation Certificate and a chain of the Presentation Cross, recognising her years in St Brigid's and the values of faith,

compassion and service that remain central to the school community.

The day was described as a wonderful celebration of student achievement, community spirit and the many positive contributions students make to school life both inside and outside the classroom.



CEIST Winner - Aoife O'Keeffe pictured with her parents, Principal Mairead McElligott and Ms. Neary.



LCA Student of the Year - Niamh Kissane pictured with Ms. Neary, Principal Mairead McElligott and Ms. Dowling.

Cars And Coffee In Aid Of Jack & Jill

Ballymac Vintage Club will host a Cars & Coffee morning on Bank Holiday Monday June 1st at Glenduff Manor (V92 YH32) from 10:30am to Midday. Proceeds on the day are in aid of the Jack & Jill Children's foundation. An optional short local run will take place afterwards returning to Glenduff Manor.

Phot L-R: Ballymac Vintage LCub members launching Cars & Coffee, Tom Glover, Kian O'Connor, George Glover, Joan Glover, Brian Glover, Paul Ahern, Mary Lynch, Ivan Groves, Michael Horan, Trish Horan, Philip Blennerhassett.





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Ógie O'Leary Griffin Crowned Basketball Ireland U16 Male School Player of the Year

Castleisland Community College is celebrating another outstanding sporting achievement as third-year student Ógie O'LearyGriffin has been selected by Basketball Ireland as the U16 Male School Player of the Year. This prestigious national award recognises exceptional talent, commitment, and performance in postprimary basketball, and Ógie's record over the past two seasons speaks for itself.

A key member of the school's hugely successful basketball programme, Ógie played an instrumental role in the team that secured three consecutive Allireland A Division League titles last year, an extraordinary accomplishment at the highest level of school's basketball. He also contributed to the school's U15 Cup victory, further cementing his reputation as one of the most exciting young players in the country.

This season, Ógie continued to shine as part of the U16 team, who finished as runners-up in the Allireland A Division Cup, demonstrating the school's continued presence among the elite of Irish school's basketball.

Outside of school, Ógie represents St Mary's Basketball Club, where he continues to develop



his skills and leadership on the court. His talent has also been recognised at international level: he has proudly represented Ireland in U15 international fixtures abroad, gaining invaluable experience competing against top European opposition.

Ógie received his national award at the Basketball Ireland ceremony in Dublin on Saturday, March 23rd, where the country's top young basketball players will be honoured.

This marks the second consecutive year that Castleisland Community College has claimed this prestigious accolade, following Jamie Nolan's success in the same category last year. The back-to-back awards highlight the school's exceptional standard of coaching and player development.

Principal Máiréad Corridan praised both the student and the school's coaching team, noting:

"The award acknowledges that the school is operating at the top tier of postprimary school basketball. Recognition must be given to the dedication of coaches Maurice Casey and Máire McLoughlin, which in turn has allowed talented players like Ógie to excel in the sport."

Castleisland Community College continues to build a strong reputation as a centre of excellence for basketball, and Ógie O'LearyGriffin's latest achievement is another proud moment for the school and wider community.

Students Focus On Killarney Laneways To Bring Character Back

Mayor of Killarney, Councillor Martin Grady, and members of the Killarney Looking Good Committee recently met with students and teachers at St. Brendan's College following an impressive presentation by first and second-year students on the future of Killarney's laneways and how they could once again become vibrant and welcoming spaces in the town centre.

The students showcased a wide range of imaginative and inclusive ideas aimed at bringing character and life back into the laneways, reflecting on how these spaces were once full of atmosphere and activity many years ago. Their vision focused on making the laneways brighter, safer, more interactive, and more attractive for both locals and visitors.

Among the many creative suggestions presented were improved lighting features, colourful flower boxes, murals, and artistic displays designed to brighten up the laneways and encourage greater use of these unique spaces. The students also proposed interactive games and educational features that would engage both adults and young people while highlighting the rich history and heritage of Killarney.

As part of their research, the students also explored the historical connection between



Mayor of Killarney, Martin Grady pictured with member of the tidy towns, teachers and pupils at St. Brendan's College.

world-famous author Bram Stoker and Killarney. They highlighted how the writer of Dracula had links to the area, adding another fascinating historical dimension to their project and demonstrating how Killarney's heritage could be incorporated into future laneway developments in a creative and educational way.

The meeting was attended by members of the Killarney Looking Good Committee, Matthew Farrell from Killarney Town Hall, the Mayor of Killarney, and teachers from St. Brendan's College, all of whom praised the students for

their enthusiasm, creativity, and thoughtful ideas.

Councillor Martin Grady commended both the students and their teachers for the fantastic work and dedication shown throughout the project. He said it was extremely encouraging to see young people taking such an active interest in the future of their town and contributing innovative ideas that could help make Killarney an even more vibrant and welcoming place for everyone.

The project reflected not only the creativity and hard work of the students but also their strong

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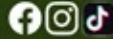


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Killarney Athletic Set To Celebrate 50 Years Of Iconic 7-A-Side Tournament

One of Kerry's most famous summer sporting events is set to reach a major milestone this June as Killarney Athletic AFC prepares to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its hugely successful 7-a-side soccer tournament.

The club officially launched the 2026 competition this week, marking five decades of a tournament which has become a staple of the local sporting calendar and continues to attract teams from across the county and beyond.

Speaking at the launch, Killarney Athletic AFC chairman Donie Murphy said the club was proud to celebrate such a significant landmark year.

"We are delighted to be celebrating our 50th year of the Sevens and we are looking forward to yet another action-packed tournament," he said.

This year's tournament will feature competitions for Senior Men, Senior Ladies, Over 35s and Under 16s, with the senior section beginning on Monday, June 22nd and continuing throughout the week.

A range of honours will once again be up for grabs, including the Premier and Reserve Cups, Player of the Tournament and the prestigious Johnny Heffernan Underage Player Award.

In a special addition to mark the anniversary year, the club will also introduce a new perpetual Over 35s Cup in honour of Jamie Doolan.



The winners of the Premier Cup will also receive free entry into the 2027 tournament.

Entry fees have been confirmed at €200 for Senior Men and Over 35s, €150 for Senior Ladies and €100 for Under 16 teams. The closing date for senior entries is Friday, June 5th at 4pm, with the tournament draw scheduled for Monday, June 8th.

The ever-popular underage competitions will also return across two weekends in June, catering for boys and girls teams at U10, U12, U14 and U16 levels.

The U12 competitions will take place on Saturday, June 13th, while the U10 tournaments are scheduled for Sunday, June 14th. The U14 and U16 events will then be held on Saturday, June 20th.

Underage entry fees are set at €100 per team, with applications closing on Friday, May 29th at 4pm.

Tournament application forms are available through Killarney Credit Union on Beech Road and online through the club website.

Killarney Athletic also paid tribute to long-time sponsors Killarney Credit Union for their continued backing of the competition over many years.

With a proud history stretching back half a century, organisers are expecting another huge turnout as clubs, players and supporters gather once again in Killarney for one of Munster's best-known soccer festivals.

THIRD SECTION OF SOUTH KERRY GREENWAY TO OPEN ON FRIDAY

Another section of the South Kerry Greenway will open to the public on Friday, adding a further two kilometres to the facility between Glenbeigh and Mountain Stage. This is the third section of the greenway to be opened within the past six months and means that almost 10km of the walking and cycling amenity will be open to the public from this weekend. The new 2.2km additional segment between the new boardwalk at Mountain Stage and Griffin's Cottage at Kilkeehagh near the N70 road will bring to 6.2km the distance which is now available to walkers and cyclists from the Glenbeigh trailhead. This section incorporates a 100-metre elevated boardwalk which offers extensive views of the surrounding countryside.

The Cathaoirleach of the Kenmare Municipal District, Cllr Norma Moriarty, hailed the opening this weekend as a wonderful boost ahead of the summer season.

'Coming as it does just ahead of the June Bank Holiday Weekend, this is another exciting milestone for the South Kerry Greenway with over one-third of the approved route now open for public use. There has been great progress over the past six months in completing work on the greenway and I would encourage everyone to enjoy the new amenity over the coming weeks and months,' said Cllr Moriarty.

'I again want to acknowledge local landowners for their cooperation and support as well as our partners in the Department of Transport and Transport Infrastructure Ireland.' Car parking is available at the Glenbeigh Trailhead car park which is located a short distance from Behy Bridge in Glenbeigh. Greenway users are reminded that the Glenbeigh to Kilkeehagh section of the route incorporates two short stretches of 'quiet road' which is a shared space used by vehicles, walkers and cyclists. Advisory signage has been installed in this regard.



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Busy Times At St. Brendan's As the School Year Wraps Up



Photo: Michelle Cooper Galvin.

St Brendan's College TY students completed a 5k race in Killarney National Park in aid of the Irish Cancer society as part of their GAA leadership iron programme. The students along with TY co-ordinator Eimear Buckley presented a cheque for €576.50 to Kathrina Breen and Shaun McSweeney for Killarney branch of the Irish cancer society at St Brendan's College recently.



Photo: Michelle Cooper Galvin.

St Brendan's College Enterprise team winners Finn O'Neill, Diarmuid O'Sullivan and Colm O'Connor with teacher Sarah Keane who won the Senior Kerry County Students Enterprise programme with their business Duckers Design.



Photo: Michelle Cooper Galvin.

St Brendan's College students Oscar O'Sullivan, Darren O'Brien and Daithi Stack winners of the Polyglot Phone Challenge Most Creative Award DCU Languages 2026 with teacher Angela Daly at St Brendan's College, Killarney.



Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Pupils from St. Brendan's College Killarney, Ajharul Haque, Tamim Khan, with Tara Buckley, Killarney National Park Education Centre, in Knockreer Estate taking part in the annual BioBlitz Natura 2000 competition, organised by Killarney National Park Education Centre. As part of the National Biodiversity Week which celebrates the life of all species in Ireland, from the smallest midge to the largest birds of prey in the National Park.



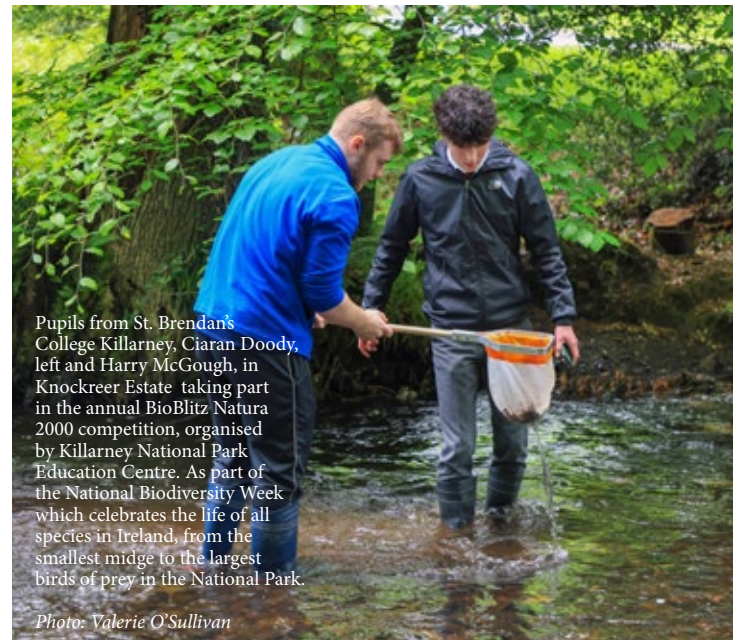
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Breda Dyland Kerry Cancer Support Group (fifth from left) accepting a cheque for €2200 from fifth year LCA Class students Paddy Moore, Jamie Quirke, Anthony Cremins, Liam Scahil, Cathal O'Donoghue, Evan Counihan proceeds of their Spinathon with their teacher Lisa Gallwey and Principal Sean Coffey at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Thursday.



Cillian Tangney, left and James Ward, In Knockreer Estate.

Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Pupils from St. Brendan's College Killarney, Ciaran Doody, left and Harry McGough, in Knockreer Estate taking part in the annual BioBlitz Natura 2000 competition, organised by Killarney National Park Education Centre. As part of the National Biodiversity Week which celebrates the life of all species in Ireland, from the smallest midge to the largest birds of prey in the National Park.

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Minister Foley welcomes funding for the summer holiday meals pilot programme in Kerry

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has welcomed confirmation of funding for the summer holiday meals pilot programme in Kerry.

The summer holiday meals pilot programme is designed to support young people who may not have access to a hot or filling meal when schools are closed.

The budget for the programme, which was first introduced in last year, has been increased from €500,000 to €600,000.

Kerry ETB will receive funding from the programme for Foroige West Iveragh and Kerry Community Youth Service. These organisations will in turn provide hot meals to young people aged 10 to 18 attending their UBU youth services throughout the summer months. The programme will begin on 2 June.

Minister Foley said: "I welcome confirmation of the funding for this year's summer holiday meals pilot programme in Kerry. This is part of the Government's commitment to ensure that no child is without a hot meal during the summer when schools are closed."

SUMMER MEALS PILOT PROGRAMME



HOLIDAY HUNGER



A host of heavenly choirs...streaming light and music...Choir Director and Soprano, Dr Sharon Lyons and members of her choir - Kerry Concert Choir performing with Kerry Scotia Ensemble at a special charity concert, in aid of St Francis Special School Beaufort, at the Franciscan Friary, Killarney. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Kerry Concert Choir And Scotia Ensemble Unite For Special Charity Performance

Music lovers gathered at the Franciscan Friary in Killarney for a memorable evening of song and orchestral music as the Kerry Concert Choir joined forces with the Kerry Scotia Ensemble for a special charity concert in aid of St Francis Special School, Beaufort. Under the direction of Dr Sharon Lyons, the talented performers delivered a moving programme to a packed audience, with all proceeds supporting the important work carried out by the school.

The concert showcased the strength of musical talent across Kerry, combining powerful choral performances with the rich sound of the Scotia Ensemble in the unique surroundings of the Franciscan Friary.

The fundraising event also highlighted the strong community support for St Francis Special School and its continued work with students and families throughout the region.



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Killarney Chamber Members' Luncheon: Energy Efficiency and the Road to a Sustainable Future

Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce is delighted to announce its next Members' Luncheon on Wednesday, 17th June 2026, from 1pm to 2pm at the Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney. This members-only event promises an afternoon of real insight, lively discussion, and excellent networking, bringing together the best of Killarney's business community around one of the most pressing topics of our time.

Guest Speaker: Marie Donnelly, Former Director, European Commission

We are delighted to welcome Marie Donnelly as our keynote speaker. Over a distinguished 30-year career with the European Commission, Marie served as Director for Renewables, Energy Efficiency and Innovation at DG Energy, where she shaped the EU's landmark 'Clean Energy for All Europeans' package, putting energy efficiency and renewables at the centre of European policy. She is the former Chair of Ireland's Climate Change Advisory Council and currently serves as Chair of the External Advisory Group of ENTSO-E, Brussels, the body responsible for coordinating electricity transmission across Europe. Few people bring more authority or practical insight to the energy conversation.

Her address will focus on the theme of



Efficient Energy: Doing More with Less, from cutting energy costs and future-proofing operations, to Ireland's role in Europe's clean energy transition. Whether you run a hotel, a retail outlet or a professional practice, this is a conversation directly relevant to your bottom line.

Killarney: A Town That Means Business on Sustainability

Killarney is not simply talking about sustainability, it is doing it, and doing it well. Sitting within a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, our business community has embraced

environmental responsibility with genuine ambition. Many of our renowned member hotels are consistently recognised at national level for their sustainability achievements, while some local industry leaders have set a high bar for energy innovation and responsible manufacturing on a global stage. Killarney is a town that leads by example, and this luncheon is about raising the bar further.

This is the Killarney that Marie Donnelly will be speaking to: a town that already leads, and wants to go further.

Network with Killarney's Business Community

Chamber luncheons are among the most valued benefits of membership, relaxed, convivial, and genuinely useful. With attendees from across tourism, hospitality, retail, industry, manufacturing and professional services, this is a perfect opportunity to connect, share ideas, and do what Killarney does best: build community.

EVENT DETAILS

Wednesday, 17th June 2026 | 1:00pm – 2:00pm
The Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney
Book at: www.killarneychamber.ie

Killarney Twinning Association Strengthens International Links After Busy Exchange Programme

Killarney Town Twinning Association has completed another successful and busy period of international exchanges, strengthening connections with partner towns across Europe while continuing to promote friendship, culture and community involvement.

Among the recent highlights was the visit of 18 runners from Santeny in Paris, who travelled to Killarney to take part in the Killarney Half Marathon. The association hopes the trip will help build a lasting sporting connection between the French visitors and Killarney Valley Athletic Club, with plans for further interaction in the future.

The association also recently welcomed visitors from Casperia, Killarney's twin town near Rome, as part of an educational and cultural exchange involving students from St Oliver's Ballycasheen.

Members of the twinning committee expressed their gratitude to Mr O'Sullivan and Mr Colm Casey for helping showcase the beauty of Killarney and encouraging the friendships and cultural ties developed during the visit.

Killarney Town Twinning Association said several programmes remain ongoing, while preparations are already underway for upcoming 20-year and 40-year anniversary celebrations with twin towns Pleinfeld and

Castiglione.

The association also acknowledged the support of Kerry County Council after receiving €1,750 in funding through the Community Fund scheme, which will assist with the costs involved in maintaining and developing international partnerships and exchanges.

Members said the funding will help ensure the twinning links remain active and beneficial for citizens involved across all participating communities.



Our country is vulnerable to energy cost shocks as we continue to use imported fossil fuels. This has happened recently with the Israeli and the US governments interference in the Middle

HOME ENERGY INFORMATION EVENING

East. The price of Home Heating Oil rose by 67.5% between February and March of this year in Ireland. - Central Statistics Office.

It can feel disempowering to have prices jump due to actions overseas so we must act locally. How can we do that?

Come and join us on Wednesday, June 3rd at 7:30pm to find out. Caitriona Fallon of the SEAL

will be providing a free information session at Fossa Community Centre in which she will tell attendees of the Warmer Homes Grant, Sustainable Energy Sources, and ways to reduce your energy bills. This event is being hosted by Fossa Climate Action Group, a voluntary, community group based in Fossa.

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The accreditation is awarded by the All-Ireland Business Foundation (AIBF), an independent national accreditation body that recognises businesses demonstrating outstanding performance, trust and customer-centric excellence. This is Travel Counsellors Ireland's second consecutive year of national recognition.

A leader in premium leisure and corporate travel, Travel Counsellors Ireland, headquartered in Mahon, Cork, is part of a global community of almost 2,500 Travel Counsellors across six countries, including over 80 based across Ireland. Since launching in Ireland in

2005, the company has become synonymous with highly personalised service, trusted travel expertise and innovative technology, delivering tailor-made experiences for clients at every stage of their journey. Travel Counsellor Nicola Browne said "I'm incredibly proud to be part of an award-winning team and to represent Travel Counsellors here in Kerry. What makes this role so special is the opportunity to build lasting relationships with clients and help create memorable travel experiences, while also having the flexibility and support to grow your own business."

For more information on Travel Counsellors Ireland, visit travelcounsellors.ie. Those interested in learning more about becoming a Travel Counsellor can read more at people.travelcounsellors.com/ie/become-a-travel-counsellor.

Let's Talk About Dementia and Brain Health

HSE South West and Boots Ireland invites the public to a free brain health and dementia awareness event in Tralee on Monday 10 June.

The information event will take place at Boots, Unit 12b, Central Plaza, Abbey Court, Tralee, on Monday, 10 June at 7pm and forms part of a nationwide series delivered in partnership with the HSE's Dementia: Understand Together campaign. This is a free ticketed event and places can be reserved at <https://dementiaroadshow.boots.ie>. During the one-hour workshop, healthcare professionals and people with lived experience of dementia will share insights on dementia, brain health, and the practical steps we can all take to support people living with dementia in our communities. Attendees will also learn about everyday actions that may help reduce personal risk and promote long-term brain health.

The HSE Dementia: Understand Together has partnered with Boots



since 2016, working to make stores and communities more dementia-inclusive through staff training, awareness initiatives, and public events.

Dolores McElligott, Team Leader, Community Worker Older Persons said "We are grateful to Boots for organising these events for the local community, and to be invited to speak about these important topics. It shows their commitment to continuing the conversation around dementia and helping people to understand how to look after their brain health and reduce their personal risk of developing dementia."

The Dementia: Understand Together partnership with Boots is a great example of how pharmacy and retail organisations can help to build dementia-inclusive communities, and work alongside the many local community champions who are making a real difference to the lives of people with dementia in Ireland."

Trócaire launches emergency appeal amid Escalating Ebola outbreak in DRC.

Trócaire has launched an emergency appeal in response to the rapid spread of the Bundibugyo strain of Ebola in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. This strain, which has already spread into Uganda, currently has no approved vaccine or specific cure, making prevention, public health measures, and community trust critical for containing the outbreak.

The latest outbreak is centred in Ituri Province, where Trócaire has worked since the early 1990s. Last year, Trócaire's programmes reached more than 66,000 people in communities now affected by Ebola. The region is already facing a deep and complex humanitarian crisis, with years of violence and displacement continuing to affect communities.

Working with trusted local partners on the ground, Trócaire is supporting communities at the epicentre of the crisis to help prevent the spread of Ebola and support families already facing the devastating impacts of conflict and displacement. Funds raised will help support

Ebola-affected and crisis-affected communities in DRC and the wider region.

Trócaire CEO Sean Farrell, who was in Uganda last week, said:

"Communities in eastern DR Congo are already dealing with conflict and instability, and now face another deadly threat. We are working with trusted local partners at the epicentre of this crisis to deliver urgent support to those who need it most. At the same time, major cuts to international aid have weakened health and humanitarian systems in DR Congo and other fragile countries, making it harder to respond quickly and effectively to outbreaks like Ebola. Immediate action is needed to prevent this crisis from deepening further."

Support today will help us reach more people in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. Visit Trocaire.org to donate and learn more about our work in the Democratic Republic of Congo, or free phone 1800 408 408.



2 Women washing their hands when entering the safe space built by Trócaire in Zaba

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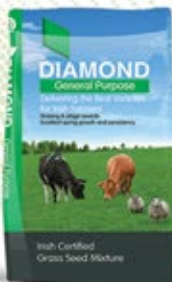
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Noreen Mangan (What Women Want), pictured with from left are Aine Falvey, Sinead Carmody, Noreen Mangan, Louise Kissane, Orla and Roisin Boyling after she received the Established Businesswoman award, at the Network Ireland Kerry Businesswoman of the Year Awards on Friday night in The Rose Hotel, Tralee.



Caoimhe O'Connell, a student at Faha National School, who celebrated her First Holy Communion on Saturday last. She is pictured with her brother Cillian.



IHF People Day 2026 Kerry: Kerry hoteliers attending the Irish Hotels Federation's (IHF) recent People Day 2026 Conference at the Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise. The event explored how technology, shifting workforce expectations and new models of leadership are reshaping the future of work. The conference coincided with International HR Day 2026, whose global theme is 'Empower People to Lead Change' which mirrors the IHF's own commitment to shaping brighter futures across Ireland's hotel and guesthouse sector. Pictured L-R: Shelley Steadman, Randles Hotel; Caroline Doherty, Dromhall Hotel; Leona McEnery, Hotel Killarney; Eldridge Colaco, Dromhall Hotel; BrÚna Finnegan, O'Donoghue Ring Collection; Emer Corridan, Cahernane House Hotel; Paul Gallagher, IHF CEO; Ali Cavanagh, O'Donoghue Ring Collection, Susan Kelly, The Rose Hotel and Madina Zikare, Muckcross Park Hotel Photo: Joe Conroy



A face in the choir...Breda O'Farrell, with members of Kerry Concert Choir, under the Directorship of Dr Sharon Lyons performing with Kerry Scotia Ensemble at a special charity concert, in aid of St Francis Special School Beaufort, at the Franciscan Friary, Killarney. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



St Brendan's College Students left to right Fionn Mc Carthy, Nick Clarke, Wojciech Zglinski, Adnan Hossain, Cian Brennan, Cathal O'Donovan, Mark Brosnan, Gearoid O'Connor, Oliver Rainko with teachers Coramarie Kelliher and Declan O'Donoghue presenting a charity cheque for €1465 to Pat Doolan Chairman Killarney branch and Cathal Walshe for the Kerry Hospice Foundation at St Brendan's College Killarney. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

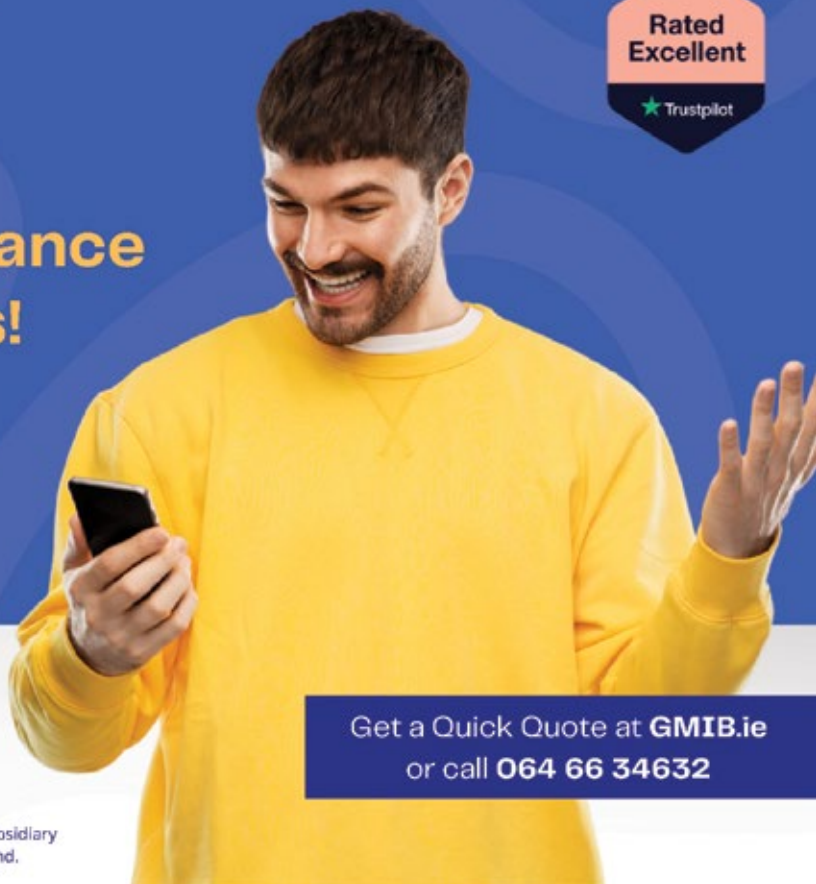


Ronan Murphy, Faha National School pictured on his First Holy Communion Day on Saturday.

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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

Kilcummin Looking Good coffee morning takes place on Sunday, 14th June, in the Recreational Hall. More details to follow.

APPRECIATION

Huge thanks to the Principals and Staff of Coolick & Anablaha Schools and the ladies committee of Mastergeeha Soccer Club for hosting and entertaining the Spring Stations. They were most enjoyable with lots of home baking & sandwiches and the social gathering afterwards. We also want to thank Fr. Kieran, Fr. Jim and Fr. Joe for making the Mass so special for all the families of the townlands. Mile Buíochas.

CORPUS CHRISTI

This year's Corpus Christi Procession will take place on Sunday, 7th June, after 11.30am Mass in our Lady of Lourdes Church.

50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

Our Lady of Lourdes Church will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary Mass on Saturday, 20th June at 7.30pm. More details to follow.

KILCUMMIN GAA

MCCARTHY INSURANCE CO LEAGUE DIV 1

Our senior team hosted an impressive Dingle team on Sunday and lost out by five points 4-15 to 2-16. Paul O'Shea accounted for 2-07, Kieran Murphy 0-4, Cian Foley 0-3 and a point each from Mikey Casey and Chris

O'Leary. Our next game is away to Beaufort in two weeks.

U20

Best wishes to Dara Stack and his Kerry team mates in the U-20 All Ireland final against Tyrone this Saturday in Croke Park. Game live on TG4.

DIV 6 TEAM

Our Div 6 team travelled to Tuosist on Sunday and lost out by two points on a score line 1-20 to 2-15. Aaron Buckley and Sean Doolan scored a goal each while Mikey O'Shea accounted for six points.

KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

U12 MIXED RELAY

The U12 Mixed Distance Relay All-Ireland final was held in Gormanstown on Sunday 24th May. Huge congratulations to Charlie Jay Kelliher and his team mates Luke McCann, Spa-Fenit-Barrow; Cillian Murphy, Fossa; Brandon Scanlon, Jack Sheehy and James Sheehy all from the Ballyduff club who came first in the competition and are now All-Ireland champions.

ART COMPETITION

Congratulations to Dara O'Donoghue who won a gold medal in the U12 Art competition in the County Finals, also to Rachel O'Riordan who won gold in the U8 Art Competition. They now go through to the All-Ireland, which will be held on the weekend of the 5th/6th September.



Huge congratulations to Charlie Jay Kelliher and his team mates Luke McCann, Spa-Fenit-Barrow; Cillian Murphy, Fossa; Brandon Scanlon, Jack Sheehy and James Sheehy all from the Ballyduff club who came first in the mixed relay and are now All-Ireland champions.



Charlie Jay Kelliher

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

May 24th 2026. Jackpot €5,100. Numbers Drawn: 2, 6, 12, 21. No Winner. €100 Eviston House Hotel. €50 Niall O Connell, Ballaugh. €50 Norma Talbot, Aghadoe €25 Niall Kennedy, Ballymalis. €25 Tim & Anne O Mahony. Jackpot next weekend 31st May 2026 €5,250

U12

U12s play on Sunday, May 31st – Home vs Ardferf at 6:00pm



Patrick Kissane, competing in the Irish Mountain Running Association (IMRA) race on Mangerton Mountain, Killarney National Park, a distance of 9.6 km and height of 700m. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Darragh O Mahony, Milltown celebrating his First Holy Communion with his parents Joanne & Ciaran O Mahony and sisters Chloe and Laura O Mahony. Credit to Amanda Guerin Photography

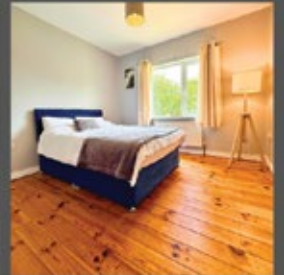
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RATHMORE | GNEEVGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O'Mahony

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Martin and Lisa Buckley on the safe arrival of their baby girl Vaida. From all in Marion Players Rathmore may she have a long and happy life.

GNEEVGUILLA ATHLETES CLUB

Best of luck to all our athletes competing in the Munster U20/U23/Senior & Masters Track and Field Competition 2026 at Cork MTU on June 6th & 7th. Note closing date for entries is this coming Monday June 1st.

LOTTO

No winner of last weeks Lotto, Jackpot for this coming Friday May 29th, €12,400 + Bonus draw for €1000

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

The Friends of Millstreet Community Hospital would like to thank you for the generous support to their Church gate collection at Knochknagree Mass. A total amount of €379.77 was collected

KILLAHA GRAVEYARD MASS will take place on Monday 8th June at 7.30pm

THE 2026 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Our annual diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday August 22nd, the Feast Day of the Queenship of Mary. Many people look forward to this day each year, a day of faith, community, and friendship.

If any parish wishes to supply a choir, or solo singers it will be much appreciated.

WEDDING

Congratulations to Michael A. Kelleher and his Bride Catriona Walsh who

were married recently. Best wishes for a long and happy life together

SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €202 and the winner was Elaine Carmmody. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5..They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om>. or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

GNEEVGUILLA COMMUNITY ALERT PERSONAL MONITOR ALARM SCHEME

This scheme enables older people 65 years plus to live safely in their homes by providing them with a special alarm & pendant. Enquiries & forms can be provided by contacting Eileen 087 1475386 or 087 2107920.

THE SOCIAL ACTION GROUP RATHMORE are delighted to have been chosen as a Tier 2 beneficiary for the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle 2026. The cycle will take place on Saturday July 4th and registration is now open online. Please consider cycling for us and help share the news with your family and friends. We would really appreciate your support. For any queries, please call 086 0604732.

NOTES

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

GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

RESULTS

In the Senior Football County League, Glenflesk recorded an impressive Division 1 victory over Beaufort on a scoreline of 2:19 to 0:15. In Division 6, Glenflesk B also produced a strong performance, defeating Dr Crokes C by 1-20 to 0:09.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Huge congratulations to Zara Nagle, Fionn Murphy and Ryan O'Donoghue who won bronze medals at the National finals in Gormanston last weekend. Zara and Fionn competed as part of the Kerry U13 mixed Cross Country team and Ryan competed as part of the Kerry U14 Boys Mixed Distance Relay team. Congratulations also to Grace O'Connor who won the bronze medal in the County U12 Girls Handwriting competition. Well done to you all.

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Well done to our U16 player Danny Healy who played with Kerry South U15 development team last Saturday and got the win against Galway with a scoreline of 3:12 to 1:07.

LGFA

It was a very successful week for Glenflesk LGFA. The Minor team captured the Division 2 County League title with a victory over Beaufort, while the U16 side won the East Kerry Division 5 Shield Final against Laune Rangers. Kathryn Ryan was part of the Kerry Ladies senior panel that defeated



Ryan O'Donoghue who won bronze medals at the National finals in Gormanston



Zara Nagle, Fionn Murphy who won bronze medals at the National finals in Gormanston last weekend.

Waterford in the Munster Championship Final in Kilmallock last Sunday. Shauna O'Riordan also represented Kerry in goals as they secured victory over Sligo in the All-Ireland U14 Gold Championship semi-final last weekend.

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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin



Annie Mai O'Donoghue of Coolick N.S., County Champion in the Primary GAA Skills Competition.



Sophie Moynihan of Lissivigeen N.S., Second Place in the Primary GAA Skills Competition.

KILLARNEY CLUB 7S SET FOR BIG WEEKEND

The countdown is almost over for this year's Killarney Club 7s, which takes place this weekend and once again promises to be one of the highlights of the Spa GAA calendar. The club would like to sincerely thank all members and volunteers who are giving up their time across the weekend to help with the running of the event. From stewarding and parking to refreshments, pitch coordination and general organisation, the support of volunteers is what makes the tournament possible each year. The club greatly appreciates the continued commitment and community spirit shown by so many members, and looks forward to welcoming teams and supporters for another fantastic weekend in Spa.

SPA SENIOR SIDES FALL SHORT IN COUNTY LEAGUE ACTION

Spa's senior men and ladies both suffered defeats in their respective County League fixtures last Sunday. The senior men were involved in a high-scoring contest against Austin Stacks in Spa, losing out on a 7-10 to 1-20. Next up for the team is an away trip to Dingle on 7th June. Earlier in the day, the senior ladies were defeated away to league leaders Ballymac in Division 2 of the Donal Curtin County League, with the hosts making a strong start before going on to claim a 5-9 to 1-5 victory in difficult warm conditions. Despite the setback, Spa Ladies remain well placed in third position in the league standings with five wins from their opening seven matches. The ladies now have a break in the league, returning to action later in June.

CLUB GROUNDS CLOSED AND NO SPA ACADEMY ON 30TH MAY

Please note that the Spa club grounds are closed until the afternoon of Tuesday 2nd June due to Killarney Club 7s taking place. There is also no academy at the club this weekend, and members must have a ticket if they are to attend or volunteer at the event. Contact a member of the 7s committee for more details if required.

COUNTY SUCCESS FOR SPA U12 PLAYERS

Congratulations to Annie Mai O'Donoghue of Coolick National School, a member of our Girls U12 team, who was crowned County Champion at the Primary GAA Skills Competition held in Tralee last week. Congratulations also to fellow Spa player Sophie Moynihan of Lissivigeen National School, who finished in second place. This was a fantastic achievement for both girls and a great recognition of their skill, dedication and hard work.

SPA PLAYERS IMPRESS WITH KERRY SOUTH

Well done to Spa players Eric Corcoran, Sam O'Shea and Eoin Brosnan who represented Kerry South in their victory over Galway South in Tralee last Sunday. All three lads played important roles in an excellent team performance, with Eric scoring an impressive 1-1, while Sam and Eoin were very solid in defence throughout the game. Congratulations to the boys.

THANK YOU TO UNDERAGE CLUB COACHES

Following National Volunteers Week last week, Spa GAA would like to sincerely thank all our underage coaches for the huge time and commitment they give to the club throughout the year. Our academy continues to thrive, with great numbers and fantastic enthusiasm on display each week, and that is all thanks to the dedication and hard work of our volunteers both on and off the field.

CLUB LOTTO

Spa Lotto 18/05/2026 Results. Numbers drawn: 7, 13, 16, 29. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Catherine Coffey, Rosemary Lynch, Breda Herlihy, Kevin & Marie c/o McSweeneys, Grainne O'Connor c/o Brendan Cronin

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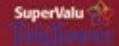
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KCC Students Gather To Recognise Their Accomplishments

Wednesday, May 20th marked a distinguished and memorable occasion at Killarney Community College. Teachers, staff, and students gathered for the annual awards ceremony to celebrate and recognise the accomplishments of students within the college. This awards day has now become a valued tradition, offering the entire school community an opportunity to reflect on the many achievements of its students. Awards were presented across a diverse range of categories, including academia, technology, culture, languages, leadership, ethos, sport, attendance, and extra-curricular involvement, among others. It is consistently a significant occasion and a chance to honour those who have excelled.

Awards Coordinator Selma Dineen remarked, "The Annual Awards Ceremony is a valued tradition that recognises the commitment, perseverance, and talent demonstrated by individuals within the school community. It provides a platform to celebrate outstanding achievements across a broad spectrum of categories."

The ceremony also showcased impressive performances by gifted music students, led by their teacher Ms Joanna Hughes. These musical contributions highlighted the vibrant artistic spirit that flourishes within the college. Throughout the afternoon, a number of distinguished awards were presented to deserving recipients who had excelled in various areas. Each award reflected the unique abilities, accomplishments, and contributions of individuals who have made a meaningful impact on the school community.

LCA Student of the Year went to Sarah O'Donoghue. LCA Year Head Mr John Keane stated "Highly motivated and consistently focused, she approaches every task and challenge with unwavering determination. Her performance across all work placements has been exemplary, earning her continual praise for her commitment, and her habit of always giving her absolute best."

Sarah McCarthy was voted by the teachers as the Student of the Year. Described as being "courteous, respectful, and exceptionally well-mannered, earning the respect of both staff and fellow students alike. Sarah's calm and friendly nature results in her positive relationships across the school, and she is always supportive of those around her". Her exceptional commitment to her studies has made her the most fitting choice for Student of the Year.

The prestigious Principal's Award went to Fionn Lynch. Fionn stands out for his exceptional people skills and the way he connects with others. In Ms Loughnane's speech she stated "Fionn is a genuine student in every sense of the word. He treats everyone with respect, kindness and fairness. And yet, with all these



award winners with Maire Moloney and principal Stella Loughnane.



Student of the year, Sarah McCarthy.



principal award Fionn Lynch.



AWARD WINNERS AT KCC

admirable qualities, he never takes himself too seriously"

Michael O'Connor was presented with the award for Senior Living the Ethos. He was awarded this as he has been constantly involved in promoting the school ethos of "Respect, Responsibility and Inclusion" throughout his years studying in the college.

The Living the Ethos award is nominated by the staff of the college and he was described by teachers as someone who "treats everyone with warmth and respect. His involvement in sport, fundraising, and practical support around the school reflects a genuine commitment to living out the school's ethos in a meaningful and sustained way".

Clodagh O'Sullivan was presented with the award for Junior Living the Ethos. Similarly to Michael she has promoted the school ethos through her involvement in many school activities. She was described as someone who is "Enthusiastic and energetic" and someone who is known for her kindness and welcoming nature.

Other awards on the day included Sports Awards which went to Cillian O'Sullivan who was awarded the Senior Sports Award for his excellent contribution to sports and sporting achievements. The Junior Sports Awards went to Ellis Reen Cronin.

On presenting the Awards, Principal Stella

Loughnane commended all award recipients and the wonderful teamwork of the teachers and staff for the awards event. "We firmly believe that recognizing and celebrating achievements is crucial to fostering a culture of excellence and inspiring future generations," said School Principal Stella Loughnane. Ms Loughnane stated "Our Annual Awards Ceremony is a momentous occasion that not only acknowledges outstanding achievements but also motivates students to strive for their personal best. We are immensely proud of the winners and the entire school community for their dedication and commitment."

Principal Stella Loughnane concluded the

afternoon with a sincere speech when she spoke about how success was a journey more than a destination. "As we celebrate your accomplishments today, let us remember that success is not a destination, but a journey. It is the result of persistence, determination, and hard work. The point here this evening is everyone starts somewhere, starts small, and as award winners here today you have shown us that you have what it takes, you have what it takes to leave this hall today, and whatever sparks an interest for you in your life ahead remember what can be achieved, and believe in ordinary things."



Killarney Community College marked the final days of its graduating students with an uplifting, student-led ceremony held in the school on Thursday, May 21st. Attended by parents, guardians, family, and friends, the occasion celebrated the culmination of years of commitment and hard work by the Leaving Certificate Class of 2026.

Principal Stella Loughnane expressed immense pride in the students, highlighting their resilience and ability to adapt through various challenges. "Our students have shown remarkable commitment and resilience, leaving Killarney Community College well-prepared with the knowledge and

abilities required to contribute positively to society. They possess immense promise, and we eagerly anticipate hearing of their future achievements. We offer our sincere congratulations to each of them as they mark this important milestone"

A particularly heartfelt moment came when Eddie Sheehy and his family presented a bursary in memory of his late wife, Carmella, a beloved former Guidance Counsellor at the school. The award, symbolising dedication and generosity, was presented to Mia Moynihan, who plans to study Wildlife Biology in MTU Kerry.

Students Wiktorija Gluza, Kaysey O'Connor

and Lily Ann Reen delivered a thoughtful and inspiring speech, reflecting on their experiences at the college. The event also featured musical performances, including solos by Grace O' Sullivan and Shauna Kenneally, a trio performance of "Landslide" by Áine MacSweeney, Mischa McCarthy and Sophie Deery, Mischa McCarthy's rendition of "Vienna", and an original song written and performed by David Lynch.

Killarney Community College extends its best wishes to the Class of 2026 as they begin the next chapter of their lives, confident that they will continue to make valuable contributions to their communities and beyond.

GRADUATES RECEIVE THEIR YEAR BOOKS

Graduation celebrations were in full swing at Killarney Community College as Leaving Cert students received their yearbooks, generously funded by the Parents Council. Parents took time out of their busy schedules to personally present the yearbooks, making the occasion even more special for the graduates.

A special thank you was extended to graphic designer Diana Ascenso for helping to create a wonderful keepsake for the students, and to Tina McCarthy, Keelin's mom, for the stunning graduation cake which was enjoyed by all. It was a lovely celebration for a very deserving group of students.





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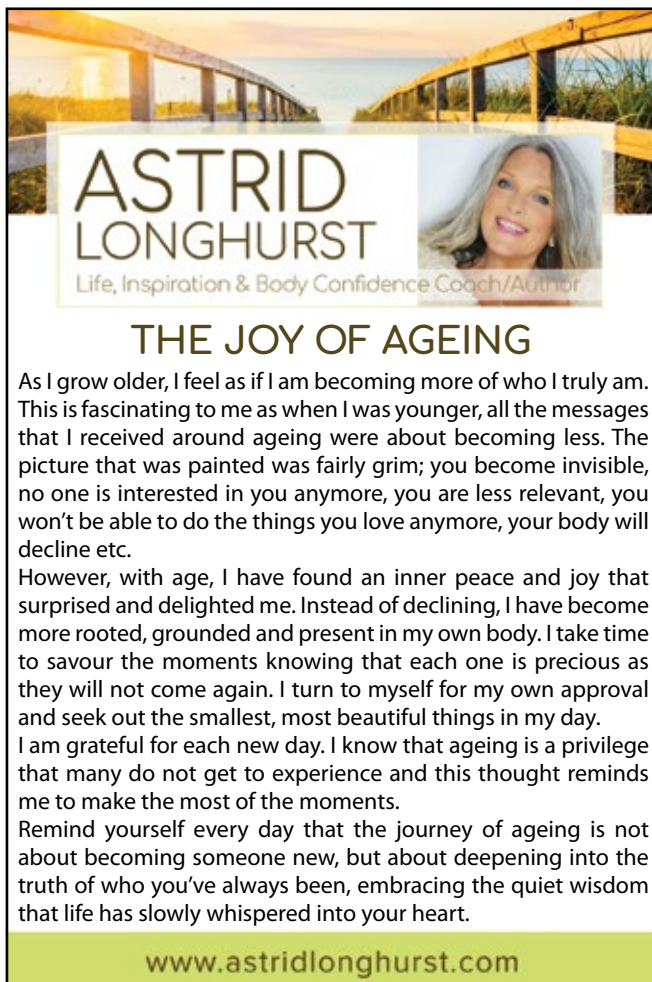
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However, with age, I have found an inner peace and joy that surprised and delighted me. Instead of declining, I have become more rooted, grounded and present in my own body. I take time to savour the moments knowing that each one is precious as they will not come again. I turn to myself for my own approval and seek out the smallest, most beautiful things in my day. I am grateful for each new day. I know that ageing is a privilege that many do not get to experience and this thought reminds me to make the most of the moments.

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SYMPTOMS

Allergic conjunctivitis usually causes pink or red itchy eyes. The eyes are normally watery and other allergy symptoms such as sneezing and a runny nose may be present.

The seasonal type of allergic conjunctivitis will vary with the time of year and weather conditions. Those with more general allergies, such as an allergy to dust mites, will most likely have symptoms throughout the year.

TREATMENT

You can treat allergic conjunctivitis by:

- Avoiding the cause of the allergy (if possible)
- Using cold compresses (such as clean cotton wool balls soaked in cold water) to soothe the eyes

Avoiding rubbing your eyes as this will make the symptoms worse

There is also a range of medicines that may help. Some are available over the counter at the pharmacy and other stronger medicines need a prescription.

Mast-cell stabiliser eye drops such as sodium cromoglicate

(Opticrom) do not work straight away. Instead, they take a few days to start to work. These drops are good if you know when you are likely to develop an allergy and so you can use them to prevent symptoms

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You should not wear contact lenses if your symptoms are severe or if you have been told that your cornea is affected. Do not put drops in your eyes while wearing contact lenses.

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KERRY CROWNED MUNSTER CHAMPIONS

Kerry 2-9 Waterford 1-11

By Dan Kearney

KERRY WERE CROWNED TG4 MUNSTER SFC FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN SUCCESSION AFTER A HARD FOUGHT ONE POINT VICTORY OVER A SPIRITED WATERFORD AT KILMALLOCK GAA GROUNDS.

In many ways Kerry had to be extremely thankful to the brilliance of goalkeeper Mary Ellen Bolger who saved from point black at the death to deny Laura Cusack what surely would have been the winning goal.

A hugely entertaining first half saw the sides share three goals in a whirlwind opening 30 minutes.

Niamh Carmody and Karen McGrath shared early scores before the first goal of the game arrived in the third minute after a lightning Kerry move involving Carmody and Niamh Ní Chonchuir saw Leah McMahon palm to the back of the Waterford net.

KellyAnn Hogan replied with a free but then in the eighth minute came Waterford's opening goal when Katie Murray finished to the back of the net after a brilliant run and pass from Aine O'Neill.

We didn't have to wait long for Kerry's second goal, and it came in the tenth minute after a brilliant move involving Anna Galvin and Mary O'Connell who passed across goal and Emma Costello raced in to volley past Katelyn Gardner. Hogan replied with a point for Waterford but Bolger had to save from Clare Walsh, but frees from Hogan and a Brid McMaugh special from down town pushed Waterford 1-6 to 2-1 ahead. Siofra O'Shea got three on the bounce for the

winner (2 frees), Hogan replied from a free after a Kerry breach, and with Kerry's Jacy Lucey (free) and Lauren McGregor trading scores, the sides went in level at half time, 2-5 to 1-8.

Bolger was forced into a superb block from Emma Murray three minutes into the second half before Murray and O'Shea (free) traded scores. McGregor had a chance of a goal but shot straight at Bolger but Katie Murray did reply to push the Déise one ahead, 2-5 to 1-9.

O'Shea levelled matters with a free but Katie Murray raised another white flag for Waterford. Drama followed when Kerry's Niamh Carmody was sent to the bin but it was the winners Roisin Rahilly that scored a neat point although McMaugh did reply straight afterwards.

Aishling O'Connell was denied a goal for a small square infringement, but Siofra O'Shea wasn't to be denied when she slotted over to level the contest.

With both sides looking for a winner it was Kerry that came up trumps when substitute Danielle O'Leary slotted over, although the winners will be thankful to Bolger who saved them with her last ditch wonder save.

As Munster champions Kerry now go into Group 2 of the All-Ireland series with Kildare and Tipperary whilst Waterford go into Group 1 and will face Armagh and Cork.

Scorers – Kerry: S O'Shea 0-5 (3f), L McMahon 1-0, E Costello 1-0, J Lucey 0-1f, N Carmody 0-1, R Rahilly 0-1, D O'Leary 0-1.

Waterford: KA Hogan 0-5 (4f), K Murray 1-1, B McMaugh 0-2, K McGrath 0-1, L McGregor 0-1, E Murray 0-1.



Action from the Munster Final, Kerry V Waterford. Photo: Konrad Pytlowski



Flying high.... Action from the Munster Final, Kerry V Waterford. Photo: Konrad Pytlowski



Action from the Munster Final, Kerry V Waterford. Photo: Konrad Pytlowski

KERRY: M E Bolger; R Rahilly, D Kearney, E Lynch; A O'Connell, E Costello, A Dillane; A Galvin, M O'Connell; N Carmody, N Ní Chonchúir, C Evans; J Lucey, L McMahon, S O'Shea. Subs: D O'Leary for J Lucey (ht), E McGlynn for L McMahon (51).

WATERFORD: K Gardner; C Murray, L Mulcahy, R Browne; C Walsh, R Casey, K McGrath; E Murray E Power; Á O'Neill, K Hogan, K Murray; M Daly, B McMaugh, L McGregor. Subs: C Fennell for M Daly (49), L Ní Harta for E Power (56), L Cusack for A O'Neill (60).

Referee: Conor McCarthy (Cork).

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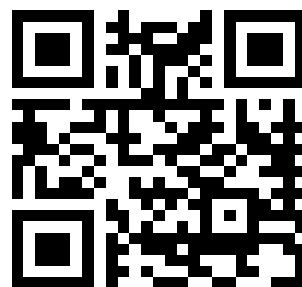


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PEOPLE ARE BEING LEFT FAR TOO LONG WAITING FOR WARMER HOMES UPGRADES – MICHAEL HEALY-RAE TD

Deputy Michael Healy-Rae has said that the current waiting times under the Warmer Homes Scheme are completely unacceptable and are leaving vulnerable people waiting far too long for essential upgrades to their homes. Deputy Healy-Rae was speaking following a parliamentary reply he received from the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment confirming that the average waiting time from application to completed works under the scheme currently stands at 22 months. "People are being left waiting nearly two years for works to be completed under this scheme and in many cases these are the people who need these upgrades the very most," Deputy Healy-Rae said. "These are elderly people, people living in cold

homes, people struggling with high energy bills and families who are at risk of energy poverty. They simply cannot be expected to wait this length of time." Deputy Healy-Rae said that while he acknowledged efforts being made to increase funding and contractor capacity, the current delays remain far too excessive. "The figures provided to me show that people are waiting on average over 13 months just to get a survey completed and almost 15 months before a contractor is even allocated. That is simply too long." "I appreciate that the Government has increased funding and is putting additional measures in place, but the reality on the ground is that people are still waiting far too long for help."

Deputy Healy-Rae said many of the homes involved are older homes with poor insulation and inadequate heating systems, leaving occupants exposed to cold and rising costs. "These upgrades are not luxuries. For many people they are necessities. A warmer home can make a major difference to a person's health, wellbeing and quality of life." "There needs to be a serious focus now on reducing these waiting lists and ensuring that people who qualify for the scheme can get the works carried out within a reasonable timeframe." Deputy Healy-Rae said he will continue to press the Government and SEAI for faster delivery and improved turnaround times under the scheme.

Deputy Michael Healy-Rae challenges RSA over "eye-watering" media spend while deer collisions continue on rural roads

Deputy Michael Healy-Rae has sharply criticised the Road Safety Authority (RSA) over what he described as a complete failure to properly address the growing danger posed by roaming deer on Irish roads, despite millions of euro being spent annually on media campaigns.

Speaking at last week's meeting of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Agriculture and Food, Deputy Healy-Rae directly challenged senior RSA officials on the absence of any meaningful national awareness campaign around deer strikes and animal-related road collisions, particularly in rural counties such as Kerry.

During the exchange, RSA officials acknowledged that deer "pose a danger" on Irish roads and confirmed that they had not sought meetings with Government or Ministers specifically regarding the issue. Deputy Healy-Rae described that as deeply concerning given the increasing number of collisions occurring across rural Ireland.

Deputy Healy-Rae also raised serious concerns around what he believes is widespread under-reporting of deer-related crashes and near misses.

He pointed out that, according to figures obtained through parliamentary questions, the RSA spent over €26 million on media campaigns between 2019 and 2024, yet less than €40,000 was spent on campaigns involving animal-related road safety issues.

Deputy Michael Healy-Rae said:

"Anybody living in rural Ireland knows the danger roaming deer pose on our roads. In parts of Kerry there are collisions and near misses happening constantly, yet the RSA spends millions and millions of taxpayers' money every year on glossy advertising campaigns while barely mentioning deer at all."

"The RSA itself admitted before the committee that deer are causing accidents. Yet they have had no engagement with Government or Ministers on the issue and have spent virtually nothing on raising public awareness around it."

"I made the point very clearly that ordinary working

people are being affected by this. Families are having cars written off, people are being injured, and there are serious near misses happening every single week on rural roads."

During the committee session, Deputy Healy-Rae criticised what he described as "eye-watering" spending on RSA advertising campaigns, contrasting it with the lack of investment in targeted safety messaging around roaming deer and animal strikes. He also questioned the effectiveness and priorities of RSA media spending generally, referencing costly national advertising campaigns while rural road safety issues remain unaddressed.

Deputy Healy-Rae welcomed a commitment from RSA officials to examine targeted campaigns in areas with high levels of deer collisions but said far more urgency is needed.

"This is not a made-up issue. It is a real and growing road safety problem, especially across Kerry and rural Ireland. The RSA has the money and the resources. What people want now is action, awareness campaigns and proper acknowledgement of the dangers people are facing on our roads every day. "People in rural Ireland are sick of being forgotten about when it comes to national policy and national advertising campaigns. Rural roads and rural realities matter too."

Deputy Healy-Rae said he will continue pressing both the RSA and Government Departments to ensure greater focus is placed on rural road safety issues, particularly the growing danger posed by deer collisions.



MAYOR ACKNOWLEDGES COURAGE SHOWN BY DR. MAYA SHARMA

The Mayor of Killarney, Martin Grady has acknowledged the courage and integrity shown by Dr. Maya Sharma in speaking out during the Kerry CAMHS controversy.

Following recent interviews on Radio Kerry and discussions with a close friend of Dr. Sharma involved in the Kerry CAMHS case, it is understood that Dr. Sharma has a strong affection for Kerry and that her goal and wish is to return to Killarney and establish a private practice in County Kerry, mentioning her love for the National Park.

Personally, and as Mayor of Killarney, I want to sincerely thank Dr. Sharma for her bravery and honesty in coming forward and speaking the truth for the betterment and protection of vulnerable young people receiving treatment. Her actions required immense courage, and many families throughout Kerry and beyond recognise the importance of what she did.

It is deeply regrettable that, since taking on the establishment and acting as a whistleblower, Dr. Sharma has found it extremely difficult to secure work funded by the State. Despite this, she has continued to carry herself with dignity and professionalism throughout.

Dr. Sharma would be most welcome back to Killarney. I would personally welcome her back with open arms. With her experience, professionalism, and level of expertise, she would be a tremendous asset not only to the town of Killarney but to the wider county as well.



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Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra Students



Graduate in Style

Photos: Seamus Healy



Enjoying their Graduation night out last Thursday at Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra, from left Christine Moynihan, Aoife Murphy, Eabha Twomey, Eleanor Cronin and Abbie O'Leary.



Plenty glamour at Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra Graduation night in Rathmore, from left Christina Cronin, Elana Brosnan, Hannah Casey, Ruth O'Mahony, Bethany Moynihan, Lauren O'Riordan, Kensa Barry and Rachel Kissane.



All smiles on their graduation night last Thursday at Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra, from left Ali Doyle, Aoibhinn O'Donoghue, Rachel Rahilly, Emir McAuliffe, Aine Fitzpatrick, Ella O'Connor, Sarah Warren and Lily Daly.



Happy lads on their graduation last Thursday in Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra, left Eli Daly, Killian Miley and Kristof Silski.



Enjoying the graduation last Thursday night in Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra, from left Elena Brosnan, Christina Cronin, Rachel Kissane and Kensa Barry.



Stylish lads at the Graduation last Thursday night in Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra, from left Jonathan Zajda, Alan Zheng, Jacob Hyciek, Evan Cronin, Eoin Cashman and Kamil Zoltek.



The lads turning on the style too at Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra Graduation night, from left Killian Miley, Brian Hickey, Daniel Cotter, Evan Cronin, Jacob Hyciek and Lee Kelly.



Looking great on their graduation at Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra, left Dylan Bowler, Tadhg Jack O'Leary and Daniel O'Connor.

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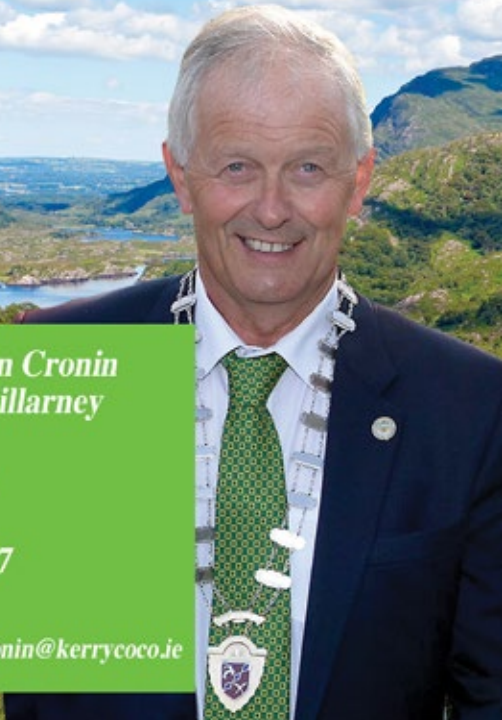


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TIM KEOGH REMEMBERED AT FITZGERALD STADIUM

A special commemoration to remember the 50th anniversary of the death of former Dr Crokes player, officer and selector Tim (Timmy) Keogh took place at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney. All Ireland winning Kerry and Dr Crokes manager Pat O'Shea unveiled a plaque in memory of Mr Keogh who died suddenly in the stadium while watching the East Kerry Under-12 final between local rivals Dr Crokes and Legion on 24 May 1976.

Pat O'Shea, who was just a nine year old player in that match 50 years ago, delivered a moving and captivating address where he shared his thoughts and memories from the tragic occasion as well as giving an insight into a Killarney town that was very different half a century ago.

He said 50 years was a huge amount of time but it was important to never forget your history and appreciate the people that paved the way before you. He described Tim Keogh as man who led the way in Killarney over 50 years ago as a family man, through his community work and through his dedication to the Dr Crokes club. He said the occasion left an impact on so many people and was one of those moments in life that he could never forget. He said the sad occasion is remembered as a father attending a match to watch his two sons (Tim and Frank) but never got home. Pat O'Shea said people often talk about sport being so important but it pales into insignificance in moments of tragedy.

Pat O'Shea recalled a Killarney that was completely different 50 years ago, the town was small, it was a simple life and everybody knew everybody. He said the central hubs for young people were the Parish Hall, The Aras Phadraig, the Pitch & Putt /Ballast Pit but central to it all was The Park, otherwise known as Fitzgerald Stadium. He described The Park as The Mecca for young people and the small pitch there was like Croke Park to all the local young players. The atmosphere and huge crowds at the local underage games in the East Kerry Championship was incredible and recalled fondly the young supporters on the hill chanting and cheering passionately for their clubs.

In the build up to the matches and in school in The Mon, winning was the main focus on the minds of the young players back then. Peer respect and family respect and playing for your club was such an important thing for all the young players. However he said that 50 years later we realise that there are far more important things than winning and it is more important now to participate and continue to play.

He described the incident from the 1976 match when the game was stopped and the players were brought into a huddle and then to the dressing room where they sat in silence but struggled to process the situation.

He said that the implications over the following days were huge when it sank in that a Killarney man had died, a community man, a family man,



Members of the Dr Crokes U-12 team from 1976 at the unveiling of a plaque to mark the 50th anniversary of the death of former Dr Crokes player and officer Tim Keogh at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney. Front from left are Tim Keogh, Tadghie Fleming, Manager, Aidan Kiely, Captain, Pat O'Shea, Connie Murphy and John O'Shea. Back from left are Colin and Neil Kiely, Timmy Horgan, Ger and Pat O'Brien, Denis Coleman and Padraig O'Shea.

Photos: Don MacMonagle



and this was something that left an indelible mark on the Dr Crokes club and on the town. He said as young players they felt for their teammates and friends Tim and Frank and their brothers Sean, Don and Eamonn. He also said it was also an occasion to commend and pay tribute to their mother Kathleen and remember her as an amazing woman

Pat said it was difficult to comprehend how a man who came to watch his two sons play football, stood next to his neighbours and friends at the match and it was the same neighbours (Weeshie Fogarty and Johnny Culloty) and others who came to his aid and tried in vain to save him.

Pat O'Shea expressed that it was a great pleasure to unveil the plaque and commemorate the untimely death of Tim Keogh 50 years ago and said that he hopes that the thousands of people that pass the plaque on the way into future matches in the stadium might stop and pause and remember an incredibly great man who passed away all too sudden and all too young. Speaking on behalf of the family, Eamonn Keogh recalled his father's role in Dr Crokes as a player, officer and selector.

He mentioned the names of several of his former teammates and officers, all sadly deceased as well. They included the likes of Bill Landers, Dicko Clifford, Paddy Sexton, Harry Turner, Den Joe and Micksie Hurley, Dan Kavanagh, Billy Myers and Teddy O'Connor. Tim also donned the black and amber alongside his late brothers Jackie, Paddy and Haulie and his brother-in-law Donal MacMonagle.



The Dr Crokes U-12 team from 1976. Front from left are Peter Fleming, John O'Shea, Vincent Casey, Tim Coffey, Pat O'Shea and Frank Keogh (RIP). Middle row, from left, Denis Coleman, Connie Murphy, Tim Keogh, Eamonn O'Brien, Aidan Kiely (Captain), Timmy Horgan, Seamus Cronin, David Sheehan. Back row, from left, Pat O'Brien, Padraig O'Shea, Padraig Daly, Denis Buckley, Neil Kiely, JJ O'Mahony and Gerard O'Brien.

As club treasurer for several years throughout the 1950s and 60s, he served alongside his friends Donie Sheahan (Chairman) and Michael O'Connor (Secretary) and was also a selector with the Dr Crokes senior team that won seven O'Donoghue Cups in a row from 1956 to 1962. Current Dr Crokes President Jackie Looney and Tim's nephew Tadghie Fleming featured on some of those teams along with the likes of Paddy and Murt O'Shea and Liam Murphy.

It was also recalled that Tim Keogh also served on the Fitzgerald Stadium committee and Eamonn said the were privileged that we have been allowed the opportunity to honour him in such a magnificent stadium, thanking Chairman Der Brosnan and his committee for their support. Eamonn recalled the main reason for gathering everybody together was to mark a significant moment that occurred in this stadium 50 years ago this week on May 24th 1976. He said his father was one of many people there to watch his own club Dr Crokes play Legion in the East Kerry U-12 final and the fact that he had two sons Tim and Frank on the Dr Crokes team made it extra significant. When he suffered a fatal heart attack on the sideline, it was Weeshie Fogarty and Johnny Culloty, two Legion legends, who did everything they could trying to save their



neighbour and friend that night. Eamonn acknowledged members of Fogarty and Culloty families for being in attendance along with David Randles, Legion captain from that night and his sister Bernadette and remembered their own late father Neil Randles who was next to Tim Keogh when the tragic moment occurred in 1976. Eamonn welcomed the presence of several of the Dr Crokes U-12 team from 50 years ago and said it was also important to remember so many other parents of players and others who were there that night and have passed away in the intervening years. The late Kathleen and Frank Keogh were fondly remembered along with Paddy O'Shea, who was chairman of Dr Crokes in 1976 and also had his own two sons Padraig and John involved that night. Eamonn said the presence of Pat O'Shea unveiling the memorial plaque added greatly to this occasion. He referred to him as an inspirational presence in the Crokes club over the past 50 plus years on and off the field as a player, coach and manager. His own late parents

Murt and Bridie epitomised everything that was good about the Crokes and Pat was described as an Institution in the Dr Crokes Club. Outside the Crokes and Kerry he is an iconic figure in GAA and basketball circles all over Ireland. His record speaks for itself and he is one of only five football managers in the history of the GAA to win both an All-Ireland Senior Football inter county Championship and an All-Ireland Senior Club title. The other four are Kevin Heffernan, Billy Morgan, Eugene McGee and Joe Kernan. Eamonn also gave a special thanks to Fr Tom Looney for his prayers, blessing and inspiring words. He described him as a proud Dr Crokes man, steeped in the history and fabric of the club with his own family connections. Eamonn said his father was a man of great faith and was also delighted to welcome the presence of The Franciscan Friary Guardian Br Pat Lynch and Fr Billy Hoyne. The MC Denis Coleman was also thanked for being very supportive planning the event. Eamonn recalled him playing a starring role at midfield in 1976 and again in the replay leading

the Dr Crokes to victory for the sixth year in a row at U-12 level. Fr Tom Looney recalled that he was 12,000 miles away serving in Peru 50 years ago when news of the 1976 incident was relayed to him in a letter from his own mother. He said it was such tragic news to receive so far away from home and spoke highly of Tim Keogh's role in Dr Crokes and in Hilliards. The commemoration closed with a musical performance by Tim's son Don Keogh on concertina and his cousin Maire Breathnach on guitar where they played 'Buachaill ón Eirne' and 'The Parting Glass'. The attendance also included Mayor of Killarney Martin Grady, Kerry GAA Chairman Patrick O'Sullivan, East Kerry Board secretary Dermot O'Connor and vice-chairman Noel Kennedy, Dr Crokes President Jackie Looney, Dr Crokes Chairman Eoin Brosnan and Juvenile Chairman David Byrne, Joan Culloty and Joan Fogarty and their families, Franciscan Friary Guardian Br Pat Lynch OFM and Fr Billy Hoyne OFM.



Aidan Kiely (Dr Crokes) and David Randles (Legion), who were team captains and goalkeepers in the 1976 East Kerry U-12 final, hold the Paddy Bena O'Sullivan Cup.



Don Keogh, Tadhg Fleming, Aisling and Mary Kelly, Tadhg O'Donnell, Fr Tom Looney, Miriam Brosnan, Eamonn Keogh, Isabella Dennehy, Sean Keogh, Sean Brosnan, John Keogh, Sean, Emily and John Brosnan, Miriam Dennehy, Tim Keogh and James Fleming.



Anne O'Shea and her sons John and Padraig at the unveiling of a plaque to mark the 50th anniversary of the death of former Dr Crokes player and officer Tim Keogh at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney.



Jackie Fleming, Tadhg O'Donnell, Fr Tom Looney, Eamonn and Tim Keogh, Pat O'Shea, Sean Keogh, Denis Coleman, Don and Selma Keogh.

KILLARNEY VALLEY AC

MUNSTER JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Killarney Valley AC enjoyed an excellent weekend at the Munster Juvenile Championships in Waterford, with the club's youngest athletes producing a series of outstanding performances, medals and personal bests.

Among the highlights on Day 1 were gold medals for Kaylee Lynch and Aoife McSwiney in the U9 Girls Pairs event, while the U9 Girls 4x100m relay team of Amelia Duggan, Kaylee Lynch, Aoife McSwiney, Aria Casey and Elle O'Donoghue also claimed Munster gold. Kaylee Lynch added a silver medal in the U9 Girls 60m. There were also strong performances across the age groups, with Aoife McSwiney finishing sixth in the U9 300m, Siún O'Callaghan placing fifth in the U12 long jump, and Cara McElroy impressing in the U10 sprints and 500m heats.

Day 2 brought further success as Reece O'Donoghue was crowned Munster champion in the U12 Boys Turbo Javelin. Dylan Aherne secured a bronze medal, while James Doody claimed bronze in the U12 Boys 600m and also finished seventh in the U10 long jump.

Gary Arthur reached the U12 Boys 60m final to finish sixth, while the U12 Boys 4x100m relay quartet of James Doody, Reece O'Donoghue, Conall O'Mara and Gary Arthur narrowly missed out on the medals in fourth place. Lucy Devane also delivered a strong performance to finish sixth in the U13 Girls Multi-Events.

Overall, it was a hugely successful championship weekend for KVAC, with the club's young athletes showing great determination, teamwork and promise for the future.

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

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 14TH MAY

N/S

1st: Horst Rosler & Marie O'Sullivan Kenmare

2nd: Phyllis O'Regan & Pauline Lyne

3rd: Marie Moloney & Joan Lenihan

E/W

1st: Evelyn O'Leary & Mary Gleeson

2nd: Catherine & Anna

3rd: Maura Horan & Margaret O'Sullivan

RESULTS FOR 21ST MAY

N/S

1st: Phyllis O'Regan & Ciaran Broadbery

2nd: Horst Rosler & Marie O'Sullivan Kenmare

E/W

1st: Evelyn O'Leary & Mary Gleeson

2nd: Maura Horan & Evelyn Breen

Well done everyone.

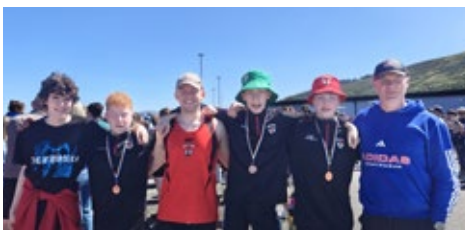
SUMMER BRIDGE continues every Thursday morning at 10am at The Castlerosse Hotel. All bridge players are very welcome.

FOSSA ROWING CLUB

HEAD OF THE FERTHA

Last Sunday saw the regatta season kick off in earnest and we headed south en masse to Cahersiveen to take part in the Head of the Fertha regatta, hosted by Sive Rowing Club. A stunning day, calm waters and perfect rowing conditions awaited and the action got underway early. A fantastic days rowing with

Fossa Rowing Club Members pictured at the Head of the Fertha Regatta



our U14's in the medals, finishing 3rd in their race.

Well done to all who took part and represented the club with huge pride. A fantastic turnout on the day and huge thanks to all who travelled south. Thanks to our awesome coaches, coxes and parents, rowers and supporters who ensured a fantastic day was had by all. A huge thanks also to our photographers.

Next it's the turn of the rescheduled Flesk Valley regatta which takes place on the weekend of the 6/7 of June next. Details to be confirmed, so keep an eye on the club socials.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

Thanks to our members who helped out at last Sundays church gate collection at the Cathedral for the Killarney Regatta.

WORKMEN'S ROWING CLUB

WORKMEN'S MEET AND GREAT OUR INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS

Last weekend, we had the pleasure of hosting our Belgian friends from Ghent in Killarney, set against the stunning backdrop of the world-renowned Lakes of Killarney. The weather and scenery combined to provide a truly memorable setting for what was a special gathering on and off the water.

Among the visiting group were a number of very experienced rowers, including athletes who have competed at international level. Their skill, coordination and effortless movement on the water were exceptional, and it was a privilege to watch such a high standard of rowing up close. Their presence brought a real sense of occasion to the weekend.

We were equally proud to have our own crews out on the water, and it was fantastic to see

everyone sharing the experience together. The combination of local and visiting crews created a wonderful atmosphere, with great camaraderie and appreciation for the sport. The spectacle on the lakes was truly impressive, with boats gliding across the water against the dramatic Killarney landscape.

Beyond the rowing itself, the weekend was also a valuable opportunity to strengthen friendships and connections, and to showcase the beauty and hospitality of the region.

We would like to extend our very best wishes to our Belgian friends for the remainder of their time in Ireland. We understand that some of the group plan to travel further along the west coast, where they will no doubt enjoy the unique charm, scenery and experiences that the Wild Atlantic Way has to offer.

We hope they take with them great memories of their time in Killarney, and we very much look forward to welcoming them again in the future.

LOOKING AHEAD: THE MUNSTER BRANCH REGATTA 2026

Our attention now turns to one of the key events on the domestic rowing calendar — the Munster Branch Regatta, scheduled for Saturday, 6th June 2026. This eagerly anticipated regatta will bring together strong competition from across the region.

Preparations within the club are well underway. Crews are continuing to focus on refining technique, building endurance, and sharpening race execution. Coaches are working closely with athletes to ensure that each crew is well prepared and ready to perform. There is a strong sense of focus and determination throughout the club as we build towards this event.

Regular training continues as usual.



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SCRATCH CUPS

A major thanks to everyone who supported our Scratch Cups this year as we were delighted to get over three figures for the first time in some years last Sunday. Massive credit to our Grounds Committee for their work in getting the course ready in the past few weeks along with Shirley and Helena for looking after catering on the day. Thanks to all those who helped on the table in what was a gruelling day for all involved with the heat. Thanks finally to our sponsors for their continued support of this event as the following are our results for this year.

GERALD HORGAN MEMORIAL SENIOR MENS (SPONSORED BY MCGANN'S DOOLIN)

Winner: Bryan Delaney (ESB) 145, Runner-Up: Dermot Tuohy (Cill Na Mona) 148 (F18), Last 18: John Walsh (Collins) 48 and 36 Gross: Paudie O'Sullivan (Fermoy) 94.

INTERMEDIATE MENS (SPONSORED BY O'CALLAGHANS COACH HOLIDAYS): WINNER

Michael Cronin 149 (After 3 Hole P/O), Runner-Up: A Jay Barrett (Listowel) 149, Last 18: Ciaran White (Bishopstown) 51 and 36 Gross: Gearoid Cronin 104.

SEAMUS MCLELLAN MEMORIAL MENS (SPONSORED BY TADHG'S BOUTIQUE)

Winner: Alan O'Sullivan 163, Runner-Up: Trevin Chute (Listowel) 165, Last 18: David Harnett (Deerpark) 59, 36 Gross: Paul Boreham (Bishopstown) 112.

OTHER PRIZEWINNERS: LADIES GROSS

Sarah O'Neill (Collins) 117, Ladies Nett: Gillian Morrissey (St Annes) 102 and Junior B Mens: Jason O'Connor 118.

NATIONAL MATCHPLAY

Our very best wishes to our members heading to Cork for the Finals in Cork this week. Damien Fleming will hope for more success around his adopted course of Rocklodge in the Senior Mens event as Michael Cronin (Intermediate) along with David Harnett, Paddy Murphy and James Foley (Junior) will try and reach Rocklodge on Monday through Bishopstown for their events. Good luck also to Eileen McCarthy (Intermediate) and Jean O'Shea (Junior) in the Ladies events which are starting off in the



Gearoid Cronin (Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club Captain, front left) pictured with the prizewinners from the Club's Scratch Cup events last Sunday. Pictured L to R: Michael Cronin (Intermediate Mens Winner), Bryan Delaney (ESB Cork, Senior Mens Winner), Alan O'Sullivan (Junior Mens Winner). Middle: Ajay Barrett and Trevin Chute (Listowel, Intermediate and Junior Mens Runners-Up), Back: John Walsh (Collins, Cork, Senior Last 18), Dermot Tuohy (Killarney and Cill Na Mona Clare, Senior Mens Runner-Up) and Barry Kavanagh (Ranges, Cork).

Ranges in Ballincollig.

BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

After a few weeks break, our weekly members draws return this Bank Holiday Weekend over both Sunday and Monday at the usual times.

Flesk Restaurant Summer Series: Please note this year's Summer Series has begun as of May 28th and will continue each Wednesday over the summer at 6.45pm each week.

KILLARNEY GOLF CLUB - LADIES

RESULTS OF CORK GOLF CLUB EXCHANGE DAY HELD IN CORK G.C. SUNDAY 24-05-26

18 Hole Single Stableford Competition kindly sponsored by Calor

Winner: Carmel Fitzgerald, 31pts(19) last 9 holes
Runner Up: Noreen O'Callaghan, 31pts(17)

Best Gross: Anne Moynihan, 26pts

AUSTRALIAN SPOONS QUALIFER COMPETITION HELD SATURDAY 23RD AND MONDAY 25TH MAY

Kindly sponsored by Donagh Hickey Motors
Nett Winners: Sandra Chute & Lorna O'Leary, 44pts (28)

Gross Winners: Anne Moynihan & Amy Arthur, 31pts

ROSS GOLF CLUB - GENTS RESULTS

On May 23rd and 24th we held the May Medal Strokeplay competition kindly sponsored by Darren and Jo Gaffey / Aghadoe Physiotherapy.

The winners were :-

1st: Ger Flynn, 67 (14)

2nd: Anthony O'Mahony, 68 (21)

Gross Prize: Alan Flynn, 80

Division 1

1st: Niall O'Brien, 72 (10)

2nd: Barry O'Grady, 75 (11)

Division 2

1st: Donie Broderick, 69 (14)

2nd: David. Murphy, 69 (13)

Division 3

1st: Brendan Collins, 71 (19)

2nd: Seamus McCarthy, 72 (20)

FIXTURES

Our Seniors Gents meet every Thursday and must be ready to play golf at 12.45 pm.

On Sunday May 31st our President Maurice Coffey will hold his Presidents Prize. This will be a stableford competition and will be followed by the presentation of prizes, dinner and our usual social evening.



Photographed at the presentation of prizes for the April Medal competition and the M D O'Shea Spring League, sponsored by M D O'Shea are (l to r) Darren Gaffey, Medal Winner, and winning team members John Fleming, Ryan Scott, Dan Cronin, Ross GC Captain, David Murphy, Alius Brazeitis. Missing from the photo is Mike Doody



Photographed at the McSweeney Arms Hotel for the presentation of prizes for the McSweeney Arms sponsored stableford competition in the Ross GC are:- (l to r) Donie Broderick, runner up, Tony McSweeney, Sponsor, John Ivory, Winner, Peter Wickham Captain,



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ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

RESULTS SATURDAY 23RD MAY 2026

9-hole Single Stableford Competition

- 1st: Angela McAllen 23 (26)
- 2nd: Susie Conway 21 (26)
- 3rd: Bridget McGuire 17 (26)
- 4th: Dora Campbell 16 (18)

18-hole Single Stableford Competition

- 1st: Emer Brosnan 44 (48)
- 2nd: Eileen Fleming 35 (16) bk9
- 3rd: Elaine Casey 35 (28)
- 4th: Kitty O'Grady 34 (38)

COMPETITIONS

Saturday 30th May 2026, President Maurice Coffey's President's Prize. 9 & 18 - hole single Stableford competition. Enter via the BRS App.

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

(MEN'S)

RESULTS OF OUR MEN'S COMPETITION

HELD ON SAT 16/SUN 17 MAY - GOLFER OF THE YEAR - ROUND 1

White tees - Stableford, Sponsor - The Men's Club

- 1st: Alfie Giles 45 points (26)
- 2nd: Shane Ferris 41 points (27)
- 3rd: Stephen Riordan 39 points (20)

MEN'S COMPETITION ON SATURDAY 30/ SUNDAY 31 MAY - 18 HOLE STABLEFORD - White and Yellow Tees Sponsor - Men's Club



St Brendan's Four in a row All Ireland Secondary School Senior Pitch and Putt winners Brian McCarthy, Ronan Bennett and Nathan Cronin, College Principal Sean Coffey and their team manager Jason Arthur. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

TEEING UP KERRY

at important European golf tourism convention

Tourism Ireland's drive to grow golf visitor numbers from Mainland Europe continued at the IAGTO European Convention in Málaga, in Spain, last week. Twenty golf and tourism operators from Ireland, including Killarney Golf & Fishing Club, Killarney Hotels, Killarney Park Hotel, O'Donoghue Ring Collection, The Ashe Hotel Tralee and The Brehon Hotel & Spa, joined Tourism Ireland at the convention - which was attended by influential golf and travel professionals from around the world. The event involved two days of one-to-one, pre-scheduled appointments and networking sessions, providing a valuable opportunity for the companies from Ireland to negotiate business for 2026 and beyond. Tourism Ireland participated in the IAGTO Asian Convention in Pattaya, in Thailand, in March and will attend the North American Convention in Cancún, in Mexico, in June.



Tourism companies from the island of Ireland at IAGTO European Convention in Málaga, with Alice Thompson, The Brehon Hotel & Spa (front, sixth right); Elizabeth O'Connor, Killarney Hotels (front, fifth right); Nicola O'Sullivan, Killarney Golf & Fishing Club (front, fourth right); Joe Murphy, Fáilte Ireland (back, left); Marcus Treacy, Killarney Park Hotel (back, second left); Eoin Jennings, Tourism NI (back, third left); Paul O'Dea, Tourism Ireland (back, fourth left); Niamh O'Neill, O'Donoghue Ring Collection (back, sixth left); and Mary McQuinn, The Ashe Hotel Tralee (back, seventh left).

Grassroots Venues Support Scheme

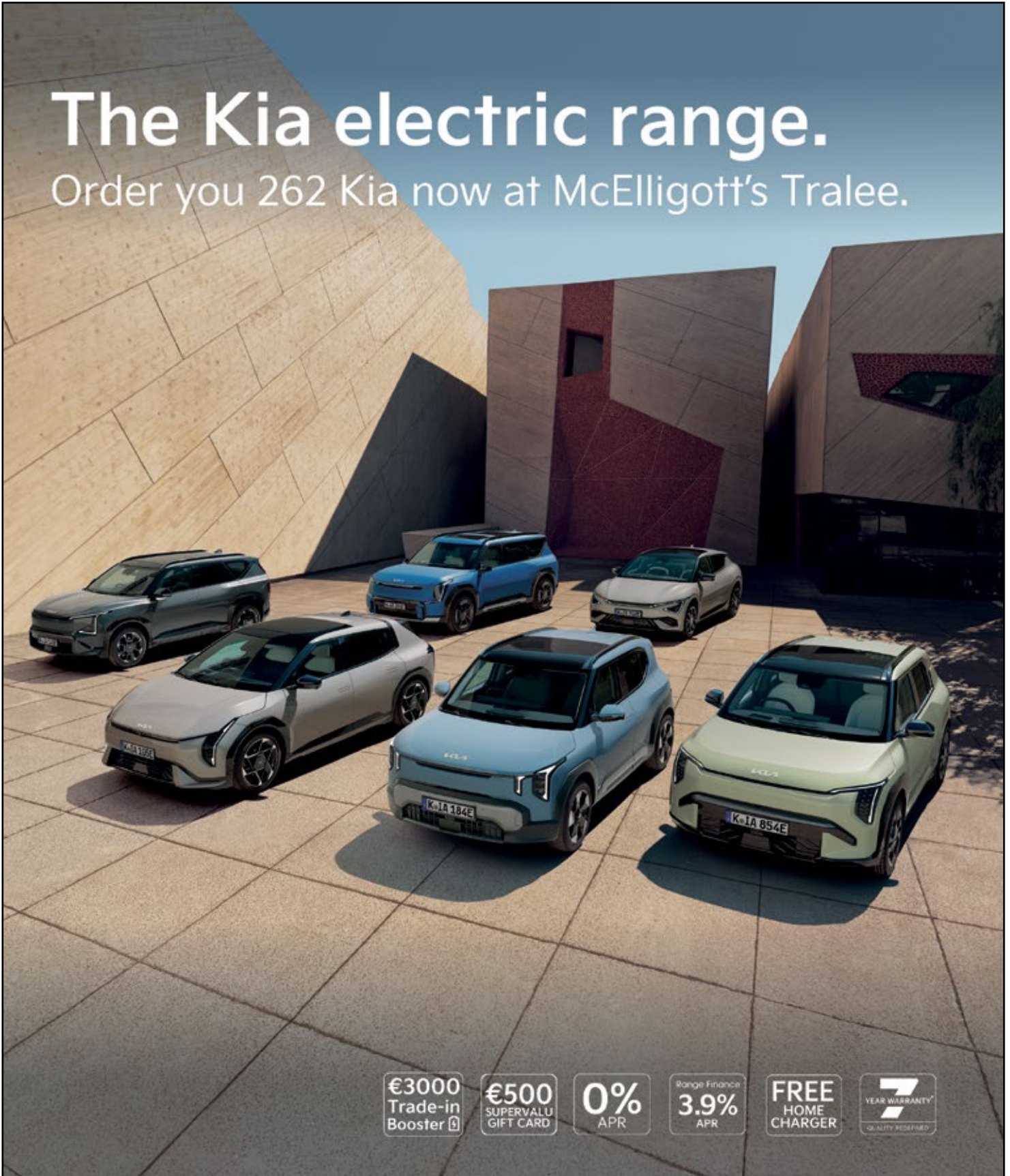
The Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan, T.D. today announced the recipients of the 2026 Grassroots Venues Support Scheme. Following a pilot scheme in 2025, an increased fund of €1 million has been provided in funding in 2026 to both support grassroots music venues

and to showcase the talent of emerging artists across Ireland. Sixty venues have been offered funding of up to €20,000 from the Scheme, an increase from the 34 venues supported in 2025. In addition, grant recipients include venues platforming Irish comedy and comedians.

Deputy Michael Healy Rae, very much welcome the inclusion of Kerry venues in this funding for Mike the Pies Listowel, who received €20,000 and The Green Room Dingle, who received €15,000

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KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 4,7,9,18. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €40. Next jackpot €10,000 on Monday June 1st. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through Clubzap.

BOOKING FOR THE KILLARNEY CELTIC SUMMER CAMPS ARE NOW OPEN.

Week 1 is Monday June 29th - Friday July 3rd. Week 2 is Monday July 13th - Friday July 17th. Early Bird Offer if booked by May 31st via clubzap.

GREYHOUND BAR CUP SEMI FINAL

Tralee Dynamos 4-2 Killarney Celtic

DOMINOS PIZZA U17 CUP FINAL

Killarney Athletic 2-0 Killarney Celtic

On a day when the goals would not come Celtic went down to Athletic in the U17 Cup Final. Celtic were well in the game early on as both teams sought to gain dominance. Athletic went ahead with a penalty. Celtic pressed all the way in the 2nd half but the goals would not come and it was Athletic who countered with a goal to seal the win.

MASTERGEEHA

U13 JOHN JOE NAUGHTON TROPHY FINAL

Mastergeeha FC 1-0 Ballyhar Dynamos 0

Goal Scorer: Matthew O'Riordan

Man of the Match: Eoghan O'Leary

This was a cracking final played before a large crowd at Kilbrean Park on Thursday evening. These teams drew 2-2 in the league a few short weeks ago so there was never going to be much between these teams.

The first half was played at a frantic pace with both teams pushing forward at every opportunity. An early header from Donnacha O'Callaghan was cleared off the line by a Ballyhar defender and moments later Ballyhar hit the post with a header from an incoming corner.

Leo Barry brought a superb save from the Ballyhar keeper on 22 minutes and from the resulting corner Ballyhar broke away to create their own goal scoring opportunity but the Mastergeeha keeper, Daniel McNeer was equal to the task.

Callum O'Connor and Ronan Casey both went close to giving us the lead inside the final moments of the first half. Half time 0-0.



Killarney Celtic U17 squad vs Killarney Athletic

Both teams continued to go after the win in the second half and Ballyhar now playing with the aid of the breeze had the better of the early exchanges, Daniel McNeer making another fine save from outside the box.

Moments later Warren O'Boyle wasn't far away up the other end before a brilliant piece of defending from Luke O'Sullivan prevented a goal scoring opportunity moments later.

As the game entered the final 7 minutes it looked like we might be heading for extra time when Leo Barry took off down the right and cut into the box only to be hauled down for a penalty. Our captain, Matthew O'Riordan kept his composure to slot away the resulting spot kick to give us a slender lead.

Ballyhar pressed hard for the equaliser to take the game to extra time but our defence stood resolute and there were great celebrations at the final whistle.

Thanks to Ballyhar for a great game again this evening and to the referee and his officials for a job very well done.

Thanks to the ladies in the clubhouse for looking after the lads so well after the game and to all the parents, grandparents, family members and supporters who cheered on the lads throughout the game and all season.

A special well done to the players who have been fully committed since last August.

U14 EVE O'CALLAGHAN CUP FINAL

Mastergeeha 3 v 1 Killarney Athletic

Goal scorers: Aine Herlihy & Mia Doherty (2)

Sun drenched Kilbrean Park played host to the cup final on Sunday evening as the top two teams in the league went head to head once

again, this time with silverware on the line.

There was a huge crowd in attendance to witness a top-quality match between two excellent sides.

The girls in red and black started on the front foot and were rewarded midway through the first half. A quickly taken throw from Ruby Moynihan was won by Isla Cronin, who played a superb through ball to Aine Herlihy. Aine burst through on goal and blasted a low finish into the corner of the net to give Mastergeeha the lead.

That was the way it stayed until half time.

The second half started at a frantic pace and Mia Doherty, who had earlier started in goal cut in from the left after a brilliant run before producing a cracking finish to make it 2-0.

Athletic responded strongly and put Mastergeeha under sustained pressure for a spell which resulted in a well taken goal to narrow the gap to 2-1.

Game on and it was nip and tuck thereafter before Mia Doherty struck again with a thunderbolt finish to the top corner that would not have looked out of place at the Aviva Stadium.

The girls in red and black saw the game out superbly and captain Megan Murphy collected the Eve O'Callaghan Cup from Eve's dad after the final whistle.

All of the girls were absolutely superb, with Laura Breen receiving Girl of the Match for a tremendous display in defence.

Thanks to Killarney Athletic for, as always, a sporting and hugely competitive game. The contests between these two sides all season have been played in a fantastic spirit and we are



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sure our paths will cross again next season. Thanks also to Tom Kerrisk and his supporting linesmen on the night, as well as our brilliant support both in Kilbrean Park and throughout the season.

A special word of thanks also to the ladies in the clubhouse for the fantastic food afterwards. The victory completed a remarkable league and cup double for this hugely talented group of girls, coming on the back of a treble only a couple of seasons ago. The future is incredibly bright for girls soccer in Mastergeeha, with the U12s securing a league and cup double, the U13s winning their cup, and the U15s still firmly in contention for league honours.

Cup & League Winning Squad: Shauna O'Riordan, Clodagh O'Sullivan, Laura Breen, Megan Murphy, Kaitlin O'Riordan, Lily O'Donoghue, Anabelle Casey, Isla Cronin, Sophie Moynihan, Aine Herlihy, Ruby Moynihan, Mia Doherty, Éabha Moynihan, Aoibhinn O'Leary and Gracie Maher

BEST WISHES FROM MASTERGEEHA FC

Michael O'Donoghue who is part of this year's Kennedy Cup squad.

We are so proud of your hard work and we wish you and your Kerry team mates the very best in the competition.

Best wishes also to Isla Cronin, Shauna O'Riordan (GK) and Kaitlin O'Riordan who have been chosen for the Gaynor Cup squad.

The girls performances throughout the season have secured their well-earned places on the squad. Wishing them and their team mates the best of luck throughout the competition.

MASTERGEEHA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on 22nd May 2026 for the Jackpot of €7,600. Numbers drawn were 9, 14, 15, 20. Consolations Prizes of €50 each to the following Laura Kearney Online, Marion Sinéad & Isabelle, John Egan Online, Donal Doherty. Our next draw will take place on Friday 29th May 2026 at the Village Inn for a Jackpot of €7,800.

BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

LOTTO

No.s 12, 23, 26, 28. No winner of the Jackpot. 5 x €25: Shane Broderick, Farranfore. Con O Sullivan, Farranfore. Sean Collins, Furies. Bridie Breen, Furies & Noah Breen, Ballyhar. Next draw for a Jackpot of €2400 will take place on Sunday next 31st May at Henderson's Bar, Furies. Tickets available from Sheehans Filling Station, Farranfore, Spar

& Hendersons shops, Furies & Butlers Bar, Furies. Thanks to all who Support & Help out with the club draw.

TEAMS

The U14 girls have qualified for the Shield final thanks to a 4-1 win over LB Rovers at Murt Scott Park with the goal scorers Niamh O Sullivan & Mollie O Connor who scored two each. Ballyhar led 3-1 at the break and also had good performances from Anna Fitzgerald, Aoibhinn Daly, Emily O Callaghan, Faye O'Brien, Anna Kate Daly, Ciara McCarthy, Maisy O Sullivan, Eimear Spring, Kate O Connor, Alice Gleeson, Grace O Sullivan, Aislinn O Sullivan & Aoibhinn Pavlovic. The girls will now meet Fenit Samphires in the final.

The U15s lost to Listowel Celtic B in the Trophy Final played in Listowel. Ballyhar led 0-2 with Listowel taking the spoils on a 2-3 win. The squad & management have had a good season with two league games to play to conclude their season.

The U14 A squad defeated Killarney Celtic B in the Tom Hayes Shield final with a 5-0 victory. The squad played well on the day with a hat trick from Josh Nelligan and one each from Elliot Lyne & Ruben O Leary Griffin with Adam Quirke, Mark Van Der Merwe, Ciaran Ferris, Elliot Lyne, Ruari Casey, Ollie Kirwan, Darragh McLaughlin, Jack Duggan, Brian McMahon all playing well. Well done to the Squad & Management.

The U12 A squad won the John Murphy Trophy Final defeating Inter Kenmare in Killarney. One goal decided this exciting game with Darren Foley hitting the back of the net after a Tadgh Fitzgerald assist. Pdraig Allen was on top of his game in Goals with Conor Ryan, Rian Flynn, Jack O Callaghan, Noah McCarthy, Diarmuid Sheehy, Matthew Hickey, Eoghan Clifford, Jamie O Connor also playing their part in the victory. Well done to all involved.

The U16s lost out to Castleisland FC in the Tucker Kelly Cup Final. The game was played in a downpour with the Victors winning on a 6-1 scoreline. Dara Cornally with the Ballyhar goal with Dan Duggan, Jack Kelly, Ryan Quilter, Cillian Casey, Alan Mrotek & Shane Edwards playing well. The Season has now concluded for this group. Thanks to The Players & Management for their commitment over the season.

The U13 A squad lost to Mastergeeha FC in the John Joe Naughton Trophy final with a late Mastergeeha goal taking the victory. All the

squad played well with Gavin Sheehan, Dermot Nealon, Dara Flaherty, Jack Cooper, Bryan Evans, Paddy Hurley Fabian Mrotek & Aidan Barry to the fore. The Squad play Dingle Bay Rovers in their final league game to see who tops Division 1 of the Schoolboy league.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

AFC

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED THE 50TH ANNUAL 7 A SIDE TOURNAMENT

Speaking about the event, Killarney Athletic AFC Chairman, Donie Murphy stated "that we are delighted to be celebrating our 50th Year of the Sevens and we are looking forward to yet another action-packed Tournament.

There will be a range of accolades as part of the Tournament – Premier & Reserve Cups, Player of the Tournament and The Johnny Heffernan Underage Player Award.

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U17 CUP FINAL RESULT

Killarney Athletic 2 - 0 Killarney Celtic

Scorers: Leo Allen x 1 Alex Doolan x 1

Our U17's travelled to Mounthawk Park on Sunday and in blistering sunshine secured their first silverware of the season

We started on the front foot and our passing game was causing the opposition a lot of trouble and we created some excellent chances through Leo and Alex. We dominated the majority of the first half and finally got our noses in front when Leo was taken down in the box and he dusted himself down to put us 1-0 up. a lead that was the least we deserved. HT 1-0.

However, the second half was a different affair, our neighbours came out strong and put us under some serious pressure with Dylan making some really good saves to keep it at 1-0. We lost the excellent Donnacha Vaughan early in the second half due to injury however, Gerry stepped into the fold and along with Tadgh, Eoin and Adam we defended superbly.... With 10 mins to go we grabbed the all important



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u14 A squad who defeated Killarney Celtic B to claim the Tom Hayes Trophy.



Ballyhar Dynamos u13 A squad who were defeated by Mastergeeha FC in the John Joe Naughton Trophy Final



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next goal, a super move with Oisín playing a defence splitting pass to Leo who spotted the diagonal run from Alex and slipped a pass to the edge of the box where Alex smashed home with a first time shot. Luca, Jack & Darragh put in massive performances in the middle of the park, with Ryan, Oisín, Chris and James working tirelessly on the sides ... on the stroke of the 90 mins James broke away from the Celtic defence and was unlucky not to make it 3-0. It wasn't all straight forward for us today, Jack was under the weather before the game and Jamie suspended and Valentyn was always there if we needed him, but we dug deep and got the result in the end.

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

NATIONAL 15 GIRLS SUFFER SHOOTOUT DEFEAT IN ALL-IRELAND FINAL

The Kerry U15 girls suffered a heartbreaking defeat in their U15 Girls All-Ireland Cup Final, losing to Galway 4-2 on penalties after a hugely competitive encounter finished 1-1 following extra time.

The opening stages were tense and evenly balanced, with both teams aware of the significance of the occasion. Kerry settled well into the game and defended superbly throughout the first half, with goalkeeper Caoimhe Daly commanding her area brilliantly and dealing confidently with dangerous balls played in behind the defence. Galway threatened at times, but Kerry's defensive organisation and work rate ensured clear-cut chances were limited.

Kerry gradually began to create opportunities of their own and deservedly took the lead after 22 minutes. A dangerous Kerry attack forced a save from the Galway goalkeeper, but Alice O'Connor reacted quickest to the loose ball to calmly tap home into an empty net and spark huge celebrations among the Kerry support.

That goal gave Kerry confidence and they carried their 1-0 advantage into half-time. Throughout the second half, Kerry continued to battle brilliantly across the pitch, combining disciplined defending with moments of attacking quality. Galway, however, kept pushing and eventually found an equaliser on 64 minutes when a ball over the top was touched past the advancing Daly.

Kerry refused to let the setback affect them and continued to push for a winner. Deep into stoppage time, Lillian Slattery had a chance that could have won the title with a free kick that forced a save from the Galway goalkeeper. Extra time brought more drama as both sides searched desperately for a decisive goal. Galway came close from a floated free kick, while Kerry responded through Eilidh Cregan, whose excellent skill created an opening that was well saved at the near post. Another long-range Kerry effort was also gathered by the Galway keeper as fatigue began to set in.

With the teams still level after extra time, the final went to penalties. Galway proved clinical from the spot, converting their first three penalties. Kerry fought back bravely, with Ella Crowley scoring before Daly saved Galway's



Kerry U15 Girls All Ireland Final

fourth penalty and then converted herself to give Kerry hope. However, Galway held their nerve with the decisive kick to win the shootout 4-2.

GIRLS MASTERGEEHA CROWNED EVE O'CALLAGHAN CUP CHAMPIONS

Mastergeeha were crowned U14 Girls Eve O'Callaghan Cup champions after a superb 3-1 victory over Killarney Athletic in the final.

Mia Doherty starred with two goals, while Áine Herlihy also found the net in an impressive attacking display from Mastergeeha.

Erica Moloney scored the reply for Killarney Athletic, who battled throughout, but Mastergeeha's quality and composure proved decisive on the day.

DYNAMOS HIT THREE IN 14'S DIVISION 1

Tralee Dynamos secured another impressive result in the O'Sullivan's Bakery U14 Girls Division 1, defeating Camp 3-0 with a confident all-round display.

Goals from Tia Falvey, Katelynn O'Brien, and Sadbh O'Brien sealed the victory, as Dynamos showed quality in attack while also remaining solid defensively to secure a clean sheet.

Camp battled throughout, but Dynamos controlled the contest and proved clinical in front of goal to claim all three points.

BOYS PARK CLAIM JOHN-JOE NAUGHTON CUP AFTER EXCELLENT FINAL DISPLAY

Park were crowned U13 Boy's John-Joe Naughton Cup champions after a deserved 3-1 victory over Killarney Athletic, making it back to back seasons this group has secured silverware after their U12's success last term.

Killarney Athletic made the perfect start and took the lead after just three minutes through William Sjogren. Athletic continued to play impressive football in the opening stages, posing a threat going forward while remaining organised defensively.

Park gradually settled into the contest and found an equaliser on 21 minutes when Tadhg Gilligan finished superbly to level the game. Just three minutes later came the moment of the final, as Daniel Jahimaa struck a stunning long range effort into the top left corner to put Park ahead 2-1 at half-time.

The second half remained competitive, with Athletic creating chances while Park's defence

stood strong. The decisive goal arrived on 55 minutes following a quick counterattack. Brendan Costello released Gilligan down the wing, and his cross was met perfectly by Tom Relihan, who arrived from midfield to finish clinically and seal the win.

It was another hard-earned triumph for Park, whose composure, resilience, and quality in key moments saw them secure the cup and gain valuable momentum ahead of Saturday's league playoff against Killarney Celtic.

MASTERGEEHA CROWNED JOHN-JOE NAUGHTON TROPHY CHAMPIONS

Mastergeeha were crowned U13 Boy's John-Joe Naughton Trophy champions after edging a dramatic and hard-fought 1-0 victory over Ballyhar Dynamos in front of a large crowd at Kilbrean Park.

Mastergeeha nearly struck early when a header from Donnacha O'Callaghan was cleared off the line, while Ballyhar responded by hitting the post from a corner. Leo Barry forced an excellent save from the Ballyhar goalkeeper midway through the half, while at the other end Mastergeeha net minder Daniel McNeer produced a fine stop to deny Ballyhar on the counterattack.

Callum O'Connor and Ronan Casey both went close before the interval, but the teams remained deadlocked at 0-0. Ballyhar started the second half strongly with the wind at their backs, but McNeer again came to Mastergeeha's rescue with another excellent save from distance. Warren O'Boyle also went close, while a superb defensive intervention from Luke O'Sullivan denied Ballyhar a clear scoring opportunity.

Just as extra time looked inevitable, the decisive moment arrived seven minutes from time. Leo Barry burst into the penalty area and was brought down, giving Mastergeeha a golden opportunity from the spot. Captain Matthew O'Riordan held his nerve to calmly convert the penalty for what proved to be the winner.

PARK C CROWNED DIVISION 2 NORTH CHAMPIONS

Park C secured the U13 Boy's Division 2 North league title after a hard-fought 1-1 draw with Listowel Celtic B, sparking celebrations following confirmation of results elsewhere.

Park started strongly and looked the more dangerous side early on, but it was Listowel

Celtic who struck first with an excellent free kick that left the Park goalkeeper with no chance. Park responded brilliantly through a moment of real quality. Julian Zyka showed superb skill to control the ball before spotting the run of Ryan Greensmyth, who fought off two defenders and calmly lifted his finish over the goalkeeper to level the game with a superb goal.

The second half saw Park dominate possession, with Anas Hakim and Aidan McCarthy heavily involved, although Listowel defended resolutely to limit clear-cut opportunities. Park were handed a golden chance midway through the half when they won a penalty for handball, but the Listowel goalkeeper produced an excellent save to deny Greensmyth from the spot.

Park continued to press for a winner, but the match ended level at 1-1. Attention then turned elsewhere, and once news arrived that nearest challengers MEK Galaxy had been defeated, celebrations erupted as Park were confirmed as league champions.

UNBEATEN CHAMPIONS LISTOWEL CELTIC FINISH IN STYLE

Listowel Celtic completed a perfect league campaign in the TC Construction U15 Boy's Premier Division with a 4-0 victory over Killarney Athletic.

Having already secured the league title in the previous meeting between the sides, Listowel entered the game aiming to preserve their 100% record, and the victory completed an incredible season of 12 wins from 12 matches, giving them the maximum 36 points from a possible 36.

Listowel were dominant from the outset and raced into a 3-0 lead by half-time. Luke Walsh opened the scoring from a Darragh Kissane assist before turning provider himself for Diarmuid Lyons. Adam Shanahan added the third before the break, finishing from a Simon Russell assist.

The visitors continued to control the game in the second half, with Adam Fealy completing the scoring after another assist from the influential Walsh. It was the perfect way for Listowel Celtic to round off a flawless campaign, combining consistency, attacking quality, and teamwork throughout the season to deservedly finish as

unbeaten league champions.

PARK CROWNED TUCKER KELLY TROPHY CHAMPIONS

St Brendan's Park A were crowned U16 Boy's Tucker Kelly Trophy champions after a 4-0 victory over MEK A in the final.

Park made a superb start to the contest and quickly took control with two goals on the counterattack. Noah Reidy opened the scoring before Ibrahim Altayan doubled the advantage soon after.

MEK continued to push forward and looked to get back into the game, but Park defended strongly and struck again before half-time, with Altayan grabbing his second goal of the final to make it 3-0 at the break.

Park maintained their intensity in the second half and added a fourth goal when James Kelly found the net to seal an impressive victory. Despite a determined effort from MEK, and a standout man of the match display from Ryan Bolger in attack, Park remained organised and composed throughout to secure the trophy in convincing fashion.



Brilliant scenes in Killarney — Seán Murphy (Proprietor Murphys Bar / Squires in green shirt) celebrating with Squires Gooners outside Murphy's Bar as Arsenal were crowned Premier League champions last Sunday. Photo Seamus Healy

Legacy Elite cheerleaders attended Jamfest cheerleading championships in Scotland competing against cheerleaders from all over the UK, Northern Ireland and Finland. They competed in the level 2 and 3 divisions and took home a first and two second place titles. Head coach Hayley Murphy is over the moon with the athletes hard work and achievements.

We had a wonderful visit from our town Mayor Martin Grady to congratulate our athletes on their achievements.

The athletes are currently preparing for another competition in Galway taking place this weekend.

Selected members are preparing for the national team Ireland tryouts due to take place in July in Dublin.



FOSSA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 24/05/2026 for a jackpot of €8,550 were 4, 13, 23, 28. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Ava Griffin, Oran Tschaen, Shauna O’Riordan, Eugene O’Sullivan, Alex Rintoul. 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>

DIV 3 COUNTY LEAGUE

Our Golden Nugget sponsored seniors endured heartbreak in Ballydonoghue on Sunday when the home side kicked an injury time point to take the spoils in a very tight division. Emmett O’Shea got things up and running with a third minute two pointer, Ballydonoghue responded with a brace of scores before Dan O’Keeffe and Emmett O’Shea put Fossa three ahead in the 15th minute. Ballydonoghue kicked five scores without reply but Cian O’Shea got the last score of the half to leave it Ballydonoghue 0-8, Fossa 0-7 at the break.

Ballydonoghue extended their lead to three at the start of the second half, but two points from Harry Buckley and a score from Emmett O’Shea had Fossa level after ten minutes. The lead changed hands with scores from Ted O’Gorman, Fionn Doyle and Tadgh O’Shea keeping Fossa in touch. In the 25th minute came a crucial score, the dangerous Paul Kennelly scored a goal for Ballydonoghue and they extended their lead to four points with time almost up. Fossa really dug deep at this stage and fought valiantly, great teamwork gave Emmett O’Shea the platform to kick two exceptional two pointers to bring the sides level deep into injury time, however with the last play of the half, Ballydonoghue kicked the winner to leave the Fossa players devastated as their efforts on a scorching hot day deserved more. Jack Hallissey made his senior debut and he put in a fine display, he played with great maturity and has a great future ahead. It finished Ballydonoghue 1-16, Fossa 0-18.

U14 COUNTY FINAL

Fossa 3-11, Na Fianna 3-07

Pride of place this evening goes to our fantastic U14 boys who were crowned County Champions. Played before a very large vocal attendance on the excellently turned out Gortroe pitch, the home side played host to the South Kerry combination team Na Fianna who had the pick of four clubs namely Templenoe,

Tuosist, Sneem and Derrynane.

Fossa were fastest out of the blocks in the opening period with the raiding wing back George Nomikas kicking three excellent points. David Kennelly and Mark O’Connor also raised white flags in the opening half, leaving Fossa ahead at the break on a scoreline of 0-07 to 1-02. The first 30 minutes was a very cagey affair, but what following in the 2nd period was a rip roaring encounter of end to end football. Na Fianna hit Fossa for two killer goals early in the half to race into a one point lead and were really asking questions of the Fossa boys at this crucial junction in the game. The game was now in the melting pot with Finian Swarwick scoring a well taken goal to restore Fossa’s advantage, but the South Kerry boys replied with three excellent points to push ahead once more. Fossa were now attacking in waves and when David Kennelly was up-ended in the square, the referee awarded a penalty to the hosts, up stepped Sean Doyle to expertly convert the spot kick. Na Fianna kicked on once more however, kicking from distance to put their noses ahead with the finishing line in sight. Fossa then sprung their Super Sub, Evan Ryan from the bench and within seconds of his introduction he had the home supporters on their feet when he crashed the ball to the net with a finish worthy of winning any county final. With the game now in injury time and a lot of tired bodies, Fossa defended valiantly in the dying moments with Tommy Kavanagh pulling off some incredible saves. When excellent Cordal Referee Tim O’Donoghue blew his final whistle, it was Fossa who emerged victorious by four points. Congratulations to this wonderful group of players who went undefeated throughout this campaign bringing ultimate glory to themselves and the club, a real credit to themselves and their families.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Massive congratulations to Cillian Murphy and the entire Kerry U12 relay squads on becoming All-Ireland Champions!

A special mention to Cillian on bringing home two gold medals after brilliant performances in both the Mixed Relay and Boys Relay teams.

LEGION GAA

LOTTO

numbers drawn 12, 13, 24, 26. bonus ball 2. No jackpot winner. match x 3: Lucy Tyrell c/o John Hegarty, Enda o Mara, 37 High s , Gene Ferris

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SENIOR LADIES

Our senior ladies travelled to glenflesk for their Donal Curtin D2 tie. A great start saw us get an early goal through Eve Coffey. Our inside forwards looked dangerous with Laura Healy and Ciara Randles adding points. Glenflesk stayed in touch with some well taken frees. A well worked glenflek goal just before HT saw the teams tied at 1-05 a piece. Glenflesk started the 2nd half brightly and pushed into the lead with some well worked scores. We remained dangerous in the forwards and a well taken goal by Laura healy narrowed the gap to 2 pts entering the latter stages.

A legion yellow card at this point resulted in a numerical advantage for the hosts for the remainder of the game. Glenflesk kicked the final 2 points to take the points on a scoreline of Glenflesk 1-14 legion 2-07

U16 LADIES

The U16 Legion Ladies rose to the occasion in their East Kerry Division 2 Shield Final at home against a strong and determined Fossa side. In a fiercely contested game, Legion’s solid defensive display and excellent control of possession proved decisive, while superb kick-outs from our goalkeeper played a huge role throughout, quickly moving the ball into the forwards and keeping Legion on the attack. These solid performances helped the girls secure a well-earned victory and lift the shield trophy on a final scoreline of 6-19 to 2-10.

Credit must go to Fossa for a very sporting and competitive match. A sincere thank you also to referee Sean Courtney, who officiated the game well and later presented the girls with their winning trophy.

The team now takes a well-deserved short break, and we wish all the players the very best of luck as they begin their upcoming exams.

U17 BOYS SUPER 10S COMPETITION

Legion 5-12 Austin Stacks 4-08

We entered a team in the county super 10s competition and hosted Austin Stacks. The Gaeltacht were meant to play but couldn’t field a team. We played 20 minutes a half from the 21 to 21 yard line. The juvenile goals were used. We were slow to start and fell behind after 10 minutes by 0-04 to 3-03. The second quarter we closed the gap to 1-08 to 3-05. Our dominate play continued in the second half and we took control to lead 4-11 to 3-07 with over 5 minutes left. The Stacks never gave up and scored 1-01 to

Fossa Community Games Participants had success in the recent National Competition held in Gormanstown



Cillian Murphy who won 2 Gold Medals representing Kerry in the U12 Boys Cross Country Relay and the U12 Mixed Cross Country Relay



Fossa Girls Volleyball team that won Silver in the National Competition.

Glenflesk Minor ladies team and mentors, Div 2 Co. League final winners last week in Glenflesk.



leave 3 in it. However we scored the same and ran out winners by 7 points.

JOHNNY CULLOTY PARK

The weekend of June 5/6 th will see a festival of sport and fun, kicking off on the Friday with the Johnny Culloty Golf classic, followed on the Saturday with juvenile football competition in the morning, followed by the official naming of the club grounds as Johnny Culloty Park. Guests of honour include the president of the GAA Jarlath Burns and Kerry legend Mick o Connell. This ceremony is open to everyone to attend and will be followed by music, fun and a BBQ.

SENIOR MEN

Round 8 of the men's senior county league Div 1 saw us host near neighbours Dr Crokes and after a most entertaining game we lost out by the minimum, a single point. Final score Legion 1-18 v Dr Crokes 1-19

GOLF CLASSIC

The Johnny Culloty Golf classic takes place on Friday June 5th at Killarney golf club. For tee time availability or to sponsor a tee box please contact John on 087 2464651 or Sean on 087 2461780. The club greatly appreciates the sponsorship of the Gleneagle Hotel for this event

BEST OF LUCK

BEST OF LUCK TO ALL OUR GIRLS N BOYS DOING MAJOR EXAMS THIS COMING WEEK.

SYMPATHY

The club sends its sincere condolences to the family, relatives and friends of Brian o Regan who passed away earlier this week. Ar Dheis De go raibh a Anam

DR. CROKES

SFL DIV. 1

Dr. Crokes 1:19 Legion 1:18

We claimed a hard-fought win over Legion in an entertaining encounter away last Sunday. We had the perfect response to an early Legion point when Jack O'Sullivan's long delivery found Cian, who finished to the back of the net. Legion, however, impressed from distance and hit three two-pointers to lead 0-12 to 1-06 at half time. We battled back strongly in the second half with Cian McMahon landing two two-pointers, while Brendan Coppinger, James Kelly, Brian Looney, Mark Fitzgerald and Micaídh Lynch all added important scores. A



U16 Legion Ladies rose to the occasion in the East Kerry Division 2 Shield Final at home to a strong and determined

late point from James Kelly ultimately proved the difference as we held on for a one-point victory.

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

KATHLEEN'S GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS has finished up for the summer break.

CHAIR YOGA WITH HANNE takes place every Thursday at 11am in the clubhouse. This is perfect for beginners. Stretch and relax from the comfort of your chair. Cost: €7. Contact 0871471592 for more information.

LOTTO took place on May 25th Numbers drawn were 7, 8, 12, 23. Jackpot of €6,200 was not WON. 7 patrons matched 3 and receive €60 each. Jackpot for draw on June 1st will be €6,500. Play online by following the link below <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokess-gaa/fundraisers>

BINGO

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Shane, Evan, Micheal, Tony, Gavin, Charlie and the Kerry Footballers, as well as Leah and the Kerry Ladies on winning their respective Munster Championships.

EAST KERRY

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kerry Coaching and Games Primary Schools skills finals took place on Wednesday. East Kerry

schools were well represented in Austin Stack Park on the day. Congratulations to Anniemai O Donoghue (Coolick NS) on winning the girls individual title with a polished display. Sophie Moynihan (Lissivigeen NS) was second in the girls individual competition showing great skill levels on the day. Jake Scannell (Faha NS) was second in the boys individual section with a determined performance on the day. Thanks to Tim Daly (Austin Stack Park) and Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC for finishing the schools skills competitions in Tralee on Wednesday.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Kerry South U15 hosted Galway White in the National U15 Development league in John Mitchels on Saturday. The teams were well matched in the opening half with both sides level at the short whistle. Kerry South U15 extended panel showed great strength and depth to overcome a well drilled Galway White side in the finish. Connie O Connor (Kerry South Manager) was delighted with the performance on the day with all players improving and developing skill levels in a fantastic game of football played before a large attendance in John Mitchels. Thanks to Tim O Donoghue (Cordal) referee on the day. John Hegarty (John Mitchels) provided great support to Vince Cooper East Kerry GDC on the day making sure everyone enjoyed the match day event.

ALL IRELAND U20 FINAL

Best of luck to the Kerry U20 team on Saturdays All Ireland Final.

South Kerry Mini Sevens A Great Success

Following on from the very successful South Kerry Mini Sevens competitions held in March, the Allianz Cumann na mBunscoil South Kerry hurling finals were held in Kilgarvan GAA pitch in beautiful sunshine on Monday the 25th of May. In Division 2, a blitz took place between Scoil Iognáid Rís from Dingle, Knockaderry National School, and Kilgarvan National School. There was some fantastic skills and heart on display with Kilgarvan topping the group and well done to the three teams for their performances on the day. For Kilgarvan Séimí Tuohy had a great game outfield & made great saves to relieve his team mate Charlie Delaney who did an equally superb job in goals. Sincere thanks to Scoil Iognáid Rís for travelling all the way in their first time participating in this competition. Danny Ó Brosnacháin made some great saves in the goal v Kilgarvan to keep SIRD in the game while Harry Ó Conchúir battled hard around the middle of the field against strong opposition. For Knockaderry, Aidan Barry and Andrew Daly were very much to the fore. In Division 1, there was a closely fought encounter between St. John's National

School Kenmare and Holy Family National School Rathmore. After the first quarter, on a day where we required water breaks, it was one goal for St. John's to four points for Holy Family National School. At halftime, there was very little between the teams until at the end of the third quarter, Holy Family had opened a slight gap leading by three goals and five points to two goals and three points. They finished with a couple of goals just before full time and it was a fine win in an exciting game with again fantastic hurling on show. For Holy Family it was a great all round performance with Pádraig O'Sullivan, Matthew O'Riordan, and James Buckley catching the eye on occasion. The work rate of Gavin Murphy, Dylan Moynihan and Paddy O'Connor was crucial for the win. For Kenmare Kori Walsh kept the defence tight with Sean Tagney, Tristan Healy Kruis and Timmy O Sullivan battling hard and Danny O'Sullivan, Cillian Kelleher and Donie Lynch led the attack. Full time score was three goals and three points to six goals and five points. Well done to all teams who participated on the day. Kilgarvan and Holy Family National School will now progress to compete in the county section.



Holy Family NS Rathmore Division 1 Winners.



Scoil Iognáid Rís.



Kilgarvan NS Division 2 Winners.



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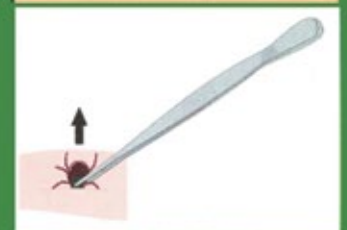
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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND ONE

Donegal 2-10 Kerry 0-16

That wasn't just a bad day at the office. That was a system meltdown, to be honest about it. That's three wins from three for Donegal, and this was the worst by far. Not because Donegal were so good – and let's not play around it, they really were – but because we were so bad. There's an awful lot been said about the flashpoint at half-time and how the red card cost us. I sincerely hope that people inside the camp aren't buying into that. The problems I saw run a lot deeper than that and are a lot harder to correct.

Gorgeous day. I expected a bigger crowd, to be honest. There was a buzz around the town, but not quite the atmosphere of the Munster Final. That had the feel of a party mood; this was more business-like. I don't know; maybe it was just me.

Changes to both starting teams. I've never liked it, to be honest. I had expected Kerry to be starting more or less as named – I thought Jack was keeping big guns for a blistering second half (hindsight tells me I may have been wrong about that!). The world and the world's mother knew full well that there were going to be a good few changes to Donegal. Every Donegal supporter I spoke to (a lovely crowd, genuinely) was able to confirm that well before throw-in. A bit of codology on both sides; no need for it. Kerry opted to play against the wind. That made sense to me, I figured we were going to stay with them in the first half and gradually accelerate as our bench came into play in the second half. We actually made a good start and almost pilfered an early goal through Mark O'Shea, but Donegal managed to scramble it clear. And down came Donegal along the left wing, Ciarán Moore sprinting past Tadhg Morley far too easily, exchanging a one-two with Oisín Gallen that Kerry fell for, and rounding Shane Murphy for a goal. That was far, far too easy. Bread and butter stuff.

Donegal were controlled and patient. Kerry were maintaining a defensive shield about five feet inside the arc but happy to let Donegal probe at will outside it....and Oisín Gallen finally found far too much space and sent over a two pointer.

Kerry won their own kick-out and Micheál Burns, who had made a lively start, kicked a fine score to open our account. But it was already very obvious that we were leaving far too much space at the other end and couldn't deal with Donegal's pace on the overlap, with Ryan McHugh's orange flag making it 1-4 to 0-1. He had all the time he wanted to pick his spot that time.

Things got better. Mind you, they had to! Kerry pressed hard on Donegal's kick-out, forcing



HANDS OFF.... David Clifford surrounded by Donegal players at the game on Saturday. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans.

Mulready to go long, and Donegal clearly didn't like it. Evan Looney with a good ball into David Clifford – left leg and over the bar. Kerry won the kick-out and it was Paudie's turn. Good strength to hold off a strong challenge and he clipped it over from a tight angle. That one was harder than you might think, Paudie made it look easy. Mulready dithered over the kick-out, kind of understandably....and Seán Hurson, quite rightly, put a halt to it and gave David Clifford a tap-over free. Good refereeing.

Kerry gobbled up another long kick-out. Mark O'Shea and Seán O'Brien were doing very well in the trenches. Graham O'Sullivan sped through to make it four quick points on the trot. 1-4 to 0-5 now, this was turning into a game of football.

Good turnover by Dylan Casey, great burst forward by Micheál Burns, and a great goal chance for Paudie, but it was deflected wide and his '45 tailed off. At the other end Oisín Gallen slightly fumbled the ball but recovered well to tap over. Great bit of skill there, to be fair. Great work by Seán O'Brien, lovely twisting turn inside, to tee up Tadhg Morley but his shot blazed over. Point for Kerry but there was more on the table.

I was feeling confident now. After a sluggish start we seemed to be starting to find our groove. We still had real problems in defence but I felt that we were winning midfield and our attackers were beginning to open up the engines. Ciarán Moore with a well-worked point for Donegal. No great harm. Dylan Geaney was finding a bit of space now and he clipped over a beauty. Just in case anyone thought it was lucky, he did it again. Those weren't easy kicks. 1-6 to 0-8.

If this was a Hollywood movie, there would be a camera shot of storm clouds rolling in (also, everyone would be much better looking). That was as good as it got or Kerry; it really was all downhill from there.

Ah, lads. Ah, no. Hugh McFadden with a great high fetch, fair enough. But a simple crossfield

switch and there's Michael Langan completely unmarked. Michael Langan, of all players. How Michael Murphy was nominated for Footballer of the Year ahead of him last year remains a mystery to me, even allowing for sentiment. You leave Michael Langan with that much space? I knew full well that was an orange flag before it even reached him. Sorry now, but that was shocking defending.

Langan was starting to motor now and those overlaps were killing us. He found Roarty and there was four between the sides again.

David with a hard shoulder on McGonagle off the ball. It's a shoulder; I wouldn't even call it borderline. Worth a warning, but I wouldn't give a yellow. The crowd are baying now, both sides. Oisín Gallen with a point, but Dylan Geaney in reply with his third. Stick to football, lads.

Donegal with possession, minding it carefully until Michael Langan could split the posts. Donegal are very good at working those.

At which point....lads, I have no idea. All I could see was a random melee. No clue what started it. McHugh was pumping blood and it happened off the ball. Somebody is going to walk. Jimmy McGuinness is on the pitch remonstrating with people. He did make contact with Diarmuid O'Connor. Anyone calling that a 'shove' is making the word work overtime. It was a risky move in light of the Ger Brennan suspension (which I thought was over the top, to be honest, without condoning his conduct) but I certainly wouldn't want to see him suspended for it. Mind you, I thought his reaction to the question being asked after the game was ridiculous. "Are you flying that kite?" Jimmy, that kite was airborne long before you were asked anything. "Out of 50 people on that field, are you finger-pointing me?" Well, obviously, Jimmy, you are the manager. It's not as if your name came out of a lucky dip. Are you under the impression that nobody's going to ask Jack O'Connor these questions?

Rumours were flying around the crowd and I was getting a lot of secondhand reports.



Action at the Fitzgerald Stadium, Kerry V Donegal. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans.

Restart. Straight red for Micheál Burns. No idea what started it but yeah, no arguments, that's a red all day long. We have the wind, but a man down, a man who was one of our best performers, and chasing a five point lead against Donegal? I'd say bookies were beginning to shut up shop...

The second half story is a lot shorter than the first half one. And it doesn't have a happy ending.

Graham O'Sullivan with a good scoring chance but it's wayward. Sign of the times. Oisín Gallen with a point. Donegal were holding possession. They weren't even in a hurry to test Kerry's defensive set-up, why should they? They can take their time and pick us off at their leisure. Michael Langan shot over. Peadar Mogan got in on the scoring act.

We went twenty minutes without a score. Twenty minutes of Donegal toying with us, truth be told. Quite rightly, by the way. Donegal weren't salting any wounds, just doing their job as cleanly and efficiently as possible. I would expect Kerry to do the same if the positions were reversed. It isn't pretty football to watch. So what? This isn't any modelling contest.

55th minute. Tony Brosnan with a glorious two pointer. Six points in it. It's possible – unlikely, but possible – that we could put on a burst. We were running our bench now, but not getting the impact I had hoped for from it. Another good effort from Tony fell short and Donegal

picked off a point from Shane O'Donnell. There isn't going to be any revival here; Donegal in charge. Michael Murphy, who was basically strolling around the forty and directing operations for the most part, kicked a point. Michael Langan added another. Shea Malone with a blistering goal chance; Shane Murhy id really well to parry.

One way traffic. Peadar Mogan with his second point. Cilian Trant, jinking just inside the arc, kicked a point for Kerry. A thin silver lining on the overall cloud; I was really impressed by Cillian. I thought he was one of the few Kerry players with a bit of grit and defiance about him at this stage.

Shea Malone with a point. And then a goal.....a coup de grace. It's not as if one was required. Jason McGee closed out Donegal's account before Tony Brosnan pointed another beautiful two pointer. It didn't even raise a cheer; a lot of Kerry supporters were gone by then.

Tough day at the office. Last chance saloon now and a lot depends on the draw. Look, there's no hiding from that performance. That's our third time this year getting well beaten by Donegal.

I don't think the picture is quite as bleak as it seems. A few lads aren't quite ready and there's a few tweaks that need to be made. A lot – everything really – depends on our injury list. At full strength, I still say that we are at least a match for anyone. Remember the Meath game last year? Remember the last time we

got schooled by an opposing team in The Fitzgerald Stadium? How did Mayo get on that time? I know we are on the ropes – I also know, because of how often he has proven it, that Jack thrives in these situations.

Donegal: Gavin Mulreany, Max Campbell (0-1), Brendan McCole, Peadar Mogan (0-2), Ryan McHugh (0-2, 1tp), Eoghan Bán Gallagher, Finnbar Roarty, Caolan McGonagle, Hugh McFadden, Jason McGee (0-1), Michael Langan (0-5 1tp), Ciarán Moore (1-1), Oisín Gallen (0-5, 1tp), Conor O'Donnell, Michael Murphy (0-1). Subs: Shane O'Donnell 0-1 (for Ryan McHugh, half-time), Shea Malone 1-1 (for Oisín Gallen, 56 mins), Ryan McHugh (for Finnbar Roarty, 59 mins), Daire Ó Baoill (for Michael Murphy, 60 mins), Turlough Carr (for Hugh McFadden, 63 mins), Seán Martin (for Max Campbell, 64 mins) Kerry: Shane Murphy, Evan Looney, Jason Foley, Dylan Casey, Tadhg Morley (0-1), Mike Breen, Graham O'Sullivan (0-1), Mark O'Shea, Seán O'Brien, Diarmuid O'Connor, Micheál Burns (0-1), Keith Evans, Paudie Clifford (0-1), David Clifford (0-4, 1tp, 1f), Dylan Geaney (0-3). Subs: Eddie Healy (for Tadhg Morley, half-time), Tony Brosnan 0-4, 1tp (for Paudie Clifford, 45 mins), Brian Ó Beaglaioich (for Graham O'Sullivan, 45 mins), Joe O'Connor (for Keith Evans, 47 mins), Killian Spillane (for Dylan Geaney, 56 mins), Cillian Trant 0-1 (for Seán O'Brien, 59 mins) Referee: Seán Hurson (Tyrone)

Cork 0-30 Meath 1-24

I had a little bit of a fancy for Cork in this one. Apart from a fatal fifteen minutes, I thought they had been the better side against Meath in the Division Two Final. I also thought they had more quality than they had shown against Kerry in the Munster Final – they didn't really seem to get going that day. But by half-time, I was writing them off. After a good first quarter, they were suddenly swarmed by Meath. A goal and two orange flags and just like that Meath were leading by six points. In fact, they could have had a second goal but for a goal-line clearance by O'Callaghan. 1-16 to 0-11 at the break.

Except that Cork, Sherlock in particular (0-14), put on the afterburners in the second half. Suddenly they were savage in the best possible sense, hunting down everything. It was Meath's turn to withstand a storm. Even when Colm O'Callaghan was sent off – and quite rightly; that



AGONY: Mike Breen with possession at the Kerry V Donegal clash at the Fitzgerald Stadium. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans.

may not have been intentional but that was as wild a swing as you will ever see – only seemed to incentivise them further. If Cork can maintain this, and I think they can, they are going to rattle a few more teams yet.

Galway 3-21 Kildare 0-17

Kildare had the first half wind and put up a decent battle, but goals from Matthew Tierney and Cein Darcy meant that they trailed by 2-8 to 0-12 at the break. Rob Finnerty had 0-5 by then and he would finish with 1-9 after a spectacular performance. I thought Conroy looked back to his best as well. But I would have a caveat over Galway's performance, in that Kildare are in the competition by virtue of their Taltteann Cup win last year and – without taking away from Galway's display – I genuinely suspect that any of the other teams could have inflicted something similar on a game but limited Kildare. It's one of those games where a team is expected to rack up a big win and thus don't receive much credit for it.

Tyrone 3-16 Roscommon 2-18

Roscommon have been the team of the season so far – come end of year awards, Mark O'Dowd could start preparing his speech now. Tyrone, in my opinion, are a bit of a sleeping giant, but Roscommon are proven giant-killers by now and very nearly pulled it off again. Tyrone had more of the early play but Darragh Heneghan's goal kept Roscommon going. However, goals from Eoin McElholm and Ronan Cassidy saw Tyrone lead by 2-11 to 1-9 at the break. Both keepers were forced into excellent saves but gradually a resolute Roscommon managed to reel in the gap. Enda Smith's goal put Roscommon in front but Mattie Donnelly replied in kind to leave Tyrone two points up. Roscommon's Paul Carey brought the sides level with time almost up but Eoin McElholm won a late free that Ethan Jordan sent over the bar to snatch victory.

TALLTEANN CUP

Round 2A

Laois 1-29 London 1-14

London put up a decent battle in Ruislip but as expected, Justin McNulty's Laois dominated the last twenty minutes and pulled away to win by a fine margin.

Offaly 3-22 Down 1-20

Not the result that I, or I suspect anybody else, was really expecting. This Down side were a pale imitation of the team that looked so good in beating Donegal in the Ulster Championship, but they never really got going here. Offaly were outstanding – 3-22 is great scoring any day out. They hadn't been among the leading contenders for me; they most certainly are now.

Fermanagh 2-20 Wexford 2-13

Wexford put up a very good battle, but Fermanagh were always that little bit sharper. They led by 0-12 to 0-5 at half-time, albeit Wexford could feel aggrieved at halving a strong penalty claim denied. Wexford battled



Action at the Fitzgerald Stadium, Kerry v Donegal. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans.

hard in the second half but Fermanagh, particularly Darragh McGurn, were able to pick off the scores to always stay in front.

Antrim 4-12 Tipperary 2-12

Antrim kept up Ulster's winning sequence last weekend with a good win over a tough Tipperary side who gave them nothing easily. Antrim looked well in control for long periods and were leading by thirteen points at one stage. Two Tipperary goals put the game back into the melting pot. In fact, there could have been a different ending but for John McNabb brilliantly denying Dathi Hogan another goal and Antrim clipped over the last couple of scores to take the win.

Round 2B

Wicklow 4-17 Limerick 2-14

Limerick led by 2-10 to 2-6 after a highly entertaining first half but Wicklow stepped on the pedal in the second to pull away. They'll be particularly pleased with the spread of scorers. That said Limerick may have lost, but they played a lot of good football themselves.

Longford 2-17 Clare 1-18

Longford just about made the last twelve ahead of a Banner side who can feel a bit unlucky. Actually, a lot unlucky – going all the way back to Mark Fitzgerald's tenure, Clare always seem to come out on the wrong side of tight results. Remember, it wasn't that long ago that Collins and co. were giving Kerry real frights in the Munster Championship. Mind you, Longford were belting above their weight in those days too. Clare took the lead for the first time with twenty minutes to go and looked like they were pulling clear, only to be caught by two late goals in as many minutes.

Leitrim 0-22 Carlow 1-13

Carlow led for three quarters of the game, but never by much. Leitrim took the lead for the first time at the start of the fourth quarter, promptly

coughed up a goal, only to pull away with a strong finish and win by a slightly flattering margin.

Sligo 0-29 Waterford 3-12

A tough one on Waterford, who actually put up a ferocious battle. They haven't won a game all season; it's not for the want of trying. That said, Sligo were always going to be favourites here and showed why as their efficiency up front had them leading by 0-19 to 0-7 at the break. Waterford goals from Aaron Ryan, Liam Mulligan, and Dermot Ryan kept the Deise in it but in truth Sligo always had a higher gear when they needed it.

KERRY OPEN INTERMEDIATE CAMPAIGN WITH A LATE WINNER

All Ireland Intermediate Championship Round One Kerry 0-10 Down 1-6

Kerry camogie survived a hard-fought and highly entertaining opener to their 2026 Allireland Intermediate campaign in a sun-drenched Austin Stack Park. There's very little between the sides and this one was as close and as exciting as any. In fact, it's fair to say that Kerry can count themselves relatively fortunate to end up on the right side of a very narrow divide between two good teams.

Down made the faster start, with Dearbhla Magee making a great rundown the left wing and sending in a great ball, but Dearbhla Coleman couldn't quite connect and steer it to the net. Instead, it was Kerry who drew first blood, Amy O'Sullivan winning a good ball and splitting the posts. The same player soon made it 0-2 to 0-0 after a superb turnover by Norette Casey. Kerry also had a great goal chance when

the keeper batted out a point effort from Jackie Horgan, only for the ball to fall to Ruth O'Connor. Just as she was about to pull the trigger, though, Niamh McConville dove in for a spectacular block, Fantastic defending, and McConville maintained that standard of play all through, unquestionably my player of the game.

That seemed to lift Down. Aimee McAleenan opened their account with a free and added a point from play to level matters. A foul on the outstanding Caoimhe Spillane saw Patrice Diggin split the posts from long range. However, back came Down, with Niamh McGrath giving Aoife Fitzgerald no chance and Down were in front, 1-2 to 0-3.

The truth is that the play was a little scrappy on both sides, with defences on top, Sara Murphy and Niamh Leen in particular in commanding form for Kerry, while McConville was imperious at the other end. In fact, a little bit of frustration in the 21st minute led to Down's Erin McGrattan receiving her marching orders. Both sides were reduced to relying on frees, none of which referee John Dooley was handing out too easily, with Patrice notching two more before McAleenan, who had already missed a few, closed out the first half scoring.

Half-time Down 1-3 Kerry 0-5

McAleenan was wide with a good chance to open the second half accounts but Clara Cown soon nudged Down two points ahead. A foul on Shannon Collins allowed Patrice Diggin to pull one back but McAleenan replied in kind. Caoimhe Spillane won a free for Patrice but Cown notched her second point from play and Down retained that two point lead. They did seem to be that little bit better in open play, but Kerry's defending was top class and Aoife Fitzgerald's excellent distribution was proving to be a real pressure valve. The key moment of the game arrived as Dearbhla Magee raced through, only for Laura Collins to make a brilliant hook at the last second to save Kerry's bacon. Mind you, Kerry could feel a little aggrieved when Shannon Collins was wrongly called for a technical foul after a brilliant score. The sand was running out of the hourglass quickly now, and Kerry were still that one point behind. At last Patrice Diggin stood over a free at the start of injury time to square things. Down, so controlled all day, opted to risk a short puckout only for Emma Conway to superbly intercept and win a free. With just seconds left, Patrice Diggin fired over a winner that had looked very unlikely all day.

A win under the belt, Kerry on their way, and plenty to work on after a tough battle. One can't help suspecting that it's exactly what Kerry would have wanted.

Kerry: Aoife Fitzgerald, Rachel McCarthy, Sara Murphy, Michelle Costello, Aoife Behan, Niamh Leen, Ellen O'Donoghue, Patrice Diggin, Caoimhe Spillane, Laura Collins, Ruth O'Connor, Kate Lynch, Norette Casey, Jackie Horgan, Amy O'Sullivan. Subs Shannon Collins (for Jackie Horgan, bs, 19-23), Shannon Collins (for Ruth O'Connor, half-time), Roisín Quinn (for Kate Lynch, 42), Emma Conway (for Norette Casey, 49)

Down: Niamh O'Toole, Aoife McDowell, Aimee Mallon, Erin McGrattan, Clare McGilligan, Niamh McConville, Beth Fitzpatrick, Aislinn Breen, Aimee McAleenan (0-4, 3f), Clara Cown (0-2), Sophie McGrath, Dearbhla Magee, Deirbhile Savage, Dearbhla Coleman, Niamh McGrath (1-0). Subs Grace Cunningham (for Aislinn Breen, 42), Blathnaid Savage (for Niamh McConville, 53), KatieQuinn (for Clara Cown, 57), Orlaith McCusker (for Deirbhile Savage, 58), Referee: John Dooley (Tipperary)

SCRATCHING THE BARK HIGHER

One of the big topics of conversation in world sporting terms at the moment is the phenomenal leap in achievements in long distance running. The development of shoe technology

Elite level sport has been setting bars ever higher in decreasing amounts of time over the past two decades. Most international sports organisations can trace their formal roots back to the late 19th century or later. And if you look at metrics, be it speed, scoring rate, time, distance.....it's a sharply rising upward curve. Obviously, it's most apparent in sprint athletics, which are arguably the disciplines that are measured by the finest and most accurate margins.

I felt that there had almost never been such incremental jumps over such a short space of time in most disciplines. The famous 'Fosbury Flop' in high jumping is an obvious example. But I happened to be glancing through an interesting sports article (as a bizarre aside, it was actually about the LA Lakers in the NBA winning a game by only shooting inside the paint or outside the three point line, no mid range shots, and why those shots have a higher percentage reward) and in the course of following that up, I came across an old but interesting piece

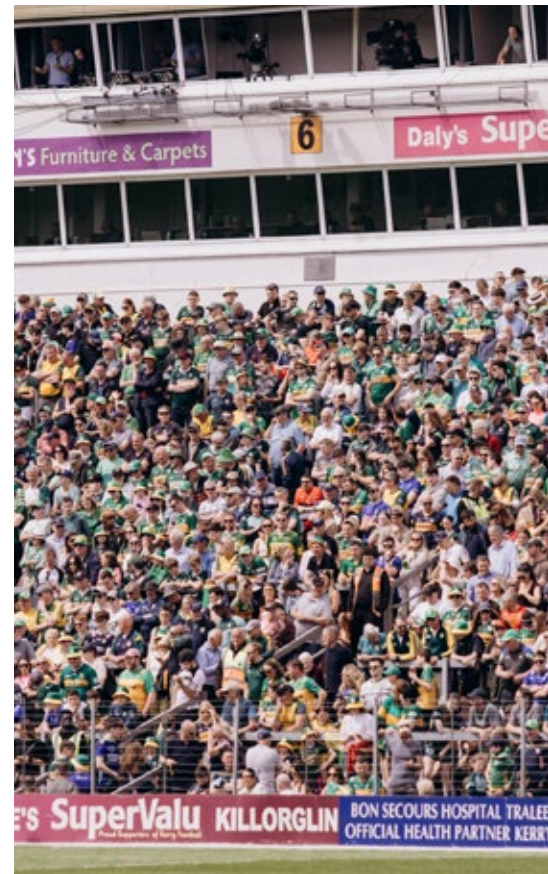
In 1968, Jim Hines from the US became the first man to finish a 100m sprint in under 10 seconds. It was the fifth time that the world record was broken that year, having been broken twice in 1967. It was broken twice more before Hines reclaimed the record at the Olympic Final in Mexico, finishing in 9.953. Why isn't it as famous as Roger Bannister's breaking of the four minute mile in 1954? Well, I would suggest that it's at least partly because it was far from the most famous barrier broken at that Olympics. If you don't know about Tommie Smith and John Carlos' raised fists, google it. That's a tale very much worth telling in its own right. It's hard to know if America's civil rights movement of the sixties had an impact on athletic participation. Undoubtedly the ongoing cold war between the world's two superpowers didn't hurt the Olympic budget of either. The world was paying attention, and not just because of the advent of colour television. Granted, we are talking the finest of fine margins, but there seemed to be milliseconds getting shaved off the 100m record every couple of weeks. Except....Hines' record stood for the next fourteen years. Calvin Smith, also

US, finally beat it in June 1983. Effectively, there was a new ceiling on the sport's highest level in 1968 that lasted for an athletic generation. What happened in 1967 and 1968 to see the record tumble so rapidly before, as it were, stabilizing? I have no idea, but I can theorize.

1968 was an Olympic year. And in most athletic disciplines, there is a four year cycle trying to peak for the Olympics. So in a seven year cycle, the Olympic year is the one where the record will be broken most often.

Arguably the most impactful technological change in the 100m happened at the 1968 Olympics. And also the simplest. David Epstein gave a famous Ted Talk in 2014 about whether athletes were getting better and stronger, or whether that was an illusion brought on by greater specialization, more open participation and much greater rewards, and technological improvements. It really is a fabulous watch and popularized the whole idea of Ted talks (it's available on youtube). The 100m is what he used as an example. And one of the things he points out is that early Olympian sprinters dug starting positions with a small trowel (by 1964, they would hammer in starting pegs) and ran on energy-sapping cinders. Modern athletes run on specially designed running tracks, the so-called 'tartan track'. Guess what Olympics had the first tartan track? Yep, 1968.

Those Olympics were held in Mexico City. Which is at a high altitude (2240 m). The air is thinner and has less resistance. People knew about the benefits of high altitude training well before then but it only became practical in the 1940s. It was only beginning to become widespread in the sixties....until the Mexico Olympics. All the short track and field disciplines saw records absolutely tumble.



All eyes on the pitch... Photo: Fitzgerald Stadium PR.

You've done the hard work so it's time to reap the rewards in the State Exams

EXAM TIME

The waiting is almost over for 140,000 plus candidates, about 4,200 from Kerry, as the state exams begin on Wednesday, 3rd June. Further grades' deflation through post-marking adjustment of Leaving Cert exam scores should result in a reduction in points' requirements for CAO courses. There will be a generous supply of CAO, Tertiary Degrees, Further Education Courses, Apprenticeships, Traineeships and Employment places available for school leavers in a robust economy. So, it's all good news for candidates taking the state exams.

REWARDS

You've done the hard work so it's time to reap the rewards! The Leaving Certificate exams, the Junior Cycle exams and the Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) exams will run until Tuesday, 23rd June, Monday, 15th June and Thursday, 11th June, respectively.

SUN SMART

However with temperatures reaching the mid-twenties this week in a period of "typical exam weather," caution is the order of the day. No candidate wants to face important exams with a sunburned body. So avoid over-exposure to the sun and take plenty of cold drinks during the exam period. Enjoy aerobic exercise, but resist the temptation of lengthy sunbathing sessions. Apply sunblock cream, wear sunglasses and a hat with a wide brim. It's difficult to resist good weather but be sensible and disciplined as it's all to play for.

FINAL WEEKEND

The coming weekend is the final one for major revision. Stick to your study plan on Saturday and Sunday. Concentrate on subjects being examined during the first week. As the exams run into the subsequent weeks, the optional subjects are nicely spaced out allowing for study days.

PRIORITISE

Leaving Cert candidates should prioritise last minute work in English, Home Economics, Engineering, Geography and Mathematics Paper One and get it done by Sunday night. Likewise Junior Cycle candidates should do the same in English, Religious Education, Irish, Geography, History and Maths. On Monday, concentrate on the tips and predictions for subjects being examined the first week. Don't cram on the days before the exam as this may cause confusion and fatigue.

ALERT

Spent an hour or two on Tuesday skimming over your notes for Wednesday's exams and leave it at that. Some relaxed leisure will be more beneficial than spending the day cramming material that you may not recall anyway. You need a clear and alert mind going into the exams on Wednesday morning and for the duration of the exam period.

NOTES

On the evening before each exam subject, spend

an hour or so looking over your notes so that the important concepts and ideas are fresh in your mind. Heavy study sessions on the night prior to any paper are not a good idea as you will be exhausted the following morning. Instead, relax and get a good night's rest. Put all thoughts of the following day's exam out of your mind. If you find it difficult to sleep, try a little leisure reading for a short while.

PERSONAL MATERIALS

Over the next few days check your equipment and assemble your exam materials – black or blue biros, pencils, ruler, eraser, drawing instruments, calculator, and so on. Have at least two biros in case one doesn't work properly. It's also time to organise your personal needs such as a watch and tissues.

RELAX

A few nerves are normal on the first day so be prepared to deal with it. A relaxation exercise or maybe a shower to freshen up will do the trick. Eat a nutritious breakfast as you'll need the extra reserves of energy. Finally, go through your equipment checklist before leaving home.

PRE-EXAM MODE

On Wednesday morning arrive at the exam centre at least a half hour before the exam begins. For all subsequent exams be present about fifteen minutes before the appointed time. Spend the few minutes before entering the exam centre on your own in peace and quiet. At all costs, avoid groups that are involved in last minute revision. If you need to, go to the toilet before you enter the exam centre. Be in your seat a few moments before the exam begins. Synchronise your watch with the clock on the wall and use your watch or the clock to help you pace your work.

EXAM CENTRE CHECK

Check your seat and desk for firmness and stability. A shaky desk or a wobbly chair will torment you and distract you during the exam. When the answer book is distributed, fill in the required details and read the directions. When you receive your question paper read the instructions carefully in case there is any change of format. Don't be put off by your first glance at the paper. It's new and it will look unfamiliar at first. Once the exam begins, keep to your prepared answering plan and address the questions that are asked.

POST-MORTEM

If you finish a paper before the time is up, do not leave the exam centre. Recheck your work and extra information may come to you. Attempt an extra question only when you have thoroughly answered the required number of questions. Once an exam is over, spend as little time as possible on a post-mortem. Focus on the next paper and stay in exam mode until you finish your final subject. Remember the Leaving Cert is a marathon rather than a sprint. When the entire exam is over, forget about it and enjoy your summer. There is no advantage in dwelling

on what might have been. Be happy and satisfied that you have done your best.

EXAM RESULTS

Leaving Cert results are due out on Friday, 21st August and the CAO Round One college offers will quickly follow on Wednesday, 26th August. The State Examinations Commission (SEC) is holding a second set of exams from the 25th June to the 11th July for candidates who are unable to sit one or more papers in the main sitting in June on grounds of a close family bereavement – funeral preparation and attendance- or serious medical conditions – accident, injury or illness.

PROMISING

So, it's looking very promising for exam candidates. You've done the hard work so go in there and play a blinder. Good luck to all candidates starting state exams next week. May the force be with you all!

CHECKLIST

- Concentrate on subjects being examined in the first week
- Complete major revision by Sunday night
- In a relaxed study session on Monday concentrate on tips and predictions
- On Tuesday just skim over your revision notes for an hour or two
- Have a clear and alert mind going into each exam
- Arrange the equipment and materials you will need for the exams
- Organise your personal needs such as a watch and tissues
- Spend the few minutes before entering the exam centre in peace and quiet
- Be in your seat a few minutes before the start of each exam
- Check that your seat and desk are firm and steady
- Read the instructions carefully
- Know what to expect but be prepared for the unexpected
- Use all the time available to you
- Once an exam is over, avoid protracted post-mortems
- The exams are a marathon rather than a sprint
- Eat well during the exams when you'll need lots of energy
- Avoid over-exposure to the sun
- Keep fluid levels high to avoid dehydration
- Take regular aerobic exercise during the exam period
- Exam timetables are available on www.examinations.ie
- Good luck to everybody doing state exams.

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Kerry FC 2-2 Bray Wanderers

By David Moriarty

Kerry FC looked to make it three home wins from three on Friday evening as they took on Bray Wanderers on a lovely evening for League of Ireland football in Mounthawk Park.

Kerry FC have only ever won three home games in a row once in their short four-year history, beating Finn Harps, Treaty United and Longford Town at the end of May, start of June 2024, so it was well overdue for the Kingdom.

Kerry FC have picked up six points from their last three games, making it obvious that there is a new sense of excitement in this side over the past three weeks or so.

For Bray Wanderers, they had quite the tough spell in April and the start of May, picking up just three points from a possible twenty-one. Since then, in the past two weeks, they have scored nine and won back-to-back games for just the second time this season.

Kerry FC have lost just two games in Mounthawk Park this season, so despite the ninth-place league position heading into the game, this was going to be no walkover for the Seagulls.

FIRST HALF

Bray Wanderers began brightly and threatened early through Ifunanyachi Achara. In the eighth minute, the forward struck the crossbar from inside the area after finding space on the edge of the Kerry box. The visitors continued to apply pressure and, in the eighteenth minute, Achara flashed a dangerous low ball across the six-yard box, but Matthew Connor reacted well to gather.

The opening stages were fiercely contested, with both sides battling hard in midfield and chances limited. Kerry gradually began to push further forward, approaching the half-hour mark, although clear-cut opportunities remained difficult to create against a disciplined Bray defence.

In the twenty-fourth minute, Achara was shown a yellow card following a late challenge. Moments later, Bray thought they had taken the lead when the ball found the net, but the effort was ruled out after a foul was awarded on Niall Brookwell in the build-up.

Sean McGrath entered the referee's notebook in the thirtieth minute as the intensity of the contest continued to rise. Kerry defended resolutely for much of the first half, with Samuel Aladesanusi producing several important interventions at the back.

Bray eventually found the breakthrough in the thirty-ninth minute. Dean O'Shea delivered an inviting cross from the left wing, and Daniel Ring rose highest in the penalty area to direct his header into the bottom left corner beyond Matthew Connor.

The visitors nearly doubled their advantage before the break when another dangerous attack broke inside the Kerry penalty area, but Samuel Aladesanusi produced a crucial last-ditch clearance to keep the deficit at one. Kerry went into half-time trailing 1-0 despite a determined defensive effort.

SECOND HALF

At the interval, Colin Healy made his first change as Cian Brosnan replaced Sean McGrath in an attempt to inject more attacking momentum into the side.

Kerry emerged with greater urgency after the restart and almost equalised in the forty-seventh minute. Ryan Kelliher met a delivery into the box with a powerful header, but Bray captain James Corcoran was well-positioned to make the save.

Bray continued to carry a threat on the counterattack and came close again in the fifty-third minute when a goal-line scramble ended with Tyreik Sammy striking the post. Two minutes later, Matt Britton replaced Ryan Perez as Kerry searched for a way back into the contest.

The visitors extended their lead in the fifty-seventh minute through Kyle Tucker. After exchanging a series of quick one-two passes on the edge of the area, Tucker drove a low effort towards goal, which slipped through the hands of Matthew Connor and into the bottom left corner to make it 2-0. In the aftermath of the move, Vince Borden received a yellow card, while Bray midfielder Declan Osagie was also cautioned shortly afterwards.

Kerry refused to let their heads drop and were rewarded in spectacular fashion in the sixty-sixth minute. A cross from Cian Brosnan was only partially cleared by the Bray defence and fell kindly to Matt Britton on the edge of the area. The substitute struck a superb half-volley which flew into the bottom right corner, igniting the home crowd and reducing the deficit to a single goal.

Bray were forced to spend the remainder of the game with ten men as Declan Osagie was shown a second yellow card for an altercation after the goal, making it even harder for his team to keep the lead with just over twenty minutes remaining.

The goal transformed the momentum of the game. Kerry dominated possession and territory for much of the closing stages, with Bray increasingly forced onto the defensive.

Eric Koufie replaced Vince Borden in the seventy-second minute, while Robert Keane later came on for Ewan Lee as Kerry pushed relentlessly for an equaliser.

Niall Brookwell and Ryan Kelliher both received yellow cards during a tense final quarter, the latter following an accidental clash of heads which frustrated the home support.

Cian Murphy on the end of a hefty challenge.

Photo: Konrad Pytlowski



Five minutes of additional time were signalled at the end of the ninety, and Kerry produced a dramatic late leveller. Kilian Cantwell delivered a dangerous cross from the right, which Ryan Kelliher attempted to control inside the box. The ball broke perfectly for Matt Britton, who reacted instantly to smash home from close range and send Mounthawk Park into celebration.

Kerry nearly snatched a remarkable winner with the final attack of the game. A flowing counterattack involving Cian Brosnan and Eric Koufie ended with Britton cutting inside and firing towards the bottom right corner in search of a hat-trick, but Corcoran produced an important save before the referee blew for full-time.

After a difficult first half, Kerry FC showed tremendous character and determination to rescue a point, with Matt Britton's late double ensuring Colin Healy's side earned a deserved draw in Mounthawk Park. That now extends Kerry FC's home record to five games unbeaten as they make the trip to St. Colman's Park next Friday to take on Cobh Ramblers before the summer break.

Kerry FC Team: Matthew Connor; Sean O'Connell, Kilian Cantwell (C), Sean McGrath, Ryan Kelliher, Cian Murphy, Samuel Aladesanusi, Ryan Perez, Vince Borden, Niall Brookwell, Ewan Lee.

Subs Used: Matthew Britton (GOAL '66, '90), Robert Keane, Cian Brosnan, Eric Koufie.

Bray Wanderers Team: James Corcoran (C); Jamie Duggan, John Sesay, Daniel Ring (GOAL '40), Richard Ferizaj, Ifunanyachi Achara, Declan Osagie, Kyle Tucker (GOAL '58), Ben McCormack, Tyreik Sammy, Dean O'Shea.

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TOPS OF THE TOWN 1976

By Nicky Barry

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To throngs in the old Town Hall, and the memories still glow.
Communal joy was palpable, with rehearsals every night,
With seniors and teenagers, all sharing the spotlight.
There were tenors and sopranos, clowns and seannachies,
And dancing girls and chancers, trying hard to please.
I was in the Woodlawn Show, the Sheik of Araby,
Starring Vincent Counihan, with sheer hilarity.
He really revelled in the role, and commandeered the stage,
Perched up on a camel, as he ranted and raved.
The Mon's Mrs Barry starred, and Dick Willis produced,
With Billy McGuire dressed as a doll, all set to seduce.
There were Guards and teachers, and exotic femme fatales,
Decked out in bikinis, which thrilled all the lads.
Betty Neeson warbled sweetly, with Little Jimmy Brown,
And Maxi from the Laurels, sang of digging up the town.
Denis O'Donoghue wrote the script, in his laid-back way,
And we won it fifty years ago, which seems like yesterday!



A Word of Victory

"Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Revelation 22:1).

Welcome back dear student, this hot weather makes one long for cool waters that refresh. But a quick dip brings only temporal relief. The Scripture above reflects a vision that the prophet Ezekiel had (Ezekiel 47:1-12). In the prophecy he saw a river of living water, representing God's Presence. God challenged him to become completely immersed. At times some people will only dip in their toes, others may go ankle deep for a paddle. The Lord longs for us to wade out deeper and swim, where suddenly the water takes on the weight of our burden. In Psalm forty-two the writer remembers longing for the Lord's Presence, with the same thirst that deer have for their daily cool drink. It tells a story of a once joyous relationship with God that had been left behind because of grief. The result was restless despair from dealing with life's problems. He describes feeling like he was being battered in the same way that a waterfall crashes from a height onto the rocks below. "Deep calls to deep at the thundering sound of Your waterfalls; all Your breakers and Your waves have rolled over me" (Psalm 42:7). Life's hurts can feel like one is being pounded with no respite, but God is there with us.

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Sometimes people go through awful seasons of brokenness at the hands of the enemy - or we get ourselves into a mess through sin. But God promises that He will carry us – and He brings Healing and Hope from every dark situation for God is Faithful. "... Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you. When you walk through fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you. For I Am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour..." (Isaiah 43:1-3). God promises to be the Glory in our midst - stabilising, comforting, and establishing us in peace (Psalms 46; Zechariah 2:5; Isaiah 26:1-3). "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us, they would have quickly swallowed us alive...the waters would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over our soul. Blessed be the Lord Who has not given us as prey to be torn by their teeth; we have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers. The trap is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the Name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 124). God, thank You for Your Grace and Mercy.

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LATE OF
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WHO DIED ON
2ND OF JUNE 2018.

*God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be
he put his arms around you
and whispered come to me*

*With tearful eyes we watched you
And saw you pass away
although we loved you dearly
We could not make you stay*

*A golden heart stopped beating
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God broke our hearts to prove to us
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Special word of thanks to our kind relatives, neighbours and friends whose help and support meant so much.

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St. Roch, pray for us, that we may be relieved from all diseases of body and soul. (Repeat 3 times)

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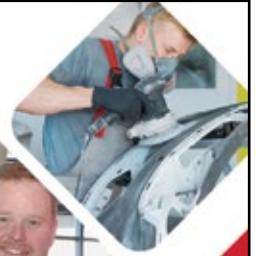
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