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A Note from the EDITOR



As Summer draws to a close and the schools reopen, we have a jam packed magazine for you this week. A local family are facing a devastating diagnosis and are asking for help, Models In Recovery are preparing to take to the catwalk and a local man has marked a milestone by donating 100 pints of blood.

Kerry Cancer Support Group has been shortlisted for a national awards, Culture Night is looming and from first years to leaving cert results, we have all the photos from these major milestones.

Sam Maguire continues on his tour visiting schools and clubs, the Kerry Icons Art Exhibition was officially launched and Keane's Jewellers have sparked joy by donating 100 footballs to a local GAA Club.

A fundraiser in memory of a much loved son and brother is taking place this weekend, The Saturday Supplement takes a look at the life and times of Sr. Mary Lucey and we have all the photographs from last week's Killarney Races.

In sport, Ballyhar Dynamos celebrated their 50th anniversary, St. Paul's Basketball Club are teeing off for their annual fundraiser and Kerry FC record another win.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

Aisling Crosbie

A stunning image of a Sika Deer in the reeds at Ross Castle captured by Cathal O'Connor



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KILLARNEY FAMILY RALLIES

in the Face of Devastating Diagnosis

A Killarney couple are facing the greatest challenge of their lives after Warren Tierney was diagnosed with stage 4 oesophageal cancer, a cruel blow that has shaken their young family to its core.

Warren and his wife Evelyn Dore, parents to two young children, Trinity and Wesley, are now in a desperate race against time to access life-saving treatment abroad, and are asking for the support of their community and beyond.

The diagnosis, stage 4 adenocarcinoma of the oesophagus, came after months of health concerns that were initially dismissed as acid reflux. But Evelyn, determined and unrelenting, knew something wasn't right.

"We had to fight our way through A&E, begging them to take it seriously," she said.

It was a devastating moment for a family who has already been through so much.

"When I was pregnant with both Trinity and Wesley, I was very sick," Evelyn shared. "Through it all, Warren carried us. For the past three years, he's devoted himself completely to looking after me and our children, pouring every ounce of his strength into our family, and never once thinking of himself."

Now, it is Warren who needs care, and time is not on their side. In Ireland, only palliative options are currently available for Warren's condition. But the Dore family have found a glimmer of hope in Germany, where curative treatment is possible at a private clinic: Medias Klinikum in Burghausen.

Thanks to the assistance of Kate Powell from Booking Health, the family secured a 10% discount on their first round of localised chemotherapy. That treatment alone cost €38,557. The family flew to Munich this week to begin what they hope is the beginning of



Warren's recovery.

"We will need a couple more treatments," Evelyn said. "We're hopeful and we believe we're going to beat this, but we can't do it alone. Every donation, every share, every prayer, it all helps." The outpouring of community support has already been heartfelt. Dr. Crokes GAA Club, where the family are members, has made a public call to support the Dore family during this incredibly difficult time.

"As a club and community, we are asking our members, supporters, and friends to come together in support of this young family," the club said in a statement. "Warren is courageously battling stage 4 cancer, and Evelyn and their children need our support

now more than ever."

The family has launched a GoFundMe campaign, which has already begun to gather momentum and at the time of print, has raised over €70,000. But more help is urgently needed to fund the next stages of treatment.

"From the bottom of our hearts, thank you," Evelyn said. "We are humbled and grateful beyond words. Your kindness and generosity have given us strength in this darkest of times. God is good."

Warren who is originally from Limerick said, 'Killarney and the surrounding areas have rallied so strong around me. It's overwhelming. It can be hard to integrate into a community, and I feel a part of the Kingdom. Up the Crokes!' Evelyn and Warren are currently in Medias Klinikum in Burghausen. The Medias Hospital is a private medical center that specialises in Surgical Oncology and Regional Chemotherapy (RCT). Warren received an isolated thoracic perfusion yesterday, Thursday. He will get another 3 weeks from tomorrow in a different area and then an assessment to see where to go from there.

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This September, the Killarney branch of the Kerry Hospice Foundation will once again host its powerful and uplifting Autumn/Winter charity fashion show, "Models in Recovery", a celebration of courage, confidence, and community.

Taking place at the INEC Killarney on Wednesday, 10th September 2025, the evening will shine a spotlight on an extraordinary group of individuals as every model walking the runway is in recovery from cancer. This inspirational event not only showcases fashion but honours the strength and resilience of those who have faced one of life's toughest battles.

Doors open at 6:45 PM, followed by a red and white wine reception at 7:30 PM, with the fashion show commencing at 8:00 PM.

Fashion on the night will be provided by local boutiques including McBees Fashion Boutique, Penneys, Scarlett Ladies Fashion, Born, Quills Menswear, Brian James Menswear (all based in Killarney), and Hannons of Castleisland. Hair and makeup will be expertly done by What Women Want and Salon B.

Adding star quality to the evening, special guest Noel Cunningham will be in attendance, and musical entertainment will be provided by the ever-popular Liam O'Connor & Family.

Attendees will also have the chance to win some spectacular door and spot prizes, including:

1st Prize: Two nights B&B for two in a lakeview room at The Europe Hotel & Resort

2nd Prize: Two nights B&B and dinner for two at Parknasilla Resort & Spa

3rd Prize: One night B&B for two at Hayfield Manor Hotel, Cork

4th Prize: A €150 gift card for the O'Donoghue

'Models in Recovery'

Take to the Catwalk in aid of the Kerry Hospice Foundation



Pictured at the launch of the Models In Recovery Fashion Show in aid of the Kerry Hospice Foundation are from left: Dermot O'Reilly, Mary R. O'Donoghue, Angela Curran, Ciaran Brosnan, Norma O'Donoghue, Phyllis O'Sullivan, Helen Kerins, Pat O'Doherty, Mae Cremin, Pat Doolan and Marian O'Keeffe.

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Tickets are priced at just €20, and are available from participating shops or by contacting the INEC ticket office, Killarney Credit Union, or Pat Doolan, Chairperson of the Killarney branch.

This fashion show is more than a celebration of style, it's a tribute to survivorship and the unbreakable human spirit, all in aid of raising vital funds for the Kerry Hospice Foundation's palliative care services across the county.

KERRY FAMILY SUPPORTS FUNDRAISING DRIVE FOR REOPENING OF NATIONAL KIDNEY SUPPORT CENTRE



Pictured at a photocall to announce the fundraising website was kidney recipient Clodagh O'Shea (age 15) from Killorglin, County Kerry with her parents Tim and Georgina. Clodagh underwent a kidney transplant at CHI Temple Street in 2016 thanks to her kidney donor father Tim who underwent his operation at Beaumont Hospital. Picture Conor McCabe Photography.

IRISH KIDNEY ASSOCIATION LAUNCHES APPEAL TO COMPLETE VITAL FACILITY RENOVATION

The Irish Kidney Association (IKA) has launched a nationwide fundraising campaign to support the €1.3 million refurbishment of its National Kidney Support Centre (NKSC) on the grounds of Beaumont Hospital in Dublin. The Centre, which offers free accommodation and respite to kidney patients and their families, is set to reopen in Spring 2026 following extensive renovations.

To mark the launch, the O'Shea family from Killorglin, travelled to Dublin to lend their support. Clodagh O'Shea (15), a kidney transplant recipient, and her father Tim, who donated a kidney to her in 2016, shared their experience of how the Centre eased their journey through Clodagh's treatment.

"Living in Kerry meant a 640km round trip for every appointment. The Centre was a lifeline," Tim said. "During my donor assessment and Clodagh's transplant, it allowed our family to stay close, without the financial burden of hotels or extra travel. It gave us dignity, comfort, and hope."

The NKSC, temporarily closed since 2020, is being completely modernised with new ensuite bedrooms, communal areas, a counselling room, and sustainable energy systems. The IKA aims to raise €250,000 through its new website www.supportkidneycentre.ie, where supporters can:

Buy specific fit-out items (e.g. bedding, kitchenware)

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Runners Conquer Rugged Terrain in 'Top of Coom' Half Marathon

Brian Madden, heading over Barnastooka Mountain, competing in the Irish Mountain Runners Association Top of Coom, Munster Half Marathon, for the finish line at Gougane Barra.

Photograph by Valerie O'Sullivan.

The dramatic landscape of the Cork-Kerry border set the stage for this year's 'Top of Coom' Half Marathon, as trail runners from across Munster took on a challenging mountain route on Sunday.

The race began at Barnastooka, Kilgarvan, hosted on the farm of John and Glynn Egan, known as the Good Shepherd. From there, participants followed a spectacular horseshoe loop around the Grousemount Wind Farm, traversing some of the region's most remote and scenic uplands.

The first section of the route climbed over Barnastooka and the four tops of Carrán, before reaching Bealick above Gougane Barra. Runners then followed the historic County Bounds back to the finish line at the 'Top of Coom', proudly known as Ireland's highest pub.

Race Directors Micheál McSweeney and Seán Lionaird led the event, supported by a dedicated team of IMRA Munster volunteers, including Stephen O'Keeffe, Jeremy Kelleher, Danny O'Keeffe, Pat Murphy, Liam Limerick, and Gerard Harrington.

First Aid support was handled by Matthew Branch and Damien McDonnell, ensuring runner safety across the remote course.

The 'Top of Coom' Half Marathon continues to grow in popularity among mountain runners for its combination of technical trail, breathtaking views, and warm community spirit at the finish line.



Ultra-runners heading over Barnastooka Mountain, competing in the Irish Mountain Runners Association Top of Coom, Munster Half Marathon, for the finish line at Gougane Barra. Tomasz Marszałik, Ciara Hickey.



Brian Kinsella, Ultra-runner, heading over Barnastooka Mountain, competing in the Irish Mountain Runners Association Top of Coom, Munster Half Marathon, for the finish line at Gougane Barra.

TIME TO TEE OFF FOR THE ST. PAUL'S GOLF CLASSIC

St Pauls will be swapping their basketballs for orbs of a smaller version when they host their Golf Classic in Beaufort Golf Club on Friday September 26th. With a thriving Academy, both boys and girls, Adult teams and of course the National League project to finance the Classic is a vital tool to help finance the runnings of the Club.

This year's Classic will once again be held in memory of the late Connie Brosnan. Connie, who passed away in March 2020, was a stalwart of St Pauls, serving as Team Manager in the 90s for the team, tending to the squads every need and more lately as the welcoming and friendly Venue officer at the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre. His affable nature led to many friendships and Connie was of course a keen and avid golfer so it is apt and fitting that his memory should be associated with the Classic. The event itself, which takes place at the picturesque and pristine Beaufort course, is open to teams of 4 for the great value of 300 Euro per team and a much needed meal provided afterwards. So your support would be greatly welcomed and even if Golf is not your game you can also sponsor a tee box for 100 Euro for the day.

For further details on tee times or tee box sponsorship you can contact Sean Brosnan 087 2065133 | Maurice O Donoghue 087 6863269 | John Carroll 0879137000 | Niall Botty O Callaghan 0879497736 | Tim O Sullivan 087 917 2899



Pictured at the launch of the St Pauls Basketball Club Golf Classic
Front Row: Tim O Sullivan, Sean Brosnan, Mark Sheehan, Jack O Sullivan
Back Row: Padraig and Ruairi Weldon, Rui Saravia, Eoin Carroll, Darragh O Callaghan, Niall Botty O Callaghan, John Carroll.



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Kerry Project Shortlisted for 2025 National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Award



The Cancer Support Group's Healthlink Transport in County Kerry has been shortlisted for the Age Friendly Transport Award at the 2025 National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards, organised by Age Friendly Ireland. The project has been recognised for its outstanding contribution to creating inclusive, supportive communities where older people can live well, feel valued, and stay connected.

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Now in their ninth year, the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards shine a spotlight on the people, projects, and partnerships driving real change for older people in towns, cities, and rural areas right across Ireland. Each shortlisted initiative has

been selected for its impact, innovation, and potential to inspire similar efforts in other communities. Among the nationwide shortlisted projects are Gas Networks Ireland and Tirlán, who are both up for the Age Friendly Business Innovation Award.

This annual celebration is run by Age Friendly Ireland, the national body for Ireland's 31 Local Authorities, delivering the Government's vision of an Age Friendly Ireland.

The awards ceremony will take place on 23 October at The Galmont Hotel, Galway, jointly hosted by Galway City Council and Galway County Council.

Catherine McGuigan, Chief Officer of Age

Friendly Ireland, said: "Every year, the National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards highlight the very best of community innovation, collaboration, and commitment to improving the lives of older people. The shortlisted projects show what can be achieved when local authorities, communities, state agencies and individuals work together. We are delighted that this year's ceremony will be hosted by Galway's City and County Councils, and we extend our thanks to Leonard Cleary, Chief Executive of Galway City Council, and Liam Conneally, Chief Executive of Galway County Council, for their support in bringing this celebration to Galway."

The 2025 National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards will honour achievements across eight categories, each aligned with a World Health Organization (WHO) Age Friendly theme. These include awards for best in Age Friendly Transport; Active and Healthy Ageing; Business Innovation; Safety and Security; Communications; Environment; Community Innovation; and Housing.

Shortlisted projects were visited by the judging panel, which is chaired by Pat Dowling, former Chief Executive of Clare County Council; and includes Madeleine Quirke, former Chief Executive of Wexford Chambers; Ned Gleeson, former County Manager of Limerick County Council; and Anne Haugh, former Director of Services for Clare County Council.

An age-and-climate-friendly village in Kildare and a Halloween safety initiative by An Garda Síochána in Kerry were among the winners of the 2024 National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards. For more information about this year's awards and to learn about all the finalists, visit agefriendlyireland.ie.

A Life-Saving Milestone

Shane O'Connor Donates 100 Pints of Blood to Irish Blood Transfusion Board

Killarney man Shane O'Connor has reached an extraordinary milestone in giving back to his community, donating his 100th pint of blood to the Irish Blood Transfusion Board this week. His commitment to saving lives has not only earned admiration but could also have helped save up to 300 lives, according to estimates from the Board.

Shane began donating regularly more than two decades ago and over the years, he has become a familiar face at local donation clinics and a role model for consistent donors. Donors like Shane are the backbone of blood supply and Shane's selflessness has directly contributed to emergency treatments, surgeries, cancer care, and so much more."

To mark the occasion, Shane will be presented with a commemorative pin and certificate, and he's encouraging others to get involved. "Even one donation can make a massive difference," he said. "You never know whose life you might save."





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THE ROSE EVOLVES AND IT BLOOMS



2025 Rose of Tralee winner Katelyn Cummins working on a motor control circuit in the Wind Turbine Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship workshop at Kerry College Monavalley Campus. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD.

The usual suspects are dismissing the Rose in the usual manner. But this year's competition and its winner Co Laois apprentice electrician Katelyn Cummins, signals a new look.

Even so, I heard one female columnist dismiss it as "still the lovely girls" festival of Fr Ted era.

Group thinking and top down opinion with anyone afraid to step outside the stereotype is bedevilling the Irish media. One of columnist Alison O'Connor's big gripes about the Rose was that Gaza was not raised by any of the Roses. Well would it be okay in Alison's book to also have a Rose give the Israeli point of view?

The view of women in this society has matured and it is now possible to be useful and attractive and, yes, have a bit of craic.

People interested in art know this idea is not new: Over 100 years ago Roger Fry and the Bloomsbury group promoted the idea that household objects could be useful and beautiful and fun. So the dull brown milk jug gave way. Go into any hardware shop and you will see this carried through again in the revival of the coloured toaster.

Decades back the Rose of Tralee festival was very American, college educated, and dare I say a bit too assertive at times. But the show also opened

windows into new worlds for Irish women.

Then came the all too obvious "follow the trend"- the first gay rose, followed by the rose of colour etc.

This year something different happened. It was no longer predictable. The competition took a step in a lightbulb moment for the nation in the winner. "Very girly but one of the lads", is how electrician Katelyn described herself. And clearly very able.

It was a profound take on modern young Irish women and should spark a debate - they are not ornaments, neither are they unlovely girls either. And they are fun.

This year's festival answered a great need to celebrate women. It's less than two years since Leo and co tried and failed to take the words mother and woman out of the constitution, remember? Some of the same columnists who don't like roses were also screaming at us to vote yes.

THE GREEN LAWN IS FAR FROM MOWED DOWN

The saga of the controversial Green Lawn car park is far from over. A big question now hangs over the council as a whole as to why advice from the planning watchdog, the Office of the Planning Regulator, was not referred to. Kerry's only opposition TD Pa Daly, SF, has already raised the matter.

The OPR was set up after the planning scandals of the tiger era. It assesses all town development plans, and has the last word on planning. The development plan for Killarney was out for public comment because of proposed variations on parking and other matters. There were over 80 submissions and these will come before the council meeting in September.

One of the most important and earliest was from the OPR/ planning regulator.

To recap: In their variation the council stated "It is considered that there is sufficient car parking within the town, both on street and car parks, located within close proximity of the town

centre ... There is currently a public consultation process taking place for a Part 8 development of a car park off Mission Road."

The next line refers to the "objective" to build a multi-storey.

Back comes the regulator and effectively tells the council: You can't be building a new car park in Green Lawn and still want a multi-storey.

"The proposed Variation states there is sufficient car parking within the town based on current provision, and the development of an additional 139 car parking spaces off Mission Road has recently been the subject of public consultation in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations.

As such, the Office is concerned the provision of a multi-storey car park in Killarney is not supported On this basis, the Office considers that Objective (of the multi-storey) should be omitted."

The Regulator's advice was issued to Kerry County Council on July 12th.

This was before the two votes on the Green Lawn. It was not referred to at either meeting by either management or councillors. Should it have been is the question.

True, the submission wasn't specifically on the Part 8 planning process for the Green Lawn. But it was current and most assuredly relevant.

Councillors if they hadn't seen it on the website were sent all 80 plus submissions on 7th of August - that's almost a full week before they voted by a narrow majority to allow the green lawn car park. Should the OPR advice have been flagged as important and disclosed and discussed? That is the question.

Has a public multi-storey been sacrificed for a car park on private land that is only going to be leased? Once that lease is over or broken, there will be a fine exit onto Mission Road for any property developer for whatever high rise development they choose. And the whole town will still be left with wall to wall surface parking - And a more clogged than ever Mission Road which even the Gardai are upset about. That's my take on it.

THE OUTLOOK ON THE PRESIDENT

Clearly every national publication was waiting for the Outlook last week! Because there's a run on Bertie for president now since last Friday and the debate has shifted.

Every newspaper and radio station every day since the weekend is transfixed by will he won't he, Bertie.

Seán Kelly is not for giving up. And as a Munster man, with his back to the wall, why would he? The man is not for turning now that he has turned, having woken up to the advantages of being president, if you get me. Seán may yet take the shine off Heather's pearls. FF have no one charismatic - unless they go with likeable Bertie. Fianna Fail are encouraging Jim Gavin. But Jim is unlikely to get votes in Kerry or outside of Dublin if he decides to run. So we are back to the Fine Gael candidate as the most likely and will this be Heather or will it be Seán?

Michael Healy-Rae might yet have to remove his cap and bend the knee to Seán whom he effectively tried to scuttle by encouraging Heather to the fray. The fun has only started.

Of course, we could yet be landed with the very virtuous and sincere

Catherine Connolly who is utterly suspicious of the US, Europe, France the UK and most of the world. There would only be Moscow or Syria for Catherine. And since both are closed to us, we would save a fortune because President Catherine would be going on no foreign trips.



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Experience the Magic of Kerry Culture Night 2025

This year's Culture Night, which takes place nationally on Friday, September 19th, was launched on Thursday at County Buildings, Tralee. Pictured were: Roisin Mya Connolly, Hanna Pinckheard (Kerry County Council Arts Office), Frank Hartnett (Kerry County Council), Kate Kennelly (Arts Officer Kerry County Council), Cllr Michael Foley (Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council), Clive O'Callaghan (Kerry County Council Arts Office), Sinead Kavanagh (Mothú Street Spectacle) and Julie Ni Mhaol (Dingle Druid).

Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



On Friday, 19th September, Kerry comes alive as part of Ireland's nationwide celebration of arts and culture - Culture Night 2025. From music and theatre to visual arts and storytelling, over 50 free events will light up towns and villages across the county. It's a unique opportunity to explore Kerry's vibrant cultural scene on this special "One Night for All." Discover the full programme at CultureNight.ie/Kerry or arts.kerrycoco.ie

, and follow @KerryCoArts on social media for updates.

'Each year the artists and organisations that participate in Culture Night bring an exciting range of events to the people of Kerry,' stated Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Michael Foley. 'I encourage everyone to avail of the opportunity to enjoy the wealth of arts and culture we have in Kerry; these are an integral part of life in Kerry.'

To make this wonderful night happen, the Arts Office of Kerry County Council, supported by the Arts Council and Kerry County Council, issued an open call out in May, and by July had awarded over 48 events funding to be part of Culture Night 2025. 'The quality of submission is a clear reflection of the excellent arts and culture across Kerry,' stated Hannah Pinckheard, Assistant Arts Officer, and Culture Night Coordinator. 'Events include exhibitions, performances, talks, workshops, comedy,

theatre, film, music and much more.'

Some of the highlights to look out for in Killarney include the Aisling Ghobnait performance by MOTHÚ at College Square at 6.30pm and 'Poetry, Music, Dance and Drag' at the Government Offices, New Road.

Tralee will be host to 8 events in this year's programme. Síamsa Tíre will host a variety of events on the night including a screening of Poetry-films – a collaborative project between Kerry Writer in Residence and Filmmaker in Residence, Emer Fallon and Jesse Gilbert. Kerry School of Music will be open with Musicals with L.O.S.T beginning at 6.30pm.

The voices of North Kerry and beyond will be found at 'Ballybunion Voices: An Evening of Local Culture & Creativity' in Ballybunion Community Centre and 'Stories from Around the World' at the Kerry's Writers Museum. The night continues in Finuge with The Telling: A night of Music, Murmur & Reckoning at Teach Síamsa.

'Kerry County Council's Arts Service has been coordinating Culture Night in Kerry for over fifteen years,' advised Kate Kennelly, Arts Officer, Kerry County Council, 'and as Culture Night programmed events are free of charge, we encourage people to join us and enjoy this fabulous night!'. 'Each year brings new elements to the programme, and something for everyone.'

Castleisland - Corca Dhuibhne has a wealth of offerings inclusive of SECONDS, a play by Ciara O'Grady, returns to the County from its run at Edinburgh Fringe Festival for a performance at the Ivy Leaf Arts Centre in Castleisland. More performances are there to be found along the peninsula such as The MD project and Screachog Reille in Dingle and the BEEHIVE THEATRE's presentation of "The Vagina Monologues" by Eve Ensler in Tigh Uí Chatháin (Kane's) in Ballyferriter.

The Kenmare Municipal District has a large programme with twenty events across Caherciveen, Kenmare, and surrounding areas. Get creative in Killorglin with a selection of workshops on the night from painting pottery at the Pauline Bewick Collection, Library Place to developing your own photographs using the cyanotype printing method in The Fishery, or join the 'Write Night Workshop' at O'Grady's Bar. In Cahersiveen, ciarraí art nexus & ACARD have coordinated a Culture Night trail full of discovery. Begin the trail at Gunter's Pottery or join in at a point of interest on one of many stops along the way.

Full listing of events is available on www.culturenight.ie/kerry and a e-brochure will be available on art.kerrycoco.ie from next week, with Libraries throughout Kerry carrying printed versions in the coming weeks.

Great Southern Killarney Appoints Heiko Riebandt as Director of Culinary, Ahead of Arbour's September Launch

Great Southern Killarney has welcomed Heiko Riebandt as our new Director of Culinary just in time for the launch of our new restaurant, Arbour, this September.

Originally from Germany, Heiko has spent years perfecting his craft in some of Europe's best kitchens, from Michelin-starred restaurants to luxury hotels in Germany, Switzerland, and Ireland. Many people in Killarney will already know him from his six years as Executive Head Chef at the Killarney Park Hotel. Most recently, he returned from Austria, where he headed up the dining programme at the five-star superior

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The Sam Maguire Cup made a special appearance in Killarney this week as members of the victorious Kerry football team brought the iconic trophy to two venues.

Among the highlights of the visit was a stop at the Killarney Races, where fans and racegoers had the opportunity to meet their sporting heroes, Gavin White and Paudie Clifford and capture photos with the famous cup. The team received a warm welcome, with supporters of all ages eager to congratulate them on their All-Ireland success.

Adding a personal touch to the tour, team captain Gavin White and David Clifford, both teachers at St. Brendan's College, returned to the school to greet incoming first-year students. The visit was a proud moment for the school community, with staff and students alike celebrating the achievements of current and past pupils and members of the teaching staff at the school.

The Sam Maguire tour continues across the county in the coming weeks, as the Kerry team shares their victory with fans and communities throughout the Kingdom.



Hitting the right note at Killarney Races Musicians Darragh and Conor Breen take time out to meet and pose with Kerry players Paudie Clifford and Gavin White and The Sam Maguire Killarney Races.

Photo: Michael G. Kenny



Kerry Captain Gavin White, David Clifford and 'Sam' greeting some of the 1st Year students on their first day at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Monday.

Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Happy and dressed for the occasion...Daniel and Jason Sheahan boys from Killarney with Sam Maguire at The Killarney Races. Photography by Michael G Kenny



Stephen O'Donoghue and his grand daughter Kayla meet 'Sam' at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Kerry Captain Gavin White, David Clifford and 'Sam' greeting some of the 1st Year students on their first day at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Monday.

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Minister Patrick O'Donovan Launches 'Kerry Icons' Art Exhibition by Paul Egan



Patrick O'Donovan Minister for Arts, Culture, Communications, Media and Sport. Cllr Martin Grady (Mayor Killarney MD) Paul Egan Artist, Kate Kennelly (Kerry County Council Arts Officer) Cllr Tommy Cahill MCC and at launch of the Kerry Icons Exhibition launch at Government Buildings in New Road Killarney. Photos: Michael G Kenny

Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan, officially launched the Kerry Icons art exhibition by emerging visual artist Paul Egan on Tuesday morning at Government Buildings, New Road, Killarney. The launch, which took place at 10:30am on August 26, drew a strong public turnout, with attendees from across the county gathering to celebrate the unique collection of portraits paying tribute to Kerry's most influential figures. Hosted in partnership with Kerry County Council, the exhibition will remain open to the public until September 23.

Now 22, Paul Egan has rapidly gained attention for his signature graffiti realism style, creating near-photorealistic portraits using aerosol spray paint on recycled materials. In Kerry Icons, he presents 50 striking portraits of individuals who have shaped the cultural, sporting, and social landscape of the county. Each piece is painted on repurposed vinyl records sourced from local charity shops.

Among the subjects featured are literary giants John B. Keane and Peig Sayers, GAA legends David Clifford and Mary Jo Curran, and internationally acclaimed actors such as Jessie Buckley and Michael Fassbender.

Speaking at the launch, Egan said: "This collection celebrates those who have shaped Kerry's identity. It honours both well-known and forgotten heroes who've made a lasting impact locally and beyond."

The exhibition is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, and admission is free.



Paul Egan artist pictured with Dance World Cup medal winner Katarina Roberts who was also one of his subjects for the "Kerry Icons" exhibition which was launched in Government Buildings New Road Killarney by Patrick O'Donovan Minister for Arts, Culture, Communications, Media and Sport.



Cllr Martin Grady (Mayor Killarney MD) and artist Paul Egan at the launch of Paul's exhibition "Kerry Icons" in Government Buildings on New Road Killarney.



At the Paul Egan "Kerry Icons" exhibition launch at Government Buildings in New Road in Killarney, Ciara Kelliher, Noreen Keane, Paula Burke, Maragaret Joy, Laura Collins.



Patrick O'Donovan Minister for Arts, Culture, Communications, Media and Sport officially opens the exhibition of "Kerry Icons" by Paul Egan (pictured right)

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Susan presented over 100 footballs to all those who attended the 4-day camp which saw boys and girls from 5 years to 12 years coached by a number of the clubs' coaches which also culminated with a visit of Sam Maguire

Chairman of Kilcummin Philip O'Connor said that the partnership with Keanes was crucial for the development and growth of the Kilcummin underage section for both boys and girls with the ever-increasing number of players.

"The Academy is really growing year on year and it's so crucial that we have a good local firm like Keanes Jewellers partnering with us. This year their investment has given us the opportunity to give each child that attended our inaugural Kilcummin GAA underage camp their own football following 4 days of great coaching," Mr O' Connor said. Keanes Jewellers which was established in 1948 by Patrick Keane have shops in Cork, Limerick and Killarney employing over 60 staff.



Keanes Store Manager for Killarney Susan Moriarty helping Kilcummin Juvenile Chairperson Philip O Connor, Julie Ann Lane and Maureen Fleming deliver over 100 footballs to Kilcummin GAA Academy



Susan Moriarty of Keanes Jewellers getting plenty help from Kilcummin GAA Academy members



McCarthy's of Clydagh Celebrate Family Gathering in Killarney

August 23rd marked a special occasion for the McCarthy family, as over 100 members gathered at the Castle Heights Hotel in Killarney to celebrate their shared heritage and deep roots in the Clydagh Valley. Family members traveled from various parts of the world to attend the reunion, which honoured the family's long history in the region. The McCarthys first arrived in the Clydagh Valley in the 1770s, and their legacy continues to thrive generations later.

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Members of the Retired Nurses Association Kerry Branch on a recent tour of Killarney House guided by Bernadette McMahon who was very informative. Paintings by Tralee Artists were also on display.



Congratulations to Sarah McMahon who graduated from UL with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. Sarah will continue with her studies in UL for a further year to gain a law degree. She is pictured with parents Fiona and Stefan McMahon.



Kerry Captain Gavin White, David Clifford and 'Sam' greeting some of the 1st Year students on their first day at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Student JJ Landers and his Mother Liz from Glenflesk is greeted by Kerry Captain Gavin White and Sam on his first day in St Brendan's College, Killarney on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin




Aibhlín Mc Crann, Cathaoirleach of Harp Ireland, chatting with master craftsman harp maker, Tim O'Carroll of Killarney Harps. Showcasing the finest harpists and craftsmen as part of Heritage Week celebration 'Harps for Heritage' on Sunday afternoon at Muckross school house, Killarney National Park. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Nigel West family relative of Charlotte Brontë author of Jane Eyre. Mayor of Killarney Cllr Martin Grady, Dolores Lyre Artist and Jamie Power General Manager of the Great Southern Hotel Killarney where Charlotte Brontë stayed during her honeymoon when visiting Killarney. Nigel West is part of the Brontë Brithplace Thornton Trust, the house where the author Charlotte Brontë was born now An educational and cultural centre for the local community.

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Killarney Races



Judges Lisa Jordan and James Patrice at the O'Donoghue Ring Collection Best Dressed Competition at Killarney Races.
Pic Michael Mac Sweeney

Sunshine, style, and spirited crowds set the scene at this year's Kerry Races, as attendance soared, up an impressive 30% on last year's end-of-summer meeting. Racegoers from across Ireland flocked to Killarney to revel in the unique blend of thrilling horse racing, eye-catching fashion, and rich tradition that defines one of the country's most beloved race destinations. With more than 80 years of racing heritage, the August Festival once again cemented its place as a standout event on Ireland's sporting and social calendar, drawing both seasoned enthusiasts and first-time visitors eager to experience the electric atmosphere trackside.

The calibre of horses and jockeys on display drew a large crowd, with thrilling races keeping everyone on the edge of their seats. From the moment gates opened, the track was alive with energy, the sound of hooves on turf blending with laughter, cheers, and the occasional clink of champagne (or pint) glasses! Adding extra sparkle, the O'Donoghue Ring Collection Best Dressed Day brought fashion and flair to the forefront, with more than 3,000 racegoers stepping out in their finest outfits.

Judges James Patrice and Lisa Jordan had the tough task of narrowing the crowd to twenty finalists, carefully considering each eye-catching look. Roving fashion and fun reporter Brenda Dennehy, aka Brenda Bits on Instagram, mingled with the crowd, capturing moments of style, laughter, and playful Raceday spirit, making sure no stylish detail went unnoticed.

In the Ladies' Best Dressed category, local talent shone brightest as Killarney's own Bláthnaid Leen claimed the title in a striking two-piece Acle outfit with sculptural ruffle details that drew admiration from all corners of the course. On the men's side, Sean O'Donovan from Ballincollig, in Cork, impressed in a bold pink suit, complemented with navy accessories and a sentimental brooch belonging to his grandmother, a personal



Winners Bláthnaid Leen from Killarney and Sean O'Donovan from Ballincollig in the O'Donoghue Ring Collection Best Dressed Competition at Killarney Races
Picture: Michael Mac Sweeney/Provision

touch that captured the hearts of onlookers. Both winners were presented with a luxury three-night stay with activities at the Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa, courtesy of Brian Lawlor, Group General Manager of the O'Donoghue Ring Collection.

"We are absolutely delighted with the turnout. Racing is so important to the local community and brings so much to the town, it's wonderful to see it going from strength to strength", Karl McCay, General Manager of the racecourse, told Killarney Outlook.

Café du Parc added a glamorous touch with its trackside cocktail

bar in collaboration with Veuve Clicquot Champagne and Cinco Patricio's Tequila. As the sun set, celebrations continued at the afterparty with Nicole Lonergan on fiddle, Darragh O'Rourke on percussion, and DJ Stephen Howard keeping the energy high well into the evening.

Looking ahead, the racecourse is preparing for its Autumn Racing Festival this October, promising another weekend of top-class racing, stylish attendees, and the unmistakable atmosphere that makes Kerry racing a must-visit destination.



Bláthnaid Leen from Killarney is announced winner in the O'Donoghue Ring Collection Best Dressed Competition at Killarney Races.
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Brian Lawlor, Group General Manager congratulates winner Sean O'Donovan taking part in the O'Donoghue Ring Collection Best Dressed Competition at Killarney Races. Pic Michael Mac Sweeney/Provision

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Organised by Archie's family and supporters, the event aims to honour his memory while raising much-needed funds for UMHL Neonatal Unit and UHL Children's Resuscitation Unit, in partnership with the John Brady Memorial Run. Doors open at 6:00pm, with bingo starting promptly at 7:30pm. Attendees can look forward to a vibrant evening of entertainment and giving back, with €4,000 in guaranteed prize money up for grabs.

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The community is warmly invited to come together for what promises to be a heartfelt and memorable evening in Archie's honour.

ARCHIES STORY

Stacey Lockyear and Mark Kennedy, a grieving couple from Limerick, are turning their unimaginable loss into a mission of hope and gratitude. Following the tragic passing of their baby boy, Archie, just three days before Christmas, the couple has launched a fundraising initiative in his memory to support the Limerick Maternity Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and University Hospital Limerick's (UHL) Children's Resuscitation Unit.

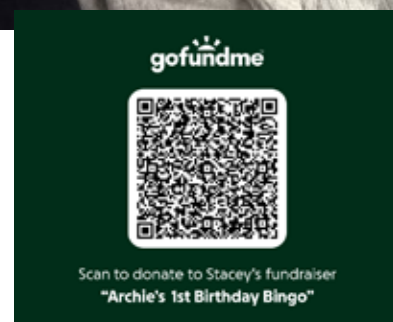
Archie Kennedy was born prematurely on 1st September 2024 at just 28 weeks and 6 days, weighing a tiny 2lb 2oz. His early arrival was due to Stacey being diagnosed with pre-eclampsia just days earlier. From the moment he was born, Archie faced significant medical challenges. For 85 days, he remained in the care of the NICU at Limerick Maternity Hospital, bravely fighting chronic lung disease, anaemia, and sepsis.

Despite his fragile condition, Archie showed remarkable strength. He required continuous breathing support until shortly before his discharge. On 25th November 2024, after nearly three months in hospital, Archie was finally able to go home to meet his adoring big brother, Jack, who had only previously seen Archie once during a special visit allowed by NICU staff.

Sadly, Archie's time at home was short-lived. On 7th December, he became unwell and was admitted to the Rainbow Ward at UHL with flu symptoms. After six nights in hospital, he returned home on 13th December. However, just over a week later, on 21st December, Stacey noticed Archie's breathing had become laboured. Despite a swift response by paramedics and hospital staff, Archie's condition deteriorated rapidly.

He was intubated and prepared for transfer to Temple Street Hospital, but his condition worsened en route. The transfer was aborted, and Archie was brought back to UHL. In the early hours of 22nd December 2024, Archie tragically passed away in the arms of his heartbroken parents, Stacey and Mark.

In the midst of their grief, Stacey and Mark are determined to give back to the medical teams who supported Archie throughout his short life. They are now raising funds for the NICU



that cared for him from birth, and the Children's Resuscitation Unit at UHL, where he received critical emergency care.

"We will truly never be able to repay all the healthcare professionals who cared for Archie," the couple shared. "But we would love to show our gratitude by raising as much as possible to help other families who may find themselves in a similar situation to ours."

The couple has planned a series of fundraising events and are encouraging the public to get involved. Whether through donations or by attending the events, any support would mean the world to them.

In honouring Archie's memory, Stacey and Mark hope to bring light and support to others facing similar heartbreak and to give back to the institutions that gave them precious time with their son.

Killarney Connections Take Centre Stage as Band 3 on the Bund Announce Nationwide Irish Tour



Two musicians with deep roots in Killarney will return home this October as part of a nationwide tour with the acclaimed modern Irish trad group, 3 on the Bund.

Rebecca McCarthy-Kent, the band's fiddler originally from Waterford, and Seán Kelliher, guitarist and Fossa native are now living in Firies, and are excited to bring their music back to Kerry. Having spent the past few years touring across Europe, the US, and Asia, the duo are looking forward to performing in front of a home crowd.

The group will play six shows across Ireland, including a special Kerry date at the Dúchas Comhaltas Centre in Tralee on October 9th.

3 on the Bund are known for their vibrant, contemporary take on traditional Irish music, fusing intricate arrangements with global influences. Their fresh approach has earned them a growing international following and a reputation as one of the most exciting trad groups on the scene today.



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THE LIFE AND TIMES OF SR. MARY LUCEY

This week on Radio Kerry's Saturday Supplement, Frank Lewis explores the remarkable life and work of Sr. Mary Lucey, recipient of the Zambian President's Special Award, reflecting on her 31 years of dedicated service in Zambia.

Building three villages, bringing two 40 foot containers filled with second hand bicycles and sewing machines, feeding the hungry, building schools, were all part of the work of Sr Mary Lucey's years in Zambia. In May Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema presented Mary with the country's highest honour, the President's Insignia of Mercy. The story of Sr Mary's 31 years in Zambia will be told on Radio Kerry on Saturday August 30 from 9 to 11 am.

Sr Mary's work was inspired by experiences growing up in Rathcoole in Co Cork from 1944 to 1962 on her family's 40 acre farm where the programme was recorded and her life as a Presentation sister since 1962 teaching in Dingle for 23 years and in Millstreet for three. All of that prepared for working in Zambia from 1992 to 2023. She is now retired in the Presentation Convent in Castleisland.

On the Radio Kerry programme Frank Lewis is guided by Mary Lucey and also joined by the Irish Ambassador to Zambia for five years Seamus O'Grady, Fr Ger Godley who worked in Kenya for six years, Mary's brother-in-law Tadhg O'Flynn and her niece Deirdre Foley.

When Mary arrived in Zambia in 1992 there was famine. The challenges included making sorghum grain imported from Canada palatable. Hammermills were bought. As well seed was provided, fruit trees that were more drought tolerant were planted. In time a tractor was bought with €20,000 raised by family and friends.

The growing up memory that nothing was wasted encouraged a call out for old bicycles, sewing machines and all sorts of domestic and educational materials. Organised and funded by family and friends. Two forty foot ship's containers were crammed full helping to make family life easier and create new sources of income.

Shelter was the next challenge. Over 20 years three villages, each of 8 houses, were built. Materials for the first village were funded by ACC (the Agricultural Credit Corporation). The second village was financed by women Sr Mary bumped into in the US. The third was paid for by the parish of Harrogate in Yorkshire where Mary's brother Donal was Parish priest.

To qualify for a house families had to make



This memorial stone along the side of the road reminds people living in Rathcoole of part of their story. Remembering the hard work and hope she experienced growing up here inspired Sr Mary Lucey's 31 years working in Zambia



Children of Pemba with visitors from the Parish of Harrogate who funded the materials for building the third village – with the finished houses in the background.

3,500 hand moulded fired bricks, help with the building, dig a well for each village and promise to send their children to school. When a shovel went missing all work stopped until it was returned. All houses now have solar powered electricity funded by friends and visitors. Inspired by the co-operatively owned milk collection service in Rathcoole the three villages are run by a co-operative owned by the tenants of all of the houses.

Sr Mary remembers how her parents believed the education of their children was the way to a better life. In Zambia she built two schools and a new wing on the secondary school. Mary continues to fund some students to third level and other educational initiatives in Zambia.

Support for 31 years of Sr Mary Lucey's work in Zambia will be broadcast on Radio Kerry from 9 to 11 on Saturday August 30 on 97fm and worldwide on www.radiokerry.ie and will be on podcast on the same web site (podcasts/ Saturday Supplement 30/8/35) from the following Tuesday.



Sr. Mary Cooking Christmas Dinner for nine in Pemba in Zambia.



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Kerry and Cork winners, Steal the Spotlight at the O'Donoghue Ring Collection

Best Dressed Day

The O'Donoghue Ring Collection was thrilled to partner with the Killarney Races as title sponsor of the highly anticipated "O'Donoghue Ring Collection Best Dressed Day." The event was a captivating blend of fashion, elegance, and exhilarating racing.

As the home to Killarney's most iconic and long-standing hotels, bars, and restaurants including the Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa, Killarney Avenue Hotel, and Killarney Towers Hotel & Leisure Centre the Collection celebrated the energy of the August Racing Festival, while also admiring the thoughtfully curated outfits worn by both ladies and men.

The day's glamour was elevated further by the presence of two of Ireland's leading lifestyle personalities, James Patrice and Lisa Jordan, who took centre stage as head judges for the Best Dressed competition. Their expert eye and passion for fashion made them the perfect pair to select the standout looks from over 3,000 attendees, ultimately narrowing it down to just twenty finalists on the day.

Winner of the ladies, Best Dressed, Bláthnaid Leen, a proud local from Killarney, was crowned winner of the O'Donoghue Ring Collection Best Dressed Competition. Bláthnaid turned heads in



Mary O'Sullivan

a stunning two-piece co-ord by the Australian brand Adler, featuring a sculptural ruffle top designed with dramatic, petal-like details.

Meanwhile, Sean O'Donovan from Ballincollig, Co. Cork, claimed the males Best Dressed prize in a bold pink suit, accessorised with a navy hat, tie, and shoes. The personal touch came from his grandmother's brooch, which added a sentimental twist to his raceday look.

Both winners were presented with their prizes by Brian Lawlor, Group General Manager of the O'Donoghue Ring Collection, as part of their well-deserved luxury prize, a three-night stay full of activities at the Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa.

Café du Parc brought an extra touch of glamour to the day with its exclusive pop-up bar trackside, serving bespoke cocktails in collaboration with Veuve Clicquot Champagne and Cinco Patricio's Tequila.

The afterparty, held at Café du Parc, was the perfect end to an unforgettable day, with live entertainment from dynamic duo Nicole Lonergan on acoustic & electric fiddle, the percussive talents of Darragh O'Rourke, and the energetic beats of DJ Stephen Howard.



Mairead O'Leary, Elaine O'Sullivan, Miriam Dennehy and Marie Murphy



Best Dressed finalists enjoying cocktails at Café du Parc's Pop Up Van trackside



Edwina Gavin, Sarah Higgins and Liam O'Hanlon



Kellie Crean and Josephine McCarthy

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Ballyhar Dynamos FC Celebrates 50 Years of Community, Football, and Legacy

Ballyhar Dynamos FC marked a major milestone last Sunday, 24th August, as the club celebrated its 50th anniversary with a fun-filled family day at their home grounds, Murt Scott Park.

Founded in 1976, the club played its first Kerry District League game in October of that year. Since then, Ballyhar Dynamos has remained a constant presence in local football, a remarkable achievement for a small rural club that started at a time when soccer wasn't yet widely embraced in Ireland. The club's longevity and success are a testament to the tireless efforts of its members, both past and present. From humble beginnings, Ballyhar Dynamos has grown steadily, now boasting close to 300 members ranging from under-6s to senior players.

Sunday's celebration was a reflection of the club's inclusive and community-driven spirit. The free family fun day,

held from 12pm to 4pm, featured face painting, an underage blitz, and a wide range of activities for all ages. Local vendors were on hand serving coffee, ice cream, and hot food, while the club shop ensured supporters could pick up memorabilia and gear.

The highlight of the day was a special ceremony honouring the founding members of the club, followed by a much-anticipated 'Legends' game. Former players of all generations laced up their boots once more, crossing the white line to represent Ballyhar in a friendly match full of nostalgia and pride.

It was heartening to see such a strong turnout from the local community, with many generations coming together to celebrate not only the history of Ballyhar Dynamos, but also the vital role it continues to play in the lives of so many.

Here's to the next 50 years!



Laoibhse and Roise Hogan.



Miriam and Jerry O'Donoghue Ballyhar directing traffic..



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The three musketeers: Gerard O'Connor, Brendan Keogh and Paud O'Donoghue.



The Winners Enclosure!



Youths Medal Presentation.

L to R : David Daly Jnr, Edmond Kerrisk, David Daly Snr. and John Joe Dowd.



L to R: Shelia O'Shea, Mary O'Donoghue, Noreen O'Connor, Catherine Kerrisk.



James Daly pictured with Donal O'Donoghue.



Owen Nealon manfully manning the main entrance.

Jerry Fitzgerald marshalling events on Sunday.



Tony O'Connor, Rathcommane pictured with his wife Mairead.



L to R: Donie Teahan, Tom Kerrisk, Edmond Kerrisk, Michael O'Donoghue, Paudie O'Donoghue, Timmy Teahan, Tommy O'Leary, Des O'Connor.

Plenty of action on the Astro Turf Pitch.



The Battle of the Legends!!!



Bullseye!!



It takes a lot of "lotta" to run this Club!



The Ballyhar Club House.

RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O'Mahony

301 CLUB

301 Club membership now open for 2025/2026. Renew your membership now. New Members welcome. €10,000 worth of prizes won to date. Don't miss out - Contact a committee member. Details on Community Council Facebook page. All proceeds to Rathmore community council

SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €202 and the winner was Grace O'Hare. 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.

Your support is greatly supported and all funds will go towards our new proposed community facility. We would like to thank our local businesses, shops and pubs who continue to support our project and thanks too to everybody who purchases tickets every week.

BINGO at Rathmore community centre every Friday at 8-30 at St. Mary's Parish Hall, will be held on Thursdays@ 8.30pm

KNOCKNAGREE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP CLG will hold their annual Church Gate Collection on the Saturday the 30th of August in Knocknagree. Your support is greatly appreciated.

SYMPATHIES to the niece, nephews, neighbours & friends of Julia O'Callaghan, Knockdurath, Headford whose funeral Mass took place in Rathmore on Wednesday 20th August. Julia was laid to rest Kilquane Cemetery. May Julia rest in peace

FUNDING

Following ongoing representations, Cllr Maura Healy Rae and Danny Healy Rae TD welcome the funding from TII of €49,000 to lay a new culvert



Congratulations to Neil Thompson, Rathmore who reached the finals of the community games 1500m run. It was a very competitive final and Neil was very unlucky not to be in the Medals. A great achievement to reach the final for Neil who was representing Rathmore Gneeveguilla and Kerry Community Games.

across the N72 going into Gorthaneboy Rathmore to alleviate flooding for the local residents. They made strong representations on behalf of the residents regarding this following flooding in the area.

KERRY PETROLEUM SENIOR CLUB FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 3

Full Time: Rathmore : 2-15 (21) Spa: 2-10 (16)

SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

BLITZ

This Saturday 30th August at Spa GAA Club we are delighted to host a Boys & Girls U8s and U10s Blitz, starting at 12pm. There will be plenty for the whole family to enjoy, including a bake sale organised by our fantastic Mothers & Others team. Come along, support the stars of the future, and be part of a great community day out. Your support is greatly appreciated!

SPA LOTTO 25/8/25 RESULTS

Numbers drawn: 14, 17, 25, 26. No jackpot winner. Lucky dips €50 each: Mary O'Donoghue, Online; William Lenihan; Dan Morris, c/o Brendan Cronin; Mariya Casey & Zoe O'Connor. Next week's draw is on Monday 1 Sept @ 9pm for a jackpot of €6,000

SENIOR LADIES

The Spa Senior Ladies opened their Bon Secours Junior A Championship campaign this morning when they travelled to Ballymacelligott.

It was a very warm day with a strong wind going down the length of the pitch. Spa won the toss and chose to play with the wind. Ballymacelligott opened the score line but Spa quickly followed with a point from a well taken free by Saoirse Kelly who captained Spa in place of the injured Ciara

Moynihan. This score seem to settle Spa and they took full advantage of the wind at their backs and finished the first half in the lead with a score of 1-05 to 0-02 thanks to a excellent goal from Ciara O'Sullivan in the 19th minute. Ballymacelligott had their chances too but hit 7 wides in the first half.

The second half was the same old cliché of "a game of two halves" as Ballymacelligott came out of the dressing rooms on a mission and took some lovely scores while also keeping Spa scoreless until the 51st minute (a free by Saoirse Kelly), but Ballymac continued to play lovely fast attacking football and their subs had a strong impact in the game especially Cora Savage. Lottie Maher coming off injured early in the second half was a blow for Spa and players tired a little in the hot weather towards the end but all in all it was a very strong display from Spa against an excellent Ballymacelligott side. The final score was 1-11 to 1-07 to Ballymacelligott. Spa will next play Laune Rangers on Sunday 7th September at home in Spa at 12 noon.

NOTES

Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411

8 IMRO National Radio Award Nominations for Radio Kerry

Radio Kerry has been shortlisted in 8 categories for the 2025 IMRO National Radio Awards. The shortlisted nominations are :

Specialist Music Programme – JJ O Shea
Irish Music Programme or Initiative – Niamh Daly, New Moves
News Story – The Disappearance of Michael Gaine
Short Feature – Heritage Hunters, Elaine

Kinsella
Interactive Speech Programme – Talkabout, Deirdre Walsh
Specialist Music Broadcaster – JJ O Shea
Sports Broadcaster Local/ Regional – Tim Moynihan
Newcomer – Yuliia Riabova

Congratulating all the nominees, Fiona Stack, Radio Kerry's General Manager, expressed the

station's gratitude to everyone who worked on this year's entries. She said Radio Kerry is very proud of all the output across the year on Radio Kerry and she acknowledged the work on all of the entries submitted for this year's awards, shortlisted or not.



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GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Best of luck to our Senior team and management as they take on Legion in the Quarter Final of the Intermediate Club Championship this Saturday at 4pm in Legion.

COMMUNITY GAMES

Well done to Kaylee Lynch who competed in the U8 60m at the National Finals last weekend. Kaylee came through her heat and semi final and narrowly missed out on a place in a very competitive final so a fantastic achievement for her.

O'BRIENS SHOP

Congratulations to Denis and Geraldine O'Brien who have recently taken a well deserved break from O'Brien's shop. On behalf of everyone in Glenflesk GAA, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Denis and Geraldine for the many years of generosity and support you have shown to our club and community. We'll certainly miss the friendly chat and craic that was a customary part of every visit to the shop! We wish you both years of health and happiness in this next chapter of your lives. Best wishes

also to the new management.

LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on the 19th August. Jackpot €3,000. Numbers drawn 4, 7, 11, 24. Consolation prizes of €50: Caroline and Tara Fleming c/o Centra. Maria Buckley (Sellers Prize). Maureen Lynch, Gneeveguilla. Noreen Moynihan, Shronedraugh. Next draw will take place on 1st September. Jackpot will be €3,200. Thanks to all who support our Lotto & to Diarmuid Lynch Plumbing & Heating Ltd for sponsoring our tickets.

HEGARTY IRISH DANCE

Irish dancing classes, Glenflesk Hall, Mondays. Beginners 5 - 6pm. Intermediate to advanced 6 - 7.30pm. To book your place please contact Lisa Hegarty 087 6403828.

NOTES

If you would like anything added in the notes, please email to pro.glenflesk.kerry@gaa

BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

FIXTURE

On Sunday next 31st August in The Kerry Petroleum Intermediate Football Club Championship Quarter-final Beaufort play Fossa in Beaufort @4pm. Hopefully a big local crowd will attend to cheer on the team.

RESULTS OF RECENT GAMES

Intermediate Men's Club Football Championship Beaufort 3-18 Kerins O'Rahillys 0-15

Intermediate Ladies Club Football Championship

Corcha Dhuibhne 1-9 Beaufort 3-7

U13 girls were unlucky to lose to Kerins O'Rahillys in Ballyrickard @6pm.

U14 boys lost out by the bare minimum to Listry in East Region League played in Beaufort.

GAA LOTTO

There was no winner of Jackpot of €7,200 on 17th August. Consolation Prize Winners as follows: €80 Paul Neary, Coolmagort.

€50 each Paudie Coffey, Cullina Upper, Margaret O'Connor, Owenagarry and Gavin Miller, Faha. The next Draw is on Sunday next, 31st August for a Jackpot of €7,400. Tickets are available in local shops, bars and usual sellers. It can also be done online www.beaufortgaa.com. Thank you for your continued support.

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

Aug 24th 2025. Jackpot €11,500. Numbers Drawn: 14, 20, 21, 24. Not Won. €100 Annette Garland. €50 Gemma Cirillo Laharn (online). €50 Catriona Booth (O Shea), Lahard. €25 Breda Moriarty, Muckcross. €25 Saibh Reidy,, Listry (online)

SENIORS

Best of luck to our senior team and management in the Kerry Petroleum

Premier Junior Championship Quater finals, Listry V Ardfert, Sun Aug 31st @ 2pm

U8

U8 boys and girls have blitz next Saturday in Spa.

U14

East Kerry final Listry v Kilgarvan scheduled for Sept 2nd

Castleisland Students Celebrate Leving Cert Results

There was a wonderful atmosphere in Castleisland Community College last Friday morning with the Leaving Certificate students of 2025 returning to meet their former teachers and staff. Despite the fact that the results are now available on line and can be viewed at home, the former students decided to visit the school to meet their friends and liaise with school staff. It showcased the wonderful relationships and atmosphere that exists in the school. Principal Máiréad Corridan commented: 'Their results were excellent and it is a testament to their hard work and dedication along with the high quality of teaching and learning that takes place in the school. 50% of the students achieved over 400 points, 25% achieved over 500 points and 10% over 550 points. A special mention to Caitríona Murphy who achieved the top result of 7 H1 grades. Caitríona has thus been awarded the maximum Leaving Certificate points of 625 due to her outstanding results. We wish all our students success and happiness in their next journey in life.'



Tara Kerin, Ella Killington, Mollie Mahony and Shauna Mc Carthy.



Caitríona Murphy who achieved the top result of 7 H1 grades.



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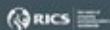
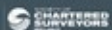


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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

KILCUMMIN CCE

We are holding an end of year celebration to mark the phenomenal success of our members at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann recently and also to acknowledge the wider participation and success of our members at various levels throughout the past year. This celebration will take place on Saturday August 30th in Kilcummin GAA Clubhouse at 8.15pm. All our musicians, singers and dancers are invited to participate on the night and join Neily O'Connor for a night of celebration.

MORIARTY SCHOOL OF MUSIC & DANCE

Moriarty School of Music & Dance would like to congratulate all our members who achieved wonderful success at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in Wexford recently and to say well done to everyone who performed throughout the year. A big thank you to the Recreational Hall Committee and the RD Office for making their venues available to us, also to Kilcummin PO for their assistance.

IRISH COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Irish countrywomen's association returns on September 3rd in Rural Development office at 8pm. Monthly meeting arrange a speaker on different topics. Craft classes every other Wednesday night with knitting and crochet. For further details, please, contact Eileen on 087 6932201.

KILCUMMIN PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Kilcummin parent's association quiz will take place in Kilcummin GAA Club on Friday, September 5th at 7.30pm. Adult Teams €40, Primary/Secondary €20. Raffle tickets €2 or 3 for €5. Lots of prizes on the night. All welcome.

KERRY EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD

Free computer classes will be provided in Tralee by Kerry Education and Training Board, from the middle of September to the middle of December (one two-hour class per week). Classes are at all levels, from absolute beginner to QQI Level 3. To inquire, please phone Ed on 086 074 9786 or email traleeabe@staff.kerryetb.ie

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KILCUMMIN GAA By Donal Barry PRO

SENIORS

Kilcummin secured a home quarter final in the Kerry Petroleum Club Championship Intermediate Championship following an impressive second half performance which saw us defeat Fossa on Sunday in front of a packed house. James Foley's side who will now face Listowel next Saturday evening August 30th at Kilcummin (6pm throw in), trailed at the break 0-8 to 0-7 made the better of the conditions in the second half as they went on to secure a 0-22 to 0-10 win. Matt Keane and Philip O'Leary impressed with 0-11 between them but more significant was the spread of scorers which saw 10 different players all register at least a score. Make sure to come out and support the lads on Saturday in what is a very open Intermediate championship. Also a big thank you to all the volunteers that helped out for the game with a bigger crowd than normal it was heartening to see all the extra help from roadside stewards, to gate stewards to those helping parking the cars. It was also all hands on deck in the shop and the club appreciates all the great help.

UNDER 16 BOYS

Congratulations to the under 16B players and management after a fantastic display in the Under 16 Division 10 County League final which saw Kilcummin crowned champions after a 3-14 to 4-5 win at Austin Stack Park. Goals by Eamonn O'Donoghue, Briain Maguire and Dean Moynihan helped ensure the win in which the team gave an all-round impressive performance. A massive well done to the players and management for such a great display

UNDER 14 BOYS

The very best of luck to the Under 14B boys team that take on Fries on Friday evening at 6.30pm in the East Kerry Division 4 Final. The game will take place in Kilcummin.

UNDER 10'S

Our Kilcummin U10s once again showcased the strength of Kerry football as the only Kerry club competing against top teams in the annual Donie Harris / Oliver Barriscale U10 Football Tournament 2025 in Douglas with 32 teams in total taking part in the blitz from across Cork. Despite challenging conditions with back-to-back games late in the day and very hot conditions – both Kilcummin 1 & 2 teams showed incredible strength, teamwork, passion and skill throughout the blitz.

SENIOR LADIES

Well done to our Senior ladies who had good win on Sunday over Beale in Ballybunion in the first round of the Junior B championship winning out 3-11 to 3-2.

UNDER 16 LADIES

Kilcummin ran out 7-7 to 5-6 winners over Kerins O Rahillys in the County Under 16 Division 3 semi-final. The Tralee side led until the final 10 minutes of a frantic encounter before Rebecca O'Connell led the way with a fantastic goal to set up for a grandstand finish before a Tara Cronin goal ensured the win. We now look forward to final next week.

UNDER 15 LADIES

Well done to Melissa O Connor, Rebecca O Connell and Ella Kate Pigott who participated in the County U15 PDP Blitz in Caherslee Tralee on Sunday evening

Under 13 Ladies

Well done to our U13 players Aoibhinn O'Leary, Emma Coffey, Isla Cronin, Jasmine O'Riordan, Leagh O'Connor & Nessa Brosnan who played with East Kerry/Kenmare PDP in the Munster Blitz in Mallow on Saturday. Maria Murphy was a coach for the teams and Caroline O'Leary was FLO.

GAA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 25th August for the Jackpot of €3,500. Numbers drawn were 03,09,17,28. Consolation prizes of €50 went Mike Leary, Knocklebede, Brenda Murphy, Coolick, Irene O'Donoghue, Padraig, Anna & David Lenihan. Our next draw will be on Monday 08th September for Jackpot of €3,750.

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LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 22th August 2025 of the Jackpot €10,000. Numbers drawn were 04,09,15,16. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Siobhán O'Sullivan, Michael Pigott, Séan, Elaine & Gearóid Kerins, Patie Nagle. The next draw will be on Friday 29th August for Jackpot of €10,200.



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By Dermot Cronin,
Financial Advisor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Muscle Recovery & Repair: During deep sleep, the body releases growth hormone, which is crucial for muscle repair and adaptation after workouts. Poor sleep slows recovery and increases injury risk.

Energy & Strength: Lack of sleep reduces glycogen storage in muscles, meaning less fuel for training. Studies show strength, endurance, and speed all decline when sleep is insufficient.

Focus & Coordination: Sleep deprivation impairs motor skills, reaction time, and concentration, making workouts feel harder and increasing risk of mistakes or injury.

Hormone Regulation:

Leptin (satiety hormone): Decreases with poor sleep - you feel less satisfied after eating.

Ghrelin (hunger hormone): Increases with poor sleep - you feel hungrier, especially for high-carb, sugary foods.

Metabolism: Lack of sleep can reduce insulin sensitivity, making it harder for your body to process carbohydrates and increasing fat storage.

Cravings & Choices: Tired brains are more likely to crave quick, high-calorie foods and skip workouts.

Ok so HOW much sleep do you need?

Most adults need **7-9 hours per night** for optimal performance and weight regulation. Consistency matters: going to bed and waking up at the same time supports circadian rhythm and hormone balance.

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- an eye appearing to drift inwards or outwards;
- difficulty concentrating;
- headaches;
- sitting too close to the television; or
- rubbing their eyes a lot.

The condition 'lazy eye' can run in the family, so if someone in your family has either an eye turn ('squint') or suffers from reduced vision in one or both eyes ('amblyopia'), it's a good idea to take any related children for a sight test.

What is vision screening?

Some children have their vision screened at school – this is usually a basic test, designed to pick up children who have reduced vision in one or both eyes. If a problem is suspected, children will usually be referred for a full sight test.

What is a sight test?

A sight test is a

comprehensive check which can pick up many conditions, including colour vision defects, problems with the development of 3D vision and any need for glasses. Taking children for sight tests from an early age helps to build good eye health habits into adulthood.

What can I do if I don't want my child to wear glasses?

Some parents avoid taking their children for a sight test, because they do not want them to wear glasses

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Round One confirms that grade deflation was offset by record number of CAO applicants

COMFORT

When CAO Round One of college offers was released at 2pm on Wednesday, 27th August it soon became clear that grade deflation had brought little comfort to the 2025 Leaving Cert Class as it has been offset by the record number of CAO applicants. Although the post marking adjustment of raw Leaving Cert scores by an average of 6.8 % from 7.5% deflated the 2025 grades, the 19,795 applicants to CAO with inflated grades from the past five years had the edge. The record CAO application figure of 89,347, up 5,804 or 7% from last year's 83,543, also caused keen competition for the available places

RESULTS

The excellent results achieved last week by Kerry's 1,701 traditional Leaving Cert candidates saw them collect their fair share of college offers. The vast majority of Kerry's CAO applicants have received a college offer. On a pro rata population basis, Kerry's CAO applicants will be close to the top of the class in securing college places. However, it remains to be seen what percentage achieved their courses of choice.

SUPPLY

A 7% increase in CAO applications was bound to keep points competitive across many courses. A random selection for entry to about 25 hotly-contested courses left some applicants on the maximum 625 points without their top choice. At Level 8, points have increased for about 50% of courses. Points have decreased for about 40% while the rest are relatively unchanged. It's very evident that the 2005 Leaving Cert class was disadvantaged by the prevailing circumstances and that scenario will continue

while the infamous "post marking adjustment" of raw scores applies. Grades deflation must be the priority in the immediate future so that college places can be allocated on actual exam performance rather than any artificial adjustment of marks.

EFFICIENT

The 2025 statistics prove that the applicants are very efficient in their engagement with the CAO. 59,201 CAO applicants received at least one of the 86,098 courses on offer on Wednesday afternoon. The offers consisted of 54,256 at Level 8 and 31,842 at Level 7/6. Offers are issued independently in respect of the two lists (Level 8 and Level 7/6), so that some applicants received two offers, one from each list. The collective good news is that of the 54,256 applicants who were offered a Level 8 course, 27,897 (51%), received their first preference and a very impressive 43,150 (80%) received one of their top three preferences. Of the 31,842 applicants who were offered a Level 7/6 course, 28,554 (90%) received their first preference and a whopping 31,442 (99%) received one of their top three preferences.

MARKET

The overriding conclusion from the points' trends is that CAO applicants are totally focussed on the jobs market. They applied in large numbers for courses with strong employment growth. UCC's flagship Biological and Chemical Sciences is offered at 532 points, while its Engineering degree is up to 543 points. Physiotherapy at the University of Limerick came in at 589 points while Occupational Therapy is offered at 543 points. Primary Teaching at Mary Immaculate College Limerick is 484 and MTU Tralee's excellent General Nursing Degree is

380 points. Health Science courses remain very popular putting them beyond the points' totals of most CAO applicants. Dentistry at UCC, for example, requires a staggering 613* points and Pharmacy is offered at 602. All points' requirements are available on the CAO website, www.cao.ie.

HEALTHY

School leavers continue to rush to college in unprecedented numbers. The steady flow also of mature and non-traditional applications is a very healthy development as everybody deserves a second chance. A quota of places was reserved by CAO for the 8,323 mature applicants and the 13,491 applicants from the Post Leaving Cert (PLC) sector. Congratulations to all applicants who received a CAO college offer.

SEC/CAO TIMELINE 2025

- 65,444 Leaving Cert candidates in total – 60,937 LC Established & 4,507 LC Applied
- 1,844 Leaving Cert candidates in Kerry – 1,701 LC Established & 143 LC Applied
- Post marking adjustment of Leaving Cert scripts is down from 7.5% to 6.8%
- 89,347 CAO applications in 2025; up 5804 (7%) on last year's 83,543
- Kerry's CAO applicants did very well in Wednesday's Round One offers
- An applicant was offered the highest course preference to which s/he was entitled
- When an applicant was offered a course preference, s/he was excluded from any course preference LOWER than the one offered.
- In the second or subsequent rounds of offers, an applicant won't be considered for a preference LOWER than that already offered.
- An applicant who was offered a preference, which is not her/his first preference, may subsequently be offered a HIGHER preference
- It's not necessary to accept an offer in order to be considered for a HIGHER preference
- An applicant who has accepted an offer is not obliged to accept any subsequent offer
- CAO Round One offers available from 2pm on Wednesday, 27th August
- CAO available place facility opens at noon on Thursday, 28th August
- Accept CAO Round One offer by 3pm, on Tuesday, 2nd September
- Congratulations to all with CAO Offers in Round One

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2025 Rose of Tralee winner Katelyn Cummins working on a motor control circuit in the Wind Turbine Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship workshop at Kerry College Monavalley Campus with Instructor Andy Cane. Also present, is Kerry ETB Stonecutting & Stonemasonry apprentice Megan Pepper. Meghan, who is from Dublin, is preparing for the World Skills Ireland Competition in Architectural Stonemasonry which is being held in Dublin's RDS Simmonscourt from 17-19 September. Photo: Domnick Walsh



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

1st Wednesday

8.00 PM
8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Killarney Area

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

1st Thursday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM
10.00 PM

Glenflesk & Barraduff

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

1st Friday

9.30 PM
10.00 PM
10.30 PM

Tuosist & Lauragh

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

3rd Monday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM
9.45 PM

Knocknagoshel & Brosna

O'Connor's Bar, Knocknagoshel
Walsh's Bar, Knocknagoshel
Kate Pat's Bar, Brosna
Sportsfield Bar, Brosna

3rd Friday

7.30 PM
8.00 PM
8.15 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Castleisland Area

River Island Hotel, Castleisland
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4th Thursday

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7.30 PM
8.15 PM
8.45 PM
9.15 PM
9.45 PM

Killorglin Area

Golden Nugget, Fossa
Galvin's Bar, Beaufort
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4th Friday

8.30 PM
9.30 PM
10.00 PM
10.45 PM

Kenmare & Sneem Area

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Last Monday

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

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Michael Cahill TD Welcomes Additional €476,500 in Road Funding for Kerry

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has welcomed the announcement of an additional €476,500 in funding for road improvements in the county under the 2025 Restoration Improvement Scheme (RIS).

The mid-year allocation by the Department of Transport will go towards the upgrade and repair of rural and private roads across Kerry, a move Deputy Cahill says is both timely and essential for local communities. "This funding will directly benefit rural families, farmers, and isolated households throughout Kerry," said Deputy Cahill. "While it comes late in the year, I want to commend Director of Services Frank Hartnett and his Roads and Transportation team, who have already confirmed to the Department that Kerry County Council is fully ready, willing, and able to carry out the necessary works without delay."

The funding forms part of a mid-year redistribution under the national RIS. Deputy Cahill said the funding highlights the importance of strong Fianna Fáil representation in government. "It's often said, and rightly so, that having Fianna Fáil TDs in your constituency delivers results. With the



return of a second Fianna Fáil seat in Kerry, I'm proud to see our county having secured its biggest ever allocation under the national Local Improvement Scheme some weeks ago," he said.

Deputy Cahill also reaffirmed his ongoing commitment to lobbying for further investment in road infrastructure throughout Kerry. "This additional funding in RIS is a welcome boost, but it's far from the end of the road. I will continue to lobby the Minister and

Department for additional investment, not just in road repairs, but in the overall improvement of transport and infrastructure across Kerry. Our people deserve nothing less.

Kerry County Council will now move forward with selecting the roads to be improved from its approved three-year programme. All works are to be completed by the end of 2025, with formal claims submitted to the Department by November.

Minister of State Healy-Rae announces next tranche of Sustainable Forest Harvesting Machinery Grant

Minister of State for Forestry, Farm Safety and Horticulture, at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Healy-Rae TD, has today announced the opening of the second tranche of the Innovative Forest Technology Scheme: Module 3 – Sustainable Forest Harvesting Machinery Grant.

Minister Healy-Rae said: "This grant will continue to assist with the procurement of modern, efficient, and increasingly specialised machinery and equipment for forest operations. The new equipment and machinery supported under this scheme will be a benefit not only in terms of productivity and sustainability,

but will also provide for better operator safety, ensuring that the forestry industry can continue to operate safely."

The scheme will provide support to forestry contractors and timber hauliers for the purchase of new forest machinery that will optimise the performance of forest operations. Minister of State Healy-Rae continued: "Innovative forest machinery solutions eligible for funding under this scheme include the clearance and extraction of trees from reconstitution sites, such as those impacted by ash dieback disease. This scheme should also assist in increasing the harvest capacity

of the sector, which can allow for the better mobilisation of windblown timber following storms Darragh and Éowyn."

The objective of this intervention is to encourage the availability of sustainable timber harvesting, extraction and transport equipment in the marketplace to protect water quality and deliver on environmental and operator safety objectives.

The closing date for applications is Thursday, 23 October 2025. Further information on how to apply is available on the Department's website.

5 NEWLY ATTESTED GARDAÍ ON ROUTE TO KERRY - a boost to local policing

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill has welcomed the deployment of 5 newly attested Gardaí to Kerry, strengthening visible policing across the county.

Amongst the deployments there will be 2 new Gardaí for Killarney Garda Station, and 3 deployed to Tralee Garda Station.

Deputy Cahill commented, "The deployment of additional Gardaí is welcome. We are fortunate

that every community wants to see more Gardaí visible in their area. It is one of the most effective measures we have for preventing crime and making people feel safer.

The new Gardaí are among 154 recruits who graduated from the Garda College in Templemore today. This intake represents the largest allocation of probationer Gardaí to regions outside Dublin in the past year and reflects the government's ongoing investment in building stronger, safer communities.

Cahill said the arrival of additional Garda members underlines Fianna Fáil's commitment to increasing Garda presence on the ground.

He noted, "This latest allocation shows that investment in Garda recruitment is making a real difference on the ground. Local stations

are being reinforced so they can continue to serve and protect communities effectively.


Strengthening An Garda Síochána is a key priority for Fianna Fáil in Government, backed by a record €2.48 billion in funding in Budget 2025, a 27% increase since 2020.

A further 201 Garda recruits will begin training in Templemore this week, while another graduation is scheduled for November, ensuring a steady pipeline of new members entering the organisation.

He concluded: "More Gardaí on the beat is one of the most effective ways to deter crime and enhance public safety. This latest deployment is a clear signal that government is delivering on its promise to support communities with the resources they need to feel secure."

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Pat Casey receives the Cup from Kieran O'Connor Manager Killarney Seniors Golf.

M.D O SHEAS AND SONS PERPETUAL TROPHY

Pat Casey recently won the M.D. O Sheas and Sons Perpetual Trophy at Mahonys Point. The Kiskeam native shot a fine score of 48 points which included seven pars to win this very popular event for seniors and has been on the go since 1995.

RESULTS.

- 1: Pat Casey (26) 48pts.
 - 2: Sean Counihan (16) 46pts.
 - 3: Larry O'Donnell (17) 46pts.
 - 4: Donal Hickey (26) 43pts
 - 5th: Bernard Collins 42 pts.
 - F.9: Nick O'Brien (25) 23 pts.
 - B.9: Kevin Roche (21) 21pts.
 - Over 75: Sean (The Castle O' Donoghue) 44pts.
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KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB - LADIES

18 HOLE TEAM OF TWO KINDLY SPONSORED BY CASTLEROSSE PARK RESORT HOTEL BALLYBUNION EXCHANGE DAY ON SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST 2025 ON CASHEN COURSE

Overall, Winner: Maureen Creedon (CH 18) & Marie Leahy (CH 20) – 56 points
 2nd: Mary O'Doherty (CH 17) & Gretta O'Regan (CH 29) – 47 points (Back 9)
 3rd: Christine Carroll (CH 11) & Ailish Mulcahy (CH 12) – 47 points

FIXTURES

Next Fixture Pat & Claire Courtney Mixed Scotch Foursomes on Friday 29th August 2025 kindly sponsored by The Brehon Hotel.
 On Sunday 31st August 2025 Dooks Exchange Day Team of Four, two scores to count kindly sponsored by Macbees.



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club members Connie O'Sullivan Jnr and Eileen McCarthy pictured with their prizes after winning the Intermediate Mens Scratch Cup and Ladies Gross prizes respectively at the Listowel Singles Scratch Cup day last Sunday.

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

MEN'S 18 HOLE STABLEFORD SPONSORED BY ANTHONY MCELLIGOTT ACCOUNTANCY; White tees:

- 1st: Padraig Coffey (18) 44 points
- 2nd: John Looney (16) 40 points

Yellow tees:

- 1st: Michael Kelliher (19) 40 points
- 2nd: John M O'Connell (19) 37 points

LADIES 18 HOLE STABLEFORD SPONSORED BY MARK HEINEMANN, GOLF PROFESSIONAL

- 1st: Marie Flood (26) 41 points (B9)
- 2nd: Susan Darby (31) 41 points (B9)
- 3rd: Marian Kerrisk (23) 41 points

CAPTAINS' CHARITY DAY

Next Sunday 31st August is the Captains' Charity Day in aid of Recovery Haven, Sponsored by Boyles of Killorglin.

4 Ball Better Ball, non members welcome - phone Beaufort GC 064 6644440 to book (€30 cash on the day)

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

NATIONAL U16 STROKEPLAY & IC

Unfortunately, Kerry's great run of success since 2018 came to an end last Sunday in Bagenalstown but Fionn McMonagle fought hard in the Singles to get amongst the prizes before the closing holes went against them. We thank Derry McCarthy & Aedaoín O'Sullivan for travelling with the team to the South East last weekend.

LISTOWEL SCRATCH CUP WEEKEND

Well done to Connie O'Sullivan on winning the Intermediate Mens event last Sunday as Eileen McCarthy was the winner of the Ladies Gross prize. Damien Fleming was third in the Scotch Foursomes event on Saturday meanwhile with Tralee's Jason O'Regan.



Lady Captain Susan Darby presenting the trophy and prize, sponsored by McCauley Pharmacy Tralee, to the winner of the Beaufort Ladies Singles Matchplay, Eimear McShortall. Congratulations!

U16 CAPTAIN'S PRIZE

Thanks to the over 60 players who took part in Fionn McMonagle's event on Wednesday August 20th last and for all those who helped out with the food on the day. Overall Winner: Fionn Culloty, Overall Runner-Up: Rory Moynihan, Overall Third: Caolan Prendergast, Gross: Fionn McMonagle. 18 Hole Winner: Brian O'Connor, 18 Hole-Runner-Up: Sam O'Donoghue, 18 Hole Third: Dylan McCarthy.

MUNSTER INTER-COUNTIES

Best Wishes to the club players involved in the four Kerry teams heading to Ardnacrusha in Clare for these events this weekend. Best Wishes also to James Fleming (Senior Men) and Gearoid Cronin (Junior Men) in their role as managers with two of the sides.

RICKY KELLY

We look forward to welcoming everyone for this event this weekend as we thank the Tatler Jack Bar for their sponsorship of the event once more. Reminder it is a Three Ball 36 Hole event for the Adults and an 18 Hole Two Ball event for the U16's. The Sunday evening Barbeque which includes both the entertainment as well as the presentation begins at 6pm that evening.

CASTLEROSSE GOLF CLUB - LADIES

CHARITY FUNDRAISER: PLAY IN PINK DAY IN AID OF BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

The presentation of the cheque for Play in Pink was Tuesday evening to Miriam Hand, Founder of Play in Pink. She was delighted with the donation and thanked Finola Geary, Lady Captain, her Committee and all who participated on the day.

Again, we would like to thank our Sponsors for the day: Castlerosse Hotel & Resort; Killarney Golf & Fishing Club; Dooks Golf Club; Joe Gaffey Window Cleaning; Eddie Slattery Dairy



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RESULTS OF THIS WEEK'S COMPETITION: 18 HOLE STABLEFORD

1st: Kay Malone 38pts (51)

2nd: Mary O'Reilly 35pts (41)

RESULTS OF THIS WEEK'S COMPETITION: 9 HOLE STABLEFORD

1st: Christine Davidson 17pts (25)

2nd: Nuala Ward 17pts (26)

SOCIAL GOLF

Social golf every Wednesday at 10.30am. Meet at 10.15am for draw. Book on BRS.

MIXED SCRAMBLES

Mixed scrambles every Tuesday at 6pm. Visitors welcome.

GOLF LESSONS

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

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB COMPETITIONS

Saturday 30th August 2025, 9 & 18 hole single Stableford qualifying competition. Booking through the BRS.

Wednesday mornings Meet & Play

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

Enter via the BRS App. All Members welcome.

ROSS GC - GENTS

ON AUGUST 24TH WE HELD A THREE MAN RUMBLE

The winners were :-

1st: Tristan Eadie, Oliver Butler, Gerard Murphy 83 Pts

2nd: Conor Corcoran, Jerry O'Brien, Jeremiah Keating 80 Pts

3rd: Thomas Shields, Ger Flynn, Karl Solberg 77 Pts

FIXTURES

On Friday 29th our Friday evening 10 hole mixed scramble will take place. Please get your name on the entry sheet before 5.30pm to enable us to be playing golf by 6pm. No Late entries allowed.

On Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st we will hold the Denis McCarthy Memorial Cup stableford competition. The usual process applies to tee time bookings for both days.



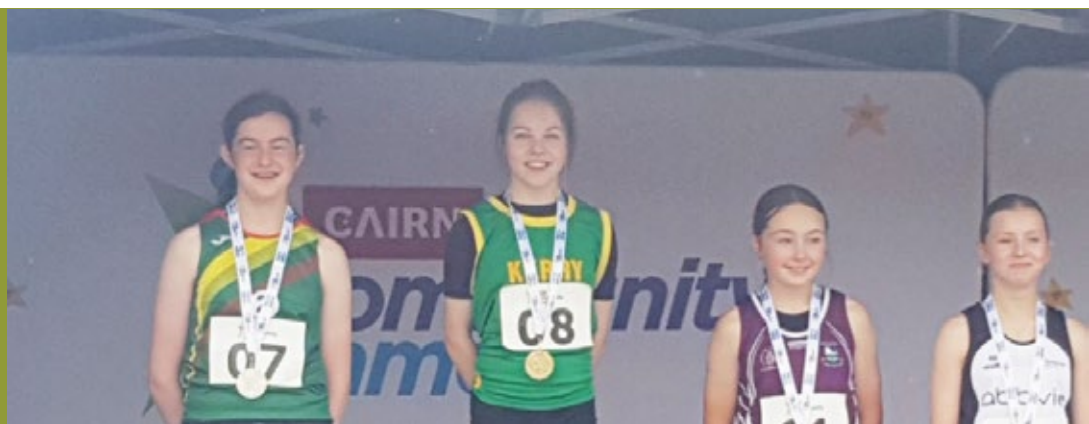
The Kerry U16 'Gold' team of Thomas Keane, Aodhan O'Halloran (Capt), Fionn McMonagle and Mason Sheehy Elston who represented the county in the National U16 Inter-County Pitch & Putt Championships in Bagenalstown, Co Carlow last Sunday.



The Kerry U16 'Green' team of Tommy Daly (Capt), Thomas O'Sullivan, Diarmuid Lyons and Fionn O'Callaghan who represented the county in the National U16 Inter-County Pitch & Putt Championships in Bagenalstown, Co Carlow last Sunday.

Congratulations to Lucia Greaney who won the Girls Under 14 80 meters hurdles at the national community games in Carlow on Saturday.

Each hurdle was taken with focus and speed culminating in a victory worthy of national spotlight. Crossing the finish line to take the Gold, her victory wasn't just a win it was the commitment and dedication she brings to her sport. Lucia is from Ballycasheen Killarney and she is an athlete with An Ríocht in Castleisland



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KENMARE FAIR DAY

We were delighted to be at Kenmare Fair Day last week, where we met plenty of old friends and new faces from the local rugby community. During the day, our chairman Ger Moynihan presented Danny Healy-Rae T.D. with his prize of a signed Lions Rugby jersey, which he won in our raffle at the third Lions Watch Party earlier this summer. Congratulations again to Danny, and a huge thank you to everyone who supported us in Kenmare.

YOUTH & MINIS RUGBY

Preparations are in full swing for the new season. Our U16 and U18 Girls squads continue their pre-season training on Wednesday evenings, with great numbers and plenty of enthusiasm. Mini Rugby returns on Saturday, 6th September at 9:45am at Aghadoe, welcoming boys and girls from U6 to U12.

REPRESENTATIVE RUGBY

Congratulations once again to Lily Morris, who featured in Munster's Senior Women's squad last weekend against Leinster. It is fantastic to see Lily stepping up to the highest level of the game.

GET INVOLVED

Killarney RFC is always open to new members, whether you want to play, coach, volunteer, or support the club. Rugby is a game for all shapes, sizes, and abilities – and there's a place for everyone.

For more information on joining or supporting Killarney RFC, visit www.killarneyrugby.com or check out our social media pages.

SPA MUCKROSS COMMUNITY GAMES/ NATIONAL FINALS

NATIONAL COMMUNITY GAMES ATHLETICS FINALS

Congratulations to all our athletes who represented Spa Muckross and Kerry Community Games at the National Community Games Athletics finals in Carlow last weekend.



Killarney Rugby Club Chairman Ger Moynihan presented Danny Healy-Rae T.D. with his prize of a signed Lions Rugby jersey, which he won in our raffle at the third Lions Watch Party earlier this summer.

Congratulations to Conor Duffin who won Gold in the 1500m U16. A brilliant achievement for Conor. This is his last year competing in Community Games after representing the area for many years.

Lucy Devane advanced to the semi finals of the 200m U12

Kiley Biggins also qualified through the heats and advanced to the semi finals of the 200m U12 Both girls narrowly missed out on the finals.

The U12 Relay team of Kiley Biggins, Kayla O' Sullivan, Lucy Devane, Alannah McGlynn, Sarah Crowley and Carolena Kelly comfortably won their heat and bowed out at the semi final stage. Well done to all the girls for reaching the National Finals.

Thanks to all the mentors, parents and supporters for making the trip to Carlow.

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 21ST AUGUST

1st: Phyllis O'Regan & Pauline Lyne

2nd: Marie O'Sullivan Kenmare & Horst Rosler

3rd Hanneke Nieman & Don O'Sullivan

Well done, great scoring.

NEW SEASON

From next Thursday, 4th September we are starting our new season. Membership is €30 and is payable up to the end of October. We hope to see all past members and perhaps some new members for the 25/26 season ahead.

We are staying at The Castlerosse Hotel for the foreseeable future and bridge will be played every Thursday morning at 10am sharp.

We would like to thank The Castlerosse Hotel for their kind hospitality during the summer months and we are look forward to the months

ahead playing there.

The following are our committee members for 25/26 season and if anyone has any query, please contact anyone of them.

President: Margaret O'Sullivan

Ex Officio: Pauline Lyne

Vice President: Michael McHugh

Secretary: Karen O'Keeffe

Treasurer: Imelda Healy

Ass. Treasurer: Miriam McFarlane

Master Point Secretary: Marie O'Sullivan Kenmare

Tournament Directors: Finola Spillane & Phyllis O'Regan

PRO: Patricia Lynch

Also I would like to especially mention Mary Murray, Finola Spillane and Miriam McFarlane who organise each competition, computer set up and results weekly. Thank you.

KILLARNEY BRIDGE CLUB

The Killarney bridge club are happy to inform all members that winter bridge will re commence next Monday night September 2nd at the Monastery School, New Rd. Players should be there at 6.45 for play at 7pm.

We hope you all had a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing you all, and a special welcome to new members and beginner bridge players.

RESULTS OF THIS WEEK'S COMPETITION

First N/S: Andy Cole / Christine Barron.

Second: Therese O Donoghue / Brenda Moynihan.

EW First: Phil Barron / Frances Barron

Second: Eithne Coffey / Hazel O Connell.

Very well done to all.



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The Flanagan family with Flesk Valley at the All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Glenarm.



The Fennelly family with Flesk Valley at the All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Glenarm.

Flesk Valley at the All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships 2025 in Glenarm

Flesk Valley Rowing Club made the long journey to the All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Glenarm, County Antrim on the weekend of August 15-17 th 2025.

With over 40 crews and 70 rowers across categories from under 12 to Masters, the Valley descended in great numbers to the beautiful coastal village of Glenarm. The harbour at times was like Main Street in Killarney, and there was a fantastic atmosphere around the Valley gazebo across the whole weekend. The club is very grateful to all the families and supporters who made the long trip to support the club and cheered home all our crews so enthusiastically! We are very proud of everyone who rowed their hearts out in the Valley colours at the weekend, especially our medal winners and those rowing in their very first All-Irelands. The standard of rowing was exceptional and our junior members acquitted themselves brilliantly. More important than the rowing, was the fun and laughter across the weekend, and the way everyone embraced the TikTok videos, the BBC interviews and the photos with the exhausted Valley teddy 'Lochleinn'!

The weekend was the culmination of long months of training on the Valley shore, and the club would like to thank our coaches and coxes for their time and encouragement this year.

Thanks to Tadhg Kelly, Paul Burke, Jillian O'Neill, Colm Ó'Súilleabháin, Breeda Burke, Saoirse Sweeney, Caoimhe Kelly, Kieran Counihan, Alison O'Sullivan, Amy Healy, Clíodhna Sweeney, John Fleming and Donal Kelly. Thanks also to Ger Sweeney for boat wrangling over the two days in Glenarm.

The Valley had one gold (U16 Mixed), four silvers (U12 Mixed, U16 Boys, U16 Girls, Veteran Mixed) and four bronze (U14 Girls, U12 Girls, U21 Men, U21 Ladies) medals across the weekend and some agonising but very creditable 4th place finishes in the Masters Men, U12 Beginners, Intermediate Ladies, Junior Ladies and U18 Girls. Also well done to our rowers who rowed with Valentia in the Heritage races, winning medals in the U14 Girls and U16 Boys races.

We are very grateful to those clubs who loaned us boats for some races, including Fossa, Workmen, Templenoe and Kilmaccsimon Quay,

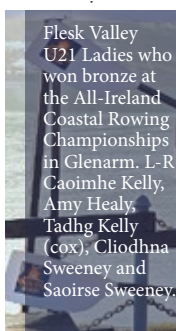
as ever epitomising the spirit and camaraderie that is always to the fore in coastal rowing. Thanks to Leo O'Connor and John Heffernan for organising and transporting the boats and oars to and from Glenarm, which was a fantastic contribution to the club, and thanks to Kieran Counihan for carrying everything else from Taytos to the essential hairpins! Finally, Flesk Valley would like to thank the Irish Coastal Rowing Federation and the Antrim Coast Rowing Association for all their hard work in organising and hosting such a fantastic event. The organisation of the event was top class from start to finish, from the on-the-water commentary and spectacular drone footage on the big screen to the wonderful food hall space. We would also like to very sincerely thank the safety and medical personnel for looking after everyone so well this weekend. At the time of writing there is no confirmation of the venue for next year's event but as things stand there is no accommodation available in Antrim for August 2026. Next up for the Valley is the Killarney Regatta on Sunday September 14th at O'Mahony's Point.



Flesk Valley U16 Girls who won silver at the All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Glenarm. L-R Doireann Kelly, Maebh O'Connor, Paul Burke (cox), Bláithnaid O'Connell, Alice Hickey.



Supporting Flesk Valley at the the All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Glenarm last weekend. L-R: Rory D'Arcy, Tadhg Kelly, Brendan Brosnan and Colm O'Súilleabháin.



Flesk Valley U21 Ladies who won bronze at the All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Glenarm. L-R Caoimhe Kelly, Amy Healy, Tadhg Kelly (cox), Clíodhna Sweeney and Saoirse Sweeney.



Flesk Valley Ladies at the All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Glenarm. L-R Margaret Brosnan, Eithne Maguire, Jessica Moloney and Breeda Burke.



Flesk Valley U16 Mixed crew who won gold at the All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Glenarm on August 16th. L-R Bláithnaid O'Connell, Doireann Kelly, Daniel Bourke and Patrick Mullane.



Flesk Valley U12 Girls who won silver at the All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Glenarm. L-R Erica Moloney, Sarah Tomlinson, Muireann O'Sullivan, Peig Fleming



Flesk Valley U12 Boys who won silver at the All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Glenarm. L-R Erica Moloney, Culann Cronin, Robbie Fennelly, Darragh Flanagan, with their cox Colm O'Súilleabháin.



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KERRY FC RECORD ANOTHER WIN

Kerry FC 1-0 Longford Town

by David Moriarty



Cian Brosnan battles for possession.



Carl Mujaguzi in action against Longford Town.

Photos: by Luke O'Mahony.

Kerry FC welcomed Longford Town to Mounthawk Park for the second time this season as they faced off for the final time in 2025. Last time out against Longford, they took the three points at Bishopsgate, whereas the same fixture in Tralee back in May finished in a 2-0 win for Kerry FC.

Kerry were going into the game on a high after last week's win in the Sports Direct Men's FAI Cup, whereas Longford were knocked out in an intense battle against Shamrock Rovers.

Both sides knew a win here would put them closer to further progression up the league table. It was a game with big potential, and the Mounthawk Park crowd were well up for it.

The opening exchanges were cagey, both teams mindful of giving away an early advantage. Kerry's first real look at goal came in the 19th minute when Joe Adams let fly from distance. The winger's ambitious strike had the crowd briefly on edge, but his effort dragged wide of the post. Still, it signalled intent from the home side, who were keen to test Longford's rear-guard.

Kerry continued to probe, with pressure in midfield and sharp transitions. The game's first booking came in the 24th minute when Carl Mujaguzi found his name in the referee's notebook for a mistimed challenge. The foul highlighted Longford's growing frustration at Kerry's control

of possession. Kevin Williams looked lively down the right flank and nearly made the breakthrough just before the half-hour mark. His direct running caused problems, and his cross had promise before being smartly intercepted by Longford goalkeeper Harry Halwax.

Moments later, Oran Crowe almost carved out the opener for Kerry with a dazzling display of footwork. Beating his marker with a clever feint, Crowe tested Halwax with two long-range strikes in quick succession, both of which the Longford shot-stopper dealt with confidently. The pressure was building, and Kerry looked more likely to break the deadlock.

From the resulting corner in the 33rd minute, Niall Brookwell rose highest, only to see his header sail narrowly over the bar. It was a real let-off for Longford, who were struggling to contain Kerry's energy in attack.

As the half wound down, Kerry continued to pepper the Longford goal. In the 43rd minute, Brosnan tried to catch Halwax off guard with a speculative effort that forced the keeper into action. Then, right on the stroke of halftime, Brosnan again came close, racing clear on a quick counter-attack before dragging his shot wide of the far post.

Despite Kerry's dominance, the sides went in at the interval deadlocked at 0-0. The hosts had created better chances, but Longford's goalkeeper and a lack of precision in front of goal kept the game scoreless.

The second half began much as the first had ended, with Kerry showing greater purpose and invention in attack. Their persistence was rewarded in the 52nd minute with a goal that brought the Mounthawk Park crowd to its feet.

The move started with Robbie Cleary, who produced a breathtaking solo run, weaving past multiple Longford defenders and carrying the ball deep into enemy territory. As the defence scrambled to close him down, Cleary laid the ball off at the perfect moment. Waiting in space was Cian Brosnan, who showed great composure to guide the ball past Halwax with a tidy finish. The stadium erupted, and Kerry had the lead their performance deserved.

The goal injected confidence into the hosts, who looked briefly as though they might push on to extend their advantage. Brosnan remained central to Kerry's attacking play, buzzing around the Longford back line and constantly seeking to exploit gaps.

By the 60th minute, Brosnan's evening came to an end as manager Colin Healy turned to his bench. Ryan Perez replaced the goal-scorer, a move that ensured fresh legs in attack while giving Brosnan the ovation he merited.

The match grew more scrappy as Longford sought a way back. A yellow card for Francis Campbell in the 65th minute underlined the visitors' increasing desperation. Kerry, meanwhile, were happy to settle into a compact shape, relying on their defence to frustrate the opposition. As the game entered its final quarter, Kerry began to

manage the contest with maturity. Healy looked to his bench again, bringing on Arran Healy for Joe Adams in the 82nd minute, shoring up the midfield and adding defensive stability.

Longford continued to chase the game, but clear chances were hard to come by. When Kevin Williams managed to slip into the six-yard box in the 84th minute, Halwax reacted quickly to smother the danger before the ball could fall kindly to a teammate. It was a reminder that Kerry could not afford to relax.

With 90 minutes approaching, the fourth official signalled four minutes of additional time, raising the tension among home supporters. Kerry made their final change, with Sam Aladesanusi coming on for the tireless Cleary, whose earlier run had paved the way for the decisive goal.

The closing stages were not without drama. Kevin Williams, already on a booking, received a second yellow card and his marching orders. Kerry were reduced to ten men in stoppage time, a situation that might have spelt disaster. But the defensive unit held firm, repelling Longford's late surges and refusing to allow a clear opportunity.

When the referee's whistle finally sounded, relief and jubilation swept through the ground. Kerry FC had held on for a priceless 1-0 victory, thanks to their defensive resilience and Brosnan's clinical finish.

This was a match that showcased both sides of Kerry FC's game. In the first half, they demonstrated attacking invention, creating a series of promising opportunities but failing to apply the finishing touch. In the second, they combined a moment of individual brilliance from Cleary and Brosnan with disciplined defensive organisation to grind out the result.

The back line deserves immense credit. Time and again, they stood strong under Longford's pressure, closing down space and making crucial interventions. The midfield, too, played its part in breaking up play and ensuring Kerry retained their shape.

Brosnan's goal was the evening's highlight, but it was the collective effort that carried Kerry across the line. Every player contributed to the victory, whether through running, pressing, or sheer determination to keep the clean sheet intact.

The three points will be a significant boost to Kerry FC's campaign. With wins like this, they show they can not only play attractive football but also manage tight games under pressure. They now look ahead again to Friday night as they take on League leaders Dundalk FC in Oriel Park. Kerry FC Team: 16. Matthew Connor, 3. Sean O'Connell, 4. Oran Crowe, 5. Christopher McQueen, 6. Carl Mujaguzi, 10. Joe Adams, 14. Robert Cleary, 15. Kevin Williams, 17. Cian Brosnan (GOAL '52), 28. Niall Brookwell (C), 29. Ewan Lee.

Subs: Darragh Foley, Samuel Aladesanusi, Arran Healy, Kennedy Amechi, Abel Alabi, Luke Doolan, Ryan Perez, Finn Barrett, Sean McGrath.

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GOLF CLASSIC

The Killarney Celtic Golf Classic will take place on Saturday September 6th at Beaufort Golf Club. Tee Times are from 7am-4pm. To book a tee time please contact Tim Jones on 087 9771302.

To sponsor a tee box please contact Mary Lyne on 086 648 5809.

KILLARNEY SOCCER MEMORIES CAFE invites all who are connected with the sport to meet up for a chat and a cuppa on Saturday August 30th from 11am to 1pm. The event will take place at Clann Housing, Coill na Darrach, Killarney, V93 VXY8. This event is part of the Sporting Memories Initiative which helps support people living with dementia and older adults by bringing communities together through the power of sport.

MEK GALAXY

FIXTURES FOR THE UPCOMING WEEKEND:

Saturday 30th September

U13 Girls Premier: MEK Galaxy A v Killorglin



@10am

U13 Girls Division 1: MEK Galaxy B v Tralee Dynamos @ 12 noon

U16 Boys Division 1: MEK Galaxy v Killorglin A

Monday, September 1st

U15 Girls Premier: MEK v Killarney Athletic @ 6pm

MEK GALAXY GOLF CLASSIC 2025

MEK Galaxy's annual Golf Classic is being held on Saturday 13th September in Beaufort Golf Club. With €250 for a team of 4, it's guaranteed to offer a fun day, with goodie bags and great prizes. Tee sponsor is also available (€50) for local

businesses.

For more information, please contact Maurice on 087 140 1327.

KIT SWAP SHOP

On Sunday 7th September from 2-4pm in The Golden Nugget, the club are hosting a kit swap shop for old MEK Gear. This is chance to clear some space in your closet, reuse & recycle MEK gear and donate them to the KS Shop. The shop will 'sell' the gear for €5 donation, and all donations will go the Pitch Development Fund. All old gear can be donated at training or contact Jo on 087 064 6354.

HeartBeat Meeting Welcomes Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership for Activator Pole Demonstration

The latest HeartBeat meeting proved to be both active and informative, as members enjoyed a dynamic evening led by Ramona and Maeve from the Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership.

The highlight of the night was a practical demonstration on the use of Activator Poles, showcasing their benefits for balance, mobility, and overall fitness, especially among older adults and those in rehabilitation. The session was engaging and educational, with plenty of participation from attendees.

With a fantastic turnout, the evening was a resounding success, reflecting the growing interest in healthy and active living within the community.



Mayo making one last cheeky grab for Sam, but Kerry's grip is rock solid! Charlene Brosnan tries to snatch the Sam Maguire from Evan Looney at the Dr. Crokes Clubhouse, but there's no letting go of that cup!



Carmel Kelly and Bob O Connor, Ballyhar at the 50th Birthday celebrations of Ballyhar Dynamos Soccer Club

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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

MUNSTER FOOTBALL SEEDING

I didn't say anything about it last week, simply because I didn't, and don't, think that its all that big of a deal. From next year, the Munster Football Championship will have the two highest placed teams in the National League on opposite sides of the draw. Okay. Cad é an céist agat?

I was on the opposite side of this argument once. I can actually remember when Clare's Chairman finally won a very hard political fight to get the Munster Council to vote to break up the seeding of Kerry and Cork (nothing to do with League standing; the two counties were specifically named) in 1990.

I agreed with Noel Walsh (not that anybody was asking my opinion, then or now). Kerry and Cork are by far and away the top two football counties in Munster. It's not even close. Between them Kerry (86) and Cork (37) have 123 out of 137 titles. The other four counties have 14 all told – exactly as many as Kerry goalkeeper Danno Keefe on his own. Waterford won their last title in 1898. Limerick won their last title in 1896. The last Munster Football Final to feature neither Cork nor Kerry? The first Munster Final on record all the way back in 1888, where Tipperary got a walkover from Limerick. Consider that the Kerry County Board was first formed on November 17th that year, that's how far back you are going.

It didn't feel fair to me that you had to beat both of the top two to win a title. Open draw meant that you could win a Munster title by beating just one of them (if Kerry beat Cork or vice versa). My opinion, then and now, is that it's better for the sport to incentivise the weaker counties. Again, spare me any of the 'so-called weaker counties' nonsense. They simply are weaker in football, just as we are obviously weaker in hurling. Acknowledging that is not any kind of denigration or attack.

I have no idea how Limerick were convinced to vote in favour of the move. Certainly the grassroots, the clubs and players and coaches on the ground in Limerick, like the other three counties involved, are unhappy with the decision. And I can't say that I am convinced by the argument that the Munster Council promised €25,000 for GDAs to each county. That's a lot of money for you or me, but not for the GAA, including the Munster Council.

I have made the same argument frequently in terms of targeting funding – the successful counties tend to get the most money from Central Council, and I understand the reasoning, but I don't agree with it. I'm referring as much to Kerry as Dublin, before anyone tries to revive that old chestnut. And I personally think that, while the successful counties are obviously going to have higher inter-county expenses, they also have much stronger

income platforms. Target the weaker counties, particularly in hiring GDAs.

Anyway, Noel Walsh finally succeeded in his campaign to do away with seeding in 1990. Two years later Clare beat Kerry by 2-10 to 0-12 to win the Munster Final. Deservedly so, by the way. They were the first county outside of the top two to lift the Munster Cup (it still doesn't have a name) since 1935.

I was opposed to seeding back then. And for a brief while after it was removed, it felt like football in Munster was flourishing. Remember Limerick with John Galvin and the Stephens Lucey, Kelly, and Lavin? Galvin not winning an All Star is still mystifying to me. Declan Browne of Tipperary remains one of the best forwards I have ever seen. Yes, you can talk about Colm Cooper, Peter Canavan, the Brogans, Conor McManus....I'm telling you, Browne was as good as any of them. He had decent footballers beside him, the likes of Peter Lambert were making any team, but I watched Declan Browne play Kerry teams as a sole threat and he still had me worried. No word of a lie; he was that good. Had he arrived in a slightly later era and played with the 2012 All Ireland winning minors....Quinlivan was great in his own right; Colin Riordan was as good a young player as I have seen – he went to the Sydney Swans but returned to shock Cork in the 2020 'Covid' Munster Final and got an All Star nomination a year later.

Clare, with a deadly poacher of their own in Martin Daly (ask about him in Cork, if you want) and the likes of Podge Collins. Waterford didn't flourish in the new system. Their minors did come within a point of Kerry in 2000. Mind you, Kerry had a weak enough team....lads named Colm Cooper, Declan O'Sullivan, Declan Quill, DJ Fleming, Donald O'Sullivan, Seamus

Scanlon, Conall Ó Cruadhlaioch. I don't know did a one of them ever kick any ball after....

It did look for a while as if The Kerry/Cork hegemony in Munster football was under real threat. And I would have had absolutely no problem with that. The plain truth is that during the Golden Years, everybody knew what Mick O'Dwyer was saying when he claimed that 32 and a half counties wanted Kerry to lose. We all wanted Dublin to lose during their six-in-a-row; it wasn't just Kerry. The Kilkenny hurlers in their heyday. For most of my lifetime and a lot longer, the correct answer to "who do you want to win the League of Ireland?" was "Anybody but Shamrock Rovers". Not because the players on any of these teams were unlikeable – very far from it. But just because sport is about underdog dreams. In a strange way, the same team winning almost instinctively feels unsporting.

A competitive Munster championship would also be good for Kerry in the long run. U21/U20 championship? Kerry (32) and Cork (28) have 60 titles between them. The other four counties have four. In total, not each. Minor? Kerry are going for four in a row in Munster, not long after winning five out of six All Irelands. A lot of those minor players came from successful Corn úi Mhuiri teams (plus four Hogans on the trot). Is that dominance helping us? In fairness, we have won two All Irelands, lost two finals (one after a replay), and a semi-final in recent years, albeit losing the 2020 Munster semi-final after a late goal by Cork. Remember Tipperary winning Munster with their centenary commemorative jerseys? It was lovely, but it didn't have the slightest feel of a shift in the balance of football power. You, I, and all of Tipperary knew that they weren't going to be winning one once normal service resumed.

Except that you should maybe take a look at a lot of those Corn úi Mhuiri, minor, and U20 teams. They are running into Ulster teams,



Action from the Glenflesk V Gaeltacht game. Photo: Seamus Healy



A large crowd enjoying the Glenflesk V Gaeltacht game. PHOTO: Seamus Healy

especially Tyrone. And that does feel like a shift. Ulster teams are facing high quality opposition from the get-go, and that may be a steep upward curve, but the teams that come out of it have a massive advantage.

And that's why I am in favour of seeding now. It has been tried without it, and the weaker counties are even weaker in competitive terms now. It seems to be a reflection of a greater social and especially economic trend where the world gets divided between 'haves' and 'have nots', with a corresponding political shift to a hard right in a lot of countries. The rich get richer, the poor....do not. The new rules have absolutely made the games entertaining again, but there is still only a small handful of genuine contenders. Probably less than hurling, which has a much smaller base to draw from in the first place.

Munster championship results against teams other than Cork in the last five years. 2025 Kerry 4-20 Clare 0-21. 2024 Kerry 0-23 Clare 1-13 2023 Kerry 0-25 Tipperary 0-5, Kerry 5-14 Clare 0-15. 2022 Kerry 1-28 Limerick 0-8. 2021 Kerry 3-22 Clare 1-11, Kerry 1-19 Tipperary 1-8.

Not all of those are Munster Finals, your showpiece in Munster, but too many of them are, and interest in attending is declining. That's not doing Kerry any good at all in the long run. That's fine; Kerry are well resourced anyway. But exactly what good do you think it's doing for the weaker counties? Because until you can answer that question, don't be telling me that seeding is unfair.

JACK O'CONNOR BACK IN CHARGE

Having brought Sam back to the Kingdom, it was always going to be Jack's own choice whether to stay or go, and the Dromid man has decided to stay on for another two years. Great news all round. Winning back to back All Irelands is extremely difficult and the burden of expectation on Kerry next year will be huge (look, we do have a very good team. But, respectfully, if Donegal had another go at us, they would ask different questions, Tyrone are on their way, Armagh haven't gone anywhere, and I'd wear a duffle coat in hell before I turned my back on Dublin). Having Jack, who obviously knows the current players and set-up like the back of his hand and has a phenomenal record, back at the helm is great news.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior Club Championship Group One

Templenoe had to beat Na Gaeil by ten points or more to advance. It was always going to be a big ask, but they made a lightning start to lead by 0-4 to 0-1 and should really have had two goals – Brian Crowley rattled a thunderbolt off the crossbar and Adrian Spillane's fisted fort was just wide. However, it was Na Gaeil's Diarmuid O'Connor who slalomed through for the only goal of the first half. With O'Connor and an outstanding Jack Barry taking control around the middle, Oisín Maunsell and Dara Devine got plenty of ammunition to lead Na Gaeil to a very convincing victory. They top the group, with Austin Stacks second.

Group Two

Milltown/Castlemaine may have bowed out, but they did so in style with a 3-17 apiece draw against Kenmare Shamrocks. The scoreline alone tells you a lot about the quality of the play. It was 1-8 apiece at the break, Stephen O'Brien and Cathal Moriarty with the goals for either side. In the third quarter, Donal O'Sullivan and Gavin Horan this time. Milltown/Castlemaine pushed strongly for home, with Dara Hogan unlucky to see a penalty come back off the post while Anthony Kelliher did find the net. They led by 2-16 to 1-14, but Kenmare goaled through Kevin O'Sullivan and a great two pointer from Stephen O'Brien earned them a draw.

A draw just wasn't enough for Milltown/Castlemaine. Even a win probably wouldn't have sufficed; all three teams would have finished on two points, meaning that scoring difference would have come into play. As it is, Kenmare Shamrocks top the group and Dingle are through in second place.

Group Three

With Dr. Crokes having beaten both sides, this was a real winner-take all. Spa, with Cian Tobin impressing, had the first four points of the game but Rathmore, with Paul Murphy pulling the strings, were soon level. Cian Tobin poked home a goal at the second attempt but Murphy did likewise for Rathmore and Ciarán Collins added another a minute later. Spa were pretty much always chasing the game after that and duly won by 3-15 to 3-10 despite a late goal from Dan O'Donoghue.

Dr. Crokes top the group and Rathmore take second place.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Group One

The game between Kilcummin and Fossa was expected to be a cracker. Could Kilcummin hold David Clifford? Probably not, but that doesn't matter if you can cut off his supply. It was a tight enough first half but Kilcummin roared into life in the second, especially around midfield and sharpshooter Matt Keane with six points. Both were already through, and Kilcummin have a home quarter-final while Fossa have to travel. Fossa will take confidence, however, from Paudie Clifford coming off the bench and scoring a great point. Unfortunately, Furies' victory over John Mitchels was effectively moot.

Group Two

Killarney Legion had a tough start against Laune Rangers but have really steadied the ship since then. They led y 0-6 to 0-2 at half-time against Ballydonoghue and it should have been a bit more, having left goal and point opportunities behind them. Ballydonoghue put up a good battle in the second half but just didn't have the firepower and Legion won by 0-14 to 0-9. That sees them actually top a tight group and get home advantage in the quarter-final. A respectful note of caution, though, 0-14 won't win too many games from here on in under the new rules.

I had Laune Rangers as strong favourites, even with Listowel having home venue. But it was the hosts who took the game by the cuff right from the off, powered by Eddie Healy, Cormac Mulvihill, Joe Joe Grimes, and Seán Keane up front, eventually winning out by 1-23 to 1-15. To be fair, Laune Rangers were down a number of players and had a star themselves in Eoin Clifford. That gave Listowel three points, the same as Rangers, and they take the quarter-final spot ahead of last year's finalists on head to head.

Group Three

I also had Glenflesk among the top guns. I'm certainly not writing them off yet, far from it with the talent they have, but An Gaeltacht look a far more dangerous proposition than before. Obviously the return of Ruaidhrí Ó



A large crowd enjoying the Fossa V Kilcummin game

Beaglaíoch gives them more of a cutting edge and namesake Cathal is one of the best midfielders around, but I wonder....look, I might be adding two plus two and getting seven, but has the arrival of the experienced Aidan Walsh brought a certain balance and confidence? Regardless, An Ghaeltacht always had that little bit more. PJ Mac Láimh goalded early on and, while Cian Lynch's goal gave Glenflesk a foothold, they soon fell behind and just couldn't close the gap in a pulsating last twenty minutes, with Tomás Ó Sé scoring another goal. St. Marys saw off Desmonds for a confidence-boosting victory, but in truth it was rendered moot by the result in Gleflesk, who already had second place assured, with Gaeltacht topping the group.

Group Four

Beaufort have definitely stamped themselves as real contenders with a third win on the trot, seeing off Kerins O'Rahillys by 3-18 to 0-15. Rahillys actually played well and led going into the fourth quarter despite conceding a goal to Jack O'Connor early in the second half. However, Beaufort absolutely overpowered them with an unanswered 2-7, the goals coming from Liam Carey and Darragh Dennehy.

Gneeveguilla saw off Glenbeigh/Glencar in style by 2-18 to 0-15 to clinch second place and a quarter-final berth.

PREMIER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Group One

The game between Duagh and Ballyduff was essentially the group decider, with both sides already qualified. Duagh duly won it by 2-18 to 1-11 to top the group. I didn't see it, but it sounds like Cormac Dillon had another stormer. Mind you, I did see Duagh in the county league, and that was without Cormac, that's a fine side and I think they will be very much in the running. Reenard had a good win over Waterville in a South Kerry derby, but to no ultimate avail.

Group Two

A similar story. Listry and St. Senans were already through and were playing for the

advantage of a home quarter-final. With the game drawn after a late and spectacular St. Senans two pointer, they shared the same points and the same head to head, so it came down to scoring difference and Listry got the nod.

Churchill beat Currow for a consolation victory. I imagine there are a few administrators able to rest a bit easier, with that first round mishap ultimately not making a crucial difference.

Group Three

Ballymac, only just relegated from Division One, were always favourites in this group and duly saw off St. Pats Blennerville for a third win and a scoring difference of +42. Castlegregory were expected to take second place and did, but they actually got a great battle off Dromoda na Piarasigh before prevailing by 3-17 to 3-15.

Group Four

Keel are a fairly young team but are looking very sharp and beat Annascaul, a good outfit themselves, by double scores. Ardfert v Brosna was a cracker, with the winners sure of second place and a quarter-final. As it happens, there was no winner as such, with the game ending in a draw. It was an unusual game, to say the least. Brosna destroyed Ardfert in the first half and led by ten at the break thanks to Kieran O'Donnell's goal. Ardfert left two good goal chances behind them at the start of the second half. They lost Brandon Barrett early in the half to injury, having already lost fellow Kerry hurler Colin Walsh in the first half. Nathan O'Driscoll did kick four points, but Shane Fitzmaurice's goal made it 2-11 to 0-8. Except that Ardfert took over at that stage, Felim O'Sullivan and later Eoin O'Flaherty with goals. There was just two points in it deep into injury time when Nathan O'Driscoll scored a two point free to make it 2-13 apiece. It was enough to see Ardfert into a quarter-final, while Brosna were desperately unlucky in the end.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Group One

Cordal and Valentia meant in a replay after their initial meeting was postponed after a bad injury

to Philip O'Connor – it goes without saying that all parties wish him well in his recovery. That postponement means that this was round two of the group stage, with everything still to play for. Cordal always had that little bit more, despite Valentia's ability to get goals. Killian Dennehy goaled in the first half to give Cordal a 1-13 to 1-4 lead and a late goal from Ryan Denny wrapped up a 2-20 to 4-7 victory that sees them currently top the group.

Moyvane had a good win over Skellig Rangers by 0-21 to 1-14. They play Valentia in Valentia this weekend, while Cordal travel to Skellig Rangers.

Group Two

This group was already settled, with Kilgarvan on top with three impressive wins and Lispole taking second place.

Group Three

Tarbert are a coming team. The influx of All Ireland college winners last year and Kerry minors in the last couple of years have made a big difference. Scart are a fine outfit themselves, with the likes of Eddie Horan, Michael Horan, Shay Walsh, and Daniel Murphy, but the just ad no answer to Tarbert's speed and accuracy. Shaun Wren was the main man, contributing 1-7, with Michael Coolahan scoring their other goal in a 2-13 to 0-7 win.

St. Michaels/Foilmore and Sneem/Derrynane shared a cracker, with St. Michaels/Foilmore victorious on a 1-14 to 2-9, and that's enough for them to take second place.

Group Four

Knocknagoshel sent out a real message on intent with a 4-12 to 2-15 victory over a very good Bealeside to make it three wins from three. Beale are through in second place, rendering Finuge's 2-15 to 0-9 win over Ballylongford little more than a consolation prize.

QUARTER-FINAL PREVIEWSENIOIR CLUB

**Dingle v Na Gaeil,
Austin Stack Park, Saturday, 5pm**



Action from the Fossa V Kilcummin game.



Sean O'Leary in action for Kilcummin V Fossa

Gong on last year's form, you'd say that Dingle are red hot favourites. But neither team is playing like last year. Dingle are down a lot of bodies, while Na Gaeil are absolutely flying. I still think that Dingle are that little bit more dangerous up front and I'll give them a tentative nod.

Austin Stacks v Rathmore, Austin Stack Park, Saturday, 7.00pm

Austin Stacks have an abundance of talent but aren't quite gelling at the moment. Rathmore arguably should have beaten Dr. Crokes, and were well on top against Spa. It'll be tough, but I genuinely would not be surprised at a Rathmore victory here.

INTERMEDIATE

Killarney Legion v Glenflesk

Home ground is a big advantage for Legion. They have fine players but have they as much scoring power as Glenflesk? I fancy the visitors.

Kilcummin v Listowel Emmets

Listowel have proven to be much better than I initially gave them credit for, but Kilcummin on their home ground have to be strong favourites here.

An Ghaeltacht v Gneeveguilla

Gallerus is one of the most scenic spots in the country. It's also one of the hardest pitches to play on. Gaeltacht will be favourites, but I expect Gneeveguilla to have a real cut at it. They will need two goals to win it, but I think they are capable of getting them.

Beaufort v Fossa

Paudie Clifford is likely to be back from the off for Fossa and that's a big boost, but Beaufort are right up among the favourites for me. I just think that they are strong all over the field. There has been a lot of speculation about Mike Breen picking up David Clifford – I would be having Mike at centre back rather than man-marking, but Beaufort have much smarter men than me on the line. I expect Beaufort to win a

cracking derby.

PREMIER JUNIOR

Ballymac v Ballyduff

Ballyduff are young; I think you have to fancy Ballymac here.

Keel v Castlegregory

I really think that Keel are up among the top contenders. Castlegregory have some great individuals, but Keel are a stronger collective.

Duagh v St. Senans

Very, very hard to call. I give Duagh a very slight nod, but extra-time would not surprise me in the slightest.

Listry v Ardferit

It'll most likely be a scoring duel between Aaron O'Shea and Nathan O'Driscoll, and I think Listry on their home ground should have enough. It'll be a very good game for neutrals.



Kerry Captain Gavin White, David Clifford and 'Sam' greeting some of the 1st Year students on their first day at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Monday.

Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 24/08/2025 for a jackpot of €12,450 were 2, 4, 20, 21. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Justin Bennett, Online; Niall Myers, Online; Patie Keliher; Kathleen Murphy; Shane Kelly.

Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link <https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto>

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Fossa were away to Kilcummin in the last round of the group stages of the Intermediate championship on Sunday. The first half was pedestrian enough, maybe the fact that both teams had qualified for the next round was the reason for this.

Fossa, with the aid of the wind opened the scoring with a David Clifford point, Kilcummin replied before Kieran O'Sullivan put Fossa back in front with a good point. Again, Kilcummin took the lead but an Emmett O'Shea free and a monster two pointer from David Clifford had Fossa in front 0-5 to 0-3 after fifteen minutes of play. Two Ted O'Gorman scores gave Fossa a slender lead at the break 0-8 to 0-7 but Kilcummin had the aid of the breeze to come in the second half.

On the resumption Kilcummin took over completely, driven on by the impressive Matt Keane who scored seven points from play, they gained control around the middle third of the pitch and had built a commanding lead of five points after ten minutes. David Clifford did kick a free and Paudie Clifford added a point from play but Kilcummin drove home their midfield superiority to run out easy winners on a scoreline of Kilcummin 0-22, Fossa 0-10.

The one positive from Fossa's perspective is that Paudie Clifford got game time and he will certainly be needed from the off next weekend, regardless of the opposition.

KILLARNEY LEGION

KERRY PETROLEUM INTERMEDIATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

A dramatic final day in the group stages where any of the four teams could have qualified for the last eight or crashed out. As it transpired we came out on the right side of things when our Senior men overcame a stubborn Ballydonoghue effort and in the process qualified as group winners. The prize for that is a home quarter against familiar rival Glenflesk with the game throwing in on Saturday August 30th at 4pm in Direen. As it happened it was the home side that got the opening score in the first minute with Peter McCarthy and Eoghan O Sullivan replying to go ahead after 11 minutes. We took control in the second quarter kicking four unanswered points through the boot Finbarr Murphy 0-2 Ryan O Grady and David O Sullivan to leave the half-time score 0-6 to 0-2 in our favour. As was the case in the first half Ballydonoghue got the opening point of the second period but David O Sullivan replied with a point to keep the gap at four, 0-7 to 0-3. The introduction of James O Donoghue and Jack O Neill was welcomed and that served to drive the team on further, with Ryan O Grady

and Finbarr Murphy adding to the tally. The final quarter was evenly contested with both sides exchanging scores with James O Donoghue, Jamie Alade and Cian Gammell all splitting the posts. In injury time Legion extended Ryan O Grady and Peter McCarthy put the icing on the cake of a 0-14 to 0-9 win.

MINOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Our minor boys travelled the long road to Waterville on Thursday evening to face the South Kerry District team with players from nine clubs, including familiar faces from Na Fianna, who they recently edged in a great Division County League Division 1 Shield final. The evening was perfect for football, and the hosts started brightly scoring from two turnovers to get a point and a goal a race into a lead. At one stage South Kerry were seven up but the lads found their rhythm and two fine team goals from Brian O Shea and Oisin Fleming gained parity before South Kerry edged in front at the break, although a great long distance effort from Finan Blackwell hit the uprights on the stroke of half time. The second half was another excellent half of football, with two teams playing positive football.

Legions back six were working hard to contain an impressive South Kerry forward line that included Kerry minor Kevin Griffin. Another great goal finished by Finan Blackwell brought them close, but with time running out, the district side went into a four point lead, aided by a Griffin two point free. But showing great resilience, and in injury time, the hard-working Legion players forced a team press turnover when South Kerry was playing keep ball, and Sean Pierce set up Brian O'Shea for a great goal. Winning the ball again from the resultant kickout and nearly got their just rewards from the game when Sean Pierces shot narrowly edged the wrong side of the right post. All in all, it was a superb effort by the lads and a performance they can build on when the quarter finals come in two weeks. Final score: South Kerry 1-19 Killarney Legion 4-9.

SENIOR LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Our Senior ladies travelled to Glenbeigh on Sunday to take on Cromane in Round 2 of the Bon Secours Junior A Championship. The home team took the points in a one sided victory and booked their place in the knockout stages. However all is not lost as we travel to play ISG in two weeks time knowing a win could secure a quarter final spot.

U10 BOYS

Our U10 boys were in Tralee to play Kerins O'Rahillys during the week. Three keenly contested games ensued with some great displays of skill, effort, and teamwork. Thank you to Padraig and Declan in Rahillys for hosting us. A big thank you to Oliver, Jamie, Daniel, Elliot, and Jonah, who got the call up from the U8's.

U14 LADIES

Our U14 Ladies faced Dr. Crokes at home on Tuesday night in what proved to be a high-octane and hard-fought Round 2 clash of the East Kerry Division 2 campaign. From the throw-in, the game was played with incredible intensity. Legion delivered a full team performance, marked by sharp distribution, relentless defending, and some hard-earned scores. Despite kicking a few wides in the first

half, the girls remained composed, and only a single point separated the sides at halftime.

The second half saw Legion come out with renewed grit and determination. The forwards began to find more space, leading to three clinical goals and a string of superb points from play. Every player stepped up, showing real heart and teamwork to see out the game on the winning side. A big thank you to our referee Sean Courtney for officiating, and to Dr. Crokes for a very sporting and competitive game. Final score Killarney Legion 7-13 Dr Crokes 6-9.

U16 LADIES

Our U16s booked their place in the U16 County League Division 2 Final on Thursday evening after a titanic battle in Direen. Trailing by three points at half time and still a point down with just three minutes to play, the girls showed great composure and spirit to tag on two late scores and seal the win. The girls now look forward to the final, where they will face the winners of Austin Stacks v Listowel.

EAST KERRY NEWS

EAST KERRY U14 FINALS

First team named at home.

Division 2B: Legion V Fossa Friday 29th August 7pm

Division 4A: Kilcummin B V Firies B Friday 29th August 7.30pm

Division 4B: Spa B V Rathmore B Friday 29th August 7.30pm.

COUNTY U14 CHAMPIONSHIP PLATE

Hard luck to the East Kerry U14 team who lost the County Final to Kilmoyley, despite a brilliant performance.

NORTH KERRY U16 B CHAMPIONSHIP

East Kerry's U16 lost their opening North Kerry Championship match after a brilliant game against Causeway. Despite the result, the team played admirably, and will have 3 more matches in their group.

CONDOLENCES

Sympathies to the families of Padraig O Rahilly on his recent tragic death. May he rest in peace.

DR. CROKES

CPR COURSE

With many families on holidays, the Refresher Course for CPR, Defibrillator, and First Aid has been deferred until the autumn.

LOTTO took place August 25th. Numbers drawn were 2, 10, 17, 27 Jackpot of €11,000 was NOT WON. 18 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €25 each. Jackpot for draw on September 1st will be €11,300. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor(https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor)

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.

NOTES

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



KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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



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

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KILLARNEY STUDENTS ENJOY FANTASTIC



Celebrations at St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary as the students receive their Leaving Certificate Results



Oliver Zuchowski (left) and (back right) Joshua Dunne receiving their Leaving Certificate examination results with Jason Arthur and Principal Sean Coffey at St Brendan's College Killarney on Friday.
Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Delighted Pres students Ciara O' Sullivan, Saoirse O' Sullivan, Laura Fitzgearld and Beth Lucey.



L-R Clodagh Moriarty, Kerrie Breen Riordan, teacher Breda Fitzgerald, Sarah Dineen and Miriam O'Sullivan .



L-R Kerrie Breen Riordan, Sarah Dineen, teacher Roisin Casey, Miriam O Sullivan and Clodagh Moriarty.



Students John O'Sullivan, Sean O'Leary, Jack O'Brien, Aaron Buckley, Colm O'Shea and Gearoid O'Connor receiving their Leaving Certificate examination results with Principal Sean Coffey at St Brendan's College Killarney on Friday.
Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Students Donagh O'Connor, Evan Lamass and Diarmuid Quirke receiving their Leaving Certificate examination results with Principal Sean Coffey at St Brendan's College Killarney on Friday.
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Ellen McCormick , Jennie McCarthy, Clodagh O' Connor from St. Brigid's delighted with their results.



Delighted with their results! St. Brigid's Presentation students: Lauren Carey, Saoirse Clifford, Leah Griffin, Kate Horgan, Kate-Lynn Horgan.



L-R Kerrie Breen Riordan, Sarah Dineen, teacher Roisin Casey, Miriam O Sullivan and Clodagh Moriarty.



Miriam O'Sullivan, Teacher Tara O'Shea and Sarah Dineen.

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STIC LEAVING CERTIFICATE RESULTS



Pres girls Nell Moore and Annie O'Connell (Missing from photo) both received max points of 625. Pictured is Nell with Acting Principal Mairead McElligott and Deputy Principal Liam McGill.



Students receiving their Leaving Certificate examination results with Principal Sean Coffey at St Brendan's College Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Student Gearoid Sugrue Donagh O'Connor delighted with his Leaving Certificate examination results pictured with family members Aileen, Enda, Grace and Connell O'Meara, Sinead and Cathal Sugrue at St Brendan's College Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Students Glen Bowler, Tadhg Kissane O'Sullivan and Sean O'Donovan delighted with their Leaving Certificate examination results with Sean Coffey Principal at St Brendan's College Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Students Tim Daly, Harry Bolger and Evan Lamass delighted with their Leaving Certificate examination results with teacher Niamh O'Connell and Principal Sean Coffey at St Brendan's College Killarney on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



L-R Matusz Pfister, Sean Jacobi and Darren Lowe.



Sam Pays A Visit to Dr. Crokes

Kerry players, Captain Gavin White, Evan Looney and Charlie Keating surprise young players at their Summer Camp at the club grounds on Lewis Road



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This unique road trip, now in its 17th year, will travel over 1,000km of Ireland's open roads, with free family festivals, live entertainment, and celebrity appearances across the country. To date, Cannonball has raised over €2 million for Irish charities. This year's chosen cause is The Jack and Jill Children's Foundation, supported by Circle K through a national fundraising campaign.

Route Highlights: Friday, September 12th: The supercar convoy departs from Johnstown Estate, Enfield, taking in stops in Edenderry, Tullamore, and Ballymaloe House, before a fuel stop at Circle K Fermoy.

Killarney will host the first overnight stop with a spectacular arrival at The Brehon Hotel at 5:45 PM. Spectators can view the cars at The Brehon and Gleneagle Hotel car parks.

Saturday, September 13th: The convoy leaves Killarney at 10:00 AM, stops at Circle K Ballysimon, Limerick, and heads north to Sligo.

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In a scene fit for Her Majesty's Secret Service, Radio Nova's PJ Gallagher and Jim McCabe got to grips with a rare Aston Martin DB11 to announce that the Jack and Jill Children's Foundation is the official charity partner for Cannonball 2025. Photograph: Sasko Lazarov / © RollingNews.ie

Deputy Michael Cahill Welcomes Funding For New UBU Youth Service for Kerry ETB

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has warmly welcomed today's announcement by Minister for Education and Youth, Helen McEntee TD, of funding for ten new UBU Your Place Your Space youth services, including a new service for Kerry ETB.

The initiative is part of an additional €1.2 million investment under Budget 2025 and will deliver targeted, youth worker-led supports for up to 1,000 disadvantaged young people nationwide, aged 10–24. Kerry is among the counties selected to host these new services, which will prioritise safe spaces, dedicated youth workers, and tailored supports for vulnerable and at-risk young people.

Deputy Cahill praised the announcement, highlighting the benefit for young people in Kerry and commending the essential work of Kerry Education and Training Board (ETB), "I



am absolutely delighted that Kerry ETB has been chosen as one of the locations for a new UBU youth service. This is a very welcome investment in the wellbeing and future of our young people, particularly those who are most in need of support."

Deputy Cahill added, "I want to acknowledge the vital and important work carried out by Kerry ETB across our county. Their commitment

to education, inclusion, and youth development is second to none, and today's announcement is a recognition of that tireless work on the ground."

Deputy Cahill also noted that the ETBs will shortly begin the process of identifying local youth organisations to deliver the new service, with areas of highest need prioritised for rollout.

The UBU programme is the Department of Education and Youth's largest targeted youth funding initiative and currently supports approximately 68,000 young people nationwide through 249 services.

"This investment will help young people in Kerry realise their full potential and get the support they need, where and when they need it most," Deputy Cahill concluded.

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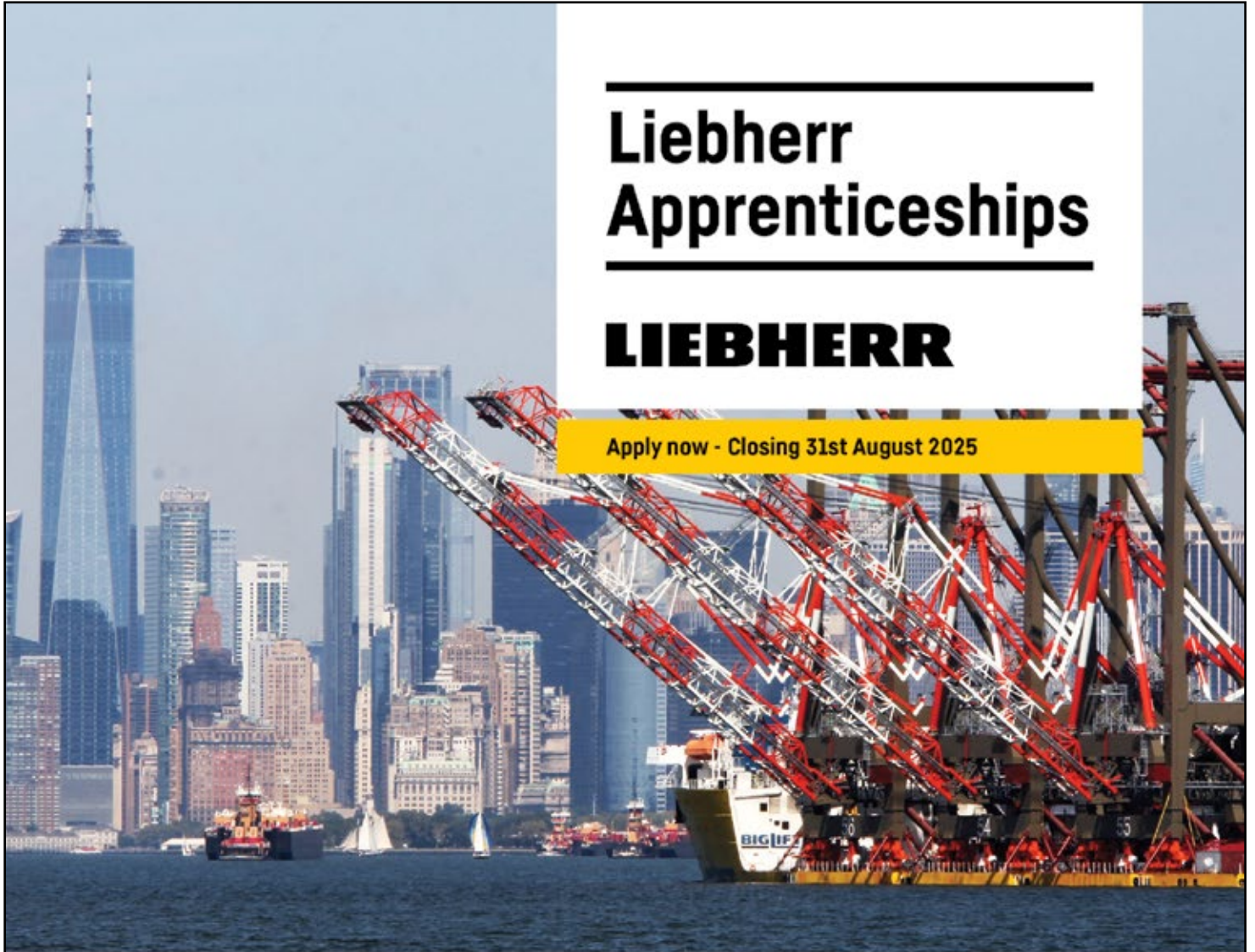
Present at the launch of the Pat Delaney Memorial Golf Outing were

Back L-R/: Tom Holohan Vice President St Pats, Gavin Gardner, Mike Leahy, Michael, Clodagh, Abbie and Pat Delaney.

Middle L-R: Mark Murphy CEO, Killarney Credit Union, Dan Kelleher St Pats, Brigid Delaney & Ger Galvin.

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HSE South West expands winter programme to shield babies from RSV



HSE South West is building on last winter's very successful RSV immunisation programme which was delivered to new born babies in maternity settings and higher risk babies in the community. The programme significantly reduced infections, serious illness and hospitalisations of young infants during the 2024-2025 winter season.

Key statistics from the national programme include:

Almost 22,500 babies were immunised.
83% of those offered immunisation accepted it for their babies
Among those immunised (compared to similar babies the previous year who were not immunised), there was a significant decrease in the impact of RSV including:
65% reduction in total number of cases presenting;
57% reduction in cases presenting to emergency departments;
76% reduction in babies requiring hospitalisation
65% reduction in babies

needing intensive care due to complications of RSV

This winter season HSE South West will once again offer RSV immunisation in maternity settings across Cork and Kerry to all babies born in Ireland from 1st September 2025 to 28th February 2026.

This year the programme is extending to include all babies born in Ireland, during the six month period from 1st March 2025 to 31st August 2025. Parents and guardians of these babies can book an appointment from Monday 1st September on the RSV Immunisation page of the HSE website: <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/rsv/immunisation/> It is important to note that appointments will only be available during September. Parents and guardians are advised to book early, to ensure their child is protected ahead of any surge in RSV infections this autumn/ winter season. Parents of babies born from 1st September 2025 to 28th February 2026 will be offered the immunisation before they leave the maternity hospital.

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St Mary's Cathedral Wed 11.00am- 5pm Wednesday
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EVENING OF HEALING WITH PRAISE, WORSHIP AND MASS;

Led by Fr John Keane, Supported by Deacon Thady O'Connor will be held in St Agatha's Church, Glenflesk, V93 XK54 on Friday August 29th at 7pm commencing with Rosary. all enquiries to Siobhan 0879360098 or Celia 087 2405568. All welcome to attend.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK FROM TOUSIST AND NEIGHBOURING PARISHES

Tues 9th to Thurs 11th September. Staying at St Marys (opposite the Grotto) Spiritual Director Fr John Kerin Enquiries Kitty 087 9492710lna 087 7730742

KILLARNEY ACTIVE RETIREMENT WILL RESUME WEEKLY MEETINGS

on Friday September 5th -2 -4PM in the KCYS -back of Friary Bookshop - if interested in joining our group come along and see if you are interested. New members welcome

KILLARNEY 3 WEEK DANCE CLASSES starting on Tuesday 2nd of September in Spa GAA Clubhouse Killarney time 8-9-15pm.waltzing jiving quick steps line dancing and much more call or text 0877541631

KILLARNEY SOCCER MEMORIES CAFE: Support for People with Dementia and their Families. Our next monthly Cafe with be held on Saturday the 30th of August from 11am - 1pm at the Day Centre of Clann Housing, Cill na Darrach V93 VXY8, Killarney (Near Rock Road Day Centre).Please follow us on Facebook for updates and a video of where to find us at: <https://www.facebook.com/share/19Bu6GJqo1/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

PARISH MISSION ANNOUNCEMENT -COMMUNITY GROUPS CALLOUT!

Killarney Parish will be running a Redemptorist led mission from Sunday September 21st to Friday September 26th. This Mission schedule will be posted to individual households, on the Killarney Parish Facebook page,

and in the parish newsletter in the coming weeks, so keep an eye out!

One of the highlights of the Mission is expected to be the final night, where we are looking for groups all over the parish to be represented. We are seeking groups from all walks of life - If you are a group in our parish, perhaps it's a sporting club, a charitable organisation, a school, a music group, a volunteer group etc , we want you to get in touch!

If your group would like to be included please email killarney@dioceseofkerry.ie before Tuesday August 26th, with community groups in the subject title, and include the name of your group and what the nature of the group is, and some one will be in touch with you from the parish team.

MISSION TEAM: Conducted by The Redemptorist Mission Team: Helena Connolly, Fr. Laurence Gallagher CSsR & Fr. Gerry Moloney CSsR

DAILY SCHEDULES - St Mary's Cathedral: Monday 21st - 25 th Daily Mass - 7am, 10am Evening Session - 7pm Church of the Resurrection 9.30am Daily Mass

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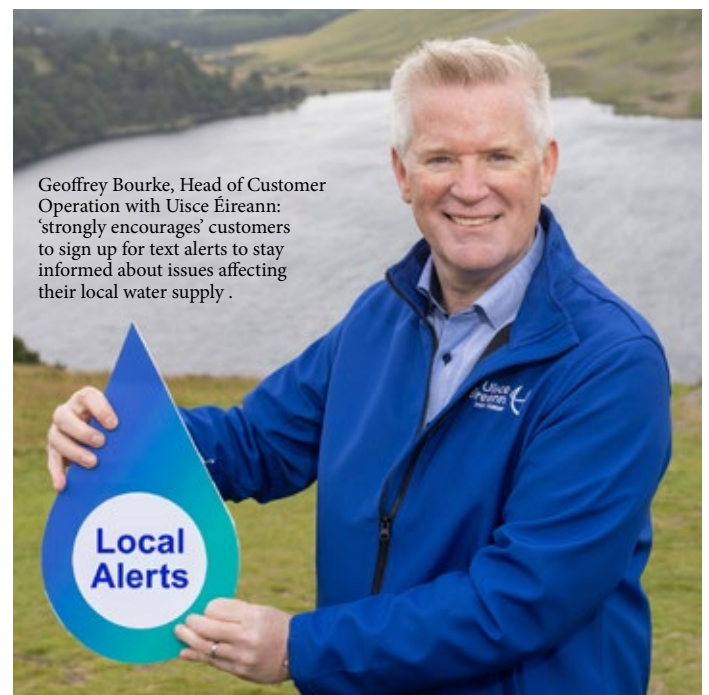
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Uisce Éireann Urges Kerry Customers to Sign Up for Free Water Text Alerts


Uisce Éireann is calling on Kerry residents to join the 10,000 locals already receiving free real-time text alerts about water outages, boil notices, and supply issues.

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Don't wait until an outage affects you, sign up today at www.water.ie using your Eircode and mobile number. The service is quick, free, and helps keep homes and businesses prepared.



Geoffrey Bourke, Head of Customer Operation with Uisce Éireann: 'strongly encourages' customers to sign up for text alerts to stay informed about issues affecting their local water supply.







A Word of Victory

"Therefore, beloved, since we have these promises, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that defiles body and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Corinthians 7:1)

Welcome back dear student, last week we saw how we are joint heirs with Jesus. This happened because of the the New Covenant which God made with man, sealed in the sinless blood of His Son. This relationship with God comes through accepting that Jesus Christ is Lord; repenting of and turning from sin to follow Jesus, believing that He died to pay for our sins and that God raised Him from the dead, allowing us to be reconciled to God as His beloved children. It requires us to leave behind the old way of life – lying, stealing, cheating, gossiping, hating, hurting, pride, immorality – to name just a few (Galatians 2:20). In turning to God for Salvation through Christ we become 'new creations in Christ' – that is, washed and clean from sin, given a new identity as His children, filled with His Spirit, reconnected to God (2 Corinthians 5). This is the Good News (the Gospel). Not one of us could ever make ourselves righteous – it is a free gift from God. Understanding that our Salvation is not based on good works brings freedom from the religious, perfectionist spirit. The enemy uses those things to bog people down in condemnation and ritual works of service – trying to please God. The Lord calls our self-righteous acts 'filthy rags' (Isaiah 64:6). Yes, we are to do good and live right – out of love: not out of wanting brownie points from God or others. Prideful flesh loves attention on its sacrifices. Humility just gets on with it whether anyone notices or not, knowing that ultimately God sees and knows everything (Matthew 6:1-18).

There is only One way to right-standing with God and that is Righteousness from the sinless Blood shed by Jesus, the Lamb of God. But there are many ways to defilement. Shops are now stocked with lovely earthy coloured decorations for Autumn, but alongside these are decorations for Halloween. It's amazing how easy it has been to subtly plant in people's minds that these things that exalt evil and darkness are harmless décor to seasonally embellish a home. Folks figure that they're just the same as Christmas decorations – a nice thing to light up the dark winter. That's not true friend – please, don't fall for it. For these Halloween decorations are accursed things – they defile and separate one from God. "And you must not bring any detestable thing into your house, or you, like it, will be set apart for destruction. You are to utterly detest and abhor it, because it is set apart for destruction" (Deuteronomy 7:26). There are all kinds of evil and tragic things happening, and people blame God – asking why He would let bad things like this happen to them? But they're accusing the wrong Person. The enemy comes to steal, to kill and to destroy, he's a murderer, a thief and a robber, a liar and evil (John 10:10; John 8:44). He seeks attention for himself while using deception. Halloween has been embedded into culture now as just another holiday – even integrated into the school curriculum as a fun activity for this time of year, taking equal place with creation's change of season. These things open the door for Satan to enter and defile, bringing chaos, death, torment, and dysfunction. Objects that promote false gods or evil give the enemy a landing strip – like when an airplane locks on the airfield lights to land. Decorating homes with witchcraft items or things symbolising paganism are welcoming darkness, and bring curse, not blessing. Search this out for yourself friend and reject it.

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DIED SEPTEMBER 3RD 2024. DIED 14TH JULY 2009.

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

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

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Anniversary Mass at Fossa Church, Sunday, August 31st 10am.



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LIGHT WE STILL SHARE.

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Anniversary Mass
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1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

THECLA CONNOR



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WHO PASSED AWAY ON
THE 31ST OF AUGUST 2024.

*If tears could build a stairway,
and memories a lane
We would walk right up to Heaven
and bring you back again.*

*Your memory is our keepsake
For which we'll never part
God has you in his keeping
We have you in our heart.*

Always in our thoughts and forever
in our hearts,
Your loving Sister Eileen, Tony and Family.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

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and do things as you would have wished.
Always with us.*

Always loved and remembered
The Heffernan Family

Anniversary Mass will be at 10.30am
on Sunday 31st August in
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
& 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

NELLIE MULCAHY
(NÉE MANNIX)



LATE OF ARD MHUIRE,
RATHMORE

WHO PASSED AWAY ON
3RD SEPTEMBER, 2024.

As we lovingly remember Nellie on the
first anniversary of her death, we wish to
express our deepest gratitude to all who
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of Nellie's death and throughout the past
year. Sharing memories of Nellie with you
has been a great source of comfort and
consolation to us.

Our special thanks to Fr Pat O'Donnell for
such a meaningful farewell liturgy and for
all he did to help guide the family through
such a difficult time. Our thanks, too, to Joan
and Sheila whose music and singing made
the Funeral Mass so special.

Sincere thanks to O'Keeffe's Funeral Directors
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professionalism. Thank you to Dr Christine
and all in Millstreet Medical Centre, those
who helped care for Nellie while she was
still at home, and also to the staff of Araglen
House Nursing Home for their unwavering
support and kindness throughout Nellie's
time with them. Thanks also to the Kerry
Way for accommodating us for the funeral
lunch reception.

Most heartfelt thanks to our extended
family, relatives, neighbours and friends
for their support and kindness throughout
Nellie's illness, and in the days, weeks and
months that followed her death.

As it would be impossible to thank
everyone individually, please accept this
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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been
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Anniversary Mass for Nellie will be held on
31st August at 11:30am in
St. Joseph's Church, Rathmore.

1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

THECLA CONNOR



CASTLEISLAND
WHO PASSED AWAY ON
THE 31ST OF AUGUST 2024.

*Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near
Still loved, still missed and still very dear.*

Love your sister Breda, Denny and Norma.

1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

THECLA CONNOR



CASTLEISLAND
WHO PASSED AWAY ON
THE 31ST OF AUGUST 2024.

*We think of you always,
We talk to you too,
We have such precious memories,
We wish we still had you.*

Your loving sister Ann and family.

33RD ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MAURICE
O'SHEA



PIKE HILL, KILLARNEY
WHO DIED ON THE
3RD SEPTEMBER 1992.

*In Gods care you rest above,
in our hearts you rest with love.
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O Little Therese of the Child Jesus, please pick for
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Jesus, ask God to grant the favors
I now place with confidence in your hands . .
(mention in silence here)
St. Therese, help me to always believe as you did
in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate
your "Little Way" each day.
Amen

NOVENA TO THE
SACRED HEART

Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have
asked many favours. This time I ask
you this special one, (mention favour).
Take it dear heart of Jesus and place
it within your heart where your Father
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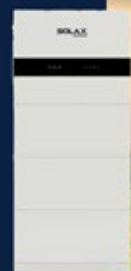
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