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At the fundraiser for Palliative Care in The Failte Hotel, Killarney, were front from left, Carol Ridgway, Niall 'Botty' O'Callaghan, Valerie O'Callaghan, Eileen O'Callaghan and Megan O'Callaghan. Back from left are Derry O'Keeffe, Deirdre Gaudino, Cathal Walshe (Kerry Hospice), Ciara Curran, Brian Bowler, Charlie Hughes (West End House School of Arts) and Danny O'Sullivan. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



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A Note from the



There must be something in the water in Killarney, as the town has produced two standouts in their industries who are making global waves. This weekend at the Golden Globes in Los Angeles, Killarney native Ruairi O'Flaherty is in the running for four awards, while Jessie Buckley has secured another nomination in the BAFTA shortlist.

An evening of theatre and music was held in The Failte to raise funds for palliative care, Sean O'Leary shared his story with 1900 students at the AXA Roadshow and Anne Lucey looks at the empty buildings in Killarney.

The countdown is on the the Listry GAA and MEK Gaels €26,000 Valentine's Draw, Killarney Water Rescue and Search Recovery Team were on hand to assist a family in Muckross and Beaufort quiz buffs were crowned All Ireland Champions.

Kerry Stars Athletes are funding their trip to the Special Olympics with a coffee morning, HeartBeat's Men's Health night attracted a huge crowd and the countdown is well and truly on for KMS's production of All Shook Up.

It was victory for the Kerry Ladies in the league opener while the Kerry Senior Football team secured a last minute point to win their game v Roscommon, a Killarney Valley AC athlete is set to compete in Boston and St. Mary's Basketball Club are heading to Barcelona.

As we head into St. Brigid's Bank Holiday weekend, I hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

Lá Fhéile Bríde shona daoibh

Aisling Crosbie



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KILLARNEY MAN IN THE SPOTLIGHT

at Grammy Awards with four nominations

Killarney will be proudly watching this year's Grammy Awards as local man Ruairí O'Flaherty earns an impressive four Grammy nominations, placing the Coolgreane Park native firmly in the global music industry spotlight.

Ruairí, is the son of Josie and Corry Flaherty and brother to Tony, Lori, Elaine and Eoghan. Now a senior mastering engineer at the renowned

Sterling Sound studio in the United States, he has been recognised for his contribution to some of the most celebrated music of the year, including projects by Sabrina Carpenter and Kendrick Lamar.

At the 2026 Grammy Awards, which take place this Sunday, February 1 at the Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles, Ruairí's work has earned him credits in several of music's most prestigious categories. He is associated with nominations for Album of the Year for GNX by Kendrick Lamar and Man's Best Friend by Sabrina Carpenter, and Record of the Year for "Manchild" by Sabrina

Carpenter and "luther" by Kendrick Lamar and SZA. As a mastering engineer, Ruairí, who lives in Los Angeles with his wife Sydney, and their two daughters, Ellie and Mirabel, plays a crucial role in shaping the final sound of recordings, ensuring the music achieves its highest possible quality before release.

These nominations follow a successful 2025 Grammy season where he was recognised for his work on Sabrina Carpenter's Short n' Sweet and St. Vincent's All Born Screaming. Over the course of his career, he has also mastered music for artists including Taylor Swift, Billie Eilish, Lil Nas X and Doja Cat.

Ruairí O'Flaherty recently joined Sterling Sound, having previously worked independently. Announcing his appointment, the company shared on social media: "We're excited to announce that Ruairí O'Flaherty (@nomograph.mastering) has joined the Sterling Sound team as our newest senior mastering engineer, and is bringing his four Grammy nominations with him! Congrats, and welcome Ruairí!"

The 2026 ceremony will be broadcast live on CBS and streamed on Paramount+ from 8pm ET. For Killarney and the wider Irish music community, Ruairí O'Flaherty's multiple nominations mark not only personal success but a moment of pride for his hometown.



Killarney man Ruairí O'Flaherty

Killarney's Jessie Buckley and Paul Mescal Shine in BAFTA Nominations for Hamnet

Local star Jessie Buckley has once again captured the spotlight on the international stage, earning a BAFTA nomination for Leading Actress for her powerful role in Hamnet, one of the most talked-about films of the awards season. The historic nominations were announced this week by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA), with Jessie and her Hamnet co-star Paul Mescal among the Irish talents recognised.

Jessie, the daughter of Marina Cassidy and Tim Buckley from Killarney, has been praised worldwide for her portrayal of Agnes Hathaway in the film, a role that has already brought her multiple awards this season, including a Golden Globe and Critics' Choice honour. Her BAFTA nomination adds to a remarkable string of accolades that also include an Oscar nomination for Best Actress.

Paul Mescal is nominated in the Supporting Actor category for his performance as William Shakespeare, a role that has won him widespread admiration. His BAFTA nod comes shortly after he was unexpectedly overlooked by the Oscars, making the British film award nomination an especially sweet recognition of his work.

Hamnet has made awards history this year, securing 11 BAFTA nominations, the most ever for a film directed by a woman which is a testament to the film's creative achievement under director Chloé Zhao. The nominations include Best Film, Best Director, Outstanding British Film, and Adapted Screenplay, where the original author Maggie O'Farrell is also recognised.





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Evening of Theatre and Music

Raises Funds for Palliative Care in Killarney

A special fundraiser in aid of Palliative Care services took place at The Fáilte Hotel, Killarney, on Thursday night, offering guests an enjoyable evening of theatre, music and entertainment while supporting a vital cause.

The West End House School of Arts staged two one-act plays, *The Flesh Game* by Rae Shirley and *The Fag* by Brian Bowler, which were warmly received by the audience.

Following the theatrical performances, guests were treated to live music from local musicians Bugzee and Eddie, adding to the lively and uplifting atmosphere of the night.

Food was served throughout the evening, and a raffle along with a bucket collection helped raise additional funds, with all proceeds going directly towards Palliative Care services.

Niall 'Botty' O'Callaghan of The Fáilte Hotel acted as MC for the event. Speaking passionately on the night, he praised the outstanding work carried out by the Palliative Care team at University Hospital Kerry (UHK) in Tralee.

He shared that his late brothers, Paudie and Dermot, had received exceptional care and expressed heartfelt thanks to the team for the compassion and support they showed to the O'Callaghan family, as well as to every family who benefits from their services.



At the fundraiser for Palliative Care in The Fáilte Hotel, Killarney, were from left, Valerie O'Callaghan, Eileen O'Callaghan, Niall 'Botty' O'Callaghan and Megan O'Callaghan. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



At the fundraiser for Palliative Care in The Fáilte Hotel, Killarney, were from left, Geraldine, Eileen Treacy and Mary O'Neill. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



At the fundraiser for Palliative Care in The Fáilte Hotel, Killarney, were from left, John and Paula Counihan, Noel and Helen Brosnan. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



A scene from one of the plays at the fundraiser for Palliative Care in The Fáilte Hotel, Killarney. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



Niall 'Botty' O'Callaghan speaking to the audience at the fundraiser for Palliative Care in The Fáilte Hotel, Killarney. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



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Sharing his story

Sean O'Leary Speaks to Over 1,900 Kerry students at AXA's Roadsafe Roadshow



Sean O'Leary from Kerry was one of the Speakers for the event. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD .

A life changing accident in 2021 was shared with over Over 1,900 students from across County Kerry participated in the 19th annual AXA Roadsafe Roadshow at the Gleneagle Arena last week. Seán O'Leary, a minor winner with Kerry who survived a head-on collision near Abbeyfeale Co. Limerick in 2021 while travelling home from a Munster championship match spoke passionately to the audience about the vulnerability of road users. Then a 22-year-old UL student, Seán suffered two broken legs, a fractured sternum, post-traumatic stress and required multiple surgeries. He spent eight months in a wheelchair and had to learn to walk again. By sharing how it has affected his life, sport and future, Seán wants to help students understand how one dangerous decision on the road can have lifelong consequences for others.

Sean has rebuilt his life in a most amazing way and is back playing football with his team Kilcummin.

The roadshow aims to promote road safety among young adults, a group that is disproportionately at risk on our roads.

According to An Garda Síochána, nine people were killed and 68 were seriously injured on Kerry roads in 2025 – meaning that for every life lost, there were almost eight people left with serious, often life-changing injuries.

AXA claims data further highlights the vulnerability of young road users. Drivers under the age of 25 are 75% more likely to have a personal injury claim than drivers aged 25 and over. Young male drivers are at even higher risk, with men aged under 25 being 48% more likely

to have a personal injury claim than women in the same age group.

In 2025, in Co. Kerry, 843 drivers were detected using their mobile phone while driving and approximately 400 people were arrested for driving under the influence. Road traffic collisions continue to have a devastating impact on families and communities, with 4 people losing their lives on Irish roads so far this year.

Now in its 19th year, the AXA Roadsafe Roadshow engages and educates young drivers, encouraging them to reflect on the importance of road safety and the serious impact that behaviours such as speeding, substance use and distraction can have on themselves and others.

Organised in partnership with An Garda Síochána and Kerry County Council, along with local emergency services, the AXA Roadsafe

Roadshow provides a raw, real-life depiction of the risks on our roads, including:

A re-enactment of a night out ending in tragedy, illustrating the devastating consequences of reckless driving.

First-hand accounts from emergency responders who attend serious collisions and road fatalities.

Another personal stories shared, included Leo Lieghio, who tragically lost his daughter Marsia in a hit-and-run over 20 years ago.

Inspector Gary Carroll, An Garda Síochána said: "Since I have taken up my role as head of the Roads Policing Unit in Kerry, I have attended many Road Traffic Collisions where young people have lost their lives. In my view the majority of these collisions can be prevented by changing driver behaviours and wearing seatbelts. Here in Kerry, we are committed to educating our young people on the dangerous of our roads and we are actively looking at ways to improved driver behaviour. The AXA Roadsafe Roadshow plays a significant part in getting our message across to the drivers of the future."

Declan Keogh, Road Safety Officer, Kerry County Council said: "Kerry County Council is delighted to be associated with the AXA Roadsafe Roadshow. This show is not just a hard-hitting reality check for road users, it delivers real-to-life stories from those who have been involved in or affected by a collision. The TY students from schools across Kerry will hear firsthand those experiences, the challenges, and the trauma suffered by collision survivors and bereaved family members and volved in a collision and I hope everyone takes away from the show, the harsh reality of what can happen on the road and the consequences thereafter."

For more information on the AXA Roadsafe Roadshow please see www.axa.ie.



Pictured: Michael Teehan, Axa Tralee, Killarney students Ryan O'Callaghan and Robert Hannon and Declan Keogh, Road Safety Officer at KCC. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD .



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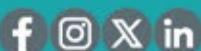
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Michael O'Donoghue's Irish Craft Shines at Showcase



Kerry furniture designer and maker Michael O'Donoghue of Michael G Woodwork has won a top award at Showcase Ireland, the country's leading creative expo held at the RDS, Dublin. Competing among Ireland's finest craft makers, Michael received the prestigious honour from the Design & Crafts Council of Ireland for his handcrafted Ebonised Ash Rocking Chair. Based in his Milltown studio, Michael is known for his signature rocking chairs in

walnut and ebonised ash, blending Irish landscape inspiration with the influence of renowned American woodworker Sam Maloof. His work stood out for its craftsmanship, originality and story-driven design.

"I'm thrilled and shocked," Michael said after the win. "I never expected to be shortlisted, let alone win."

Supported by Local Enterprise Office Kerry, Michael was one of three Kerry exhibitors at the event. LEO Kerry described the win as a proud first for the county at Showcase, praising Michael's creativity and skill. Showcase Ireland brings together hundreds of designers and thousands of buyers from around the world, making it a key platform for Irish craft. Michael's award highlights the strength of Kerry furniture making on a national stage.



Fexco's Festive Carolling In Killorglin Raises €4000 For Kerry Mental Health Association

FEXCO Choral Group brought an abundance of festive cheer to the office in Iveragh Rd, Killorglin during Christmas lunch on Wednesday 10th December, carolling in the town centre on Wednesday 17th December, followed by a visit to St. Joseph's Nursing Home where they brought so much wonderful joy to the residents and staff.

Their efforts made Christmas truly special while raising €4000 for Kerry Mental Health Association Killorglin & District Branch.

When accepting the cheque from the Fexco Choral Group, the General Manager of Kerry Mental Health Association, John Drummeary thanked everyone for their time, energy and support for the local charity.



Fexco's Festive Carolling In Killorglin Raises €4000 For Kerry Mental Health Association." The Fexco Choral Group presented the General Manager of Kerry Mental Health Association, John Drummeary with a cheque for €4000 from their Christmas Carol Singing fundraisers. Photo: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD

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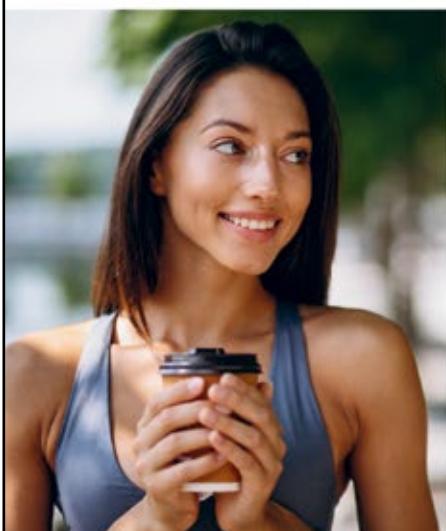
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Anne Lucey

looks at the positive news happening in Killarney



Empty buildings and under-nourished buildings in Killarney: solutions.

St Finan's, The Áras, St Mary's Parish Hall: what are we to do with all these empty and near empty buildings semi-circling the town. Then there are the new empty buildings - the kitchen block at Deer Lodge, the "new" community nursing unit which is still unopened.

St Finan's, a protected structure, thirteen years on, no plans and no progress. HSE/State owned Finans now stands less for the mental health of previous ages, and more for the insanity of the current age. This is where people are emigrating because of lack of housing and where billions are being paid to those with property to accommodate immigrants. While there is State land and empty buildings.

Solution: De List and Knock Finan's. It is depressing the town.

Use some of the stone to front new houses and



St. Mary's Parish Hall.

a new community centre and a memorial to staff and to patients.

Áras : The latest council meeting has heard there really is no money in the pot for a stand alone theatre and the chance for one has been blown. So, is it time to look again at the existing structure?

Otherwise it does really seem we will be looking at the "derelict" Áras Phadraig for a long

time to come.

The department of housing and local government will not consider the expansion of the original proposal for the Áras Phadraig and a bigger theatre or a full re-design won't be countenanced, Martin O'Donoghue town manager told a recent meeting.

There is no new funding stream for a new theatre either. The URDF grant funding (16 million on the table) was the only show in town and the project is now only a plaza and theatre. Without the business partner, the HSE's primary care centre, it has little real prospect. Solution: Put together a plan to do up and extend the existing building for a theatre and practice rooms.

People are also raising St Mary's Parish Hall. Last time I checked the Church needed money to do it up. I have put in a further query, but there is no reply yet. Maybe we could start with the Parish Hall and raise funds - from the parking charges?

IS ICE THE TIP OF AN ICEBERG?

The way things are going in the US at the moment, you would wonder about the foundations of the western world.

The heavy handed intransigence towards its own citizens in the country that parades as the flagship of western democracy is downright scary.

But is it very different this side of the Atlantic? Box ticking and an approach to citizens that is inflexible and hard, and power too centralised, will be the death of Europe too. People feel alienated from the state, not just isolated. Their State is not theirs - it is "the" state - something unapproachable. I hear it more and more.

The great George Orwell is mostly remembered for 1984. But what is often overlooked is how he early put his finger on the rot at the heart of the British Empire. His novel 1930s Burmese Days from his time policing part of the world, peeled away the culprit: petty bureaucracy backed by the heavy hand of the State. "It's all this law and order that has done for us.... The ruin of the Indian Empire through too much legality... All this paper chewing and chit passing. Office babus are the real rulers of this country now," one of the novel's trigger happy army characters holds forth at his exclusive club. We have empty buildings in this town because the State's agencies are in silos and acting like an exclusive colonial club in Burma!

We have the highest gas, electricity and health insurance charges in Europe. Increases are on a whim. People are leaving hands on jobs like nursing and teaching, self employment and the guards because of the slavery to process by management and the state.

Rural communities and GAA clubs are facing extinction in south Kerry, from lack of basic

infrastructure and silly planning restrictions, this month's council meeting was told. Then there is the beleaguered motorist: a situation has been allowed where parking charges - and fines - are "critical" for the local authority budget in Kerry, we have been told. Money on the backs of motorists who pay taxes - road and VRT - few or no other European motorist does.

Revenue are altogether too powerful - and too merciless across Europe. The Financial Times recently had a whole page ad about the scandal that is allowed in Spain where revenue officials operate on commission.

As for financial institutions - they don't want to deal with human beings. They just want numbers.

Ice in the US is but the tip - there's a huge berg underneath Europe too.



CUT THE ROADSIDE TREES

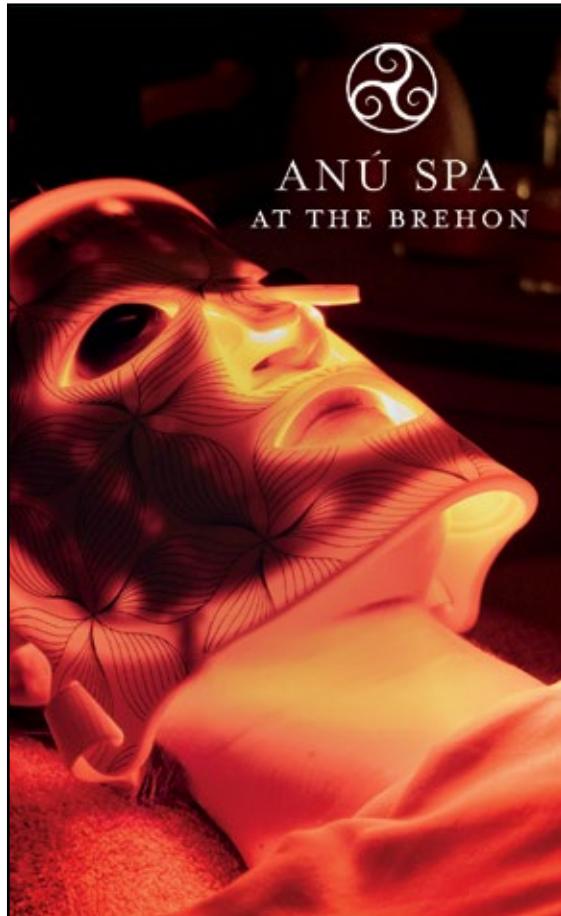
Amid growing concern about deer there may be some local solution. Declaring sika an invasive alien species is a clumsy solution and is not one that will wash. The sika are here since 1860 and are no longer alien. The big native reds crossing the roads are probably more of a danger. I don't like this qualification anyway - alien and native. Next they will be rooting out much of my garden as many plants are exotic and then when will they start with the people!

Deer got a lot of traction at a few recent council meetings. Maura Healy Rae getting nowhere on re-fencing around the Demesne (the walls taken down at Ballydowney etc have never been rebuilt) asked about tree cutting. About four bodies are involved in the deer/roads conundrum - NPWS, TII, Failte Ireland, and the council.

But surely the council could override the others? This would give motorists a view of the road, Maura pressed on.

Surely the council could cut the trees? To his credit acting roads director Paul Curry consented - cutting back trees "needs to be considered," is what he said.

Maura must pursue this. Meanwhile, the N72 Fossa road by the demesne and golf course needs to be fenced all the way from town. The new straight and narrow had to be redone after the type of fencing there left sheep through. How much did that cost? What's the betting the new trees at the Gap cross will have to be removed too?



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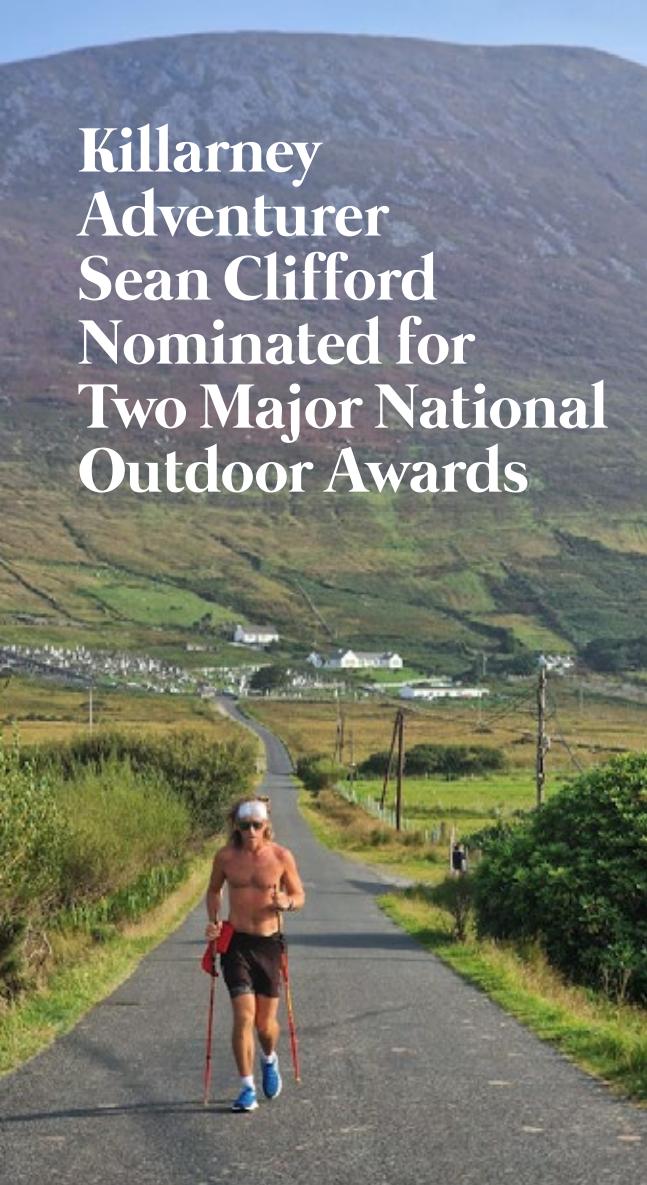
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Killarney Adventurer Sean Clifford Nominated for Two Major National Outdoor Awards



Killarney's Sean Clifford has earned national recognition once again after receiving two nominations at the 2025 Outsider Awards.

Sean has been shortlisted for both Outsider of the Year and Outdoor Adventure of the Year, honouring some of the most remarkable achievements in Ireland's outdoor community.

The nominations follow his record-breaking run of the entire Wild Atlantic Way last August. In just under 30 days, Sean covered approximately 2,700 kilometres from Donegal to Cork, climbing an estimated 27,000 metres - the equivalent of summiting Everest three times - along one of the country's most demanding routes.

The Wild Atlantic Way is not designed as a running trail. Its exposed coastal roads, remote headlands, constant elevation changes and unpredictable weather led many experienced ultra runners to doubt whether the challenge could be completed within the timeframe. Sean Clifford proved otherwise.

This is the second consecutive year Sean has been recognised at the Outsider Awards. In 2024, he was nominated after setting a record for climbing all 275 Irish mountains, a challenge involving over 72,000 metres of ascent in difficult conditions.

Speaking about the latest nominations, Sean emphasised the community support behind his achievements.

"These nominations aren't just about me," he said. "They're about the people who ran beside me, the locals who offered support, and the clubs that showed up along the way. Adventure doesn't have to be exclusive - it can be for anyone willing to take the first step."

Organisers of the Outsider Awards highlight storytelling, resilience and the broader impact of outdoor pursuits - qualities many say Sean Clifford's recent challenges represent. His Wild Atlantic Way run attracted a wide online following and inspired many people to get active outdoors.

Despite the national attention, Sean continues to train locally in Kerry and promotes the benefits of outdoor activity for mental and physical wellbeing.

The Outsider Awards, run by Outsider.ie, are considered a key annual celebration of Ireland's outdoor and adventure community.

The double nomination further establishes Sean Clifford as one of Ireland's leading endurance adventurers, recognised not only for his achievements but for the spirit in which he undertakes them.

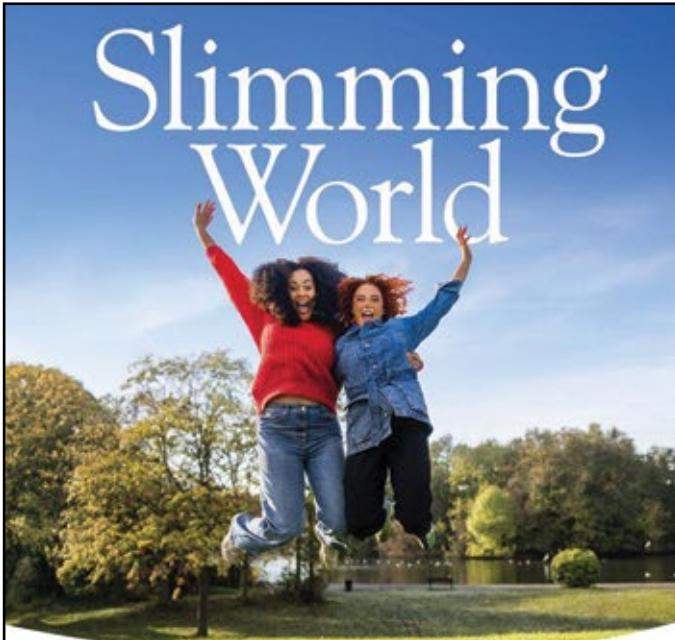
Meet the Cast of All Shook Up

Killarney Musical Society presents 'All Shook Up' for their 40th anniversary on the 10th, 11th and 12th of February in the Gleneagle Arena. This week we are introducing you to our lead cast member - Dominick Hurley- who plays Dennis. Dominick Hurley plays the role of Dennis, who serves as the lovable, yet awkward, best friend and secret admirer of Natalie Haller (played by Katrina Galvin). He is an aspiring dentist, often characterized as a "nerd with a heart of gold". Dominick has been performing since the young age of 6, joining Oliver Hurley's Stage school and Tralee Musical society to where he is still also a member of to this day. This is his first production with Killarney Musical Society. Dominick Has a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Hons) in Musical Theatre from the prestigious Cork School of music, where he has been in shows such as "9 to 5", "Our House", and the "Addams family" Being featured ensemble in those shows and being a featured soloist in concerts and productions by the college. Dominick has been in many productions within the Amateur world including leads such as "Joseph" in Siamsa Tíre Productions - "Joseph and The amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and "Chip" in MTU Musical Society's - "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee".

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At the South Kerry Development Partnership (SKDP) Kerry Social Farming annual meeting at The Brehon Hotel, Killarney, SKDP Staff and participants gather after the meeting.

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Kerry Social Farming Holds Annual Meeting at The Brehon Hotel

Kerry Social Farming (KSF) held its 2026 Annual Meeting at the Brehon Hotel, Killarney on Friday morning 23rd January. Over 90 people attended, including host farmers, participants and their families, service provider agencies, project partners and representatives of a number of other social farming projects. Éamon Horgan (Kilgarvan) host farmer and Chairman of KSF Working Group, chaired the meeting and thanked all for their attendance. He noted that there are many people in Kerry waiting for a chance to go social farming and urged other farmers to come forward and volunteer in 2026. Speakers included Marie Carr (Outreach Manager, Kerry Parents and Friends Association), Brenda McNamara (Day Service Manager St John of God Services) and Patrice O'Neill (HSE Day Service Opportunities Co-ordinator), who highlighted their respective organisations' involvement with KSF. Social farming participants Pat O'Connor (Glenflesk), Tracy McCarthy (Cromane), Antoinette O'Sullivan (Ballybunion), Seamus McCarthy (Ballylongford) and Tim Heffernan (Listowel) shared their social farming stories.

Peter Johnston (Assistant Principal Officer, Rural Innovation and Development Fund, Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine) was in attendance and thanked Kerry Social Farming for their welcome. He noted that the Department is reviewing social farming nationally with a view to a new funding tender being issued.

Noel Spillane (CEO of South Kerry Development Partnership) noted that KSF is built on collaboration. SKDP is the lead partner and he thanked the SKDP board and various KSF partners but in particular the host farmers and participants, who are at the centre of the project. Funding support from the Department of Agriculture, Kerry Dairy Ireland, Healthy Kerry and SKDP SICAP was acknowledged. Joseph McCrohan SKDP /KSF manager gave an update on activities during 2025, with five new host farmers coming on board and new engagements with community allotments and community gardens. He noted over 70 participants and 40 farms are now active in Kerry. As a result of the commitment and dedication of farmers, participants, support

staff and facilitators, almost 2,500 days of social farming were delivered last year. Events included BioBlitz days, which were held during the summer, in conjunction with Chris Barron and his team at National Parks and Wildlife Service Education Centre, Killarney. Claire McAuliffe (Teagasc) co-ordinated participant farm safety training for participants in Tralee in June, with further training being rolled out in 2026. Other highlights included an Award from RDS Sustainability Awards and an appearance before the Oireachtas Agriculture Committee. The meeting concluded with lunch and refreshments.

Kerry Social Farming has operated a voluntary model of social farming since 2013 providing meaningful social inclusion opportunities for people with disabilities and those accessing mental health services, by means of weekly farm visits.

For more information on Kerry Social Farming please see www.kerrysocialfarming.ie



At the South Kerry Development Partnership (SKDP) Kerry Social Farming annual meeting at The Brehon Hotel, Killarney, from left, Earl Leahy, Patrick O'Sullivan and John Lynch, SKDP.



At the South Kerry Development Partnership (SKDP) Kerry Social Farming annual meeting at The Brehon Hotel, Killarney, from left, David Carey, Noel Murphy, Roger McCarthy, Pat O'Connor, Jessica O'Connell, and Joanne Henderson.

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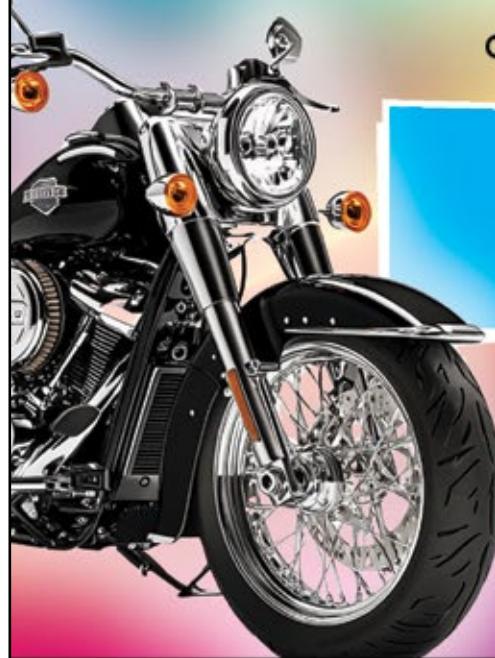
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COUNTDOWN IS ON FOR

The Listry GAA and MKL Gaels €26,000 Valentine's Draw for 2026

With just over two weeks to go, tickets are still available for the Listry GAA and MKL ambitious fundraising campaign for 2026, centred around a special Valentine's Draw with a top prize fund of €26,000.

Branded "Love Listry", the draw forms part of a wider initiative titled Family Friends of Listry GAA & MKL Gaels, aimed at supporting the continued development of both clubs and their facilities at Fr Allman Park, Listry.

Funds raised from the campaign will go directly towards the development of a new astro pitch and ongoing improvements at the grounds, ensuring enhanced training and playing facilities for current and future generations of players.

As part of the campaign, supporters are invited to take up family packages which include entry to the Valentine's Draw while also contributing to the long-term growth of the clubs.

Under the €300 offering, supporters will receive eight tickets in total, including two free tickets valued at €10. The €500 offering includes 15 tickets, five of which are free and valued at €250. Those who take up the €500 option will also receive an Annual Listry Lotto ticket, valued at over €100 and commencing in March 2026, while their family name will be included on the Friends of Listry GAA and MKL Gaels appreciation sign at the new development.

Once supporters agree to a family package, they will receive an email from Pallas Marketing outlining payment options along with a specific reference number to use when making their payment.

The campaign is supported by a wide range of local sponsors and is being promoted in partnership with Pallas Lotteries and Pallas Marketing.

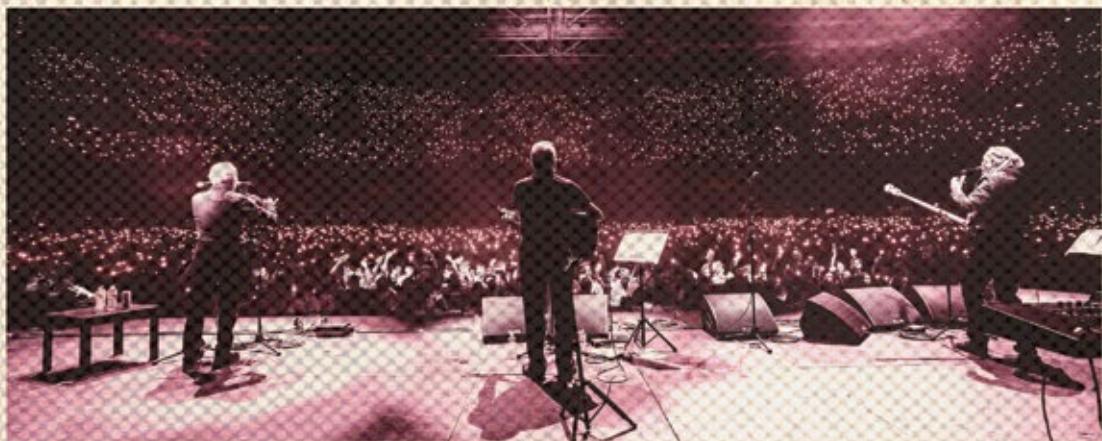
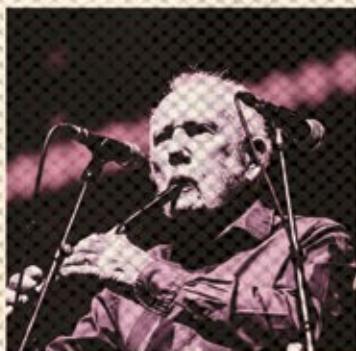
Club members say the initiative reflects the strong community spirit in Listry and the surrounding areas and are hopeful that the fundraiser will receive widespread support as both clubs continue to invest in facilities for players of all ages.

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Welcomes Sarah Leahy as Brand Ambassador in Support of Her Sprint to Success



Gemma Ring and Sarah Leahy at the announcement of the Sarah's brand ambassador role with O'Donoghue Ring Collections.

The O'Donoghue Ring Collection has announced its partnership with Irish sprint sensation Sarah Leahy, welcoming the exciting young athlete in a Brand Ambassador role as she continues her rise on the national and international stage.

Hailing from Killarney, Sarah first stood out as a talented footballer and was regarded as one of the top young players in her club. She later turned her focus to track and field, where her rapid rise through the ranks of Irish sprinting has been nothing short of impressive.

Hitting the ground running, Sarah Leahy broke the Irish 50m record this month at the Meeting Indoor Locarnese in Switzerland clocking 6.41 seconds.

On the strength of her hard work and dedication, Sarah enjoyed a standout 2025 as part of the Irish women's 4x100m relay team that set a new national record at the London Diamond League, alongside Lauren Roy, Ciara Neville and Sarah Lavin. The quartet clocked 43.73 seconds, breaking the previous Irish senior record set in 2018.

Additionally, Sarah claimed the Women's 60m title at the National Indoor Championships in Dublin and continued her strong form internationally with Team Ireland at the European Team Championships in Maribor, Slovenia.

"Sarah is an inspirational young woman whose passion and determination continue to shine through. We are proud to welcome her as our Brand Ambassador and to support her on her remarkable journey. Achieving her goals requires time, expertise and resources, and we have been incredibly impressed by her grit, mindset, and enthusiasm. She is an outstanding role model within Killarney Athletics and, nationally, a compelling example of women excelling in sport. We look forward to following her continued success", Gemma Ring, Managing Director of the O'Donoghue Ring Collection, said



MISSING BOY FOUND SAFE AND WELL

A six-year-old boy who went missing, was found in the grounds of Muckross House and Gardens after a dramatic search involving Killarney Water Rescue and the Search and Recovery Team.

The child had wandered away from his family on the grounds of Muckross House. KWR became aware he was missing at around 4:15pm yesterday while the group was carrying out its bi-weekly training on Lough Lein, which



included a joint sessionm the first of its kind, with Ireland's Specialist Search and Rescue Dogs (ISSARD) on Muckross Lake.

Nine team members and four search dogs took part in the operation, with members of the public also joining the search.

One of the volunteers, who is Ukrainian, was able to communicate with the boy's family.



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CSG Strengthens Presence in Kerry with ORM Merger in Killarney

CSG Accountants & Advisors, one of Kerry's fastest-growing multidisciplinary advisory firms, has announced a strategic merger with ORM Accountants in Killarney. The combined firm will operate under the CSG name, strengthening its footprint across Kerry and expanding access for local businesses to specialist expertise across tax, audit, accountancy and advisory services, while maintaining a strong personal, relationship-driven approach.

Following the merger, CSG's team will grow to 70 staff across its offices in Tralee and Killarney, with a client base of approximately 2,250 businesses across Kerry and the wider Munster region.

Chris Murray, Managing Partner at CSG, said existing client relationships will remain unchanged. "ORM clients will continue to be supported by the same trusted team in Killarney."

What this merger does is strengthen the offering behind those relationships, giving businesses access to highly skilled specialists to support growth, succession and investment," he said. Founded in 2017, ORM Accountants Limited has grown under the leadership of John Mannix and Michael Brouder into a modern, forward-thinking practice, combining cloud-based technology with a continued commitment to personal, relationship-driven service for both local and international clients. John Mannix, now a Director at CSG, said the merger represents a natural progression for the firm.



L-R Chris Murray (Managing Partner), CSG and John Mannix (ORM). Back Standing - Edel Broderick, Michael Brouder (ORM), David Moran, Laura Dillon, Damian Clifford.

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LOCAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME 2026 LAUNCHED IN KERRY

The Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2026 is being delivered by the Government to support community and voluntary groups across Ireland, with a total national allocation of €7 million to be distributed through local authorities.

The programme was announced at national level on 5 December 2025 by the Minister for Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Dara Calleary TD, and the Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Jerry Buttmer TD. The Local Enhancement Programme 2026 was formally launched in Kerry on Tuesday, 20 January 2026, by the Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Michael Foley, alongside the Director of Community, Climate Action and Operational Services, Mr. Paul Neary.

Kerry County Council, in partnership with the Kerry Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), now invites applications for funding under the Department of Rural and Community Development's Local Enhancement Programme 2026. Kerry has received a capital funding allocation of €211k under the programme.

The Local Enhancement Programme is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht and administered locally by the LCDC. Final approval of all grants will be a matter for the LCDC.

The programme provides essential capital supports for small not-for-profit community and voluntary groups, particularly those serving disadvantaged communities in both rural and urban areas. Funding may be used for necessary repairs and improvements to community facilities or for the purchase of equipment, including tables and chairs, tools,



Pictured are from left: Mr. Paul Neary, Director of Community, Climate Action and Operational Services, Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Michael Foley and Mr. Alex Grassick, SEO, Community, Climate Action and Operational Services

signage, IT equipment such as laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies, and training equipment.

Applicants should note that the programme may be oversubscribed, and in such circumstances, not all eligible applications may be successful or may receive a reduced level of funding. All applications will be assessed for consistency with the Kerry Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP). In determining final allocations, the LCDC may also consider factors such as geographical balance, previous funding received, and the objective of supporting a diverse range of projects.

Applications must be completed electronically

via the online portal. The application form, along with the programme guidelines and terms and conditions, is available at: <https://consult.kerrycoco.ie/en/content/local-enhancement-programme-2026>

Further information is also available on Kerry County Council's website at www.kerrycoco.ie and the closing date for receipt of applications is Tuesday, 10 February 2026, and late submissions will not be accepted.

Queries may be directed to community@kerrycoco.ie or by phone to the Community, Climate Action & Operational Services Department at 066 7183680.



Pictured at the zone finals which was hosted by the Tralee Rotary Club, are President Tralee Rotary Club, Dr. Daniel Onyekwere, Tommy O'Connor and Assistant Governor Rotary Ireland, Ciara Irwin Foley

TOMMY O'CONNOR TO REPRESENT KILLARNEY on Rotary Youth Leadership Tour

A fifth-year student from Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra Rathmore has earned an all-expenses-paid educational trip across Europe after winning the Rotary Ireland Youth Leadership Development Competition.

Tommy O'Connor secured the prize after coming through two demanding interview rounds to win the regional final in Killarney. He then progressed to the Munster final, where he was selected for the prestigious leadership tour.

The programme begins in Belfast, where students and Rotary tour leaders will meet in the Senate Chamber at the Stormont Hotel before visiting Stormont. The group will then travel to Dublin to visit the European Union Parliament Liaison Office and Dáil Éireann. The itinerary continues with a flight from Dublin to Frankfurt and on to Strasbourg, where the students will spend a full day at the European Parliament.

As well as offering a unique insight into political institutions in Ireland and Europe, the trip also highlights the work of Rotary International in areas such as disease prevention, peacebuilding and access to clean water.

Tommy's success has been widely praised as a significant achievement for both the student and his school.

He is the fourth Killarney Rotary entrant in a row to win a place on this prestigious trip.



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On behalf of the organising committee we would like to extend a massive thank you to everyone who made this year's St Mary's Christmas Basketball Blitz such a fantastic success!

The energy, sportsmanship, and community spirit displayed over the course of the 5 days was wonderful to see. Events of this scale are only possible through the collective effort of everyone involved, and we are so grateful to everyone who played a part.

Firstly the teams and schools for the outstanding skill and sportsmanship shown on the court and also the supporters who filled St John's Hall and the Community Centre.

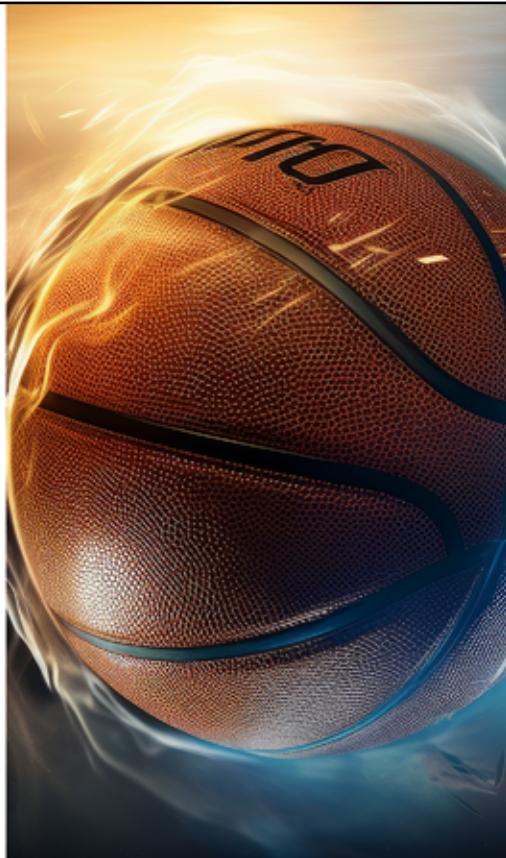
To all the sponsors we are incredibly grateful for your continued support.

To all the media who covered the event. Finally to the volunteers who worked in the shop, managed the door, table officials, referees, and handled the cleanup, your behind the scenes hard work is the engine that kept this tournament running smoothly.

The Blitz remains a highlight of the festive season, and it was wonderful to see so many familiar and new faces coming together to celebrate sport.

We look forward to seeing you all again on the court next year!

St. Mary's Christmas Basketball Blitz Organising Committee



The Beaufort support was out in force early for the first part Scór na nÓg Final Tráth na gCeist held at the Dr. Crokes GAA club. The Beaufort Boys lead the table quiz section by 2 points. After 10 intense rounds covering topics from Gaelic football, Hurling, Camogie, History, Geography, Current Affairs, Culture and General Knowledge. The second part of the quiz was held on Stage at the Gleneagle Arena. This section was individual quiz questions for each team member. Fionán O'Sullivan was first with his individual round of five questions, followed on second by Calum Galivan, third Darragh Doyle and Cormac O'Sullivan last for the team.

After months of preparation and hard work, the team delivered an outstanding performance against the best quiz teams in the county with an impressive total of 86 points.

On the evening Uachtarán Chumann Luthchleas Gael Jarlath Burns presented the boys with All Ireland Winners' Cup and Medals.

Their success is a testament to their commitment and support of mentors, family and friends along the way to achieving two County, two Munster and now All-Ireland Tráth na gCeist Champions. The achievement was marked by club members turning out in huge numbers to welcome the boys at Beaufort GAA ground on Saturday evening.

ALL IRELAND MEDALS FOR BEAUFORT QUIZ BUFFS



Bonfires welcomed the quiz buffs, Fionán O'Sullivan, Calum Galivan, Darragh Doyle and Cormac O'Sullivan back to Beaufort Club grounds.

BEREAVED PARENTS IN KERRY urged to seek support

A charity which supports bereaved parents is urging people in Kerry to reach out for support, reminding them that nobody needs to grieve alone.

To mark National Grief Awareness Week, which runs until Sunday, (February 1) all-Ireland charity, Anam Cara, wants people to know support is always available for anyone grieving the loss of a child.

CEO, Michelle Reynolds, said the charity is there to offer information, resources, practical advice and peer support sessions for parents after bereavement.

The organisation's vision is to have a society where no parent has to grieve alone and all families who experience the death of a child are met with understanding, support and compassion.

"At Anam Cara, we know that the death of a child changes everything in a parent's world - how they see themselves, their relationships, and their future," said Ms Reynolds.

"The grief is lifelong and deeply individual, and it can feel very isolating, especially when those around them don't fully understand the depth of that loss."

"National Grief Awareness Week gives us vital pause to acknowledge grief as a natural human experience, and to reflect on how it might be living quietly in the lives of those around us."

"When a child has died, many people feel deeply uncomfortable talking about it. Out of fear of saying the wrong thing, they may say nothing at all, but that silence can leave bereaved parents feeling even more alone."

Ms Reynolds told how storytelling has a powerful cultural role to play in



The artist, Albert György, created this sculpture to express and represent the immense emptiness after the loss of a child or a loved person. It resides now on the shores of Lake Geneva.

how we understand grief.

Films like *Hamnet*, starring Oscar-nominated actress Jessie Buckley, have opened a door for people to have difficult conversations.

"*Hamnet* portrays grief not as something neat or easily resolved, but as something that lives in the body and in everyday life," she added.

"It shows how parents grieve differently, and how loss can affect relationships in lasting ways. I hope it has helped audiences to better understand how complex grief can be, and has opened up important conversations around a topic many people find difficult."

"The movie demonstrates how life is permanently altered after the death of a child, and how grief is experienced not just by parents, but by siblings too."

"As a society, we often don't know how to respond to child loss. *Hamnet* reminds us how important it is to speak a child's name, to acknowledge their life, and to create space where parents can express their grief."

"That continuing bond - that ongoing love and connection - is at the heart of what Anam Cara exists to support."

Anam Cara was founded by bereaved parents to make sure that every bereaved mother or father has access to bereavement support, no matter the age of the child, the cause of death or when it occurred.

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Dimitris Charalampakis and Anna Dunlea Among **TEN KERRY STUDENTS HONOURED WITH TRINITY COLLEGE ENTRANCE AWARD**

Dimitris Charalampakis from Killarney Community College and Anna Dunlea of St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School are among ten Kerry students who have received prestigious Entrance Exhibition Awards from Trinity College Dublin in recognition of their outstanding performance in their final school examinations.

The awards, announced on January 23, 2026, celebrate academic excellence among first-year students entering Trinity this year. In total, 602 students from all 32 counties of Ireland and from overseas received Entrance Awards.

Anna was honoured alongside fellow Kerry students Amy Gorry (Coláiste Íde), Mykyta Grytsenko (An Scoil Idirmheánach), Maksym Voloshyn (Coláiste Mhichíl), Ted Fitzgerald (Meán Scoil na mBráithre), Jack Given (Mercy Secondary School), Dimitris Charalampakis (Killarney Community College), Enna Dawson (Tarbert Comprehensive School), Kacper Kuzia (Rathmore Community School), and Aoife Maria White (Pobalscoil Chorca Dhuibhne).

The students and their former school principals were invited to special ceremonies held in Trinity's historic Examination Hall from January 20-22 to receive and celebrate their awards.

Of the Irish awardees, 67 are from Munster, with Kerry strongly represented among this year's recipients. A further 59 students travelled from 39 countries outside Ireland to take part in the ceremonies.

Congratulating the students, Trinity Provost Dr Linda Doyle said:

"It is our great privilege to welcome these wonderful students to Trinity College Dublin. They deserve enormous credit for the hard work and commitment that have brought them to this point. I have every confidence that they will thrive in Trinity's incredible academic environment and enjoy the creativity and fun of our 150 sports clubs and societies.

"I also want to congratulate all those who have supported these students on their journeys. In addition to their parents and guardians, I want to acknowledge the dedication of school principals, teachers and wider school staff — both primary and secondary — who play such a vital role in bringing out the best in students during their formative years."

Entrance Exhibition Awards are presented to students accepted into the first year of a full-time undergraduate degree who achieve the highest points among Trinity entrants from their secondary school, with a minimum of 500 CAO points (or equivalent). Where more than one student achieves the same top points, all are honoured.

Awardees receive a certificate and a €150 book token. Many former Exhibitioners have gone on to make significant contributions to Irish life and beyond, including former Taoiseach Leo Varadkar.

Dimitris and Anna's achievements are a source of great pride for her school and community, marking them out as one of Kerry's brightest academic talents as they begin their journey at Trinity College Dublin.



APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR FESTIVALS AND EVENTS FUNDING

Grant support of €75,000 has been announced this week by Fáilte Ireland and Kerry County Council to support festivals and participative events in Kerry during 2026.

The Festivals and Participative Events Programme is a competitive tourism grant scheme designed to support events that attract domestic and international tourists, events which showcase the surrounding area, and which deliver economic benefits to the local community.

Festivals and events play a crucial role in Kerry's tourism landscape, providing an excellent opportunity for community groups, chambers of commerce, and tourism alliances to draw in new visitors and generate additional revenue for their communities and local businesses.

Applications for the scheme were opened this week by Cllr. Michael Foley, Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, along with Helen O'Connor Barry, Senior Executive Officer for Economic Development and Tourism at Kerry County Council, and Declan Murphy, Project Officer for the Wild Atlantic Way at Fáilte Ireland.

Cathaoirleach, Cllr Michael Foley said: 'Last year, 45 festivals and events received support through this fund, helping to create vibrant experiences that are essential to our local tourism economy. These events not only celebrate our culture but also attract visitors from near and far, driving spending in local businesses and strengthening community pride. We encourage voluntary and community groups to apply and showcase what makes County Kerry so special!'



Announcing details of the Festivals and Participative Events Programme 2026, l-r: Helen O'Connor-Barry (Kerry County Council), Declan Murphy (Fáilte Ireland), Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr Michael Foley, James Nolan (Kerry County Council).

More information and application forms are available on the Kerry County Council website, www.kerrycoco.ie. The deadline for submitting completed applications is 5pm on Monday, 16 February 2026.



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Kerry Stars Athletes Selected for Special Olympics Ireland Games

There is great excitement and pride within the Kerry Stars Special Olympics Sports Club as four of its athletes have been selected to represent the club at the Special Olympics Ireland Games this June.

The achievement marks a significant milestone for the athletes, their families, and the dedicated volunteers who support them each week. Months of training, commitment, and determination have led to this wonderful opportunity for the athletes to compete on a national stage and showcase their abilities.

To help make this journey possible, the club is launching its fundraising campaign on Friday 13th February at 10am in Killarney Credit Union. Supporters are warmly invited to call in, meet members of the club, enjoy a chat, and share a bun while learning more about the athletes' journey to the Games.

For those unable to attend in person but who would still like to support the team, donations can be made by scanning the QR code available on club materials or by visiting the Kerry Stars website.

Every contribution, no matter how small, will go directly towards helping the athletes reach their dreams. What may seem like just a euro to one person can mean so much more to these athletes as they prepare for this incredible experience.

The Kerry Stars community is grateful for any support and looks forward to seeing

many friendly faces on Friday as the journey to the Special Olympics Ireland Games begins.



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ST MARY'S BASKETBALL CLUB Set for Barcelona as Fundraising Drive Continues



ST MARY'S BASKETBALL CLUB, CASTLEISLAND IS PREPARING FOR AN EXCITING TRIP TO BARCELONA THIS JUNE WHERE FOUR OF ITS TEAMS WILL COMPETE IN THE PRESTIGIOUS EURO YOUTH BASKETBALL CUP.

The club will be represented by its Under-14 Boys and Girls teams and Under-16 Boys and Girls teams at the international tournament, which brings together leading youth teams from across Europe and beyond. For the young players, the opportunity to compete on such a stage is both an honour and a memorable experience as they represent their club, community and country.

To help make the trip possible, the club has been busy organising a series of fundraising initiatives, with all monies raised going directly towards supporting the players' travel and participation costs.

Several successful events were held towards the end of 2025, and the fundraising efforts will continue in the months ahead with a number of events planned for 2026.

On February 2, the club will host an Under-12 Boys and Girls tournament. This will be followed by a Tractor, Vintage Car and Motorbike Run on March 22. On April 11, a clothes collection and a fundraising raffle will also take place.

The club has expressed sincere thanks to everyone who has supported the fundraising campaign so far, noting that every contribution, no matter how big or small, is greatly appreciated.

The Barcelona Fundraising Committee said the entire club is looking forward to the journey ahead and is grateful for the generosity and encouragement shown by the wider community as the young players prepare for this unforgettable sporting experience.





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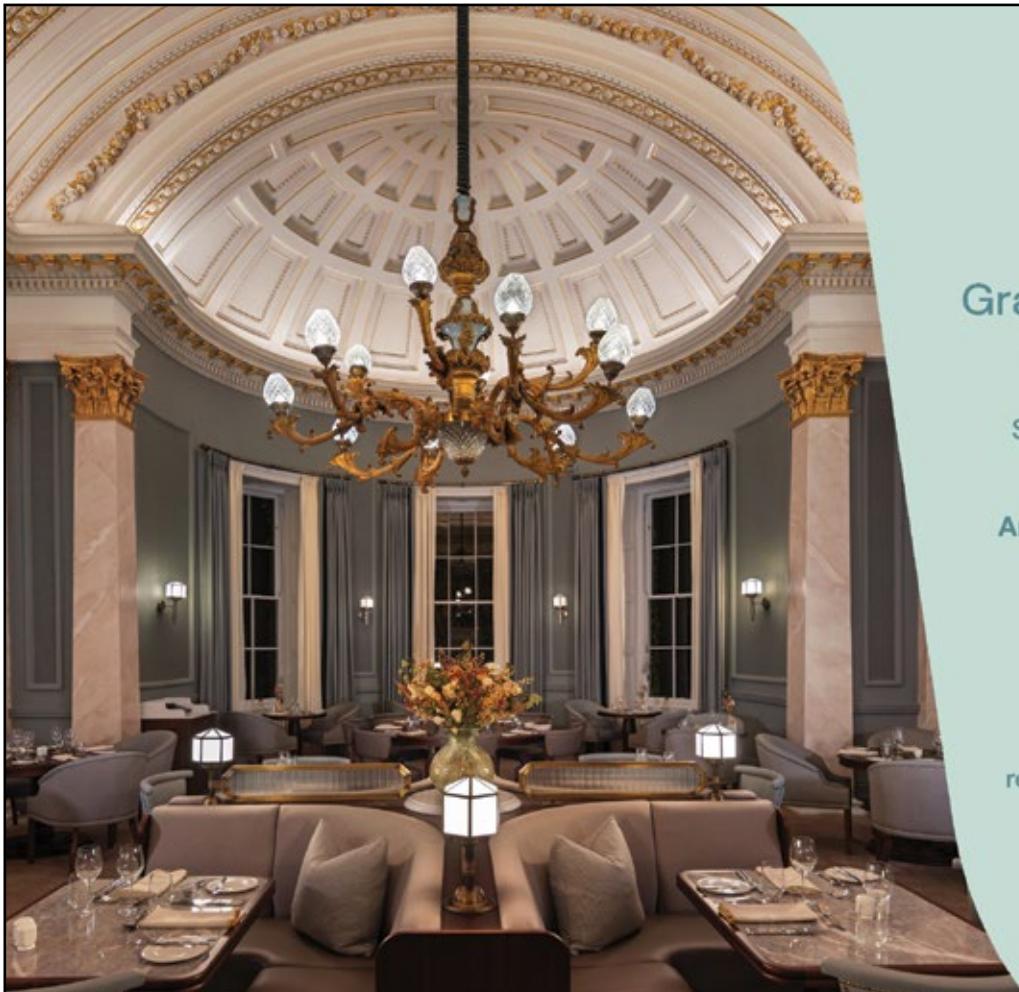


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Men's Health Night attracts a large crowd

A large crowd turned out for the Special Men's Health Night in Killarney which highlighted the importance of heart health awareness and early prevention.

The event took place on Tuesday, January 27, at the Parish Centre on Park Road, where men aged between 30 and 60 in particular were encouraged to take a proactive approach to their cardiovascular health. Free blood pressure and pulse checks were available throughout the evening, reflecting organisers' concerns that many men did not regularly attend GP check-ups despite prevention being key in reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease.

A highlight of the night was a talk by former Kerry footballer Darragh Roche of RocheFit Gym, who shared his personal experience of suffering a heart attack at just 29 years of age. His story underlined the importance of recognising the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and seeking early medical attention.

Medical professionals Dr Rosemary Kelliher and Dr Danielle O'Leary of GP Care Killarney were also in attendance. They provided expert insight into general heart health care and led an informative question-and-answer session, giving attendees the opportunity to raise concerns and seek advice in an informal setting.



Dr Danielle O'Leary GP CARE Killarney, Darragh Roche Guest Speaker and Dr Rosemary Kelliher GP Care with Billy DF O'Sullivan Heartbeat at the HeartBeat special Men's Health night at the Parish Centre, Park Road Killarney on Tuesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

The evening's programme began at 7.30pm with blood pressure and pulse checks, followed by the guest speaker at 8pm. Medical talks took place at 8.20pm, with refreshments and informal discussions from 8.55pm. Health

checks continued until approximately 9.30pm. The event was supported by Heartbeat Killarney Kerry Cardiac Support Group, who had a display of free information leaflets and booklets available for attendees to take home.



Olive DF O'Sullivan HeartBeat with Billy and Kay O'Donoghue at the HeartBeat special Men's Health night at the Parish Centre, Park Road Killarney on Tuesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Joan Trusson, Colette Griffin and Christine Kelly at the HeartBeat special Men's Health night at the Parish Centre, Park Road Killarney on Tuesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Imelda Fleming, Paddy Higgins, Elenor Coffey, Bernie McSweeney and Mary O'Donoghue at the HeartBeat special Men's Health night at the Parish Centre, Park Road Killarney on Tuesday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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PRACTICE

With CAO applications closing on Sunday, students are now focussing on the mock exams. The “mocks” or “practice exams” are usually held in schools during February. They have nothing to do with the State Examinations Commission (SEC) and the exam papers are provided and corrected by independent educational groups. It’s worth doing the mocks for the experience but don’t let them distract you from the state exams in June. Don’t burn yourself out at this early stage by overestimating the mocks.

OPPORTUNITY

The mocks provide an opportunity to work on your presentation, timing, answering techniques and current knowledge. They are usually marked externally so they provide you with an impartial assessment of your state of readiness for the state exams. It’s an opportunity to see if you can deliver the required information within the time allowed on a neatly presented script.

LOGISTICS

Avail of the mocks to become familiar with the logistics and technicalities of each exam paper. The quality of your answering is the core of any exam so learn from the mocks how to approach each paper. Keep the content of your answer relevant to the question asked. Read each question carefully before deciding which ones to answer. Be concise, accurate and relevant. Be familiar with the format of each paper well before each exam session. Know how the paper is presented. What topics are examined? How many questions must be answered? What styles of question can you expect on the exam paper? Be familiar with the choices available on the paper. Is one or more questions compulsory? Be particularly careful about a paper, which is subdivided into subsections. Without prior

knowledge of such a paper you could easily fail to address the relevant number of questions.

TIMING

Use the mocks to test your allocation of time. The mocks are a great time trial. Go into the mocks determined to attempt the required number of questions. Work out in advance the approximate time you have for each question. The allocation of time to each question should be proportionate to the marks available for that question. Let me emphasise that if you attempt the required number of questions, you will maximise your grade in that subject.

INSTRUCTIONS

When your mock exam paper is handed to you read the instructions carefully. Spend a few minutes reading the entire paper. Keep to your pre-prepared answering plan and once you have made your choice of questions, start with a question you can answer well. When you have finished each question, reread it to ensure that you haven’t omitted any part. Allow a few minutes at the end of the exam to read back over your answers and to check your numbering and presentation. Stay in the exam hall until the time is up even if you are finished early as some extra information may come to you. Every mark counts so don’t leave any after you!

PRACTICE

When your marked mock scripts are returned, go over them to identify your strengths and weaknesses as outlined above. The old maxim of making your mistakes in the mocks and getting things right in the State Exams next June rings as true as ever. As the saying goes, practice makes perfect and the mocks are the perfect practice!

CHECKLIST

- The mocks are a useful trial run for the state exams
- The mocks are usually marked externally
- The mocks tell you how much you currently know for the state exams
- The mocks tell you how much you still need to do for the state exams
- Learn from the mocks how best to approach each paper
- Use the mocks to test your allocation of time
- Go over your marked mock papers to identify your strengths and weaknesses
- Make your mistakes in the mocks and get things right in the state exams
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The ribbons tied to the railings of St. Brigid’s Presentation Secondary School stand as a quiet yet powerful symbol of remembrance and solidarity, marking the heartbreaking loss of more than 70,000 lives in Gaza.

The ribbons serve as a visual reminder of the human cost of conflict and the suffering endured by families and children caught in the crisis. Passing students, staff and members of the public are invited to pause and reflect on the scale of the tragedy and to remember those whose lives have been cut short.

The display reflects a sense of compassion and global awareness within the school, highlighting the importance of empathy, peace and respect for human life. In a simple but meaningful gesture, the ribbons transform the school railings into a space for reflection, remembrance and hope for an end to violence.

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Firies National School Honoured at STEM South West Awards

Firies National School, Killarney, has been named Primary Level: Educational Initiative of the Year at the prestigious STEM South West Awards 2025, held in Cork County Hall.

The awards celebrate excellence and innovation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) across Cork, Kerry and the wider South West region, recognising schools, organisations and individuals who are helping to prepare young people for a fast-changing, technology-driven world.

Firies National School received the award for its commitment to engaging pupils in creative, inclusive and hands-on STEM learning, encouraging curiosity, problem-solving and digital skills from an early age. The recognition places the school among the leading examples of STEM education in the region.

The achievement comes at a time when new national research commissioned by STEM South West shows strong public support for these efforts. The survey found that three-quarters of adults believe coding and AI literacy should be taught in schools, with many identifying the early secondary years as the ideal time to introduce these skills. Younger adults, in particular, strongly favour early AI education, recognising its importance for future careers.



Firies National School received the award for its commitment to engaging pupils in creative, inclusive and hands-on STEM learning

Speaking at the awards, STEM South West Chair Mary Good highlighted the importance of equipping students with the skills to thrive in a new digital landscape and praised the schools and organisations leading the way in STEM education.

Firies National School's success reflects its forward-thinking approach to learning and its dedication to ensuring pupils are confident, capable and ready for the opportunities of the future.

Kerry youth service receives award for LGBTQ+ inclusion



Pictured at the Belong To - LGBTQ+ Youth Ireland Rainbow Award ceremony on Wednesday, 21 January at a ceremony in Woodquay Venue, Dublin 2, are staff and youth members of the Kerry Community Youth Service which received a Rainbow Award recognising their work creating safe and supportive environments for LGBTQ+ young people in the service.

Kerry Community Youth Service was awarded Belong To - LGBTQ+ Youth Ireland's Rainbow Award on Wednesday, 21 January at a ceremony at Woodquay Venue, Dublin 2.

The youth service, which works with over 5,000 young people throughout county Kerry was

recognised for its work as part of the Rainbow Award initiative which is dedicated to creating LGBTQ+ inclusive youth services.

The event was also attended by representatives of the other eight awarded youth organisations, while presenter and podcaster Fionnuala

Jones hosted the event. The Rainbow Award initiative was established by Belong To in 2023 to support and accredit LGBTQ+ safe and supportive youth services. Over the course of 12 to 18 months, youth services are supported in implementing evidence-based actions across a number of key areas, which research shows improve the wellbeing and safety of LGBTQ+ youth.

The initiative is funded by the HSE National Office of Suicide Prevention, the Department of Education and Youth and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability and Sport.

Providing LGBTQ+ people with a space to feel safe and welcome

Speaking at the ceremony Joe O'Driscoll, Youth Worker at Kerry Community Youth Service said: "We are all very proud to receive the Rainbow Award Plus from Belong To, which recognises our ongoing commitment to creating safe, inclusive and affirming spaces for LGBTQ+ young people across Kerry.

"This award reflects the dedication of our staff, volunteers and young people who work together to ensure equality, respect and belonging are at the heart of everything we do. We are honoured to be recognised and remain committed to listening to young people and continuously improving our practice so that every young person feels seen, valued and supported."



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Third Year Students at Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland recently welcomed two members of An Garda Síochána, Sergeant Michael O'Dwyer and Sergeant Michael Quirke to give an informative and engaging talk which offered a realistic insight into policing

in Ireland today. The Gardaí delivered a wide-ranging talk covering important topics relevant to young people. A strong focus was placed on cybercrime, described as the third biggest industry in the world and highlighting how online scams, hacking and fraud are escalating

challenges in society today. Students were also warned about money muling, with Gardaí explaining that 90% of people approached to become money mules are under eighteen years of age. The serious dangers and legal consequences of becoming involved, even unknowingly were clearly outlined.

The talk also explored the challenges and rewards of a career in An Garda Síochána, giving students a realistic picture of the job, from dealing with difficult situations to the satisfaction of helping and protecting the community.

The visit concluded with a lively question and answer session, where students asked thoughtful and probing questions, showing a strong level of interest and engagement.

One student commented 'It really opened our eyes to how serious cybercrime is and made the job of the Gardai seem very challenging but rewarding'.

The visit proved to be both educational and inspiring and may even have sparked the beginnings of some future Gardai from Pres., Castleisland.

Climathon Kerry Tackling Food Waste Together



On Wednesday, 18 February, the RDI Hub will host a Climathon, a one-day event focused on developing innovative solutions to tackle food waste in Kerry.

Delivered in partnership with Kerry County Council, this hands-on event offers participants the chance to collaborate, innovate and create practical, impactful solutions to a pressing local issue.

The event is open to everyone, including students, professionals, creatives, entrepreneurs, activists and curious citizens. No technical or climate expertise is required to take part.

Participants will work together throughout the day to explore ideas that can help reduce food waste in the community while building valuable skills in teamwork and problem-solving. The Climathon also provides an opportunity to connect with like-minded people and turn ideas into real-world impact.

The event will run from 9am to 6pm at the RDI Hub in Killorglin, Co. Kerry. Further details and registration are available at: <https://luma.com/c23e1tm4> One challenge. One community. One intense burst of action.

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GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

SCÓR NA NÓG

Well done to our Ballad Group who performed brilliantly in the All Ireland Final last Saturday in the INEC. While it wasn't to be on the day, reaching that stage was a massive achievement, and you did yourselves and the entire parish extremely proud. Well done to Patrick, Keelin, Muireann, Sarah, Cliona, Coach Rosie and Scór Officer Micheál.

MEMBERSHIP

2026 Club Membership is now due and available to purchase on the following link: <https://shorturl.at/VTvli>

PRO WHATSAPP GROUP

Stay up to date with everything happening in the club by joining the Glenflesk PRO WhatsApp Group. Just text 086 6052054

KERRY LADIES

Well done to Ava Doherty and Kathryn Ryan who were part of the Kerry team who defeated Dublin in the first round of the National League last Saturday.

SCÓR SINSEAR

The County Final will be held in MTU, Tralee on the 28th of February at 7pm. Anyone interested in participating please contact Micheál MacGillicuddy on 087 2884507. Entries must be in before the 7th of February.

TFI LOCAL LINK KERRY

R34 – Headford–Barraduff–Killarney – Every Friday. This Service will be Door to Door (where possible) in the following townlands: Headford, Headford PO, Doocarrig, Shronedarragh, Barraduff, Readrinagh, Knockduragh, Lisbaba, Annaghmore Cross, Raheen, Coolcaslagh, Lissivigeen. Pre-Booking of seats is a requirement where there are deviations to the Route. Due to the door-to-door nature of the above service this may result in slight change to Pick up times. See notice boards in Barraduff Church and O'Donoghue's Shop for full details. Contact: 066 714 7002 or email: bookings@locallinkkerry.ie

LOTTO

There was no winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place on 19/1/26. Jackpot €5,200. The numbers drawn were: 13, 17, 19, 23. Consolation Prizes of €50: Dermot Brosnan, Kilmacud, Paddy B Lynch, Spa, Mike O'Shea (Sellers' Prize), Ciara O'Donoghue, Béalnadeega. Next draw will take place on 3/2/26. Jackpot will be €5,400.



Raheen NS. would like to say a big thank you to O'Donoghues of Barraduff presenting the leading lights cheque of €1000 to this year's recipients Raheen National School.



Glenflesk Ballad Group who performed brilliantly in the All Ireland Final last Saturday in the INEC. Well done to Patrick, Keelin, Muireann, Sarah, Cliona, Coach Rosie and Scór Officer Micheál.

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

Jan 25th 2026. Jackpot €14,800. Numbers Drawn: 1, 3, 26, 28. €100 Niall Kennedy, Ballymalis. €50 John O'Brien. €50 John Kerins, Faha. €25 Lisa

& Noreen, Clash. €25 Patrick Hanafin. Bank Holiday Weekend Jackpot 01/02/26 €14,950



At the South Kerry Development Partnership (SKDP) Kerry Social Farming annual meeting at The Brehon Hotel, Killarney, from left, Joseph McCrohan, SKDP, Peter Johnston, Assistant Principal Officer, Rural Innovation and Development Fund, Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine and Noel Spillane, CEO, SKDP. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



At the South Kerry Development Partnership (SKDP) Kerry Social Farming annual meeting at The Brehon Hotel, Killarney, from left, Shane Savage, Rena Blake, Coordinator, Anthony Ward, Antoinette O'Sullivan, Sean Linanne. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

SPA SHINE AT SCÓR NA NÓG ALL-IRELAND FINAL

Our Spa Rince Seit team competed in the Scór na nÓg All-Ireland Final at the Gleneagle INEC Arena on Saturday 24th January, delivering a brilliant performance and doing Spa and Munster proud on the national stage. While the result didn't go our way on the day, our dancers delivered a brilliant performance, doing Spa GAA, Munster and Kerry proud in front of a home crowd. A huge well done to the dancers, mentors and coaches on a fantastic achievement.

SCÓR SINSIR & SCÓR NA BPÁISTÍ ENTRIES

Entries are now open for Scór Sinsir, with the County Final taking place on Saturday, 28th February at 7pm in Dúchas MTU, Tralee. The competition is open to Spa GAA members aged 17 and over across a wide range of cultural categories.

Entries are also still being taken for Scór na bpáistí, open to primary school children interested in taking part in this fun and inclusive GAA cultural competition. The venue for the East Kerry event has now been confirmed as Fossa Community Hall on Sunday 22nd February, with the county final taking place in Ballybunion on Saturday 21st March.

The closing date for entries into both competitions is Friday, 7th February.

SPA GAA AWARDS NIGHT

Tickets are still available for the Spa GAA Awards Night, taking place in Hilliards on Saturday 7th February. To purchase a ticket, contact one of



Spa Dancers on their arrival at the INEC



Spa dancers during the performance

KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (FORÓIGE CLUB)

Help start Kilcummin Foróige Club! Every week, all across Ireland, young people come together in their local communities to do something simple, but powerful; connect with one another. They run their own club nights with the support of adult volunteers. There might be games, chats, laughter, tea, music – you name it! Foróige is currently seeking expressions of interest from people living in Kilcummin & surrounds who would like to start a Foróige Club in your community. We would like to hear from adults who would like to volunteer. Volunteers can be anyone over the age of 18. You don't need to be an expert in youth work; you just need a passion for supporting young people! Foróige provide full training and support. There are clubs available for Juniors (10-12 years) and Youth Clubs (12-17 years). If you would like to know more please contact Helen in the Rural Development Office on 064 6643357 or Trudy (Foróige Club Development Officer) on 086 834 4978.

EXERCISE CLASS

Positive Exercise Class for healthy ageing every Tuesday in Kilcummin Recreational Hall at 10.30am. Standing, seated exercise and meditation. For more details contact Mary Coleman 087 9757951.

31 CARD DRIVE

Memorial Tournament will be held in the Klub Bar in memory of Dermot "Brady" Moynihan on Sunday 1st of February @4pm. (31 card partners). Trophies for winners and lots of spot prizes. All proceeds donated to the

the following committee members: Andrew Garnett, Ivor Flynn, Adrian O'Sullivan, Anne Holland, Triona Mangan or Mathilda McCarthy.

Club Membership

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Reminder that 2026 membership subscriptions are now due. Existing Gym Fobs will be deactivated on 31st January for members who haven't renewed by then. To renew your membership, visit our website www.spagaa.com

WALK UNDER THE LIGHTS AT SPA GAA – EVERYONE WELCOME

Spa GAA is inviting club members and the wider community to get active together, with the club floodlights on every Tuesday night from 7.00pm until 10th February. Everyone is welcome to come along with family and friends and enjoy a walk around the club's walking track in a safe, relaxed and friendly environment. Whether it's a brisk walk, a chat with neighbours, or simply getting some fresh air, it's a great opportunity to meet others, feel good and stay active together over the coming weeks.

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Enrolment forms now available for Anabla Play 'n' Learn Preschool. ECCE places available for children from 2 years 8 months. Subsidised NCS places available for children aged from 2 years 6 months. Preschool sessions from 9-12pm Monday-Friday. Part time care available from 12-2pm (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's).

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LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 26th January for the Jackpot of €6,250. Numbers drawn were 12,13,19,29. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Tommy Healy, Mike Moloney Our Lady of Lourdes N.H, Catherine Broderick Our Lady of Lourdes N.H, and Michael Pigott Cockhill. Our next draw will be on Monday 9th February for Jackpot of €6,500.



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

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

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

Approved Retirement Funds: You may be entitled to keep some of your money in an approved retirement fund, money can be taken from the fund to give you a regular income, usually monthly. This is subject to taxation also. Taxation at retirement is often much lower than when you are working. It is extremely important that you take your time and have all the options explained to you in plain simple English and that you understand all your options clearly before you make your final decision. As well as the above there is much more to be discussed about your pension. You should discuss your retirement options with a financial advisor who has access to a number of different pension providers before making any decisions, he or she will help you with the above options and any other queries you may have.

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

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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 massive thank you to everyone who takes part

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SYMPATHIES to Aneta & Marek, brothers Adam & Nikodem, sister Nikola, Fiancé Weronika, & family on the death of Bartosz Adamczyk, Knocknagheeha, Gneeveguilla, and formerly of Poland whose funeral took place on the 15th January in Gneeveguilla.

To Anthony & Lisa Fleming & families on the death of his father Patrick (Patsy) Fleming Knockacorrin, Currow, whose funeral took place on Monday 19th January in Currow. May Bartoza & Patrick rest in peace

KNOCKNAGREE KENYA

The Annual Kenya Church Gate collection will take place on Sat 31st January @ the 7.30pm Mass. All proceeds in aid of Fr Sean Cremin's Missionary work

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON DANCING

Community Hall Milltown, Killarney V93ET62. Sunday 1st February: Eddie Lee Band. Dancing 3.00pm to 5.00pm. Free Draw with Door Ticket. Contact John Joe Herlihy 087-9735113

NOTES

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

Killarney Valley AC Athlete Maria Murnane Set to Compete in Boston

Up-and-coming Killarney Valley AC athlete Maria Murnane will compete on the international stage this Friday night, January 31st, when she lines out in Boston, USA.

Maria, a talented middle-distance runner, will take part in the 800 metres at the prestigious BU Terrier Classic, held in the iconic Boston University indoor arena, one of the premier indoor athletics venues in the world. A Leaving Cert student, Maria has been making significant strides in her athletics career and is hoping to secure a prestigious athletics scholarship to study in the United States. She aims to follow in the footsteps of several of her Killarney Valley AC clubmates who are currently competing and studying in America: Mollie O'Riordan at McNeese University in Louisiana, Jack O'Leary at Milligan University in East Tennessee, and Oisin Lynch at Adams State University in Colorado.

Maria competes across a range of middle-distance events including cross country, 800m, 1500m, and distances up to 3000m, highlighting her versatility and endurance as an athlete.

Everyone at Killarney Valley AC and in the wider community wishes Maria the very best of luck as she takes on this exciting opportunity in Boston.



- NOTICE OF MOTION -

CLLR. JOHN O'DONOGHUE RAISED THE FOLLOWING ISSUE AT THIS MONTHS KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING:

- To ask has there been any update on the provision of the walk / cycleway between Torc and Dinis?

My views on how transformative this stretch will be are well aired at this stage as it will afford views to rival those anywhere else in the world,

and pedestrians and cyclists will be able to enjoy them in safety without having to come out onto the main road. I fully appreciate the reasons behind the delay, and know they are outside of the control of either The Council or The NPWS, but I find it very frustrating that after years of pushing, we got it so close only to have it held up at the final juncture. I hope we will see movement before long.

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- You have felt overwhelmed before and somehow time kept moving with you in it.
- Nothing is asking you to solve your whole life today.
- Your path is still there even when fog makes it difficult to see a few paces ahead.
- Just breathe. Notice your feet on the floor. It's okay. You're here and you can take your time.
- You don't have to understand what you're feeling in order to survive it.
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Here's an overview of their benefits, challenges, and best practices:

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- Improved Insulin Sensitivity:

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- Enhanced Cellular Repair:

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- Hormonal Regulation:

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What is visual disturbance?

Visual disturbance is when you experience a short spell of flashing or shimmering of light in your sight. The symptoms normally last around twenty minutes before your sight returns to normal. Usually, there is no headache during the visual disturbance. A visual disturbance should not be confused with a retinal or ocular migraine where there is a partial or total loss of vision in one eye, normally with a headache.

Who is affected by visual disturbance?

Visual disturbance is a common condition among people who are affected by migraines, although they can affect anyone.

Visual disturbances tend to be more common in:

- women
- people aged under 40
- people aged over 60
- people with a personal or family history of migraines

What are the symptoms of visual disturbance?

- Flashes of light

These may start in the periphery of your sight, and become larger and more central (Some people experience the opposite, starting as a tiny dot centrally and become a bigger arc as they reach the periphery)

They may be black and white or brightly coloured

Typically described as a zigzagging pattern, or giving the appearance of shards of glass



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AT THE JANUARY MEETING OF KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL AREA, CLLR. JOHN O'DONOOGHUE RAISED THE FOLLOWING ISSUES

To request that the footpath at the Eastern end of Beech Road be dished between the upper and lower carparks.

This is a very straight forward NOM, we live in a magnificent town and it is important we do our utmost to ensure it is accessible for all to enjoy, regardless of physical ability. One thing we are regularly told as councillors regarding the challenges faced by wheelchair users and others with disabilities are the obstacles which are hidden to those who are able bodied. Crossing between these two carparks is one such impediment, I have personally crossed countless times and never noticed it until it was pointed out to me. It is a relatively easy fix for KCC and I hope they will remedy the situation without delay.

That the roundabout at the bottom of Countess Road be examined to see if it can be made more clearly identifiable as a roundabout, particularly tourists who regularly drive straight over it not realising it is a roundabout.

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and many drive straight on, even when another vehicle is half way through their turn up Countess Road. Indeed when coming in from the Muckross Road, it is impossible to make the turn right without driving over the roundabout, something I am fairly sure is a driving offence under the rules of the road. Generally when bringing a NOM, I try to also bring a solution but I will concede at this location a solution is difficult, but it is not impossible. I feel the road width is wide enough to allow for an alignment which would allow for something to be put into the middle of the roundabout to more clearly identify it.

How many council owned infill sites have Kerry County Council identified in Killarney Town, what total area do these comprise of, and have the Council plans to build upon these in 2026?

The Residential Zoned Land Tax is topical at the moment as many people will wind up either willingly or otherwise having to develop their land. As a landowner, there is an onus on KCC to show they are no different to any other and develop any suitable unused sites in their possession. There is a perception of unfairness regarding the RZLT among some people, and any Council owned land sitting idle will only add to that. Also, it might present us with the

possibility of building affordable housing, something which we are crying out for here in Killarney.

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Over €229,000 in funding for historic buildings in Kerry

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry Convent Street, Listowel - Windows, Doors TD Norma Foley has welcomed confirmation of over €229,000 in funding for historic buildings in Kerry.

The Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2026 helps property owners to conserve and enhance historic buildings and streetscapes, while also helping to preserve and develop traditional building skills. Minister Foley said: "I welcome confirmation of over €229,000 in funding for historic buildings in Kerry from my cabinet colleague, Minister for Housing James Browne. This will help to repair, maintain, and protect many unique and treasured buildings right around the county."

Kerry projects include:

The Mount, Scartaglin, Killarney - Roofs - €6,202.00
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- €2,015.65 and Associated Elements - €4,382.75
- Beaufort House, Beaufort - Windows,
- Doors and Associated Elements - €3,133.64
- The Old Presbytery, Ballyoughtragh North, Milltown - Windows, Doors and Associated Elements - €2,750.50
- Ballydribeen, Killarney - Interiors - €4,263.67
- Presentation Secondary School, Church Street, Castleisland - Interiors - €7,586.03
- Beechcroft House, Ballydribeen, Killarney - Windows, Doors and Associated Elements - €2,790.90
- 9 Denny Street, Tralee - Roofs - €5,384.43
- St Mary's Church, The Square, Listowel - Windows, Doors and Associated Elements - €2,617.98
- Villa Nova, Castlequin, Cahersiveen - Roofs - €11,424.74
- Deelish, Camp - Roofs - €7,311.83
- Knightstown, Valentia Island - Roofs - €3,481.83
- 29 Denny Street, Tralee - Roofs - €5,384.43

Mayor Cllr Martin Grady

Raises Concerns Over Deplorable Condition of Countess Road Footpath

The motion by Mayor of Killarney Municipal District Cllr. Martin Grady, called on Killarney Municipal District to carry out immediate remedial works on the footpath, which was described as being in a "deplorable condition". The councillor highlighted serious concerns for public safety, particularly for pedestrians, wheelchair users and people with pushchairs who regularly use the route. Cllr Grady also highlighted the allocation of 80,000 euro wasn't enough to keep the footpaths in the District to safe standard.

Countess Road is a busy area used daily by residents, schoolchildren and visitors, and the poor state of the footpath has been the subject of repeated complaints over a number of years. Uneven surfaces, deterioration and a lack of accessibility have made it increasingly difficult and unsafe for vulnerable users to navigate.

In response to the motion, Killarney Municipal District officials stated that the condition of footpaths across the district is kept under continuous review. It was confirmed that officials would meet with Cllr. Grady at the location to assess the footpath and identify the scope of works required. The council also indicated that it would seek funding from appropriate funding streams in order to progress the identified works.

I'm delighted and want to commend Kerry County Council. Works have commenced this week.



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8:30 PM	Bridge Bar, Rathmore	8.00 PM	The Kingdom Bar, Castleisland
9.00 PM	Dennehy's Bar, Rathmore	8.15 PM	The Crown Hotel, Castleisland
9.30 PM	Richie McAuliffe's, Gneeveguilla	9.00 PM	Hughes Bar, Cordal
1st Wednesday	Killarney Area	9.30 PM	Lyon's Bar, Scartaglen
8.00 PM	Torc Hotel, Lissivigeen	4th Thursday	Killorglin Area
8.30 PM	The Village Inn, Kilcummin	7:00 PM	Golden Nugget, Fossa
9.00 PM	Old Killarney Inn, Aghadoe	7.30 PM	Galvin's Bar, Beaufort
9.30 PM	The Golden Nugget, Fossa	8:15 PM	O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin
1st Thursday	Glenflesk & Barraduff	8.45 PM	Larkin's Bar, Milltown
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9:30 PM	Murphy's Bar, Barraduff	4th Friday	Kenmare & Sneem Area
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1st Friday	Tuosist & Lauragh	9.30 PM	Riney's Bar, Sneem
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10:00 PM	Helen's Bar Kilmacalogue	10.45 PM	O'Connor's Bar Kenmare
10:30 PM	The Lake House Tuosist	Last Monday	Farranfore Area
3rd Monday	Knocknagoshel & Brosna	8:00 PM	Ulick's Bar, Farranfore
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9.00 PM	Walsh's Bar, Knocknagoshel	9:00 PM	Cunniffe's Bar, Currow
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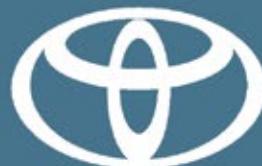
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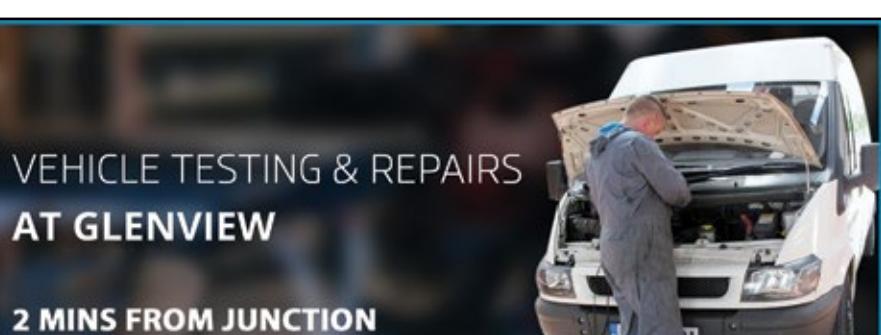
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Killarney Valley AC Athletes Keelie O'Connor and Sarah Leahy who have both achieved personal bests in 2026.

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

The Indoor Track & Field season is gathering momentum and members of the Green & Purple squad made their mark at the National Indoor Arena in Dublin last Saturday with a series of standout performances on the national stage. Leading the way was U18 athlete Antony Lejowda who continues to gain valuable experience competing at Senior level. Lejowda produced an impressive Triple Jump recording an indoor personal best of 9.76m.

The sprint events saw Keelie O'Connor in outstanding form showing trademark speed across both distances. Keelie clocked identical times of 7.88 in the 60m before powering through the 200m in 25.71 — an overall personal best.

Cian O'Brien marked a strong return to competition, racing for the first time since 2024. Cian impressed in the short sprints, posting times of 7.37 and a new personal best of 7.32 in the 60m, followed by a solid 23.34 in the 200m. Also stepping up to Senior competition for the first time was U18 athlete Ronan McGrellis, who displayed excellent composure under pressure. Ronan recorded times of 7.58 and 7.57 in the 60m, and 25.30 in the 200m.

With strong performances across the board, momentum is clearly building as the indoor season heats up — plenty of quality racing, valuable experience gained, and exciting competitions still to come.

Tickets for our Streets of Killarney 5 Mile are selling well. This race has sold out in the previous two years so go to <https://eventmaster.ie/event/EWvBi4EF74> to secure your ticket.

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FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

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Congratulations, well done to all.

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Killarney Rugby Club U18.5 girls after their win over Garryowen on Saturday.

MUCKROSS ROWING

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EVENTS

Well done to all our members who competed at the Indoor Rowing Championships held in the UL Arena in Limerick on Saturday 17th January. A culmination of the winter training work so far this season with some excellent performances. The Shandon Head Of the River, scheduled for last Saturday, fell victim to bad weather conditions and was cancelled. Our next event is the St. Michael's Head Of the River in Limerick on Saturday 7th February.

AGM

A reminder to all our members that the Annual General Meeting of Muckross Rowing Club Ltd. will be held this Friday night 30th January at 8pm in the Muckross Community Centre. This is a very important meeting in the club's calendar and we would strongly encourage one adult member from each rowing household to attend.

MEMBERSHIP

A reminder to all our members that club membership is now due for 2026 and we are kindly asking all existing members to ensure membership is renewed by the end of this month. Membership details have been circulated via email. Existing members must have completed membership renewal in order to be eligible for entry to St. Michael's Head Of the River.

ROWING IRELAND

A reminder also that Rowing Ireland subscription fees are due for payment for 2026. These fees are separate to club membership and payable directly to Rowing Ireland as the national governing body. Rowing Ireland registration is essential for entry to all competitive events licensed by Rowing Ireland.

KILLARNEY RUGBY CLUB

SENIORS SECURE DIVISION 2 PROMOTION!

History was made at Aghadoe this weekend! Our Senior Men's team has officially secured promotion to Munster Junior League Division 2 with two games to spare. In a dominant 9-try display, the Black and Red Army defeated Rugbaí Chorca Dhuibhne 57-19.

The scoring was a true squad effort: Diarmuid Carr (2), Padraic Talbot, John McCarthy, Liam Randles, Alex O'Leary, Stephen Walsh, Harry

Kelly, and Paul Moynihan all crossed the whitewash, with Ciarán O'Brien adding two conversions. This promotion is a testament to the consistency and grit shown by this squad since September. Division 2, here we come!

GIRLS SEMI-FINAL THRILLER: FINAL BOUND!

The KILK U18.5 Girls (Killarney/Iveragh/Castleisland/Killorglin) produced the performance of the season in a heart-stopping Munster League Semi-Final against Old Christians. In a match that swung back and forth, the girls showed incredible grit to edge out a 30-27 victory.

Trailing in the final quarter, the KILK side dug deep, showcasing trademark defensive resilience and clinical finishing to snatch the win in the dying minutes. This victory secures their place in the Munster League Final against a strong Clonakilty side. The bond between these four clubs continues to grow, and the talent on display suggests a very bright future for girls' rugby in the region.

U18.5 BOYS: DOUBLE SUCCESS & LIMERICK TRIP

Our U18.5 Boys are riding high after a fantastic 30-27 win over Old Christians at Aghadoe on Saturday. In a mirror image of the girls' scoreline, the lads showed massive heart to come out on top in a physical Munster Cup encounter.

Next up, the lads hit the road for a massive fixture on Sunday, February 1st, traveling to Limerick to take on the Thomond/Richmond amalgamation. Games at the "Well" are always a stern test, and the squad will be looking to carry their winning momentum into the Treaty City. Kick-off is scheduled for 12:00 PM.

YOUTH ROUND-UP: U14s IN ACTION

U14 Girls Blitz: Our KICK U14 girls traveled to Limerick for a brilliant Development Blitz at UL Bohemians. Facing off against the hosts, Bruff, Galbally, and Newport, the girls showed fantastic progress in their skill levels and teamwork.

U14 Boys vs. Newport: The U14s hosted Newport RFC at Aghadoe in the Munster Shield. Despite a brave performance and some excellent individual breaks, the visitors proved too strong on the day, taking the win 31-5. The lads never gave up and will look to bounce back against Galbally this weekend.

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UPCOMING FIXTURES

U14 Boys: Away to Galbally RFC – Saturday, Jan 31st (11:00 AM)

U16 Boys: Home to Bandon RFC – Saturday, Jan 31st (12:00 PM)

U18.5 Boys: Away to Thomond/Richmond – Sunday, Feb 1st (12:00 PM)

Senior Men: Away to Douglas RFC – Sunday, Feb 1st (2:30 PM)

KILLARNEY BADMINTON CLUB

Next Kerry County Competition is division 3



Pictured are Ollie Keogh, Kyrylo Lutchenko, Juan Avila, Caoimhe McCarthy, Kate Roche, Maebh O'Reilly, Aoibhín Creedon, Aideen Casey, Caoimhe Casey, Lauren Kiely, Hayley Walker.

and 5 singles on Sunday Feb 1st. Good luck to all players from Killarney club.

Next munster competition is the grade Ds in UL on Sunday Feb 1st.

Keep an eye on fixtures for the coming week as our mixed leagues continue on our what's app and best of luck in the coming competitions.

Maebh O'Reilly, Nina O'Mahony, Cora Sheehan and Kyrylo Lutchenko have also qualified. They will all represent their schools for this high level competition. Well done to all of our young swimmers.



Killarney Badminton Club members Naveen and partner Plena Pauik runners up in the Moyvane Badminton tournament at the weekend



Sinead Galvin (Killarney) winning gold in singles at Ulster masters in Belfast at weekend



Sinead Galvin (Killarney) and partner Pam Peard winning Ulsters gold in ladies doubles at weekend

GOLF NEWS

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: James Foley & Aidan O'Keeffe 32½, Gross: Noel Moynihan & Sean Ashe 47 and Second Nett: Gearóid Cronin & Margaret O'Brien 37½. As this weekend is a Bank Holiday there will be draws on both Sunday and Monday weather and course conditions permitting.

COUNTY BOARD AGM

At last week's AGM in Castleisland, Damien Fleming returned to the position of Chairman

while Sean O'Brien and Jason O'Connor remain on as Treasurer and PRO respectively. We wish Damien well in taking on the role again.

2026 MEMBERSHIP

Please note membership for this year will be due as of March 1st. Membership Rates will be the same as 2025. Further details in the weeks ahead.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The club was immensely saddened last week by the death of our Assistant Treasurer Colm O'Dowd's sister Louise. Our deepest sympathies to Colm and his entire family on her death. May she Rest in Peace.

ROSS GOLF CLUB (GENTS) RESULTS

On January 24th and 25th we held a stableford competition

The winners were :-

1st: Derek McAllister 38 (16)

2nd: Michael J O'Sullivan 38 (12)

Division 1 Winner: Daniel Ling 33 (8)

Division 2 Winner: Steve Shine 35 (17)

Division 3 Winner: Gerard Murphy 30 (21)



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VICTORY FOR KERRY IN LEAGUE OPENER

Kerry 2-9 | Dublin 0-9

By Daire Walsh

Jadyn Lucey and Mary O'Connell struck crucial goals at a rain-soaked JYSK Park in Clondalkin on Saturday afternoon as title holders Kerry kick-started their Lidl National Football League Division 1 campaign with victory over All-Ireland SFC champions Dublin.

Playing under the new playing rule enhancements that are being trialled by the LGFA in this year's NFL, a wind-assisted Dublin side featuring just three starters from their TG4 All-Ireland senior football championship final triumph against Meath last August opened the scoring through Jodi Egan's close-range free in the third minute. The Kingdom did respond with scores from corner-forward Danielle O'Leary and raiding defender Cait Lynch, but Dublin restored parity just shy of the first-quarter mark with a point courtesy of Kate Donagh.

However, Kerry were enjoying the lion's share of possession and moments after she had split the posts, a superb run from deep by team captain Siofra O'Shea provided the platform for Lucey to rattle the opposition net on 16 minutes.

This was a set-back for the home side, but they subsequently established a purple patch with unanswered efforts from Egan (two), Orla Keighran and wing-back Ellen Gribben. While this meant the teams were inseparable once again, Rachel Dwyer, Danielle O'Leary (taking advantage of the 'solo and go' rule) and O'Shea all found the range to leave Kerry 1-6 to 0-6 in front at the interval.

Lively Dublin attacker Egan kicked her fourth point on the resumption to bring the gap down to two, only for their Munster counterparts to create significant daylight between the teams on 37 minutes. The aforementioned O'Connell delivered a strong performance for the Kingdom from the middle of the pitch and she superbly drilled a shot beyond the reach of Jackie's netminder Katie Moran Tighe for her side's second goal of the game.

This provided Mark Bourke's visitors with considerable breathing space and with O'Shea and Dwyer adding to their personal tallies, they were on course for maximum points moving into the closing quarter. A plethora of substitutes were introduced by both sets of management as the action progressed, but it was contributions from starting defenders Ashling Nyhan and Gribben that brought Dublin to within five points of their opponents. Yet Kerry remained in control and a late score from Niamh Ní Chonchúir convincingly sealed all three points for the 13-times league champions.

Scorers -Kerry: J Lucey, M O'Connell 1-0 each, S O'Shea 0-3 (3f), D O'Leary 0-2 (1f), R Dwyer 0-2, C Lynch, N Ní Chonchúir 0-1 each. **Dublin:** J Egan



Siofra O'Shea of Kerry in action against Rachel Hartnett of Dublin during the Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1 Round 1 match between Dublin and Kerry at Phairc Jysk in Dublin. *Photo by Tyler Miller*



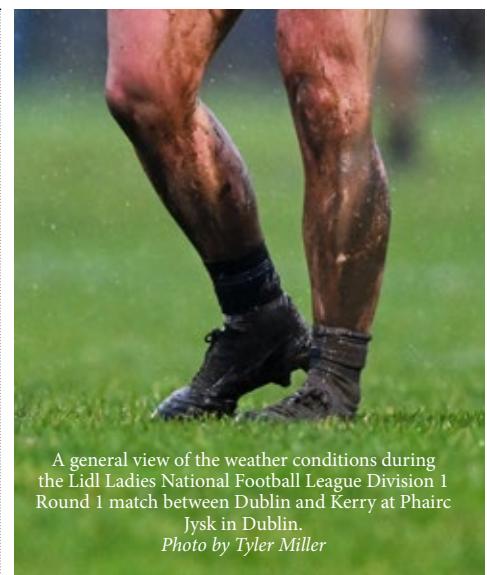
Ellen Gribben of Dublin in action against Niamh Ní Chonchúir, left, and Jadyn Lucey of Kerry during the Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1 match between Dublin and Kerry at Phairc Jysk in Dublin. *Photo by Tyler Miller*

0-4 (3f), E Gribben 0-2, A Nyhan, K Donagh, O Keighran 0-1 each.

KERRY: ME Bolger; E Lynch, C Lynch, A Doherty; J Lynch, A Dillane, K Brosnan; M O'Connell, C Evans; L Boyle, N Ní Chonchúir, R Dwyer; J Lucey, S O'Shea, D O'Leary. **Subs:** A Galvin for J Lynch (39), M Mulvihill for Boyle, M O'Connor for Lucey (both 43), K Ryan for Brosnan, K McGrath for Doherty, J Curtin for Evans (all 48).

DUBLIN: K Moran Tighe; N Crowley, A Nyhan, K Kenehan; A Doyle, H Leahy, E Gribben; R Hartnett, H McGinnis; E Kearney, O Nolan, K Donagh, A Timothy, J Egan, O Keighran. **Subs:** S McIntyre for Kearney (35), N Byrne for Donagh (41), C Almeida for Kenehan, S Birnie for Doyle (both 45), G Connolly for Keighran (48), E Leddy Doyle for Hartnett, C Murphy for Leahy (both 58).

Referee: Kevin Phelan (Laois).



A general view of the weather conditions during the Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1 Round 1 match between Dublin and Kerry at Phairc Jysk in Dublin. *Photo by Tyler Miller*

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LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 25/01/2026 for a jackpot of €6,000 were 4, 10, 21, 27. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Cathy Murphy, Alex Rintoul, Caroline Hallissey, Noreen Reen, Kevin Myers.

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>

NATIONAL CLUB DRAW - FOSSA GAA

For the 1st time Fossa GAA are participating in the GAA National Club Draw and all the money from every ticket sold by Fossa stays in our Club. The easiest way to support this is buy your ticket(s) via Foireann. You can log into your own account and you will see on right "Enter Draw". The following executive members can also enter you to the draw via their own Foireann account: Pat Sheehan, Domhnall O'Sullivan, Peter O'Shaughnessy, Siobhan Kissane, Maria Vaughan, Katherine Butler, Karen McGlynn, Mike Cahillane, Amy Moriarty, Peter Kelliher, John O'Neill, Michael Talbot & Merry Talbot. Physical tickets will also be available and will be in circulation next week. Please support the draw and it is hoped members will buy and also sell tickets; there are great prizes to be won, see our Facebook page to view the prizes and all money stays in our Club.

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KILLARNEY LEGION

FUN RUN

Feeling the January Blues why not join us every Thursday night at Direen. We are continuing our running sessions on the back of last years success!

Every Thursday Night at 7:30pm - 8:15pm on pitch 3. These sessions are open to everyone from U13 to adults. The beauty of the sessions is that everybody runs at their own pace.

Come along for a bit of fun and get fit!

KERRY GIRLS

Well done & Congratulations to Clodagh Hegarty and Reagan O Shea who will line out with the Kerry u14s this year and to Reagans sister Sophie O Shea who will be playing with the Kerry u16s. We all wish you the very best of luck with the season ahead and know you will do the club proud.

ACADEMY FUNDRAISER

Why not come along next Friday evening 6th February at 7pm to the East Avenue Hotel for a fun nights Bingo . This fundraiser is to support our next generation of boys and girls who

would like to play football in a fun and friendly environment at Direen.

IRISH RECORD

Congratulations to Sarah Leahy who recently broke the Irish indoor 50m record at a meeting in Switzerland. Sarah is going from strength to strength in recent times. The club is proud of your fantastic achievements

OSCARS

Delighted to see Jessie Buckley getting a well deserved nomination for an Academy Award for Best Actress in the film Hamnet. Following on from her recent Golden Globe success, this nomination follows years of dedication and hard work in her profession. Fingers crossed that she will get the nod at the biggest awards ceremony of all in March

BABY BOY

Congratulations to Tommy and Catherine O'Donoghue who had a baby boy last week. Baby Bobby is a grandchild to Diarmuid and Rita O Donoghue.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Membership is now due for all members. Sign up in the Clubzap app or click on your renewal email. Any queries please contact Fiona 0858263358

SYMPATHY

The Club extends its sincere sympathy to the family and friends of our former player Louise O Dowd. Louise will be remembered, not only for her great football ability but also for her humour and kindness. Our condolences to Riona, Donie, Carol, Sharon, Michelle and Colm. Ar Dheis De go raibh a Anam.

LOTTO

Lotto results for Monday 19th January .Numbers drawn 7,10,15,25 and bonus ball 4. No jackpot winner Drawn from match x 3: Mags Long, Mods n Minis, Mark Twomey

Lotto numbers 26 Jan 2026; 5, 9, 22, 28. Bonus 18. One jackpot winner matching 4 numbers €7,400. Grace O Sullivan. Congratulations Grace, great start to 202.

Please support Legion Club Lotto. Play online or buy at Hegartys, sheahans muckross road, Bowlers Rock Road, Healys new street or any of the bars that sell tickets. This weeks jackpot Thanks for your support.

NOTES

Anyone with any item they would like to see

included in the weekly club notes (births, engagements, congrats, etc) please message Elaine 086 8398821 or Kevin 087 2484394

EAST KERRY NEWS

KERRY GAA COACHING CONFERENCE

Kerry County Board Football Coaching Conference took place on Saturday in MTU. The conference was booked out in advance with over one hundred and fifty coaches in attendance. East Kerry clubs were well represented on the day showing the massive interest level in coaches improving and developing skill sets for the year ahead. Club players will gain the benefit of coaches learning on the job listening to all the guest speakers sharing their insights and expertise. Thanks to Gavin White (Dr Crokes) and Shane Ryan (Rathmore) for speaking at the event. MTU was a superb venue on the day.

DR. COKES

MEMBERSHIP is now due. Membership can be paid through the club app. Download today <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokes-gaa/fundraisers>

FR. PADDY'S CARDS continues on Wednesdays at 8pm in the clubhouse.

KATHLEEN'S GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS for seniors will return in the clubhouse on Tuesday February 3rd at 11am. All are welcome.

LOTTO took place on January 26th Numbers drawn were 8, 12, 13, 27. Jackpot of €17,600 was NOT WON. 8 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €50 each. Jackpot for draw on January 26th will be €17,900. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokes-gaa/fundraisers>

BINGO

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

CONDOLENCES to the O'Dowd Family on the recent passing of Louise. May she rest in peace.

NOTES

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



The Sunrise Social Kerry Women's group pictured on their hike up Strikeen on Saturday last. The group enjoyed coffee afterwards. Check on Sunrise Social Kerry on Instagram.

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Utility Trust St Pauls vs Fr Matthews Preview

Dominoes Womens Superleague
Saturday, January 24th at 5pm

Fr Matthews Arena

Fr Matthews 65
Utility Trust St Pauls 89

Preview by Enda Walshe

Utility Trust St Pauls kept the pace at the top of the Dominoes Womens Superleague with what was in the end a comfortable win over basement side Fr Matthews. With three home games over the next few weekends, Coach James Fleming will be absolutely delighted with his sides standing, joint top with Kilester, and he will know better than most that his side are in pole position for the coveted home play-off game. St Pauls were on top for the majority of the game, and although Fr Matthews did enjoy a fruitful second quarter they had not enough answers to the St Paul's questions. The foundation of the win was definitely built from beyond the arc where they converted fifteen of their efforts with Maisie Burnham hitting 5 from 8 attempts from outside the arc. Lovisa Hevinder again continued her recent good form with Tara Cousins hitting 24 points from the point position. Without Siofra O Shea and Leah McMahon the squad was tested but the nature of the win afforded them the luxury of all eleven players seeing court time. Lorraine Scanlon was her usual imperious self while the highlight of the game was Ciara O Sullivan hitting a late three.

The ageless Grainne Dwyer gave Fr Matthews the best possible start but it didn't take Burnham long to get into her stride, hitting from the charity stripe and an effort from downtown. Stacie Jones was prominent for the home side but Burnham netted again soon followed by a Hevinder three. Tara Cousins added her name to the scoresheet and despite Laila Blair hitting a three the visitors were now 18-8 clear with Cousins in full flow. Blair and Dwyer tried hard for their side but Lorraine Scanlon and Denise Dunlea closed out the quarter with their side 25-13 in front.

After a slow start Fr Matthews actually enjoyed the better of the second quarter. They had to endure an early Burnham three but Blair and Jones gave signs of their improvement helping their side to the 22 point mark and keeping pace with St Pauls. Hevinder and Scanlon were keeping the scoreboard ticking over but Amy Murphy and Blair now cut the gap to eight, 34-26. Cousins halted their momentum with a three but Jones and Blair were now rampant and the gap was further cut to six, 37-31. A Burnham three steadied the St Paul's ship and the gap was maintained at nine till half time with Cousins keeping her side in charge. Encouraged by their second quarter showing



Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers Photo: by Molly

the hosts, through Amy Murphy, hit an early three and the game was possibly heading for the melting pot. Lynn Jones exchanged three with Blair but Burnham and Hevinder clicked through the gears to fire St Pauls clear. Scanlon and Cousins took the hint to wrestle back control of the game but credit to Fr Matthews they hung in there with Danielle O Riordan toiling hard. But a Burnham three just at the end of the quarter let the air out of the Fr Matthews balloon and after ten minutes of hard work they still trailed by 68-51.

The final quarter only had to be a steering job, thanks mainly to the quick start that Scanlon and Burnham supplied. Tralee native Holly O'Brien did help to chisel the lead back to fifteen, 74-59 but anytime they came close, St Pauls came up with an answer. Hevinder and Burnham were accuracy personified and when Ciara O Sullivan climbed off the bench to hit a three, it gave her side a 86-61 advantage. Naoise O Connor and Clodagh O'Sullivan were also now on court and Hevinder struck the final blow, helping her side to 89-65 triumph. Maisie Burnham shot 29, Tara Cousin 24, Lovisa Hevinder 18, Lorraine Scanlon 10, Lynn Jones 3, Ciara O Sullivan 3, Denise Dunlea 2.

Laila Blair had 24, Stacie Jones 16, Grainne Dwyer 10 and Amy Murphy 4. The ever improving McEvoy's Cavan Eagles are next on the agenda for Utility Trust St Pauls with the game tipping off this Saturday at 5pm in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre. These sides had a very competitive and entertaining rivalry when both were in Division One so this game could well add to the legacy of that rivalry.



Dominoes Mens Basketball League
Saturday January 24th
Killarney Sports & Leisure Centre

Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers 87
Dublin Lions 83

Preview by Enda Walshe

This was a statement win by Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers as they ended the longest winning streak in Irish basketball when they accounted for the Dublin Lions in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre on Saturday evening. In bringing an end to the Metropolitans gallop they have put themselves to the top of the Southern Conference, and are now in possession of a seven game winning run themselves, a mark that is now unrivalled in the country.

This was a high quality encounter played at a high intensity and the closeness of the exchanges made it a riveting watch. The lead changed hands sixteen times, was tied on eleven occasions but crucially it was Luke O Hea's side who had their noses in front when the final buzzer went. Steve Kelly again led the charge for the Killarney side with 31 points and an impressive 13 assists while Captain Eoin Carroll had a double double 18 points and 11 rebounds. Sam Grant ran into early foul trouble but managed to walk the disciplinary tightrope to contribute massively in the final quarter while Jack O Sullivan and Mark Sheehan again came up with some seminal moments. Marko Bencic was a huge helping hand under the boards while Pablo Murcia made his return.

The Lions arrived in Killarney with a physically strong line up with Liam Osinuga and Aran Lee forceful inside. They had the silky Russell Marr at the point also but it was the Lakers who settled quickest. This was down to a trademark

Kelly basket, a Mark Sheehan three and some nice work inside by Grant. When Eoin Carroll tipped in a rebound and Grant again struck from outside the Lakers were 12-2 clear and it necessitated a Lions time out. They cleared their heads to become a factor in the game with Tiago Pereira and Aran Lee helping to pull it back to 14-10. Oisin Spring wasted little time making his presence felt with a three and the same player had another basket either side of Carroll efforts. The Lakers were in control but the Lions finished the half stronger with Osinuga and Ignacio Folgueiras cutting the gap to 27-23 by quarters.

The Lions continued that momentum into the second quarter with Marr and Osinuga tying up the game. Pablo Murcia made his return to the Lakers lineup after six weeks out but despite a Grant basket, Tiernan Howes' three put the Lions ahead for the first time. Kelly and Carroll carried the can for the Lakers to help them into a 41-36 lead but the introduction of Mo Sobic to the Lions line up put a pep in their step. Kelly's drives to the basket were yielding dividends for the Lakers while Carroll was industrious inside which again helped the Lakers 49-42 clear. But the Lions again finished the quarter in the ascendancy with Kevin Anyanwu, Osinuga and Lee prominent. Indeed it took a Darragh O'Callaghan basket to ensure the Lkars went in at half time with parity, 51-51.

The third quarter was a real arm wrestle with the lead exchanging hands on numerous occasions. The tone for that was set in the opening moments when Marr put the Lions in front, only for Sheehan to put the Lakers ahead from downtown. The intensity was gone up a level and the Lions were trying to make a run but a Kelly three soon reeled them in. They hit another purple patch with a Howe three and Lee's prowess inside, opening out a six point gap, 68-62. Jack O Sullivan now took up the baton for the Lakers, his late points helping keep his side in touch at quarters end, trailing by 2, 70-68.

O Sullivan again netted early, levelling the game, and then exchanged scores with Aran Lee before Pereira struck from outside. There was a slight suspicion the lions were going to grab the game by the scruff of the neck but Kelly again hit a three which seemed to reignite the Lakers. Eventhough Lee and Folgueiras nudged their side ahead the crowd were now starting to get involved in the game which only aided the Lakers cause. Grant, with time running out, threw the shackles off his foul troubles to hit his side's next four points and that served to cut the gap to 2, 81-79. The next play was set to be pivotal with Kelly cutting to the basket to convert, getting fouled in the process. The added bonus put the Lakers in front but Marr wriggled in to put his side ahead for what would be the final time. The Lakers defence was gone up a notch and when Grant finished off the glass the roof nearly came off the gym. With the Lions in team foul trouble and the Lakers rearguard suffocating them, the home side closed out the game from the free throw line with Carroll and Kelly coming up trumps, helping their side to a 87-83 win.



Steve Kelly led the scoring with 31 points, Eoin Carroll had 18, Sam Grant 13, Jack O Sullivan 12, Mark Sheehan 6, Oisin Spring 5, Darragh O'Callaghan 2.

For the Lions Aran Lee had 20, Laim Osinuga 15, Russell Marr 13, Tiago Pereira 7.

The Lakers have a Bank Holiday double fixture with the Portlaoise Panthers and Tipp Talons visiting the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre. The Panthers game tips off at 7.45 on Saturday night while on Monday afternoon at 3pm the Talons will be the opposition. With the season entering the final straight, the importance of these games only heighten.

Basketball Ireland National League Division 1

Malahide 104 Killarney Cougars 81

The Cougars travelled to Dublin on Saturday evening for their first away trip of 2026 and in a competitive entertaining contest Malahide made the home court advantage count delivering a commanding performance as they defeated the Cougars 104-81 in this Basketball Ireland National League Division 1 encounter. The hosts made a strong start, taking the early lead with a 23-15 first-quarter advantage, forcing the Cougars to chase the game from the outset. Killarney responded well in the second period, finding greater rhythm offensively, but Malahide continued to punish defensive lapses to edge the quarter 34-30, heading into half-time with a 57-45 advantage.

The decisive moments came after the break. Malahide exploded in the third quarter with a dominant 28-13 run, stretching their lead to 85-58 and effectively taking control of the the game.



While Killarney showed resilience in the final period, the damage had already been done. Despite the result, the Cougars produced several standout individual performances. Joshua Phillips led all scorers with a superb 24 points, adding 17 rebounds in a tireless 40-minute display. Kenny Shimwa was equally influential inside, finishing with 23 points and 13 rebounds, while Simon Olanipekun orchestrated the offence effectively, recording 18 points and 12 assists, but defensively the Cougars will need to improve on this showing.

Malahide's balanced scoring throughout, the consistent three-point shooting 13 threes in particular from Romonn Nelson, Derrick Allahyarian and Mathew Harper hitting and a strong third-quarter surge ultimately proved the difference as they closed out a deserved win making home advantage count.

The Cougars will take the many positives from the game and prepare to face the Titans from Galway in the Pres Gym on next Saturday evening.

Top scorers

Malahide
Stephen Safo 23
Romonn Nelson 19
Mathew Harper 18
Christian McDonnell 17
Derrick Allahyarian 11

Killarney
Joshua Phillips 24
Kenny Shimwa 23
Simon Olanipekun 18
Paul Adedeji 13

KERRY SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

NATIONAL

15'S BOYS BOOK ALL IRELAND SEMI FINAL AS 14'S BOW OUT

Kerry's All-Ireland Cup involvement delivered contrasting emotions at U14 and U15 level over the weekend, with one campaign ending and another very much alive. In the All-Ireland U14 Boys' Cup quarter-final in Galway, Kerry bowed out following a 3-1 defeat to a well-organised and clinical Donegal side.

Playing against strong opposition, Kerry battled gamely throughout and were rewarded when Cameron Patterson found the net. However, Donegal's efficiency in front of goal proved decisive, and despite Kerry's efforts to get back on level terms, the Ulster side managed the game well and advanced to the semi-finals.

There was far more positive news in the All-Ireland U15 Boys' Cup quarter-final, where Kerry produced a spirited display on the road in Cork to overcome West Cork 3-2 in an entertaining and hard-fought encounter.

Kerry showed great resilience and composure under pressure, with Joe Joy leading the way in attack by scoring twice. His goals were complemented by an important strike from Max Moynihan. West Cork pushed Kerry all the way, but the Kingdom defended resolutely in the closing stages to see out a memorable victory. The win secures Kerry's place in the semi-finals and keeps their All-Ireland dream firmly on track.

CONTRASTING FORTUNES FOR KERRY GIRLS IN NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

It was a weekend of high drama and contrasting outcomes for Kerry sides across the national competitions, with progression and heartbreak intertwined at the Last 32 stage.

Penalties saw Mastergeeha's U12 National Cup dream come to an end on Sunday. Leading 2-1 going into the closing exchanges as Gracie Maher bagged a brace, Drogheda hit back to level the tie, before winning 3-1 on pens.

MEK Galaxy booked their place in the next round of the U12 Girl's National Trophy with a hard-earned 2-1 victory over Allenwood Celtic, as goals from Chloe O'Sullivan and Katie Foley proved decisive in a competitive contest.

In the U14 Girl's National Cup, Killarney Athletic were involved in a pulsating extra-time encounter away to Cappy Rovers, eventually bowing out 5-3 after extra time, with Erica

Moloney scoring a hat trick for Athletic in a game that swung end to end.

U16 National Cup hopes also came to an end for Killarney Athletic as they were defeated 3-1 by Granada FC, despite a fine goal from Ella Crowley keeping them in contention for spells. MEK Galaxy also saw their journey come to an end losing 1-0 at home to Termo Feckin, while the game between St Brendan's Park and Broadford United was abandoned due to injury.

There was however a dominant display in the U16 Girl's National Trophy, where Inter Kenmare produced an assured away performance to defeat Athboy Celtic AFC 5-0, with Alice O'Connor, Grace O'Sullivan, who both struck twice, and Niamh Healy all finding the net to cap an impressive and confident showing on the national stage.

GIRLS

CASTLEISLAND CLOSE GAP TO LEADERS PARK

It was a competitive and closely fought round of fixtures in the Amber Killarney U13 Girl's Premier, with narrow victories and evenly matched contests across the board, the biggest winners of the round being Castleisland to close the gap at the top end of the table.

Castleisland defeated Iveragh by 2-1 in a lively encounter on the road, with Ava McCarthy and Aoife Reidy on target for the visitors, while Sienna O'Sullivan struck for Iveragh. There was little to separate Killorglin and Listowel Celtic, who shared the spoils in a 1-1 draw as Sienna Boyle found the net for Killorglin and Emer O'Sullivan replied for Listowel.

Killarney Athletic picked up a valuable three points at home, grinding out a 1-0 win over MEK thanks to a decisive finish from Flora Walsh, in a tight game where defences were largely on top and chances came at a premium.

FLYNN FIRES CAMP AS IVERAGH AND FENIT CLAIM KEY WINS

The action across the Muckross Park Hotel U15 Girls Divisions failed to disappoint, with some high scoring clashes, along with closely fought encounters.

Camp produced a commanding performance in the Muckross Park Hotel U15 Girls Premier as Orlaith Flynn stole the headlines with a four-goal haul in a 5-2 victory over Killorglin, with Ruth Kiley also getting on the scoresheet in an impressive attacking display.

In the Muckross Park Hotel U15 Girls Division 1, Iveragh sit second with a solid 4-1 away win

against Castleisland, showing their quality across the pitch. Fenit won a lively contest against Dingle 3-2, with Erin Harty striking twice and Fiadh Nelan adding another, while Dingle stayed competitive throughout thanks to goals from Cara Fitzgerald and Maria Evans, but Fenit held firm to secure all three points.

MURPHY AND WAWRO FIRE ATHLETIC TO VICTORY

Killarney Athletic were clinical in front of goal in the U16 Girls Premier as they defeated Listowel Celtic 6-0 on the road. Ella Murphy and Roxy Wawro were the standout performers, sharing the goals evenly with superb hat-tricks apiece, as Athletic closed the gap to the leading pack.

BOYS

GOALS FLOW FREELY AS PARK REMAIN TOP IN PREMIER

There was no shortage of attacking football in the EBS U12 Boy's Premier as several sides impressed with emphatic victories, St Brendan's Park savouring another big win at the summit. Park A were clinical in front of goal on the road, defeating Fenit 5-0 with goals spread across the team, as Noah O'Driscoll, Leo Fitzgibbon, Dara O'Regan, Conor Roche and Igor Jasiński all found the net in a polished and confident display.

Killarney Athletic picked up a 3-0 win over Mastergeeha A, with Rian O'Reilly continuing his fine form by netting twice, while Joe O'Shea added another to seal a composed performance. Dingle were also clinical in front of goal against Killorglin, powering to a 5-1 success thanks to braces from Finn McGearailt and Jamie Murphy, with Rúan Lynch also on target, while Cillian Gleeson grabbed a consolation for Killorglin.

The same could also be said for Listowel Celtic A defeating Camp 5-1, Eoin Barrett was in devastating form, scoring four of the five goals, with Abraham Newlands also finding the net.

DINGLE CONTINUE TO SET THE PACE IN 14'S PREMIER

Dingle remain the team to catch in The Golden Nugget U14 Boy's Premier, after they and other sides displayed some eye-catching attacking displays last weekend.

In one of the games of the round, leaders Dingle edged a thrilling 5-4 victory away to third placed Park. Conall Ó Sé was the standout performer, hitting a superb hat-trick, while TJ Ó hAinfein added two more to seal the win. Park responded bravely, with Darragh Flahive netting twice alongside goals from Cameron Patterson and Cian O'Regan, but just fell short despite a late



Killarney Athletic U14 National Cup



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u9 boys who played MEK FC away on sunday last where both squads displayed the skills of the game.



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push.

Second placed Killarney Athletic delivered the most emphatic result of the weekend, powering to a 7-1 win over Fenit A. Sean Quill struck twice, with further goals from Lucas Uchytíl, Ronan Browne, Artem Dzhandra, Ryan O'Donoghue and Caelan Prendergast. Fenit's consolation came courtesy of Fionn McCarthy.

Castleisland enjoyed a strong outing at home as they saw off Inter Kenmare by 4-2, with Liam Quirke leading the way with a brace, supported by strikes from Yevhenii Mamontov and Dylan Reidy. Inter Kenmare kept the contest competitive through goals from Ben Leonard and Shay O'Connor, but Castleisland's sharper edge in the final third proved decisive.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC 300 CLUB MEMBER DRAW FOR 2026

The "300 club" is open to new members for 2026. The draw takes place each month - with 6 winners every month - €1000 in prizes each month. If anyone is interested in entering this draw they can check log in to Clubforce <https://killarneyathletic.clubforce.com/products/membership> or contact Mike 0872226185/ Martin 0831229008 or any member of Killarney Athletic AFC

UNDERAGE AWARDS NIGHT AND BINGO

will take place on Wednesday the 18th in The Killarney Oaks Hotel so come along and support our young players and have a great night as well.

BOYS U14 PREMIER RESULT

Killarney Athletic A 8 - 1 Fenit Samphires A

Sean Quill x 3, Lucas Uchytíl x 1, Ronan Browne x 1, Artem Dzhandra x 1, Ryan O'Donoghue x 1, Caelan Prendergast x 1

An early goal settled their nerves as they were up 1-0 early on. They controlled the first half and fought hard with constant pressing which created numerous chances for our lads. At half they were up 4-0. Derry Sheehan was very brave and thwarted a great scoring chance from Fenit to keep it 4-0 at halftime. Second half was much of the same where Athletic played some great football and created numerous scoring opportunities. The game ended 8-1. Fenit were a strong team who played the ball out very well from the back. Thanks to Fenit and the ref for a very sporting game. Man of the match was Ronan Browne with a strong performance at centre midfield.

U14 DIV3 LEAGUE MATCH

LB Rovers B 0-7 Killarney Athletic

An excellent team performance right from the start resulted in a comprehensive win for the boys. This puts them joint top of the league with an exciting run in to come.

Killorglin B vs Killarney Athletic B

Killorglin B 1 - Killarney Athletic B 6

Let's start with saying all thirteen of our Blues this morning were superb. Each player contributed in a positive manner to the result. The aggression and our stylish football came to the fore this morning. Well done to all the lads, they showed some unbelievable pride in the Athletic Jersey. Thanks to all our supporters & to Killorglin for a very sporting game this morning.



Killarney Athletic U16 National Cup

Motm Ross Griffen- Captain Alex Durbalau-Goal Scorers Ross Griffen x 3 Filip Niedzialek x1 Ollie Pyne x1 Alex Durbalau x1 COYBIB

BOYS U12 PREMIER RESULT

Killarney Athletic 3 - 0 Mastergeeha

This morning, we claimed all 3 points thanks to an excellent team performance against a very well organised and determined Geeha team. The opener came mid way through the first half when Joe O Shea was sharpest to react in the box and got the goal he deserved after an electric performance from him in the first half. Rian O Reilly doubled our lead with a tidy finish to put us 2 up going into the first half. Credit to Geeha they rallied and came out strong at the start of the second half. It took an amazing reflex save from Fionn Hurley to keep them out. Excellent work down the right by Joe O Shea resulted in Rian O Reilly getting on the end of his great cross to make it 3-0. The defence held firm and we saw the game out and took all 3 points. It was an excellent team performance. Best on the day were John Hegarty, MOTM Igor who was outstanding at right back, Joe O Shea and Finn MacDonald.

GIRLS U16S NATIONAL CUP REPORT

Killarney Athletic A.F.C 1 - 3 Grenada FC

Ella Crowley x 1

The girls played their last 32 National cup game today, in fantastic conditions in Woodlawn. Unfortunately it's a game when the result does not tell the whole story, the girls went down 2 goals in a three minute period in the dying minutes of the first half. But they dug deep and worked so hard and really took the game to the Dublin side and got the game back to 2-1 with a fantastic goal from Ella Crowley. And they were really pushing for an equaliser right till the end with it being 2-1 one going in to extra time but unfortunately Grenada got a third goal on the break to finish the tie. Grenada were deserved winners on the day but our girls really showed they can put it up to the best teams in the country and with the fight they showed today they really can go in to do the club proud. We would like to thank Grenada FC who from the minute they arrived were so pleasant and respectful and showed they were really humble winners and were a pleasure to host!

GIRLS U16S PREMIER

Killarney Athletic V Listowel Celtic

Ella Murphy x 3, Roxy Wawro x 4

U14 GIRLS NATIONAL CUP

Cappry Rovers 5 V Killarney Athletic 3

After extra time

Erica Moloney x 3

Player of the game Erica Moloney (Midfield)

UNDER-13 GIRLS LEAGUE MATCH REPORT

Killarney Athletic A 1-0 MEK

Flora Walsh x 1

Killarney Athletic A got off to a bright start in this morning's Under-13 girls' fixture against a strong MEK side, with confident play from the opening whistle. Their positive start was rewarded in the 7th minute with what proved to be the decisive goal of the game. The move began at the back, where Rebecca Coffey played a superb ball out from the rear left into midfield. Flora Walsh collected it, showed great composure as she dribbled confidently down the left wing and into the box, and finished calmly with a fine strike into the far right-hand corner, leaving the MEK goalkeeper with no chance. MEK responded well and began to apply pressure. Athletic continued to create chances too, and on the 15th minute Alannah McGlynn played a clever through ball for Flora, whose shot was well saved by the MEK keeper.

MEK pressure continued throughout the first half, but Killarney Athletic defended resolutely. On the 26th minute, Flora Walsh again showed her vision, threading a lovely ball through to Aoibhann Casey, who got her shot away but was narrowly caught offside. A dramatic moment came in the 30th minute when confusion in the Killarney defence allowed an MEK player to get a shot away. Holly O'Connor reacted brilliantly, appearing from nowhere to clear the ball off the line and preserve Killarney's 1-0 lead going into half-time. The second half saw MEK push hard for an equaliser. Eight minutes in, Alannah again combined well with Flora to put Flora through on goal, but the MEK goalkeeper again produced another strong save. In the 11th minute of the half, MEK were awarded a penalty for handball inside the Killarney box. Fortunately for Killarney, the effort struck the left post and stayed out. MEK maintained constant pressure for long spells thereafter, even hitting the upright again in play, but Athletic showed great character and organisation to hold firm. Both sides had chances late on, but Athletic managed the game well and saw it out to secure a hard-fought 1-0 victory. A terrific team performance and a deserved win for Killarney Athletic A. Thanks to Danny, John and MEK girls for a sporting game.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO



Killarney Celtic U12B squad vs Mastergeeha



MEK U12 Girls National Trophy

Numbers drawn 3,8,20,21. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €50. Next jackpot €6,600 on Monday February 2nd. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

FRIENDLY

Killarney Celtic 1-4 Treaty Utd

KDL CHAMPIONSHIP

Fenit 1-2 Killarney Celtic B

Mohamed Messaoud, Evan Cronin

Celtic maintained their good form with a hard earned win over Fenit. Celtic led at the break after Mohamed Messaoud found the net but Fenit were back on level terms in the 2nd half. With time running out and a draw looking likely Celtic kept pushing for the winner and they were rewarded for their efforts. Evan Cronin grabbed the winner in the 87th minute. Celtic B stay top of the division giving themselves a real chance of reaching the league final

U17 PREMIER

Tralee Dynamos 1-3 Killarney Celtic

Ignacy Truchan 2, Kiernan Kelly

Celtic gained a valuable win last weekend in Tralee. Despite good play from Dynamos it was Celtic who led 2-0 at the break. Celtic extended their lead in the 2nd half before Dynamos pulled a goal back. Celtic defended their lead to run out winners on the day.

U16 PREMIER

Inter Kenmare 2-4 Killarney Celtic

Simon Sirotiak 2, Daniel Mannix, Cormac O Sullivan

Despite being a little light on numbers Celtic responded with a winning performance in Kenmare.

U14 DIV 1

Mastergeeha 6-3 Killarney Celtic B

Eoin Murphy 3

U14 DIV 3

Killarney Celtic 3-8 Milltown

Roin Og Balasingam 2, Oliver Reczter

U12 DIV 1

Killarney Celtic B 5-0 Mastergeeha B

Adam O'Riordan 2, Chase Barton, Cian Mulvihill, Luke O'Donnell

Celtic B produced their best performance of the season and gained a decisive win

Killarney Celtic C 2-2 Milltown FC

Fionn O'Sullivan 2

U12 TROPHY/BOWL

Iveragh B 7-1 Killarney Celtic D

Ryan Sugrue

CONGRATS to Roin Og Balasingam U14 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week.

MASTERGEEHA

U12 GIRLS NATIONAL CUP – ROUND OF LAST 32

Drogheda Girls 2 - Mastergeeha 2

Drogheda win 3-2 on penalties

Gracie Maher 1, Anniemai O'Donoghue 1

Potm - Olivia O Connor

After an epic 2-2 away draw against Drogheda, our U12 girls' National Cup run came to an end in the cruellest of manners, narrowly losing 3-2 on penalties.

Drogheda began the game brightly and took an early lead with a superb strike. Mastergeeha responded well, settling into the contest and growing in confidence as the half progressed. Lucy Devane, Mia Burke and Clodagh Moynihan began to dictate play, and some excellent team

football saw Gracie Maher break through to calmly equalise. Momentum was now firmly with Mastergeeha. Kate Doolan and Eabha Buckley worked tirelessly to shut down danger from the wings, and when a free kick was awarded just outside the box, Anniemai O'Donoghue floated a beautiful delivery that found its way into the net to give us a deserved lead. The second half saw Drogheda push forward, but they were repeatedly denied by an outstanding defensive performance, led by inspirational captain Olivia O'Connor, who blocked and intercepted everything that came her way. Just when it looked like Mastergeeha had done enough, Drogheda struck late, producing a brilliant finish from outside the box with just two minutes remaining to level the game. Extra time followed, and the girls continued to show incredible heart and determination. Goalkeeper Ellie Fleming produced a superb double save to deny Drogheda the lead, while Gracie Maher remained a constant threat on the break. At full time, the teams could not be separated. Arm in arm on the halfway line, our girls watched as the penalty shootout narrowly went Drogheda's way, ending 3-2. Congratulations to Drogheda on an excellent performance in a highly competitive and sporting match. We are immensely proud of this group of girls, who represented themselves and the club with pride, courage, and quality throughout the competition.

U12 BOY'S TROPHY/BOWL ROUND 1

Castleisland B 1v Mastergeeha C 1

(Mastergeeha win 3-2 on penalties)

Mastergeeha U12 C team travelled to Castleisland for an early morning kick-off in the opening round of the Cup. Despite missing several



U14 Kerry Boys



U15 Kerry Boys



U12 C Mastergeeha Week 4



Mastergeeha U12 Girls

regulars, the boys began brightly and settled quickly into the game. After creating a couple of half chances, Mastergeeha took a deserved lead. Excellent work from Dara Reen on the right wing opened up the Castleisland defence, and his pass found striker Ryan Dewhurst in the box. Ryan unleashed a powerful left-footed strike to put Mastergeeha 1–0 up. Strong defending and assured goalkeeping from Finn Murphy ensured we held that advantage until half-time. Castleisland came out with renewed determination after the break and applied sustained pressure. Their efforts were rewarded midway through the second half when they equalised with a well-taken volley. Neither side could find a winner during the remainder of normal time or in extra time, sending the tie to a tense penalty shootout. Mastergeeha held their nerve from the spot, with Ryan Dewhurst, Finn Murphy and Dara Reen converting confidently. The hero of the shootout was Ben O'Leary, who produced two superb saves to secure Mastergeeha's place in the next round.

A special mention goes to the five players — Finn Murphy, Conor Doyle, Michael O'Connor, Jack Rogan and Ben O'Leary — who shared goalkeeping duties in the absence of regular keeper Jack, who missed out through illness. We wish him a speedy recovery. All eleven players were outstanding throughout the 80 minutes plus of football, with every player running themselves into the ground for the team.

Man of the Match: Ben O'Leary

Goal Scorer: Ryan Dewhurst

Thanks to the referee and to Castleisland for a very sporting and competitive game.

Mastergeeha D 6 v Castleisland C 0

Our U12D Team had a comfortable home win on Saturday morning in Kilbrean Park.

U12 BOY'S PREMIER

Killarney Athletic 3 v Mastergeeha A 0

POTM Thomas O'Sullivan

Mastergeeha FC made the early morning journey to face Killarney Athletic in this U12 league fixture, with both teams producing an excellent and competitive game of football. Mastergeeha started the match brightly, earning two corners within the opening ten minutes and showing good intent from the kick-off. However, Killarney Athletic capitalised on their chances in the first half, scoring goals in the 13th and 15th minutes to take control of the contest. Mastergeeha responded well and were unlucky not to get on the scoresheet on 26 minutes

when Matthew Cahill struck a fine effort that was brilliantly saved. Despite the setback, the visitors continued to work hard and compete strongly.

Killarney Athletic added a third goal five minutes into the second half, but Mastergeeha never dropped their heads and battled right to the final whistle. Goalkeeper Ronan O'Leary produced several brilliant saves throughout the game and showed excellent distribution. The defensive unit of Sean Breen, Josh O'Sullivan, Nathan Cronin and Aidan McGuire were outstanding, dealing well with sustained pressure. In midfield, Dara Burchill, Ronan O'Neill, Thomas Corkery, Matthew Cahill and Dara O'Keeffe worked tirelessly in a tough, physical battle, while Thomas O'Sullivan led the line superbly and was excellent for the full game. Overall, it was an excellent match between two very good teams. Well done to Killarney Athletic on their performance, and thanks to referee Brendan Kelly for officiating the game.

U12 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Killarney Celtic B 5 v Mastergeeha B 0

A tough morning for the boys away to Celtic, but there was plenty of heart, effort and honest work on show from start to finish. Mastergeeha began the game very competitively, with both sides playing some good football in the opening stages. However, Celtic took the lead through two goals that came from blocked shots falling unluckily in the box and ending up in the Mastergeeha net.

The lads kept battling throughout, but Celtic added to their tally through good attacking play and two excellent long-range strikes. Mastergeeha created several chances of their own and went close on a number of occasions, pushing right to the final whistle in search of a goal. There were plenty of positives to take from

the performance; Dylan O'Sullivan produced some outstanding saves and showed great bravery. Zach Moynihan (captain) was excellent at the back, supported by the hard-working Daniel O'Keeffe and Kyle Morrissey. Jack Sheahan and Rory Leane battled tirelessly in midfield, competing for every ball. On the wings, James Buckley, Jake Kelly and Dara Sheahan worked hard, won possession and helped drive the team forward. Up front, Dara Counihan and John Leahy pressed every opportunity and worked tirelessly throughout. It was also great to have a few boys back after recent illness — and especially good to see John return after a few weeks out injured.

Big thanks to Killarney Celtic for hosting us and to Daniel Clifford for officiating the game.

U14 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Mastergeeha A 6 v Killarney Celtic B 3

We welcomed Killarney Celtic B to Kilbrean Park on Saturday last, in a game that had plenty goals. Mastergeeha saw out with a good home win.

U14 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Mastergeeha B 1 v Park C 7

A lunch time kick off for our Division 2 team, Mastergeeha gave plenty effort, but Park Tralee travelled with a very strong side, it was the visitors that came away with the win.

U16 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Mastergeeha B 5 v Killarney Celtic B 1

Luke Healy (1), Conor Gallivan (3), Ryan Leane (1)
MASTERGEEEHA LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Friday 23rd January for the Jackpot of €4,200. Numbers drawn were 9,19,22,28. Consolations Prizes of €50 each to the following, Joan O'Neill Mastergeeha, Joan Devane Mastergeeha, Diarmuid & Ruby Healy Colm Lenihan c/o John Lenihan. Our next draw will be on Friday 30th January at the Village Inn for Jackpot of €4,400.



MEK U10 boys team who played QPR on Saturday



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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Kerry 2-18 Roscommon 1-20

Well, Kerry's League opener had a bit more bang for a buck than I was expecting! Frankly, I didn't think, given their internal travails last year, that Roscommon would stay within ten points of a fairly strong Kerry side. Especially without the St. Bridgids players. You can try to argue that Kerry were equally hampered by the absence of the Dingle players, but it's not a fair comparison. St. Bridgids' dominate Roscommon football in a way that no Kerry club, not even the all-conquering Dr. Crokes side of the past decade, has done.

I know that we had three debutant starters in Evan Looney, Liam Smith, and Tomás Kennedy, but I'd consider Looney and Kennedy, with senior celtic crosses already in their back pockets, to be proven players at this level. They aren't playing for a place on the panel; they are looking to establish themselves on the starting fifteen. That can't really be called an experimental team. Foley, Casey, Breen, Joe O'Connor, Seán O'Shea, David Clifford....that's very big guns to be pulling out in January.

Seán O'Shea set up David Clifford for a fine score after just fifteen seconds. A statement of intent. Except that Enda Smith, warrior that he is, boomed over a super rejoinder and then Diarmuid Murtagh set up Daire Clegg for a goal chance that drew a great save out of Shane Murphy.

At the other end, Tony Brosnan very cleverly won a '45 out of nothing. Seán O'Shea's kick came back off the post, but Micheál Burns was on hand to pop it over. However, back came Roscommon, Murtagh adroitly firing over. I thought Murtagh was superb in that opening quarter.

David Clifford with another majestic score. He really is one of a bare handful of footballers who could have kicked that one. Tomás Kennedy with a point. I think comparisons with Kieran Donaghy are a bit simplified, to be honest. Big target-men are a very old story in gaelic football....I'd be thinking of Gega O'Connor more than Donaghy, but it's very early days for any conversation like that.

Kerry were clicking into gear now. Micheál Burns with a rasper over the bar; it could have gone under it. Tadhg Morley with a score. Great passing and movement by Kerry in attack. Tomás Kennedy with a brilliant catch. The shot is blocked down, but it's called back for a free and David taps it over. David added another free from way out on the sideline. A stunning kick. Your highlights reel is already sorted.

0-8 to 0-2. Except that suddenly, Kerry start stuttering. 'Dirty petrol' Darragh Ó Sé used to call it. I'm not quite sure what went wrong. It's not that any one player had a nightmare. But something in the collective was suddenly



Action from the Kerry V Roscommon game at Fitzgerald Stadium. Photo: Fitzgerald Stadium PR

disjointed. Definite in defence I felt that there were individuals fighting fires rather than a group snuffing out candles. Something unconvincing there. I think Jack will be looking at the video of this game very closely. Complacency, maybe? Sure, I'm definitely guilty of it myself, and players are only human. Daire Clegg with a free. Eoin Colleran with a good kick. 0-8 to 0-4.

Superb run by Darragh Heneghan. Really sliced us open; another lesson to take on board. Daire Clegg with the shot. Great save again by Shane Murphy, but Diarmuid Murtagh is on hand to fist home. Was he in he square beforehand? I don't think so. Great goal, and fully deserved. Kerry had been in cruise control; they are entering choppy waters now.

Clegg again, and Roscommon were level. Keith Doyle with a point from midfield. We are being taken apart here.

High ball into the Roscommon square by Tony Brosnan. I don't know if that was a hit and hope, or an actual Kerry tactic, given that we have two high fielders inside. Either way it works out. Tomás Kennedy rises high, gathers safely. Back to ground, jinks lift. Very tight angle, but he fires it into the net. The catch was amazing; I thought the finish was equally impressive.

Was it squareball? I hadn't thought so, but I've seen the replays from a few angles since. And yes, he does step into the square a fraction of a second before the ball is kicked.

Just because it will be even more relevant later on, let me say right now that I don't do the minutiae of post-mortems. Stuff happens. I'm not cribbing about the tiny things. That's only looking for excuses as far as I am concerned. Feel free to go back to the games where Dublin were beating us – I never complained about refereeing decisions. I always felt that the better team had won. It was up to us to get better.

Tony Brosnan with a good point. Kerry in front by 1-9 to 1-6 at half-time. Lucky enough, to be honest. Kerry had plenty of class but not enough drive. My impression was that an understrength and under-rated Roscommon

had fire in their bellies.

Great block on Daire Clegg. That was good defending; not sure who did it. David takes a great mark at the other end and puts it over. Clegg is like lightning now. Shot at goal, well parried by Shane Murphy. Tight enough angle, he might have been better off taking his point. Amn't I great at the old hindsight, all the same? Diarmuid Murtagh with a two pointer. 1-10 to 1-8 now. David replies off his left leg, two players desperately trying to close him down. How do you stop him? I have no idea, but Paul Verhoeven would be making that sci-fi movie. Not Marvel; they're gone to pot altogether. Great interplay by Kerry. Tony with the final pass to Joe O'Connor, and a point. Daire Clegg with a reply from just inside the arc; we have no answer to him.

Micheál Burns to Tomas Kennedy to Tony Brosnan....fouled with the goal at his mercy. David Clifford with the penalty, and it's a great strike.

Mad scramble for possession in the 47th minute. That's more like a rugby scrum than anything in gaelic football. Eventually Kerry won the free for a blatant pick-up, but if the referee had a flute instead of a whistle, he could have played a full concerto. Seán O'Shea converted the free. 2-13 to 1-9. Kerry will surely close it out from here.

Roscommon....indulge me a little here. Go back to the early eighties, and Roscommon were no great power in the game, but their supporters were undeniably brilliant. They were known by the county nickname of 'The Sheepstealers' (because of the Shannon making pursuit difficult, that was a genuine thing in the 15th and 16th centuries) and they gloried in it. They had an endearingly eccentric website long before such things were popular that used to list famous Roscommon supporters. Would it surprise you to know that Maureen O'Hara and Morrissey were strong Roscommon supporters? I suspect that it would have come as a surprise to them. Roscommon supporters were into the likes of Morrissey and The Cure



Action from the Kerry V Roscommon game at Fitzgerald Stadium. Photo: Fitzgerald Stadium PR



while the rest of us were grappling with U2 and Springsteen. Roscommon were always massive underdogs to the big guns of Galway and Mayo. But somehow, you got the impression that Roscommon supporters were just having way more fun along the way. And last Sunday in the Fitzgerald Stadium, they suddenly started to feel like that again. Already written off and nothing to lose...Roscommon didn't just embrace it. They revelled in it. And Kerry – we will make allowances for January, damn all of importance was ever won in January – but Kerry did not respond as would have been expected.

I thought at first that Roscommon were trying too hard to imitate that fantastic two pointer of Murtagh's earlier on. Daire Cregg kicked a free – he was in no mood to miss anything. Armin Heinrich replied, but Roscommon were rising. Diarmuid Murtagh with a point. Daire Cregg with another, and then a two pointer then another point. Just two points in it, 2-14 to 1-15. Sub Jack Duggan, only on the field, split the posts. Daire Cregg again, and Roscommon are level. Kerry aren't even at sixes and sevens; we are at twos and threes. Jack Duggan again, and Roscommon are in front. Eight points on the trot.

David Clifford with a Kerry point at last. Does it stop the rot? Not a chance. Roscommon are sharks scenting blood now. Diarmuid Murtagh with a two point free, and he makes it look easy. I'm fine with the ball being brought forward 50 metres for delaying tactics, but I'm increasingly sceptical about this 'hand the ball over' thing.

Mike Breen did nothing wrong there. But look, we got plenty of breaks during the game. I do think that dropping the ball at the whistle should suffice – note, 'dropping', not 'tossing'. Good carry by Cillian Burke. This frantic stuff now. Everybody knows who Kerry are trying to find, and they do find the big Fossa man. Orange flag. Level pegging. I'll take a draw and the lessons learnt.

One last Kerry free, and Seán O'Shea booms it in. Tomás Kennedy with another great leap, and he fists it over the bar to the sound of the hooter. Good awareness.

Should it have been allowed? Was it a Kerry free in the first place? Did the stadium clock correspond with the match clock? That's not the fight that I'd be fighting. I hadn't seen it at the time, but several of my colleagues did; Kerry had committed a two back breach in the build-up. The free should have been given to Roscommon. That result is like a Trump pardon. We got out of jail, but there is small bit of a bad smell to it.

Arrah, all immaterial now. Roscommon fully deserved a draw, and on the overall balance of play could well have won it. Kerry got away with it. Great to have a win on the board, however controversial, but if I was Jack O'Connor, I'd be more interested in how Roscommon twice dismantled us for long periods. I know we have players who will be coming back into the fold, but on this showing, we'll need them.

Kerry: Shane Murphy, Evan Looney, Jason Foley, Dylan Casey, Armin Heinrich (0-1), Mike Breen, Tadhg Morley (0-1), Seán O'Brien, Liam

Smith, Joe O'Connor (0-1), Seán O'Shea (0-1, 1m), Micheál Burns (0-2), David Clifford (1-8, 1-0 pen, 1tp, 1f, 1m), Tomás Kennedy (1-3, 1m), Tony Brosnan (0-1). Subs: David Roche (for Tadhg Morley, bs, 21-23 mins), Cillian Trant (for Liam Smith, 49 mins), Killian Spillane (for Tony Brosnan, 57 mins), Ruairí Murphy (for Micheál Burns, 61 mins), Donagh O'Sullivan (for Seán O'Brien, 67 mins), Eddie Healy (for Tadhg Morley, 69 mins)

Roscommon: Aaron Brady, Patrick Gavin, Caelim Keogh, Eoin McCormack, Eoin Ward, Ronan Daly, Senan Lambe, Keith Doyle (0-1), Conor Ryan, Dylan Ruane, Enda Smith (0-1), Darragh Heneghan, Diarmuid Murtagh (1-6, 1tp, 1tpf, 1f), Daire Cregg (0-9, 1tp, 3f), Eoin Colleran (0-1). Subs: Jack Tumulty (for Eoin Colleran, 47 mins), Paul Carey (for Dylan Ruane, 55 mins), Jack Duggan 0-2 (for Keith Doyle, 57 mins), Ciaran Lennon (for Enda Smith, 61 mins), Richard Hughes (for Darragh Heneghan, 64 mins)

Referee: Brendan Cawley (Kildare)

Confidence Boosting Win Over Depleted Dublin LADIES NATIONAL LEAGUE

Kerry 2-9 Dublin 0-9

The reigning National League champions versus the reigning All Ireland champions. It was always likely to be entertaining, and so it proved. But let's be fair. I found it hugely entertaining because I watched it on the TG4 Player. I'm pretty sure I would have been far less



Supporters enjoying the Kerry V Roscommon game at Fitzgerald Stadium. Photo: Fitzgerald Stadium PR

impressed if I had been there in person. A switch from Parnell Park to the Clondalkin club grounds wasn't exactly ideal, but look, at this time of year, that kind of thing will happen. With the weather what it is, I wouldn't be letting anyone near any pitch that I was trying to mind. And speaking of weather...if I was Noah, I'd have been buying plenty of wood and nails in a hurry. This was brutal. To be honest, I thought conditions were so bad that there was a serious risk of injury.

Like ourselves last year, Dublin are in a bit of a transition, having lost the likes of the great Hannah Tyrell and more retirements expected to be confirmed. Mind you, a fair bit of new blood in our ranks as well; no harm in that.

Jodi Egan and Danielle O'Leary traded early frees before Cáit Lynch, on a trademark burst up the field, kicked the first point from play. I thought Cait, along with player of the match Mary O'Connell, a whirlwind Katie Brosnan, and attacking dynamo Danielle O'Leary were absolutely superb for Kerry all through. Kate Donaghy replied but a Siofra O'Shea free nudged Kerry back in front at the end of the first quarter. Then came arguably the most crucial moment of the game as Kerry's strong pressure on the Dublin kickouts paid dividends and a sweeping move ended with Jadyn Lucey blasting to the net. 1-3 to 0-2.

Jodi Egan (f) and Orla Keighran trimmed the gap. This was a purple patch for Dublin, with Ellen Gribben splitting the posts and Jodi Egan adding another this one from play, to leave things all square between the teams. Kerry finished the first half stronger, though, with Rachel Dwyer and Danielle O'Leary pointing and Siofra O'Shea notching another free. At half-time Kerry led by 1-6 to 0-6.

Jodi Egan opened the second half scoring, but a fantastic carry by Mary O'Connell ignited a move that ended with her smashing an unstoppable shot into the net. 2-6 to 0-7.

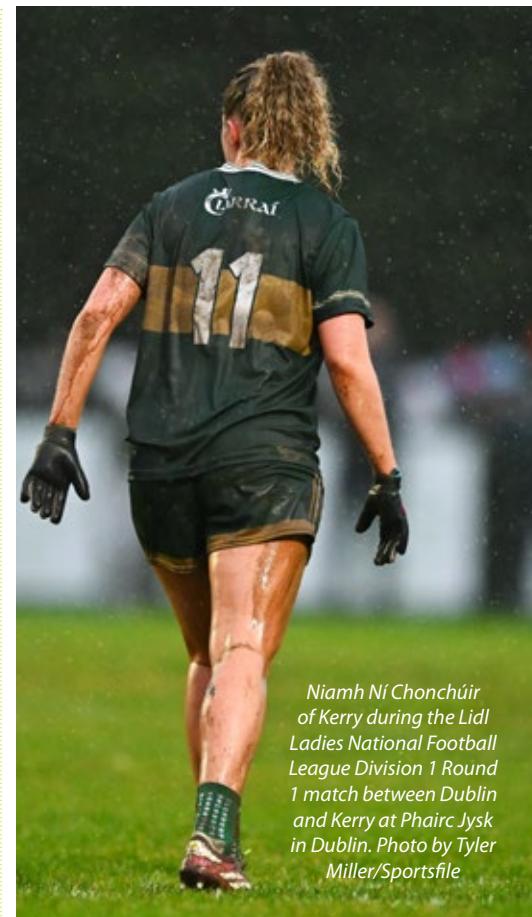
Both sides were beginning to make changes now, but Kerry were still in the ascendancy and Siofra O'Shea stretched the lead further. Coming into the fourth quarter, Rachel Dwyer

made it double scores, 2-8 to 0-7. Dublin needed goals now and a tigerish Kerry defence never really looked like yielding any. In fairness, Dublin never threw in the towel (I'd say towels were in short supply on the day) with Aisling Nyhan and the excellent Ellen Gribben picking off points. However, Niamh ní Chonchúir was on hand to close out an impressive Kerry win. This, of course, was the first game for either side with the new rules. I thought the emphasis on attacking football suited Kerry slightly better. Personally, I believe that the implementation of the FRC proposals have literally been the saviour of a mens' game that was dying a slow and tortuous death, and I've always admired the swift adaptability of the ladies' game to the implementation of improvements. They have always been pro-active in adjusting their rules in regards to an entertaining game with an emphasis of player safety. In particular, I'm delighted to see the solo and go and the strong punishment on delaying opposition frees – it was a problem in the mens' game, but I feel it had become an absolute blight in the ladies'.

Arrah, the bottom line is that it's early days for both sides and you couldn't draw too many long term conclusions, but I think Dublin have the makings of a fine team and Kerry have set a strong early stall. We've had plenty of worse days. Thank God for TG4, though.

Kerry: Mary Ellen Bolger, Eilís Lynch, Cáit Lynch (0-1), Ava Doherty, J Lynch, Aoife Dillane, Katie Brosnan, Mary O'Connell (1-0), Caoimhe Evans, Leah Boyle, Niamh Ní Chonchúir (0-1), Rachel Dwyer (0-2), Jadyn Lucey (1-0), Siofra O'Shea (0-3, 3f), Danielle O'Leary (0-2, 1f). Subs: Anna Galvin (for Jane Lynch, 39 mins), Mikaela Mulvihill (for Leah Boyle, 43 mins), Megan O'Connor (for Jadyn Lucey, 43 mins), Kathryn Ryan (for Katie Brosnan, 48 mins), Kelli McGrath (for Ava Doherty, 48 mins), Julie Curtin (for Caoimhe Evans, 48 mins).

Dublin: Katie Moran Tighe, Niamh Crowley, Aisling Nyhan (0-1), Keeva Kenehan, Aoibh Doyle, Hannah Leahy, Ellen Gribben (0-2), Rachel Hartnett, Hannah McGinnis, Elsa Kearney, Orlagh Nolan, Kate Donaghy (0-1),



Niamh Ní Chonchúir of Kerry during the Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1 Round 1 match between Dublin and Kerry at Phairc Jysk in Dublin. Photo by Tyler Miller/Sportsfile

Annabelle Timothy, Jodi Egan (0-4, 3f), Orla Keighran (0-1). Subs: Sophie McIntyre (for Elsa Kearney, 35 mins), Neala Byrne (for Kate Donaghy, 41 mins), Catarina Almeida (for Keeva Kenehan, 45 mins), Siobhán Birnie (for Aoibh Doyle, 45 mins), Gemma Connolly (for Orla Keighran, 48 mins), Ellen Leddy Doyle (for Rachel Hartnett, 58 mins), Charlie Murphy (for Hannah Leahy, 58 mins).
Referee: Kevin Phelan (Laois).

Kerry LGFA Volunteers Win National Award

Warmest congratulations to Currow LGFA volunteer Fiona Nelligan McGuire, winner of the 2025 Club Coach Volunteer of the year Award, and to Niamh Daly of St. Pats Blennerville LGFA, who was recognised as the 2025 PR Volunteer of the Year winner.

Great Start for the Kerry Hurlers

NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE Kerry 5-23 Derry 0-12

Kerry hurling needed this. Let's face it, 2025 was pretty much a nightmare that culminated in relegation back to the Christy Ring Cup. Dropping down to that level is no big deal in itself – we soldiered long enough in the Christy Ring – but with a full panel, we should have at least been well able to compete in the Joe McDonagh. It isn't that long ago that we were regularly reaching the final, only to be caught by Antrim. The manner of relegation, as well as the factual matter of it, hurt. We needed this



Danielle O'Leary of Kerry during the Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1 Round 1 match between Dublin and Kerry at Phairc Jysk in Dublin. Photo by Tyler Miller/Sportsfile

win. Just for a bit of confidence, a chance to raise heads. That Munster Senior League match against Tipperary was brilliant, but let's be honest, the Munster Senior League? It needed a real follow-up to be worth anything.

Derry basically have drawn on an almost completely new panel and have a lot of work to do. Kerry played well, but let's not pretend that this was any fair measure of Division Two and definitely not championship. But we needed it and we got it and that's the bottom line.

Colin Walsh had us off the mark and Kilgarvan's Daniel Casey nipped in straightaway for a goal. Michael Leane boomed over a massive long range point. Deaglán Foley got Derry off the mark from a '65. However, goals from Colin Walsh and Oisín Maunsell, plus a Michael Slattery point, meant that Kerry were 3-3 to 0-1 ahead and the contest was pretty much over almost as soon as it had started. Derry staged a mini-rally, Shea Cassidy with their first point from play making it 3-4 to 0-4. Kerry lost Colin Walsh, who was having a stormer, to injury, but the introduction of Jordan Brick certainly didn't slow any momentum. By half-time Kerry led by 3-16 to 0-5.

I'm not doing any forensic examination of the second half. Ronan Walsh scored a penalty in the fourth quarter and closed out the game with a goal from play. It was all easy for Kerry – I'd call it 'too easy', but we needed a break. Next week we face Westmeath in Austin Stack Park. They are one of the top contenders and that will be a much tougher proposition, but at least John Griffin's team are coming in with momentum.

Kerry: Conor Bohane, Kyle O'Connor, Séan McGrath, Eric Leen, James O'Connor, Jason Diggins, Michael Leane (0-2), Adam Segal, Kevin Goulding, Tom Doyle, Colin Walsh (1-1), Ronan Walsh (2-8, 1-0 pen, 4f), Michael Slattery (0-2), Daniel Casey (1-1), Oisín Maunsell. Subs Diarmuid Quirke, Jordan Brick (0-4), Seanie Foran, Ivan Conway, Luke Rochford, Liam Óg O'Connor, Dara Kearney, Hugh Lenihan, Keith Carmody, Darragh Slattery, Cillian Litchfield

Derry: Eoin Mulholland, Patrick Turner, Joseph Mulholland, Cathair McGilligan, Eamon Cassidy, Deaglán Foley (0-4, 3f, 1'65), Meehaul McGrath, Ryan McGill, Conor Coyle (0-1), Thomas Brady, Fintan Bradley, Darragh McGilligan, Cormac O'Doherty, Christy McNaughton, Shea Cassidy. (0-6, 5f)

Referee: Ciaran McCloskey (Antrim)

Tralee CBS Comfortably Confirm Favourites Tag

CORN UÍ MHUIRÍ SEMI-FINAL

Tralee CBS 1-15

St. Francis Rochestown 0-7

Nobody ever wants the favourites' tag for the Corn uí Mhuirí. As far as I know, no team ever wants to be favourites, period. There's a certain rousing energy and a freedom to being the underdog – Kerry v Roscommon being a perfect example. But the Green have been wearing that tag right from the start of this year's competition. They have a forward line of well established talent – in fact, you'd

have to say that they have forwards on the bench who would be starting for any other team. But the depth behind them has become more apparent. Oliver Lata, Eoin Moriarty, Eoin O'Flaherty, Máirtín McKiverge...that's some spine.

Rochestown are always strong contenders. The likes of Lowney, Mouret, the O'Briens, Pádraig McGrath, and of course Ben Corkery Delaney... serious footballers. I did expect the Green to prevail, but the manner of the victory was a powerful statement.

It was actually a lively start for the first ten minutes or so. Pádraig McGrath kicked things off with a Roco two pointer, but Gearóid White had a brace as Tralee nudged in front. At 0-4 apiece, Ronan Carroll found Ryan Hurley and he fired past the hapless keeper. Carroll notched two points, set up Nick Lacey and Gearóid White for two more, and Eoin O'Flaherty drove up from centre back to add another. Ronan Carroll had played at full forward for most of Tralee's games, it was interesting to see him drop a little deeper to the forty without diminishing his scoring threat.

At half-time Tralee led by 1-9 to 0-4, and they kicked the first four points of the second half. Dara O'Sullivan did finally get on the scoresheet for Rochestown after 40 minutes, but the game had really slipped away even by then and I don't think either side would have objected if he had blown the whistle too early.

I'll put it this way. I was at the Clonmel v Milltown game, and Clonmel are a big, strong side with plenty of good football. But having watched this game on clubber when I got, especially the likes of Moriarty, Michael Enright, O'Flaherty, and Carroll, I really don't see the Corn uí Mhuirí leaving Tralee town this year.

Tralee CBS: Olivier Lata, Michael Enright, Eoin Moriarty, Stephen Turner, Fionnán Ryan, Eoin O'Flaherty (0-1), Mikey Corridon (0-1) Máirtín McKivergan (0-1, 1'45), Cian McKenna, Tadhg O'Connor, Ronan Carroll (0-5, 3f), Tom Quilter, Ryan Hurley (1-0), Gearóid White (0-3), Nick Lacey (0-3). Subs: Cillian Hurley (for Tadhg O'Connor, 35 mins), Tadhg Ó Slatara (for Michael Enright (47), Darragh Murphy 0-1 (for Ryan Hurley, 47 mins), Sean Hickey (for Tom Quilter, 58 mins), Jack Power (for Fionnán Ryan, 60 mins).

St. Francis Rochestown: James O'Flaherty, Cathal Lowney, Callum Griffin, Diarmuid O'Donoghue, Joe Mouret, Liam Kelleher, Evan Cummins, Liam Collins, Darragh O'Connor, Ronan Sweeney, Mark O'Brien, Jack O'Brien, Pádraig McGrath (0-4, 1tp), Ben Corkery Delaney, Dara O'Sullivan (0-3, 1f) Subs: Daire McClafferty (for Liam Collins, half-time), Odhran O'Donovan (for Ronan Sweeney, half-time), Adam Kelly (for Evan Cummins, 53 mins), James Gordon (for Darragh O'Connor, 53 mins). Referee: Gary Towmey (Clare)

Majestic Milltown Effort Falls Just Short

CORN UÍ MHUIRÍ SEMI-FINAL

Clonmel HS 1-10

Pres. SS Milltown 1-8

So near, and still so very far. Pres. Milltown played absolutely superbly in their first ever Corn uí Mhuirí, led for most of a thrilling game of open football, and in the end fell just agonisingly short of the finish line as Clonmel HS advance to the final.

Milltown, with Danny Murphy hugely impressive in a playmaking role, had the better of proceedings early on. In fact, when the Clonmel defence failed to deal with a long range effort by Killian Fitzgerald, in nipped Ryan Carey and his toe-poke was just millimetres away from goal. They did get on the scoreboard soon after, Marcus Clifford coming up from full back to gather from Murphy and split the posts. A foul on Kevin Coffesaw Killian Fitzgerald double the lead.

Aaron McAndrew made a brilliant run forward. His goal effort slipped into the side netting, but advantage had been played and Conor Freaney duly tapped over the free. 0-2 to 0-1.

A Brian Mangan score stretched Milltown's advantage, but just on the quarter hour mark Dylan McCormack was hauled down in the square and Clonmel had a penalty. McCormack struck it well, but David Duggan dived full length to make a brilliant save. Aaron McCormack did kick a point, but Danny Murphy quickly replied in kind. Killian Smith notched a good Clonmel score but once again, Liam Harmon provided a quick riposte.

A black card for Clonmel's Mikey McGuire saw Killian Fitzgerald point a free. Clonmel got one themselves, a great effort by Killian Smith, but a two up breach cost them as Fitzgerald calmly fired over. A minute later great interplay between Kevin Coffey and Ryan Carey opened a gap for the captain, Diarmuid Quirke, and his rocket gave the keeper no chance. 1-7 to 0-4. Conor Freaney did pull back a point for Clonmel, but Liam Harmon had the last score of the first half to leave Pres. Milltown leading by 1-8 to 0-5 and looking good.

Unfortunately the tide really turned in the second half. Clonmel made some astute switches and it paid instant dividends as big Mikey McGuire used his strength to hold off defensive tackles and fire home a good goal. Aaron McAndrew followed up with a raking shot that could have gone under rather than over the crossbar.

A foul on Brian Mangan gave Killian Fitzgerald the chance for a two pointer, but it came back off the post and was cleared. Instead it was Luke Foley who raised an orange flag at the other end and the sides were level. The impressive Aaron McAndrew put his side in front for the first time. Séan Clifford had a good effort that looked to be going over the Clonmel crossbar, but James O'Brien rose high to gather and clear. Killian Fitzgerald almost got in for a goal chance, but a good tackle did just enough to spoil the finish and he was subsequently just wide with another two point effort. Despite their brilliant efforts, the Milltown players were physically lighter and the slick underfoot conditions were hampering them from bringing their speed into full effect. With just a point between them in the dying minutes, Conor Freaney stretched Clonmel's lead to two

and, once the keeper managed to knock away one last two point effort from Fitzgerald, the sands in the hourglass finally ran out on the Kerry side, paying the price for that scoreless second half. This was their first ever time in the last four of the competition – judging by their great display here, it will be far from their last. Clonmel HS: James O'Brien, John Lyons, Rian Galke, Harry Lawlor, Luke Hannigan, Andrew Ryan, Paddy Spelman, Mikey McGuire (1-0), Luke Foley (0-2, 1tpf), Aaron McAndrew (0-3), Killian Smith (0-2), Brian Morrison, Conor Freaney (0-3, 1f), Finn Napier, Dylan McCormack. Subs Jamal Yousif (for Andrew Ryan, half-time), Conall Morrison (for Brian Morrison, 48), David Ryan (for Dylan McCormack, 56)

Pres. SS Miltown: Daniel Duggan, James Spillane, Marcus Clifford (0-1), Seán Clifford, Ryan Carey, Evan Doona, Liam Harmon (0-2), Michael Lynch, Brian Mangan (0-1), Diarmuid

Quirke (1-0), Kevin Coffey, Ryan Costello, Danny Murphy (0-1), Killian Fitzgerald (0-3, 3f), Shane O'Loughlin. Subs Donnacha Quirke (for Shane O'Loughlin, 48), Jan Ziobar (for Ryan Costello, 52)

Referee: John Ryan (Cork)

KERRY CAMOGIE MUNSTER MINOR B CUP FINAL

Kerry travelled to Fethard Town Park on Sunday to take on Tipperary in the Minor B Munster final.

Kerry made a bright start, opening the scoring through Sinéad Flynn in the third minute. Despite controlling much of the opening quarter, they were unable to add to their tally. Tipperary grew into the game and took a 1-2 to 0-1 lead into half-time after a late goal.

A tight battle followed in the second half, with Kate Maunsell keeping Kerry in touch, scoring 1-1 from frees. However, Tipperary dominated the final quarter with five unanswered points to claim a hard-fought 1-8 to 1-2 victory.

Plenty of positives for Kerry, particularly in defence, as focus now turns to the All-Ireland Championship on February 15.

Kerry: Maire O'Connor, Katelyn Mahoney, Hayley O'Connor, Ava Kennelly, Anna Chute, Jame Lee O'Connor, Jessica Leen, Rachel Lennon, Ally Russell, Georgia Kennedy, Sinead Flynn, Nicole Power, Emma Gaynor, Holly Boyle, Kate Maunsell. Subs: Aoibheann Hennessy, Aoibhinn Flaherty, Ellie O'Connor, Anna Maria Harty, Davina Galway, Edel Costello, Kelly Forristal, Ava Moore, Clodagh Carroll, Anna O'Sullivan.

Referee: Dan McKenna, Limerick



The Killarney Celtic ladies team at the launch of their new playing gear sponsored by Mos Masonary.

Front from left are Ali Bowler, Niamh Brosnan, Ciara Casey, Kate McCann and Ciara Forde. Middle row from left are Alish Breen, Grainne Kelliher, Lucy O'Sullivan, Caoimhe O'Sullivan, Lan O'Connor, Lauren Buckley, Hannah Casey and Holly Forrest. Back row from left are Cathy Harrison, Sarah Warren, Sadhbh O'Brien, Selina Collins (Captain), David MacIndoe (Manager), Abbie Finnigan, Clodagh Moriarty, Ciara Horgan and Andrea Nolan. Photo: Eamonn Keogh



The Killarney Celtic ladies team at a farewell training session, team captain Selina Collins, who is departing to Australia to further her studies.

Front from left are Ali Bowler, Niamh Brosnan, Kate McCann and Abbie Finnigan. Middle row from left are Grainne Kelliher, Lucy O'Sullivan, Caoimhe O'Sullivan, Lan O'Connor, Lauren Buckley and Hannah Casey. Back from left are Cathy Harrison, Ciara Casey, Sarah Warren, David MacIndoe (Manager) Selina Collins, Mary Lyne, Clodagh Moriarty, Ciara Horgan and Andrea Nolan. Photo: Eamonn Keogh



Pictured are members of the AIB GAA Hurling and Football All-Ireland Club Championship winning teams celebrating their success together in Dingle. Members from the six All-Ireland winning clubs celebrated together including Dingle, An Ghaeltacht, Ballymacelligott, Ballygunner, Upperchurch-Drombane and Kilbrittain.

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Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra

**The Board of Management of Scoil Phobail
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invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the posts of

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*This position will take effect from 2nd March 2026
This is a permanent position.*

The ideal candidate will:

- Provide clerical and administrative support to the Senior Leadership team.
- Be a qualified Accounting Technician or have an equivalent qualification with preferably 3 or more years' experience.
- Have experience in computerised accounts and computerised payroll packages such as Bright/Sage.
- Report to the Principal and keep them fully informed of all financial issues.
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Department of Housing,
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**Killarney National Park, National Parks
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Successful candidate will be required to provide the following:

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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

“ERRATIC PLANNING DECISIONS WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES FOR KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

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.

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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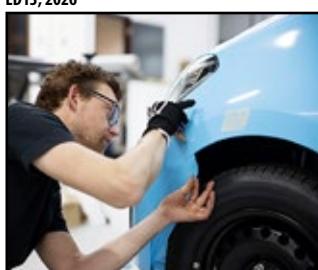
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Killarney Community Comes Together

in Prayerful Remembrance of 2025 Departed

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Following the homily, the cathedral was plunged into darkness, with the only light coming from the individually lit candles commemorating each of the faithful departed. The flickering glow highlighted the deep sense of grief, hope, and togetherness felt by those present in the beautiful church.

Fr. Kieran O'Brien, who served as chief celebrant at the Mass, addressed the congregation with words of comfort and faith. He acknowledged the collective "pain, loss and emptiness here tonight," while also emphasizing "the sense of hope because we are in the presence of a God who cares and wants each one of us to be with him forever."

The moving service offered the community both an opportunity to grieve and a reminder of the enduring bonds of faith, family, and fellowship.

Sadness at the passing of former MEP Brian Crowley

There was widespread sadness last weekend when news broke of the passing of former MEP Brian Crowley.

Brian had strong Killarney connections through his sister Fiona, who lives here with her husband Tim and their daughters, Bláthnaid and Dearbhla, and son, Fionnán. Fiona runs the Fiona Crowley Stage School.

Born in Blackrock, Dublin, in 1964, Brian was raised in Bandon, Co. Cork, where he attended Hamilton High School. He later received a diploma in law from University College Cork (UCC) in 1993. His father, Flor Crowley, served as a TD for various Cork constituencies for much of the period between the 1965 general election and the February 1982 election.

Brian was a wheelchair user as a result of an accident at the age of 16.

Speaking at his funeral, Brian's brother Niall said his brother overcame many challenges in life and his ability to handle adversity was a rare quality that he possessed and inherited from his mother, Sally.

He said that after Brian was seriously injured in a fall at the age of 16, his parents were told

he would not live beyond 25. However, by living to almost 62, he more than defied those expectations.

People from all walks of life came to pay their respects to Brian's family with the President of Ireland Catherine Connolly represented at the funeral by her Aide-de-Camp, Commandant Deirdre Newell.

Among those who attended were Minister for Justice Jim O'Callaghan, Minister of State Christopher O'Sullivan, Ceann Comhairle Verona Murphy, former Fianna Fáil ministers Michael Moynihan and Éamon Ó Cuív, Senator Mark Daly, former Munster MEP Gerry Collins and MEP Cynthia Ní Mhurchú.

Brian passed away peacefully on January 23, 2026, in the exceptional care of the staff of Ward 2B at Cork University Hospital. He was the beloved son of Sally and the late Flor Senior, and dear brother of Niall, Maeve, Deirdre, Fiona and the late Flor Junior.

He will be forever missed by his loving mother, brother and sisters, brothers-in-law Stephen and Tim, sisters-in-law Adrienne and Aideen, and cherished by his nephews and nieces



Brian, Niamh, Ruth, Grace, Sarah, Finnín, Oisín, Sorcha, Bláthnaid, Dearbhla and Fionnán, as well as his extended family and wide circle of friends.

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A Word of Victory

"Even though I walk through the darkest valley I will fear no evil for You are with me, Your rod and Your staff they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4).

Welcome back dear student, have you struggled with fear? Fear is literally False, Evidence, Appearing, Real – true, but it's a hard place to be, in the midst of the storm. Toxic fear is a tactic used by the devil to torment - projecting scenarios that prophesy doom. This fear needs to be identified early and dealt with brutally. There's no appeasing it – it's demonic in nature: intent on the destruction of one's inner peace, hope, and joy. Fear gets magnified in the storm of thoughts and emotions, in the same way that an amplifier extends sound far from the base microphone (Psalm 94:19). The person hardly has a chance to breathe or think because they're being bombarded by noise. Fear shrieks loudly, demanding the attention of those caught in the swirl. But it is possible to break the back of fear through the Word of God friend. It's one of the most satisfying and visible expressions of faith, to see a person who used to battle anxiety, panic, oppression, and dread, now living a tranquil life, trusting God - no longer trapped, or triggered by terror.

When Moses died, the Lord told Joshua: 'hey, you're going to bring My people into the promised land. It won't be easy – but I will be with you. And how you're going to succeed is: by keeping My promises before your eyes day and night, thinking about them, and remembering them, for your life depends upon them. If you do this - focus on My Word; on My Faithfulness - and put My Word into action – then you will have great success. You are going to need good courage, and wisdom, but I will direct and help you! And I will not let the enemy beat you – I promise, Love, God'. (Joshua 1:5-9 paraphrased). That's for you too friend. Today's lead Scripture above, tells of David going through a dark and frightening season, where perhaps his life was in danger, yet he understood that God was there too, and that helped keep him calm. The rod and the staff represent the Shepherd's authority over his sheep. The rod was a baton shaped stick used both to protect the sheep from predators, and to direct them onto the right path. The staff had the curved head with which the Shepherd could rescue the sheep from danger or, haul one in closer to him for personal care. So, David learnt that God's boundaries – His Commands - both protect and defend one, even in the scariest of situations (Psalm 119:105). And the relationship we develop with the Lord as the sheep of His pasture brings us into such close contact with Him that fear must leave, halting darkness from consuming us (1 John 4:18; Psalm 100:3).

Faith that overcomes fear is grown in humility. It's not a magic wand waved over one's head. It is learnt step by step, line by line, here a little, there a little (Isaiah 28:10; Hebrews 5:12-14; Romans 10:17). Firstly, we must understand what fear is – a demon, a liar, and a thief. It's not your friend: but seeks to destroy your life. Second, fear is already a defeated foe. The Lord Jesus became flesh to break Satan's power of bondage to fear, bringing us freedom from slavery to the fear of dying (Hebrews 2:14-15; Colossians 2:15). Ultimately, all fear is the fear of death, and separation from God. In getting to know Jesus - the Author, and Word of Life, we recognise that we have the promise of Eternal Life through His Righteousness, assured that we are God's beloved; forgiven, redeemed, and protected!

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*May the God of Love and Mercy,
 Care for our loved one who is gone,
 And bless with consolation,
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*The happy hours we once enjoyed,
 How sweet their memory still,
 But death has left a vacant place,
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*How dearly we loved you,
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