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After raising an amazing \in 13,000 in the Plunge for Palliative fundraiser, this week a cheque was presented on behalf of St. Patrick's Festival Killarney by Grainne O'Sullivan, event organiser to Pat Doolan, Kerry Hospice Foundation. Pictured at Deenagh Lodge, Killarney this week for the presentation are from left, Cathal Walshe, Ciara Brosnan, Dermot O'Reilly, Kate Onopriienko, Jason Clifford, Chairman, St. Patrick's Festival, Pat Doolan, Niall Kelleher, Niall Botty O'Callaghan, Michelle Cronin, Tess Flynn, Martin O'Grady, Kay Spillane, Mary Hartnett and Ciara Austin Photo: Don MacMonagle







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A Note from the **DITOR**



As we head into the busy June Bank Holiday weekend, there is lots for you to enjoy in this week's Killarney Outlook. The Bike Fest roars into town this weekend, with thousands expected to enjoy an action packed festival, funds from novel St. Patrick's Day fundraisers were presented to deserving charities and students and teachers from St. Olivers were welcomed at the

Preparations are underway for next week's Sunflower Day in aid of the Kerry Hospice Association, two brothers share their transplant journey and Kerry businesswomen were honoured at a gala celebration.

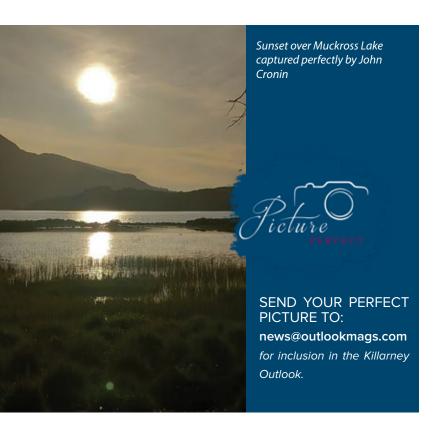
Organisers of Flesk Fest are putting the finishing touches on their upcoming four day festival, it was awards time at local secondary schools and we have some wonderful photos from First Holy Communion celebrations.

All roads lead to Spa this weekend for the Killarney Club 7's, the local biker community has raised €7,250 in memory of one of their own and it's time to tee off for the 37th annual Golf Classic in aid of the Kerry Parents & Friends Association.

Kerry Ladies retained their Munster Senior Football title in dramatic fashion, the Primary Schools Super Sevens took place and Jimmy takes a a look at All Thinas Sport.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!

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CHARITIES BENEFIT FROM NOVEL FUNDRAISERS

wo charities have benefited from novel fundraisers which were part of the St. Patrick's Festival in Killarney.

A whopping €13,000 was raised when local celebrities took part in Plunge for Palliative following the parade in March. Among those who were dropped into a giant pool of ice-cold water were Brendan Fuller, Cllr. Niall Kelleher, Mary Lyne, Paul Nagle, Cllr. John O'Donoghue, Cllr. Martin Grady, Cllr. Niall O'Callaghan, Gavin O'Leary, Jason Clifford, Roisin Moore, Mayor Maura Healy Rae, Garda Gillian O'Donoghue, Louise Ni Mhuircheartaigh, Gavin White and organiser Grainne O'Sullivan. It was all in a good cause, as the group raised money for the Kerry Hospice, which was presented this week to Chairman, Pat Doolan.

The St. Patrick's Festival Chairperson, Jason Clifford was also on hand this week to present a cheque for €2,730 to Down Syndrome Kerry following the success of this year's Great Duck Dash fundraiser. The event was a highlight of the family fun day, with sunshine, laughter, and hundreds of racing ducks making their way down the Deenagh River, all in support of a truly worthy cause - Down Syndrome Kerry.



Grainne O'Sullivan, organiser of the Plunge for Palliative presents members of the Kerry Hospice Foundation Committee with a cheque for €13,000 from the Plunge for Palliative Fundraiser.

St. Oliver's goes to the Áras On Wednesday last St. Oliver's made its mark in

Áras an Uachtarain as one of 12 schools from across the country chosen to showcase the work that they do to support the Global Citizenship Schools Initiative. This year St. Oliver's chose to focus on Sustainable Development Goal number 10 - Reduced Inequalities. Patrick Kaya, Zunairah Manha, Kiley Biggins, Olive Horgan and Shirley McGough had the honour of representing our school. They told President Higgins, Mrs. Higgins and the Global Citizenship Schools committee all about the work that they do to ensure that all children are treated equally in St. Oliver's N.S. Kiley Biggins spoke about the school's Crazy Hair Day to acknowledge Autism, neuro-diversity and uniqueness, multi-cultural days to celebrate having approximately 40 different cultures all learning together, school choirs, Juno the school dog and much more. Global Citizenship starts with us!

Mary Hartnett, Alice O'Shea,

Aoife Cronin and Ciara Austin. Photo: Don MacMonagle

Chairman,

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Students from St. Olivers Patrick Kaya, Zunairah Manha, Kiley Biggins, pictured with Sabina Higgins.



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Show Your Support For Kerry Hospice Foundation On Sunflower Days

Kerry Hospice Foundation is delighted to announce that Hospice Sunflower Days is returning for its 35th year next month with the on-street collection taking place on Friday 6th June and Saturday 7th June 2025.

There will be collections at various locations in and around town as well as Foley's Spar Shop, Fossa and Hegarty's Spar Shop, Muckross.

"It is one of our main annual fundraising events and is always well supported by the localcommunity. The proceeds will go towards the provision of care for patients with life limiting illnesses, which includes nursing support, specialist services and equipment. The medical/nursing staff who provide these services are noted for the quality of care they provide.

We are constantly reminded of this from the positive feedback we receive at our fundraising events from grateful family members" says Pat Doolan, Chairperson, Killarney Hospice Branch told Killarney Outlook.

As well as the on-street collection, the public can also support Kerry Hospice Foundation by donating online throughout the month of June at www.sunflowerdays.ie. Every euro raised locally, stays locally and the donation will go directly to Kerry Hospice Foundation.

The funds raised play a vital role in supporting the delivery of specialist palliative care in communities across Ireland. Hospice and specialist palliative homecare services provide free-of-charge care and support to those living with a life-limiting illness, whilst also helping and supporting the patient's family members. The funds raised will be used to fund the 5 bed extension which will commence in June 2025



Sunflower Day: Pictured at the launch of Sunflower Day are members of the Killarney Branch of the KerryHospice Association. From left: Mary Finnegan, Pat Doolan, Kay Spillane, Angela Curran and Catherine O'Reilly.

at a cost in excess of €6million.

Speaking at the launch of the 2025 Hospice Sunflower Days campaign, Jack Shanahan, Chairperson, Kerry Hospice Foundation Fundraising, said: "We are thrilled to launch the 35th Hospice Sunflower Days campaign. We rely so much on the public's support which allow us to continue to provide our vital services. We are calling on everyone from Kerry to donate what they can, either on-street or on-

line this June, as every euro raised locally, stays locally and really does make a big difference at a local level."

You can support Kerry Hospice Foundation by donating to the on-street volunteers on Friday 6th or Saturday 7th June, or by donating online throughout the month of June via the website, www.sunflowerdays.ie

The Spa at Killarney Plaza Hotel Launches 'The Ultimate Reset'



An Exclusive Head-To-Toe Lymphatic and Sculpting Treatment

The award-winning Spa at Killarney Plaza Hotel is redefining luxury wellness with its latest innovation - 'The Ultimate Reset', a one-of-a-kind, results-driven treatment designed to detoxify, sculpt, and rejuvenate from head to toe.

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For more information or to book your treatment visit www.killarneyplaza.com





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21:00	Alternative Route BIXERS LOUNGE
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15:30	Wolfhound Band OUTDOOR STAGE
16:00 - 00:30	Bikers Lounge Access LIMITED TO REGISTERED BIKERS ONLY
18:00	Live Forever - Oasis Tribute OUTDOOR STAGE
19:00	Alternative Route BIKERS LOUNGE
20:00	Bon Jovee outdoor stage
21:30	Super Céilí HARLEY* BAR
21:00	The Outcast Crew BIKERS LOUNGE
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12:00	DJ OUTDOOR STAGE
12:30 - 15:30	Custom Bike Show Registration GLENEAGLE ARENA
14:00	Drops of Green Trad/Folk OUTDOOR STAGE
14:30	Custom Bike Show Judging GLENEAGLE ARENA
16:00 - 00:30	Bikers Lounge access LIMITED TO REGISTERED BIKERS ONLY
16:00	Cliona Hagan outdoor stage
16:00	Custom Bike Show Prize Giving GLENEAGLE ARENA
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19:00	The Small Hours BIKERS LOUNGE
20:00	The Unusual Suspects OUTDOOR STAGE
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22:00	The Harleys MAIN STAGE GLENEAGLE ARENA
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Two Brothers, Two Transplants:

A Journey of Resilience and Gratitude



Two brothers – one living in Castleisland and the other in Mallow, have shared a deeply personal journey, both receiving kidney transplants from deceased donors. Daniel Lucey, now 50, has spent over two decades living in Castleisland, Co. Kerry, a place he is proud to call his home, and is celebrating the successful longevity of his transplant, nine years on. His older brother, Michael, age 62, who still lives in his native Mallow, underwent his transplant in September 2023. Remarkably, both brothers were not waiting long for their transplants, a fact they are both incredibly grateful to their deceased donors.

"My story began in 1983 when I was eight years old," recalls Daniel, a long-time sales representative for the meats and foods division of Pilgrim's Europe. formerly the Kerry Group. "My parents Breda and Dan, found out I had a kidney disease called Alport syndrome, a genetic condition passed through my mother's

side." Life took a difficult turn early, as his mother passed away from breast cancer when he was just ten. "My father did his best raising us, but I wasn't really on the radar health-wise for years. I put it to the back of my mind, just got on with life and didn't see doctors regularly, and things slipped through the cracks."

It wasn't until 2011, during a conversation with my cousin Billy O'Callaghan who lives in Dublin, and who also has the hereditary Alport Syndrome and had undergone a successful transplant in 2004, that he asked me about my health that I started to think about diagnosis again. But it took me nearly two more years to visit my doctor. In 2013, I finally saw a GP and was told my kidney function was at 20%. My heart sank."

From there, everything moved quickly. By August 2015, Daniel was listed for a transplant, and just eight months later, he received a kidney transplant. "I never had to go on dialysis, which I know is rare. I followed every instruction from my consultant and the renal team in University Hospital Tralee. It was a tough time, with a strict diet and very low energy, but it was worth it. Not a day goes by that I don't think of my donor."

His older brother Michael's experience, though more recent, echoed the same battle. Michael who is married to Caroline, and father to Mark (age 16) and Sarah (18), was working as a lifeguard and supervisor at his local Mallow swimming complex and lived a healthy, active life. But kidney failure crept in silently.

"By the time I got the call for a transplant in September 2023, I was seriously considering giving up work due to impact of my declining health," Michael shared. "I was just feeling so unwell with constant fatigue, brain fog, no appetite, cramps, itchy skin, sleepless nights. It had become my normal, but it wasn't until after the transplant that I realised how bad things had gotten."

Like his brother Daniel, Michael's wait on the transplant list was for a short time, just three months, and he had begun dialysis treatment at Cork University Hospital just three weeks before being called for a transplant, which he considers to be a tremendous stroke of good luck. "The difference between before and



after my transplant was like night and day. My recovery was quick, I have lots of energy again, I'm living life to the full, and enjoying being back at work. I'll never forget the gift I received and am grateful to the family of my donor. I am also very grateful to CUH, a great crew of nurses and patients there. All the renal department in CUH is amazing."

While Daniel has fallen in love with the beauty of Kerry and the warm-hearted people of Castleisland, where he has lived with Maria Nolan, his wife for 21 years and says he'll never live anywhere else, he still reunites with his fellow transplant recipient brother Michael every other week in their native Mallow to visit their elderly father Dan, now in his 90s.

For both brothers and their cousin Billy who is still enjoying the successful longevity of the kidney transplant he received 21 years ago, the gratitude they feel is immense. "We're lucky," Daniel says simply. "Lucky for our donors, lucky for each other and our families, and lucky to have a second chance."

In 2024, 263 organ transplants were carried out thanks to the generosity of 84 deceased donors and 30 living kidney donors. This included 175 Kidney transplants, 53 Liver transplants, 16 Heart transplants, 15 Lung transplants, 4 Pancreas transplants.

With over 600 people currently on transplant waiting lists for organs including the heart, lung, liver, kidney, and pancreas, and over 500 of these waiting for a kidney transplant alone, the need for a national conversation about organ donation has never been more urgent.

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Ireland BikeFest 2025 is revving up for another unforgettable ride! 30th May - 1st June 2025

Ireland BikeFest returns with full throttle from Friday, May 30 to Sunday, June 1, bringing three action-packed days of bikes, live music and craic to the heart of Kerry. Headquartered at the purpose-built Bike Village at Gleneagle, the event is one of Europe's premier free open biker festivals, drawing thousands of bikers and spectators from around the world.

At the Bike Village, festivalgoers will enjoy a vibrant hub of activity with traders, merchandise stands, food stalls, the Harley-Davidson® Experiential Zone, and entertainment for all ages. The popular Harley® Bar returns as a lively gathering point, while the Biker Lounge offers a relaxed space for bikers to unwind, catch intimate acoustic sets and chat about all things two-wheeled.

One of the event's major attractions is its guided ride-outs, organised and marshalled by H.O.G.™ UK & Ireland chapters, including Celtic Thunder Chapter Waterford, Gaelic Chapter Dublin and Belfast Chapter Northern Ireland. These scenic tours cover some of Ireland's most breathtaking routes such as the Ring of Kerry, Skellig Ring, Caragh Lake, and Dingle Peninsula - the perfect way to experience the Wild Atlantic Way on two wheels.

The 2025 music line-up features a mix of rock, trad, pop and tribute acts performing across three stages — the Outdoor Stage, the Harley® Bar, and Gleneagle Arena.

Friday kicks off with DJ Donal setting the tone at the Outdoor Stage from midday. Evening highlights include Tradstone and Devils Cadillac lighting up the Outdoor Stage, Two Time Polka in the Harley Bar, and Alternative Route bringing the vibe to the Biker Lounge. Over at Gleneagle Arena, Live Lizzy takes the stage at 10pm, followed by the powerhouse Queen tribute act QWEEN at 11:30pm, with a



DJ set to close out the night.

On Saturday, a day of high-octane music begins with a festival DJ, followed by Wolfehound Band, Live Forever (a tribute to Oasis), and Bon Jovee rocking the Outdoor Stage into the evening. Super Céilí brings trad beats to the Harley Bar, while the Biker Lounge welcomes back Alternative Route and introduces The Outcast Crew. Gleneagle Arena hosts a heavyhitting finale with Whiplash (Metallica tribute) and Joanovarc leading into another late-night

Sunday keeps the momentum going with Drops of Green, Cliona Hagan, a Springsteen tribute, and The Unusual Suspects all on the Outdoor Stage. Thingamajig takes over the Harley Bar, while The Small Hours and The Tom Cats perform in the Biker Lounge. Rounding off the weekend at Gleneagle Arena are The Harleys and the explosive AC/DC tribute act Hells Bells.

On Sunday, June 1, the iconic Custom Bike Show and Awards Ceremony returns, celebrating the best in design, engineering and personality with categories like Best in Show, Best Paint, Best Trike, Best LOH, and many more. Earlier that morning, the legendary Bike Parade will see hundreds of motorcycles of all makes and



models rumble through the streets of Killarney — a fan-favourite moment for bikers and spectators alike.

And don't worry if you're not a biker — Ireland BikeFest Killarney is free and open to all, with something for visitors, families, music lovers and curious onlookers. Enjoy the atmosphere, check out the custom machines, and soak in the unique energy of the festival. You might even ride away on a brand-new bike thanks to the Win a Harley-Davidson® Raffle, in support of Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind.

"Fáilte Ireland is proud to support Ireland BikeFest," says Ciara Sugrue, Head of Festivals and Events, Fáilte Ireland. "These festivals create immersive experiences that highlight the best of Irish culture while generating valuable tourism revenue and bringing life to regional communities."

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Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
happening in Killarney



JUDICIAL REVIEWS may need laxative

We are tying ourselves up in "law". This country is constipated with legal actions. The Law Reform Commission says there are "probably more applications for judicial review per head of population in Ireland than in any other jurisdiction in the world."

The Skellig Rock below in south Kerry can't open because of law. The energy plans for Tarbert can't go anywhere because of law. I have countless more examples.

One side is as good as the other. The people in south Kerry who lost out in permits took to law, and because they did the OPW took to law. Offers of withdrawing the action are no good because the ball has started rolling and the State body says its hands are tied - in EU as well as national law. It's the same with the Shannon LNG project: If one side isn't airing grievances in court, the other is.

Nothing can move and nobody seems to think of compromise until it is all too late.

The law is slow and cumbersome and once you start it, you have no say. You have handed over your voice to the solicitor and the wigs and moth eaten gowns. And people do not realise this until too late.

I often wonder, is there no better way to resolve disputes?

We take judicial reviews - looking for High Court rulings - against planning processes, against State contract processes, planning permissions, roads and rails, against everything the State or its agencies draws up or tries to do. Housing Minister Browne spoke on Tuesday about the "weaponising" of the Judicial Reviews in planning.

Then we start on each other.

There has been a surge in civil actions in recent years. Just like the growth in psychologists - the increase in running to lawyers and counsellors probably ties in with the decline in priests and nuns who solved a lot of problems that now result in civil legal actions or costly therapy.

The bottom line is everyone should think twice before taking to law to resolve anything.

UNSOCIAL MEDIA

I don't want to contribute to the horror the community in Kenmare are going through - friends and family and even the wider community in Killarney. And throw in the journalists covering the Michael Gaine story. We are all disturbed.

But I do want to echo the appeal by Johnny Healy-Rae re "the soap opera" on social media. As if reality were not bad enough in Carrig East, the vacuum in information is now being supplied by the wildest of theories and accusations from far and near. A well-known journalist colleague texted me at the weekend to say he's never heard as much boloney about any story in his whole career.

And in some theories there is a lot of blackguarding, Johnny Healy-Rae rightly says. There are so many conspiracy theories now on social media, by people who never set foot in Kenmare, a soap opera is being made out of people's lives, Johnny said.

"People need to deal with reality," said Johnny, who has little time for social media, adding there is "widespread delusion" now.

"A soap opera is being made out of people's lives and there is no accountability." It is not the first time Johnny has hit the nail on the head. Often hammering two nails at once. In this case he is nailing the current epidemic of delusion as well as the lack of accountability in social media.

Journalists are so bound by rules and laws we wake up with in the middle of the night with the sword of Damocles over us.

Trying to tell the truth in a tightening corset with lawyers and the self-righteous groups not to mention media commissioners all circling. Meanwhile there is a parallel universe operating on an entirely different plane.

There is no way any print journalist would be allowed the baseless comments and attacks underneath the very same articles that are strictly regulated.

I have come to the conclusion people online are not themselves. They are acting. Adopting a personality that is not their own. Because people can't be that awful. Or stupid. There is widespread delusion and widespread pretence. It is no coincidence that the one crime sector that is increasing is fraud: delusion in other words.

There is a nation of Samantha Cookes out there. But to get back to basics: we need the same regulation for online as for print and broadcast media. That would put a stop to the lot of the nonsense on "unsociable" media.

IT'S ALL FF AND NO PAPER IN GLOBAL IRELAND

Earlier this week the "Global Economic Summit" took place in a suitably grand setting by the lake of learning at Hotel Europe. There can be no conference venue in Ireland to compare. And to think, that hotel would have no hope of getting permission today. The global economic conference saw the Taoiseach, the EU Commissioner Michael McGrath, Minister Norma Foley along with new TD Michael Cahill and his son Tommy, now chair of Kenmare MD along with our first citizen mayor of Kerry Brendan Fitzgerald - all Fianna Fail. Niall O'Callaghan Independent was there holding the fort for Killarney .I also saw Tralee Fianna Fail councillor Anne O'Sullivan and Cllr Michael Leane, FF Listowel.

Apart from Niall - it was like a Fianna Fail Ardfheis as working the room too was Kenmare Senator Mark Daly. Jack Chambers, another heavy hitting Fianna Fail minister arrived Day Two.

Former FG minister Jimmy Deenihan bravely held the fort for the Diaspora talk - which obviously included Fine Gael as there was not much sign of them. There needs no sudoku to work out who is holding the reins of Government: And it is not Fine Gael.

Miriam O'Callaghan was there doing an interview - along with RTE and others

Well done to Kerry County Council who were the organisers on the ground. Major sponsors were a digital media company. The only quibble I had with the whole thing was the lack of paper: Everything was so digital, there was no conference brochure or few snapshot bios of speakers. And audio only of speeches. As a veteran of covering conferences - I have a piece of advice: digital only does not work. They'd have got a lot more

traction with a few hard copies of speeches and agendas. It is the same with Kerry County Council. They have given up on paper and this is misguided. The Data centres eat a lot more power than the paper mills. By the way, the man who got the standing ovation was not the Taoiseach or a cyber expert- but Limerick man Michael Dowling, ceo of Northwell Health in New York. He spoke of the need to speak up for "decency and trust, respectability, and integrity and truth", and to call out the mountain of mental illness tied to social media.

"Nothing is politically right that is morally wrong," Dowling said quoting Daniel O'Connell. The room stood.



Micheál Martin, An Taoiseach, Irish Government talks to the media at the conference Global Economic Summit 2025 is taking place at the Europe Hotel in Killarney Co Kerry 26th – 28th Ma. He is pictured with Mayor of Kerry Cllr Breandán Fitzgerald, Deputy Michael Cahill, Cllr. Tommy Cahill and Minister Norma Foley.

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BUSINESSWOMEN HONOURED

at a night of awards and great celebration

etwork Ireland Kerry hosted their Businesswomen of the Year Awards for 2025 last Friday in The Rose Hotel, Tralee. Network Ireland Kerry welcomed nominees, members, and guests from early evening for what proved to be a stellar event. The Network Ireland Kerry Awards are designed to recognise the achievements of the talented and dedicated women who make up our membership of the Kerry branch, whether you are an Employee, Employer, or Entrepreneur. These awards are a great opportunity to be recognised for all your hard work, and to gain exposure and awareness for you as a woman in business or professional services. All category winners will go on to represent Network Ireland Kerry in the National Network Ireland Businesswomen of the Year Awards, which will be hosted in Kerry for the first time in 42 years since the inception of Network Ireland, at the Great Southern Hotel, Killarney on the 25th and 26th of September.

Category winners on the night who will now go on to represent Kerry in the national awards ceremony in September are:

Established Businesswoman Sponsored by Partnership International; Susan Quirke-Crowley, Mounthawk Montessori School Group Employee Rising Star Sponsored by Kerry Innovation Centre; Megan Daly-Tyrrell RDI Hub Employee Shining Star Sponsored by South Kerry Skillnet; Brid O'Connor CSG

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Emerging Businesswoman Sponsored by Hercules Building Systems; Sarah Farrar, Ainmhi Networker of the Year Sponsored by Kerry Local Enterprise Office; Linda O'Mahony Logan, Leadership360

On the evening, there was a special recognition award presented by Network Ireland Kerry Vice President and Awards Coordinator, Aisling Foley. This year's recipients were Ciara, Saoirse and Laoise Murphy, this year's winners of the BT Young Scientist Award. The MC on the evening was Dr. Breda O'Dwyer, Head of Department of Organisation and Professional Development, and Head of the Cantillon Academy at Munster Technological University. The Keynote Speaker on the evening was Norah Casey, awardwinning entrepreneur, broadcaster, publisher, former Dragon on Dragon's Den and owner of Harmonia Publishing Ltd, who shared many poignant and personal learnings that directly influenced her path as a highly established businesswoman.

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Award winners pictured at the Network Ireland Kerry Businesswomen of the Year Awards on Friday night in The Rose Hotel, Tralee. Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography



Presentation Secondary Tralee students Ciara, Saoirse and Laoise Murphy, sisters who won the 2025 BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition, received the Special Recognition Award (Sponsored by Network Ireland Kerry) at the Network Ireland Kerry Businesswomen of the Year Awards on Friday night in The Rose Hotel, Tralee. Also pictured were: Aisling Foley (Network Ireland Kerry Vice President and Awards Coordinator) and Emily Reen (President of Network Ireland Kerry). Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

in 2025 is Kerry Hospice, and Mary Shanahan, who is the Secretary of the organisation, spoke about the vital role and support they provide to families and loved ones in their time of need. On the evening there € 3900 was fundraised for Kerry Hospice with businesses donating spot prizes.

The sponsors of the event play a vital role in the ability of Network Ireland Kerry to host this event every year and to support finalists who then go forward for a national award. The sponsors of the 2025 Network Ireland Kerry Businesswomen of the Year Awards were, MTU, Hercules Building Systems, Radio Kerry, O' Sullivan's Bakery, Fexco, South Kerry Skillnet, AIB, Kerry Local Enterprise Office, Partnership Internation, Kerry Innovation Centre, Vodafone Business, Casamigos, The Rose Hotel, Maddy Made Creations and Yesca's Flowers and Events.







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Following the huge success of last year's event, Flesk Fest is back and bigger than ever with a jam-packed lineup that has something for everyone. From toe-tapping tunes and local talent to family-friendly activities and a fully licensed marquee bar, FLESK FEST 25 promises to be the highlight of the summer.

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, July 17th

NEW for 2025 - All-Ireland Preview Night: Kick off the weekend, come join us for a special evening with a panel of sporting legends and GAA insights, in partnership with Flesk Fest.

Friday, July 18th

Dance Hall Friday

NEW for 2025 - Line Dancing with Bridie Mc Carthy, Followed by a night of waltzing, jiving, and polka with Jerry McCarthy and the Autumn Gold Band.

Saturday, July 19th

Pitchside & Party Time

Gaelic4Mothers&Others Blitz

Afternoon at the Marquee Bar featuring local legends:

- The O'Donoghue Sisters, Hacksaw Céilí Band,
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Main Stage Evening Session

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Double Headliner:

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Sunday, July 20th

Family Fun Day

Kids' entertainment, games, and disco All-Ireland Hurling Final live on big screens Live music from We Haven't Made It Yet Main Stage Finale with Jack Patrick Healy Cocktail Bar available with food trucks, great company, and a buzzing atmosphere, FLESK FEST 25 is more than a festival — it's a celebration of community, culture, and craic! Glenflesk GAA wishes to acknowledge Kerry County Council for their ongoing support and Barraduff Community Field Organisation for their continued cooperation.

Stay tuned for more updates in the coming weeks. Location: Barraduff Community Field

Dates: July 17th-20th, 2025 Bar: Fully licensed marquee Tickets & Info: Coming soon!



Local children looking forward to Family Fun Day at this year's Flesk Fest.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Killarney ...integrated approach

A CHARA,

With the ongoing discussions on the Fossa roadworks, it seems we create more problems than solutions for the town of Killarney. Perhaps its time to take to take a more integrated approach to town planning.

St Finian's, The Pretty Polly and The Aras Phadraig all remain idle with year on year decline. The District Hospital and St Columbanus Hospital will soon be vacated.

All are massive sites in prime locations that have the potential to be redeveloped into living working communities within the town.

St Columbanus and St Finians could be repurposed into housing. If the proposed Primary Care and Minor Injuries Unit are located beside the New Hospital, then we have options for staff or other young people working nearby to rent this accommodation, thus reducing the need for cars to commute.

The District Hospital could be redeveloped into housing units for those wishing to downsize thus freeing up larger family homes.

The Aras Phadraig can be redeveloped as a town community hall / theatre while still retaining all its parking spaces and more.

Town buses are urgently required serving all estates, the Tesco shopping center, schools, The New Hospital and Liebherr.

The introduction of public bicycles with the focus more on locals commuting to work and school rather than on tourists. But the cycle lanes must be upgraded and repainted.

We hold so many seminars in Killarney but the most important seminar should be for the people of Killarney and the wider community to discuss an integrated approach to the planning of our town.

Yours sincerely, Vera Wall



Leah chosen for the Orla Benson Award

eah McMahon has won the prestigious Orla Benson Award at St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School.

Leah, the daughter of Aine and Karl McMahon is a deserving winner of the award which was presented at the annual awards ceremony at the school last week.

An all rounder, Leah has represented Ireland in Basketball, Kerry in football and the school in numerous sporting events.



Eabha Lynch LCA Student of the Year

Announcing the award, Roisin Moore, Principal said that "throughout Leah's time in St. Brigid's, she has shown consistent dedication, compassion, and a positive spirit that has left a lasting impact on both staff and students alike". The Orla Benson award is given annually in remembrance of Orla Benson, a past pupil who passed away at a young age.



Leah McMahon receives the Orla Benson Award from Principal Roisin Moore. She is pictured with her family, dad Karl, mum Aine and brother Cian.



Principal Roisin Moore pictured with the winner of the CEIST award, Breanna Shortt and her family, mum Sharon, dad, Albert and brother.

The criteria that staff consider when they are voting for the Orla Benson recipient is how the student participated in the life of the school, their co-operation with peers and staff, how they used their leisure time in a creative way, their leadership qualities, their a sense of humour, and their dedication to those in need. The winner of the peer nominated CEIST award was Breanna Shortt. The daughter of Sharon and Albert, Breanna was a hugely popular winner of this award which goes to a student who

reflects the spirit and core values of CEIST. This student is good at creating community, shows respect for everyone, strives for justice and takes responsibility and finally seeks a meaning and purpose to life through developing their spirituality and human relationships.

Winner of the LCA student of the year was Eabha Lynch and the school also honoured a number of sixth year pupils for their contribution to the school during their time there.

SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ACTIVE TRAVEL PROJECT FOR N22 MD O SHEAS ROUNDABOUT TO BALLYCASHEEN ROAD OPEN

Deputy Danny Healy Rae and Cllr Maura Healy Rae have announced that Submissions from the public Active Travel Project for N22 MD O Sheas Roundabout to Ballycasheen Road are now open

Part 8 for the N22 MD O' Shea's Roundabout to Ballycasheen Road Upgrade and L3097 Active Travel Project is now on public display and open for submissions from the public.

The Plans and Particulars of the proposed works are available for inspection or purchase, on payment of a specified fee, not exceeding the reasonable cost of making such a copy, during normal office hours from Wednesday, 21st May 2025 until Thursday 19th June 2025 at

the following locations;

- Kerry County Council, Killarney Municipal District Office, Town Hall, Killarney
- Kerry County Council, Roads, Transportation and Marine, Room 115, County Buildings, Rathass, Tralee, Co. Kerry
- Kerry National Roads Office, Kerry County Council, The Island Centre, Castleisland, Co. Kerry
- Kerry County Council Website www.kerrycoco.

An advisor will be available to explain the plans and particulars by appointment only,

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Or Email to: info@kerry.nrdo.ie

- Or Through the Kerry County Council consultation portal, https://consult.kerrycoco.ie/en/browse, which can be accessed directly through the Council website www.kerrycoco.ie using the + make a submission link.
- And must be received by 4.00 pm on Friday, 4th July 2025





Michael Sheehan celebrating his First Holy Communion with his parents Bridie and James and his sisters Caoimhe and Ellie.

Photo: Conor Healy Photography



Rachel O'Donoghue and Paddy/Mac;Gillicuddy who celebrated their communion on Saturday, both in Glenflesk NS.

Photo: Dylan Clifford



Dylan O'Connor from Glenflesk NS who celebrated his communion on Saturday. Photo: Dylan Clifford



Jamie Lyne celebrating his First Holy Communion with his parents Catherine and John Paul and his brother Conor. Photo: Conor Healy Photography



Sarah MacSweeny celebrating her First Holy Communion with her parents Rosemary and Eoghan and her brothers Patrick and Louis. Photo: Conor Healy Photography



Fionn Naughton celebrating his First Holy Communion with his parents Norma and Denis and his brother Cillian.



Éanna Myers celebrating his First Holy Communion with his parents Karen and Kevin and his brother Caolán. Photo: Conor Healy Photography



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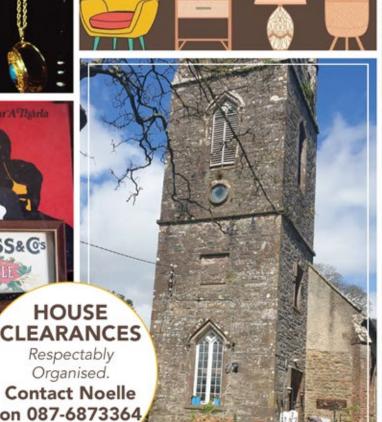
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THE BLOW IN'S

Cruinniú na nÓg Launched

erry County Council's Creative Ireland Office is proud to announce the return of Cruinniú na nÓg, Ireland's national day of free creative activity for young people, taking place on Saturday, 7 June 2025. Young people across the Kingdom will have the opportunity to express themselves through creativity, imagination, and fun — Kerry style! This year's programme features over 60 free events coordinated by Emma Carmody, Creative Communities Engagement Officer, with support from the Kerry County Council Arts Office team. Events will be held throughout the county, offering a rich variety of artistic experiences for ages 0 to 18.

"Cruinniú na nÓg is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to get out and enjoy a creative experience – improving their skills, being inspired, and making friends along the way," said Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Breandán Fitzgerald. "We are very proud to be a country that celebrates youth creativity with this national day dedicated to it." From circus skills and puppet-making to theatre, music, dance, creative writing, and comic book workshops, the programme has something to unleash a creative spark in every child and teenager.

"We've made a particular effort this year to programme a range of activities for teenagers," noted Emma Carmody, "with thanks to funding from the Night-Time Economy initiative we've got'Cruinniú Late'events in Tralee and Killorglin. Along with a range of daytime activities for teens, we are hoping there is something in the



The launch of Kerry County Council's 2025 Cruinniú na nÓg took place on Friday morning at Kerry County Buildings in Tralee. This year's Cruinniú na nÓg takes place across the county on June 7th with a wide variety of events for all ages. Pictured were: Niamh O'Sullivan (Director of Services for Economic Development and Community), Kate Kennelly (Arts Officer), Cllr Breandán Fitzgerald (Cathaoirleach, Kerry County Council), Emma Carmody (Creative Community Engagement Officer) and Bridget Fitzgerald (SEO Community & Arts).

Photo: Michelle Breen Crean Photography

programme for every young person, whatever their creative interest."

The full brochure of Kerry events is now available to view events online via: Creative Ireland – Kerry Events

"Kerry has a wealth of creative talent," said Kate Kennelly, Arts Officer and Creative Ireland Coordinator. "Following our open call earlier this year, Emma has curated a programme that highlights the incredible work happening across the county. There's plenty for young people to enjoy and get involved in."

Cruinniú na nÓg is presented in Kerry by the Creative Ireland Kerry Programme at Kerry County Council Arts Office, with funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media under the national Creative Ireland Programme.

Some events must be booked in advance. For more information visit https://arts.kerrycoco.ie/ and for updates keep an eye on our social pages @kerrycoarts on Instagram and Facebook.

BASKETBALL IRELAND AWARDS

for Castleisland Community College



From left Maurice Casey, Jamie Nolan & Máire Mc Loughlin.

Basketball Ireland Annual Awards were held at the Royal Marine Hotel in Dún Laoghaire. Three members of the school community were honoured for their exceptional achievements.

Jamie Nolan was named Male U16 School Player of the Year. Jamie, a third year student from Cordal, is the son of Mary and Owen Nolan. The award recognised his talent, dedication and hard work in the sport. Jamie was part of the school team that won 3 consecutive All-Ireland 'A' Division Basketball titles in a row. The team won the boys league in 1st, 2nd and 3rd year. He was captain of the team in 2nd year.

Maurice Casey received the award for Boys School Coach of the Year. This year alone Maurice won 4 All Ireland 'A' Division basketball titles with the school. He has a total of 19 All Ireland titles won for the school so far. Maurice is an outstanding role model to students. His leadership, commitment and passion for the game continues to inspire everyone around him.

Máire Mc Loughlin was awarded Boys A School of the Year Award. Máire was appointed as the Guidance Counsellor in the school and commenced in August 2023. In just 2 years, she has already won 6 All Ireland 'A' Division basketball titles for the school. Máire has been actively involved in coaching basketball for many years at both school and regional level. A talented player herself, she has also represented Ireland at U16 level.

' The awards acknowledge that the school is operating at the top tier of post primary school basketball. Recognition has been given to the dedication of Maurice Casey and Máire Mc Loughlin which in turn has allowed talented players like Jamie to excel in the sport, concluded Mairéad Corridan (Acting Principal).



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The MACademy at ANAM: Arts & Cultural Centre, Killarney V93 D628

11.30am-12.30pm: 5-8

1-2pm: 9-15 yrs

Comic Book Launch

Mari Rolin at Killarney Library, Rock Road, Killarney V93 YE35

12-2pm: 13-17 yrs

Chappell Roan Workshop

The MACademy at ANAM: Arts & Cultural Centre. Killarney V93 D628

2.30-3.30pm: 13-17 yrs

Kerry International Film

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Festival at Muckross Schoolhouse, The National Park, Killarney V93 CK73

3-5pm: 13-17 yrs

Whack, Strum, Play!

Music Generation Kerry at ANAM: Arts & Cultural Centre, Killarney V93 D628

4-5pm: 4-6 yrs 5-6pm: 7-10 yrs

Comics & Zine Workshop

Sing and Grow

The Art House, New Road, Killarney V93 D30R

4.30-6.30pm: 9-15 yrs

Singers' Circle: Share,

Grace Foley at ANAM: Arts & Cultural Centre, Killarney, V93 D628

6.30-7.30pm: 9-12 yrs 8-9pm: 13-17 yrs

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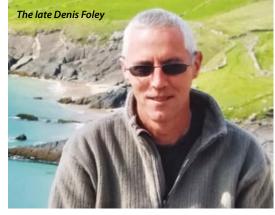
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LOCAL COMMUNITY RAISES €7,250

for the Kevin Bell Repatriation Fund in Memory of Denis Foley





A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came together on Saturday, 17th May, to support a fundraising event held in memory of Denis Foley. The event was organised to raise funds for the Kevin Bell Repatriation Fund, and thanks to the incredible generosity of the local community, a total of €7,250.00 was raised.

We are deeply grateful to the over 60 bikers who attended on the day, those who donated online, and to our kind and generous sponsors: Retail Signs, The Laurels, Redbox Brand Consultants, Martin Farrell, Old Killarney Inn, Patricia O'Donoghue, John Shannon, Damien Fleming, and McSweeney's Bar and Restaurant.

Friend and organiser Aidan O'Donoghue share d a few words of gratitude:

"We're overwhelmed by the support shown. Denis was a great friend to many, and it's clear his spirit lives on through the kindness of this community. The funds raised will go a long way in helping another family bring a loved one home, just as the Kevin Bell Repatriation Fund helped us."

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37th annual Golf Classic in aid of the Kerry Parents and Friends Association

wonderful day of golf, camaraderie and community support is set to take place on June 13th at Mahony's Point, Killarney Golf and Fishing Club.

All proceeds go towards the essential services provided by the Kerry Parents and Friends Association for adults with intellectual disabilities

The 37th annual Kerry Parents and Friends Golf Classic, hosted in partnership with Liebherr Container Cranes Ltd., will take place on Friday, June 13that Mahony's Point, Killarney Golf and Fishing Club.

Proceeds from this event will directly support the vital work of the Kerry Parents and Friends Association who have been a provider of essential services for adults with intellectual difficulties in Kerry for over 50 years.

Founded in 1973, the association has grown significantly since opening their first residential home in Tralee that year. Today it is a lifeline to almost 300 people, offering compassionate care and support across 31 locations where they provide day, residential, respite and outreach supports.

This essential service operates on an annual budget of €16 million and, despite the funding received from the HSE, the association is facing increasing challenges due to the growing costs across the service.

The annual Golf Classic has been essential to bridging this funding gap for 37 years, with Liebherr Container Cranes Ltd.'s involvement beginning in 1991. Since then, this event has raised over €1.3 million for the Kerry Parents and



Ready to tee-off for the Kerry Parents and Frienda Golf Classic, in assoiciation with Liebherr Container Cranes Ltd., were from left, David Brooks, Killarney Golf and Fishing Club, Neil Ashworth and Anna Whelehan, Kerry Parents and Friends and Tommy Galvin, Killarney Golf and Fishing Club.

Friends Association, thanks to the support of sponsors and donations from the community. This year's event will provide vital funds for transport and housing needs of service users. The annual Golf Classic will feature 18 holes of golf on one of Ireland's most scenic courses, along with delicious food, exciting prizes and, most importantly, it will help sustain services that make a real and lasting difference to the lives of those supported by the Kerry Parents and Friends Association.

The organisers hope you take the opportunity to join them for this wonderful event, either as a fourball or as two players.

Sponsorship for a full team is €650 and €325 for a two-man team. The event will feature a shotgun start and, as always, players can look forward to pre-round refreshments, a midround hospitality tent and a two-course meal afterwards.

2ND GAELBHRATACH FLAG AWARDED TO

Castleisland Community College

Castleisland Community College was awarded its second Gaelbhratach flag in recognition of its efforts to inspire and empower the school community to speak Irish. It is one of just 4 secondary schools in Kerry to receive the award.

130 schools nationalwide received the Gaelbhratach flag. Transition year students along with Irish teacher Mr Quirke travelled to Muire Gan Smál, Limerick, to be presented with the flag.

A treasure hunt, quiz, seanfhocal competition, tae agus plé and Seachtain na Gaeilge were some of the activities set up and run by the Gaelbhratach student committee. 'Beatha teanga í a labhairt/A living language is a spoken language.

The Gaelbhratach initiative is a fantastic opportunity to afford students the opportunity to speak the language in school ', concluded Irish teacher Doreen Killington.



Pictured front from left: Norma Murphy, Ciara Geaney Emma Browne From left standing: Diarmuid Quirke (Irish teacher), Alising Murphy, Ciarán McCarthy, Doreen Killington (Irish teacher)

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Killarney Looking Good and Killarney National Park



Students at the school pictured with Michell O Mahoney KCC, Liz Elbel KCC, Shane Fleming KCC, Jet therapy dog KCC, Michael Gleeson, Chairperson, Killarney Looking Good Committee , Declan Murphy, Killarney Municipal District Office, Shonagh Gray, Conservation Ranger, NPWS. Kathleen Foley, Killarney Looking Good Committee. Juliette Kelly, Killarney Looking Good Committee.

uring the school Killarney year Community College have continued to work with Killarney Looking Good on a number of projects to help develop the biosphere and biodiversity. It was identified by Killarney National park that they could do with some dipper bird boxes to be placed along under bridges in the park. Also Killarney Looking Good were looking for bird boxes to be installed around Killarney town. The Woodwork and Art Department in the school worked on designing and making 4 dipper boxes and 20 bird boxes over the last number of months.

The school had also focused on developing the biodiversity within the school grounds and they have devised a 5 year plan to restore and develop the plant life to encourage wildlife around the school. Killarney Looking Good have been a tremendous help to the school giving advice on planting and providing funding for a composter and also a raised planter used by students who have physical disabilities.

Killarney Community College look forward to continuing their work with Killarney Looking Good in the next school year on more projects to enhance our local environment.

CARE COMPASSION CONTINUITY COMMUNITY

pened in late 2024 GP Care Killarney has since expanded to 4 doctors and

Founded by Dr Rosemary Kelliher and situated in a purpose designed premises at Deerpark Retail Park (between M & S and Boots Pharmacy). The location and premises were chosen for its abundant free parking and easy ground floor wheelchair access as well as a spacious and modern building.

The surgery currently occupies the entire ground floor of the premises, to which a lift shaft has already been added to facilitate additional medical accommodation and allied services on the first floor. As it expands the practice is accepting new patients.

Dr Kelliher has been joined by Dr Aidan Daly, Dr Danielle O'Leary and Dr Mike Kinsella all of whom are highly experienced and between them provide a wide range of specialities. While Dr Rosemary has over 10 years general practice experience and holds a Diploma

and Masters in Dermatology, Dr Aidan is accomplished in cardiology, general medical and elderly care medicine and in joint injections. Dr Danielle is an experienced general practitioner with a special interest in fertility, contraceptive and antenatal care. Dr Mike has recently joined the practice from Cork City and had a previous career in physiotherapy before entering general practice, while Dr Danielle and Dr Aidan are well known locally. The practice ethos is one of care, compassion, continuity and community which the entire team aspire to continue and improve on in their new location

Two highly experienced practice nurses complement the medical team. Nurse Anna O'Donoghue is a qualified lactation consultant and an expert in infant feeding and vaccinations. Nurse Anna is also involved in Heartbeat and the Irish Heart Foundation and is passionate about chronic disease management. Nurse Laura Power has a wealth of experience in



NEW TEAM (L-R): Dr Aidan Daly, Rosemary Kelliher, Dr Mike Kinsella, Dr Danielle O'Leary, Martina Counihan, Nurse Anna O'Donoghue, Caroline Mitchelle, Nurse Laura Power and Bernie O'Riordan-Eddahlass

managing acute medical and surgical presentations and has over 10 years' experience in emergency care, Nurse Laura also runs our cervical smear and cryotherapy clinics.

Our friendly and efficient team of practice administrators have years of experience in dealing with patients and practice management. Martina Counihan, Bernie O'Riordan-Eddahlass, and Caroline Mitchell are familiar faces to many locals.

Direct online booking is now available to all our patients through our Pippo App. For further information call our admin team, Martina, Bernie and Caroline on 064 663168.







Shoulder-to-Shoulder

FREE HEALTH CHECKS AND CPR TRAINING

to mark Men's Health Week in Kerry

CEOL, CRAIC AND CPRTRAINING ARE ALL ON OFFER AT THE FREE MEN'S HEALTH IN THE COMMUNITY EVENT AT THE CYMS HALL IN KILLORGLIN ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, FROM 10AM-2PM. IT'S OPEN

TO ALL MEN AND ANYONE WHO CARES ABOUT MEN'S HEALTH.

The event is part of Men's Health Week 2025 (June 9-15) and this year's theme is 'Shoulder-to-Shoulder: Connecting for Health'.

This annual community event brings together a wide range of HSE South West health professionals to offer advice - including physiotherapists, dieticians, public health nurses, health promotion officers and occupational therapists. Local community groups such as the South Kerry Development Partnership and Local Link Kerry will also be there to connect with attendees. The day will include a performance from the Killorglin Men's Social Club Choir.



What's on offer:

Free blood pressure checks

Free one hour CPR and Defib workshops (pre-booking is essential on 066-9762933; sessions available at 10:30am and 12:30pm)

Free health checks at three local pharmacies in Killorglin throughout the week - Mulvihill's Pharmacy, Haven Pharmacy O'Sullivan's and Laune Pharmacy

What's Love Got To Do With It?

The Ultimate Tribute To Tina Turner Coming to Gleneagle Arena



After a sensational 2024 and 2025 that saw over 60,000 Tina Turner fans across the UK singing, dancing, and having the time of their lives, What's Love Got To Do With It? is back and bigger than ever for 2026! This electrifying tribute show celebrates the music and unparalleled 60-year career of the one and only Queen of Rock 'n' Roll, Tina Turner. MCD & Cuffe and Taylor present What's Love Got To Do With It?: Sunday 14th June 2026, Gleneagle Arena, Killarney.

Tickets will go on sale this Friday 30th May at 10am from www.ticket-master.ie and venue box offices.

Get ready for an unforgettable evening of high-energy, feel-good rock and soul, brought to life by a phenomenal live band. Packed with all the classic hits you know and love, the show delivers showstopping performances of Proud Mary, River Deep – Mountain High, Simply The Best, Private Dancer, Nutbush City Limits, and many more.

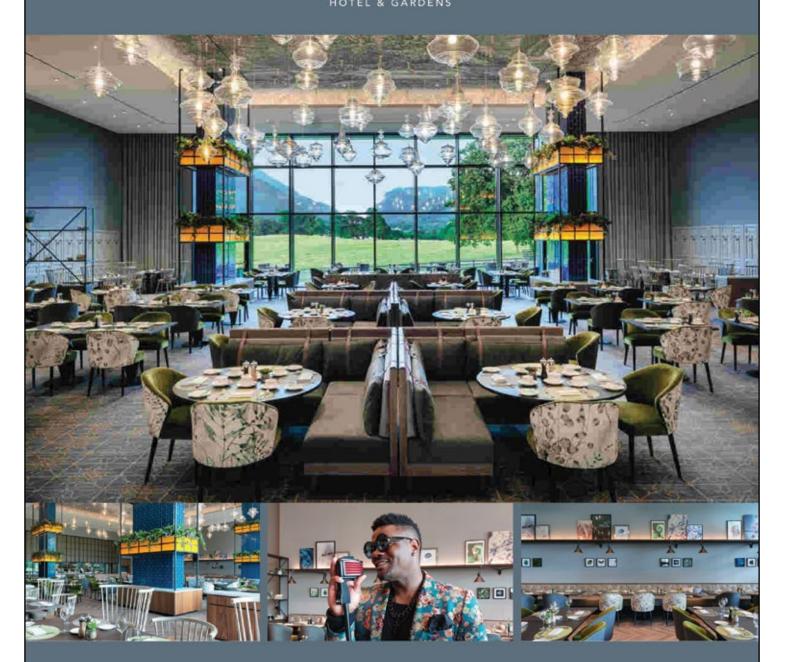
What's Love Got To Do With It? isn't just a concert – it's a celebration of Tina Turner's legacy, a night of unrelenting joy, and a tribute to one of the most electrifying performers in music history.

Please note that this is a tribute production and is not endorsed by or affiliated with the Tina Turner Estate.

Tickets on sale Friday 30th May at 10.00am From www.ticketmaster.ie and venue box offices

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Summer Jazz Sunday Lunch

June 1st, featuring the smooth live sounds of Velvin Lamont. Whether you're gathering the family, meeting

BRIGH WINS NATIONAL PRIZE

AT RELOVE FASHION COMPETITION

reland's next generation of fashion design i A total of 43 outfits reached the final, talent proved that the future is sustainable at the first-ever national Relove Fashion Grand Final. Brigh Harkin, from Presentation Secondary School Castleisland took home the National title with her entry to the competition. The event, held at the Rediscovery Centre, Ireland's National Centre for the Circular Economy saw awards being handed to 24 winners who dazzled the judges and audience alike. Each award winner took home an upcycled trophy, an expert-led sustainable fashion workshop, and the overall winners from each region took home €500 for fashion related tools and equipment for their schools. This year marked the competition's expansion to 26 local authority areas, where over 400 young people aged 12-19 across Ireland were encouraged to rethink fast fashion and embrace creativity, building skills in reuse, repair, and redesign.

celebrating circular design, hands-on climate action, and the vibrant future of Irish fashion. Winning outfits included evening dresses elegantly upcycled from jeans, preloved shirts beautifully transformed into casual dresses, and a post-apocalyptic outfit crafted from old belts and roadside-found gloves.

Drawing inspiration from the principles of the circular economy, Brigh dedicated significant time to imagining and constructing an ensemble that not only showcased artistic flair but also highlighted the importance of sustainable fashion. The outfit was meticulously crafted from a variety of reusable materials, sourced from personal donations of family members, aligning perfectly with the competition's ethos of "Reuse, Rethink, Relove". The design process was documented through comprehensive storyboard, detailing each step from initial inspiration to the final





Breda Moriarty, Environmental Awareness Officer, Kerry County Council with Brigh Harkin from Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland with the winning entry.

creation. This narrative not only illustrated Brígh's commitment to sustainability but also provided insight into the thoughtful approach behind the transformation of everyday items into wearable creative outfits.

Judges at the Relove Fashion competition were particularly impressed by Brigh's ability to blend creativity with environmental awareness. The winning design serves as a testament to the potential of upcycling and the role of young designers in shaping a more sustainable future for the fashion industry.

Brígh's achievement highlights the growing movement towards sustainable fashion among Ireland's youth and sets a precedent for future generations to embrace creativity and environmental responsibility in their design practices.

Breda Moriarty, Environmental Awareness Officer for Kerry County Council said 'Kerry County Council are delighted to have supported this fantastic circular economy initiative. Well done to all the students and young adults who took part and congratulations to Brigh for winning the National competition.'

Dr. Crokes u10 Girls go to Croker!

Dr. Crokes u10 girls have been invited to take part in a Go Games Festival of Football this Monday 2nd June in Croke Park! Selected as 1 of 2 Kerry clubs and with a total of 64 clubs nationally on the day, they will represent their club and county with pride. Excitement is at an all time high this week with a bus trip up and down on the day organised by the club and gear for the girls kindly sponsored by James Fleming of Utility Trust. We wish them well and hoping it won't be their only appearance in Croke Park!





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Outstanding Success for Kilcummin at Fleadh Cheoil Chiarrai 2025

Causeway, Co. Kerry | May 2025

The Kilcummin Comhaltas branch is celebrating a weekend of exceptional talent and success following the second weekend of Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí 2025 in Causeway.

We are incredibly proud of all our members who took part across a wide range of competitions, showcasing their skills, dedication and love of our musical heritage. Their achievements are a testament to the hard work they put in week after week, with the - and the spirit of community that defines our branch.

County Champions - 1st Place

Mary O'Connor - English Singing Ladies 15-18 Seán Butler - Mouth Organ 15-18 Seán Butler - Button Accordion 15-18 Michael Healy - Melodeon 15-18 Eoin Foley - Button Accordion 15-18 Colm Fleming - Button Accordion U12

Colm Fleming - Melodeon U12 Brynn McCarthy – English Singing Ladies U12 Aoibhinn O'Connor - Fiddle Slow Airs U12 Aoibhinn O'Connor & Colm Fleming – Duets

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Second Place Winners Aoibhinn O'Connor, Colm Fleming & Leah Brosnan – Trios U12 Brynn McCarthy – Irish Singing Ladies U12 Eoin Foley - Melodeon 12-15 Seán Butler - Melodeon 15-18 Well Done to Our Other U12 Participants. We also wish to congratulate our U12 members who competed with great heart and talent today — representing our branch with pride and poise. You all did us proud!

Collaboration Across Branches

We're also thrilled to congratulate our members who competed with other Comhaltas branches across Kerry over both weekends. Your achievements in a wide range of competitions are a wonderful reflection of your commitment and versatility.A huge thank you to the organisers of Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí for an unforgettable weekend and to the families, tutors and volunteers who support our young musicians throughout the year.

All eyes now turn to the Munster Fleadh, where many of our music, singing, and dancing competitors will go on to represent Kerry at provincial level. We are so proud of each and every participant and look forward to seeing them continue their journey in preserving and celebrating our living tradition. Go n-éirí libh go léir!



Seán Butler with his music tutor Conor Moriarty.



Colm Fleming winner of the Button Accordion U12 & Melodeon U12 competition with his tutor Steven O'Leary.



Eoin Foley winner of the Button Accordion 12-15. competition with his tutor Conor Moriaty



Michael Healy winner of



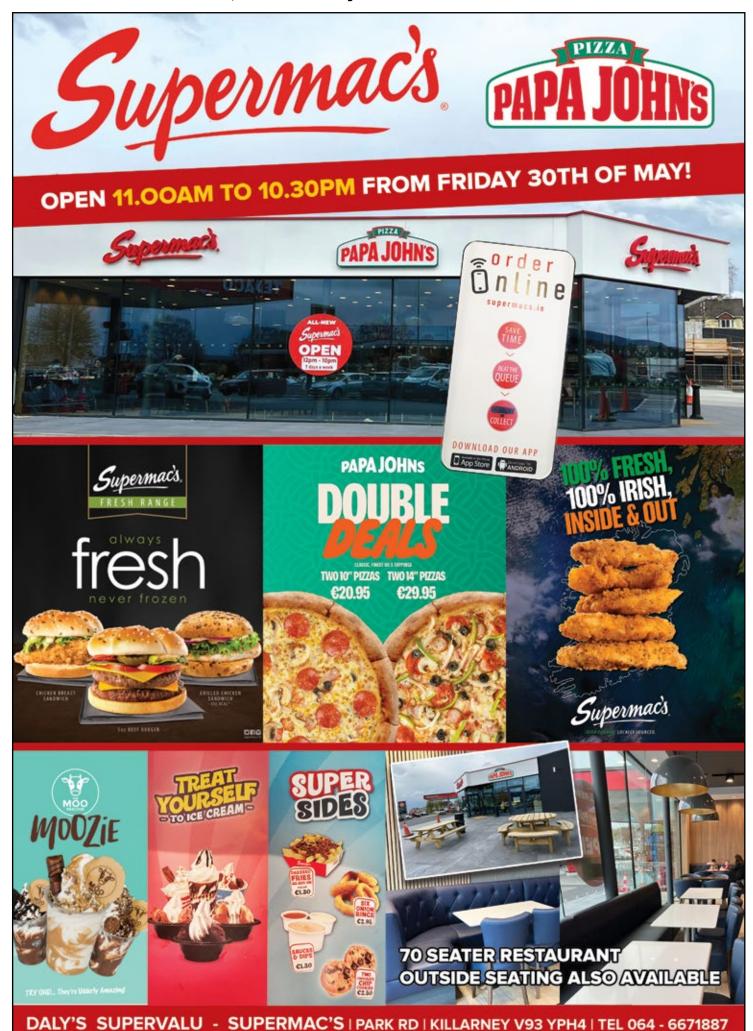
Brynn McCarthy winner of the English Singing Ladies U12 competition.



Brynn McCarthy, Ella Rose Lyons & Alva McCarthy having competed in the singing competitions at Fleadh Cheoil Chiarrai.



Aoibhinn O'Connor winner of the Fiddle Slow Airs U12 competition.



IT'S ALL READY, TEDDY, GO AT TRALEE JACK AND JILL CHARITY BOUTIQUE!

If you go down to the shops today... you're in for a big surprise! The team at the Tralee Jack and Jill Charity Boutique is getting paws-itively excited to join the nationwide teddy takeover for Ted's Big Day Out, Jack and Jill's fun-filled June fundraiser.

All month long, the shop will be bursting with teddy bear cheer - from bear-themed window displays to cuddly friends in every corner. But it's not just happening in-store; Jack and Jill is calling on the public to rally behind this beary special initiative by setting up your very own Ted's Big Day Out fundraiser this June.

Whether it's a Teddy Bears' Picnic at your school, creche or childcare centre, or a teddy-themed coffee morning at work or home; there are endless ways to show your support. Dust off your childhood teddy, round up your friends (big and small), and bring the bear magic to life all while raising vital funds for over 430 families across Ireland, including 13 families in Co. Kerry, who are caring for seriously ill children at home.

Teddy bears are more than just cuddly companions they're symbols of the love, care and comfort that Jack and Jill's in-home nursing care and respite support offers the families under its care.

Make sure to pop into the Jack and Jill Charity Boutique located at Unit 1 Pier 17 Business Centre to see the teddy magic for yourself. Packed with pre-loved treasures from fashion to homewares and everything in between. Every purchase supports a cause that truly matters.

www.jackandjill.ie/tedsbigdayout to get started.



Ready to host your own Ted's Big Day Out fundraiser? Visit Tralee Jack and JIII Charity Boutique team getting all! set for Teds Big Day Out in aid of Jack and JIII

They're off....

Sem Boys Raise Funds for the Hospice in Annual Cheltenham Challenge



Students from St Brendan's College who participated in the Cheltenham Race fundraiser in aid of Kerry Hospice Foundation presenting the cheque for €2420 with teacher David Clifford, Pat Doolan Kerry Hospice, Angela Curran Kerry Hospice, teacher and event organiser Declan O'Donoghue, teacher Coramarie Kelliher, Cathal Walshe Kerry Hospice, Dermot Kerry Hospice and Sean Coffey Principal at St Brendan's College, Killarney. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin







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Where Business Meets Culture...

Kerry County Council Hosts

"A Taste of **Kerry'**Event at Global

Economic Summit 2025

illarney, County Kerry - Kerry County Council hosted a special fringe event, "A Taste of Kerry," on Tuesday, May 27th, as part of the Global Economic Summit 2025 (GES25) at the iconic Kate Kearneys Cottage. In partnership with Fáilte Ireland, this exceptional gathering provided delegates from around the world with an immersive experience showcasing Kerry's rich cultural heritage and creativity.

A highlight of the event was the presence of internationally acclaimed fashion designer Don O'Neill, a native of Ballyheigue, Kerry. Don captivated guests by sharing insights into how Kerry's stunning landscapes have inspired his creative journey from a small Kerry village to the world's leading runways in Paris and New York. His reflections on creativity, innovation, and the profound influence of place added a compelling perspective to the afternoon's proceedings.

The event culminated in "A Taste of Kerry", a celebration of the county's exceptional local artisan food and drink producers, perfectly paired with live traditional Irish music and dance. Delegates had the opportunity to connect and engage while immersing themselves in the authentic culture and spirit of Kerry.

The event perfectly exemplified Kerry's unique blend of culture and commerce, highlighting the county as a world-class destination for business, creativity, and connection.



Pictured at "A Taste of Kerry," on Tuesday, May 27th, as part of the Global Economic Summit 2025 (GES25) at the iconic Kate Kearneys Cottage in the Gap, of Dunloe In partnership with Fáilte Ireland were from left, Sean Coffey, Kate Kearneys, Mayor of Killarney Maura Healy-Rae and Josephine O'Driscoll, Failte Ireland. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Pictured at "A Taste of Kerry," on Tuesday, May 27th, as part of the Global Economic Summit 2025 (GES25) at the iconic Kate Kearneys Cottage in the Gap, of Dunloe In partnership with Fáilte Ireland were members of the Kate Kearney's house band and dancers who entertained the auests. Photo: Don MacMonaale



Pictured at "A Taste of Kerry," at the iconic Kate Kearneys Cottage in partnership with Failte Ireland were quests from the Global Economic Summit chatting with some of the food providers. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Pictured at "A Taste of Kerry," from left, Fearghal Reidy, CEO, internationally acclaimed fashion designer Don O'Neill, Paudie Spillane, Spillane Seafoods, Lackabane, Killarney, Mayor of Killarney Maura Healy-Rae and Josephine O'Driscoll, Failte Ireland. Photo: Don MacMonagle



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RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O' Mahony

SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €205 and the winner was Katie Dillane. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5. They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om.or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

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

SYMPATHY

Sympathies to TJ Lawlor and Family and the extended Lawlor & Moynihan families on the death of his mother Eileen Lawlor, East End, Rathmore whose funeral took place in Rathmore on the 17th May.

To Eileen (O'Connell), Shaunagh, Daniel & Raymona & husband Jake, on the death of Raymond O'Connell, husband father & father-in-law, and to his sisters Mairead, Lucy, Siobhan Aileen & brother Seamus & all extended Family. Raymonds Funeral took place on Monday 11th May in Knocknagree May Eileen and Raymond rest in peace

TUREENCAHILL COMMUNITY GROUP are holding a Bingo night on Sat 14th June @ 7pm.

On Sunday 15th June the Annual Lunch & Dance @ 1pm. Music by The Kelts, food by Denis Doody Catering

CONGRATULATIONS to the Kerry Ladies Team & management

especially Danielle O'Leary & Nora O'Connor, part of the management from Rathmore on Kerry's great win in the Munster Ladies Championship Final win on Sunday last in Mallow final. Score kerry 2-06 Waterford 0-10

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CEMETERY MASSES

May 30th @ 8pm Mass Shrone Cemetery June 4th @ 8pm Mass Rathmore Cemetery June 6th @ 8.pm Mass Knocknagree Cemetery June 9th @ 8pm Mass Gneeveguilla Cemetery June 11th @8pm Mass Nohoval Cemetery June 20th @ 8pm Mass Token Fire Mountain June 23rd @ 8pm Mass Old Chapel Cemetery,

MILLSTREET PARISH DATES

Friday 30th May: Mass in Tubrid Well at 7.30p.m. Monday 9th June: Mass in St. Mary's Cemetery at 7.30p.m.

Tuesday 10th June: Mass in Drishane Cemetery at 7.30p.m. Sunday 22nd June: Corpus Christi Procession after 11.30a.m. Mass

Tuesday 24th June: Mass in St. John's Well at 8.00p.m. Thursday 3rd July: Mass in Cullen Cemetery at 7.30p.m. Thursday 24th July: Mass in Old Cemetery, Cullen at 7.30p.m

NOTES

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



Abina O'Sullivan, Chairperson Rathmore Credit Union and Fergus McAuliffe, CEO Rathmore Credit Union making a preasentation to Holy Family Primary School quiz team winners of the Irish League Credit Union Under 11 All Ireland final Kayleigh White, Conor McCarthy, Eabhe Buckley and Diarmuid Horan at a special reception in Rathmore Credit Union last Thursday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Pictured is Rathmore player Danielle O' Leary & Nora O'Connor, Rathmore (Kerry Management) with the Munster Ladies championship Final Trophy on Sunday last in Mallow celebrating they victory



Congratulations to Killarney Valley AC member Marie Kehoe-O'Sullivan who recently completed the Edinburgh 10k



Thomas O'Sullivan Rathmore was part of the U14 County Mixed Distance relay team along with 5 other teammates who secured an All Ireland Gold Medal.



Rathmore Gneeveguilla Community Games: U13 All Ireland Girls Basketball Champions 2025



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KILCUMMIN PARISH

KILCUMMIN PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Quiz will take place in Kilcummin GAA Club on Thursday, June 19th at 7.30pm. Adult Teams €40, Primary/Secondary €20. Raffle tickets €2 or 3 for €5. Lots of prizes to be won on the night. All welcome.

KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

Kilcummin Looking Good are hosting a Coffee Morning on Sunday, June 15th at 12pm in Kilcummin Recreation Hall to support the 2025 Jingle & Mingle event. Donations of home baking & confectionary items can be dropped to the Recreational Hall the evening before from 7-8pm. All Welcome.

TRIP TO KNOCK

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock on Sat 14th June, leaving Kilcummin Village @7am. Cost of bus €30.00, Food/refreshments in Gort (optional). For booking please contact Kilcummin Post Office.

KILCUMMIN CCÉ

The branch is celebrating another weekend of exceptional talent and success following the second weekend of Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí in Causeway. We are very proud of all of our members who took part across a wide range of competitions, showcasing their talent, dedication and love of our music, song and Irish language. Special mention in particular to our U12 members who competed with great heart and gave wonderful performances and even though they did not progress on this occasion it is an experience that will stand to them for the future. Congratulations to all who are moving forward beyond County and the following are County Champions: English Singing (U12) 1st Place: Brynn McCarthy; English Singing Ladies (15-18) 1st Place: Mary O'Connor; Button Accordion (U12) 1st Place: Colm Fleming; Melodeon (U12) 1st Place: Colm Fleming; Fiddle Slow Airs (U12) 1st Place: Aoibhinn O'Connor; Mouth Organ (15-18) 1st Place: Seán Butler; Button Accordion (15-18) 1st Place: Seán Butler; Melodeon (15-18) 1st Place: Michael Healy; Button Accordion (12- 15) 1st Place: Eoin Foley; Duets (U12) 1st Place: Colm Fleming & Aoibhinn O'Connor. Also placing and progressing to Munster were: Irish Singing (U12) 2nd Place: Brynn McCarthy; Melodeon (12-15) 2nd Place: Eoin Foley; Melodeon (15-18) 2nd Place: Seán Butler and Trios (U12) 2nd Place: Aoibhinn O'Connor, Colm Fleming & Leah Brosnan. We congratulate you all on your wonderful achievements and thank your tutors and parents in particular who support you on your journey. Our sincere thanks to the organisers of Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí for two wonderful weekends and we can now look forward to Munster Fleadh in July where many of our musicians, singers and dancers will represent Kerry at provincial level.

KILCUMMIN GAA By Donal Barry PRO SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 1

A spirited final five minutes by Kilcummin secured a vital 2 points in today's County Football League Division 1 Round 8 clash with Dr. Crokes. Trailing 0-14 to 0-11 by the 54th minute it seemed like the home side were going to be kept at bay but points by Paul O'Shea (free) and Donal Maher had the bare minimum between the sides by the 58th minute before the all-important score arrived from Philip O'Leary hit the net for the game's only goal. O'Leary would add a point a minute later to put Kilcummin 1-14 to 0-14 to the good.

Injury time provided a pair of 2 point frees for each side with Billy Courtney and Brendan Kealy both finding the target before Crokes came raiding for the all-important goal to level matters. Paul O'Shea's crucial block proved important as Kilcummin repelled the attack to secure backto-back wins in this year's County League as James Foley's side move closer to safety in a very competitive Division 1. Dr. Crokes who played against the strong breeze enjoyed the better of the opening half leading at the break 0-9 to 0-6 having kept Kilcummin scoreless for more than 15 minutes in the opening half. A pair of Paul O' Shea two pointer had the home side in front 0-6 to 0-4 at the end of the opening quarter. Mikey Casey with 0-4 in the opening half proving a torment to the Kilcummin defence. It took Kilcummin all of 4 minutes to get parity in the second half as Cian Foley (2) and Paul O' Shea found the target but it was Crokes who settled once more and without ever escaping the clutches of the home side kept distance until the 55th minute with a 3 point lead before Kilcummin in front of a big crowd found an extra level.

SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIV 7B

In Credit Union Senior Football League Division 7 Cup, Kilcummin were defeated for the first time in the campaign going down 1-11 to 1-8 to An Gaeltacht on Saturday evening last at Galluras. A goal inside the opening

minutes for the hosts along with a number of fine scores had Kilcummin on the back foot for most of the contest as they trailed 1-8 to 0-2 at the break. Still they stuck to the task well and with the help of a Shane McSweeney goal they reduced the gap to 1-10 to 1-7 with minutes left in the game but An Ghaeltacht held on despite a nervy finish. Next up in the Credit Union Senior Football League Division 7 Cup is a Round 5 home clash with St. Michael's/Foilmore on the weekend on June 8th.

GREEN CLUB

Kilcummin GAA Club has become a member of the Green Clubs Programme which was launched by GAA headquarters in 2021. The Club would like to invite members who have an interest and/or expertise in any area of sustainability to get involved. A sub-committee to oversee and promote sustainable activities within the club will be formed and information sessions will be arranged. If you would like to be involved or contribute in any way to making Kilcummin GAA Club more environmentally friendly. Please contact Chairperson Ciara Kelly by phone 087-7614850 or email chairperson.kilcummin.kerry@gaa.ie

UNDER 14B'S

Well done to our Under 14 B team that enjoyed a great win in the Division 15 County League Semi-final against Kerins O Rahillys in Kilcummin. An entertaining game of football where our boys were deserving winners on a score line of 5-13 to 4-12. The boys now face Na Gaeil in the final on Thursday 29th May at home in Kilcummin at 7pm. Please come out and support the lads.

UNDER 12S

Kilcummin U12 (Red) got off to a flying start in this lively local derby, slotting over some fine early scores. However, a determined Legion side used the strong breeze to great effect, scoring some very good goals to lead at the break. The second half saw a magnificent Kilcummin fightback as we mastered the conditions superbly. We had some excellent scores from a number of players which proved decisive as we ended the match with a victory against a battling Legion outfit. This was a proper team performance with every player contributing to a hard-earned win. Special thanks to Liam for officiating, John as our liaison person, and to Legion for a competitive but sporting contest.

GAA LOTTO

There was one winner of our lotto on Monday 19th May for the Jackpot of €3,250. Numbers drawn were 17,19,20,21. Congratulation to Sharon O'Boyle. Our next draw will be on Monday 02nd June for Jackpot of €2,500.

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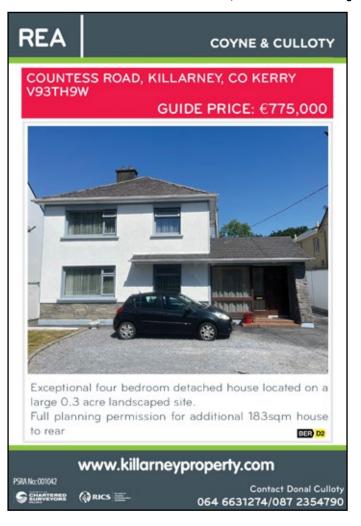
There was no winner on Friday 23rd May 2025 of the Jackpot €7,400. Numbers drawn were 02,12,27,28. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Bróghan & Jayden McCarthy, Gneeveguilla; Eileen O'Leary, Knocklebede; William Lenihan; Anne O'Connor & girls, Dromid. The next draw will be on Friday 30th May for Jackpot of €7,600.

KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

All Ireland Community Games Multi Sports National Finals were held in Gormanstown in Co. Meath. Congratulations to Charlie Jay Kelliher and his mixed relay team who won the U12 Cross Country race last Sunday. For more information please see our Facebook page.



Charlie Jay Kelliher u12 mixed relay team







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BEAUFORT PARISH By Bridget Hartnett

MATCH RESULTS

Rathmore 1.13 Beaufort 2.12 in Senior Co League, Div. 1, round 8 Beaufort 2.08 Milltown/Castlemaine 1.11 in Senior Co League, Div. 6, round 8

LOTTO

There was no winner of Beaufort G.A.A. Club lotto jackpot of €6,000 on Sunday, 25th May. Numbers: 1, 7, 19, 21. Consolation Prizes: €80 Fr Fergal Ryan, Beaufort €50 Emily McMahon, Glenflesk, Joann O'Connor, online, Paula Breen, Ovens, Co Cork

The next draw for a jackpot of €6,200 will be on Sunday, 8th June. Tickets €2 each, 3 for €5 or €50 yearly tickets available from usual sellers, shops, public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com Thank you to everybody who support our lotto.

GOLF CLASSIC

Beaufort GAA Club annual Golf Classic will be held on Friday, 13th June in Beaufort Golf Club. It is a 3 person team event, 2 best stable-ford scores at each hole. GUI/ILGU handicaps.

Entry fee €200 per team. Tee Box €50. To book time or tee box, please contact Colm at 087 6737414 or colmkellymedia@gmail.com **CONGRATULATIONS** to Fay O'Donoghue on being part of the Kerry Senior Ladies team which were successful in winning the Munster senior Ladies final last weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS to Clionagh Coffey who is a member of Kerry Under 14 team which has reached the All Ireland Gold final.



Alan Lyne & Magda Sikora from Coolies in Muckross who were married at The Cahernane Hotel by Cara Fuller, The Celebrant Way. Photo: Muckross Photography

GLENFLESK PARISH

COMMUNITY GAMES

Huge congratulations to Odhrán O'Sullivan who finished in 4th place in the U12 Cycling on Grass and won a pewter medal at the National Finals held in Gormanston, Co. Meath last weekend. A fantastic achievement, well done Odhrán.

GRAVEYARD MASS

Killaha Cemetery Mass will be held Monday 9th of June at 7:30pm. **KERRY**

Congratulations to Liam O'Brien and the Kerry Minors on their win over Cork in the Munster Final.

CLOTHES COLLECTION

If you needed an excuse to clear out your wardrobes, this is it! Glenflesk Mothers & Others are having a clothes collection. Fill those bags and drop them to our drop off points. Glenflesk GAA Hall on 29th & 30th May 8 to 9pm, 31st May and 1st of June 10am to 12pm, 2nd and 3rd June 8 to 9pm. Barraduff Community Field 3rd June 6 to 7pm. Please see Glenflesk G4M&O Facebook page for details.

NOTES

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

LISTRY PARISH Written by: Colette Leslie

KERRY MINORS

Congratulations to Danny Murphy and David McCarthy and the Kerry minor team and management on winning the Munster final .

U14S

The U14s take on Northern Gaels this Friday30th at 7:30pm in Listry in the County Division 7 Semi-Final. Best of luck to the team – all support would

be greatly appreciated!

LOTTO

Jackpot €9,450. Numbers Drawn 4, 9, 10, 11. Not Won. €100 Shari Murphy, Ballymalis (online). €50 Tony O'Connor, Faha. €50 Dylan and Annette Counihan. €25 Kevin Counihan. €25 Paudie Doherty, Barleymount East. Jackpot next week 01/06/2025 €9,600



MILLTOWN STUDENTS CELEBRATE THEIR GRAUDATION

The Leaving Cert Class of 2025 at Presentation Secondary School, Milltown, Co. Kerry pictured at their annual Mass ahead of the examinations last week. Included are, Ms. Kerry Harkin, Principal and Mr. Sean Costelloe, Deputy Principal and Ms. Avril Leahy, Year Head. Photo: Don MacMonagle





MONEY MATTERS..

By Dermot Cronin, **Financial Advisor**



IS IT MORE DIFFICULT TO GET A MORTGAGE TO **BUILD MY HOME THAN A MORTGAGE TO BUY** MY HOME?

Yes, it can be more difficult. When you are building your family home there are more of risks of things going wrong than purchasing your home especially in relation to the overall cost. The most obvious and biggest risk is of course the risk of you going over your budget to build and finish your property and not having enough money to complete your home. Lenders when assessing your application need to take this risk into account. Lenders will put emphasis on the cost of construction of your property. If you are making your application through a mortgage broker they should spend time discussing the cost of the construction and loan amounts with you to make sure they are realistic and affordable. If these figures are incorrect and especially if they are too low then your mortgage application could be declined and more importantly you may not have enough money to finish the property. A big plus at the moment for people who are first time buyers and are building or buying a new property that is their family home is that there is a Help To Buy Scheme that you can apply for through the Revenue. Thankfully this was extended recently in the budget. There is up to €30,000 available through this scheme, there are terms and conditions attached to this Help To Buy Scheme. Obviously this is very beneficial in terms of reducing your overall cost and reducing your mortgage amount also. Each lenders criteria for self build mortgages is different & you need to know this before choosing a lender that suits your needs best. A mortgage broker who has access to many lenders and has a lot of experience with self build mortgages should be very helpful to you.

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EXAM TIME

The state exams beginning next Wednesday, 4th June, so this is the final weekend of major revision for Leaving Cert and Junior Cycle candidates. Stick to your study plan on Saturday and Sunday. Concentrate on subjects being examined during the first week. As the exams run into the subsequent weeks, the optional subjects are nicely spaced out allowing for study days.

PRIORITISE

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

SKIN

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

NOTES

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

EQUIPMENT

Over the next few days check your equipment and assemble your exam materials – black or blue biros, pencils, ruler, eraser, drawing instruments, calculator and so on. Have at least

two biros or fountain pens in case one doesn't work properly. It's time, too, to organise your personal needs such as a watch and tissues.

RELAX

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

CENTRE

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

DESK

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

REMAIN

If you finish a paper before the time is up, do not leave the exam centre. Recheck your work and extra information may come to you. Attempt an extra question only when you have thoroughly answered the required number of questions. Once an exam is over, spend as little time as possible on a post-mortem. Focus on the next paper and when the entire exam is over, forget about it and enjoy your

summer. There is no advantage in dwelling on what might have been. Be happy and satisfied that you have done your best. Good luck to all candidates starting state exams next week.

CHECKLIST

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

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Cathan Harrington, 1st Year Medicine student in UCC, receiving his St Brendan's College Board of Management Academic Award recently. Cathan's grandfather - Jim Trant, Cahernane, was a teacher in the school for over 20 years, retiring in 1991. Cathan is the son of Valerie and Ian Harrington.

Cathan is pictured receiving his award from Principal Sean Coffey, Vice Principals Bridget Lucey and Hugh Rudden.











KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

MUNSTER LONG COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

14 swimmers attended the Munster Long Course 3 day Championships last weekend at UL. 5 swimmers made finals and/or finished top 10. Sarah Quirke 6th 200 Breast and 9th 100 Fly. Divo Lucic-Kovacevic 8th 400IM, 10th 50 Back and 7th 50 Breast. Evan O'Donoghue 8th 200 Breast. Cathal Larkin 6th in the 200 Breast. Lara O'Brien Leahy finished 10th in the 800 Free. Excellent swimming by the club overall.

FOSSA COMMUNITY GAMES

Gormanston, Co Meath was the venue for Kerry v Cavan for the All-Ireland Community Games Volleyball Final last weekend. In a tight game which ended one all and onto a final 3rd game that saw Kerry coming out on top & gold medal winners. Thanks again to Megan and Niamh for their help with training & to their coaches Peggy and Padraig and to everyone that travelled to support the team. Fossa Abú

Aaron O Sullivan secured a 2nd gold medal on the day as he represented Kerry on the U13 Cross Country Team.

Chloe O Sullivan from Fossa also represented Kerry last weekend on the U12 Cross County Team

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 22ND MAY

1st: Marie O'Sullivan Kenmare & Horst Rosler 2nd: Mary Gleeson & Evelyn O'Leary 3rd: Tim & Mai Corcoran

Well done to all.

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

MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

LEE REGATTA

The regatta season continued at pace last weekend with the hosting of the Lee Sprint Regatta. Muckross RC was represented by 31 crews over two days of racing. The main day of racing took place on Saturday with Masters races held on Sunday morning. The club had great success on Saturday with four wins, four second place and seven third place finishes. The four wins included the Mens J13 Quad (Max Wesolowski, Alan O'Donoghue DeVries, Joseph Hickey, Kyle Cullinane), Mens J13 Double (Max Wesolowski, Cian Whitty), Mens J14 Double (Bruce Dorrill, Samuel O'Neill) and Womens J13 Ouad (Maria Avila, Medeleine Lynch, Nadia Dudzik (cox), Laura O'Sullivan and Aoife Coffey). More results on the club's social media pages. Well done to everyone who raced and to our coaches. Back at home, our Junior 16 and J18 rowers returned to training due to the cancellation of Dublin Metro Regatta, with all eyes now turning to the Munster Branch Regatta on Saturday, June 7th. Many thanks



Pictured are Raegan Browne, Evan O'Donoghue, Noah Keogh. Orlaith Mackey, May O'Mahony and Beibhinn Kiely.



Fossa Boys, All Ireland Volleyball Champions 2025, Seán Doyle, Aaron O'Sullivan, Mark O'Connor, Ryan Lynch, David Kennelly & Ronan Doody.

to all the coaches and parents who helped out with organisation over the weekend.

EVENTS

Munster Branch Regatta, NRC Farran, Saturday, June 7th; Cork Regatta, Sat-Sun, June 21st-22nd, NRC Farran; Rowing Ireland 1k Classic, Lough Rynn, Sat-Sun June 28-29th; Fermoy Regatta, Sunday, July 6th; Irish Rowing Championships Fri-Sun, Jul 11-13th.

RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA COMMUNITY GAMES

A very exciting All Ireland weekend in Gormanston where we had two All Ireland victories:

Firstly our U13 Girls Basketball team under the leadership of coaches Jamieson Hughes and Mary V O'Leary won their semi final earlier in the day to progress to the final, where they played and won against Dublin to secure All Ireland Victory. Big thank you to Jamieson and Mary for coaching this team.

Big congratulations to the following group of girls who were also the All Ireland U12 Football National winners from 2024.

Team: Aisling Fenton, Sinead Hurley, Ava Knee, Eabha Moynihan, Ruby Moynihan, Mairead O'Leary, Clodagh O'Connor On Sunday Thomas O'Sullivan was part of the U14 County Mixed Distance relay team along with 5 other teammates who secured an All Ireland Gold Medal. This was Thomas's second year in a row taking part in this event after winning an All Ireland silver medal last year. Congratulations to Thomas and all his team.

Finally congratulations to our U12 girls football team who secured a County Bronze Medal in Ballyduff on Sunday where they narrowly missed out on reaching the final. Thank you to Donie O'Connor, Barry O'Leary and Helene O'Connor for training and preparing this team for the County finals.

FOSSA ROWING CLUB

Well done to everyone who travelled to Cahersiveen on Sunday to partake in the Head of Fertha Time trial. Conditions were far from ideal as our hardy crews took to the water, a big change from the glorious sunshine the weekend before.

Our Senior men, who consisted of Conor Coffey, Brendan Counihan, John Talbot and Micko McCarthy won Gold. Then our Senior mixed, who consisted of Claire Buckley, Laura Whelton, Conor Coffey and Micko McCarthy) won silver in very tough conditions. A very special thank you to our cox Kieran Coffey who coxed all the crews on the day.









Members of Fossa Rowing Club at the Head of Fertha time trial last weekend.

All in all a fantastic day for all involved with our club represented by huge numbers right across the ages. Our juveniles in particular seem to really enjoy the days out and can't wait for the next regatta. Well done one and all!!

WORKMAN'S ROWING CLUB



LEE REGATTA 2025 RECAP

Workman's Rowing Club was proud to compete at the Lee Regatta 2025, held at the iconic Cork Marina and hosted by Lee Rowing Club. It was a fantastic opportunity to test ourselves in the sprint events last Saturday, and several of our crews delivered impressive performances. The gold medals were on display, and they made their way proudly across the county bounds. Congratulations to everyone who raced, with a special shout-out to our up-and-coming young crews who showed great promise.

The event was superbly organised, and the

positive atmosphere made it an enjoyable day both on and off the water.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our dedicated coaches, Michael J and Mary Burns, who were there from start to finish — guiding, motivating, and supporting each crew throughout the day. Special thanks also to our amazing volunteers, parents, and supporters from trailering boats and managing logistics to cheering on the shoreline, your behind-thescenes efforts ensured the day ran seamlessly. Your hard work does not go unnoticed and is deeply appreciated.

LOOKING AHEAD: THE MUNSTER BRANCH REGATTA 2025

Our attention now turns to one of the key events on the domestic rowing calendar —

the Munster Branch Regatta, scheduled for Saturday, 7th June 2025. This eagerly awaited regatta promises a full day of competitive racing, showcasing the finest talent from clubs across the region.

Preparations at the club are in full swing. Crews are putting in focused training sessions to finetune technique, build endurance, and sharpen timing. Our coaches are working closely with athletes to ensure each boat is race-ready. There's a strong sense of determination and optimism throughout the club, and we're confident that our crews will represent Workman's with pride and a strong competitive

REGULAR TRAINING continues as scheduled.



Lee Regatta - Muckross RC, Winners Mens Junior 13 Quad: Joseph Hickey, Max Wesolowski, Bruce Dorrill (cox), Alan O'Donoghue DeVries, Kyle Cullinane



Lee Regatta: Muckross RC, Winners Mens Junior 13 Quad: Womens J13 Quad: Maria Avila, Medeleine Lynch, Nadia Dudzik (cox), Laura O'Sullivan and Aoife Coffey.



Lee Regatta - Muckross RC, Winners Mens Junior 13 Double: Cian Whitty and Max Wesolowski



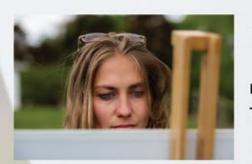
More then just a new business

My name is Alina Maslak, I'm the owner, but this is not just a business - this is my soul. In Ukraine I have never had a business, I was a professional dancer, choreographer, fitness trainer and yoga coach. But it was only after the war began - only after I lost my previous life - that I found myself ready for this step.

Creating a single, unified centre from the different parts of who I am and what I do best has become my passion. And I'm so happy to say: we are starting.

Photo and inspiration by Olga Derevyanko

May 10, 2025 Became an energetic starting point of the project of my life. And no, it's not the date of revenue registration or CRO certificate. It's the day I created the logo - by drawing it with my own hand and brush on a sheet of paper.



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Plunge deeply into your own life experience as you read these words. There is so much love and joy available to you right now. Allow yourself to lean back a little, get quiet and rest in this moment. Let your mind drift and cast your thoughts out in remembering the sweet, small, delicious things of life. Remember what it feels like to hear the birds sing on an early morning in Spring. Recall the feeling of watching the most beautiful sunset drip from the sky and gently come to rest below the horizon. What does it feel like to sip your favourite drink, smell your most beloved perfume or wrap yourself up in clothes that comfort and soothe you? Remember the dappled afternoon light on the pavements. Recall and replay the sound of sudden laughter or your favourite song. What music calls out to you move your hips and dance? What fills your soul and makes you feel alive?

Just for a few moments allow yourself the sweet luxury of immersing yourself in what makes you feel good. Breathe deeply and feel your body, mind and emotions calming, settling and relaxing into a soft and gentle sense of wellbeing.

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Feeling constantly tired even after a full night's sleep is a clear sign that your body hasn't fully recovered from physical or mental stress. Ironically, overexertion can disrupt your sleep. If you are having trouble falling or staying asleep is a sign to ease off the training and reduce stress.

While some soreness is normal after workouts, pain that lingers for days or feels unusually intense could mean you've overtrained. Muscles need rest to grow stronger—pushing through too soon may cause more harm than good. If your usual workouts suddenly feel harder, or you're not seeing progress despite consistent effort, your body may be telling you it needs rest, not more reps.

Feeling irritable, anxious, or unmotivated could be more than just a bad day. These mood swings often stem from physical and mental overload, signaling the need for a break and some recovery time.

Rest isn't a sign of weakness—it's a vital part of progress. Whether it's taking a day off from the gym, getting an extra hour of sleep, or simply unplugging for mental clarity, learning to listen to your body can lead to better performance, improved health, and a stronger you in the long run.



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HAVE REGULAR SIGHT TESTS

As well as an eye health check, a sight test might help detect signs of underlying general health conditions, such as diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure. Everyone should have a sight test every two years.

EAT HEALTHILY

Eating a healthy, balanced diet reduces your risk of eye disease. Include lots of omega-3 fats, found in oily fish, and lutein, found in dark-green, leafy vegetables such as spinach and kale.

STOP SMOKING

Many people are unaware of the link between smoking and eye disease. If you smoke, stop. Smoking significantly increases the risk of developing eye diseases, such as cataracts age-related macular degeneration.

WEAR PRESCRIBED GLASSES

Many eye and vision problems develop or increase as we get older. Contrary to the myth, wearing will not make your eyesight worse - they help your eyes work more efficiently.

TAKE REGULAR BREAKS

When you work on something close up, such as a computer, tablet or smartphone, your eye muscles are active. This may cause tiredness and headaches, even in those with normal sight. Follow the 20/20/20 rule - every 20 minutes, look at something 20 feet away, for 20 seconds.

WEAR SUNGLASSES

As well as making your vision more comfortable in the sun, sunglasses protect your eyes from UV light. When choosing sunglasses, you should always make sure that they carry the CE or British Standard marks.

For more information and honest advice contact us for an appointment.





Pictured at "A Taste of Kerry," on Tuesday, May 27th, as part of the Global Economic Summit 2025 (GES25) at the iconic Kate Kearneys Cottage in the Gap, of Dunloe In partnership with Failte Ireland were guests from the GES trying their hand at irish dancing with Sean Coffey. Photo: Don MacMonagle





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Minister Foley welcomes confirmation of funding of up to €3,000 this year for Men's Sheds in Kerry

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry TD Norma Foley has welcomed confirmation of grants of up €3,000 this year for each Men's Shed in Kerry.

The funding contribution for this year will enable the Irish Men's Sheds Association to distribute up to €1 million in supports to their members with grants of up to €3,000 available. There are 13 Men's Sheds in Kerry, including Waterville Men's Shed, Kenmare Men's Shed, Tralee Men's Shed, Ballyduff Men's Shed, Cahersiveen Men's Shed, Ballybunion Men's Shed, Listowel Men's Shed, Ballyheigue Men's Shed, Sneem Men's Shed, Sliabh Luachra Men's Shed, Killarney Men's Shed, Dingle Men's Shed

and Barradubh Men's Shed. Minister Foley said:

"I am every pleased with this funding for Men's Sheds in Kerry who do invaluable work in helping men to learn, share skills and make long-lasting friendships together. I know the Men's Sheds always say the greatest tool they have is the kettle, because there's nothing more powerful than a cup of tea and a chat."

Minister Foley also noted that there has been a surge in the number of Women's Sheds in Kerry and elsewhere.

"I want to acknowledge there are outstanding Women's Sheds right across the country and they are growing and growing in popularity. These sheds are currently funded individually by the local authorities via their Local Enhancement Programme, but they cannot qualify for collective funding like the Men's Sheds do, due to the lack of an overall national organisation.

As Minister for Equality, I would like to see a similar national fund for Women's Sheds as there is for Men's Sheds. I am working closely with my cabinet colleague, Minister for Social Protection Dara Calleary, in this regard and I want to acknowledge his support and the work of the Women's Sheds, all working collaboratively to achieve this objective."

BARRADUBH TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE

At the recent meeting of Killarney Municipal District, Mayor Maura Healy-Rae asked Kerry County Council and the TII to provide an update on the traffic calming scheme for Barraduff Village, inclusive of extending footpaths, pedestrian crossings in the Village itself and upgrading the existing pedestrian crossing adjacent to the National School and the location of a raised table on the National Secondary Road.

Kerry County Council responded stating they are developing a feasibility report for the proposed works on the N72 within Barraduff Village for the TII. A developing design has been discussed and amendments recommended. When these are incorporated, the feasibility report will be formally

submitted to the TII for their approval. On receipt of this approval, KCC would then be in a position to proceed to the Statutory Process.

The TII has agreed for KCC to proceed with the provision of a footpath linking the entrance to the Stable Estate down to the Garda Station. Kerry County Council has agreement in principle with the OPW regarding the works at the Garda Station. Cllr Healy-Rae urged the council to finalise this agreement as soon as possible. Council engineers also outlined they will engage with other relevant landowners in the coming months. Subject to agreement with all stakeholders, the council propose to commence work in the latter half of 2025.

Cahill Welcomes €100,000 Annual Funding for Kerry Halloween Festivals

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has welcomed the announcement that Kerry County Council will receive up to €100,000 annually for the next three years as part of Failte Ireland's 'Ireland, Home of Halloween Strategy'. Kerry is one of five local authorities across Ireland to be awarded funding as part of a pilot initiative to promote Halloween festivals rooted in local culture, folklore, and community engagement.

The news was confirmed by Minister for Enterprise, Tourism, and Employment, Peter Burke, as part of a €1.5 million national investment aimed at developing unique Halloween festivals. Each participating local authority will receive up to

€100,000 annually, with the funding intended to help create a new season for Halloween celebrations that reflect the rich cultural heritage of the area.

Deputy Cahill, Fianna Fáil spokesperson on Tourism, says "I am delighted to see Kerry County Council receive this significant funding to bring our rich cultural heritage to the forefront of Halloween celebrations. The folklore of Kerry, particularly around Samhain and the Cailleach Chiarraí, is unique and full of mystery, and this funding will allow us to share these stories with both locals and visitors alike. It's an exciting opportunity to celebrate Kerry's heritage and engage our communities in a way that is both meaningful and fun."

"By embracing the deep-rooted traditions of Samhain, we can provide festivals that are both locally authentic and appealing to a global audience. This funding will not only enhance the tourism experience in Kerry but will also provide local businesses with an opportunity to grow, especially in the off-peak season" stated Deputy Cahill.

GORSE FIRES

A Kerry TD is calling for a new coordinated approach to the danger of Gorse Fires between the Fire Service, the Local Authority, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, to provide a comprehensive service to manage safely, the burning of gorse on farmland throughout the country.

"Year in, year out we have incidences of gorse burning that becomes extremely dangerous, threatening the lives and properties of nearby residents and if we don't do something about it, we will eventually have a major tragedy on our hands" stated Deputy Cahill.

"To date we have survived a number of near misses on this front, but eventually our luck will run out I feel. If a comprehensive Fire Management Service was developed and made available, I am sure landowners would avail of it. I raised the matter in the Dáil with the relevant Minister and while the ongoing situation is being monitored, I believe we need a more proactive approach" said the Rossbeigh man.

"Our Firefighters would be working in controlled conditions, the lives and properties of local residents would be protected and landowners would have gorse removed in an exact and controlled manner. In a modern world it makes a pile of sense" added Michael Cahill TD.









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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
8.30 PM	The Kerry Way, Glenflesk	9.15 PM	Griffins Bar , Castlemaine
9.00 PM	Spillane's Headford	9.45 PM	Anvil Bar, Boolteens
9:30 PM	Murphy's Bar, Barraduff	4th Friday	Kenmare & Sneem Area
10:00 PM	Sweeney's Bar, Barraduff	8.30 PM	The Roughty bar, Kenmare
1st Friday	Tuosist & Lauragh	9.30 PM	Riney's Bar, Sneem
9:30 PM	Sailors Bar, Killaha West	10.00 PM	Blackwater Tavern
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
8.30 PM	O'Connor's Bar, Knocknagoshel	8:30 PM	James Daly's Bar, Farranfore
9.00 PM	Walsh's Bar, Knocknagoshel	9:00 PM	Cunniffe's Bar, Currow
9:30 PM	Kate Pat's Bar, Brosna	10:00 PM	John Hendersons, Firies
9.45 PM	Sportsfield Bar, Brosna		

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Go forth and set the world on fire...

St. Brendan's College Celebrates It's Graduates



Pia Sha Alam, Rohan Saha, Ryan Ahmed, Ronan McCarthy and Sean Dennehy at the St Brendan's Class of 2025 Graduation Mass and Barbacue.



Evan Lemass, Padriag Doherty, Brian Hanafin and Roan Daly at the St Brendan's Class of 2025 Graduation Mass and Barbacue.





Adam O'Neill with his parents James and Tanya at the St Brendan's Class of 2025 Graduation Mass and Barbacue in St Brendan's College, Killarney.



Diarmuid Quirke, Ian Coffey, Harry Bolger, Cian Forde, Craig Leggett, Rory Clancy, and Liam Horgan at the St Brendan's Class of 2025 Graduation Mass and Barbacue in St Brendan's College, KIllarney.

Photos: Michelle Cooper Galvin



Diarmuid Quirke with his parents Darren and Kathleen, sister Emma, grandparents Pat and Patricia Ahern and John and May Quirke.



David O'Brien McSweeney with his Mother Lara.

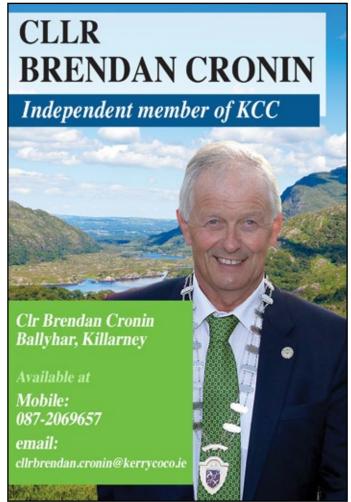


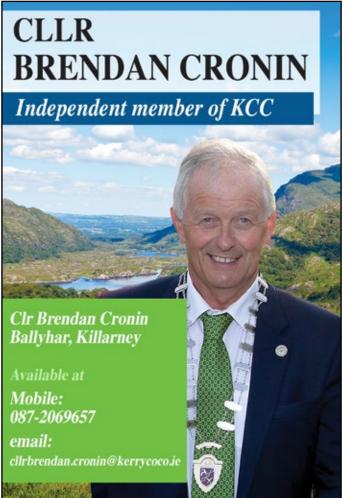




Josh Bowler with his parents John and Niamh.

Left; Gearoid Sugrue with his mother Sinead and grandmother Edna.









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Citroën C5X Drives Guest Experience at Gleneagle

Citroën C5X Drives Guest Experience at Gleneagle Picture shows, from left, Terence McCarthy - Gleneagle Group, Jimmy O'Sullivan - Sales Manager Billy Naughton Citroën Kerry, Billy Naughton – Billy Naughton Citroën Kerry, Patrick O'Donoghue – CEO Gleneagle Group.

Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Gleneagle has welcomed the arrival of a brandnew 2025 Citroën C5X, proudly sponsored by Billy Naughton Citroën Kerry.

The new Citroën C5X joins Gleneagle's fleet through its partnership with Billy Naughton Citroën Kerry, providing a stylish and dependable vehicle for transporting performers, VIPs and special guests.

"We're delighted to support Gleneagle once



again by sponsoring the 2025 Citroën C5X," said Jimmy O'Sullivan, Sales Manager at Billy Naughton Citroën Kerry. "It's a relationship built on mutual respect and shared values - quality, professionalism and community focus."

This marks the latest chapter in an ongoing partnership between the two Kerry-based businesses, one that continues to enhance the guest experience while also showcasing Citroën's flagship models to a wide audience.

Patrick O'Donoghue, CEO of Gleneagle,welcomed the arrival: "We're proud to continue our partnership with Billy Naughton Citroën Kerry. The new C5X is a great fit for our brand - stylish, dependable and a perfect representation of the high standards we set for everything we do."

The sponsorship highlights both companies' commitment to local collaboration, innovation and delivering quality at every level.

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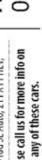
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GOLF NEWS

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB

MEN'S SECTION

RESULTS FROM ROUND 1 OF GOLFER OF THE YEAR, SPONSORED BY THE MEN'S CLUB

1st: Denis Scart O'Sullivan (5) 72 gross 67 nett 2nd: Martin Stackpoole (11) 80 gross 69 nett -Last 9 holes

3rd: Tom McCarthy (15) 84 gross 69 nett **CONGRATULATIONS** to John Doherty who scored a Hole in One on the 10th hole in last week's competition.

NEXT WEEK'S MEN'S COMPETITION will be an 18 Hole Stableford sponsored by Kare Plus.

LADIES' SECTION RESULTS

18 HOLE STROKE PLAY, ROUND 2 GOLFER OF THE YEAR, SPONSOR AGHADOE HEIGHTS.

1st: Noreen Kinsella (36) 105 Gross 69 nett 2nd: Marian Kerrisk (24) 94 Gross 70 nett 3rd: Stephanie Lane (29) 100 Gross 71 nett (last 9 holes)

CONGRATULATIONS to Karen Tess and Maura Kennedy on winning the Doubles Matchplay. **NEXT WEEK'S LADIES' COMPETITION will** be an 18 hole Stableford sponsored by Kerry Woollen Mills.



ON MAY 24TH AND 25TH WE HELD THE MAY MEDAL COMPETITION WHICH WAS **SPONSORED** BY **DONIE BRODERICK PLUMBING & HEATING.**

The winners were:-

1st: David Murphy 68 (20) 2nd: David MacIndoe 69 (4)

Best Gross: Michael J O'Connor 81 7)

Division 1

1st: Steven Broderick 73 9)

2nd: Aidan O'Connor 74 (8)

Division 2

1st: John Cuskelly 71 15)

2nd: Johnny Brosnan 73 (15)

Division 3

1st: Guttorm Baadsvick 74 (25)

2nd: John O'Driscoll 75 (25)

OUR THURSDAY MAY **22ND** SENIORS HELD A 10 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION.

The winners were :-1st: Mossie Cremin 23 pts 2nd: Ger Murphy 22pts 3rd: Donal Hayes 22 pts 4th: John Hurley 21 pts



The St Brendans College Killarney 1 team of Nathan Cronin, Ronan Bennett and Brian McCarthy pictured receiving the Munster and National Secondary Schools Pitch & Putt Cups following their win for the school in a fourth straight success overall for the Sem in St Bridgets, Kilcullen, Co Kildare last Friday.

THE BRUEN SHIELD COMPETITION

Our Ross GC team hosted Killarney GC in this competition on Saturday last . This was a very competitive match, played in poor weather conditions however after a titanic battle the Ross team claimed victory on a score 3-1.

FIXTURES

On Friday 29th our Friday evening mixed 10 hole scrambles will recommence.

Please get your name on the entry sheet before 5.30pm to enable us to be playing golf by 6pm. No Late entries allowed.

On Sun June 1st our President Betty Farrell we will hold her President's Prize with a stableford competition.

On Sunday evening at 8pm we will hold the President's Dinner and Prizegiving in the clubhouse. Tickets available from the clubhouse

KILLARNEY LEGION GAA GOLF CLASSIC

Killarney Legion Gaa Golf Classic held on Friday 23rd May, sponsored by Gleneagle Hotel & **Apartments**

RESULTS

1st: Team Brother 95pts (Back 9 52pts) Ciaran Kennedy, Jim Kennedy, Anthony O Mahony

2nd: Team Pat Kissane Decorators 95 pts (Back 9 45pts)

Maurice McCarthy, David O Sullivan, Maurice

3rd: Team McGuire and Liston 94pts

Finbarr Murphy, David O Sullivan, Darragh O Doherty

4th: Team O'Sullivan Pharmacy 92pts

Peter O Sullivan, Gary Vaughan, Ian Prendergast

Longest Drive: Kieran Cremin, Nearest the Pin: Bryan Griffin Sponsors Prize: Sean Kelly MEP

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

RESULTS OF 18 HOLE & 9 HOLE (CLUB SPONSORED) COMPETITION ON SATURDAY **24TH MAY**

Conditions were tough out there. Well done to everyone who played

18 Hole Results

1st: Jennifer Nash

2nd: Elaine Casey

3rd: Muireann Hayes

4th: Helen O'Donoghue

9 Hole Results

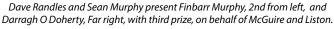
1st: Emir Coffey

COMPETITIONS

President Betty O'Farrell President's Prize Saturday May 31st.



Legion GAA Golf Classic





Legion GAA Golf Classic Peter O Leary accepts first prize in the Killarney Legion Golf Prize on behalf of the winning team "Brother"



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9 & 18 hole Single Stableford Competition Saturday 31st May. Enter via the BRS App. Must have a handicap to play. All Members welcome President Betty O'Farrell's Prizegiving Dinner The prize giving will be held at the President's Dinner on Sunday June 1st. Even if you don't play in the competition, you are very welcome to attend the dinner. The tickets for the dinner can be bought at the bar.

LADIES OPEN DAY

Mark your diaries we will be hosting a Ladies Open Day on Thursday 26th June. Booking is now available via the BRS App.

LADIES GET INTO GOLF

The Get into Golf is starting up again this season. Wednesday evenings June 4th to July 9th. Please Contact Breda on 087 4629501 for further information and booking.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

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

GOLF LESSONS

Gordon Howard is available to give golf lessons. Please contact Gordon directly in the Club House.

CASTLEROSSE GOLF CLUB (LADIES)

RESULTS OF THIS WEEK'S COMPETITION: 18 HOLE STABLEFORD

1st: Kay Malone

This week's 9 and 18 Stableford to be played over Friday and Saturday.

SOCIAL GOLF

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

MIXED SCRAMBLES

Mixed scrambles every Tuesday at 6pm. Visitors welcome.

GOLF LESSONS

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

KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB (LADIES)

18 HOLE AUSTRALIAN SPOONS GREENSOMES STABLEFORD KINDLY SPONSORED BY DONAGH HICKEY MOTORS, 24TH MAY 2025 ON MAHONY'S POINT

Winner: Annette McNeice & Marie O'Brien, (18) 45pts

Runner Up: Breda Duggan & Anita O'Sullivan, (30) 45pts

The Australian Spoons qualifying winning pair (net) Annette McNeice & Marie O'Brien and Best gross pair Tracy Eakin & Anne Moynihan will go forward to the next round competition in July at Ring of Kerry Golf Course.

CALOR GAS CORK GOLF CLUB EXCHANGE DAY ON 25TH MAY 2025

Winner: Ann Duggan & Moira Quinlan 2nd: Kathleen Brosnan & Noreen O'Callaghan NEXT FIXTURE will be President Pat Favier's Prize is on 1st June 2024 18 & 13Hole Stroke on Mahony's Point. Eileen Murphy Greensomes kindly sponsored by Safeguard Security on Mahony's Point 7th June 2024.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT

NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS COMPETITION

Well done to the team of Nathan Cronin, Brian McCarthy and Ronan Bennett on winning this event for St Brendans College for the fourth straight year in St Bridgets, Kilcullen, Co Kildare last Friday. Our thanks once again to the Sem for facilitating their participation in this event.

SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: John Murphy & Niall Loughlin 35½, Gross: John McGrath & Mike 'Seve' O'Leary 43, Second Nett: Sean O'Brien & Colm O'Dowd 36½ and Hole-In-One: Sean O'Brien (5th Hole). As it is a Bank Holiday Weekend coming there will be draws on both Sunday and Monday at the usual times of 9am

and 10.45am.

SUMMER SERIES

Winners of May 21st's event sponsored by the Flesk Restaurant- Mark O'Shea, James Foley & Thomas O'Sullivan 33 2/3, Second: Ger O'Connor, Niall O'Loughlin, Jean O'Shea & Gavin Madigan 34 1/3, Third: John McGrath, John Looney, Dan Kiely & Luke Looney. Hole-In-One: John Looney (13th Hole). Same again every Wednesday at 7pm.

U16 MEET AND GREET

We ask U16 members and their parents to keep the morning of June 7th free for a gathering with club members the same morning where there will be some coaching, some play and some food to begin the U16 season at the club. Further details next week.

NATIONAL MATCHPLAY

Best Wishes to our eight players involved in this weekend's finals in Erry and Tullamore. Damien Fleming is involved in one of the games of the First Round of the Senior Mens event in facing defending champion Ray Murphy of Cork in Saturday's very first match. In the Intermediate Mens event meanwhile Connie O'Sullivan Jnr is involved in the only all Kerry tie in facing Tralee's Roger Guthrie. Best Wishes and a safe journey also to John McGrath (Senior), Gearoid Cronin, Ger O'Connor and James Fleming (Intermediate) as well as both Eileen McCarthy and Jean O'Shea (Ladies Nett) in their respective First Round games.

CONGRATULATIONS To associate member Dermot Tuohy on winning the Limerick Masters event in Cill Na Mona, Co Clare last Saturday along with Connie O'Sullivan Jnr on winning the last Intermediate Final 18 prize in the Rocklodge Scratch Cup. Well done also to Ben Kelliher and Mark O'Carroll on their involvement in the Kerry Minors Munster Final win over Cork last week.

DEEPEST CONDOLENCES To former associate member Jason O'Regan and his family on the death of his father John 'Chizzy' last week in Tralee. May he Rest in Peace.

Last Saturday, Ukrainians from across County Kerry gathered in Killarney House & Gardens to take part in the Chestnut Run – For the Sake of Little Hearts, proudly continuing a beloved Kyiv tradition for the third year in a row on Irish soil. Over 20 participants joined the 5 km charity run, uniting around a common cause — raising funds for the Center for Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery in Ukraine, which provides life-saving care for children with congenital heart defects.

"The Chestnut Run is not just about charity, it's about connection," said Natalia Krasnekovych, the event's organizer. "We are very happy to be part of the local running community here in Killarney, and one day, we hope to welcome all our Irish friends to run with us in Kyiv, when peace returns to Ukraine."

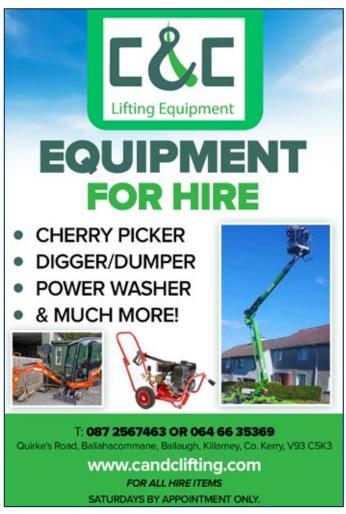
Natalia also expressed deep gratitude to Killarney Parkrun for their ongoing support and to the local Irish community for their warm welcome and solidarity with Ukrainians.

Originating in Kyiv to celebrate the city's Day during chestnut blossom season, the Chestnut Run has grown into an international movement. Now in its 32nd year, it continues to inspire compassion and unity across borders. Since 2012, the event has raised over \$800,000 and supported nearly 3,000 pediatric heart surgeries annually.

Ukrainian Community in Killarney Keeps Kyiv Tradition Alive with Third Annual Chestnut Run



Ukrainians from across County Kerry gathered in Killarney House & Gardens to take part in the Chestnut Run





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SOCCER NEWS 9

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

Killarney Athletic AFC launched its Annual 7 A Side Tournament recently.

We are delighted that Killarney Credit Union continue to be our sponsor for this Tournament. The underage competitions will take place as follows:

Boys U.12

Saturday, 14th June. Entry Fee €100 Girls U.12

aturday, 14th June. Entry Fee €100 Boys U.10

Sunday, 15th June. Entry Fee €100 Girls U.10.....Sunday

15th June. Entry Fee €100

Bovs U.14

Saturday, 21st June. Entry Fee €100

Girls U.14

.Saturday, 21st June. Entry Fee €100

Closing date for Underage Tournament is Friday 30th May 2025 @ 4.00pm

The Senior Competition will commence on Monday, 23rd June with games Monday to Friday for Senior Men, Senior Ladies, Over 35's and U.16's.

Entry Fee: Senior Men €200. Over 35's €200. Senior Ladies €150. U.16 €100

Closing Date for Senior Tournament is Friday, 6th June 2025 @ 4.00pm

Completed Application Forms to be returned to Killarney Credit Union or On-Line

Tournament Draw to take place on Monday, 9th JUNE 2025.

Application Forms for all Age groups are available from Killarney Credit Union (Beech Road, Killarney) and at www.killarneyathletic. com

Further information is available from www. killarneyathletic.com

U17S END THE SEASON WITH SILVERWARE

Killarney Athletic 5 - 1 Castleisland

Leo Allen x2 Dara O Sullivan x 1 Brian McCarthy x 1 Ryan Kissane x1

Our U17 team capped off a strong season in style, securing a well-deserved league final victory. They faced familiar opponents in Castleisland, with whom they had shared some tightly contested battles throughout the season.

We went into halftime with a 1-0 lead after Leo Allen calmly converted a penalty he earned



himself following a foul inside the box. In the second half, the team found their rhythm. Dara O'Sullivan and Leo struck again to extend the lead to 3-0—just reward for the attacking pressure and hard work up front.

Substitutes Brian McCarthy and Ryan Kissane made an immediate impact, both finishing well to underline the depth and quality in the squad. At the back, Jaden Hurley, Finan Blackwell, Kalen Browne, and Donnacha Vaughan stood firm, neutralising most of Castleisland's attacking threats.

Midfielders Evan Doona, Bryan O'Connor, and Jake Nash put in tireless shifts, protecting the back line and driving the team forward to create scoring opportunities.

A great team performance to round off a fantastic season—well done to all involved!

BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

No.s 5, 7, 9, 21. No winner of the Jackpot. 5 x €25: Gregory Breen, Firies. Amy OSullivan, Ballyhar. Bridie Grady, Ballyhar. Roy Barton, Farranfore & Maidhc Finnegan, Ballyhar.Next draw for a Jackpot of €2,400 will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 2nd June at Henderson's Bar, Firies. Tickets available from Committee Members, Sheehans Filling station, Farranfore, Spar & Hendersons Shops & Butlers Bar, Firies. **TEAMS**

The club u10s & u11s squads had a win & a loss in recent finals V MEK FC & Fenit Samphires held at Killarney Celtic grounds. Thanks to the players, their parents & coaches for their commitment over the season.

The Club U15 B squad contested the Healy family Trophy final on Friday last where they lost out to Inter Kenmare on a 0-4 scoreline.It was a great achievement to reach the final & the squad put in a big effort on the night. All played well with Alex Kelly excellent in goal with Nico Neumann, Pau Olivera, Peter O Callaghan, Eoin Cremin, Nathan O Brien & Daniel Ryan putting in big performances. Thanks to the players for their commitment over the season & to Coaches John, Stephen & Peter for their management.

The u15 A squad are away to Killarney Celtic in the Healy Family Cup semi final. Best of luck to the squad & management.

The Club Youth squad were defeated 2-5 at Mounthawk Park, Tralee against Inter Kenmare FC in the Kerry District League Division 1 Youth Shield Final. Ballyhar started off very well but were 0-2 down coming into half time. Shane Doolan made it 1-2 at the break following good approach work from Luke Courtney. Doolan added a second mid way through the second half to keep the pressure on the winners. Ballyhar played well on the day with Charles O Doherty, Sean O Sullivan, Eoin Walshe, Tony Daly, Jack O Donoghue, Cian Brennan, Shane Doolan, Luke Courtney, Gerard Long & David Burke playing well for the club. Thanks to the players & management of John & Tony for their commitment over the season.



Killarnev Celtic Senior Women Charleville Cheese League Winners



Ballyhar Dynamos FC youth squad who were defeated by Inter Kenmare in the Division 1 KDL youth shield final.







SOCCER NEWS

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CADBURY KICK FIT IS COMING TO KILLARNEY CELTIC

Ladies, try something new, join up, meet new people. It's only 1 hour per week from 7pm-8pm. Start date is Wednesday May 28th and the programme continues on the following Wednesdays.

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 8,15,19,20. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €50. Next jackpot €15,000 on Monday June 2nd. Jackpot is capped at €15,000 with the additional €200 going on to the 1st jackpot after the next jackpot win. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

KILLARNEY CELTIC SUMMER CAMPS

Week 1 is from Monday June 30th - Friday July 4th. Week 2 is from Monday July 14th - Friday July 18th. Bookings through Clubzap Clubs App.

THANK YOU to all who supported our Street Collection last weekend. Thank you to all our volunteers, parents, coaches and players who collected on the day.

CHARLEVILLE CHEESE PREMIER A

Castleisland AFC 0-1 Killarney Celtic Cillian Coffey

A goal in the 75th minute by Cillian Coffey was enough to secure a win in Castleisland last Friday night. Celtic now look forward to their last Premier A game before focussing on the league final.

U16 PREMIER

Mastergeeha 1-0 Killarney Celtic

In a tight game Celtic just came up short against Mastergeeha. Conditions made it hard for both sides to gain a foothold. Celtic were unable to use the wind to gain the advantage in the 1st half and it was Mastergeeha who struck for the only goal in the 2nd half.

U14 TOM HAYES SHIELD SEMI FINAL

Dingle Bay Rovers 5-3 Killarney Celtic

Eoin Murphy, Jace Flynn, James Brosnan Celtic B bowed out of the Tom Hayes Shield after a valiant effort away to Dingle. Celtic led before Dingle gained control to lead 3-1. Celtic fought back to level but Dingle came again to close out the game.

U12 JOHN MURPHY CUP SEMI FINAL

St Brendan's Park 4-1 Killarney Celtic

Jamie Downina

Celtic lost out to league winner St Brendan's

Park in this semi final with 2 late goals giving a scoreline which does not reflect the Celtic effort on the day.

CHARLEVILLE CHEESE WOMEN'S LEAGUE FINAL

Killarney Celtic 3-0 Inter Kenmare

Katie Doe, Ciara Forde, Abbie Finnan

Killarney Celtic completed a double at senior level when they captured the Charleville Cheese Women's League Final last weekend. Celtic had the benefit of the wind in the 1st half and they hit the front after 15 mins when Katie Doe broke through on the left hand side and finished to the net. 1-0 at half time. Celtic went 2 up when good passing set Ali Bowler free and though the keeper saved her shot, the rebound fell to Ciara Forde who netted. Celtic sealed the win when Abbie Finnan shot home after good approach play. Well done to the players and coaches on a fine season.

U16 LOL O'LEARY CUP FINAL

Killarney Celtic 1-0 St Brendan's Park

Michelle O'Connor

After a fine contest Killarney Celtic retained the LOL O'Leary Cup thanks to a late winner from Michelle O'Connor. The game looked to be heading for extra time when Celtic were awarded a free kick just outside the box. Up stepped Michelle O'Connor who shot to the net WELL DONE to Rowan Murphy U12 who made the KSBGL Team of the Week and to Tara Cronin U16 and Olga Kumor U13 who made the Girls Roll of Honour.

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GIRLS

MASTERGEEHA THROUGH TO DOMINIC SCANLON CUP LAST FOUR

Mastergeeha booked their place in the semifinals of the U12 Girls Dominic Scanlon Cup with a hard-fought 1-0 win over MEK. Gracie Maher was the match-winner, finding the net with a composed finish in a tight and competitive encounter. Both sides showed great determination, but it was Mastergeeha who edged it to keep their cup hopes alive. Geeha faced Castleisland in the semi-final on Monday.

KENMARE BOOK SHIELD FINAL APPEARANCE



Killarney Athletic U12 John Murphy Shield

Inter Kenmare A advanced to the final of the U12 Girls Dominic Scanlon Shield with an impressive 3-0 victory over Tralee Dynamos. Goals from Ava McCarthy, Fallon O'Shea, and Lily Noonan Murphy sealed the win in a clinical display. Inter Kenmare controlled proceedings from the start and took their chances well to book a deserved place in the final.

CELTIC CROWNED U13 PREMIER CHAMPIONS

Killarney Celtic clinched the U13 Girls Premier Division title in style with a 2-0 win over Mastergeeha in the championship play-off. Olga Kumor was the difference on the day, bagging both goals in a composed and clinical display. Celtic controlled much of the contest and defended solidly when required, ensuring they finished the season on top and lifted the league trophy.

CAMP WIN FIVE GOAL THRILLER ON THE ROAD

Camp Juniors edged a five-goal thriller against Fenit in the U13 Girls Division 1, with Ruth Kiely grabbing a brace and Aislinn Clifford also on target in a hard-fought 3-2 victory. Fenit gave a strong account of themselves, finding the net through Fiadh McElligott and Hannah Barrett-Neziri, but Camp's attacking threat proved just too sharp on the day.

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CUP GLORY

Killarney Celtic claimed the U16 Girls LOL O'Leary Cup with a narrow but hard-earned 1-0 win over St. Brendan's Park in a tense final. The decisive moment came courtesy of Michelle O'Connor, whose composed finish separated the sides. Celtic showed great composure and defensive discipline to hold onto their lead to claim the silverware on offer.

BOYS

DINGLE CLOSE IN ON U12 BOYS DIVISION 2 NORTH TITLE

A win for Dingle next weekend would crown them U12 Division 2 Champions, as they sit just a point behind LB Rovers after the weekend's events. Castleisland C stand in their way next weekend, a draw would force a play-off.

Leaders LB Rovers A edged out Ardfert in a thrilling 3-2 away win. Tadhg O'Rourke Stack was the standout performer, netting a superb hat-trick for the visitors. Ardfert fought hard and were rewarded with goals from Fionn McGrath and Ciaron Sheehy, but ultimately came up short.

Dingle B claimed all three points with 3-0 win away to Listowel Celtic C. Billy Kavanagh bagged a brace, while Joey O'Connor also found the net to complete a strong team performance for the West Kerry side.

Elsewhere, Listowel Celtic C secured a 3-2 win over Park D. Goals from Aaron Keane, Jack O'Connor, and Luke Dennehy proved just enough to see off a determined Park outfit.

FINALISTS CONFIRMED IN 12'S JOHNMURPHY CUP

The John Murphy Cup nears its conclusion, quarter final and semi action was on the agenda in the last week, with dramatic extra-time wins and standout individual performances, setting the scene for a final between Inter Kenmare and St Brendan's Park.

In the quarter-finals, Killarney Celtic A edged past Listowel Celtic A in a tense 1-0 away win, thanks to a well-taken goal from Rowan Murphy.

Meanwhile, Inter Kenmare A advanced after a thrilling extra-time encounter with Dingle A, eventually triumphing 4-3. Alasdair Sullivan and Timmy Sullivan each chipped in with a goal, while Shay O'Connor netted twice to seal the win for the Kenmare side.

In the semi-finals, Inter Kenmare A continued their fine run with a 4-2 victory over Killarney Athletic A. Shay O'Connor starred again with a superb hat-trick, supported by a goal from Conor Casey, as they booked their place in the final.

Joining them will be St. Brendan's Park A, who delivered an impressive 4-1 win over Killarney Celtic A. Tadhg Gilligan was in top form with a clinical hat-trick, and Michael Broughton added a fourth to cap off a strong team performance. Josh Buckley scored the sole goal for Killarney Celtic.

ATHLETIC SECURE SHIELD FINAL PASSAGE

Killarney Athletic B booked their place in the final of the John Murphy Shield after a narrow but well-earned 2-1 win over Ardfert in the semi-finals.

Jakub Slowakiewiz and William Sjorgen got on the scoresheet for Athletic, who held firm



Gaynor Cup Squad: St Brendan's Park: Arina Sucari, Alannah Crossan, Eabha Maguire (Captain), Eve McEvoy, Laura Heaphy. Nessa Kirby

MEK Galaxy: Ava Harty, Alannah Daly, Grace Ryan, Grace Barry (Vice-Captain), Isabelle O'Connor Killarney Athletic: Esme O'Sullivan, Ella Crowley, Lillian Slattery, Sheolagh Daly (GK),

Inter Kenmare: Alice O'Connor, Niamh Healy

Camp Juniors: Orlaith Flynn Tralee Dynamos: Caoimhe Daly (GK) LB Rovers: Eilidh Cregan

against a spirited Ardfert side with Dean Power on target for the visitors. The win caps off a strong campaign for Athletic B, who will now look to finish their season on a high in the upcoming Shield final.

CLINICAL PARK ADVANCE TO TROPHY DECIDER

St. Brendan's Park B advanced to the final of the U12 Boys John Murphy Trophy with a commanding 4-0 win over Ferry Rangers.

Park produced a well-rounded team performance, with goals coming from Cody McKenna, JJ Whyte, Oisin Murphy, and Shakir Jahan.

IVERAGH PREVAIL IN LEAGUE AND JOHN JOE NAUGHTON SEMI FINAL DOUBLE UP

Iveragh A booked their place in the final of the John Joe Naughton U13 Boys Cup with an emphatic 5-1 win over Listowel Celtic A.

Iveragh impressed in all areas of the pitch, with Niall O'Connor leading the charge with a brace. Kevin Foster, Ollie O'Sullivan, and Cillian O'Connor also found the net in a confident team display.

PARK ON THE DOUBLE IN TOM HAYES CUP

Park began and ended their week with wins in the U14 Boys Tom Hayes Cup, the latter a quarter final success on home soil.

Last Monday Park A secured a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Camp A in the opening round of the Tom Hayes Cup. Goals from Kian Cronin and Cameron Patterson proved decisive. A quick turnaround was needed for the challenge of Castleisland on Saturday.

Park continued their impressive run in the Tom Hayes Cup with a clinical 4-0 win against Castleisland A in the quarter-final. Kian Cronin was once again on target with a brace, supported by goals from Rory O'Connor and Blake Bowler, securing victory and a place in the semi-finals.

ATHLETIC THROUGH TO TOM HAYES CUP

FINAL

In a tightly contested Tom Hayes Cup semifinal, Killarney Athletic A edged out local rivals Killarney Celtic A with a narrow 2-1 victory. Sheá Driver and Robert Murphy scored for Athletic, while Cillian Scannell netted the lone goal for Killarney Celtic.

MASTERGEEHAN AND DINGLE ADVANCE TO SHIELD FINAL

In the Tom Hayes Shield semi-finals, Mastergeeha A powered past Listowel Celtic C with a convincing 5-1 win. Diarmuid O'Carroll was on target twice, supported by goals from Conor Gallivan, David O'Mahony, and Nathan Herlihy

Dingle A awaits them in the final, as they secured a thrilling 5-3 victory over Killarney Celtic B. Maksym Kortkov scored twice for Dingle, with additional goals from Tommy Ferris, Davyd Nimsteva, and Oisin Madeley. For Killarney Celtic, Eoin Murphy, Jace Flynn, and James Brosnan found the net.

O'REGAN THE HERO AS PARK DEFEAT TRALEE DYNAMOS ON PENALTIES

In a tightly contested Tom Hayes Trophy semifinal, Park C held Tralee Dynamos to a 1-1 draw in regular time, with Corey Kinsella scoring for Park. The match went to penalties, where Park prevailed 3-1 thanks to successful spot-kicks from Oscar Curran, Conor McCannon, and Wayne Moyo. Park's goalkeeper Oran O'Regan was the hero of the shootout, saving two penalties to secure victory. They meet Listowel Celtic B in the decider.

KENMARE CROWNED HEALY FAMILY TROPHY CHAMPIONS

Inter Kenmare were crowned U15 Boys Healy Family Trophy Champions, as they delivered a commanding performance with a 4-0 victory over Ballyhar B. Goals from Dean O'Connor, Noah Gaughan, Rian O'Connor, and Ben Leonard secured the silverware.



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KERRY WIN IN DRAMATIC FASHION

By Anthony Newman

Kerry 2-6 Waterford 0-10

Kerry retained their TG4 Munster Senior Football Championship title in dramatic fashion at Mallow on Sunday.

For long periods of the game Waterford were in front and looked like running out winners, but a late goal from Mary O'Connell was the difference between the sides in the end.

That came after their first goal in the 52nd minute which reduced the margin to only a point between the sides.

But the experience of the title holders got them through this tough test as they retain the cup after a top class game.

Kellyann Hogan opened the scoring for Waterford with Caoimhe Evans replying for Kerry.

Kerry took the lead four minutes in when Niamh Carmody scored from distance despite playing against the strong wind.

Some good play, between Hogan and Karen McGrath set up Lauren McGregor to equalise for Waterford.

A blistering run from Hannah Power saw her play Clare Walsh in as the Deise went in front after nine minutes.

Using the wind in their favour they went further ahead when Brid McMaugh scored, to make it 0-4 to 0-2 after 10 minutes.

That became a three point lead when another great run, this time from McGregor, saw her split the posts.

Danielle O'Leary kept Kerry in touch when she pointed, as her side trailed by 0-5 to 0-3 after 22 minutes.

Hogan, who was dominating at midfield, got her second of the tie and she added another to make it 0-7 to 0-3 with four minutes to half

A free from Hogan put four between the sides before Anna Galvin scored to make it 0-8 to 0-5 at half time and all to play for in the second half. O'Shea got the first point of the second half to reduce the deficit as Kerry were now playing with the wind advantage.

Katie Murry kept Waterford's running game going and it resulted in a fine point from Karen McGrath as Kerry were finding it difficult to deal

McGregor was on target again, as despite playing against the wind, Waterford were still much the better side, now leading by double scores, 0-10 to 0-6.

But from a Waterford wide Niamh Ní Chonchúir caught a brilliant ball in midfield, turned and took on the Waterford defence.

Her pass found O'Leary and she blasted to the back of the net, to make it 1-6 to 0-10 and it was

With two minutes to go Kerry took the lead when Mary O'Connell pounced on a short Waterford kickout to score their second goal to make it 2-6 to 0-10.

Despite the best efforts of Waterford, the champions held out for the win as both move on to the All-Ireland series in a weeks.

In that Kerry will face Mayo and Cork, as Waterford will be pitted against Dublin and

Scorers for Kerry: D O'Leary 1-1, M O'Connell 1-0, S O'Shea 0-2 (2f), C Evans, N Carmody, A Galvin 0-1 each.

Waterford: K Hogan 0-4 (2f), L McGregor 0-3, B McMaugh, C Walsh, K McGrath 0-1 each.



KERRY: ME Bolger; E Lynch, D Kearney, F O'Donoghue; A O'Connell, E Costello, A Dillane; M O'Connell, A Galvin; N Carmody, N Ní Chonchúir, C Evans; D O'Leary, R Dwyer, S O'Shea. Subs: C Lynch for A Dillane (7 bs), K Brosnan for R Dwyer (43), C Lynch for E Costello (46), R Rahilly for A Dillane (52), N Broderick for C Evans (60).

WATERFORD: K Gardiner; K McGrath, R Casey, C Murray; E Murray, E Power, A Murray; H Power, K Hogan; Á O'Neill, K Murray, B McMaugh; C Fennell, C Walsh, L McGregor. Sub: M Ryan for A Murray (45).

Referee: Conor McCarthy (Cork).



The Kerry Ladies Senior Football team who won the TG4 Munster SFC final. Photos: Munster LGFA



Billy Breen, Ballyspillane, Killarney celebrating his 18th Birthday at the Old Killarney Inn Aghadoe.



Billy Breen, Ballyspillane, Killarney celebrating his 18th Birthday with his family at the Old Killarney Inn Aghadoe. Billy recently graduated from St. Brendan's College is is pursuing a career in Carpentry with an apprenticeship at MTU Tralee.



The Kerry Parents and Friends Biddy Group was formed 30 years ago, we fundraise by going around Kerry, Cork and parts of Limerick, we travel to pubs, parties, bingo and even weddings on a mini bus provided by Kerry parents and friends and all money raised goes to them directly, we dance sing, and tell stories, we would like to thank everyone who has donated to this worthy cause and also thank those who have opened their doors and received the biddy group with open arms. Photo: Seamus Healy



Michael Jacobi, GM of the Hayfield Collection and Johnny McGuire, Tidy Towns volunteer pictured with staff from the Great Southern Hotel who volunteered to help with this years campaign by painting on the Railway Road. Great Southern Hotel staff lead the way. Killarney Tidy Towns committee would live to hear from other business or groups who would like to participate in a one off project. Ní neart go chuir le chéile



Kerry hoteliers attending the Irish Hotels Federation's recent People Day 2025 Conference. Focusing on career development, people-empowerment, staff retention, leadership, inclusivity and more, the conference is part of the IHF's Shaping Brighter Futures programme supporting the continued development of attractive and rewarding workplaces for team members and future leaders to grow and thrive throughout their career within the hotels sector.

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Pictured L-R: Hayden Coffey (Cahernane House); Chloe O'Connor (ODR Collection); Eilis Loughrey (Gleneagle Group); Caroline Doherty (Dromhall Hotel; Shelly Steadman (Randles Hotel); Laura Daly (Dromhall Hotel); Madina Zikare (Muckross Park Hotel); Michael Magner, IHF National President; Ann O'Leary (Gleneagle Group); Susan Kelly (The Rose Hotel); Makar Palii (Cahernane House); Sylwia Godzik (Gleneagle Group) and Brona Finnegan (ODR Collection). Photo: Joe Conroy

Nancy O'Riordan celebrating her First Holy Communion with her parents Conor and Aideen, her brother Leo and sisters Connie, Rose and Matilda.





JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY takes a look at all things sport...

MCDONAGH CUP

Westmeath 2-28 Kerry 1-14

And so it ends. Not with a bang, but with a whimper. Until last Saturday, Kerry were the only team to play continuously in the Joe Mc-Donagh Cup since its founding in 2018. Those lower tier cups were one of thebest moves the GAA ever made to promote hurling. Previously hurling silverware was reserved for an elite group – Kilkenny, Cork, Wexford, Tipperary, occasionally Galway. The likes of Limerick, Offaly, and later Clare made breakthroughs, but didn't dine consistently over the years at the top table.

Kerry? Strong in pockets – North Kerry, obviously, but the likes of Kenmare, Kilgarvan, Dr. Crokes, and St. Pats had some great players down the years as well. But to suggest that Kerry had anything like the depth in hurling that they had in football? You would have been locked up for your own safety. For most of my time, Kerry were either a dominant team in Divison Two of the National League, or complete whipping boys in Division One. There was an obvious lacuna in standard between the two.

The Christy Ring was erfect for that gap. Kerry could- and did – aim for it and got great games. We lost the final in 2010, but came back in 2011, Mikey Boyle raising the cup for Kerry. There wasa famous photo of the great dual player from Ardfert, John Egan, with his young son in tears. A year later, the youg lad and his father ave he Cristy Ring Cup and floods of smiles. Brilliant photography by Krry Kennelly that perfectly captures the moment. Fionán has turned into a great dual player in his own right since. In 2015 we won it again. John 'Tweek' Griffin, one of our greatest hurlers ever, lifted the cup.

In 2018, we entered the new Joe McDonagh competition, named for the former Uachtaráin from Galway - his rendition of 'The West's Awake' at the 1980 All Ireland Final remains an iconic moment. We never won it - three times we reached the final and staged great comebacks after slow starts - on each occasion, we had left ourselves a fraction too much to do. Last Saturday in Austin Stack Park, that chapter of our history came to an end. I still had a little bit of hope heading over. I don't know. The league didn't go great for us. For one thing, we were simply missing too many players. We all knew that we would be finihsing closer to the nadir than the zenith of the McDonagh Cup, but I still thought that we would have enough to survive. Especially after hat hard-fought and

seemingly precious win over Kildare in our opening game. We weren't ging to take Carlow or Laois barring miracles. But the likes of Down, maybe Westmeath? One win would have seen us safe.

Look, in the end I don't think it was the Wesmeath game that really finished us, it merely dotted the 'i' and crossed the 't' on the paperwork. The Down game was the fatal one. Down at home is a different proposition to Down away.

You can argue – and some people will – that we were missing Oisín Maunsell, Shane Conway, Daniel Collins, Eric Leane, Ronan Walsh....look, we should have enough cover. Last year's County Hurling Championship, apart from the utterly meaningless group games early on (no elimination meant no jeopardy) was an absolute cracker. But we all now that there are good club hurlers that have no interest in committing to represent Kerry.

Another problem is that almost every hurler in Kerry is a dual player. At the moment you have County Hurling League, County Footbal League, and U20 Football Championship. The Kerry hurlers want players to commit to their cause exclusively; a lot of players (and no club really) wants them to do so. I'm not criticising anybody in that. I don't see any solution to that problem. You can't run the U20 Football Chamionship, at inter-county or club, at a time when clubs are entitled to have their full complement of players for U20 Championship. One code is prioristised in Kerry, and it's not the small ball. That's just a basic reality.

The game itself? I'm not doing a full report. It was miserable. Jaysus, but our few weeks of summer turned to winter very fast and very hard. Killian Doyle and Kevin Goulding exchanged eary scores. Doyle added a free. Pter Clarke set Niall O'Brien up for a goal from close range – nothing Louis Dee could have done about it. Did David Williams get a small touch on it to divert it past the defence? I'm not sure, nor does it really matter. 1-3 to 0-1.

A lively Luke Rochford won a free but Pádrai Boyle missed – that's not a sentence I've said too often since the youngest of the Boyle brothers was fifteen years old. Shane Nolan, his long-time comrade in arms, hit a great score.

Two wides by Killian Doyle but then Kevin Regan split the posts. David Williams added another.

A lifeline. Rochford cut in and fired home a great individual goal. 1-5 to 1-2, Kerry back in the game. Paudie O'Connor set up Killian Hayes for a point.

It sparked one side. Unfortunately, not the one that we wanted. Westmeath promptly reeled off a whopping nine points on the trot, five of them from Killian Doyle.

A great run by Kyle O'Connor saw Pádraig Boyle point from play and he added a point from play. Doyle had the last say of the first half, though,

to leave it 1-16 to 1-5 at the break.

A lad near me was saying during the break that Kerry needed a strong start to the second half. I didn't say anything, but honestly I thought there was a better chance of the cold and bitter rain that was falling suddenly turning into champagne.

Westmeath: Ciarán O'Brien, Conor Gaffney, Tommy Doyle, Gary Greville, Eoin Keyes, Robbie Greville, David Hickey, Kevin Regan (0-1), Eamon Cunneen, David O'Reilly (1-6), David Williams (0-2), Mark Cunningham (0-1), Peter Clarke (0-2), Niall O'Brien (1-1), Killian Doyle (0-15, 8f, 1'65). Subs: Aaron Craig (for David Hickey, 49 mins), Niall Mitchell (for Mark Cunningham, 56), Joseph Boyle (for Niall O'Brien, 46 mins), Rory Keyes (for Eoin Keyes, 62 mins), Oisín Loughlin (for Conor Gaffney, 66 mins).

Kerry: Louis Dee, Kyle O'Connor, Flor McCarthy, Dara Kearney, Darragh Shanahan, Kevin Goulding (0-1), Daithí Griffin, Paudie O'Connor, Killian Hayes (0-1), Tom Doyle, Luke Rochford (1-0), Daniel Casey, Niall Mulcahy (0-1), Pádraig Boyle (0-6, 5f), Shane Nolan (0-1) Subs: Luke Crowley 0-1 (for Daniel Casey, half-time), Seamie Foran 0-1 (for Dara Keaney, 51 mins), Tomás Godley 0-2 (for Flor McCarthy, 57 mins), Seán McGrath (for Luke Rochford, 57 mins), Jeaic McKenna (for Darragh Shanahan, 62 mins).

Referee: Niall Malone (Clare)

MUNSTER LADIES FINAL

Kerry 2-6 Waterford 0-10

We were lucky enough. In fact, I think Waterford would be justified in saying that we were even a bit luckier than that. In my opinon, Waterford outplayed us for an awful lot of that game. But in the finish, they just didn't outscore us, and that's the bottm line. In life, as in the boardgame monopoly, moral victories are worth almost as much as a cast-iron guarantee from Donald Trump. Kerry are Munster champions, and Waterford arestill waiting to grasp a cup they last lifted in 2002. They have never come closer in the interim than in this final.

Waterford came at Kerry right from the off. Aishling O'Connell and Eilís Lynch did well to stave off the pressure but in the end Kellyann Hogan opened the scoring with a hnady enough free. Rachel Dwyer did very well to spot Caoimhe Evans in a well-worked move and Caoimhe slotted over. Emma Murray was denied by a great defensive block and a break by Aishling O'Connell ended in a Niamh carmody score. Kerry in front by 0-2 to 0-1.

Waterford were still driving forward, though, and while Kerry's individual defenders were doing well, they didn't seem to be combining

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with their usual fluency. Just an off day – or had Waterford spotted and exploited a slight weakness in our game? We'll get an answer over the next couple of games.

Emma Murray sliced us open with a fantastic run and laid off to Lauren McGregor for the finish. Clare Walsh coolly picked off another. Bríd McMaugh blasted a shot over the crossbar. That was a real goal chance and I think it was the goal she was aiming at, too. Lauren McGregor made it 0-5 to 0-2, and it didn't flatter an excellent Waterford in any way.

Anna Galvin and caoimhe Evans combined to set up Danielle O'Leary for a point, but Kellyann Hogan promptly replied with two. Siofra O'Shea pointed a free for Kerry, only for Kellyann Hogan to reply in kind. In the dying seconds of a first half that Kerry will not have been happy with, Cáit Lynch got a rare chance to drive forward, usually one of the strengths of her game, and set up Anna Galvin for a score.

Half-time Waterford 0-8 Kerry 0-5.

Only three points in it? Kerry would have that strong wind in the second half. I felt confident enough. Kerry would surely be more assured after the break, and Waterford could hardly expect to maintain that breakneck speed, could they?

There have been some famously bad predictions. Just to cite a few example - "I predict the internet will soon go spectacularly supernova and in 1996 catastrophically collapse" dotcom entrepeneur Robert Metcalfe in 1995.

"Television won't be able to hold on to any market it captures after the first six months. People will soon get tired of staring at a plywood box every night." Hollywood producer Darryl Zanuck in 1946. Mind you, "The cinema is little more than a fad. It's canned drama. What audiences really want to see is flesh and blood on the stage." Charlie Chaplin, 1916.

My all-time favourite. General John Sedgewick during the American Civil War. "They couldn't hit an elephant at that dist-" Want to guess why he couldn't finish the sentence? Yup. Confederate sniper.

""I feel confident enough at half-time" Jimmy Darcy, 2025

Kerry did, in fact, open the second half scoring, Mary O'Connell winning a free for Siofra O'Shea.0-8 to 0-6. Except that back came Waterford, with that same intensityand purpose. They put together a fantastic move finished off by Katie McGrath – ostensibly a corner back, she was a driving force around the middle. That one could have gone under the crossbar rather than over it as well. Lauren McGregor, as unspectacularly efficient as always, made it 0-10 to 0-6. We were only clinging on by our fingernails.

And then just a little bit of magic from the reigning All Ireland and League champions. Niamh ni Chonchúir showed great vision to spot a great little dart by Danielle O'Leary and picked her out perfectly. One on one with the keeper.....Danielle did what she always does. Kerry were just a point down now and pushing. Niamh Carmody won a free but a great effort from Danielle hit the post and fell the wrong

Back came Waterford, but Anna Galvin got a great tackle in on Bríd McMaugh. I thought the Kerry midfielders and Caoimhe Evans were Kerry's best players on the day.

Sixty minutes played. Injury time now. Waterford a point up and Waterford with the kick-out.

There are moments where even deities become whimsical. Mary O'Connell read the short kick-out perfectly and timed her burst and intercept to absolute perfection. At close range, she finished neatly and the ball ended up in the Waterford net....and the Munster Cup ended up in Kerry's hands. Cruel on Waterford, I don't think anyone in Kerry would deny that. And everyone wll also acknowledge that Kerry definitely have more work to do. We will be facing Mayo and Cork in the group stage of the All Ireland Championship, and you can guarantee that both of them will take a lot of lessons out of watching this game. But, look, we spent long enough without any silverware; let's not forget to celebrate this one in the rush to move on.

Kerry: Mary Ellen Bolger, Eilís Lynch, Deirdre Kearney, Fay O'Donoghue, Aishling O'Connell, Emma Costello, Aoife Dillane, Mary O'Connell (1-0), Anna Galvin (0-1), Niamh Carmody (0-1), Niamh Ní Chonchúir, Caoimhe Evans (0-1), Danielle O'Leary (1-1), Rachel Dwyer, Siofra O'Shea (0-2, 2f). Subs: Cáit Lynch (for Aoife Dillane, bs, 7 mins - half-time), Katie Brosnan (for Rachel Dwyer, 43 mins), Cáit Lynch (for Emma Costello, 46 mins), Roisín Rahilly (for Aoife Dillane, 52 mins), Niamh Broderick (for Caoimhe Evans, 60 mins).

Waterford: Katelyn Gardiner, Katie McGrath (0-1), Rebecca Casey, Cora Murray, Emma Murray, Eve Power, Aoife Murray, Hannah Power, Kellyann Hogan (0-4, 2f), Áine O'Neill, Katie Murray, Bríd McMaugh (0-1), Chloe Fennell, Clare Walsh (0-1), Lauren McGregor (0-3). Sub: Maeve Ryan (for Aoife Murray, 45 mins).

Referee: Conor McCarthy (Cork)

COMFORTABLE WIN FOR KERRY MINORS – TOO COMFORTABLE? Munster Minor Final

Kerry 0-18 Cork 0-9

Given that Kerry had already beaten Cork well earlier on and Cork themselves had lived on a little bit on luck to get past Tipperary, no-one on either side had any questions about the favourites tag. And the truth, the cold hard truth of it, was that the game never really rose outside of those expected confines.

Cork had the benefit of the strong breeze in Austin Stack Park but it was Kerry who drew first blood, Danny Murphy clipping over very well-worked point. Ben Kelliher drew a foul and converted to double the advantage.

Eoin Maguire got Cork off the mark with a short-range free. I have no idea why it was given – it looked like a perfectly good turnover by Tadhg Ó Slatara to me, but in fairness the referee was an awful lot closer than I was to the play. Ben Corkery Delaney had impressed on the last outing against Kerry and he drew the sides level with a great score.

Kerry were getting on top, though, particularly with some very good technical tackling. Gearóid White nudged us in front after Nick Lacey was fouled. Tom Whooley replied, but a foul on Ben Kelliher saw Gearóid double his tally and Ben pointed from play himself. 0-5 to 0-3. Cork were putting up a decent battle - I was very impressed with Ronan Hayes around the middle - but they were missing too many good chances. They were unlucky when Ben Corkery Delaney's two-point free effort tailed off wide and then when the same player slalomed through but was denied by a great save by Ruairí Kennedy and the loose ball somehow scrambled clear by David Sargent for Kerry. Good defending, but any team wanting to win really has to take something out of

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opportunities like that.

Alex Touhy was really standing out in the trenches and Kerry's half back line were doing well. Mark O'Carroll was standing up to be counted as well and scored a beauty. Eoin Maguire replied but Kevin Griffin kicked two late points for Kerry and Gearóid White was only denied a goal chance by a great diving block from Eoin Looney. Great defending. But when Kerry ahead by 0-8 to 0-4 at the break after playing against the wind, the warning lights were already flashing for Cork.

Ben Corkery Delaney almost got the second half scoring off to a great start for Cork, but it was Eoghan Joy's turn to prove that a great block is an exemplary gaelic football skill in its own right. Instead it was Kevin Griffin with a mighty effort from a free outside the arc who pushed Kerry's lead out to six. Eoin Mangan pulled one back, but once again Cork were leaving some good chances behind them. Ben Kelliher kicked a free but Eamonn Ger O'Sullivan, impressive off the bench for Cork, replied with a good score. Eoin Maguire notched another free after Cathal McCarthy was fouled. To be honest, it felt like there was a certain air of inevitability about it all now, and I wouldn't say there was any great atmosphere among the supporters. Kevin Griffin started the fourth quarter with a good point and then added a missile from long range for two points. The big man added another long range free to make it five points from three kicks in as many minutes and wipe any doubts out of anybody's minds; Kerry would be lifting that trophy.

Cathal McCarthy departed the scene on a red card for something off the ball. Again, I'm not questioning the referee; I'm only stating that to me – and I was quite a distance away and looking down from an angle, it looked harsh enough.

Not that it made much difference. Kerry wrapped it up comfortably, Tadhg O'Connll and Gearóid White closing out the victory before Gearóid was presented with the Tadhg Crowley Cup.

It has to be said, Kerry could have done with a harder test in Munster. This campaign felt a little too comfortable – there are much bigger hurdles ahead.

Kerry: Ruairi Kennedy, Ronan Sheridan, Eoghan Joy, Tadhg Ó Slatara, Danny Murphy (0-1), David Sargent, Marcus Clifford, Maidhc Ó Sé, John Curtin, Mark O'Carroll (0-1), Gearóid White (0-3, 2f), Alex Tuohy, Nick Lacey (0-1), Kevin Griffin (0-8, 2tpf,), Ben Kelliher (0-3, 2f). Subs: Tadhg O'Connell 0-1 (for Nick Lacey, 46 mins), Padraig Ó Mainnín (for Alex Tuohy, 50 mins), Conor McGibney (for Marcus Clifford, 53 mins), James Kissane (for Maidhc Ó Sé, 57 mins), Tadhg O'Sullivan (for Kevin Griffin, 58 mins)

Cork: Rory Twohig, Ben Coffey, Aaron Keane, Matthew Kiernan, Eoin Looney, Cathal McCarthy, Brian Cronin, Samuel Kelleher Leavy, Ronan Hayes, Tom Whooley (0-1), Donagh Flynn, Niall O'Callaghan, Sean O'Sullivan, Ben Corkery Delaney (0-3, 1f), Eoin Maguire (0-4, 2f). Subs: Joe Miskella (for Seán O'Sullivan, half-time), Eamonn Ger O'Sullivan 0-1 (for Niall O'Callaghan, 37 mins), Jerry O'Leary (for Eoin Looney, 37 mins), Jack Hanrahan (for Samuel



Kelleher Leavy, 53 mins), Luke O'Mahony (for Tom Whooley, 58 mins).

Referee: Timmy McGrath (Limerick)

CAMOGIE All Ireland Intermediate Championship

It's not exactly a secret that a number of camogie games fell by the roadside recently in light of the controversy over skorts v shorts recently in the light of a number of delegates failing to represent the clearly expressed wishes of their players at last year's Congress. That ridiculous situation has since been rectified thanks to public pressure. I'm proud to say that Kerry were a leading county in representing their players' wishes right from the start. Administrators all too rarely come into praise, but on this occasion Kerry did themselves as proud off the field as on it.

I will state it very bluntly for the record. An awful lot of people jumped onto the controversy bandwagon and loudly proclaimed their support for players. That's great. You could do them a big favour and give them an opportunity to thank you for your outrage and your anger and your social media posts in Austin Stack this Saturday at 2.00pm evening when they face Carlow in the opening round of the group stage of the All Ireland Intermediate Championship. By....how do I phrase this....by actually supporting them?

SOCCER

Congratulations to Katie McCabe on defying the odds to win the Champions League with Arsenal. They had to do it the hard way, having to play through the qualifying rounds. Barcelona, meanwhile, looked unbeatable as they progressed – strolled would be an exaggeration, but only slightly – to their fifth European Final on the trot and looking to make it three in a row. They had hammered Chelsea

in the semi-final. They had Aitanu Bonmati, the best female player in the world (not just now, quite possibly ever). Arsenal had a stand-in manager in her first year of management.

Barcelona, presumably subconsciously, came for a procession. That's not to suggest that they weren't professional about it; they absolutely were. But Arsenal came for a dogfight, and when it comes to dogfights, you want the likes of Katie McCabe and Chloe Kelly. Katie is our best female player ever and I would genuinely argue that she is up there with he best regardless of gender. This isn't the female equivalent of Roy Keane, a tiresome and lazily overworked comparison. For me, Roy, an unquestionably fantastic player, had become a parody of himself well before he adopted his 'gruff uncle' pundit persona. There's more selfawareness in Katie. She doesn't take herself as seriously. But what they do have in common is that on the field, they are both dog soldiers. Arsenal were never going to outplay Barcelona. They had to outfight them. So that's what they did.

It was a good week for another Tallaght native as well. Robbie Keane, having already won a league in Israel, added a Turkish one by managing Ferencyaros to the title. Yes, they were red hot favourites - I think it's six in a row? - it's a bit like managing Bayern Munich. Most Irish soccer supporters don't particularly love Robbie Jkeane. But he was an absolutely deadly striker, one of the best in the world. He didn't necessarily score beautiful goals; he was a deadly opportunist. And he did put his hand up for managing Ireland. Keae signed a contract and quite rightfully took the money agreed to in that contract. The fact that John Delaney made an absolute hames of it - as he did everything else – was not Robbie's fault. But he seems to carry a certain stigma ever since. Personally, I say that if the opportunity arises to get him in with Irish management, I think the FAI would be fools (relax, now, say nothing) not to jump at it. His record is better - an awful lot better, and I'm not pretending that Israeli or Turkish titles are hard currency, more crypto

than gold really – than pretty much anyone else that we have got.

Shall we talk about Tottenham Hotspur beating Manchester United in the Europa Cup Final to qualify for next year's Champions League. Let's just leave it stand for itself. There are Fr. Ted episodes that I have laughed at less.

Gianni Infantino, the gurrier pickpocket compared to Sepp Blatter's Mafioso, is still doing everything he can to drum up interest in this Club World Cup thing. The latest is that players are contractually required to play for their club before their country (Gianni knows which one counts more for fans, and he is admittedly right in that) and there is a special transfer window for players to sign for clubs taking part. Lionel Messi and Miami have already 'qualified' without actually qualifying. His latest thing is 'hinting', very loudly, that FIFA would be quite okay with Cristiano Ronaldo 'could' be available if clubs want to make a deal. Cristiano is a brand name, you see, and this nonsense is all about branding. DAZN bought the viewing rights (Saudi Arabia money, it's all part of the sports washing thing). The trouble for DAZN, Gianni, and everybody else involved, is that this mess is so truly appalling that there is no real interest in watching it. I personally feel that the Champions League, European Championships, and World Cup have diminished enormously -I really mean enormously - when they diluted the quality of teams by vastly expanding the number of teams. This Club World Cup thing? Honestly, I think even Donald Trump isn't going



Four in a Row for the St Brendan's Pitch and Putt team winners of the All Ireland Schools Pitch and Putt Championship Nathan Cronin, Brian McCarthy and Ronan Bennett with (left) Manager James Arthur and Deputy Principal Hugh Rudden atr St Brendan's College Killarney on Monday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

to go near this hideousness. Cristiano, one of the greatest players of all time, was a fading power by his second stint at Man United. He'd be a fool to touch this - and he has proven many times over that he is not a fool.

Kerry FC are looking very good at the moment. Okay, they lost to Dundalk. But Dundalk, like Cork City last year, had no business being in the First Division (Cork aren't even a pale imitation of their former selves and they could be dropping down again. I have no idea why Cork fans are blaming owner Dermot Ussher –

he has put in a huge amount of money to your club for no reward and he's the one you want to blame? Wow!

Losing to Dundalk is no disgrace. And the truth is that Kerry were much the better side in the first half. We are up to eighth in the table. Is it a case of, My God! The air is thin at this height! Of course not. But it's real progress. There's no team out here afraid of us. But the days of any team taking us for granted appear to be over as well. Look, there's still an upwards incline on the road ahead; that's how it should be.

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At the launch of the 2025 TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Football Championships is Cáit Lynch of Kerry with the Brendan Martin cup. The 2025 TG4 All-Ireland Championships were launched at Croke Park today, after a number of top inter-county stars travelled to Athlone in Westmeath to mark the beginning of the TG4 All-Ireland series. The 2025 TG4 All-Ireland Junior, Intermediate and Senior Finals will be played at Croke Park on Sunday, August 3, 2025. #ProperFan.

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Let the games begin!

Stage set for 2025 TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Football Championships

THE stage is set for the 2025 TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Football Championships – with 33 counties aiming for six coveted spots at Croke Park for TG4 All-Ireland Finals day on Sunday August 3.

Representatives from the competing teams gathered at Croke Park today (Tuesday May 27) to officially launch the 2025 TG4 All-Ireland Ladies Football Championships, which commence next Sunday (June 1) with fixtures in the Junior and Intermediate grades.

To mark the 2025 TG4 All-Ireland Championships launch, TG4's Peil na mBan Beo lead anchor Máire Ní Bhraonáin was joined in Athlone last week by Senior team captains Roisin Rodgers (Donegal), Kate Geraghty (Galway), Aoibhín Cleary (Meath) and Cáit Lynch, representing holders Kerry.

The Senior Championship will commence on Saturday June 7 with three fixtures – Galway v Tipperary, Kerry v Mayo and Meath v Armagh – while Waterford will take on Dublin on Sunday June 8.

TG4's live TV schedule for the group stages of the TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship has also been confirmed.

The Meath-Armagh clash on Saturday June 7 (3pm) will commence the live coverage, followed by the clash between Waterford and Dublin on Sunday June 8 (1.30pm).

There's a live TV double-header pencilled in for Saturday June 14, as Kildare host Meath at 12.45pm, followed by the meeting of Cork and Kerry at 2.30pm.

And on Saturday June 21, when the group stages conclude, the live TV offerings are Tipperary v Donegal (1pm) and Mayo v Cork (3pm).

Additionally, all Senior Championship ties not shown live on TG4 linear TV will be available to view on the Spórt TG4 YouTube channel, as was the case last year.

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LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 25/05/2025 for a jackpot of €10,500 were 17, 22, 23, 28. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Sean Coffey, Jackie Lynch, Auden Collins, Pat Moynihan, Danny O'Sullivan. 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

COUNTY LEAGUE DIV.2

Fossa played Dingle in Gortroe on Saturday evening in Rd.8 of the county league. Fossa started brightly, having the better of the opening exchanges and went two points up courtesy of a lovely left footed effort from Killian Buckley and a slick passing move finished by Darren Ryan. Dingle then began to assert their dominance and grew into the game they had Fossa pinned in their own half for long periods and kicked four points in a row. Harry Buckley worked hard and was rewarded with a fine point to leave the minimum between the teams at the break, 0-4 to 0-3.

Dingle stretched their lead to three at the start of the second half and while Fossa were finding it hard to break down the opposition defence, they drew level in the 13th minute through a two pointer from Tadgh O'Shea and a point from Michael O'Dwyer. Unfortunately, that was as good as it got as Dingle took command, in spite of the best efforts of Eoin Talbot who intercepted several attacks Dingle pushed on and ran out winners on a score of 0-13 to 0-8. Fossa will play Gneeveguilla in a crucial back game next Friday evening in Fossa.

UNDER 14 BOYS COUNTY LEAGUE FINAL Fossa 3-13, Scartaglen 3-16 (A.E.T.)

All roads led to Currow for our eagerly awaited U14 County Final. Fossa would pit their wits against a much-fancied Scartaglen outfit who had blazed an unbeaten trail through the earlier rounds. This game certainly lived up to its billing, it was thrill a minute stuff, great scores, incredible defending, near misses and ultimately heartbreak for Fossa.

Fossa had a dream start to the game when Shea Driver hit the back of the net within minutes of the throw in and this was quickly followed by minor scores from the boot of Gerry Moroney and a well taken free by Shea Driver. Scartaglen however hit a purple patch of their own just before half time which ensured they would take a slender lead into the break on a scoreline of Fossa 1-04, Scartaglen 1-05.

The 2nd half started at a blistering pace with both sets of forwards going for it at every opportunity. Midway through the half Johnny Myers scored a brilliant goal to put the sides on level terms of 2-06 apiece. The game was now in the melting pot with both sets of supporters on their feet and the noise levels rose considerably on the sidelines. Mark O' Connor kicked a great point to ensure Fossa stayed with their opponents. With time almost up Scartaglen led by one, and it looked like victory was theirs, but up stepping ice cool Johnny Myers to kick a last gasp free to send the game to extra time on a scoreline of 2-11 each.

Both sets of players were now all out on their

feet, but they would need to play 20 further : minutes to see who would be crowned County Champions.

Fossa once again made the better start to extra time, an excellent fisted point from Ryan Lynch was followed up by a rocket of a goal by ace marksman Johnny Myers to ensure Fossa led by 2 points at half time in extra time on a score of 3-12 to 2-13.

With 10 minutes of extra time left to play, there was no one leaving early, as this game would take another twist. Scartaglen took control early on and kicked 2 points to draw level, but Fossa quickly replied with a Shea Driver free to regain the lead. But Scartaglen were not done yet and broke down the field to score a point and their third goal of the night to give them a 4 point lead. Fossa to their credit attacked once more and a blistering shot from Johnny Myers flew over the crossbar to leave just a goal between the sides. But alas time ran out on our gallant boys and they would lose by a goal on a final score of Fossa 3-13, Scartaglen 3-16. To a man our Fossa lads died in their boots tonight, they gave it their all in a titanic battle, the spoils went to Scartaglen but these Fossa lads will be back again and victory will soon be theirs. Thanks to all the players for a wonderful County League campaign, ye brought great joy and entertainment to your supporters on a wonderful journey.

SENIOR LADIES

Fossa Senior Ladies completed the last (earlier postponed) fixture in the group stages of the Credit Union Donal Curtin Cup v Finuge St Senans. In this much anticipated home game against a new opponent for us our much depleted squad took to field. A nice game followed and with chances coming at both ends it was the home team that got the breaks in front of goal, and went in 6 scores to 2 up at half time. A lively second half followed and both goal keepers were busy. An early 2nd half penalty helped Fossa build upon a good lead, and in the end won this young team ran out ready winners on a score of 5-09 v 1-07, a final scoreline that doesn't tell the full story of the game,

Fossa Senior Ladies remain unbeaten and top the table in their Group and await Spa in a home semi final on 23rd June. Well done to all.

CONGRATS

Congratulations to Emma O'Connor and the U14 Kerry Ladies Gaelic Football team and management who overcame Monaghan on Saturday. The girls play Dublin on June 8th in the All-Ireland Championship Final-Gold Series.

DR CROKES

SFL DIV.1

Dr. Crokes 0:16 Kilcummin 1:16

A hard fought contest away to Kilcummin saw the home side take a narrow 3-point win. The opening half was evenly matched with both teams trading points. Fionn Fitzgerald made a crucial save in the 19th minute to deny a Kilcummin goal. Points from Tom Doyle and Mikey Casey (2) saw a take the lead at the break, 0:09 to 0:06. Billy Courtney's accurate two-point kicking helped to keep the score board ticking over. The crucial moment came in the 28th

minute when Kilcummin found the back of the net, a blow that proved costly. With seconds left on the clock Billy Coutrney kicked a high ball in around the Kilcummin square however it was a little too late and the referee signed full time. Next up is Legion at home on Friday 6th June.

U21 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Dr. Crokes 0:10 St. Kieran's 3:15

Our U21 season has come to a close after a dominant performance by St. Kieran's in Keel on Thursday last. The first half saw both sides struggle to convert chances but it was our opponents who took the lead at the break, 0:03 to 2:04. Charlie Keating was a huge loss in midfield when he went off injured in the 23rd minute. The second half belonged to St. Kieran's who outscored us 1:11 to 7 points. We added a few scores through Alex Hennigan and Kacper Robak but the accuracy and work rate of our opposition that proved too much.

LOTTO took place May 26th. Numbers drawn were 1, 14, 18, 21. Jackpot of €7,100 was NOT WON. 8 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €50 each. Jackpot for draw on June 3rd will be €7,400. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_ id=734#Anchor(https://play.clubforce.com/ play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor)

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You can shop worldwide on our online shop. Follow the link https://www.oneills.com/shopby-team/gaa/ireland/dr-crokes-gaa.html?p=2 RINGO

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

BON VOYAGE to senior player David Naughton on his new adventure in New York.

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

EAST KERRY NEWS

EAST KERRY U 16 LEAGUE FINAL

Division 2 Final: Legion B 2.14 v Glenflesk 3.09 **PRIMARY SCHOOL SKILLS FINALS**

Kerry Coaching and Games organised the county skills finals last week. District Board winning teams and individual players took part in the primary schools skills finals day in Austin Stack Park. East Kerry schools were well represented on the day. The standard was excellent in both competitions great credit due to all players and teachers for practising skills required to such a high standard. Congratulations to Barraduff NS boys team (Michael O Donoghue, Conor Doherty, Josh O Donoghue) for finishing third in the boys team event. Konckaderry NS girls team (Aoibhinn Daly, Niamh O Sullivan, Alice Gleeson) finished third in the girls team event. Cillian Daly (Konckaderry NS) and James Brosnan (Lissivigeen NS) finished third in the boys individual event. Clodagh Hegarty (St Olivers NS) finished third in the girls individual event. Thanks to Tim Daly in Austin Stack Park for his support in running the events on the day.



LGFA SENIOR TG4 MUNSTER **CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL**

Well done to the Kerry Ladies on winning the Munster Championship Final against Waterford. MUNSTER MINOR FOOTBALL FINAL.

Congratulations to the Kerry Minor team on their great win in the Munster Final against Cork.

CONDOLENCES

Sympathies from all in East Kerry GAA to the family of Luke Silles, and to Ballymacelligott GAA on his tragic death.

ASK ACORN LIFE COUNTY UNDER 21 CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTER FINAL

East Kerry 0-19 Kenmare Shamrocks 0-15

In an exciting high scoring game, with plenty of superb individual performances, the ability to kick 2 pointers, proved crucial as East Kerry advanced to the Ask Acorn Life County U21 Football championship Semi Finals.

Mark O Shea got East Kerry off to a quick start with a point after 2 minutes. O Shea then set up Paudie Moynihan to double the lead. Kenmare struck back well, with points from Zack O Shea, Eoghan McCarthy and the impressive Jack Tangney, who looked dangerous every time he saw the ball. O Shea linked up again with Kilcummin clubmate Moynihan to get another great point. East Kerry though, were being frustrated by Kenmare's disciplined defending, and They scored 3 of the next 4 points in the game, coming from a 45 by Barry Fitzsimon's, another Tangney score created by great movement, and a free from McCarthy. O Shea and O Sullivan thennswapped point's, as both teams attacked with great purpose. Another O Shew score, just before half time left Kenmare With a 1 Point lead at the interval, with it all to play for after the resumption.

Mouynihan then kicked over a superb 2 pointer to put his side back ahead. James Horgan then doubled the lead. Kenmare response was quick score's from Darren Allman and Tanquev. Joey McCarthy then struck another brilliant 2 pointer for East Kerry. A great lasp gasp block from Conall Mahony then prevented a Kenmare goal. Tangney then converted another free, followed on by another Allman score, after great build up from Jamie O Regan. A fine catch from Dara Stack, then started a move that finished with O Shea firing over East Kerry's third 2 pointer of the evening. Despite another O shea point for Kenmare, East Kerry finished the stronger, with Moynihan's lob just dropping on top of the net rather then under, enough to give them a 4 point lead, and a semi final meeting against Austin Stacks next week.

KILLARNEY LEGION GAA CLUB

GOLF CLASSIC

Mother Nature smiled on Killarney Golf and Fishing Club last Friday as the rain experienced in many parts of the country gave way to more benign conditions for our annual Golf Classic. Play got underway at 8.10am with the final trio out at 4pm. The office suppliers "Brother" assembled a team and they played like a family unit to claim top prize on 95 points. Jim and Ciaran Kennedy, alongside Anthony O Mahony,



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made up the winner formula. They were chased all the way home by the Pat Kissane sponsored team of Maurice McCarthy, David O Sullivan and Pat Casey, who they only bettered in the back nine. There was only a point between the top three teams as the Legion Senior team trio of Darragh O Doherty, Finbarr Murphy and David O Sullivan, playing under the McGuire and Liston banner, clicked for 94 points. The O'Sullivans Pharmacy Team took the honours in fourth place where Ian Prendergast, Peter O Sullivan and Gary Vaughan checked in with a tidy 93 point effort. Bryan Griffin's iron shot into the picturesque 18th earned him the nearest to the pin prize while Kieran Cremins monster drive clinched the longest drive.

The Club would like to thank most sincerely everyone who took part in the Golf Classic, sponsored a team or a tee box and bought tickets in the raffle. We are also very grateful to Patrick O'Donoghue and the GlenEagle Hotel group for their generous sponsorship of the Classic. Special thanks to Enda Murphy and his greenkeeping team who had the course in immaculate shape as per usual. Finally this event would not be the success it was, 51 teams took part, without the work of our guru Sean Murphy who cajoles and coordinates the Classic.

Results

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1st: Team Brother 95pts (Back 9 52pts) (Ciaran Kennedy, Jim Kennedy, Anthony O Mahony)

2nd: Team Pat Kissane Decorators 95 pts (Back 9 45pts)

(Maurice McCarthy, David O Sullivan, Maurice Casev)

3rd: Team McGuire and Liston 94pts (Finbarr Murphy, David O Sullivan, Darragh O

4th: Team O'Sullivan Pharmacy 92pts (Peter O Sullivan, Gary Vaughan, Ian Prendergast) **SENIOR MEN**

The late Late Show may have wrapped up on Friday night TV for the summer but that didn't stop the Senior Men team from producing their own version of it in this County League game

played at a windswept Direen. Trailing by six points, 0-13 to 0-7 with four minutes left in the game it looked like the points were heading to Launeside. Ryan O'Grady took advantage of a foul to bring the free out to two point land to cut the gap to four and then repeated the dose two minutes later to set up a tense finale with the scoreboard now reading 0-13 to 0-11. There was still time for more drama as the ball was worked into the hands of Shaun Keane, and the midfielder who enjoyed a fine hour kicked a glorious point off the outside of the boot, but more importantly from outside the arc, to level up the game at the death. A draw would be deemed a good result given the grip Laune Rangers had on the game throughout, thanks mainly to the accuracy of Gearoid Hassett. They led 0-9 to 0-4 at half time with the full forward line of David O Sullivan, Finbarr Murphy and Ryan OGrady all on target. Josh Bowler was lively early in the second half as he tried to get his team back into the game but Rangers looked like they held the whip hand. But that was before the late drama unfolded and resulted in a share of the points . Final Score Killarney Legion 0-13 Laune Rangers 0-13.

Later that evening the Senior B team headed to Farranfore where they found the home team a tough nut to crack. Firies built up an early lead which they never relinquished and despite a strong comeback the Legion effort came up short . Final Score Firies 0-15 Killarney Legion 1-8.

U12 BOYS

Our U12 boys played Austin Stacks in the first game of phase 2 of County League Go Games. Twenty five boys togged out to face the Rockies. Austin Stacks started very strongly and our lads struggled to get to the pace of the game for the first 10-12 minutes and eventually started going midway through the first half with some good passing plays and excellent scores in

The second half played very much like the first, with Austin Stacks dominating, but to their credit, our lads kept plugging away and never gave up.

GAA NEWS 9

Thanks very much to a very well coached and sporting Austin stacks team for travelling on a Monday evening . A big thanks also to our two referees, John Keane and James Murphy, who were excellent in refereeing both games..

Kilcummin was the venue on Sunday evening as we played the next round of the County League Go Games . Two teams took on their Kilcummin counterparts in two very exciting and tough games of football . There were plenty of good scores taken and conceded. Thanks to Kilcummin for hosting . Eric Domingues debuted in goals for Legion and had a great game for a guy playing football just about a year now he was excellent . Up next is Ballyduff away

U14 BOYS

The lads battled bravely in a high-scoring U14 County League semi final contest but fell just short as Kenmare edged them by four points. Despite trailing by six at halftime, Legion responded well, trading goals and pushing hard in the second half. However, Kenmare's sharp finishing proved decisive. On another night, the scoreboard might have told a different story—but this was a game where fine margins separated two evenly matched sides. **U16 BOYS**

Our U16B Team joined their A Team counterparts in securing an East Kerry League title by defeating Glenflesk in the Division 2 Final after extra time in their home patch on Wednesday evening .Playing with a strong breeze in the first half the teams traded scores throughout. A well worked goal saw us lead by 1-4 to 0-4 at half time. We picked off some good points in the second half but Glenflesk scored goals at crucial points and saw them lead by a point with a few minutes to go . The boys kept going and scored the equaliser required to bring the game to extra time with the teams tied at 1-11 to 2-8.



Mary O'Connor and Mags Beckett (back centre) presenting the St Brendan's Beckett O'Connor Memorial Cup to winning joint Captains Cian Stack and Kiarnan Kelly with winning team members (back from left) Turlough O'Brien and Ed O'Neill Asst. Managers Finn O'Donnell, Dara Welton, Jayden Kelly Odhran Leslie, Daragh Forde, Paul Moriarty Manager Runner up team, Jeremy Kenny Organiser (front from left) finalists Oran Lynch, Charlie Griffin, Aodhagán O'Sullivan, Gravan Collins, Morgan O'Brien, Adam Counihan and Conall Murphy at St Brendan's College, Killarney on Tuesday. The cup is presented in memory of two past pupils of the school, Sean O'Connor and Martin Beckett. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

Another Glenflesk goal in extra time had them two points ahead with time running out. The team refused to be beaten scoring a goal and a point in the closing stages to win by two.

A tremendous win by the team who kept going to the very end. Thanks to Glenflesk for an exciting game and to Donal Casey for excellent officiating.

We look forward now to the County League where both our teams will compete in their respective divisions .Final Score Killarney Legion 2-14 Glenflesk 3-9.

U12 GIRLS

Thanks to Vince Cooper for putting our U12 girls through their paces during the week . The

girls took part in the session with great focus and very eager to improve their football ability . The session had a strong focus on kicking footwork and movement.

ST BRIGIDS PRESENTATION WIN

St Brigid's Presentation Killarney won the Kerry LGFA Post Primary 1st Year Division 1 Final today by beating Mercy Mounthawk Tralee . The team was captained by Leah Mannix while Lillian Slattery, Aoibhin Heinemann, Sophie Culloty, and Esme O Sullivan, all played their part.

LOTTO

Results Monday May 19th. Numbers were 9,1 8, 19, 23. Bonus 8. Luck Dips /Match 3s: 1.Timmy Tierney 2.Joyce Trant 3. Colm O Cuiv



MKL GAELS UNDER 15

(Back L to R) Mary Kennedy (Coach), Aisling Quirke, Eimear O' Sullivan, Alison Bartley, Saoirse McHugh, Leah McCarthy, Meseret O' Brien, Eimear Corbett, Holly Burke, Mary O' Donoghue, Abbie McCarthy, Abbie Fleming, Tara O' Connell, Hannah Byrne, Paul Carroll (Coach). (Front L to R) Maria McCarthy (FLO), Róisín McCarthy, Lauren O' Sullivan, Meabh Kennedy, Ellen Barry, Anna Mangan, Eve Kelliher, Kaylee Flynn, Esmèe Van Benthem, Clíodhna Quirke (Coach).

Missing from the photo: Grace Ryan and Alannah Daly.

MKL GAELS TO REPRESENT KERRY ON THE NATIONAL STAGE

MKL Gaels U15 team were crowned County Champions in the Division 1 Féile competition on May 5th. The U14 County Champions of 2024 remain undefeated as they took on teams from Annascaul/ Castlegregory, Abbeydorney and Castleisland Desmonds in the group stages. Moving on to defeat Inbhear Scéine Gaels in the semifinals and Southern Gaels in a very competitive and entertaining final. A fantastic achievement for the team, their coaches, and families. MKL Gaels will represent Kerry in the U15 National Féile Competition in Derry on June





Credit Union Super Sevens Tip Off in Style at packed Pres Gym

The Annual Primary Schools Super Sevens Basketball Finals got underway on Sunday evening in front of a full house at the Presentation Gym, Killarney.

The opening night of Finals action saw excitement and energy fill the venue as the future basketball stars showcased their skills on the court in the Junior Girls Finals (3rd & 4th Class).

Now in its 13th year, the competition has grown substantially since its inception in 2011. Sponsored once again by the Kerry & West Limerick Credit Unions, the event has become a cornerstone of juvenile basketball in the region. This year's edition sees over 1,000 players and coaches from across Kerry and West Limerick take part, highlighting the competition's continued growth and popularity.

CREDIT UNION SCHOOLS SUPER SEVENS JUNIOR GIRLS FINALS NIGHT

JUNIOR GIRLS 2025

Cup Champions: Knockaderry Runners up: Muire Gan Smàl

Shield Winners: Fossa Runners up: Gneeveguilla

Plate Winners: Currow Runners up: Nagle Rice

Bronze Medal Winners: Holy Family Runners up: Scartaglen

MVP Awards Cup Final: Anna Kate Daly, Knockaderry

Shield Final: Muireann McAuliffe, Gneeveguilla Plate Final: Beeb Kelly, Currow

Bronze Medal: Mia Burke, Holy Family Rathmore



Captain Chloe O'Sullivan, Fossa being presented with the Junior Girls Shield by Fergus McAuliffe of Rathmore & District Credit Union on behalf of the Kerry & West Limerick Credit Unions







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REMEMBER: A TICK IN TIME SAVES LYME!









Pupils from Fossa Primary School who made their First Holy Communion with Mary T Lynch SNA, teacher Caitriona Foley and Principal John Burke at Prince of Peace Church, Fossa, Killarney on Saturday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Abina O'Sullivan Chairperson Rathmore Credit Union and (right) Fergus McAuliffe CEO Rathmore CU making a presentation to Holy Family Primary School guiz team winners of the Irish League Credit Union Under 11 All Ireland final Kayleigh White, Conor McCarthy, Eabhe Buckley and Diarmuid Horan, their teacher Anne Marie Murphy with John Long Chairman Chapter 23 CU at a special reception in Rathmore Credit Union with (back from left) Rathmore CU board members Mary Woods, Neilie O'Mahony, Aoife Kearney, Paul Horan Principal Holy Family Primary School,, Mary O'Shea, Denis Kerins, Liam Twomey, Margaret Collins and John O'Mahony last Thursday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



St Brendan's student Joshua Dunne making a presentation to Bridget Delaney Killarney Cardic Responce Unit on behalf of St Brendan's LCA 1 and 2 with (left) Fiona Mangan Killarney Cardic Responce Unit and Sean Coffey Principal at St Brendan's College Killarney. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Abina O'Sullivan Chairperson Rathmore Credit Union (seated left) making a presentation to Holy Family Primary School quiz team winners of the Irish League Credit Union Under 11 All Ireland final Kayleigh White, Conor McCarthy, Eabhe Buckley and Diarmuid Horan and their teacher Anne Marie Murphy at a special reception in Rathmore Credit Union with (fifth from left) John O'Mahony Chairman Chapter 23 CU with (back from left) family members Noirin and John Buckley, Aine and Paul Horan, Maureen Buckley, Paula and Paul McCarthy and Amanda Walsh last Thursday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin













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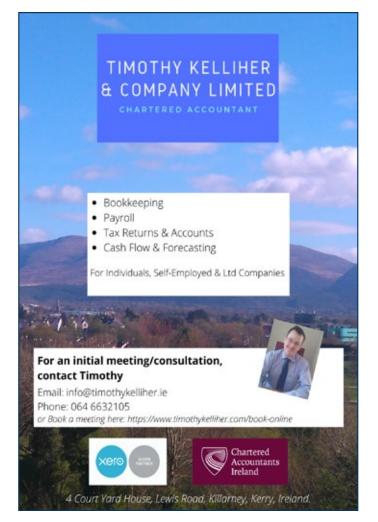






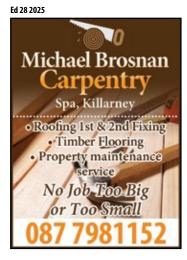


















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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

ERRATIC PLANNING DECISIONS WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES FOR KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

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

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

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



A builder built an extra thirteen houses in an existing housing estate. The builder rerouted heavy traffic away from the estate and used an existing farm road at the rear of the site to access the building site. The photo shows the relief road and this road was in existence long before his company built these houses. After the houses were built the Council instructed the builder to go onto private property and dig up the relief road and turn the area into a green field otherwise Kerry County Council will take €20,000 via a bond from the builder. Kerry County Council contacted this publication stating that the

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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When watering remember to mist the foliage of tropical house plants rather than overwatering. During winter gradually reduce water and feeding except when plants are flowering or growing vigorously.



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"Do not be misled: bad company corrupts good character (1 Corinthians 15:33).

Welcome back dear student, this Scripture is knowledge every parent tries to instil in their children. God, our Heavenly Father has given His Word to steer us, but ultimately we have free will to make our own wise - or unwise, decisions. It's amazing the influence people can have on others — both negative and positive. Godly role models can inspire and bring people up, while wicked behaviour has the opposite effect. David was a young teenager, sent to the battle front with supplies for his brothers, when he heard a bully intimidate his nation's army (1 Samuel chapter 17). Picture the scene - two armies on opposite hills, and a giant spewing wicked words cursing God's people. The men had listened to Goliath morning and evening for a month. Every time they heard his ranting it erased more courage and self-worth. For David having only arrived that day, this was his first time hearing him, but a righteous anger rose up inside him. David told of how God had delivered him from fearful danger whilst shepherding his father's sheep. Now his training came to the surface. In that moment David wasn't acting like a big hero — but his shepherd anointing was ignited. Jesus said.. "the Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Most people working with those less able than themselves have an innate call to protect, defend and help those weaker. It's a characteristic of God's love in us (Romans 5:5). So, David ran out towards the giant's challenge. He wore no fancy helmet or shield, but the battle armour of the love and fear of God, along with his knowledge of God's goodness and power.

David's relationship with the Lord was cultivated in the privacy of the hills when no one saw (Matthew 6:5-21; Psalm 86). There all alone, God's promises, and faithfulness were deposited: banked in his heart, as He experienced His God loving, defending, and protecting him daily. Now he was making a supernatural withdrawal in faith — as he ran towards Goliath the giant, with only a stone and a catapult as weapons. No doubt those watching were wincing - predicting the outcome would be the giant making mincemeat of the foolish young lad. But they didn't know God like David! He launched one stone aimed it at Goliath's head, and God hit him right between the eyes, knocking him down with a thunderous crash. Suddenly, the eyes of the watchers grew wide as they witnessed this slip of a boy take the giant's sword and finish him off. Goliath wasn't scoffing now! Everything changed in that moment — these cowering, fearful men suddenly took courage — inspired by the faith and bravery of David. They gathered themselves and ran - chasing and defeating the enemy army who had mocked and intimidated them (1 Samuel 17:51-52). All through the influence of one young man.

"He who walks with the wise will become wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed" (Proverbs 13:20). Influencers are all around us - in families, friend's groups, workplaces, communities and online. Friend, they can make or break you. God warns us to not be yoked together with unbelievers — some may pretend to believe in God, but do they KNOW Him? (2 Corinthians 6:14-17). How's their character and behaviour? "This false teaching is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough" (Galatians 5:9). The Lord Jesus said to look at their fruit — that's the indicator (Matthew 7:15-23). "Don't befriend angry people or associate with hot tempered people, or you will learn to be like them and endanger your soul (Proverbs 22:24-25). This Sunday at 11am we're delighted to welcome Evangelist Dermot Landy — all welcome.

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EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: Congratulations to the boys and girls of Loreto Scoil Bhríde NS and Gaelscoil Faithleann NS who received their first Holy Communion this weekend. We pray every blessing on all receiving Jesus into their lives in a special way over these weeks.

KILLARNEY SUMMER FAITH CAMP; is on in St Olivers N.S. from the 30th June-4th of July 2025 from 10am-3pm.Enquiries to 087 7796966

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EVENTS OVER THE COMING MONTHS

St. John's Cemetery Mass: Monday 2nd of June @ 3pm Corpus Christi Procession: Thursday 19th of June after 6.15pm Mass

Aglish Cemetery Mass Friday June 27th 8pm Novena to the Sacred Heart: From the 19th-27th of June.

Inisfallen Island Mass: Friday 20th of June. Boats leaving Ross Castle from 4pm onwards, Mass on Island at 6.30pm.

Killarney Burial Ground Mass: Monday 30th of June. Muckross Abbey Pilgrimage and Cemetery Mass: Monday 7th of July, pilgrimage at 6.30pm with Mass at Abbey Graveyard at 7.30pm. New Cemetery Mass: Monday 1st of August at 7pm.

Please spread the word to those living away who might like to attend.

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Amen.

Say this prayer for three days. Publication of prayer and favour will be granted.

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4TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MICHAEL O'Connor



LATE OF UPPER COOLEANIG, BEAUFORT, AND LONDON WHO DIED ON THE 9TH JUNE 2021

As we lovingly remember Mike on his fourth anniversary, Happy Memories keep forever of days when we were all together. They bring a smile and often a tear, and always a wish you were still here.

Lovingly remembered by his wife Norah, daughter Kerry and family.

Mike's 4th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on the 7th June at 7.30pm in Beaufort Church.

7TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A DEAR FATHER AND GRANDAD

> PAT DELANEY



LATE OF 16 COUNTESS GROVE

Who died on 2ND OF JUNE 2018.

No words we write can ever say How much we miss you day by day Our love for you will always keep It never fades, it lies too deep With broken hearts we whisper low We love you dad and miss you so.

Lovingly remembered and missed by your Children. Philip, Michael, Pat, Mary Teresa, and Edward.

Daughters in law Rachel and Jessica Grandchildren Dylan, Clodagh, Brooke, Holly, Leah, Abbie and Ryan

7TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF PAT DELANEY



LATE OF **16 COUNTESS GROVE**

Who died on 2ND OF JUNE 2018.

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

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

A golden heart stopped beating Hard working hands at rest God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.

Always loved and remembered Your wife Bridget

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