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A Note from the EDITOR



As we put the 2026 All Ireland Senior Football final behind us, all attention is now on the Kerry Ladies as they take on Galway on Sunday in the All Ireland Senior Ladies Football Final in Croke Park at 4.15pm and in this week's Killarney Outlook we take a look at the players and what is in store for them on Sunday. In other news, Deenagh Lodge has had a make over, Killarney National Park welcomed Minister Christopher O'Sullivan and two white tailed eagle chicks have been successfully bred.

The countdown is on for the Rose of Tralee as the 2026 Rose Buds have been announced, volunteers are sought to support the Kerry Stars Special Olympics Athletes and the Beauty of the Kingdom is a new exhibition which will be on display at Killarney House.

TFI Anseo Killarney are introducing more bus stops, a rare record has been discovered by a Killarney collector and Kerry Social Farming alternative respite programme has been officially opened.

Killarney Tri Club has launched an historic Erasmus+ programme, Kerry FC continue on their winning ways and the Kerry Under 18 Ladies are All Ireland champions.

Killarney Valley AC athlete Sarah Leahy has been selected for the Irish Team, Rossbeigh Beach has been declared safe for swimming ahead of the Bank Holiday weekend and an E-Bike is the prize in the latest HeartBeat Kerry fundraiser.

All this and lots more in this week's Killarney Outlook - Enjoy!

Aisling Crosbie



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MINISTERIAL VISIT AT KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK



*With the Minister is Regional Manager NPWS, Mary Sheehan, Divisional Manager NPWS, Éamonn Meskill
Staff back row From left, Brendan O'Neill, Conor O'Donoghue, P.J. Murphy, Pat O'Sullivan, Mike O'Brien, Stephen Moore, David Fitzgerald, Conor Rowlands, Eamon Kennedy, Tim Brosnan, Paul Power, Sjoerd Van Wierst, Micheál Mac Suibhne, Sitting from left, Tricia Beecher, Jess Burkett, Brendan Lynch, Calum Sweeney, James Doherty.
Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan*

Minister for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity, Christopher O'Sullivan, T.D., paid a special visit to Killarney National Park Emergency Fire Crew, to witness at first hand the incredible work National Parks and Wildlife Staff handled, while containing the Wildlife at the 5 Mile Bridge over 7 days.

The Wildlife destroyed an area 17 hectares in size, including a mixture of dry heath, wet heath and blanket bog along with pockets of native old oak woodland.
Staff worked around the clock to contain the fire.

A FRESH NEW LOOK FOR DEENAGH LODGE

One of Killarney's most recognisable landmarks is looking brighter than ever following a fresh coat of paint. Deenagh Lodge, the charming thatched cottage at the entrance to Killarney National Park opposite St. Mary's Cathedral, has been given a fresh new look, ensuring it continues to welcome visitors in style throughout the summer season. Built in 1834, the picturesque lodge is home to the popular Deenagh Lodge Tea Rooms, which are operated by Down Syndrome Kerry. The social enterprise provides valuable hospitality training, paid employment and work experience opportunities for young adults with Down syndrome in a supportive, real-world environment. Each year, from April to September,

locals and visitors alike enjoy stopping off for freshly brewed tea and coffee, homemade cakes, scones, sandwiches, toasties and ice cream while taking in the peaceful surroundings beside the Deenagh River. The tea rooms have become much more than a café. They are a place where participants build confidence, develop independence and gain practical skills that help prepare them for future employment. The newly painted exterior has given the historic lodge a welcome facelift while preserving the character and charm of one of Killarney National Park's best-loved buildings, ensuring it continues to be a warm and inviting stop for walkers, cyclists and visitors exploring the park.



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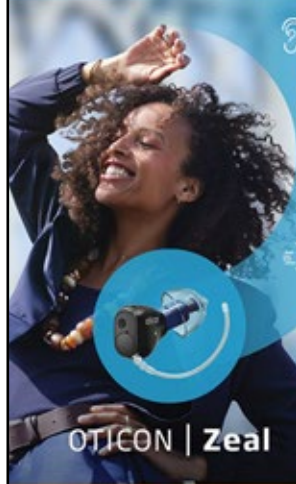
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Launch of public consultation on the first Kerry Local Community Safety Plan

Community Safety: A new approach

The term "community safety" was introduced to encourage community participation, involving all sections of the community working together to foster greater feelings of safety in their community.

As outlined in the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration's Community Safety Policy community safety is about people being safe and feeling safe in their own communities. The new community safety approach goes far beyond the traditional policing response and requires all relevant state bodies and voluntary organisations to work together in a joined-up way, in partnership with the local community, to prioritise and address issues in their own area.

Local Community Safety Partnerships

Local Community Safety Partnerships bring together a wide range of community safety stakeholders including elected representatives, statutory bodies such as An Garda Síochána, the Health Service Executive, Tusla, and the local authority, community and voluntary sector organisations and local residents to develop collaborative responses to community safety issues.

The aim of each Local Community Safety Partnership is to prioritise the voice of local communities in identifying community safety issues in their area. To do this Safety Partnerships will consult with their local communities to develop a bespoke Local



A public consultation on the first Kerry Local Community Safety Plan brought together a wide range of community stakeholders at Kielduff Community Centre on Tuesday 22nd July. Pictured from left: Seargent Kieran McElligott, Killarney Garda Station, Paul Neary, Director of Services, Kerry County Council, Niall Kelliher (Chairperson), Kerry Local Community Safety Partnership and Mags O'Connor (Coordinator) Kerry Local Community Safety Partnership.

Photo: Pauline Dennigan

Community Safety Plan

Local Community Safety Plan

Each Safety Partnership is required to develop and adopt, during its term, a plan to improve community safety in its functional area having regard to the National Strategy and in accordance with the Guide for Local Community Safety Partnerships Developing, Delivering and Reviewing a Local Community Safety Plan from the National Office for Community Safety.

The purpose of each Community Safety Plan is to build a solid foundation in the partnership area for working together with all stakeholders to maintain and enhance community safety.

Local Community Safety Partnerships are hosted by local authorities and supported by the National Office for Community Safety, an office of the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration.

Top Prize E-Bike to Boost HeartBeat Kerry Fundraiser

A fantastic prize is set to help support a fantastic cause, with O'Sullivan's Cycles donating a top-of-the-range electric bike to raise vital funds for HeartBeat Kerry.

David O'Sullivan of O'Sullivan's Cycles has generously supplied a Raleigh Captus Low Step Electric Bike, valued at €2,000, as the star prize in a fundraising raffle that will benefit the charity's life-saving work across the county.

All proceeds from the raffle will go towards the purchase of three Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), while also helping to fund additional Blood Pressure and Pulse Check Clinics, which play an important role in promoting heart health and the early detection of potential cardiac issues within the community.

The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday, October 25, during the popular Rid & Bid Fundraiser at the Killarney Outlet Centre.

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased online at www.kerryhearts.ie, while supporters can also enter by scanning the QR code displayed on promotional posters.

Tickets are priced at €10 each, with special offers of three tickets for €25 or seven tickets for €50, giving supporters even more chances to win while contributing to a worthy local cause.

Organisers are encouraging the public to get behind the fundraiser,

with every ticket purchased helping HeartBeat Kerry continue its work in improving access to life-saving equipment and community health initiatives throughout the county.



David O'Sullivan of O'Sullivan's Cycles pictured with members of HeartBeat.





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Two White-tailed Eagle chicks have fledged!

Five consecutive years in a row for the resident adult pair in Killarney National Park

The resident adult pair of White-tailed Eagles on Lough Lein, has successfully bred and fledged chicks for five consecutive years in a row!

This week two juvenile chicks fledged the nest, and are finding their bearings along the shoreline, before embarking on their journey.

This is a tribute to the management and staff of NPWS lead by Eamonn Meskeel and their colleagues in the Norwegian Institute for Nature Research. Over 19 years work and collaboration has led to a growing white-tailed eagle population and also has seen habitat restoration and engagement with landowners and farmers to secure the eagles ongoing protection.

A total of 245 chicks were reintroduced, between 2007 and 2025, they have dispersed widely throughout Ireland with the first successful breeding occurring in 2012 on Lough Derg.

It is estimated there are now approximately 150 individual eagles in the wild Ireland, enough to maintain and self-sustain the population.

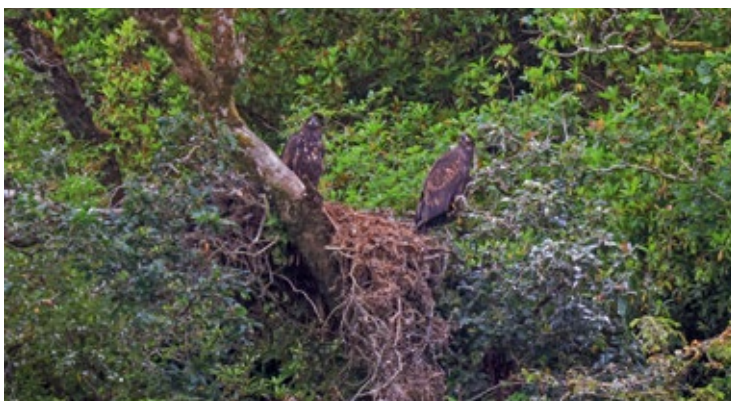
So far in 2026, the exact number of chicks born in the wild is unknown, but there are 17 known pairs in total.

NPWS and Killarney National Park are always grateful for the help and co-operation of the local Anglers, commercial Boatmen and tourist interests in the town for keeping an 'eagle eye' on the precious eagles. Killarney National Park will always be a special place for the White-tailed Eagle, when the reintroduction programme began in the Park in 2007.



Two White-tailed Eagle Chicks have just fledged the nest on Lough Lein, Killarney National Park. Here one of the adult pairs goes in search of food.

Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



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Chamber Invites Members to Coffee Walk in Killarney National Park

Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce is inviting members of the local business community to swap the office for the outdoors by taking part in a relaxed lunchtime Coffee Walk through Killarney National Park.

The networking event offers Chamber members the opportunity to meet new contacts, catch up with familiar faces and enjoy one of Killarney's greatest natural assets in an informal and welcoming setting. Along the route, participants will also hear interesting insights and

stories about the National Park, adding an educational element to the walk. Before gathering at the meeting point, members are encouraged to support local Chamber businesses by purchasing a coffee from one of the participating cafés – Café du Parc, J.M. Reidy's, Luna, Boardwalk or Well Café. Customers attending the walk can request their drink in a reusable cup, while participants are also welcome to bring along a sandwich, wrap or light lunch to enjoy during the outing.

The free event will begin at the Golden

Gates entrance to Killarney House and Gardens. Organisers are advising attendees to dress appropriately for the weather and wear comfortable footwear, as the walk will proceed in light rain.

The Chamber hopes the event will provide a refreshing break from the working day while encouraging members to strengthen business connections, support local cafés and experience the beauty of Killarney National Park together.

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IT'S SAFE TO SWIM AGAIN AT ROSSBEIGH

KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL HAS LIFTED THE PROHIBITION ON SWIMMING AT ROSSBEIGH BEACH.

Following receipt of new results of samples carried out by the Marine Institute, the cause of surface water discolouration at Rossbeigh beach has been identified and confirmed as an algal bloom which is not harmful to humans.

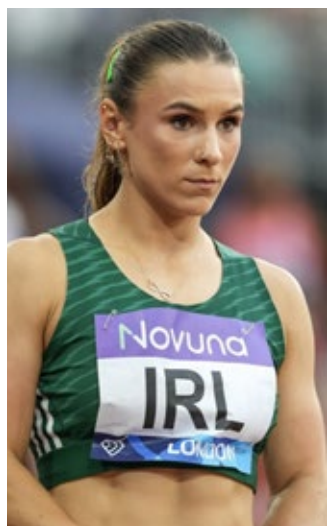
This organism, which has now largely dissipated, is not uncommon in Irish coastal waters at this time of the year.

On the advice of the Marine Institute and in consultation with HSE, Kerry County Council is pleased to advise that the prohibition on swimming at Rossbeigh beach is lifted with immediate effect.

Lifeguards are on duty and both the Blue Flag and lifeguard patrol flags have again been raised.



Major achievement for Killarney Valley AC Athlete Sarah Leahy



Star Killarney Valley AC international athlete Sarah Leahy has been selected for the Irish team for the European track and field championships 2026.

The prestigious elite athletics championships are being held between the 13th to the 16th of August with some of the world's greatest track stars taking part. This is the third time Sarah has won her place and qualified for the majors. In the past Sarah was at the world athletics championships in Eugene Oregon, this year she was at the world relay championships in Botswana and to qualify again demonstrates the elite level of athlete that Sarah is.

Throughout this summer Sarah has ran at the Diamond league and on the Grand Prix circuit. Twice the former national indoor 60m champion, the current indoor 50m and 100m national record holder and a member of the women's 4x100m relay team that set a new national record at the London diamond league in front of 70,000 spectators.

It is in the relay 4x100m that Sarah will take part in at the Europeans.

The Team includes Ciara Neville (Emerald ac), Lauren Roy (Fast Twitch ac), Sarah Leahy (Killarney valley ac), Lucy May Sleeman ((Leevale ac), Molly Scott (St Laurence O'Toole ac) with Kate Bergin (Moyne ac) as reserve.

This is a major honour for Sarah herself, her parents Marie and Mike Leahy and her club Killarney Valley AC, many of whom are making the trip to Birmingham.

Arts Council awards €4.3 million to over 250 artists in latest round of Bursary Award scheme

The Arts Council has awarded 258 artists a collective €4.3 million through the latest round of the bursary award scheme.

As part of this, three artists in Kerry have been awarded a total of €57,500.

The Arts Council's bursary awards, on behalf of the state, support individual artists with a grant of up to €20,000, which provides practitioners the time and resources necessary to think, research, reflect and engage with their arts practice.

The awards emphasise the value and benefit that an extended process of engagement can



bring to an artist's development. The works and learnings developed through these awards benefit both the individual artist, audiences and the wider arts ecosystem in Ireland.

Bursaries are awarded across a range of artistic disciplines, reflecting the diverse and fluid

nature of arts practice.

Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan said:

"Ireland's reputation as a cultural powerhouse is reliant on strong state supports to artists. In providing over 250 artists from right across Ireland with time and opportunity to develop their artistic practice, these awards recognise the intrinsic value of the arts and the benefits they bring to our society."

The Kerry awardees are:

Lisa Fingleton	Arts participation	€20,000
Emily Fitzell	Arts participation	€18,500
Kyle Macaulay	Traditional arts	€19,000

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Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
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Monument to women - is inspired by European not just Irish history

The new statue in Tralee is the first in the country to the women who "delivered" the revolution.

It is a statue built on meticulous research but also inspired by a famous 19th century French painting Liberty Leading the People, the sculptor, Elizabeth O'Kane told me. She is a graduate of French and Spanish and worked as an interpreter before changing career.

We need language to take us beyond borders. Humanity going forward will "stem" from theology, philosophy the arts and languages rather than from math, science and technology with the advent of AI, is the new realisation Spirit of Kerry Women/Spiorad Ban Chiarraí looks back. But it is also a big step forward for Kerry. Set In Tralee's rose park and alongside the historic Ashe Memorial Hall, it suggests a more nuanced approach to women than we are used to. Guns and roses, you might say.

At 2.5 m high, the bronze is larger than life and much larger than the average size of women at the time, the sculptor said.

It is thanks to the five women councillors, across the parties. Three years ago they insisted that

the role of women in the 1916-1923 period be recognized.

Women's contribution during the revolution was airbrushed out. The same was true in England after the two wars.

Historian Mary McAuliffe, who is from Kerry, said the image of the fighting woman did not suit the new State. The new State wanted only the domestic woman.

But the opening of the military pension applications by women has brought greater understanding.

Some women fought, spied, or ran messages. Nearly all women suffered. This could be sexual and physical assault, grief, and burnt out houses. Or the long economic downturn which followed independence.

The county council's Owen O'Shea, who is also a leading historian of the period said "the stories of women at this time - and particularly the trauma and suffering of so many of those involved - has been shamefully sidelined and ignored for generations."

Killarney still has no monument to women. The public realm here is dominated by stags fighting, vicious eagles, men bearing arms. Women in this town fall between the Spéir Bhean and the Marian statue. Isn't it high time then Killarney came up with a monument of a woman waitress striding forth from the



Kerry County Councillors, Angie Bailey, Norma Moriarty, Aoife Thornton, Deirdre Ferris, Maura Healy-Rae and Marie Moloney pictured unveiling a commemorative sculpture to the contribution by Kerry women during the revolutionary period in Ireland between 1912 and 1923 in Tralee Town Park on Friday. The 2.5m sculpture, titled 'Spiorad Ban Chiarraí' or 'Spirit of the Kerry Women' was completed by the award-winning Irish sculptor Elizabeth O'Kane and was supported by funding from the Department of Housing and Local Government under the Percent for Arts Scheme. The memorial reflects the wide and diverse roles of Kerry women during the revolution whether they took part in combat or contributed to a wide range of social, cultural and political activities and organisations like Cumann na mBan.

Photo: Don MacMonagle

market cross with a tray not a flag - to mark the genteel female foundations of the town's biggest industry?

The new planning guidelines, will they make a difference?

There were frank contributions at the July council meeting on the new rural planning guidelines. The guidelines have have yet to be detailed so the council can act on them. But they may not do a whole pile for Kerry is the consensus among many councillors.

For example, there was no indication Transport Infrastructure Ireland would remove its opposition to entrances onto the national secondary roads, Councillors Johnny Healy-Rae and Anne O'Sullivan both said.

They pointed out how Kerry had more national secondary roads than any other county, apart from Cork. And the whole Ring of Kerry along the N70 would still be restricted.

Currently farmers' sons and daughters could not get permission even where there was an existing entrance onto a national secondary road and were forced to commute to and from the farm from Killorglin town and other towns.

The Hogs Head Golf Course was refused permission to convert a former guesthouse to a much needed staff quarters on the N70 after an appeal by the TII even though there was already an entrance.

This column believes the local connection favouring locals in rural Kerry won't hold water if challenged legally and would be struck down.

The local connection restriction will actually prevent the revival of rural communities, Councillor Tommy Griffin FG said. He thinks it should be removed to allow people to move in. "We are losing teachers in schools because families cannot move into the area. If we want to battle against rural decline, we need people to move into these areas," Tommy said.

More cars but no movement in the traffic in 25 years in Killarney, visitors say

A Scottish couple who last visited Killarney a quarter of a century ago can't get over the lack of movement on Killarney's traffic.

They had great weather the last two weeks and that was a change. Sadly this was probably down to climate change, they said.

"But what hasn't changed in 25 years is the road infrastructure," they said in a visitors' book.

Both buses and vehicles had increased. But the roads hadn't.

They made sure to be on the road every morning before 10 am; otherwise they would be sitting on the Muckcross Road and the Mission Road.

We will end up like the Lake District or Skye: "gridlocked and unbearable," the couple warned.

One of two things would solve the problem: restrict the tourist numbers or bypass the town.

Clearly these conscientious tourists want the traffic in Killarney to get attention before it is too late. But for many of us, it is too late. We are already plagued in our daily lives trying to live here.

Undertaking a journey to Tralee where most services have been centralised in the last 25 years takes a full hour these days.

The failure by our politicians to grasp this nettle is killing Killarney. And it has to have something to do that we have no Killarney TD and haven't had in decades. Many of us only go into Killarney now if we have to. It's a chore trying to get from the Woodland cross to the Mission Road. Yet it must be 12 years since a deputation went to a council meeting begging them to do something about the bottle stopper traffic lights on the Ross Road.

There is a sliver of hope for the north of the town and the awful gridlock at Madam's Height.

Councillor Brendan Cronin may not have much success with the Listry bridge, but he is getting places with his persistent motions on Madam's Height. Asking for an update on the upgrade, Brendan was told there is TII approval, the design is nearly finished and landowners are being negotiated with. Planning - which will be up to councillors - could be through by year end. We live in hope.

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Deer Lodge Achieves Full Compliance in Mental Health Commission Inspection

Deer Lodge in Killarney has been recognised for its high standards of mental healthcare after achieving 100% compliance in an unannounced inspection by the Mental Health Commission (MHC).

The purpose-built mental health recovery unit, located on St. Margaret's Road, was one of several approved inpatient mental health centres across Clare, Galway, Kerry and Dublin inspected by the Commission. The inspection took place over four days, from February 10 to 13, 2026.

The report found Deer Lodge to be fully compliant with all Rules, Regulations and Codes of Practice, marking a significant improvement on the previous year's inspection when the centre had been found non-compliant in four regulatory areas.

Opened in 2017, Deer Lodge provides continuing mental healthcare, psychiatry of later life and mental health rehabilitation services. The facility accommodates up to 40 residents across four units – Mountain View, River View, Wood View and Lake View.

Inspectors praised the centre's management team for its strong commitment to delivering high-quality, person-centred care. They highlighted the introduction of enhanced individual care plans, regular quality audits and ongoing staff training, all of which contributed to the centre's excellent performance.

The inspection found that individual care plans



were of a particularly high standard and had been strengthened through a revised care plan template and six-monthly staff training to support continuous quality improvement.

Among the initiatives commended was the introduction of a short-term admission bed for Psychiatry of Later Life community residents, providing temporary respite care to help prevent hospital admissions while supporting families.

Inspectors also noted the strong leadership within the centre, excellent multidisciplinary teamwork and a positive culture among staff. Therapeutic and recreational programmes were widely available, with residents having access

to extensive self-care facilities, activity rooms, a sensory room, gym, hair salon, landscaped gardens and private en suite bedrooms, many of which had been personalised by residents. During interviews, residents spoke positively about their experiences, with inspectors finding clear evidence of professional, compassionate and respectful interactions between staff and those in their care.

The Mental Health Commission concluded that Deer Lodge had demonstrated a strong commitment to best practice and high-quality, person-centred mental healthcare, resulting in full compliance across every area assessed.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT TO SUPPORT Kerry Stars Special Olympics Athletes



Kerry Stars Special Olympics Sports Club is appealing for new volunteers to help support athletes with intellectual disabilities as it prepares for another busy season of sporting and social activities this September.

The club is inviting people from across Kerry to give just one hour of their time each week or fortnight to help athletes of all ages enjoy sport, build confidence and make lasting friendships.

No previous coaching experience or qualifications are required, with full guidance provided throughout the registration process with Special Olympics Ireland.

Kerry Stars offers training in athletics, basketball, soccer and therapeutic horse riding, while swimming programmes in both Tralee and Killarney currently operate waiting lists due to strong demand. The club also runs its popular monthly Adult Leadership Programme (ALPS), a social gathering for athletes which likewise has a waiting list.

New athletes are always welcome to come along and try the club's evening training sessions, with the autumn term running from September until early December before resuming from January through to May.

Club members say volunteering is a rewarding way to give back to the community while helping athletes develop their sporting abilities, enjoy new experiences and socialise in a fun and supportive environment. Volunteers also become part of a welcoming team dedicated to promoting inclusion through sport.

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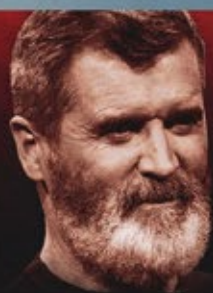
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Derry and Tadhg Fleming pictured with Mayo and Kerry fans at Up for the Match
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Kerry fans at Up for the Match



Derry and Tadhg Fleming pictured with Kerry fans at Up for the Match

Kerry Fans Bring the Colour to Up For The Match as Tadhg and Derry Steal the Show

There was a strong Kerry flavour in Croke Park on Saturday evening as hundreds of Kingdom supporters travelled to Dublin for the live broadcast of Up For The Match ahead of the All-Ireland Senior Football Final.

The iconic RTÉ programme, hosted by Jacqui Hurley and Des Cahill, was broadcast live from Croke Park for the first time, with the atmosphere building ahead of Sunday's showdown between Kerry and Mayo.

Among those adding to the excitement were Kerry social media sensations Tadhg and Derry Fleming, who proved to be among the stars of the show. The popular brothers had the audience laughing with their trademark humour and quick wit, earning plenty of applause from the packed crowd and becoming one of the highlights of the live broadcast. The Kerry panel also featured GAA great Jack O'Shea, seven-time All-Ireland winner Darran O'Sullivan and former Kerry footballer and rugby international Mick Galwey, who shared their memories and insights ahead of the decider.

With Kerry jerseys dominating the audience and supporters travelling from all corners of the county, the programme captured the anticipation, excitement and optimism surrounding the Kingdom's bid for another Sam Maguire title. The live audience created a carnival atmosphere, ensuring the green and gold were well represented on one of the biggest nights in the GAA calendar.



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Kerry Legend Eoin 'Bomber' Liston Joins Reen Financial Services in €150m Growth Move

Reen Financial Services is set to exceed €150 million in client assets under management following the acquisition of Eoin Liston Financial Services Ltd., in a deal that brings together two of Tralee's best-known financial advisory businesses. The transaction, completed in February 2026, marks a significant step in the company's growth strategy and further strengthens its presence across Kerry and Munster.

With roots stretching back 47 years, the business was founded in 1979 as Murphy & Sheehy Insurances at 20 Denny Street, Tralee, serving clients across Kerry and the wider southwest of Ireland. John Reen joined the firm as Commercial Manager in 2007, and in 2013 the strategic decision was taken to expand into financial services, providing clients with a genuine one-stop-shop for both their insurance and financial planning needs. In 2019, John Reen acquired Murphy & Sheehy Insurances Limited outright and the business relocated to new premises at 11 Denny Street, rebranding as Reen Financial Services Limited to reflect the new ownership and broadened range of services. Most recently, a 2024 reorganisation saw the business formalise its structure into two distinct entities: Reen Financial Services Ltd., focusing on financial planning and advisory services, and Reen Insurances Ltd., dedicated to general insurance solutions - two companies, one experienced team.

Today, Reen Financial Services Ltd. provides pensions, investments, savings, personal and business protection, retirement planning, succession planning, and tax and estate planning to individuals, families and businesses across Kerry and Munster. Reen Insurances Ltd. offers a comprehensive suite of commercial and personal insurance solutions including property and business interruption, commercial motor and fleet, employers' and public liability, professional indemnity, cyber liability, and management liability cover; sourced from leading Irish and international insurers.

The combined team now comprises ten experienced financial and insurance professionals: John Reen (Managing Director), John Reen Snr (Senior Financial Adviser), Eugene Cosgrave (Senior Financial Adviser), Tracey Hussey Leen (Administrator), Eoin Liston (Director), Conor Liston (Administrator), Seán Walsh (Commercial Insurance Executive), Daire



Pictured at Reen Financial Services' headquarters at 11 Denny Street, Tralee, following the announcement of the acquisition of Eoin Liston Financial Services Ltd. Pictured from left to right: Conor Liston, Eoin 'Bomber' Liston, Tracey Leen, Daire Dineen, Nuala Hinchy, Seán Walsh, John Reen, John Reen Snr, Eugene Cosgrave & Michelle O'Connor. The deal brings together two of Tralee's best-known financial advisory businesses and takes the combined firm's assets under management beyond €150 million, creating one of Kerry's largest locally owned financial advisory businesses. The full team of ten now spans financial planning, pensions, investments, retirement planning and commercial and personal insurance — serving individuals, families and businesses across Kerry and Munster. Reenfs.ie

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Dineen (Commercial Insurance Executive), Michelle O'Connor (Personal Lines Insurance Executive), and Nuala Hinchy (Accounts and Compliance Assistant).

The acquisition of Eoin Liston Financial Services represents a natural strategic fit. John Reen and Eoin Liston have worked within the Kerry financial services sector for many years and share a common commitment to client-focused advice and long-term financial planning. As part of his own succession planning, Eoin sought a long-term home for his clients, one that would ensure continuity of service while providing access to broader expertise and resources. Eoin Liston will remain with the business as Director, while Conor Liston continues as Administrator, ensuring a seamless transition for all clients. Clients of both firms will benefit from the

increased scale, expertise and resources of the combined organisation, while continuing to receive the personalised, locally-grounded service that both businesses have built their reputations upon.

Beyond his work in financial services, John Reen is deeply embedded in the Tralee business and wider community. He recently completed a 4-year term as Chairperson of the Tralee Chamber Alliance Steering Group, which directs the policy and agenda of the Chamber on behalf of its members, stakeholders and the broader Tralee business community, and has also served as a Trustee of Na Gaeil GAA Club and committee member at Tralee Golf Club. It is a personal and professional commitment to Kerry that runs through everything Reen Financial Services does.

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Countdown Begins

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The excitement is building for this year's Rose of Tralee International Festival following the announcement of the 2026 Rose Buds, with young participants from across Ireland and overseas preparing to take part in one of the festival's most cherished traditions.

The Rose Buds programme gives children aged between six and ten the opportunity to experience the magic of the world-famous festival, taking part in a series of fun-filled events while making lifelong friendships. The initiative has become a much-loved feature of festival week, celebrating confidence, inclusion and community spirit.

The 2026 Rose Buds represent counties throughout Ireland as well as Irish communities from around the world, mirroring the international reach of the Rose of Tralee. Throughout the festival they will enjoy a packed schedule of activities, entertainment and special appearances, sharing the spotlight with this year's Roses.

Festival organisers said the announcement marks another milestone in the countdown to the 2026 Rose of Tralee, which is expected to attract thousands of visitors to the Kerry town for several days of celebration, music and family entertainment.

With anticipation continuing to build, Tralee is preparing to once again welcome contestants, supporters and visitors from across the globe for one of Ireland's best-loved festivals, with the Rose Buds set to play a special role in the festivities.



Pictured on the night were 2025 Rose of Tralee Katelyn Cummins, Rose Escort Daithi Fitzgerald, Kerry Rose Caoimhe Lynch, Ethan O'Connor Rose Escorts, Angela Ryan Whyte as its new CEO Siamsa Tire and Rose Bud Ellis Gleeson and Rose Buddy Paddy O'Neill. Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD



Pictured on the night were 2025 Rose of Tralee Katelyn Cummins with Paddy O'Neill and Kiera O'Shea. Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD



The Rose of Tralee International Festival is delighted to announce the successful applicants for the 2026 Rose Buds and Rose Buddies programme. A huge congratulations to all 32 Rose Buds and 32 Rose Buddies who have been selected to take part in this year's Festival. All were pictured at Siamsa Tire in Tralee on Friday night last. From the moment they arrive in Tralee, they will enjoy an unforgettable week filled with friendship, fun, special events, and memories that will last a lifetime! Photo By: Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD.



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Art Group to Showcase the Beauty of the Kingdom in New Exhibition 'Natural Kerry'

Tralee Art Group is delighted to announce its forthcoming exhibition, 'Natural Kerry', which will be on display at Killarney House & Gardens from the 2nd-28th of August 2026. The exhibition celebrates the remarkable beauty, heritage and character of County Kerry through the eyes of local artists, with a diverse collection of original artworks inspired by the county's landscapes, people and rich cultural traditions.

The exhibition will be officially opened on Saturday, 8th August at 3.00pm by Michael Gleeson, former Mayor of Killarney and current Chairperson of Killarney Tidy Towns. Guests are warmly invited to attend the launch, where refreshments will be served as the exhibition is formally opened.

Featuring work from the diverse members of Tralee Art Group, Natural Kerry captures the essence of the Kingdom in a variety of artistic styles and media. From dramatic mountain ranges and rugged coastlines to tranquil lakes, historic landmarks and everyday moments of Kerry life, the exhibition reflects the inspiration that the county continues to provide to local artists. Many of the original artworks and prints will be available to purchase through the Tralee Art Group website.

Founded in 1979, Tralee Art Group has grown into one of Kerry's longest-established and most active visual arts organisations. With more



than 55 members, the group is committed to promoting creativity and supporting artists through exhibitions, workshops and community engagement, while celebrating the county's vibrant artistic heritage.

Visitors are encouraged to attend the official opening and to enjoy the exhibition throughout its residency at Killarney House & Gardens, where the stunning surroundings provide the perfect setting for this celebration of Kerry's natural beauty and cultural identity. Caitriona Foley, Chairperson of Tralee Art Group said the group is excited to once again

be exhibiting in the beautiful surrounds of Killarney House & Gardens and extended their sincere thanks to Diana Fawsitt, Pat Dawson, and the staff of Killarney House & Gardens for their generous support and assistance in bringing this exhibition to life.

Admission to the exhibition is free, and all are welcome.

For further information, please contact:

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Minister O'Sullivan announces intention to place Killarney National Park on statutory footing through new National Parks Bill

Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity, Christopher O'Sullivan TD, has today (Friday 24th July 2026) announced his intention to develop a National Parks Bill which will place Killarney National Park on a dedicated statutory footing and establish nature conservation and restoration as the primary purpose of its management. The proposal to develop the Bill was brought to Cabinet earlier this week by Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne TD.

Killarney National Park, extending to approximately 10,900 hectares, is home to Ireland's only native herd of red deer and internationally important oak and yew woodlands surrounding the Lakes of Killarney. To date, National Parks have been cared for through a range of legislative and administrative arrangements. Today's announcement on the development of a dedicated, comprehensive legislative framework will enable the State to go further by establishing management planning and governance frameworks, developing transparent designation processes, facilitating public access, recreation, education and research, and aligning Ireland with international best practice.

The proposed legislation will strengthen the long-term protection and management of these unique habitats while providing a modern governance framework to support nature restoration, visitor management and scientific research. Minister O'Sullivan said:

"The forthcoming National Parks Bill will represent one of the most significant

developments in nature conservation legislation in the history of the State, and it couldn't come at a more important time. We know that we need to lead nature restoration on public land, and our National Parks are central to achieving this. I want Ireland's first National Parks Bill to make the goal for these amazing places crystal clear: to protect and restore nature"

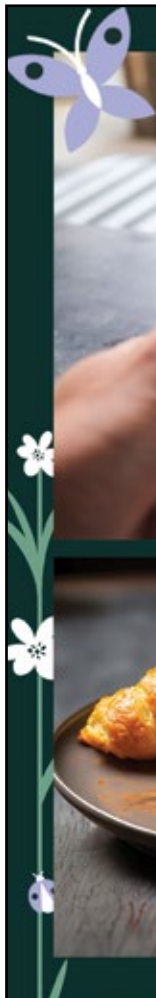
He continued: "Given what we've seen in recent weeks with fires devastating both Killarney and Wicklow Mountains National Parks, it's overwhelmingly clear to me that Rangers need stronger enforcement powers. I want the legislation to ensure that they can issue significant on-the-spot for people who break the rules, such as bringing disposable bbqs into our most valuable and vulnerable wild places.

Killarney National Park is one of Ireland's greatest natural treasures. This legislation will ensure that its exceptional woodlands, lakes and wildlife are protected and restored for generations to come, while providing a strong statutory basis for its future management."

Eamonn Meskeel, Divisional Manager, Killarney National Park welcomed the news and said:

"This legislation will provide a clear and enduring framework for the management of Killarney National Park. It will strengthen our ability to protect native woodlands, support species conservation and respond to the challenges of biodiversity loss and climate change while continuing to welcome visitors from across Ireland and around the world."













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The Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley TD has officially relaunched the attraction which can claim its place at the top of the leaderboard only a month after reopening. A hit with visitors, Aqua Golf features redesigned holes, new carpet greens, improved landscaping, refreshed water features, upgraded pathways and steps, galvanised vibrant red railings and a fully modernized guest experience while preserving the fun and character that decades of visitors have enjoyed. In congratulating the Aqua Dome Board of Directors, management and staff on the wonderful redevelopment, Minister Norma Foley said.

"Today's event is not simply about opening a newly refurbished miniature golf course, it is about celebrating another significant investment in one of Kerry's most important tourism and leisure attractions.

"The importance of the Aqua Dome extends far beyond these walls as it is a major contributor to the local economy.

"Every family that visits the Aqua Dome also supports hotels, guesthouses, restaurants, cafés, shops and other attractions throughout Tralee and the wider county.

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Minister Norma Foley 'Putts' Refurbished Aqua Golf Course Top of the Leaderboard . Pictured : Sean Ryan , Ogie Moran , Brian Durran Chairman Aqua Dome , Brid Mc Elligott and Kieran Ruttledge: Chief Executive Officer Tralee Aqua Dome and Minister Norma Foley. Photo By : Domnick Walsh © Eye Focus LTD .

Mike Lynch Electrical, Kerry Drains, Green Gardens and Aqua Dome staff who helped make the dream a reality.

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Minister Foley officially opens Kerry Social Farming's alternative respite programme for people with disabilities

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry TD Norma Foley has officially opened Kerry Social Farming's alternative respite programme for people with disabilities.

The initiative is providing up to 100 people with disabilities the opportunity to participate in meaningful farming experiences and other supportive social outlets.

People from all across Kerry are taking part in the programme which was launched in Patrick and Mary B Murphy's dairy farm in Ballycarbery West, Castlequin, Cahirciveen, Co. Kerry.

Minister Foley said:

"It is an honour to launch this respite programme funded by the Department of Children, Disability and Equality via the HSE and delivered by Kerry Social Farming. This programme gives people with disabilities hands-on experience of the joys of being on a farm, supporting their wellbeing and enhancing their quality of life. Particular thanks to Joe McCrohan and the SKD team, Patrick and Mary B for their hospitality, all the host farmers and the participants themselves who bring such energy, enjoyment and fun to the programme."

The alternative respite programme will provide a range of activities for people with disabilities including hands-on farming experience and social events such as a summer BBQ.

There will be a range of visits to agri-tourism enterprises such as Dairymaster, McHale, Kerry Agribusiness as well as livestock marts, county fairs and shows. There will also be day trips to local amenities and attractions such as ring forts, forest walks, greenways and beaches.

Minister Foley praised the contribution of Kerry Social Farming since it was set up 13 years ago.

"This is a wonderful organisation which is at the heart of the community. 76 social farming



Minister Foley pictured with people from all across Kerry are taking part in the programme which was launched in Patrick and Mary B Murphy's dairy farm in Ballycarbery West, Castlequin, Cahirciveen, Co. Kerry.

days were provided during your first year of operation in 2013. This number increased over thirty times to 2,500 social farming days in 2025. What Kerry farmers and indeed Kerry Social Farming are doing for the people who avail of these services is so important. It is a model for others to follow."

The launch was attended by Noel Spillane, the chief executive of South Kerry Development Partnership, Joseph McCrohan, the manager of Kerry Social Farming, Eamon Horgan, the chair of the Kerry Social Farming working group and by Mary Keane, the manager of disability client services for the HSE in Kerry.

The Kerry Social Farming alternative respite programme is part of a growing range of

alternative respite services for people with disabilities, including afterschool clubs, weekend activities, summer camps and evening activities. These services are in addition to the ongoing overnight respite centre programmes from the HSE and disability service organisations.

The table below shows the geographical spread of some of the participants in the Kerry Social Farming's alternative respite programme. In total, up to 100 people with disabilities are expected to take part by the time the programme is concluded.

Charity Car and Honda 50 Run to Support Two Worthy Causes

Motor enthusiasts from across Kerry are being invited to take part in a charity Car and Honda 50 Run taking place at O'Riada's Bar & Restaurant, Ballymacelligott, Tralee, on Sunday, August 2.

The event will raise funds for two deserving causes – the Kerry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Sick and Helpers Fund and St. John of God Oileán Beo, Castleisland.

Registration will take place from 9am, with the car run setting off at 11am. Organisers are encouraging owners of all types of vehicles to take part in what promises to be an enjoyable day out for a worthy cause.

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Spraoi Chiarraí Continues 21st Season with Free Summer Concerts

Spraoi Chiarraí is set to continue its 21st season of free summer concerts in Killarney, showcasing some of the finest young traditional musicians from Kerry and beyond.

The third of five concerts will take place on Saturday, August 1, at 8pm in St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Killarney, with audiences invited to enjoy an evening of Irish traditional music and song free of charge.

This week's performers include Eoin O'Driscoll from Newmarket, Co. Cork, on accordion and Muireann O'Hanlon from Boherbue, Co. Cork, on fiddle. They will be joined by the programme's founder, director and producer Tim O'Shea, who has been performing folk music for many years.

Now firmly established as a highlight of Killarney's summer cultural calendar, Spraoi Chiarraí provides a valuable platform for young traditional performers to gain experience in a professional concert setting while celebrating the rich musical heritage of the south west.

The concerts feature a wide variety of instruments including fiddle, Irish harp, accordion, flute, whistle, Uilleann pipes, guitar, harmonica, bodhrán and vocals, offering an enjoyable evening of family entertainment for both locals and visitors.

The initiative aims to nurture young talent, develop performance skills, celebrate Ireland's traditional music culture and provide free, high-quality cultural experiences throughout



the summer. The group has also been invited to perform once again at this year's Puck Fair. The remaining concerts in the series will take place on August 15 and August 22, with all performances beginning at 8pm in St. Mary's Church of Ireland.

Spraoi Chiarraí is supported by Kerry County Council's Killarney Municipal District, Kerry Arts

Office, the Community Support Fund, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, Kerry Gems Publishing and the Vestry Committee of St. Mary's Church of Ireland.

Admission to all concerts is free and families are warmly encouraged to attend.



KERRY Airport AGM welcomes 2025 Annual Report confirming Operating Profit after Taxation for the period of €840,979 as compared to an after-Taxation Operating Profit of €1,373,300 in the previous year.

Kerry Airport delivered the strongest performance in its history in 2025, handling 440,367 passengers, representing a 5.5% increase on the previous year.

Pictured at the AGM in Ballygarra Estate, Hotel and Spa were l-r: Standing l-r: Bryan Cunningham (Director), John O'Sullivan (Secretary), Matt Horgan (Director), Martin O'Donoghue (Director); Seated l-r: Kathleen O'Regan-Sheppard (Director), Adrian Neilan (CEO) and Denis Cregan (Chair).

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Rare Record Discovery Strikes a Chord with Killarney Collector



An unexpected discovery has added another fascinating chapter to the ever-growing collection of Killarney antiques enthusiast Brendan O'Sullivan, who recently came across a rare recording of The Rose of Killarney while searching for vintage treasures.

An avid collector of antiques and memorabilia, Brendan was surprised to find a near century-old record of The Rose of Killarney, recorded in America in 1928, with United Ireland featured on the B-side. While most people are familiar with the iconic Rose of Tralee, Brendan's latest find highlights another much-loved Irish ballad with a rich musical history stretching back more than 125 years. Research into the song revealed that it should not be confused with the better-known Victorian parlour song of the same

name written by George Cooper and composer John Rogers Thomas. That version was first recorded by the American barbershop vocal group The Haydn Quartet for the Berliner Gramophone in 1899.

Over the decades, The Rose of Killarney has been interpreted by many celebrated Irish singers. William Davidson recorded the song during the 1920s, while Shaun O'Nolan recorded it in New York in 1927, issuing it with United Ireland on the reverse side. It later featured in the repertoires of Joseph Locke, Connie Foley of Tralee, Fr. Sydney MacEwan, Gloria Hunniford, Hugo Duncan, and the Seán O'Neill Band, ensuring the song continued to delight generations of Irish music lovers.

The traditional Irish air, with lyrics celebrating the beauty, grace and charm of a maiden from Killarney, has remained a favourite on Irish folk and ballad collections, although it has often been overshadowed by the famous Rose of Tralee.



Filmmaker in Residence 2026 - Creative Ireland Programme



Kerry County Council and Creative Ireland Kerry have welcomed back Jesse Gilbert as Kerry Filmmaker in Residence 2026. The Filmmaker in Residence has been an integral part of the Arts Service/Creative Ireland Kerry programme delivered by Kerry County Council for several years. 'The demand from young people to explore creativity through film is large', advised Kate Kennelly, Arts Officer & Creative Ireland Coordinator at Kerry County Council. Furthermore, 'the enthusiasm of those engaging with his residency is evident, and the work created is inspiring'. This year's residency is funded through the Creative Ireland Kerry programme.

Jesse will continue his programme of delivering workshops for schools, community groups and youth film clubs.

Highlights from last year's residency include the Poetry - Films initiative, during which 5 community groups created films from poems they had developed with writer-in-residence Emer Fallon.

These films screened at a dedicated Culture Night event at Siamsa Tíre.

This year Jesse is looking to focus on documentary filmmaking. He will be working with several Women's groups countywide to produce a series of documentary films centred on the importance of community.

Providing a filmmaking outlet for the youth of Kerry has always been a key element to Jesse's work, and he is available for school workshops with transition year groups. He will also continue facilitating the Killarney-based filmmaking club SONAR, which has recently acquired its first dedicated film camera (thanks to the kind support of the Kerry ETB). SONAR's films have won awards at national youth film competitions and offer great opportunities for young people looking to pursue filmmaking.

As always, Jesse is available to individuals looking for advice and information about filmmaking and can be contacted at jgilbertfilm@gmail.com.



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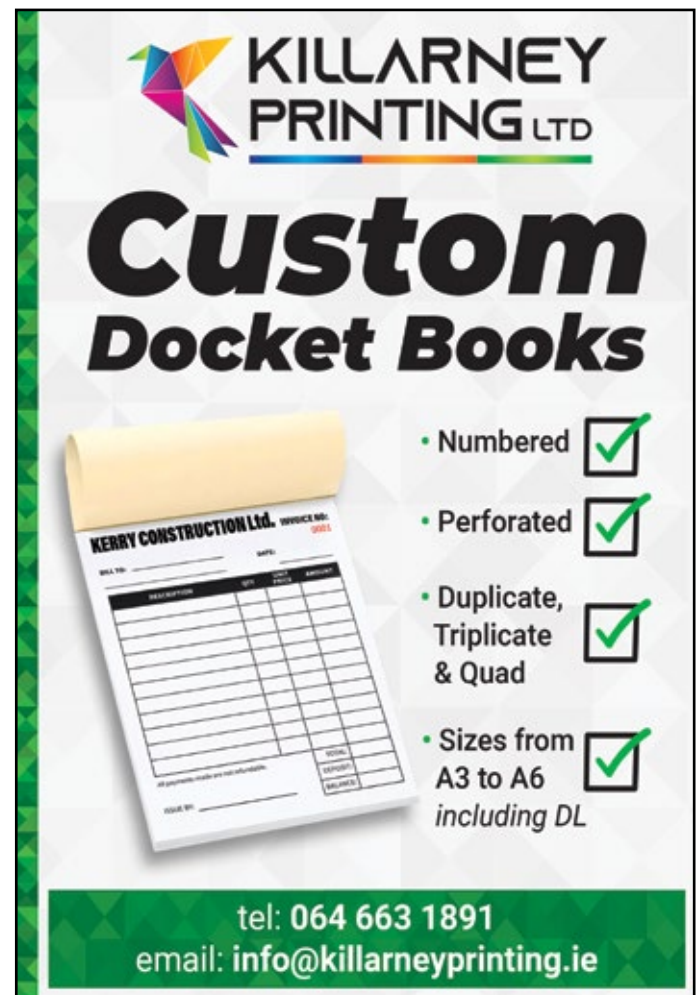
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Kilcummin Comhaltas Celebrates Success at Munster Fleadh in anticipation of the All Ireland

The Kilcummin Comhaltas Branch would like to acknowledge all of our incredible competitors who did themselves, their families, and our Branch proud at Fleadh Cheoil Na Mumhan last week in Lismore Co. Waterford. The weather was absolutely glorious, as were the results.

There was fantastic success for the Moriarty School of Dancing, with 5 of the 6 sets competing in very tough competitions being crowned Munster Champions! They now progress to Fleadh Cheoil Na hÉireann in Belfast next month, joining the Over 18 Mixed, Ladies and Half sets, as well as the Over 35 Mixed, all of whom will have automatically qualified following their wins at last years All Ireland. In all 9 sets from our Parish will compete in Belfast, an outstanding achievement for the dancers, their families, and their trainers Adrian, John and Mary Moriarty. We wish them every best luck and safe travels! The sets who competed at the Munster Fleadh are as follows:

Under 12 Ladies - Munster Champions
Under 12 Mixed - Munster Champions
Under 18 Ladies - Munster Champions
Over 18 Mixed - Munster Champions
Over 35 Ladies - Munster Champions

We also acknowledge the outstanding performance of our budding Under 15 mixed set, who danced exceptionally in a difficult competition and were unlucky on the day - but who will no doubt be back as they have many years of dancing ahead of them!

As the weekend progressed, our branch members competing in Music, Singing, and Comhrá Gaeilge competitions headed for the Sunny South East and again did their families and our Branch proud. The competitors were as follows:

Eoin Foley in 15 to 18 Button Accordion, who was crowned

Munster Champion!

Micheal O Connor in the U. 12 Button Accordion competition who took 3rd place.

Micheal Healy in the 0.18 Melodeon, being crowned Munster Champion, also taking 3rd place in the 0.18 Button Accordion.

Colm Fleming played very well in the U. 15 Button Accordion competition

Aoibhinn O'Connor in the Fiddle & Fiddle slow airs U.15 competitions
Sean Fleming in the Whistle slow airs U.18

Sean Butler in the 0.18 Button Accordion & Melodeon

Brynn McCarthy who competed in Comhra Gaeilge 9 to 11, and has qualified for the All Ireland in Belfast!

Brynn McCarthy in the U.12 English Singing category who took 3rd place on the day

Ella Rose Lyons competed in the U.12 Irish singing

Brynn McCarthy in both English & Irish singing U.12

Brynn McCarthy & Catriona Blake performed beautifully in U.12 Duets category

Catriona Blake also competed as part of an U.12 trio

We also extend our congratulations to all members involved in Bannaí & Grúpaí Ceoil competitions with our Kerry Branches on outstanding performances.

We really are so proud of everyone who represented the Branch at the Fleadh - it is an amazing achievement to reach a Munster Fleadh, and is a testament to each individual's talent and commitment to their craft. The vision of Comhaltas in preserving and promoting Irish Culture through Music, Song, Dance & Comhrá is alive and well in Kilcummin and will be for generations to come!

Fleadh Cheoil Na hÉireann takes place in Belfast from the 2nd to the 9th of August. The very best of luck again to all competitors heading to Belfast. Safe travels and best wishes in your preparations. Go n-éirí an bóthar Leat!



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Killarney Valley AC Athletes Shine at National Senior Championships

Killarney Valley AC enjoyed another outstanding weekend on the national stage as its athletes produced a series of impressive performances at the Athletics Ireland National Senior Championships, collecting medals, personal bests and top-eight finishes against the country's elite.

Leading the way was international athlete Jason O'Reilly, who claimed a superb silver medal in the men's 400m hurdles. O'Reilly produced the race of his life to clock a personal best of 53.52 seconds, breaking the 54-second barrier for the first time. His outstanding performance follows last year's bronze medal, meaning he has now reached the national podium for a second consecutive year.

The race was won by Fintan Dewhirst of Tir Chonaill AC in 51.76 seconds, with Adam

Courtney of Ballymena & Antrim AC taking bronze in 53.75. O'Reilly's latest breakthrough has also attracted the attention of scholarship programmes at universities in the United States, with several reportedly monitoring the talented young hurdler.

Middle-distance runner Jack O'Leary also impressed, setting a new personal best of 1:49.98 in the 800m as he finished 10th in a highly competitive final.

Sprint star Sarah Leahy once again demonstrated her consistency at the highest level, securing fifth place in the women's 100m final in a time of 11.61 seconds.

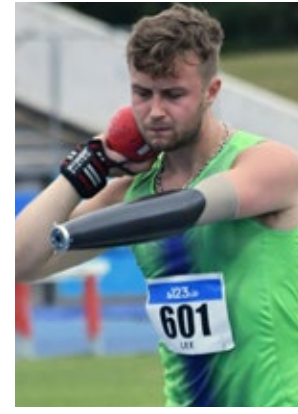
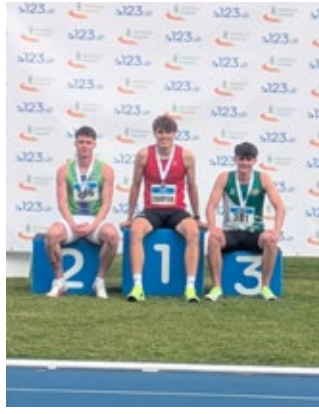
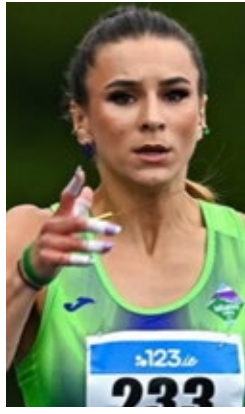
Clubmate Keelie O'Connor reached the 100m semi-finals for the first time, running 12.35 seconds in one of the strongest sprint fields assembled in the country.

There was further success in the field events, with rising pole vault prospect Anna O'Shea clearing 2.90 metres to claim an excellent eighth-place finish.

Para-athlete Jordan Lee continued his remarkable rise by winning gold in the shot put with a best throw of 12.86 metres, adding another national title to his growing list of achievements.

The only disappointment for the club came in the men's 5,000m, where Conor Kissane was forced to withdraw early after sustaining an injury.

The performances capped another memorable National Senior Championships for Killarney Valley AC, with the club once again proving it can compete successfully at the very highest level of Irish athletics.



Ukrainian Community Brings International Cultural Exhibition to Killarney



Killarney recently hosted the international "Unity Rushnyk – Victory Rushnyk" exhibition, bringing together the Ukrainian community in Kerry and local residents in a celebration of culture, heritage and solidarity.

Organised by Future of Ukrainian Nation, the exhibition forms part of a global project linking Ukrainian communities across countries including Norway, France, Spain, Ireland and Canada, as well as cities throughout Ukraine. Each community embroiders a section of the traditional Rushnyk before passing it to the next destination. The symbolic artwork has now reached an impressive length of 166 metres.

Visitors learned about the history and symbolism of the Ukrainian Rushnyk while viewing the section created by the Ukrainian community in Ireland. Organisers also welcomed messages of support from visitors, including many from the United States.

The group thanked project manager Iryna Samborska, volunteers, St. Mary's Church and the wider Killarney community for their support, saying the exhibition demonstrated how cultural initiatives can strengthen community ties, promote understanding and unite people through shared values.

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KILLARNEY COMHALTAS CELEBRATE SUCCESS AS THEY HEAD TO THE ALL IRELAND FLEADH

Killarney Comhaltas celebrated remarkable success at this year's Munster championship, with competitors achieving numerous top placings and qualification spots for Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2026, which will take place in Belfast from Sunday 2 August to Sunday 9 August 2026. The results are a testament to the dedication, hard work and talent of our members, as well as the commitment of their teachers, families and supporters.

The branch is especially proud of those who were crowned Munster Champions and of the many performers who secured qualification for the All-Ireland Fleadh. Their achievements reflect the strength of traditional Irish music, dance and language within our community and showcase the vibrant cultural heritage that continues to thrive in Killarney.

Killarney Comhaltas extends its sincere congratulations to all who took part in the competition. Every participant represented the branch with great pride, enthusiasm and sportsmanship, and their success is a credit to themselves, their families and the wider Killarney community.

As they now prepare to compete on the national stage in Belfast, we wish all our qualifiers every success. We look forward to supporting them as they continue their Fleadh journey and proudly represent Killarney, Kerry and Munster at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2026.

MUNSTER FLEADH 2026 RESULTS

Céilí Dancing

Rince Céilí Ceathrair, Mná / 4-Hand Céilí Dancing, Ladies (Faoi 12)

1st: CCÉ, Cill Áirne - Team Réidín and Munster Champions

Rince Céilí Ceathrair, Measctha / 4-Hand Céilí Dancing, Mixed (12-15)

1st: CCÉ, Cill Áirne - Team Marcus and Munster Champions

Rince Céilí Ochtair, Mná / 8-Hand Céilí Dancing, Ladies (O18)

1st: CCÉ, Cill Áirne-Spa Team Kate

Rince Céilí Ceathrair, Mná / 4-Hand Céilí Dancing, Ladies (O18)

2nd: CCÉ, Cill Áirne - Spa

Set Dancing

Rince Seit, Measctha / Full Set, Mixed (12-15)

1st: CCÉ, Cill Áirne - Spa: Team Aidan and Munster Champions

Rince Seit, Mná / Full Set, Ladies (12-15)

3rd: CCÉ, Cill Áirne - Spa: Team Cailín

Rince Seit, Measctha / Full Set, Mixed (Faoi 12)

2nd: CCÉ, Cill Áirne - Spa: Team Evan

Rince Seit, Measctha / Full Set, Mixed (15-18)

3rd: CCÉ, Cill Áirne - Spa: Team Colm

Rince Leathsheit Measctha / Half Set, Mixed (O18)

3rd: CCÉ, Cill Áirne - Abbey Cross: Team Éabha

Rince Leathsheit Measctha / Half Set, Mixed (Faoi 18)

3rd: CCÉ, Cill Áirne - Spa: Team Colm

Rince Seit, Mná, Os Cionn 35 / Full Set, Ladies,



Rince Céilí Ochtair, Mná / 8-Hand Céilí Dancing, Ladies (O18)

1st: CCÉ, Cill Áirne-Spa Team Kate - Munster Champions



Rince Céilí Ceathrair, Mná / 4-Hand Céilí Dancing, Ladies (Faoi 12)

1st: CCÉ, Cill Áirne - Team Réidín and Munster



Rince Seit, Mná / Full Set, Ladies (O18)

1st: CCÉ, Cill Áirne - Spa: Team Triona and Munster Champions

O35 (O-35)

2nd: CCÉ, Cill Áirne - Spa: Team Ann Maire

Rince Seit, Measctha, Os Cionn 35 / Full Set, Mixed, O35 (O-35)

2nd: CCÉ, Cill Áirne - Spa: Team Noreen

Rince Seit, Mná / Full Set, Ladies (O18)

1st: CCÉ, Cill Áirne - Spa: Team Triona and Munster Champions

Sean-Nós

Rince ar an Sean-Nós (O18)

3rd: Cíanán Ó Dochartaigh - CCÉ, Cill Áirne

Music

Bosca Ceoil / Button Accordion (12-15)



Rince Seit, Measctha / Full Set, Mixed (12-15)

1st: CCÉ, Cill Áirne - Spa: Team Aidan and Munster Champions



Bosca Ceoil / Button Accordion (12-15)

1st: Michael O'Connor - CCÉ, Cill Áirne and Munster Champion



Rince Céilí Ceathrair, Measctha / 4-Hand Céilí Dancing, Mixed (12-15)

1st: CCÉ, Cill Áirne - Team Marcus and Munster Champions

1st: Michael O'Connor - CCÉ, Cill Áirne and Munster Champion

Mileoidean / Melodeon (12-15)

2nd: Michael O'Connor - CCÉ, Cill Áirne

Scéalaíocht/ Comhrá

Scéalaíocht (12-15)

2nd: Rian Gleeson - CCÉ, Cill Áirne

Comhrá Gaeilge (Faoi 9)

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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

KILCUMMIN COMHALTAS

Kilcummin Comhaltas would like to acknowledge our members who took part in Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan last week in Lismore Co. Waterford. Our branch had competitors in music, singing, dancing & Comhra Gaeilge. Congratulations to all our members who have qualified for Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in Belfast in August. Best wishes in your preparations & go n-éirí an bóthar libh.

CHURCH EVENTS

New Cemetery Mass: Monday, 3rd of August at 7pm.

Old Kilcummin Graveyard Mass on Wednesday, 5th August at 7.30pm.

Masses can be viewed on webcam: <https://www.churchservices.tv/kilcummin>

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

A vacancy presently exists on the Kilcummin Rural Dev. C.E. Scheme for the position of Receptionist in the Duchas Centre in Tralee for Kerry CCE. This position is a development opportunity and no experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. Please contact your Local Dep. of Social Protection employment services/Intreo office to check your eligibility. To apply please forward your C.V. & P.P.S. number to the Supervisor, Kilcummin Rural Development Office by post or email info@kilcumminparish.com. For further information contact Helen on 089-4756774.

KILCUMMIN GAA

EAST KERRY JUNIOR LEAGUE DIV 2 FINAL

Kilcummin 1-13 Gneeveguilla 1-10

Our Junior team gave a great performance to win the division 2 title in Kilcummin last week. Andy Lowin's goal proved to be the difference but Kilcummin also had great performances from the likes of Jack O'Donoghue, Paudie Moynihan, Shane McSweeney and Colin O'Leary with the experience of Kevin McCarthy proving invaluable. However this was a good team performance involving a strong panel.

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Tuesday 28th July 2026 for the Jackpot of €9,500. Numbers drawn were 17,19,21,28. Consolation prizes of €50 Michael O'Connor, Adrian O'Keeffe, Michael O'Callaghan, Christy Cronin. Our next draw will be on Monday 10th August for Jackpot of €9,750 Thank you for your continued support.

MASTERGEEHA FC

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Friday, 24th July for the Jackpot of €9,400. Numbers drawn were 1, 15, 25, 26. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Mairead O'Connor, The Old Creamery; Maria O'Grady c/o Post Office; Sharon O'Boyle (online); Lyno. Our next draw will be on Friday 31st July for Jackpot of €9,600.

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

July 28th 2026. Jackpot €3,900. Numbers Drawn: 6, 8,12, 19. No Winner. €100 Joe Clifford, Tralee. €50 Frank Hickey. €50 Helen Enright, Milltown. €25 Catherine Clifford, Beaufort. €25 Dermot Lyne. Jackpot next weekend 2nd Aug 2026.

€4,050

SENIORS

Listry seniors begin their Junior Premier Club Championship with a game v Tarbert in Mountcoal on Saturday week August 1st at 7pm.

MINORS

Listry minors will contest the Co Div 1 Final on the following Monday August 3rd v Dr Crokes in Kilcummin at 7pm.

U14B

U14B Boys – Away to Na Fianna at 7:30pm Friday 31st.

Naoise O'Donoghue pictured with her mum Catheriona and the cup following the Kerry team win of the Under 18 B All Ireland Football Final.



Could the €8.2 Million Lotto Winner Be a Kerry Football Fan?



There was plenty of excitement in Kerry this week following speculation that Saturday night's €8.2 million Lotto jackpot winner could have been a Kingdom supporter travelling to the All-Ireland Final.

The winning Quick Pick ticket, worth an incredible €8,221,849, was sold at the popular Obama Plaza service station in Moneygall, Co. Offaly, one of Ireland's busiest stop-off points for motorists travelling between Munster and Dublin.

With thousands of Kerry supporters making the journey to Croke Park over the weekend, many will be wondering if one lucky fan picked up more than just a coffee and a sandwich on the way to the capital.

The National Lottery has confirmed that the jackpot winner has already made contact with its Prize Claims team and arrangements are now being made for the lucky ticket holder to collect their life-changing prize at Lottery Headquarters.



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BEST OF LUCK

Best of luck to the Kerry Ladies especially Daniel O'Leary & Nora O'Connor, from Rathmore in the All Ireland Ladies Football Final in Croke Park, Kerry vs Galway.

GRAVEYARD MASSES

Behineagh Cemetery Mass Tuesday August 4th @ 7.30pm

Nohoval Cemetery Mass Wednesday 5th August @ 7.30pm

Old Chapel Mass Friday 7th August @ 7.30pm

Given that Fr Kieran is generally unfamiliar with the area we would ask some of the organisers of these Masses to contact Fr Kieran a week in advance, and offer him assistance in setting up the altar etc.

DIOCESAN COLLECTION for the Pastoral Centre will take place next weekend the 2nd/3rd August. Donations can be contributed online on the donate tab on the parish website www.rathmoreparish.ie or drop into the Parish Office

SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €205. Julia Lucey won this week. 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 appreciated 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.

GNEEVEGUILLA ATHLETICS

Huge congratulations to our athletes that competed at Templemore Munster B Championships on Sunday July 19th.

Holly Kelliher U9 gold 60m, Aisling Fenton Silver U15 800m,

James Erwin Bronze Javelin

Siún Drew Silver U11 600m

Ella Stack Silver in 80m and Gold in high jump.

Best of luck to all our athletes competing in the National Championships!

LOTTO

No winner of last week's Lotto, Jackpot for this coming Friday July 31st, €14,200 + Bonus draw for €1000

HARD LUCK to the Kerry senior team & management especially Paul Murphy, Shane Ryan & Ciaran Collins in Croke Park on Sunday last.

NOTES

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

Minister Foley welcomes new Water Infrastructure Funding to Support Housing Growth in Kerry

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has welcomed Government approval of a new mechanism to provide €2 billion in capital funding to Uisce Éireann to expand water and wastewater infrastructure and support the delivery of 300,000 new homes by 2030.

The dedicated funding will increase capacity in communities across the country, helping to remove infrastructure constraints that have delayed or prevented housing development.

The investment will be delivered through two targeted programmes: €1.7 billion for the Growth Investment Programme, supporting water and wastewater capacity in 72 settlements where infrastructure upgrades

can unlock significant housing development.

€300 million for the Small Towns and Villages Growth Programme, supporting wastewater infrastructure in communities with populations below 2,000 and helping to facilitate housing growth in rural and regional areas.

Minister Foley said:

"I welcome the €2 billion in capital funding for Uisce Éireann. This investment will expand vital water services and wastewater treatment capacity, helping unlock housing developments in towns, villages and parishes right around Kerry."

THE SCOURGE OF SILENT SCOOTERS

By Nicky Barry

This friend of mine is adamant, that I get a scooter,
And the very thought of it, to me is a total hooter,
For I can never see myself, flying up the road,
Like a geriatric teenager, who never grew old.
These yokes are a nuisance, zooming on footpaths,
For now they are everywhere, but it may not last,
For the Taoiseach and the Tanaiste, are on a crusade,
To banish them completely, so old folk can be safe.
I've seen silver-heads on crutches, jumping to one side,
As teenagers on these machines, silently swoosh by.
There might be two or three of them, racing like the wind,
With no regard for anyone, as they try to win,
The race up to Centra, for a Coke and ninety-nine,
Before continuing to town, in a helter-skelter line.
Then at night after pints, they become more reckless,
Sometimes with a passenger, who is maybe footless.
None of them wear helmets, for that would not be cool,
For style is so important, and they make their own rules.
Surgeons say that brain damage, from scooter accidents,
Takes up most of their time, which could be better spent!



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SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin



Spa Minor Boys Wlnning Captain JJ O'Donoghue.



Spa's Daithi Stack, named Player of the Match in the County League Division 5 Final.

SPA MINOR BOYS CROWNED COUNTY LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Spa Minor Boys were crowned County League Division 5 Champions on Tuesday evening following a superb 4-10 to 2-13 victory over a strong Cordal side in an entertaining final. Spa's clinical finishing proved decisive, with three first-half goals helping them to a 3-4 to 0-8 interval lead, before they continued their impressive display in the second half to secure a well-deserved win. Daithi Stack was named Player of the Match for his outstanding performance, while captain JJ O'Donoghue proudly accepted the trophy from Denis McCrohan. The victory caps a remarkable season for this talented young Spa team, who have now completed a memorable treble, having already captured the East Kerry Division 3 Minor League title and the Minor County Championship Division E Shield. Congratulations to all the players and the management team on a fantastic achievement.

ALL-IRELAND GLORY FOR CIARA

Huge congratulations to Spa's Ciara O'Sullivan and the Kerry Minor team on capturing the All-Ireland U18 B title following a thrilling 1-12 to 1-10 extra-time victory over Tyrone. Ciara produced an outstanding performance, starting at midfield and playing the full match as Kerry battled to a memorable win. Everyone at Spa GAA is immensely proud of Ciara on this fantastic achievement and congratulates her and all the Kerry panel and management on their well-deserved All-Ireland success.

SPA ACADEMY SUMMER BREAK

A reminder that the Spa Academy is taking a two-week break and there is no training on Sat 1st or 8th August. This applies to the ABCs, and both Boys & Girls U8s & U10s teams. Training will return on 15th August.

SPA SENIOR MEN ALL SET FOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Spa Senior Men begin their 2026 County Senior Club Championship campaign on Friday, 7th August, when they face Dr Crokes in Fitzgerald Stadium at 7.00pm. Spa have been drawn in Group 1 and will also take on Rathmore and Dingle, with those fixture details to be confirmed following



Ciara O'Sullivan with her proud parents John Joe and Geraldine at the end of the Kerry Minors All Ireland victory last week

the opening round. Best wishes to the players and management as they prepare for another exciting championship campaign. We encourage all Spa supporters to get behind the team and cheer them on in Fitzgerald Stadium.

CLUB LOTTO

Spa Lotto 29/07/2026 Results. Numbers drawn: 12, 14, 17, 2. No jackpot winner. Lucky Dips €50 each: Eoin Cronin, Mary Mangan, Kathleen Gleeson, Mark O'Connor, Theresa Egan

Next week's draw will be on Monday 3 August for a jackpot of €9,600. Play online via www.spagaa.com/draws



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Countdown On for Ted's Opel Vauxhall Run 2026

The countdown is well underway to one of Ireland's biggest gatherings of Opel and Vauxhall enthusiasts, with just over a week to go until Ted's Opel Vauxhall Run 2026 takes to the roads in aid of Dogs for the Disabled.

Now in its 19th year, the popular charity event will take place on Saturday, August 8, and for the first time will be based at Coolcower House, Macroom, Co. Cork. Over the years, the annual run has grown into one of the largest Opel and Vauxhall events in the country, attracting classic and modern vehicles from across Ireland and beyond.

This year's event has already confirmed entries from the Isle of Man, as well as enthusiasts travelling from Tyrone, Derry, Sligo, Offaly, Kildare, Cork and Kerry, promising another impressive display of motoring history and community spirit.

Registration opens at 9am on Saturday morning, with an entry fee of €20 per vehicle, which includes a starter pack for each participant. The first award of the day will be presented at 10am, before the convoy departs at 11am.

Participants will enjoy a scenic drive through the beautiful landscapes of Mid West Cork, Muskerry and the Gaeltacht Mhúscraí. The carefully planned route will take in Hartnett's Cross, Toonsbridge, Inchigeela, Lough Allua, Pipe Hill, Carriganass Castle, Coomhola Bridge and Ballylickey, with a midway stop at Cronin's



Centra and Service Station. The return journey includes Kealkill, the Coosane Gap, Coppeen, Béal na Bláth, Crookstown and Lissarda before arriving back at Coolcower House.

Following the run, participants and visitors can enjoy a barbecue, prizegiving ceremony and live music from the ever-popular Fiona Dinneen.

A wide range of perpetual and special awards will once again be presented, with the coveted Overall Car of the Day title, sponsored by Opel Ireland, expected to be one of the highlights. A raffle featuring numerous prizes will also take place.

Organisers have thanked Opel Ireland, Cartell.ie

and Casey Caravan Services for their continued support of the event.

All Opel, Vauxhall, Bedford and General Motors vehicles are welcome to take part, regardless of age. Even those without a vehicle are encouraged to come along, admire the impressive collection of cars, wave the convoy off, support participants along the route, or join the celebrations when the cars return to Coolcower House later that evening.

For further information contact Ted on 086 3256751, Denis on 086 3562905, or follow Ted's Opel Vauxhall Run on Facebook.

TFI Anseo Killarney to Introduce Virtual Stops

From Monday, 10 August 2026, passengers using the TFI Anseo service in Killarney will be guided to nearby virtual stops for pick-up and drop-off when booking their journeys through the app.

The introduction of virtual stops marks the next phase in the pilot of the service and brings the operation more closely in line with a conventional bus service model, while maintaining the flexibility and convenience that passengers have come to value.

The change follows the strong performance of TFI Anseo in Killarney, which has now recorded over 80,000 passenger journeys, demonstrating growing demand for the service and its important role in improving local connectivity across the town.

By introducing virtual stops, TFI Anseo will operate more efficiently, reducing journey times and enabling vehicles to accommodate more bookings throughout the day. The change is expected to improve overall service reliability while helping more people access public transport in



Killarney.

From 10 August, passengers will continue to enter their pick-up location and destination when making a booking. The app will then direct them to the nearest virtual stop for boarding and alighting.

Passengers with mobility needs or those requiring additional assistance will continue to have access to a door-to-door service.

Customers are encouraged to contact the TFI Local Link Kerry office in advance to arrange this support.

The successful operation of TFI Anseo in Killarney has also led to the service being extended beyond its original pilot period, reflecting its positive impact and continued growth in usage.

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By Dermot Cronin
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O'Donoghue Ring Collection Shortlisted for Eight Categories in Bar of the Year Awards 2026

O'Donoghue Ring Collection venues have received an impressive eight finalist nominations across the Square Bar of the Year Awards 2026.

The nominations for three of the group's distinctive bars – Café du Parc, Pig's Lane, and The Kenmare Rooms at Killarney Avenue Hotel – are a testament to the breadth of talent, innovation and guest experience delivered across the Kerry-based collection.

The independent, family-run group's 2026 finalists are:

Hotel Bar of the Year – Café du Parc

Hotel Cocktail Bar of the Year – Café du Parc

Innovative Bar of the Year – Pig's Lane

Best Designed Bar/Inside Space – Pig's Lane

Cocktail Bar of the Year – Pig's Lane

Cocktail Bartender of the Year – Aušrinė Kikilytė, Pig's Lane

Whiskey Bar of the Year – Pig's Lane

Bar Food of the Year – The Kenmare Rooms, Killarney Avenue Hotel

The Square Bar of the Year Awards are among the most respected accolades in Ireland's hospitality industry, celebrating excellence in bars, cocktails, food, design, service and innovation. This year's awards attracted more than 1,000 entries from across the country, with winners set to be announced at the gala awards ceremony on 24th August 2026 at the Clayton Hotel in Dublin.

Café du Parc is one of Killarney's best-loved social destinations, combining European-inspired elegance with an all-day dining experience, expertly crafted cocktails, and a vibrant atmosphere in the heart of the town.

Its dual recognition in both Hotel Bar of the Year and Hotel Cocktail Bar of the Year categories reflect its growing reputation for exceptional hospitality and premium drinks experiences.

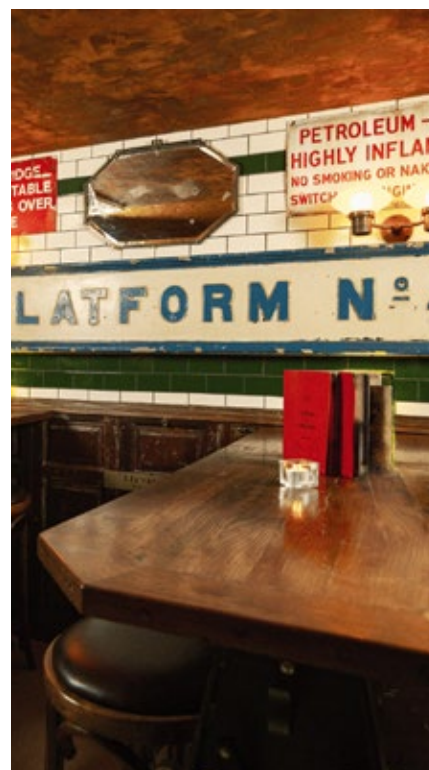
Pig's Lane continues to earn national recognition for its bold concept, expertly curated whiskey offering, innovative cocktails and striking interior design. The venue's five nominations, including the individual recognition for bartender Aušrinė Kikilytė, underline the team's commitment to creativity, craftsmanship and outstanding guest service.

Meanwhile, The Kenmare Rooms at Killarney Avenue Hotel has been shortlisted for Bar Food of the Year, recognising its focus on quality Irish ingredients, contemporary dishes, and memorable hospitality experiences.

The eight nominations highlight the O'Donoghue Ring Collection's continued investment in world-class hospitality experiences across Kerry and reaffirm its position as one of Ireland's most innovative and respected hospitality groups.



A firm favourite with locals, The Kenmare Rooms has been shortlisted for Bar Food of the Year.



ROUNDAABOUT SET FOR A MAKE OVER

Cllr Jackie Healy-Rae was part of a Kerry deputation that met with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in Dublin this week to discuss a number of important roads projects for our county.

One of the positive outcomes from the meeting was confirmation that funding in excess of €100,000 has now been sanctioned for improvement and resurfacing works at the Killarney Road roundabout in Castleisland.

This roundabout has been in a poor state for quite some time, and

it's something I have consistently raised and advocated for over a long period. I'm delighted that today's meeting has delivered a clear commitment to progress these works.

"It's always encouraging to see persistence pay off, and I look forward to seeing these long-awaited improvements carried out for the benefit of everyone who uses this busy junction", Cllr. Healy Rae told Killarney Outlook.

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Many people spend much of their time in a heightened state of stress, moving from one responsibility to the next without giving themselves the opportunity to recover. Over time, this can keep the body locked in a fight-or-flight response, making it harder to think clearly, regulate emotions and enjoy everyday life.

Rest helps to regulate the nervous system, creating space to breathe more deeply, reflect and reconnect with what truly matters. It allows us to appreciate life's simple moments and make choices that support our wellbeing rather than simply surviving from one day to the next. Sometimes, the most productive thing we can do is simply stop and rest.

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Instead of rubbing, gently press your products into the skin to reduce friction. Regular gentle exfoliation and keeping your skin well hydrated will help create a smoother surface for products to glide over.

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- headaches;
- sitting too close to the television; or
- rubbing their eyes a lot.

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

What is vision screening?

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

What is a sight test?

A sight test is a comprehensive check which can pick up many conditions,

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

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

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

It's important to understand that some children do need visual correction so their vision can develop normally and to achieve their full potential. The good news is there is now a much wider range of attractive frames to choose from and less stigma attached to wearing glasses. Many children are also suitable for contact lenses.

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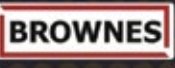
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Killarney Tri Club launches historic Erasmus+ Project



At their sun-soaked swim event from Dundag Beach to "Devil's Island" in Muckcross recently, Killarney Triathlon Club launched an Erasmus+ Sports Mobility project for which they have secured funding from Léargas, with the support of Triathlon Ireland (TI).

This is the first time any Triathlon club in the country has availed of Erasmus+ Sports funding and the trip will see at least 10 KTC Coaches travel to Spanish sports resort "Club La Santa" in Lanzarote, where the club volunteer coaches will shadow the Club La Santa "Green Team" of professional instructors and coaches over a week as they deliver a range of classes across a range of sports. The club hope this novel coach development week will aid the problems of coach retention, recruitment and development as the club numbers and programme swells. The project is tied into the club's goal to have more "Tri Leader" accredited coaches.

The objective of the Erasmus+ action "Mobility of Staff in the field of Sport" is to give the opportunity to staff in grassroots sport organisations to improve their competences, qualifications and acquire new skills through a learning mobility. The Job Shadowing scheme allows participants to spend a period of time at the hosting organisation in another country with the aim of learning new practices and gathering new ideas through observation and interaction with peers, coaches, volunteers or other staff members in their daily work at the hosting organisation.

The Killarney Tri Club project is titled "Multisport Coach Shadowing for Grassroots Triathlete development". KTC coaches will shadow the (professional) coaches/instructors

of the CLS "Green Team" in a range of sports activities related to our work in the club in the pool and open water, on the bike, on the road and running track and in related activity covering athletic development, fitness, strength and conditioning and recovery for a range of participants at a range of levels from young adults to senior citizens and from Try-A-Tri beginners through to Ironman distance athletes. Examples of relevant CLS programme activities for the KTC volunteer coaches to shadow include: Swimming instruction and Underwater technical analysis, Athletic technique, Road Bike and stationary bike programmes, S&C and functional training in HIIT, Crossfit, Hyrox, Bodypump and Recovery & Mobility sessions in Stretching, Fascial, Pilates, Yoga, Fitball, etc. and Nutrition.

Learning would necessitate talking to the Green Team coach about preparation, shadowing by both participation and observation, debrief and feedback, and maintaining a project log of the Coaches they shadowed each day and the applicable learnings.

After the trip the volunteer coaches will contribute to the project report and apply their learnings when they return to the club for grassroots members benefit.

While this project is a first for Triathlon Ireland too, the project is following a pathway similar to the groundbreaking Killarney Legion Sports Mobility Erasmus+ project run in 2025. The value of the funding secured is of the order of €24,000.

"We are extremely grateful to the Irish national agency for Erasmus, Léargas, for the training and opportunities they provided to our club to apply for this funding. It would not have

been possible to apply without the agreement of Triathlon Ireland and the club thanks them for supporting our exciting grassroots coach development project" said Chairperson Ciara Kane.

Killarney Tri Club committee member Brian Looney has taken the club through the Erasmus+ application process and into a funded project. "The project represents a great opportunity for a group of our coaches to have a great learning experience for the benefit of the wider club members. Erasmus+ is a great vehicle for grassroots sports coach development – credit to people like Kerry MEP Sean Kelly who promoted the expansion of Erasmus beyond academic education. The training we got from Léargas in preparing our application was of huge value in creating a successful project and we appreciate their encouragement throughout that process and in project management".

Niamh O'Gorman, Head of Development & Education, Triathlon Ireland looks forward to this innovative project: "We are incredibly proud to support Killarney Triathlon Club in their bid for this funding, and of their approach to coach support and development. Coaches provide invaluable support and education to all levels of triathlete in achieving their goals, whether that is someone taking on their first triathlon or an athlete aiming for a podium spot in the Triathlon National Series. Wishing the club all the very best in their upcoming trip to Club la Santa and look forward to seeing their learnings in action in the club and community from the Erasmus+ Sports Mobility Project."

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Call for Urgent Action to Protect Killarney’s Lakes

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has called for urgent action to protect the water quality of Lough Leane and Muckross Lake following a Ministerial reply to a Parliamentary Question he submitted on the recent algae formation on the lakes. Deputy Cahill said he welcomed confirmation that Kerry County Council is closely monitoring the situation and has erected precautionary signage. “Public safety is paramount and I urge people to follow the advice issued by Kerry County Council, particularly where visible algal growth is present. I welcome the confirmation that the current situation is being closely monitored.” Deputy Cahill said the Minister’s reply also highlighted the need for faster progress on improving the Killarney Wastewater Treatment Plant. “It is concerning that the EPA continues to have an open compliance investigation into the plant and has placed it on its Priority Areas List. While I welcome confirmation that Uisce Éireann has commenced the strategic assessment for a major upgrade, it is disappointing that



construction is not expected to be completed until after 2030.” “We cannot afford unnecessary delays when it comes to protecting one of Ireland’s most important natural assets. Killarney National Park and its lakes are central to our environment, biodiversity and tourism economy. Interim improvements must now be progressed while the long-term upgrade is advanced as quickly as possible.” Deputy Cahill also welcomed confirmation that Lough Leane and Muckross Lake form part of the Ross Bay Priority Area for Action under the Water Action Plan 2024. “Protecting water quality requires cooperation from everyone. I welcome the continued work of Kerry County Council, the EPA, Uisce Éireann, the River Basin Management Service, ASSAP, Teagasc, farmers and local communities. I will continue engaging with all relevant agencies to ensure the investment and environmental protections needed to safeguard these lakes are delivered without delay.”

Cahill Welcomes Commencement of Fuel Income Support Payments for 1,503 Kerry Farmers and Contractors

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has warmly welcomed the commencement of payments under the Government’s Fuel Income Support Scheme, which will see 1,503 farmers and agricultural contractors across Kerry receive almost €938,000 in support. Deputy Cahill said the payments will provide welcome assistance to farmers and contractors who faced exceptionally high fuel costs during the busy spring and summer farming season. “Today’s announcement is positive news for Kerry’s farming community. A total of €937,915.11 is now being paid to 1,503 farmers and agricultural contractors across the county, providing targeted support at a time when many have experienced significant increases in operating costs.” “The Fuel Income Support Scheme recognises the financial pressures that rising fuel prices have placed on farm families and agricultural contractors. Kerry has a strong agricultural sector, and this funding will help ease some of those costs while supporting the continued productivity of our farms.” Nationally, more than €20.7 million is now being paid to 29,464 farmers and contractors, with further payments to issue as remaining applications are processed. Deputy Cahill noted that payments are calculated based on five months’ fuel usage between March and July 2026, using applicants’ marked gas oil (MGO) consumption during



2025. “I want to commend Minister for Agriculture Martin Heydon and the Department for ensuring these payments are now reaching farmers and contractors. It demonstrates the Government’s commitment to supporting the agricultural sector through periods of exceptional cost pressures.” “I would also encourage any Kerry farmers

or contractors who have been contacted by the Department for additional information to respond as soon as possible so that their applications can be finalised and payment issued without unnecessary delay.” Deputy Cahill added that the money should begin reaching bank accounts over the coming days, although it may take up to five working days for payments to clear.



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New Planning Exemptions Regulations come into effect

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne TD and the Minister of State for Local Government and Planning John Cummins TD welcomed the new Exempted Development Regulations for Residential Dwellings coming into effect today. This reform is based on the Government's Programme for Government commitment to lift the regulatory burden on homeowners and their families while also enabling planning authorities to focus their resources on more complex projects that merit greater examination.

Exempted development regulations had not been substantially updated in almost 25 years and these new regulations form part of the implementation of the Planning and Development Act 2024, itself a significant revision of our planning system. The changes within the new regulations are motivated by the practical need for homeowners to maximise the efficient use of residential space through enhancements, expansion or adaptation if they wish to do so with their homes.

Additional Dwellings

The changes coming into effect today include

a new exemption for an auxiliary habitable dwelling which will allow for the addition of a detached habitable accommodation linked to the services of the principal house – between 32sqm and 45sqm in floor area.

The tax arrangement for such auxiliary dwellings and how it interacts with the "Rent-a-Room" tax relief will be clarified during this year's Budgetary process, with any necessary amendments needed introduced in the Finance Bill.

Other Exemptions

Other proposed changes include:

A new exemption for sub-division of the principal dwelling which will allow for the creation of up to 1 additional self-contained unit within the existing building envelope, with a minimum floor area for each subdivided unit of 32 square metres.

A new exemption will provide for extension via the addition of a dormer roof box and/or roof light on the principal dwelling.

The existing exemption for extension of the principal dwelling will be increased from 40 square metres to 45 square metres.

The existing exemption for a structure in the back garden (such as a shed, store, home



office or gym) will be increased from 25 square metres to 30 square metres.

A new exemption will allow for the provision of insulation on external walls of a dwelling, in line with existing SEAI grant provision.

The exemption for a heat pump will be expanded so that it is not restricted to the rear of the property.

A new exemption will provide for cycle or bin storage at both the front and back of the property, with enough space to hold either 3-4 adult size bicycles, 2 cargo bikes or 3 wheelie bins.

In all cases, all relevant Building, Building Control and Fire Regulations, including those for habitable dwellings where applicable, will apply.

Welcome for confirmation of further strengthening of Garda numbers in Kerry



Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has welcomed the allocation of four additional gardai to Kerry.

There will be two new Gardaí allocated to Listowel, one to Tralee and one to Killarney.

It comes in the wake of the allocation of seven new Gardaí to Tralee and three new Gardaí to Killarney since last year.

Last week's passing out ceremony at

the Garda College in Templemore saw 206 new Gardaí take up posts across the country, of which 142 are men and 64 are women.

Minister Foley said: "I am delighted to confirm that four new gardai graduating from Templemore today are en route to Kerry. This is a further strengthening of garda resources in the county. I want to acknowledge the great work of An Garda Síochána throughout County Kerry and I am confident these latest additional Garda will support the work of the force on the ground."

"I want to thank my cabinet colleague, Minister for Justice Jim O'Callaghan, for his ongoing commitment to delivering more Gardaí for Kerry and communities across the country."

The allocation forms part of a strong Garda recruitment pipeline. 619 new Gardaí attested from the Garda College last year and a further 200 trainees are set to enter Templemore next week.

Welcome for Almost €47,000 in Government Funding for Kerry Festivals and Summer Schools

Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry, Michael Cahill, has warmly welcomed the announcement of €46,946.50 in Government funding for 12 cultural festivals, summer schools and community events across County Kerry under the Small Scale Local Festivals and Summer Schools Scheme 2026. The funding forms part of a nationwide allocation of €371,792.25 announced by the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media, Patrick O'Donovan TD, to support 105 local events across the country.

Welcoming the announcement, Deputy Cahill said:

"This is fantastic news for Kerry and for the many volunteers, committees and community groups who work tirelessly each year to organise festivals and cultural events that bring our towns and villages to life. "These festivals are much more than just events. They celebrate our culture, music, heritage and traditions while also supporting local businesses, attracting visitors and strengthening local communities. This investment recognises the enormous contribution these organisations make to life in Kerry," the Rossbeigh based TD added. Deputy Cahill said he was particularly pleased to see such a wide geographical spread of successful projects with funding supporting events from North Kerry to South Kerry.

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KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB IMPRESSES AT IRISH SUMMER NATIONAL YOUTH AND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to five members of Killarney Swimming Club who proudly represented the club at the Irish Summer National Youth & Senior Championships recently.

The prestigious five-day competition brought together Ireland's top youth and senior swimmers, with athletes qualifying through demanding national standards. The championships were open to swimmers aged 15 years and over, providing a fantastic opportunity for Killarney's swimmers to compete against the country's very best.

Representing the club were Sarah Quirke, Divo Lucic Kovacevic, Samuel O'Neill, Beibhinn Kiely and Orlaith Mackey, all of whom produced excellent performances throughout the week. Sarah Quirke enjoyed an outstanding championship, reaching multiple A and B finals and recording a series of impressive personal bests, earning several Gold and Bronze Time Improvement Certificates along the way. Her highlights included top-eight finishes in both the 200m Butterfly and 200m Breaststroke, as well as an 11th-place overall finish in the 200m Individual Medley.

Divo Lucic Kovacevic also had an excellent meet, qualifying for B Finals in both the 100m and 50m Breaststroke, while producing personal best performances and finishing among the top swimmers in his age group.

Samuel O'Neill recorded an excellent personal best in the 50m Breaststroke, narrowly missing out on a B Final after finishing as first reserve.

Beibhinn Kiely rounded off the championships in style by qualifying for the B Final of the 50m Breaststroke, where she finished 9th overall after producing a personal best.

Orlaith Mackey also impressed with a strong personal best in the 50m Butterfly, climbing four places from her preliminary ranking.

The swimmers were guided throughout the championships by Head Coach Sean Farndon, whose support and dedication continue to play an important role in the club's success.

Killarney Swimming Club congratulates all five swimmers on an outstanding week of racing. Their performances are a reflection of the hard



Pictured from Killarney Swimming Club are Samuel O'Neill, Orlaith Mackey, Sean Farndon, Sarah Quirke, Beibhinn Kiely and Divo Lucic Kovacevic.



Fossa Rowing Club Junior men team pictured at the Flesk Valley regatta.

work and commitment shown throughout the season, and the club is incredibly proud of the way they represented Killarney on the national stage.

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VALENTIA REGATTA

Unfortunately last Saturday's scheduled Valentia Regatta was postponed due to the weather. However the county championships have been rescheduled to the 8th of August next. Everyone is looking forward to the next round of the county championships in Valentia.

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2nd: Anne Looney and Marie Moloney
3rd: Therese McCarthy and John O'Shea

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- 1st: Therese O'Donoghue and Brenda Moynihan
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KERRY FC ON A ROLL WITH ANOTHER VICTORY

Kerry FC 2-1 Finn Harps

By David Moriarty

Kerry FC took on Finn Harps on Friday night in Mounthawk Park in league action. They were back to the scene of yet another special night in the Kingdom, where they beat Premier Division opposition in Shelbourne FC to make it into the next round of the FAI Cup after what was an extraordinary penalty shootout victory last weekend.

Kerry FC were by far the better side on the night and deserved to be in the pot for the draw, where they will once again take on Sligo Rovers, this time at The Showgrounds in the third round.

The last time Kerry FC took on Finn Harps, it came in a narrow 1-0 loss in Ballybofey; that was after the Kingdom beat Finn Harps, also by a goal to nil in Tralee, to win their first game of the season back in March. Finn Harps, before the night, sat bottom of the First Division and have had just one win since that last meeting against Colin Healy's side.

Kerry FC are on an unbelievable stretch of eight games unbeaten at home, and after last week's euphoric result, all the confidence would be with The Kingdom heading into this one.

Kerry made a bright start from the opening whistle and immediately looked to impose themselves on the contest. Inside two minutes, Sean O'Connell delivered a dangerous free kick into the Finn Harps penalty area where Cian Murphy rose highest, but his header was followed by a foul from Niall Brookwell, allowing the visitors to clear their lines.

The home side continued to press and came close again in the fourth minute. Cian Murphy found space at the near post but could only guide his effort over the crossbar as Kerry looked to make their early dominance count.

That breakthrough arrived in the ninth minute. A corner delivered by Cian Bargary could have been tucked home by Vince Borden or Sam Aladesanusi, but it was cleared out as far as Sean McGrath, who made no mistake inside the area.

McGrath found the finish to send Mounthawk Park into celebration, giving the hosts a deserved 1-0 advantage inside the opening ten minutes.

The momentum remained with Kerry, and they nearly doubled their lead in the thirteenth minute. Cian Bargary delivered an excellent ball to the back post where Cian Murphy arrived, but he was unable to steer his effort on target.

Finn Harps struggled to contain Kerry's attacking movement and Bernardo Monteiro became the first player cautioned in the nineteenth minute following a late challenge. Kerry continued to create opportunities. In the twenty-third minute, Daniel Okwute produced a superb cross-field pass to find Cian Bargary. The winger intelligently squared the ball back into the path of Sean McGrath, whose first-time effort flew over the crossbar.

Just a minute later, Kerry came within inches of extending their lead. Vince Borden met a delivery with a powerful header, only to see his effort brilliantly cleared off the goal line by the Finn Harps defence.

The second goal eventually arrived in the thirtieth minute, and it was no more than the home side deserved. Sam Aladesanusi reacted to a loose ball and played in Cian Bargary, who was in space



Cian Bargary's jersey gets a good stress test!
Photo by Konrad Pytlowski

and fired into the roof of the net to double Kerry's advantage after another positive attacking move, putting Colin Healy's side firmly in control.

Finn Harps responded in the thirty-sixth minute when Guilherme Rego Priosti reduced the deficit, finishing well to make it 2-1 and bring the visitors back into the contest.

The visitors nearly found an equaliser just two minutes later as Bernardo Monteiro struck the post from inside the penalty area, giving Kerry an important warning before the interval.

Sean O'Connell received a yellow card in the forty-fourth minute as the game became increasingly competitive approaching half-time, but Kerry held firm to take a deserved 2-1 lead into the break after an entertaining opening forty-five minutes.

Finn Harps emerged after the interval looking to build on their late first-half goal and the contest became far more evenly balanced. While Kerry continued to threaten on the counter-attack, possession was shared much more evenly than during the opening half. The visitors created the first opening after the restart in the fifty-fifth minute when Nathan Lumingo tried his luck from outside the penalty area, but his effort sailed over Matthew Connor's crossbar. By the fifty-sixth minute, the increased balance of possession reflected the competitive nature of the second period as Finn Harps pushed higher up the pitch in search of an equaliser.

Colin Healy made his first change in the fifty-eighth minute, introducing Cian Brosnan in place of goal scorer Sean McGrath to add fresh energy in midfield. Kerry continued to look dangerous whenever they broke forward. In the sixty-eighth minute, Daniel Okwute surged down the left flank before producing an inviting low cross across the six-yard box, but no Kerry player was arriving to apply the finishing touch. Five minutes later, Cian Murphy won possession impressively from Max Hutchinson before attempting an ambitious lob over Lorenzo Barbosa. The effort had the goalkeeper beaten but drifted just wide of the target.

Kerry remained a threat and almost restored their two-goal cushion in the seventy-eighth minute.

Daniel Okwute struck a powerful effort from outside the penalty area that forced Lorenzo Barbosa into an excellent save. With eight minutes remaining, Colin Healy introduced fresh legs as Luke Palmer and Matthew Britton replaced Cian Bargary and Cian Murphy, helping Kerry maintain their intensity for the closing stages.

Three additional minutes were indicated at the end of normal time, setting up a tense finish as Finn Harps threw players forward in search of a late equaliser.

The decisive moment of stoppage time came when Matthew Connor produced a magnificent save to deny Max Hutchinson from close range, preserving Kerry's narrow advantage and ensuring the home side remained in front.

After a resilient defensive effort in the closing moments, the final whistle confirmed another memorable evening at Mounthawk Park. First-half goals from Sean McGrath and Cian Bargary laid the foundation for victory, while a disciplined second-half display and Matthew Connor's late heroics secured all three points. The 2-1 success extends Kerry FC's unbeaten home run to nine matches and continues the positive momentum for Colin Healy's side in front of their supporters in Tralee.

They now sit just two points off the playoff places and will want to take their home momentum into next week's away fixture as they travel to the Carlisle Grounds to take on Bray Wanderers next Friday night. Kerry FC Team: Matthew Connor; Sean O'Connell, Sean McGrath (GOAL '9), Cian Murphy, Daniel Okwute, Jonas Häkkinen, Samuel Aladesanusi, Vince Borden, Niall Brookwell (C), Ewan Lee, Cian Bargary (GOAL '30).

Subs Used: Cian Brosnan, Matthew Britton, Luke Palmer.

Finn Harps Team: Lorenzo Barbosa; Joel Bradley-Walsh, Bernardo Monteiro, Max Hutchinson, Tony McNamee (C), Gavin McAteer, Darragh Coyle, Guilherme Rego Priosti (GOAL '36), Nathan Lumingo, Alex-Mathis Tiego, Odhran McHugh.

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Winner: Kathleen Wall, 96-28=68

Runner Up: Nicola O'Mahony, 86-17=69

Best Gross: Tracy Eakin, net 74

3rd: Gretta O'Regan, 104-32=72

4th: Jacinta Rafferty, 114-42=72

5th: Sinead Lynch, 94-22=72

6th: Mary O'Neill, 95-23=72

Winner of 11 Hole Stableford Competition: Mai Bergin 25 points (22)

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB - MEN'S

RESULTS OF OUR MEN'S 18 HOLE STABLEFORD COMPETITION HELD ON SAT 25 & SUN 26 JULY

Sponsor - The Men's Club

White tees

1st: Daniel Anthony O'Sullivan 41 points (17)

2nd: Conor Bernie 40 points (20)

3rd: Mikey Fitzgerald 39 points (20) Last nine holes

Yellow tees

1st: John McCrohan 38 points (28)

2nd: Sean Dehora Gumley 35 points (30) Last nine holes

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DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

MUNSTER U16 STROKEPLAY AND INTER-COUNTY

Fionn McMonagle and Aodhan O'Halloran both came away with two bronze medals from last Saturday's events in ESB in Cork as they came third with the Kerry 'Gold' team that finished third in the Inter-County event while both were third in their respective age categories in the Boys Championships. Daniel Quinlan was also a member of the Kerry 'Gold' side as Fionn O'Callaghan played on the Kerry 'Green' team.

NATIONAL STROKEPLAY

Congratulations to John McGrath on joining Damien Fleming in this year's Senior event in Tullamore following last Sunday's Regional Qualifier for the Senior Men in Cunnigar in Dungarvan as James Fleming, Connie O'Sullivan Jnr and Dan Broderick (Intermediate) and David Harnett (Junior, just ahead of Paddy Murphy on countback) came through last Friday night's Qualifiers in the other grades which was held in Listowel.

RANGES INTERMEDIATE LADIES SCRATCH CUP

Well done to Ciara Lowe and Eileen McCarthy on a 1-2 finish in this event in Cork last Saturday.



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club Members Fionn McMonagle, Aodhan O'Halloran and Daniel Quinlan pictured with Tralee's Joey Blake who were part of the Kerry 'Gold' team that finished third at the Munster U16 Inter-County event in ESB in Cork last Saturday. Fionn and Aodhan were also third in their grades in the Boys Singles Championships held last Saturday also.

KERRY INTERMEDIATE AND JUNIOR TEAMS

Well done to Michael Cronin, Connie O'Sullivan Jnr, Dan Broderick and James Fleming (Intermediate) along James Foley, Alan O'Sullivan, Jason Reen and Paddy Murphy (Junior) on making their respective Kerry teams following the conclusion of the trial process in Riverdale in Nenagh last Saturday.

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WELL DONE TO GEARÓID CRONIN & DENIS

Duggan on their victory in the decider played on Thursday July 23rd last as they came back from a deficit of 3down after three holes to Alan O'Sullivan & Conor O'Riordan to win on the last hole 1up. The final itself is currently up on two separate streams on our Facebook page for anyone wishing to watch it. Thanks once again to Utility Trust for their support of the event this year.

FLESK RESTAURANT SUMMER SERIES

July 22nd Results

Winners: Daniel Kelly, Fionn O'Callaghan & Alan O'Leary 34½, Runners-Up: Derry O'Sullivan, Adam O'Sullivan, Fionn Culloty & Nicholas O'Toole 36¾ (B9), Third: Alan O'Sullivan, Scott O'Sullivan, Noel Clifford & Tadhg Lawlor 36¾. Continues every Wednesday for the month of August at 6.45pm.

SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Scramble- First Nett: Sean Ashe & Margaret O'Brien 38, Gross: Gearóid Cronin & John Murphy 47, Second Nett: Gearóid Cronin & Steve Battle 39 and Hole-In-Ones: Dan Kiely (6th Hole) and Sean Ashe (7th Hole). Only one draw of draws on Bank Holiday Monday next due to the staging of the Ricky Kelly this weekend.

RICKY KELLY

We look forward to welcoming everyone to the course this Bank Holiday Weekend as we thank the Tatler Jack Bar for their sponsorship of the event once more. Full details on the official poster as well as the club's Facebook page prior to the weekend itself.

CASTLEROSSE LADIES GOLF CLUB

MIXED SCRAMBLE 21ST JULY, RESULTS

1st: Donal O'Reilly, Christine Griffin, Mike Griffin (34) net 27.0

2nd: Andrew O'Sullivan, Timmy O'Donoghue, Brendan Murphy, Claire Horgan (35) net 27.8

PLAY IN PINK CHARITY DAY

Our Play in Pink charity golf day, held 25th July, was a wonderful success. Blessed with good weather, the course was filled with golfers enjoying a fantastic day of golf, friendship and fun. A brilliant atmosphere prevailed throughout the day, with plenty of laughter both on and off the course. It was a memorable occasion, bringing everyone together in support of a very worthy cause. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the day such an enjoyable and successful event.

Mixed Scramble results

1st: Donal O'Reilly, Kay Malone, Nuala Ward, Rose Murphy

2nd: John Carlton, Joan Curran, Abina O'Connell

3rd: Niall Myers, Barbara O'Shea, Margaret McCarthy

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ROSS GOLF CLUB -GENTS

ON JULY 25TH AND 26TH OUR LADY CAPTAIN, ELAINE CASEY HELD HER CAPTAIN'S PRIZE TO THE GENTS.

The winners were:-

- 1st: Luke Looney, 41 (5)
2nd: Ivo O'Sullivan, 39 (15)

Div 1

- 1st: Barry O'Grady, 36 (11)
2nd: Ryan Scott, 35 (12)

Div 2

- 1st: Tony Fagan, 37 (20)
2nd: Anthony O'Mahony, 35 (19)

Div3

- 1st: Gerard Murphy, 37 (22)
2nd: John O'Reilly, 37 (27)

ROSS SENIORS

On Thursday 23rd our Seniors held their weekly 10 hole competition.

The winners were

- 1st: Ned Buckley 23pts.
2nd: Mike O'Leary 23 pts
3rd: Mike J Casey 22 pts.
4th: Andy Cole 22 pts

FIXTURE

On Sunday August 2nd our Captain, Daniel Cronin will hold his Captains Prize. This will be a strokeplay competition and will be followed by dinner and prize giving at 8pm on Aug 2nd in the Clubhouse. More details to follow.

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

COMPETITIONS

Saturday 1st August 2026, Lady Captain Elaine Casey's Captain's Prize

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PITCH & PUTT

After the success of the Munster Strokeplay weekend in Deerpark the previous weekend it was another couple of busy days on the Pitch &



Junior Captain Luke McCan (front centre) at his Junior Captain's prize presentation with his friends with Conor O'Mahony, James O'Meara (back left) Hugh O'Sullivan and Harry O'Connor at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

Putt front last week. At Saturday's Munster U16 Strokeplay and Inter-County event in ESB in Cork the Kerry 'Gold' team finished third overall in the Inter-County event as the team of Deerpark's Aodhan O'Halloran, Fionn McMonagle, Daniel Quinlan and Tralee's Joey Blake has the nest combined Scotch Foursomes scores as part of their team total.

Both Aodhan (Boys U13) and Fionn (Boys U16) finished third in each of the two Boys Singles grades as Kerry also had a 'Green' team entered in the event comprising Deerpark's Fionn O'Callaghan and Listowel trio Sean Keane, Sean Stack and Ryan Deady. In the Girls Singles event meanwhile Listowel sisters Shona and Cora Griffin were second and third respectively as we say thanks to our U16 Officers Tom O'Connor and Monty Galvin for looking after the teams along with Sewell's Pharmacy Killarney on their continued sponsorship of the teams.

The National Mens Strokeplay Qualifiers took place over the weekend as well with the Senior Mens Regional Qualifier in Cunnigar in Dungarvan last Sunday while the Intermediate and Junior Mens events were held in Listowel on Friday night. The following will be the Kerry players going forward to the finals in Tullamore in Offaly and Kilbeggan in Westmeath on the weekend of August 9th.

Senior Mens

- Damien Fleming (Deerpark, Automatic)
Jason Cregan (Tralee, Automatic)
Michael Conway (Tralee)
Stephen Conway (Tralee)
John McGrath (Deerpark)
Killian O'Gorman (Listowel)
Jason O'Regan (Tralee)

Intermediate Mens

- Ajay Barrett (Listowel, Automatic)
Tony Blake (Tralee)
Ger Guerin (Listowel)
James Fleming (Deerpark)
Michael Creagh (Tralee)
Bobby McCarron (Listowel)
Connie O'Sullivan (Deerpark)
Dan Broderick (Deerpark)

Junior Mens

- Paul Hayes (Listowel)
Ethan Flannery (Listowel)

Eddie Sheehy (Tralee)

Darius Liepins (Tralee)

David Harnett (Deerpark)

Elsewhere the final trials for the Kerry Intermediate and Junior Mens teams for the Munster Inter-County Championships in Riverdale at the end of August took place at the Riverdale course last Saturday. The teams will be comprised of the following:

Intermediate

- Michael Cronin (Deerpark)
Tony Blake (Tralee)
Connie O'Sullivan (Deerpark)
Michael Creagh (Tralee)
James Fleming (Deerpark)
Mark Lucey (Tralee)
Dan Broderick (Deerpark)
Manager: John Fitzgerald (Tralee)

Junior

- James Foley (Deerpark)
Adam Ricken (Castleisland)
Paddy Murphy (Deerpark)
John Clifton (Castleisland)
Alan O'Sullivan (Deerpark)
Jason Reen (Deerpark)
Sub: David Hobbart (Tralee)
Manager: Christy O'Mahony (Castleisland)
Finally last weekend, there was a Deerpark 1-2 in the Ranges Intermediate Ladies Scratch Cup event as Killarney club-mates Ciara Lowe and Eileen McCarthy finished first and second in the event.



Listowel sisters Shona and Cora Griffin were second and third respectively

Castlerosse Ladies Play in Pink Golf Day



Play in Pink Day Presentation by Lady Captain Finola Geary - 1st Place Rose Murphy, Nuala Ward & Donal O'Reilly.



Play in Pink Day - Castlerosse Golf Club Members



Play in Pink Day Presentation by Lady Captain Finola Geary - 2nd Place John Carlton, Joan Curran, Abina O'Connell.



Play in Pink Day Presentation by Lady Captain Finola Geary - Longest Drive Donal O'Reilly.



Play in Pink, Fiona Hyde and Rose O'Connor.



Play in Pink Day Presentation by Lady Captain Finola Geary - 3rd Place, Niall Myers, Barbara O'Shea, Margaret McCarthy.



Play In Pink Day - Michael Leahy, Kathleen Sheehan & Fiona Hyde



Play in Pink Golf Day, Una Moroney and Lady Captain Finola Geary.

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Killarney Golf Club Celebrates Competition Winners at Prizegiving

Killarney Golf Club celebrated the achievements of its members at a prizegiving ceremony held in the clubhouse on Friday evening.

Winners and runners-up from a variety of competitions staged over the past few weeks gathered to receive their prizes in recognition of their excellent performances on the course.

The presentations were made by Club Captain Tomás Kelliher and Lady Captain Annette McNeice, who congratulated all of the recipients and thanked members for their continued support of the club's busy competition programme.

The prizes were generously sponsored by a number of Killarney businesses, whose ongoing support was acknowledged during the evening.

The event provided an opportunity for members to come together to celebrate sporting success and the strong sense of community that continues to thrive at Killarney Golf Club.



Junior Captain Luke McCan at his Junior Captain's prize presentation with winner Luke Hayes at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday.



Patricia Walsh (third from left) presenting first prize in the Walsh Colour Print Stableford competition to winner Breda Neeson with (from left) Angela Kelliher 11 hole stableford winner, Captain Annette McNeice (back from left) prizewinners Sandra Chute and Mary Looney at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday. Photos: Michelle Cooper Galvin



Captain Annette McNeice (right) presenting the prizes in the Scarlet Boutique Killarney ladies Open Day to winners (from left) Carmel O'Brien, Noreen O'Callaghan, Ann Moynihan and Mary Chute at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday.



Captain Annette McNeice (right) presenting first prize in the Castlerosse Park Resort Mixed Foursomes to Eugene and Eimear O'Sullivan at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday.



Mark Heinemann Professional Killarney Golf and Fishing Club presenting first prize in the Mark Heinemann Professional Prize to winner Peg Wickham with (from left) Carmel Fitzgerald 2nd, Mary Looney 3rd and Captain Annette McNeice at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday.



Kate O'Leary (third from left) presenting first prize in the Laurels Pub and Restaurant VPAR ladies competition on Killeen Course to winner Ariana Hynes with Ann Moynihan 2nd, Captain Annette McNeice (back from left) Kathleen Wall 3rd, Sandra Chute 4th and Pat Collins 11 hole stableford winner at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday.



Captain Annette McNeice (right) presenting first prize in the Walsh Bros Electrical Mixed Foursomes competition on Killeen to winners Bert Murphy and Ursula Desmond with (left) Captain Tomas Kelliher (back) John and Marie O'Brish 2nd at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday.



Captain Annette McNeice (right) presenting first prize in the Killarney Park Hotel Strokeplay competition to winner Bernie Galvin with (left) Carmel O'Brien 2nd (back left) Ann Moynihan best gross and Fidelma O'Connor 4th at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday.



Captain Annette McNeice (right) presenting first prize in the Kerry Coaches Stableford competition to winner Josephine O'Sullivan with (left) prizewinners Ann Moynihan, Winnie Ryan Back from left) Julie Leonard, Breda Neeson, Mary Looney and Peggy Barrett at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday.



Mark Heinemann Professional Killarney Golf and Fishing Club presenting first prize in the Mark Heinemann Professional Prize to Isabel Roberts with prizewinners Elise Roberts, Ella Lowe, Kayleigh Kerrisk (back from left) Aine Scanlan, Addison Mulcahy, Orlaith O Sullivan with Junior Officer Julie Kelly and Captain Annette McNeice at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday.



Mark Heinemann Professional Killarney Golf and Fishing Club presenting first prize in the Heinemann Professional Prize to Junior overallwinner Jamie O'Meara with Junior and Novice prizewinners Tadhg Horgan Ben Cronin, Luke Hayes, Cormac Breen, Kenneth O'Meara, Conor Brosnan (back from left) Junior Captain Luke McCan, Cian Lenihan, Conor O'Brien and Captain Tomas Kelliher at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club.



Mark Heinemann Professional Killarney Golf and Fishing Club presenting first prize in the Mark Heinemann Professional Prize to Kevin Breen with Captain Tomas Kelliher at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday.



Captain Annette McNeice (right) presenting the Play in Pink Hamper raffle prize to winner Eimear O'Sullivan at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club on Friday.



KINGDOM LADIES AIM TO BRING BRENDAN MARTIN CUP BACK TO KERRY

The eyes of the county will once again turn to Croke Park this Sunday as Kerry take on Galway in the TG4 All-Ireland Senior Ladies Football Final, with throw-in at 4.15pm.

After an impressive championship campaign, Kerry are just 60 minutes away from reclaiming the Brendan Martin Cup as they bid to end Galway's hopes and crown a memorable season with All-Ireland glory. The Kingdom booked their place in the decider with a commanding semi-final victory over reigning champions Dublin, while Galway secured their final berth after overcoming Armagh in a hard-fought contest.

Kerry have produced some outstanding football throughout the championship, blending defensive solidity with an exciting attacking style. Their pace, movement and ability to convert scoring opportunities have made them one of the standout teams of the season.

Much will depend on the performances of Kerry's experienced leaders, while a talented group of younger players have also played a key role in the county's journey to another All-Ireland final. Galway, however, arrive in Croke Park with plenty of confidence of their own and possess a strong, physical side capable of troubling any opponent.

The midfield battle is expected to be crucial, while both teams will be hoping their forwards can make the most of every scoring chance in what promises to be a fiercely contested encounter.

A huge Kerry support is expected to make the journey to Dublin, with the green and gold set to create a sea of colour in Croke Park as supporters dream of celebrating another All-Ireland success.

The TG4 All-Ireland Senior Final forms part of a triple-header at Croke Park on Sunday, with the Intermediate and Junior finals also taking place earlier in the day. Kerry and Galway throw in at 4.15pm, with live coverage on TG4.



Caoimhe Evans of Kerry scores a point under pressure from Sophie McIntyre, left, and Niamh Hetherington of Dublin during the LGFA TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final match between Dublin and Kerry at FBD Semple Stadium in Thurles, Tipperary. Photo by Sam Barnes/Sportsfile



Siofra O'Shea of Kerry in action against Niamh Crowley of Dublin during the LGFA TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final match between Dublin and Kerry at FBD Semple Stadium in Thurles, Tipperary. Photo by Sam Barnes/Sportsfile



Niamh Ní Chonchúir of Kerry during the Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1 Round 7 match between Kildare and Kerry at Manguard Plus Kildare GAA Centre of Excellence in Kildare. Photo by Piaras Ó Midheach/Sportsfile



Danielle O'Leary of Kerry gets past Aine Mernagh of Kildare during the Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1 Round 7 match between Kildare and Kerry at Manguard Plus Kildare GAA Centre of Excellence in Kildare. Photo by Piaras Ó Midheach/Sportsfile



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MEET THE PLAYERS...



Aoife Barrett
Club: Na Gaill
Age: 19
Occupation: Student
Debut: n/a
Honours: n/a



Mary Ellen Bolger
Club: Southern Gaels
Age: 22 - Height: 5'9"
Occupation: Student
Debut: 2021 vs Wexford
Honours: 3 TG4 Munster Senior Championships: 2024, 2025, 2026
1 TG4 All Ireland Senior: 2024
Lidl NFL Division 2 - 2022
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2023 & 2025



Ciara Butler - Clara de Buitéir
Club: Castlegregory
Age: 22 - Height: 5'11"
Occupation: Marketing
Debut: vs Cavan 2020
Honours: 2 TG4 Munster Senior Championships: 2024 & 2026 - 1 TG4 All Ireland Senior: 2024
1 TG4 All Star: 2024 - Lidl NFL Division 2 - 2022
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2023



Leah Boyle
Club: Scartaglan
Age: 22 - Height: 5' 6"
Occupation: Student
Debut: 2025 vs Waterford
Honours: 2 TG4 Munster Senior Championships: 2025 & 2026
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2025



Katie Brosnan
Club: Firlies
Age: 23 - Height: 5' 3"
Occupation: Student
Debut: 2022 vs Tipperary
Honours: 1 TG4 All Ireland Senior: 2024
3 TG4 Munster Senior Championships: 2024, 2025, 2026 - Lidl NFL Division 2 - 2022
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2023 & 2025



Niamh Carmody
Club: Finuge/St. Senans - Age: 30
Height: 5' 5" - Occupation: Systems Engineer
Debut: 2017 vs Cork
Honours: 1 TG4 All Ireland Senior: 2024
4 TG4 Munster Senior Championships: 2017, 2024, 2025, 2026
3 TG4 All Stars: 2022, 2023, 2024
Lidl NFL Division 2 - 2022
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2023 & 2025



Emma Costello
Club: Firlies - Age: 35 - Height: 5'10"
Occupation: Pharmacist
Debut: 2010 vs Cork
Honours: 5 TG4 Munster Senior Championships: 2013, 2015, 2017, 2025, 2026
Lidl NFL Division 2 - 2012 & 2022
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2023



Hannah Nic Gearailt
Club: Corca Dhuibhne
Age: 18
Height: 5'6"
Occupation: Student
Debut: n/a
Honours: n/a



Kiera Purry
Club: Southern Gaels
Age: 21
Height: 5'6"
Occupation: Student
Debut: 2026 vs Cork
Honours: TG4 Munster Senior Championship 2026



Anna Galvin
Club: Southern Gaels
Age: 31 - Height: 5'7"
Occupation: Occupational Therapist
Debut: 2015 vs Cork
Honours: 1 TG4 All Ireland Senior 2024
TG4 Munster Senior Championships: 2015, 2017, 2024, 2025 & 2026 - 1 TG4 All Star 2024
Lidl NFL Division 2 - 2022
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2023 & 2025



Deirdre Kearney
Club: Na Gaill
Age: 32 - Height: 5' 7"
Occupation: Physiotherapist
Debut: 2015 vs Mayo
Honours: 1 TG4 All Ireland Senior 2024
TG4 Munster Senior Championships: 2015, 2024, 2025, 2026
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2025



Jacyl Lucey
Club: Na Gaill
Age: 25 - Height: 5' 6"
Occupation: Nurse
Debut: 2017 vs Armagh
Honours: 1 TG4 All Ireland Senior 2024
TG4 Munster Senior Championships: 2017, 2024, 2025 & 2026
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2025



Kelli McGrath
Club: Clounmacon
Age: 22
Height: 5'5"
Occupation: Student
Debut: 2026 vs Dublin
Honours: TG4 Munster Senior Championship 2026



Leah McMahon
Club: Dr. Crokes
Age: 20
Height: 5'5"
Occupation: Student
Debut: 2026 vs Waterford
Honours: TG4 Munster Senior Championship 2026



Mikala Mulvihill
Club: Moyvane
Age: 19
Height: 5'8"
Occupation: Student
Debut: 2026 vs Dublin
Honours: TG4 Munster Senior Championship 2026



Aishling O'Connell
Club: Scartaglan
Age: 29 - Height: 5'6"
Occupation: Garda
Debut: 2015 vs Dublin
Honours: 1 TG4 All Ireland Senior 2024
TG4 Munster Senior Championships: 2015, 2017, 2024, 2025 & 2026 - Lidl NFL Division 2 - 2022
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2023 & 2025
TG4 All Star: 2022 & 2024



Siobra O'Shea (Captain)
Club: Southern Gaels
Age: 24 - Height: 5'8"
Occupation: PE & Maths Teacher
Debut: vs Westmeath 2019
Honours: 1 TG4 All Ireland Senior 2024
TG4 Munster Senior Championships: 2024, 2025 & 2026 - Lidl NFL Division 2 - 2022
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2023 & 2025
TG4 All Star 2025



Róisín Rahilly
Club: Ballymacelligott
Age: 20 - Height: 5' 2"
Occupation: Student
Debut: 2024 vs Dublin
Honours: 1 TG4 All Ireland Senior 2024
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2025
TG4 Munster Senior Championships: 2024, 2025 & 2026



Kathryn Ryan
Club: Glenties
Age: 20
Height: 5'8"
Occupation: Student
Debut: 2026 vs Dublin
Honours: TG4 Munster Senior Championship 2026



Beibhinn Nic an tSáigh
Club: Deangain Uí Chuis
Age: 19 - Height: 5'8"
Occupation: Student
Debut: n/a
Honours: TG4 Munster Senior Championships 2025 & 2026
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2025



Niamh Quinn
Club: Abbeydorney
Age: 21 - Height: 5' 8"
Occupation: Student
Debut: 2025 vs Waterford
Honours: TG4 Munster Senior Championships: 2025 & 2026
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2025

2026 TG4 ALL-IRELAND LADIES FOOTBALL FINAL



2026 Kerry Senior Ladies Football Team

Kerry will contest the TG4 All Ireland Senior Championship Final V Galway on **Sunday, August 2nd at 4.15pm**



Julie Curtin
Club: Castleisland Desmonds
Age: 21 - Height: 5' 8"
Occupation: Student
Debut: 2025 vs Tipperary
Honours:
1 TG4 All Ireland Senior 2024
2 TG4 Munster Senior Championships:
2025 & 2026 - Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2025



Aoife Dillane
Club: Austin Stacks
Age: 24 - Height: 5' 8"
Occupation: Primary School Teacher
Debut: 2021 vs Clare
Honours:
1 TG4 All Ireland Senior 2024
3 TG4 Munster Senior Championships: 2024,
2025, 2026 - Lidl NFL Division 2 - 2022
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2023 & 2025



Rachel Dwyer
Club: Southern Gaels
Age: 23 - Height: 5' 8"
Occupation: Primary School Teacher
Debut: 2021 vs Clare
Honours:
2 TG4 Munster Senior Championships:
2025, 2026 - Lidl NFL Division 2 - 2022
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2023, 2025



Kelly Enright
Club: Moyvane
Age: 19 - Height: 5' 8"
Occupation: Student
Debut: 2025 vs Dublin
Honours:
2 TG4 Munster Senior Championships:
2025 & 2026
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2025



Caoimhe Evans
Club: MKL Gaels
Age: 25 - Height: 5' 6"
Occupation: Pharmaceutical Lab Analyst
Debut: 2021 vs Galway
Honours:
TG4 Munster Senior Championships: 2025 &
2026 - Lidl NFL Division 2 - 2022
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2023 & 2025



Eabha Ni Laighin
Club: Castleisland Desmonds
Age: 19 - Height: 5' 8"
Occupation: Student
Debut: 2025 vs Dublin
Honours:
TG4 Munster Senior Championships:
2025 & 2026
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2025



Eilis Lynch
Club: Castleisland Desmonds
Age: 31 - Height: 5' 6"
Occupation: Primary School Teacher
Debut: 2015 vs Dublin
Honours:
1 TG4 All Ireland Senior 2024
TG4 Munster Senior Championships: 2015, 2017,
2024, 2025 & 2026 - TG4 All Stars: 2023
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Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2023 & 2025



Jane Lynch
Club: Castleisland Desmonds
Age: 29
Height: 5' 6"
Occupation: Pharmacist
Debut: 2015
Honours:
TG4 Munster Senior Championship 2015
& 2026



Erica McGlynn
Club: MKL Gaels
Age: 26 - Height: 5' 8"
Occupation: PE & Gaelle Teacher
Debut: vs Tipperary 2022
Honours:
TG4 Munster Senior Championship
2026 - Lidl NFL Division 2 - 2022
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2023



Mary O'Connell
Club: Na Gaell
Age: 24 - Height: 5' 11"
Occupation: Process Engineer
Debut: 2021 vs Meath
Honours:
1 TG4 All Ireland Senior 2024
TG4 Munster Senior Championships:
2024, 2025, 2026 - Lidl NFL Division 2 - 2022
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2023 & 2025



Megan O'Connor
Club: Na Gaell
Age: 29
Height: 5' 6"
Occupation: Accountant
Debut: 2015 vs Dublin
Honours:
TG4 Munster Senior Championships:
2015, 2017, 2026



Niamh Ni Chonchúir
Club: Corca Dhuibhne
Age: 25 - Height: 5' 6"
Occupation: Teacher
Debut: 2020 vs Cavan
Honours:
1 TG4 All Ireland Senior 2024
TG4 Munster Senior Championships: 2024,
2025 & 2026 - Lidl NFL Division 2 - 2022
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2023 & 2025



Seodhia O'Donovan
Club: Cromane
Age: 20
Height: 5' 4"
Occupation: Student
Debut: n/a
Honours: n/a



Danielle O'Leary
Club: Rathmore
Age: 23 - Height: 5' 8"
Occupation: Therapy Assistant
Debut: 2019 vs Galway
Honours:
1 TG4 All Ireland Senior 2024
TG4 Munster Senior Championships: 2024,
2025 & 2026 - Lidl NFL Division 2 - 2022
Lidl NFL Division 1 - 2023 & 2025
TG4 All Stars 2024



Cait Lynch
Club: Castleisland Desmonds
Age: 34 - Height: 5' 4"
Occupation: Sustainability Advisor
Debut: 2012 vs Tipperary
Honours: 1 TG4 All Ireland Senior 2024
TG4 Munster Senior Championships:
2013, 2015, 2024, 2025
TG4 All Stars: 2012, 2022 & 2023
Lidl NFL Division 2: 2012 & 2022
Lidl NFL Division 1: 2023 & 2025



Ava Doherty
Club: Glenflesk
Age: 23
Height: 5' 6"
Occupation: Student
Debut: 2020 vs Cavan
Honours:
Lidl NFL Division 2 - 2022
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2026 TG4 ALL-IRELAND LADIES FOOTBALL FINAL



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KERRY CAPTURE U18B CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

**Kerry 1-12 Tyrone 1-10
(after extra-time)**

By Dan Kearney

It was tense, it was tight, and in the end it took extra-time before Kerry claimed the ZuCar All Ireland U18 B championship over Tyrone at Glenisk O'Connor Park in Tullamore.

It looked like Kerry had the game in the bag when Leah Griffin scored a fine goal in the 56th minute to put her side five points ahead.

Tyrone showed admirable spirit to fight back though with Hannah Donnelly and Keeva Donnelly pointing, and star forward Érin McGinn hitting the back of the net to bring the game to extra-time.

Owens pointed her sixth free of the contest at the start of overtime but Kerry had the legs and a brace of frees from Sadhbh O'Sullivan and Erin Evans point from play ensured that Kerry captain and player of the match Muireann Teahan would claim the cup.

Kerry played with the aid of a very strong breeze in the first half and raced into 0-5 to 0-0 lead in the first quarter as both sides were guilty of some poor turnovers early doors.

Griffin got her side off the mark in the first minute. From the kickout Tyrone's Caitlín McCarron was forced into a fine goal line block from Faye Lynch as Kerry came raiding once more.

Seoladh Flynn pushed the Kingdom 2-0 ahead followed by a brace of Evans frees, before Kelsey Cummins pushed her side 5 to the good.

Then Tyrone came storming into the game and might have had 3 goals but for the excellence of Kerry goalkeeper Caoimhe O'Mahony.

A shot from McGinn in the 20th minute fell short and O'Mahony did well to keep out Dana Coyle's palmed effort.

Two minutes later and O'Mahony did brilliantly to get a hand to the dangerous McGinn's effort although Keeva Owens did point the subsequent free from an earlier foul.

Tyrone were enjoying a lot of possession now and Dana Coyle pointed to make it a 3 point



Kerry goalkeeper Caoimhe O'Mahony, right, and teammate Annie Brosnan celebrate their side's first goal during the LGFA ZuCar All-Ireland U18B Championship final match between Kerry and Tyrone at Glenisk O'Connor Park in Tullamore, Offaly.

Photo by Seb Daly/Sportsfile

contest although O'Mahony was forced to save once more from McGinn with Sibéal Ní Shéaghda doing brilliantly to clear Hannah Donnelly's follow up.

The accurate Erin Evans, a sister of Kerry senior Keith, pointed the last two frees of the half and Kerry led by 0-7 to 0-2 at half time.

Kerry pushed 0-9 to 0-4 ahead through Evans (free) and the raiding Jamie Lee O'Connor with the Tyrone reply coming from McGinn and Keeva Owens (free).

Griffin's goal looked to have sealed things for Kerry but huge credit must go to Tyrone for their stunning fight back with McGinn's goal the highlight.

Jer O'Sullivan's side got the scores in extra-time however and claimed a deserved win after an enthralling contest.

Scorers – Kerry: E Evans 0-6 (5f), L Griffin 1-1, S O'Sullivan 0-2f, K Cummins 0-1 J L O'Connor 0-1, S Flynn 0-1.

Tyrone: K Owens 0-7f, E McGinn 1-1, D Coyle 0-1, H Donnelly 0-1.

KERRY: C O'Mahony; R Daly, A Brosnan, S Ní Shéaghda; J Lee O'Connor, E Dillane, A Doyle; L Griffin, C O'Sullivan; S Flynn, M Teahan (capt.), F Lynch; E Evans, N O'Donoghue, K Cummins. Subs: T O'Sullivan for F Lynch H/T, S O'Sullivan for N O'Donoghue 43, I Wynton for R Daly 51, B Curtin for K Cummins 58, S O'Halloran for S Flynn 60 + 15et, S Heaseman for E Evans 60 +20 et.

TYRONE: R Mullin; C McCarron, E Daly, Z McAnespy; A Leonard, E Kelly, C McCanny; K Owens (capt.), I Grimes; D Coyle, H Donnelly, M Muldoon; L McDonnell, É McGinn, C McMoran. Subs: E Daly for L McDonnell 38, A McCullagh for M Muldoon 51, K Corcoran for I Grimes 56, I Grimes for H Donnelly 60 +5(et), I Grimes for H Donnelly 60 + 4et, E Sweeney for D Coyle 60 + 15 et, S Loughran for Z McAnespy 60 +15 et.

Referee: Ray McBride (Dublin).



Kerry players celebrate with the trophy after their side's victory in the LGFA ZuCar All-Ireland U18B Championship final match between Kerry and Tyrone at Glenisk O'Connor Park in Tullamore, Offaly.
Photo by Seb Daly/Sportsfile



JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

ALL IRELAND FINAL

Mayo 1-20 Kerry 1-17

Ah well. Sin deireadh an sceál. Mayo are All Ireland champions, Kerry end up coming home empty-handed. No complaints. When it came down to it they just had that little bit more pace, more power, and generations of hurt to drive them on in those crucial moments. They out-thought and they out-fought us, and fair enough. As grudging as we can sometimes be, I haven't heard one Kerry person try to blame the referee or any such thing. We left no pride on the field, every Kerry player gave all that they had, but Mayo were better, and sometimes that's all there is to it.

Mayo with the first attack, probing sharply, with Davd McBrien leading the way. I was impressed by him all through, but on this occasion he was forced over the sideline for a turnover. Then it was Kerry's turn to attack, Dylan Casey bringing it forward and on hand for a clever inside pass from Paudie Clifford to pop over the opening score. Looked simple, but that was very cleverly worked.

At the other end, Mayo had the next attack but Kerry absorbed it and it ended up with Shane Murphy gathering safely and clearing his lines. Mayo coming out after winning a turnover, only to cough it up to Tom O'Sullivan, whose floated ball in was just fractionally too far to pose real problems and Mayo mopped it up. Good sign, though. Even better sign on the five minute mark. Mayo are struggling with Kerry's press and a turnover sees Paudie Clifford pick out Seán O'Shea, who spots Seán O'Brien at the back post. O'Brien gathers, swivels, and unleashes a thunderbolt.....just barely the wrong side of the post. Big moment.

Mayo were deftly pickpocketed up front by Kerry pressure. Quick passing down the field, and Seán O'Shea switched play across to David Clifford for a score. Kerry won the kickout and the brothers combined for David to fist over his



Action from the All Ireland Football Final in which Mayo defeated Kerry, winning the Sam Maguire for the first time in 75 years. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

second. 0-3 to 0-0.

Mayo were pretty much matching Kerry in general play – both sides were guilty of turnovers – but Kerry were better at picking off the scores. Paudie Clifford was already our playmaker in chief by a country mile, while Seán O'Shea was highly influential in both halves of the field. David McBrien had already caught the eye for Mayo, and he it was who exchanged passes with Enda Hession before fisting over Mayo's opening score.

Jordan Flynn had an effort at a two pointer – I thought it was a bit too ambitious, and for once it turned out that I was right. He caught the kick-out – Mayo were pressing hard on our kick-out; I had no great sense of foreboding just yet, though, not at all – but his one dropped short. That's the thing about two pointers, huge reward, but an element of risk. Overall I'd say Mayo might have been cuter to recycle a bit

more with those early shots, while Kerry could maybe have been a bit more willing to pull the trigger or take the man on. But there, hurling on the ditch is always easier than on the field of play!

Dylan Geaney with a hard bang on the end and he went off for treatment, with Keith Evans as a blood sub. Dylan would come back on, but to be honest I think he didn't look his usual self after it.

Another Mayo two point effort gathered safely, this one from Paul Towey. Mayo with another promising attack, but an uncharacteristically lax pass by Ryan O'Donoghue is comfortably intercepted. At the other end both sides cough up turnovers again – the tackling on both sides was intense – before Seán O'Shea pointed after good Kerry team play.

Fourteen minutes gone. Kerry work it down the right hand side to Seán O'Shea in the corner.



Action from the All Ireland Football Final in which Mayo defeated Kerry, winning the Sam Maguire for the first time in 75 years. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

Seán O'Shea spots David's run and times the pass to absolute perfection. David Clifford was able to gather a full speed, cut inside, andwell, he did what he does, rounding Jack Livingstone to fire home. Brilliant by David, but what sticks in my mind is the quality of that pass by Seán.

1-4 to 0-1. I don't see Kerry losing from here. It's not really a fair reflection of the balance of play, of course, but when did 'fair' become a major consideration?

Seán O'Shea with his second point. The bilges must be creaking now.

Ryan O'Donoghue with a monster kick from out the field. Again I thought it was a bit too ambitious, but this time I was wrong. Great score, and you could almost feel it energising Mayo.

Tom O'Sullivan with a jink to open space (yes, okay, it was two hops, for those who want to be picky) but the finish skewed wide. He had another chance with the same result soon after. Fine margins. Score those, and Jack O'Connor is a genius for having picked him. Instead, now it looks like a bad move to have brought him in to replace the injured Diarmuid O'Connor. That's grand, but next time could ye try telling me all the hindsight...before the actual game? It works better that way.

Jordan Flynn booked for a late foul on Tom O'Sullivan. David's free goes close, but not close enough.

David with a good pass to Seán O'Shea. Goal chance, but in fairness Mayo shut it out very quickly and Seán was right to pivot and take the point instead.

Mayo were beginning to rise now. Ryan O'Donoghue with a two pointer. That's a big, big score, a lot more significant than a mere two points. The gap is back down to four points and Mayo know that there's a game to be fought for now.

Tommy Conroy fouled. Tight enough call, but yeah, there was enough of a nudge and Darragh Beirne slotted over. Mayo's press is suffocating now and sure enough, Kerry are caught in possession and called for over-carrying. Ryan O'Donoghue converted.

Hard foul on Dylan Casey. He went off for treatment, with Evan Looney as a temporary replacement. Seán O'Shea with the two point

free, but it curled away harmlessly. It feels as if everything is going Mayo's way now, especially with Kobe McDonald teeing up Sam Callinan for a point. Just one in it now.

Tom O'Sullivan with a good point for Kerry after Joe O'Connor's pass. We badly needed it.

Shane Murphy had to bat down a loose ball. Ryan O'Donoghue snatched it up but good initial work by Evan Looney turned him away. He had a goal effort from that acute angle, but Shane Murphy was out fast and spread himself well to block. Mayo are coming very strong now, and a foul on Ryan O'Donoghue saw Darragh Beirne pick off another point. One point game.

Tommy Conroy went close but it was just wide. Jack Carney with a trademark long range effort. Hawkeye was called into play and confirmed the orange flag. Level pegging.

Joe O'Connor with a well-worked last score of the half. We needed it. After a good opening quarter, we were floundering for most of the second: I'd say Mayo are the happier side heading into the dressing room.

Half-time Kerry 1-8 Mayo 0-10

Strong start to the second half for Mayo. Darragh Beirne dummies twice to make space and calmly sent it over. Kobe McDonald was denied by a great block by Keith Evans as he was pulling the trigger. Goal chance for Mayo. Shane Murphy made a great save at the expense of a '45. Kobe McDonald converted, and Mayo were in front for the first time.

Joe O'Connor with a chance, but it skewed away. Kerry came again, but David McBrien made a great interception. Mayo's turn now. Ryan O'Donoghue sprinting forward. Just as he is about to be caught, he fisted it forward and McBrien, very cleverly, eschewed the catch and instead just batted it handball style to the lurking Darragh Beirne. We were open on the counter-attack and Beirne just picked his spot from close range before drilling it to the net. 1-12 to 1-8. We are in real trouble here. Plenty of time left to play ourselves out of danger, though.

Good move by Kerry, but Seán O'Shea's effort was wide. Keith Evans kicked a fine point – just for a second there I thought it hadn't quite

enough power.

Jack Carney with another two point effort, but it's wide. Sam Callinan with a chance from much closer range but hawkeye deems it wide. That was a bad enough miss, to be honest. After 75 years of hurt, are Mayo beginning to feel the pressure?

I get the impression that Jack Carney came here with instructions to just go for it every time. He's taken one great two pointer at a vital moment, but he's had several efforts. He had another one. I thought it was the wrong thing to do. Three points clear, Mayo needed to slow it down, control the tempo, pick off a handy point or two.

There's a reason why Jack Carney has a celtic cross in hand as I write and I don't. He went for it and he got it. His second orange flag. More pertinently, Mayo five points clear. It's theirs to lose now, really, unless we can find something special.

It doesn't look likely. Mayo have a bit of a lock around the middle now and their unrelenting press is unreal. Kerry are under constant pressure; keeping that up for seventy plus minutes is astonishing.

There are a number of Mayo candidates already for man of the match. McBrien, Carney, O'Donoghue would be my leading contenders. On the Kerry side Mike Breen has done well, Graham O'Sullivan is taking the game to Mayo with those runs down the right wing, David is deadly dangerous. Quite a few have begun to flag now, though. The one unquestionable exception is Paudie Clifford. This is our leader in the trenches; he's at the epicentre of everything Kerry are trying to do.

He has an effort batted away for a '45. No problem; Paudie strokes it smoothly between the posts.

Kobe McDonald with an effort that falls short. Then a wide. Another Mayo wide, this one off the post and out harmlessly. It may be just a sliver, but they are leaving the door open a crack here instead of closing it firmly.

David to Paudie and a Kerry point. Then it's Paudie who turns provider for his brother and David makes no mistake. Just two points in it now. Paudie with a free to Graham O'Sullivan, and the Dromid man fires over. It feels like Kerry's experience is coming to the fore.



Action from the All Ireland Football Final in which Mayo defeated Kerry, winning the Sam Maguire for the first time in 75 years. Photo: Orla Coyne, Kerry GAA Fans

Kobe has the fearlessness of youth. He cuts inside, but again Shane Ryan makes a fantastic save at the expense of a point. The referee stops play so that he can get some treatment. Quarter of an hour left, two point game. We could snatch this. We haven't been the best team, not at all, but we have been here in games before and that could stand to us now.

David Clifford on the end of a good move, wisely fists over the point. Kerry with another chance, but the pass is overhit. Tiny errors under fierce pressure, but seconds are very precious now and Mayo are fighting for all of them.

Jordan Flynn with a good burst of speed and a fine confident finish. Two points again. Mayo turn over the kick-out – they understandably look ravenous now – and Kobe McDonald makes it three.

Seán O'Shea with a good effort at a two pointer but it's just too far to the left. A matter of inches, and all the inches matter now.

Mayo aren't exactly shooting the lights out, but what they are doing is forcing Kerry to cough up possession under enormous pressure. Their energy levels are phenomenal. Truth be told, it's a mismatch now, we are looking for miracle workers to pull this out of the fire.

Seven minutes left, Ryan O'Donoghue....the roar of the Mayo crowd tells you everything. Orange flag, and a five point game.

Mayo won the kick-out. Free in. Chance for Ryan O'Donoghue to effectively seal it, but a good effort drops short. Still Mayo hunt it and win a sideline ball. Good effort by O'Donoghue, Jordan Flynn rises high (I thought he was immense for Mayo in the second half) and gets a fist to it, but it crashes off the crossbar. A let-off. It may only be by our fingertips, but we are still clinging on.

And there's a foothold. David Clifford with a Kerry two pointer. Tomás Kennedy is impressing on his introduction and he's involved again in a move that sees Paudie cut inside for a fine point. Two in it, three minutes left. We have kickers, we can absolutely do this.

Kerry are actually finishing strong. David Clifford with another two point attempt, it doesn't quite curl enough. Seán O'Shea with a two point effort to level it....doesn't quite have the legs and Mayo clear.

Mayo on a breakout against the Kerry tide. Good run, good ball forward. There are gaps in Kerry's defence now....are you kidding me? Of course there are, what choice did we have but to push forward? Tommy Conroy could have had a decent chance at goal. After 75 years of waiting, he's the right man in the right place and he fists it over.

Three points between them. Three points and an awning gulf of tradition and decades of hurt. Could you begrudge them?

Truthfully? Maybe, yeah, a small bit. But they are a sound county. They clapped Kerry off the field on great days for Kerry and hard days for themselves. I'm glad to see Kerry people stay to applaud the new All Ireland champions. That's who they are; that's who we are.



Kerry players before the beginning of extra-time during the LGFA ZuCar All-Ireland U18B Championship final match between Kerry and Tyrone at Glenisk O'Connor Park in Tullamore, Offaly. Photo by Seb Daly/Sportsfile

We will leave inquests out of this one. It was some achievement to get back to the All Ireland Final, especially with all the injuries we had to carry along the way. In the end Mayo simply had more power in their engines, and fair play to them. We will leave hindsight out of this one. All the talk of what went wrong? I didn't hear a word of that from anyone, pundit or otherwise, in the build-up. A Mayo victory wasn't my prediction and I didn't hear it from anybody else, either. Is there a conversation to be had about the amount of domestic championship games we play in Kerry? Maybe – but the inter-county season is already twice as long as the club season, and I believe and have always believed that club is the cornerstone. Prioritise the fleet over the flagship. But that's a long conversation, one I haven't heard debated in full, and I am open to argument. This week is not the week for that. Congratulations to a great Mayo team who shattered history's mould; commiserations to a great Kerry team who did us all very proud along the way. That's it; we're done here.

Mayo: Jack Livingstone, Jack Coyne, Donnacha McHugh, Eoin McGreal, Sam Callinan (0-1), David McBrien (0-1), Enda Hession, Bob Tuohy, Jack Carney (0-4, 2tp), Diarmuid O'Connor, Paul Towe, Jordan Flynn (0-1), Darragh Beirne (1-3, 2f), Ryan O'Donoghue (0-5, 2tp, 1f), Kobe McDonald (0-3, 1'45). Subs: Tommy Conroy 0-2 (for Paul Towe, 24 mins), Mattie Ruane (for Bob Tuohy, 53 mins), Rory Brickenden (for Eoin McGreal, 53 mins), Conor Loftus (for Diarmuid O'Connor, 58 mins), Paddy Durcan (for Sam Callinan, 65 mins).

Kerry: Shane Murphy, Dylan Casey (0-1), Jason Foley, Paul Murphy, Tom O'Sullivan (0-1), Mike Breen, Gavin White, Mark O'Shea, Seán O'Brien, Joe O'Connor (0-1), Seán O'Shea (0-3),

Graham O'Sullivan (0-1), Paudie Clifford (0-3, 1'45), David Clifford (1-6, 1tp), Dylan Geaney. Subs: Evan Looney (for Dylan Casey, bs, 28-30 mins), Keith Evans 0-1 (for Tom O'Sullivan, half-time), Tomás Kennedy (for Dylan Geaney, 51 mins), Brian Ó Beaglaíoch (for Gavin White, 59 mins), Evan Looney (for Paul Murphy, 61 mins), Micheál Burns (for Seán O'Brien, 63 mins). in McNally (Monaghan).

KERRY U18 LADIES WIN MINOR B ALL IRELAND

Zucar U18 Ladies B Final: Kerry 1-12 Tyrone 1-10

Understandably, most Kerry people's attention was focussed on a different match on Sunday, but the Kerry U18 Ladies pulled off a remarkable and noteworthy feat of their own in seeing off a gallant Tyrone team to win the Minor B All Ireland after extra-time.

Kerry made a lightning start, the experienced Leah Griffin driving forward for an early score. In fact, it was all Kerry at the start, Caitlin McCarron had to be sharp to deny Faye Lynch's goalbound effort with a great block, and Seoladh Flynn doubled Kerry's lead. Erin Evans slotted two frees and Kesley Cummins made it 0-5 to 0-0. Looking good so far!

No Tyrone team is beaten easily, though, and this one was no exception. Dana Coyle got her fist to an Érin McGinn long ball, but Caoimhe O'Mahony read it perfectly and made a great save. McGinn had a shot herself, with O'Mahony stretching at full length to claw it clear. With the advantage rule in play, Keeva Owens opened



Ciara O'Sullivan of Kerry has a shot blocked by Tyrone players, from left, Caitlin McCarron and Hannah Donnelly during the LGFA ZuCar All-Ireland U18B Championship final match between Kerry and Tyrone at Glenisk O'Connor Park in Tullamore, Offaly. Photo by Seb Daly/Sportsfile



Kerry players celebrate with the trophy after the LGFA ZuCar All-Ireland U18B Championship final match between Kerry and Tyrone at Glenisk O'Connor Park in Tullamore, Offaly. Photo by Seb Daly/Sportsfile

Tyrone's account from a free. Dana Coyle pointed to leave just a goal between the sides. Caoimhe O'Mahony had to be sharp again to deny McGinn, and Sibeal Ní Shéaghda just managed to clear ahead of Hannah Donnelly following up. To say that the early tide had changed would be an understatement! Kerry settled and Erin Evans, a scion of the great Keel footballing family slotted another two points to give Kerry a 0-7 to 0-2 lead at the break – although that couldn't be called a fair reflection of the overall play.

The third quarter was cagey enough. Érin Evans and Jamie Lee O'Connor pointed for Kerry, but the dangerous McGinn and Keava Owens (f) replied. Two more frees from Owens saw the gap trimmed back down to a goal, 0-9 to 0-6. Nine minutes left on the clock – but Owens with a fourth free on the trot and once again she nailed it. Two point game.

56th minute. A cracking goal by Leah Griffin. Surely that seals it.

No, Tyrone were still hunting here. Hannah Donnelly with a great point. Keava Owens with another precision free. Just seconds left, but it was just enough time for the outstanding Érin McGinn to fire home an equalising goal. 1-9 apiece and extra-time beckoning.

Kerry: Caoimhe O'Mahony (Desmonds), Roisín Daly (MKL Gaels), Annie Brosnan (Dr. Crokes), Sibeal Ní Shéaghda (Corca Dhuibhne), Jamie Lee O'Connor (Ballymac) 0-1, Eimear Dillane (Stacks), Avril Doyle (Na Gaeil), Leah Griffin

(Desmonds) 1-1, Ciara O'Sullivan (Spa), Seoladh Flynn (MKL Gaels) 0-1, Muireann Teahan (capt., Southern Gaels), Faye Lynch (Fossa), Erin Evans (MKL Gaels) 0-6, 5f, Naoise O'Donoghue (MKL Gaels), Kelsey Cummins (Fossa) 0-1. Subs: Tara O'Sullivan (Fossa) for Faye Lynch, half-time, Sadhbh O'Sullivan (Southern Gaels) 0-2, 2f for Naoise O'Donoghue, 43 mins, Iona Wynton (Southern Gaels) for Roisín Daly, 51 mins, Bríd Curtin (Desmonds) for Kelsey Cummins, 58 mins, Sadhbh O'Halloran (Kilcummin) for Seoladh Flynn, 75 mins, Sarah Heasman (MKL Gaels) for Erin Evans 80 mins, Niamh Mulvihill (Listowel Emmets), Katie Griffin (Desmonds), Anna O'Sullivan (Churchill), Eabha McEvoy (Beaufort), Sarah O'Brien (Laune Rangers), Aoibheann McCarthy (Rahillys), Ashley Falvey (Abbeydorney), Anne O'Shaghnessy (Fossa), Lily O'Shaughnessy (Fossa).

Tyrone: Rihanna Mullin, Caitlin McCarron, Ellie Daly, Zara McAnespy, Aime Leonard, Eimear Kelly, Clodagh McCanny, Keava Owens (capt, 0-7, 7f), Isabella Grimes, Dana Coyle (0-1), Hannah Donnelly (0-1), Mia Muldoon, Liza McDonnell, Érin McGinn (1-1), Cara McMoran. Subs: Erin Daly for Liza McDonnell, 38 mins, Áine McCullagh for Mia Muldoon, 51 mins, K Corcoran for Isabella Grimes, 56 mins, Isabella Grimes for Hannah Donnelly, 65 mins, Eimear Sweeney for Dana Coyle, 75 mins, Saorla Loughran for Zara McAnespy, 75 mins.

Referee: Ray McBride (Dublin).

TOUR DE FRANCE

It's the biggest live sports event in the world. More people watch the Tour de France in person than watch the Soccer World Cup and the Olympics combined. Granted, part of that is because it's free to watch; you can't charge people for standing on the side of the road and watching bicycles go by. It has a global tv audience of 3.5 billion, but that doesn't count those who attend in person. This year they may have arguably seen the greatest cyclist of all time – stay with me, that's not hyperbole – at his very peak. The truth is that nobody even looked like coming close to Tadej Pogacar. The Slovenian led pretty much all the way through and never let up. Once Jonas Vingegaarde crashed out on Stage 15, there was no real viable challenger. Honestly, I don't think Vingegaarde could have stayed with him all through anyway. The shortened final stage into the Champs d'Elysee could have been a procession. It wasn't, Pogacar's unrelenting drive wouldn't let him relax even at that point. He has now joined Merckx, Anquetil, Hinault, and Indurain with five Tour de France titles (we will leave Lance Armstrong, the Donald Trump of the cycling world, out of this one). Merckx, whom most of us would consider the greatest of all time, has already said that he expects Pogacar to go on and beat the record.



WORLD CUP FINAL Spain VS Argentina

by Óran O'Hare-Barry

The first meeting of these two nations in the world cup since 1966. In the build-up, Spain were probably the favourites when comparing the quality of both sides. However, they were definitely the favourites in terms of which side the neutral wanted to win. Despite boasting the greatest player of all time, Argentina were constantly engaging in the 'dark arts'. Not only were they putting in dirty challenges time and time again, they were getting away with it. On the contrary, Spain can boast 19-year old Lamine Yamal, who is all but destined to be an all time great already. Aside from him, the team moved as one, with a captivating style of football akin to the tiki taka of years gone by. Cucurella at left-back was bombing up and down from left back from start to finish. Rodri showed his class again, owning the midfield with authority. The 2024 Ballon D'Or winner is quickly rising on the list of greatest defensive midfielders ever, and he was immense again when it mattered most. When they didn't have the ball in the first half, they were putting Argentina under serious pressure with an immense work rate. They were unplayable in that regard, akin to Limerick in the All-Ireland Hurling final earlier on that day. Every time Yamal got on the ball in this final, there was a sense of danger from an Argentina perspective. He was constantly getting into the edge at a rapid pace. Alexis Mac Allister made some questionable challenges in the first half. First, he stopped a good chance when Pedro Porro was on goal that he was lucky to get away with. Next, a rough tackle on Dani Olmo that was also not deemed a foul, even though it truly could have been a yellow card offense. By the first hydration break, Messi had only managed an underwhelming two touches. That being said, the standards he has set for himself at 39 years of age are outstanding. It certainly felt as though he was expected to carry his team once more. However, given the difference in quality between the two teams, that looked unlikely. Lisandro Martínez went down injured just before half-time and the experienced Nicolás Otamendi replaced him. The first half came to

an end, and Argentina hadn't registered a shot, in contrast to Spain's three. Perhaps the biggest criticism to be made about Spain was the lack of venom in their attempts on target. More power in front of goal, and they could have likely made this tie much easier for themselves. The second half commenced, and the pushing and shoving was beginning to escalate. Leandro Paredes came on at half-time and was booked not even 10 minutes later. Looking back, he was extremely fortunate to see out the match, as he continued to foul and protest repeatedly. The irony of Argentina's underhanded tactics is that they were able to pull off some brilliant, well-timed and fair tackles. Namely, one from Otamendi to deny Fabian a chance, and a fantastic sliding challenge on Cubarsi who was threatening the left wing. He would be substituted soon after. As the final half an hour of regular time came around, Argentina were under serious pressure, defending with their lives. Spain were peppering the goal and just could not get past Emi Martínez. 15 minutes to go, and Spain turned to their super sub Mikel Merino once more who replaced Dani Olmo. Nico Williams was also brought on for Alejandro Baena. Enzo Fernández fouled Rodri with about 10 minutes to go. While the foul itself wasn't egregious, his dissent earned him a booking. In hindsight, this was truly Argentina's downfall. Soon after, in added time, a late tackle on Cubarsi earned him a second yellow card, and Argentina were now in a world of pain. They'd struggled to stay afloat with 11 men. Doing so with 10 seemed impossible. In fairness, the Cubarsi's impact made the challenge look worse than what it was. However, Fernández was still late and nowhere near the ball, and the second booking was justified. Alas came extra time, and Argentina became the first ever team to not get a shot off after 90 minutes in a World Cup final. Nico Williams thought he had sealed his dream of scoring the winning goal in the World Cup final. However, Merino was found to have fouled Otamendi in the box, and it was promptly ruled out. While that decision might not be crystal clear, it ultimately didn't matter, as 37 seconds into the second half of extra time, substitute Ferran Torres was the man who would eventually get past Emi Martínez in goal. From here, Argentina really hadn't a hope. 15 minutes to go, and they had resorted to route one football, launching it

up to the forwards who couldn't make good of it. Alvarez had one last chance but launched it over the bar, shooting off balance. That was it for all intents and purposes as Spain held out to the last minute to become world champions for a second time. This tournament can tell us a lot about the near future of football. Spain pulled off an unprecedented run of winning two Euros in a row with a world cup in between. They look very well positioned to do the same, boasting a hugely talented pool of young players, who play a very attractive brand of football. France have made 3 finals in their last 6 tournaments. That consistency looks like it will continue, with a strong young group of attacking players to build around. A few formidable young defensively-minded players and they will continue to be a force in Europe and the world. However, questions will be asked regarding the future of some of the former football giants. This has been confirmed as Messi's last World Cup. Excluding him, and maybe a handful of other players in the panel, Argentina's future isn't exactly dazzling. Their rough-housery was highlighted in the final especially, with no other way to cope with a far superior Spain side. Brazil are not the same team they were in the 20th and very early 21st century, and haven't really been so in some time. When the next World Cup comes around in 2030, it'll have been 28 years since their last world cup final appearance and win. By Brazilian standards, that is hugely disappointing. The two-time and inaugural winners Uruguay failed to deliver on this occasion, quietly disappearing after the group stage. When looking back in Europe, Italy and Germany have four World Cups each, and both look a shadow of their former selves. While Italy do at least have a Euro 2020 title to their name in recent years, they haven't even qualified for a World Cup since 2014. Even in that tournament, they were dumped out in the group stage, finishing last. There wasn't much hype regarding Germany going into the tournament, and that proved to be reasonable, going out unceremoniously to Paraguay in the Round of 32 on penalties. All of this being said, 4 years is a long time, especially in the world of football. A lot can change between now and the World Cup's centenary year in 2030. Yamal will still only be 22 turning 23, and even then he might not have reached his peak yet. Haaland and Mbappé will still likely be going strong. The lack of Messi and Ronaldo will take some getting used to, and it's not likely we will see the quality and longevity of those two any time soon. The jury is still out on Ireland's footballing future. Co-hosting Euro 2028 might give us the boost it needs to progress as a football nation, despite the competition of the other popular sports in the country. The 2026 World Cup qualifying stage was the most promising qualifying campaign in a long time, so maybe it's worth the risk to optimistic on the road to 2030.

CSG Marks Successful Killarney Expansion with Client Networking Event

Firm brings together clients and business leaders six months after establishing its Killarney office following the ORM merger
Killarney, Kerry – 20th July 2026: CSG Accountants & Advisors welcomed clients, professional contacts and members of the Killarney business community to its Killarney office this week as the firm marked six months since establishing its presence in the town.

The networking event brought together a large number of local business owners, clients and representatives from the banking, legal and financial services sectors, alongside members of the CSG team from both its Tralee and Killarney offices.

Held at the firm's New Street office, the event provided an opportunity to thank clients for their continued support while strengthening relationships across Kerry's business community.

The gathering comes six months after CSG expanded into Killarney through its merger with ORM Accountants, creating one of Kerry's largest accountancy and business advisory firms. Today, CSG employs more than 70 people across its Tralee and Killarney offices, supporting over 2,250 clients with accounting, audit, tax and business advisory services.

Laura Dillon, Partner at CSG Accountants & Advisors, said the response from the Killarney business community had exceeded expectations.

"The past six months have been an extremely positive period for CSG. We've received a fantastic welcome in Killarney and have been delighted by the support shown by existing clients, new clients and the wider professional community.

"The expansion has strengthened our ability to serve clients across Kerry, giving us a strategic base in both Tralee and Killarney while allowing us to retain the personal service and local relationships that have always been central to CSG.

"This event was simply about saying thank you. We wanted to open our doors, bring together clients and colleagues, and acknowledge the relationships that have helped make the transition such a success. The turnout speaks volumes about the strength of the business community here in Killarney and we're excited about what the future holds."

John Mannix, Partner at CSG's Killarney office, said the integration had created new opportunities for clients throughout the county.

"Joining CSG has combined the strengths of



CSG Accountants & Advisors marked six months since establishing its presence in Killarney town by welcoming clients and members of the Killarney business community to its offices on New Street. Pictured are: Tadhg Gallivan, Property Partners Gallivan, Ciaran Doyle and David Moran, CSG Accountants & Advisors and Stephen Caulfield, Finance for You.
Photo: Pauline Dennigan



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two highly respected firms while ensuring clients continue to receive the same trusted, personal advice they've always valued.

"It's been fantastic to see colleagues from both our Tralee and Killarney offices working together so seamlessly over the past six months. Bringing everyone together with clients and professional contacts was a fitting

way to recognise how far we've come and to look ahead to the next stage of our growth."

The event reflects CSG's ongoing commitment to investing in Kerry and building long-term relationships with businesses, entrepreneurs, farming families and organisations across the county.

FOSSA GAA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 26/07/2026 for a jackpot of €9,900 were 2, 10, 14, 15. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Christina Davidson, Online; Alex Rintoul, Online; Kathleen Hobbins; Gary McCormick; Conor and Tadhg Lucey.

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>

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS

What a day for Kerry and what a day for Fossa! A huge congratulations to the Kerry Minor Ladies team and management on their brilliant win in the ZuCar All-Ireland Minor B Final.

A special shout out to our five Fossa girls who have done both club and county proud: Kelsey Cummins, Faye Lynch, Tara O'Sullivan, Anne O'Shaughnessy and Lily O'Shaughnessy. To have five players involved with a Kerry All-Ireland winning team is something really special for our club. The hard work, commitment and dedication these girls have shown over the years has paid off in the best possible way. We are incredibly proud of each of you.

COMMISERATIONS

Hard luck to Paudie, David and the Kerry senior team and management on the defeat to Mayo on Sunday. It just wasn't to be, the weight of history was to be lifted from Mayo's shoulders and nothing was going to change that, however, we are extremely proud of our players and we will be back.

EAST KERRY GAA

EAST KERRY JUNIOR LEAGUE DIVISION 2 FINAL

Kilcummin 1-13. Gneeveguilla 1-10

EAST KERRY U 14 LEAGUE

Beaufort 5-15 Gneeveguilla 3-04

Glenflesk 1-16 Fossa 4-13

Listry 4-12 Kenmare Kilgarvan 5-13

Firies 4-11 Rathmore 2-14

Na Fianna 5-09 Spa 1-05

Killarney Legion 5-13 Kilcummin 3-15

Dr Crokes 2-12 Currow 4-22

Gneeveguilla 3-07 Rathmore B 5-09

Scartaglin 4-08 Firies B 5-21

Listry B 1-08 Spa B 4-04

ALL IRELAND FINAL

Hard luck to the Kerry team on their defeat in Sunday's All Ireland Final and congratulations to Mayo.

ALL IRELAND FINAL

Good luck to the Kerry Ladies team in next Sunday's All Ireland Final.

DR. CROKES

COUNTY INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Dr. Crokes 2-22 Rathmore 0-15

We maintained our strong championship form with a deserved thirteen-point victory over Rathmore in Rathbeg on a mild summer's evening. Built on clinical finishing and a disciplined defensive display, we were always in control despite a spirited challenge from the home side. We made a lively start with Brian



O'Connor denied by an excellent save after a superb sideline delivery from Mark Heffernan, who kept the scoreboard ticking with frees, a '65 and a point from play. David Carroll then picked out Brian O'Connor, who showed excellent control and pace to burst through for the opening goal. Adam Byrne was unlucky to find the side netting after a brilliant solo run, while Mark Heffernan converted another free after Brian O'Connor was controversially denied what looked like a clear penalty opportunity. Scores from Brian O'Connor, Pa Sheehan and Adam Byrne helped us to a 1-11 to 0-08 half-time lead. Rathmore started the second half brightly, but Kevin Landers quickly responded with two excellent points before Tom Doyle and Brian O'Connor added further scores. The decisive moment arrived when David Carroll again supplied Brian O'Connor, who finished clinically for his second goal of the evening. Mark Heffernan continued to punish Rathmore from placed balls, while Kevin Landers, Brian O'Connor and substitute Stephen Noonan - whose superb over-the-shoulder effort was arguably the score of the match - kept the scoreboard moving. Defensively, we were outstanding throughout, with Tom Doyle, Sean Barry, Fionn Dineen, James Murphy and Mark O'Connor producing a composed display, releasing Conor O'Hare and Kieran O'Connor around midfield, both delivering immense performances. Brian O'Connor was arguably Man of the Match after an outstanding display of pace, aerial ability and two well-taken goals.

GAME CHANGER, a new GAA programme using the positive influence of Gaelic Games to tackle one of the most serious issues facing our society - Abuse. Three members of the Croke Park initiative will be conducting an open forum for Dr Crokes members in the clubhouse on Thursday, July 30th at 7.00 pm. All members welcome.

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

LOTTO took place on July 28th. Numbers drawn were 3, 6, 8, 12. Jackpot of €5,600 was WON. Jackpot for draw on August 3rd will be €5,000. Play online by following the link below <https://member.clubspot.app/club/dr-crokes-gaa/fundraisers>

BINGO

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

the first game commencing at 8pm.

CONGRATULATIONS to Annie Brosnan and her Kerry minor teammates on winning the All Ireland Championship.

BEST OF LUCK to Leah McMahon and the Kerry Ladies in the All Ireland Final on Sunday.

NOTES

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

LEGION

SUMMER CAMP

The summer camp is back again this year commencing Tuesday 4th August until Friday 7th August 10am to 1pm for boys and girls aged 4-13. You can register at Legiongaa.com

U 14 BOYS

DIVISION 1 EAST KERRY LEAGUE

Killarney Legion 5-13 Kilcummin 3-15

A rip-roaring game of football was played out between two fantastic teams in the East Kerry U14 Division 1 League, with Legion coming out on top after a hugely entertaining and competitive contest.

Both sides played some excellent football throughout, with plenty of skill, determination and great scores on display. We are very happy with the continued improvement shown by our players and the way they battled and worked for each other right to the final whistle.

A big thank you to Kilcummin for a fantastic and sporting game, played in a great spirit, and thanks also to referee Ecan Horan for officiating. Well done to all the players involved — a brilliant game of underage football.

U12 GIRLS

U12 girls travelled to Abbeydorney in the next phase of County go games. 2 games of 8 a side were played in a good sporting atmosphere.

The hosts played some great football in all games and really tested our girls to their credit the girls stood up to the challenge and and 2 excellent games transpired.

Thanks to Abbeydorney for hosting us and to the referees who did an excellent job

LOTTO

Lotto Numbers: 5, 11, 16, 27. Bonus 21. Match 3s/lucky dips: Shania Costelloe, Bernie Cronin, Paudie Herlihy

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Glenfesk CCE and Angland Family Celebrates Outstanding Success at Munster Fleadh Cheoil 2026

The Angland family and the wider traditional music community in Glenfesk are celebrating an exceptional achievement following the Munster Fleadh Cheoil, which took place in Lismore, Co. Waterford, from 15-18 July 2026.

The Fleadh proved to be a hugely successful event for the Angland family, with Colleen, Olivia, Seán and Grace Angland all delivering outstanding performances across a range of competitions, earning an impressive collection of provincial titles and podium finishes.

Colleen Angland showcased her musical talent in the slow airs competitions, securing:
2nd Place – Flute Slow Airs (15-18)
2nd Place – Whistle Slow Airs (15-18)

Olivia Angland enjoyed a remarkable Fleadh, earning:
3rd Place – Fiddle (12-15)
3rd Place – Liltin (12-15)
2nd Place – Duet (12-15) with Seán Angland
2nd Place – Trio (12-15) with Seán Angland and Aoife Hobbart (CCÉ Lixnaw)
1st Place – Mixed Set Dance (12-15) with Killarney CCÉ
3rd Place – Ladies Set Dance (12-15) with Killarney CCÉ

Seán Angland delivered an exceptional performance across multiple disciplines, winning:
1st Place – Melodeon (12-15)
2nd Place – Piano (12-15)
2nd Place – Accompaniment (12-15)

2nd Place – Mouth Organ (12-15)
2nd Place – Duet (12-15) with Olivia Angland
2nd Place – Trio (12-15) with Olivia Angland and Aoife Hobbart (CCÉ Lixnaw)

Grace Angland continued her impressive record at provincial level by securing:
2nd Place as part of the An Ríocht Senior Grúpaí Ceoil

Grace’s achievement is particularly noteworthy as she returns to the All-Ireland stage after winning the Senior Piano title at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in 2025. She has once again qualified for the All-Ireland this year as a member of the highly regarded An Ríocht Senior Grúpaí Ceoil, based in Lixnaw.

Adding to the family’s impressive medal haul, Olivia, Seán and Colleen Angland were members of the Baile Átha an Spidéil, Cork Grúpaí Ceoil (15-18), which secured 3rd Place in a highly competitive field.

The results represent a truly special milestone for the Angland family, with all four siblings achieving success at one of the most prestigious traditional music competitions in the province. Their dedication, talent and commitment to Irish traditional music were on full display throughout the week, making it a memorable Fleadh for both the family and their supporters.

Glenfesk CCE would also like to extend sincere congratulations



and thanks to the Munster Fleadh Committee, organisers, volunteers and host community in Lismore for delivering such a well-organised, welcoming and successful Fleadh. Their hard work ensured a fantastic experience for competitors, families and visitors throughout the four-day festival. The outstanding results achieved

by the Angland family are a testament to years of dedication, practice and support, and the Glenfesk CCE community joins in congratulating Colleen, Olivia, Seán and Grace on their remarkable success at Munster Fleadh Cheoil 2026.



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Garden hedges may receive a final shaping before winter, as little growth is expected over the coming months. However, avoid pruning conifer hedges too heavily, as this can leave unsightly bare patches that may not recover.

It is also the ideal time to deadhead roses, encouraging fresh blooms well into early autumn. Roses that are looking tired or have lost some of their foliage can be cut back more firmly to stimulate new growth and keep plants in good condition for the months ahead.



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While the majority of holiday destinations continue to operate as normal, wildfires can develop rapidly and may lead to travel disruption, road closures, evacuations and changes to transport services. Travellers are encouraged to monitor official advice and be prepared to adapt their plans if necessary.

The ITAA advises travellers to:

- Monitor local news and follow all instructions issued by local authorities, emergency services, accommodation providers and tour representatives.
- Check the latest travel advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs at www.ireland.ie/travel before departure and while overseas. Citizens can also register their stay abroad at <https://citizensregistration.dfa.ie/> so that they can be contacted by the Irish Embassy if there is an unforeseen crisis.

- Keep your mobile phone charged, switched on and roaming enabled so you can receive emergency alerts from local authorities.
- Contact your tour operator or travel agent if your destination is affected or if you require assistance with alternative travel arrangements.
- Take out Travel Insurance at time of booking and ensure your travel insurance provides appropriate cover, including travel disruption, and familiarise yourself with your policy before travelling.
- Keep passports, medication, travel documents, money and essential belongings easily accessible in case you need to leave your

accommodation quickly. Only do so if it is safe and you have been instructed to evacuate.

- Avoid travelling into areas where wildfires are active or where emergency services have restricted access.
- Follow official road closures and evacuation routes and never attempt to enter restricted areas or use unapproved routes.

The ITAA reminds travellers that, although wildfires are currently affecting parts of Spain and France, disruption is generally localised and the vast majority of visitors will continue to enjoy their holidays safely.





A Word of Victory

"But He knows where I am going, and when He tests me, I will come out as pure gold. For I have stayed on God's paths; I have followed His ways and not turned aside. I have not departed from His commands but have treasured and esteemed His Words more than my necessary food" (Job 23:10-12).

Welcome back dear student, trials test our endurance, our skill, and our resolve. Job was an upright man of integrity, who feared God, and hated evil. All hell broke loose in Job's life, yet he maintained his trust in God. The enemy taunts God's people by attacking one's security, identity, and all that is held dear, in an effort to get individuals, and families off God's plans and pathway of Righteousness. We must recognise and understand what's going on. It's bigger than it appears. The enemy uses strife, pain, harassment, and afflictions; whether these are physical, mental, emotional, relational, or financial attacks - to divert our attention from God's divine purpose and plan for our lives. Each one of us has a particular call and anointing to accomplish great things for God in varied and unique ways. However, many don't understand this because they are so busy fighting fires, and dealing with crisis, and past and present drama - oftentimes at the hands of others, who've dragged them into their loop of chaotic dysfunction.

Boundaries are vital as we've recently studied. But also: steadfastness - firmly deciding to not get pulled in every direction. Seeking God's Wisdom first before reacting to the wishes and desires of others is a must. James warns about double mindedness. He describes it as being tossed like waves of the sea by the wind and storms (James 1:2-8). So, what's the antidote? Faith! Faith carries us through the dark days, the storms of life, the pain, and loss. It's trusting through the trial - like holding tight on a rollercoaster. Hope coupled with faith, causes us to rise again to focus on the future with renewed vision and resolve. Knowledge of the Word of God brings Hope to understand with God's vision - like how the crew of a submarine observe all through the periscope - we must keep our eyes focussed on what God has promised us (Hebrews 12:1-4).

For example, in a fearful scenario: remember and decree the Lord God's promises from Psalm ninety-one and personalise it! 'I will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day. Lord, You promised to protect me from the enemy traps, and surround me with Your angels to guard me. You are with me in trouble, and You will deliver me and honour me, and show me Your Salvation. I trust You Lord Jesus'. Hallelujah! This is how you fight the negative thoughts and circumstances. Just like Jesus did - resist them with the Word of God (Matthew 4:1-11; 1 Peter 5:6-9). Enemy taunts will try to penetrate your deepest parts. Hence it's a matter of life or death to know the Living God Whom you trust in - that He has plans for your good life - paid for with the Blood of His Son Jesus (Jeremiah 29:11-14; John 10:10).

Folks speculate at everything that's happening in the world, on what society needs right now? What the world needs are faithful, courageous people who know their God - Who empowers them to do mighty exploits (Daniel 11:32). Nehemiah was given a gigantic task by God, to mobilise an army of people to clear the huge debris and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Enemies arose from every corner. They tried to distract and frighten him with disaster scenarios. Nehemiah's answer? "I cannot come down, for I am engaged in a great work! (Nehemiah 6:1-9). Friend, stay strong, ignore the bullies, and keep your faith!

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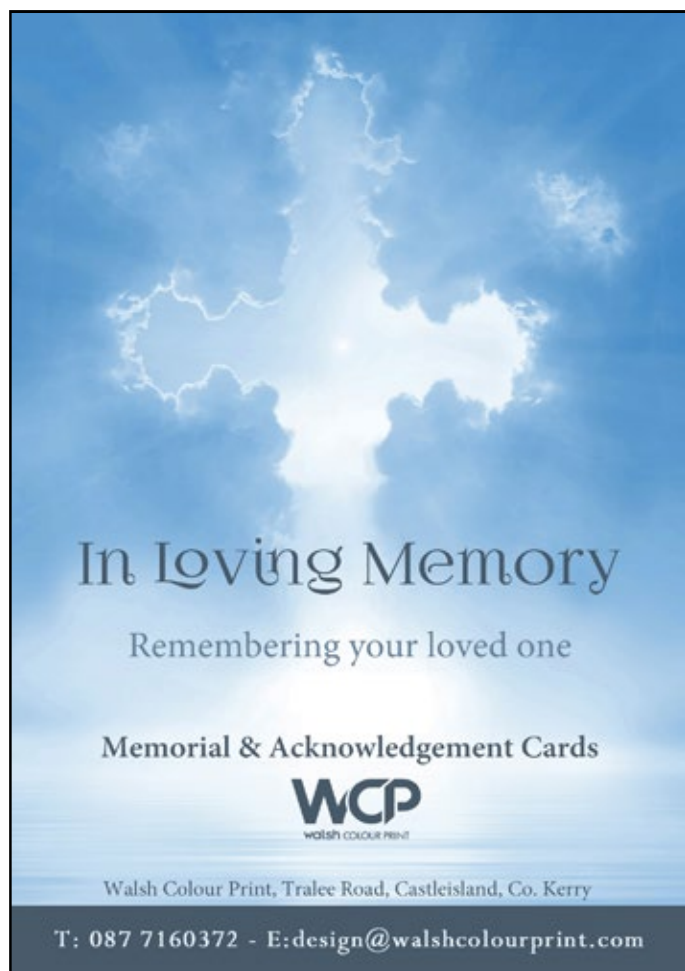
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NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone.

Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly (Mention your request here...)

And that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you.

Amen

A PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

Remember, dear Lady of La Salette, true Mother of Sorrows, the tears which thou didst shed for me on Calvary; be mindful also of the unceasing care which thou dost exercise to shield me from the justice of God; and consider whether thou canst now abandon thy child, for whom thou hast done so much. Inspired by this consoling thought, I come to cast myself at thy feet, in spite of my infidelity and ingratitude. Reject not my prayer, O Virgin of reconciliation, convert me, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus Christ above all things and to console thee too by living a holy life, in order that one day I may be able to see thee in Heaven. Amen.

NOVENA TO ST. CLAIRE

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

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