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As we prepare to welcome Trick or Treaters who will be braving the elements to celebrate Halloween, we have lots for you to enjoy in this week's Killarney Outlook.

The spooky season takes centre stage this week as both children and adults don their fancy dress costumes at various events, Killarney is basking in golden glory following a fantastic Gold Medal win in the Tidy Towns and a young Killarney Boxer is celebrating European Glory.

In other news, a Free Parent Workshop is being held in Killarney to help raise resilient teens, the new season of Killarney Camera Club has kicked off and students at Killarney Community College are planning to go phone-free!

The popular Lions Club's Message in a Bottle has been restocked in pharmacies across the town, Kilcummin Men's Shed opened its doors last week, bringing people together from near and far and a Killarney man has been appointed to the board of Tourism Ireland.

Dr. Crokes celebrated their 2000 County Championship Team, The Ring of Kerry has raised an amazing €1.2 million for charities and the libraries are filled with music as they launch a new instrument lending scheme.

The class of 2025 has graduated with pride, Jimmy takes a look at Dingle's historic Senior County Final win and we have all the sports news from the pitches, fairways and courts.

Hope you all enjoy this week's Killarney Outlook!



Aisling Crosbie



Sunbeams find a gap through the rain clouds at Killarney Golf Club captured by John Murphy

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Killarney Strikes Gold in Tidy Towns

A Triumph of Community Spirit and Legacy

Killarney is once again basking in national glory after being awarded the coveted Gold Medal in the 2025 SuperValu Tidy Towns Competition, achieving an outstanding 11-point increase to reach a total of 395 marks. This remarkable leap in marks reflects not only the town's relentless dedication to environmental excellence and community pride, but also the deep-rooted sense of teamwork that has defined Killarney's approach to tidiness, sustainability and inclusion. There were scenes of delight in the town when the results were announced, marking a proud moment for the hundreds of volunteers, Kerry County Council staff, and community groups who have worked tirelessly throughout the year. From the colourful bursts of floral planting on the streets to biodiversity-rich green spaces and the meticulous restoration of Abbey Woods, Killarney continues to set the benchmark for what a thriving, environmentally conscious town can achieve.

Johnny McGuire, Co-President of the Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce, paid heartfelt tribute to those behind the success, calling it "a win for every single person who rolled up their sleeves and cared for our town." "This gold medal and the jump of 11 points reflect the sheer hard work, dedication and pride of our amazing outdoor staff at Kerry County Council and the fantastic volunteers who give so much of their time," he added. "They are building on a legacy left by two giants of the Tidy Towns movement here in Killarney, the late Fr. Michael Murphy, affectionately known as Fr. Tidy, and the late Yvonne Quill, whose energy and vision continue to inspire everything we do."

The adjudicators' glowing report highlighted the unrivalled sense of community spirit in Killarney, praising the collaboration of over 400 volunteers, 15 committee members, and a wide network of local organisations including Men's Shed, schools, sports clubs, housing bodies, and residents' associations. The town's strong links with groups like the Killarney Coffee Cups Project, KASI Cultural Café, and the Clean Technology Centre were commended for their innovative approaches to inclusion, environmental awareness and sustainability. Particular praise was given to the restoration efforts at Abbey Woods, where volunteers, including members of the Men's Shed from across Ireland, spent thousands of hours clearing invasive species and reopening historic walkways in partnership with the National Parks and Wildlife Service. The adjudicators also noted the thriving biodiversity in areas such as Dr. Crokes GAA's wildflower zones, the return of the Great Spotted Woodpecker and other native species, and the continued success of tree planting programmes involving students from Killarney Community College and local



Mayor of Killarney, Martin Grady, with Michael Gleeson of the Killarney Tidy Towns Committee along with volunteers and members of the Kerry County Council with this year's gold medal

primary schools.

The judges were deeply impressed by the vibrancy of the town's streetscape - from the freshly painted shopfronts of New Street and Flemings Lane to the bursts of colour from sustainable perennial planting throughout the town. They also admired the stunning Killarney House & Gardens, with its pollinator-friendly floral borders and scenic views of the McGillycuddy Reeks and Lough Léin, describing it as "a spectacular setting, deserving of every accolade."

Residential areas featured prominently in Killarney's success story. Estates like Pinewood, which scooped top honours in the Killarney Looking Good Awards, were singled out as shining examples of community involvement, showcasing murals, community gardens, exercise spaces and well-kept homes that reflect civic pride at its finest. Ballydribeen, too, received warm praise for its litter management, bulb planting, fence repairs and community cycling safety events.

The adjudicators acknowledged the meticulous care given to approach roads, roundabouts, and cycleways such as the Flesk Walkway, describing Killarney as "remarkably clean and tidy" with only minor graffiti issues noted. They applauded the 2Go Cup initiative, the Energy Roadshow, and the town's sustainability conferences as impactful projects that are positioning Killarney as a leader in green innovation.

The judges' closing remarks spoke volumes about Killarney's standing in the national competition: "This large town is a big deal in

Kerry, with over 1.2 million visitors a year. We are in awe of the community who have engaged in planning, networking, and collaboration with volunteers, local businesses and government agencies to make the best of its attractions. Artists tell new stories with captivating murals, but it is the community of Killarney who make this town tick."

For many, this year's gold medal is not just an award but a tribute to the spirit of cooperation, to the town's shared pride, and to the memory of those who dedicated their lives to making Killarney shine.

As Johnny McGuire concluded, "Fr. Murphy and Yvonne would be so proud today. They always believed that Killarney could lead by example, not just as a beautiful place to visit, but as a community that looks after its people and its environment. This gold medal belongs to everyone who loves Killarney."

With an impressive 395 marks, a gold medal, and a renewed sense of unity, Killarney's 2025 Tidy Towns triumph stands as a golden testament to the town's enduring commitment to excellence, sustainability, and heart.

Meanwhile, Tralee was named Ireland's Tidiest Large Urban Centre at the SuperValu Tidy Towns 2025 Awards Ceremony held at Croke Park on Friday. The announcement capped an outstanding year for Kerry, with Killarney, Kenmare, Listowel, Castlegregory, Sneem and Portmagee all recognised for their achievements in this year's competition.



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KILLARNEY BOXER IS EUROPEAN CHAMPION



BY JIMMY O'SULLIVAN DARCY

Congratulations to Pa Casey, one of an enormously talented boxing family from Killarney, who put on some simply phenomenal performances at the European Boxing Championships from the 16th October to 26th October in Budva, Montenegro, to become the first Kerry boxer to win the title.

Pa beat Latvia, Poland, England and Israel to become European champion in a stacked weight with national champions from Ukraine, Turkey, Hungary, Georgia, Lithuania, Estonia, Bulgaria and Azerbaijan. He then went on to win the best boxer of the entire tournament with 33 countries and 350 boxers participating and Pa being one of the youngest boys in the tournament, boxing a year underage.

Pa won every fight on a unanimous decision throughout the tournament.

Pa's proud father and trainer, James Casey, says that "there were a massive turnout at Dublin airport on Sunday night for the Irish team with hundreds of people in attendance including professional boxers and the President of the IABA (Irish athletic boxing association)."

"Pa has put in a very intense training camp in preparation for these European championships and thankfully it's all paid off. He trains like a professional boxer getting ready for a world title fight and this camp we ticked all the boxes with the right variety of training and sparring, the right diet plan and strength and conditioning with Bobby Enright from Peak Performance Killarney and the very best recovery."

Pa is a member of Sliabh Luachra Boxing Club, Castleisland where there was a well-attended homecoming for Pa on Wednesday night.

Pa beat Latvia, Poland, England and Israel to become European champion.



Pa had huge support at the European Championships.



Pa in action at the European Boxing Championships.



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New Season Kicks Off for Killarney Camera Club

The Killarney Camera Club is rolling out its new season of meetings, workshops, competitions and outings, inviting anyone with a passion for photography, whether just starting out or fully immersed in the art, to join in. The club, based in Killarney, meets every second Thursday at the Anam Arts Centre at 7:30 pm. Please check out our website <https://killarneycameraclub.ie> for more information or just drop in to check us out!!

Congratulations to Ann Kelly who came first in the Novice and Unrestricted categories in the Club's first Competition of the season with her photograph of two women making batik in Vietnam.

Ann has captured a vivid moment: two artisans in Vietnam patiently applying wax and dye to fabric in the time-honoured batik tradition. The way the light falls, the rich tones of the cloth, and the focused expressions of the women all combine to communicate not just process, but cultural heritage and human connection.

Ann told us 'My photo was taken in Cat Cat village in Sapa, Vietnam. The old lady on the right is wearing the traditional dress of the black H'mong people. She would have made the linen from flax grown locally and hand dyed, sewn and embroidered the outfit herself. The hill tribes wear these colourful clothes everyday, even when working in the fields. She is demonstrating the batik methods the dyeing

Ann Kelly's winning photograph captured a vivid moment: two artisans in Vietnam.



using molten wax to outline the pattern on the fabric which is then immersed in the dye. After removal and drying the wax is removed and the pattern underneath stands out against the dyed cloth. The young woman on the left is wearing a costume based on the traditional dress of the flower H'mong people, which she would have hired for the day'

Congratulation to all our winners for their beautiful and interesting photos.

Results of Open theme in colour:

- 1st. Anne Kelly 'Batik Lesson'
- 2nd. Keith Johnson 'Cuskinny'
- 3rd. Ade desBrow 'Museum of Islamic Art'

FREE PARENT WORKSHOP IN KILLARNEY:

"Raising Resilient Teens" Helping Parents Support Their Teen's Wellbeing



Mental Health Coach, Neil Kelders who is inviting everyone to a free community workshop to help support Teenagers wellbeing.

Parents, teachers, and coaches across Killarney are invited to a free community workshop, "Raising Resilient Teens: Spotting the Hidden Signs of Worry or Low Mood," taking place on Thursday, November 13th at 7:00 PM in The Panoramic, Killarney Racecourse.

The 90-minute event is designed to help adults recognise the early signs of anxiety or low mood in teenagers and respond with calm, confidence, and compassion. Led by Killarney native and mental health coach Neil Kelders, the evening will offer practical tools for strengthening family connections and



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supporting teens through life's challenges. Neil, from Woodlawn in Killarney has shared his 21-year personal journey through depression and recovery on international stages, now brings his message home to the local community. Through lived experience, he aims to help parents move "from helplessness to hope," empowering families with the skills to rebuild communication and understanding. Attendees will learn how to:

- Recognise subtle signs of anxiety or low mood before crisis hits.
- Respond with calm and confidence, rather than fear or frustration.
- Build stronger, guilt-free communication with their teen.
- Care for their own wellbeing, so they can support their teen from a place of strength.

"This is about giving parents real, practical tools they can use every day," says Kelders. "When parents feel equipped and calm, teens feel safer to open up."

The "Raising Resilient Teens" workshop is free to attend, but registration is required. For full details or to register, visit: <https://events.neilkelders.com>



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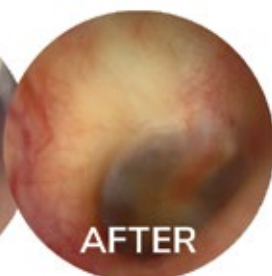
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Killarney Town Twinning Wraps Up a Busy Season

As the year draws to a close, Killarney Town Twinning Association is beginning to wind down after what Chairman Seán Counihan described as "a tremendously busy and productive season." While the 2024 programme is not quite finished yet, there is still plenty happening, with youth workers arriving next week and a small delegation from Scottsdale, Arizona set to visit to experience the magic of Christmas in Killarney.

Secretary Sheila Dickson and her dedicated team continue to strengthen Killarney's European partnerships. Plans are well underway for a student exchange with Roth/Pleinfeld before Christmas, with a return visit scheduled for early March. Discussions around expanding the Erasmus Programme with Pleinfeld and Gunzenhausen are also progressing, reinforcing what has become a well-established and successful collaboration. Chairman Sean Counihan is now exploring the idea of creating an umbrella group to link all of Killarney's twin towns, fostering greater cooperation and the potential for shared European funding opportunities. The aim, he explained, is to "build a wider collaboration that strengthens cultural, educational, and community ties across all our partner towns



and cities." This year alone, Killarney's twinning initiatives were responsible for over 570 bed-nights, delivering significant economic benefits to local bars, restaurants, and tour operators. Sean Counihan once again encouraged local clubs, community groups, and Transition Year students, along with their mentors to consider visiting Killarney's twin towns to experience firsthand the friendships and learning opportunities such exchanges provide.

The Killarney Town Twinning Association remains open and available to assist anyone interested in getting involved or learning more about exchange opportunities.

For more information, residents are encouraged to reach out to the association and be part of Killarney's growing international network of friendship and cultural exchange.

Biodiversity Conference takes place at Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology



Chris Barron, National Parks and Wildlife Services, Killarney National Park Education Centre, speaking at the conference. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

Conservation Rangers from NPWS were among guest speakers at the Kerry County Council Biodiversity Office organised two-day event celebrating Kerry's incredible biodiversity at Tralee Bay Wetlands Ecology Park, Ballyard, Tralee, Co. Kerry.

Topics included the importance of native hedgerows and trees, with talks from leading experts. The event explored the cultural, climate, and biodiversity value of Kerry's native trees and hedgerows.



From left, Aisling O'Brien, Agriland News and Facilitator, Tina Augnhey, Bat Ecoservices, Chris Barron, National Parks and Wildlife Services, Killarney National Park Education Centre, Patricia Deane, Project Manager for the ACRES Kerry/West Cork Co-operation Project. Mary Sheehan, District Conservation Ranger, NPWS, Mary O'Connor, Manager of the Tralee Bay Wetlands Centre, Tom Canavan, Biodiversity Educator, MTU, Alan Balfe, Ecologist Tralee Bay Wetlands Centre, Niamh Ní Dhúill Irish biodiversity nature, and ecological gardening educator, Natural Wild Gardens, Margaret Kissane, Tralee Bay Wetlands Centre. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

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Anne Lucey
looks at the positive news
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THE MAN WHO BUILT WASHINGTON AND GAVE US MUCH OF KILLARNEY - LOCAL HISTORIAN REMINDS US OF THE LINKS

The most knowledgeable person in Ireland about Killarney's John McShain, the man who undertook the last great revamp of the White House, is Damien Switzer. I asked Damien for his view on the new White House ballroom which Trump is building without bothering to consult with the authorities. Yes, it is necessary, but perhaps not as respectful of heritage and tradition as John McShain's reconstruction was, is Damien's view.

Every president has left a mark on the White House. Truman's full reconstruction from 1948-52, which John McShain oversaw, was by far the most extensive but handled with restraint and



respect for the building's heritage, he said. McShain's work preserved history while strengthening it. That balance is what we risk losing now.

The term "White House" became official under Theodore Roosevelt in 1901, though it had

been whitewashed since 1798 to protect the stone.

"Killarney's original town administration building, market house at the market cross was a whitewashed building... "maybe we could call it the White House too," Damien told me.

Trump's 90,000-square-foot ballroom is the largest expansion since Truman and is needed for state dinners. However, progress is good, "but not when it erases cultural heritage".

The East Wing isn't especially old, but its loss is part of a wider pattern where "progress" often means demolition and not just in Washington - in Killarney too.

Damien inspires me to think a town trail as in Rome or in Richelieu in France where you recreate on the web and in booklets how the streets actually looked, one hundred, two hundred, one thousand years ago and so on might be a runner. A project for Damien, perhaps.

PRESIDENT CONNOLLY: A SCALP FOR SINN FÉIN

It is curious how much of the Presidential election comes back to Kerry.

Sinn Féin TD Pa Daly stuck his neck out for his party backing Connolly. Breaking the famous party omerta.

True, SF may well have been afraid to put forward their own candidate after "the drumming" they got in the last elections, as Michael Healy Rae said.

But Connolly is a SF scalp. Without their money, internet savvy and impressive ground organisation it is difficult to see how she could have been elected.

Pa's stock will have risen in his own party. And in Kerry. Because Pa's great strength since the start of his political career is that you don't have to like Sinn Féin to like Pa. Maybe that is the destiny of Sinn Féin: to rule when they position themselves at arms length.

But there are losers. Had Killarney's Sean Kelly run, we would have had a different president. Jim Gavin would not have been selected by Fianna Fail - one GAA man is enough.

Then there is the Healy-Rae factor. Michael Healy-Rae's intervened in Fine Gael politics approaching Heather to run. Did Michael Healy-Rae's early move - he said it was to keep Connolly out - scuttle his fellow Kerryman? And is this "the first big dent in the Healy-Rae armour" as SF think.

As for the voting patterns, less than half Kerry voted. In round figures: of the under 53,000 who voted in Kerry, more than 10,000 either deliberately spoilt their vote or voted for the "gliogar" Gavin (In Lismongane "glugger" was the word for an egg that wouldn't hatch). We have a much cherished proportional representational system. I saw no transferring in the Connolly voters. It was one woman one vote and nothing for anyone else. Plumpers.

Immigration a subject not addressed in the campaign was on the spoilt ballots. And how about cyber? There was blanket and cynical in your face over the top bombardment on social media across all platforms. Some managed, but lots driven by bots and algorithms, some of the content fake, such as Connolly was pulling out.

Is it altogether fanciful to ask were the Russians around? Ireland has been warned about Russian cyber interference in previous elections. I am not suggesting the Russians were directly involved with her, but the Ireland result would have suited the Russians. A candidate against Nato, against defence spending, with anti-US and EU views, pro Hamas/ anti Jewish state, watery criticism of Russia in the Ukraine and trips to Syria etc - all of which align with Russia.

Then internally the unrest in the main parties, candidates having to pull out, and maybe even the toppling of a Taoiseach and a Tanaiste - Ian Fleming couldn't have written a better Bond novel. Still, our undersea cables are safe now!

ÁRAS PROJECT NOT DEAD IN WATER, COUNCILLORS INSIST AMID STINGING CRITICISM FROM CORCA DHUIBHNE COUNCILLOR

Killarney councillors are reeling from stinging criticism by Fine Gael councillor Tommy Griffin at the recent meeting of the full county council in Tralee.

Tommy - who does not mince his words - asked if there was "reputational damage" for Kerry when it came to grants. Other areas lost out when Killarney was favoured for the massive URDF money which they rejected, he said.

Close to one million euro and four years of work went into the plans, we recall.

Tommy withdrew his remark money was "misused" but persisted with the accusation - other areas had lost out because they were overlooked for Killarney.

John O'Donoghue said the information had changed and that is why they had voted differently.

"We should be commended for realising this was a mistake. Rather than our reputation that was damaged - it should be our reputation is enhanced," John said.

Speaking after she got confirmation Columbanus and the District were now being assessed as sites for a primary care centre, Marie Moloney said the project is not dead in the water. Councillors had put an alternative a combined library, exhibition space and administrative building alongside a new theatre.

At the meeting, the chief executive of Kerry County Council, Fearghal Reidy, said Kerry was very strong on accessing grant aid. However there were challenges with the new proposal, Mr Reidy conceded. The council was working with the URDF team. "It is going to be challenging," the manager said.

The joint proposal with the HSE for the Áras Phádraig site, rejected by councillors in July, had "stacked up with the URDF" in terms of cost benefit, Mr Reidy said.

The alternative proposal - for the combined library, offices and theatre - would also "have to stack up" with the Department of Housing URDF team.



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Thank you, Peter & Mary O'Rourke, Rathmore.

Disconnect to Reconnect - No-Mo'vember at Killarney Community College!"

In line with the Department of Education's national focus on mobile phone bans across Irish schools, Killarney Community College is taking a proactive and positive approach with the launch of "No-Mo'vember", a month-long trial encouraging students to go phone-free during the school day.

The initiative, inspired by the well-known Men's Mental Health campaign that runs every November, aims to explore the benefits of reduced phone usage for students' learning, social skills, and mental health.

Principal staff and student leaders have highlighted that mobile phones often contribute to classroom distractions, reduced peer interaction, and less participation in lunchtime clubs and activities.

"We've always taken a balanced approach to mobile phone use," said Ms Loughnane, our principal, "but we've seen that reducing distractions can lead to stronger friendships, better academic focus, and improved wellbeing. No-Mo'vember is our way of seeing what really works best for our school community."

The initiative has the full backing of the Board of Management, Parents Council, and Students Council, reflecting a united effort to create a calmer, more connected school environment.

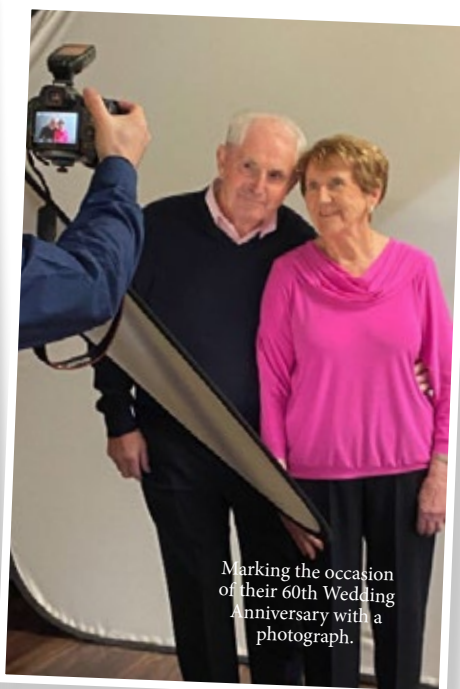
5LCVP class are using the initiative to raise awareness and money for the teen mental health charity Jigsaw. Jigsaw Ireland is a mental health charity that provides free, confidential mental health support and services for young people aged 12 to 25 across Ireland.



Pat and Joan Cahill Celebrate 60 Years of Marriage



On their wedding day on October 30th 1965.



Marking the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary with a photograph.

Last Saturday marked a joyful milestone for Pat and Joan Cahill, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary surrounded by their family.

Pat Cahill and Joan Marshall were married on October 30th, 1965, in St. Philip's Church, Grafton, Massachusetts, having immigrated to the United States just a year earlier in 1964. In 1973, they returned home to Killarney with their three children, Joanne, Catherine, and Patrick where they have since built a lovely life together.

The anniversary celebration was a truly special evening, filled with laughter, chats and reminiscing. Joining them were all their family and grandchildren, including Leanne and Michael Pierce, who travelled all the way from Sydney, Australia, to be with their grandparents on this memorable occasion.

Pat and Joan's 60 years together stand as a beautiful testament to enduring love, faith, and family. Their family and friends wish them continued good health and happiness in the years ahead.

All Roads Lead to Beaufort Rambling House

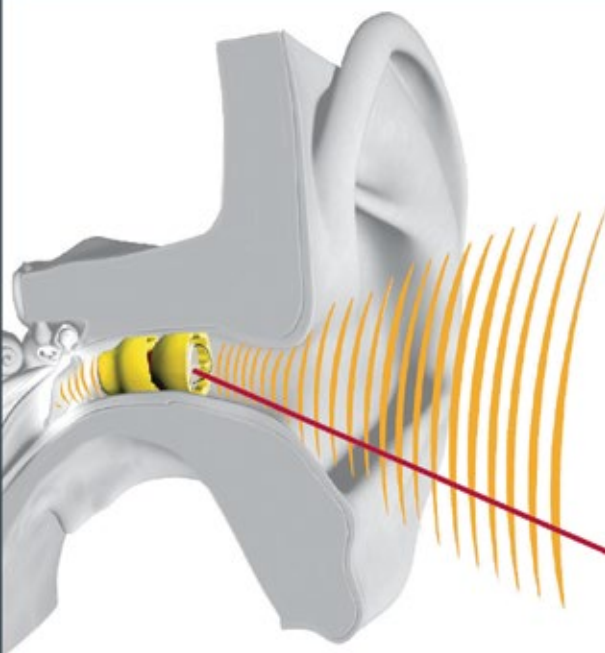
Beaufort Pioneer Group will host the annual winter session of the Beaufort Rambling House in the Community Centre on Saturday night, 15th November 2025. Doors opening at 8.00pm. 2025 has been a momentous year for the Beaufort Pioneers as earlier in the year we celebrated the 75th anniversary of the founding in 1950 of our centre. We remember with gratitude all who supported our activities over the past 75 years and

we look forward to continuing our commitment to the community in the years ahead.

This year also marks the 21st year of the Beaufort Rambling House and we hope that the upcoming session will be a fitting celebration to mark this achievement. So for another evening of Ceol, Craic and Barm Brack please join us on the 15th November. All musicians, singers, poets, storytellers and tea drinkers will be very welcome.



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- * To those in our **Preparation Team** who sorted and prepared the all donations for sale, pricing etc.
- * To our **Raffle Team** who prepared those great hampers and sold the tickets each day of the event.
- * To all the members of our **Sales Team** who sparkled under pressure, and to our **Restocking Team** who worked each day to keep the show on the road!
- * To our **HeartBeat Nurse Orla** who ran the free Blood Pressure & Pulse Clinic for us on Saturday.
- * To all of you who came along to buy, donate, buy raffle tickets and support HeartBeat.
- * Special Thanks & Gratitude are due to **Paul & Noreen** of the **Killarney Outlet Centre**, without whose help & encouragement this Rid & Bid Fundraiser would not have taken place.




THANK YOU



In Conversation with Fiona Shaw: KIFF Closes in Style with the Maureen O'Hara Award Presentation

The 2025 Kerry International Film Festival (KIFF) concluded in style last Thursday, 23 October, with a spellbinding closing event, "In Conversation with Fiona Shaw," held at the elegant Randles Hotel, Killarney. The evening, hosted by Susan Goodwille, Director of the West End School of Arts, was a fitting finale to a festival that has once again celebrated the best of cinema, creativity, and community.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Maureen O'Hara Award to Fiona Shaw, honouring her remarkable contribution to film. Originally established in 2008, the Maureen O'Hara Award was one of the first awards of its kind to celebrate women who have excelled in the Film and Television industries. Shaw joins an esteemed list of previous recipients who have inspired generations through their exceptional talent and dedication to storytelling.

Fiona Shaw, internationally renowned for her extraordinary work on stage and screen in productions such as *Bad Sisters*, *Killing Eve*, *Fleabag*, and *Harry Potter*, captivated the audience with her honesty, wit, and wisdom. Shaw reflected on her remarkable career, her love of storytelling, and the transformative power of performance.

"I'm deeply honoured to receive this award from KIFF," Shaw said. "What makes this festival so special is its heart. Its ability to bring people together through the magic of storytelling. KIFF gives audiences the chance to experience cinema as it's meant to be, in conversation, in community, and with genuine curiosity."

The sold-out event drew a diverse audience of filmmakers, students, and arts lovers,



Rosaleen Randles, Aileen Garvey, Fiona Shaw, Tom Randles, Rachel Randles

marking an inspiring conclusion to KIFF 2025. The atmosphere at Randles Hotel was one of reflection, laughter, and appreciation for the enduring power of the arts. A reminder that stories, shared in spaces like these, continue to shape and uplift us all.

Ailbhe Keogan, Chair of KIFF said - In a time of increasing polarity, we need to come together in person to celebrate the power of story. KIFF will continue to connect diverse audiences with

a wide variety of films, and we look forward to what our 27th edition will bring next year.

Kerry International Film Festival is supported by its principal funders The Arts Council of Ireland, Kerry County Council, and Fáilte Ireland, with headline sponsorship from Kerry Airport. The festival is also supported by RTÉ Supporting the Arts and a wide range of local partners and hospitality sponsors

Fossa Friends Shine at National Gymnastics Finals in Dublin

Fiadh Hayes and Tori O'Sullivan bring home multiple medals for Kerry

Two young gymnasts from Fossa, Fiadh Hayes and Tori O'Sullivan, have achieved remarkable success at the National Gymnastics Ireland Finals, held on October 25th at the National Sports Centre in Dublin.

Both girls, best friends and classmates in 3rd Class at Fossa National School, competed in the Under-9 Level 3 category, proudly representing Kerry on the national stage.

Fiadh Hayes delivered an outstanding all-round performance, securing 1st Place Overall, along with 1st on Bars, 1st on Beam, 2nd on Vault, and 2nd in the Team event.

Her close friend, Tori O'Sullivan, also impressed the judges, earning 3rd Place Overall, 1st on Floor, 2nd on Bars, and contributing to her team's 1st Place finish.

Despite their young age, both gymnasts train with dedication and discipline, travelling regularly to Cork for high-level coaching due to the lack of advanced gymnastics facilities in County Kerry.

With their eyes now set on future national competitions, Fiadh and Tori are proving that Kerry talent can thrive at the highest levels, even from a small local school in Fossa!



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Spooktacular Success at Kilcummin Halloween Table Quiz Raises €1,800 for Charity

After weeks of careful planning and preparation, the Kilcummin Mothers & Others hosted a frightfully fun Halloween-themed Table Quiz last Friday night in the Kilcummin Klub Bar and GAA Hall and the community turned out in force.

With over 130 people in attendance, the event proved to be a tremendous success, raising in excess of €1,800 for two worthy causes: Temple Street Children's Hospital and the Kilcummin Mothers & Others ladies football team.

One of the highlights of the evening was the "Big Raffle," which added greatly to the lively atmosphere and boosted the overall fundraising total. Organisers expressed their thanks to all the generous local businesses and individuals who donated prizes, helping make the raffle a memorable part of the night.

In true Halloween spirit, many participants arrived in spooktacular costumes, adding a colourful and festive flair to the occasion. "It just goes to show that brains and broomsticks

make a great team," one attendee laughed, as witches, ghouls, and ghosts battled it out over quiz questions.

Special thanks were extended to Kilcummin GAA, John O'Sullivan and staff for hosting and providing a delicious spread of finger food at halftime, and to Declan and Nessa, who ensured the night went off without a hitch with their excellent sound setup.

Quizmaster Derek O'Leary kept the crowd entertained and on their toes with a wide range of questions that challenged even the sharpest minds in the room.

"It was undoubtedly a great social evening for all in attendance, a true family fun night," said organiser and team member Catriona Doolan.

The Kilcummin Mothers & Others continue to welcome new members to their vibrant and fun-loving group. Those interested in joining can contact Ann Marie at 087 9047274.

Go raibh míle maith againh to everyone who attended, supported, and contributed to making the night such a huge success.



Katy Regan, Pauline Herlihy, Elaine O'Leary and Marguerite Healy enjoying a well deserved beverage after their successful event.



Some of the Members of the Kilcummin Mothers & Others group with their trainer Tom Leslie, Catriona McGuire, Quiz Mastro Derek O'Leary, Kate Cronin, Ann Marie O'Leary Catriona Doolan, Maire O'Mahony, Katy Regan, Front left to right Aine O'Callaghan, Martina Healy, Pauline Herlihy, Marguerite Healy and Noreen O'Neill.



The Winning Table of €100 cash prize went to the McSweeney Group presented by Sr Margaret Healy.



Ciara O'Leary & Ellie O'Mahony keeping an eye on the Mega Raffle display.



All smiles for the camera at the quiz.



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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL LAUNCHES €663,000 COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS

Kerry County Council is delighted to announce the launch of the Community Climate Action Programme Strand 1, Phase 2, with €663,000 available to support local community organisations in delivering climate action projects across the county.

The programme, which is funded by the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment, opened for applications on Tuesday, 28th October 2025, and will remain open until Monday, 22nd December 2025.

The objective of the programme is to empower communities to take practical steps towards building low-carbon, sustainable communities that contribute directly to Ireland's national climate and energy targets. Community groups are invited to submit project proposals under one or more of the following themes:

Community Energy

Travel

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Local Climate and Environmental Action

The programme can fund up to 100% of eligible costs. Grants will be awarded under three thresholds:

Small grants: up to €20,000

Medium grants: €20,000–€50,000

Large-scale grants: €50,000–€100,000



Pictured, left to right: Colm Nagle, Senior Executive Engineer - Environmental Services, Caroline Toal, Community Climate Action Officer, Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Michael Foley and John Kennelly, Director of Service – Community, Climate Action and Operational Services

Eligible applicants must be not-for-profit groups based in the Kerry County Council area and registered with the Kerry PPN, or linked with recognised networks such as The Wheel, Tidy Towns, or other constituted community organisations with proper governance structures.

To learn more about the programme and how to apply, visit:

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KWD RECYCLING WINS WASTE RECOVERY OPERATOR & FACILITY AWARD at 2025 Repak Resource Awards

KWD Recycling has been recognised as Ireland's leading Waste Recovery Operator, taking home the Waste Recovery Operator and Facility Award at the Repak Resource Awards 2025, held at The Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin.

The annual event, Ireland's National Environmental Awards, brought together key figures from the business, environmental, and community sectors to celebrate outstanding achievements in sustainability, recycling, and circular economy innovation.

Formerly known as the Pakman Awards, the Repak Resource Awards honour organisations and individuals demonstrating excellence in waste prevention, recycling, reuse, and community-led environmental action.

This year, Lidl Ireland received the top honour, the Overall Repak



Resource Award, for its leadership in advancing national recycling and circular economy goals. Each category winner, including KWD Recycling, was considered for this prestigious overall award.

KWD Recycling, one of Ireland's largest family-owned recycling groups, continues to lead by example in the waste management industry. The company's recent investment in a state-of-the-art facility in Killarney has significantly boosted Ireland's recycling capacity,

recovering valuable materials from general waste and diverting over 10% of plastics and 50% of organics from disposal.

The recognition highlights KWD's commitment to sustainable innovation and its role in driving progress towards Ireland's national environmental targets.

Killarney Comhaltas to Host ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT on November 7th

Killarney Comhaltas is set to host its much-loved Annual Quiz Night for 2025, bringing an evening of fun, laughter, and friendly competition to the local community. The event will take place on Thursday, November 7th at 7:30 p.m. in Hotel Killarney (V93 FX00).

The popular fundraiser invites everyone to come along - families, friends, and quiz enthusiasts alike — to test their general knowledge and enjoy a great night out. Teams of four can take part for €40 per table, with all proceeds supporting the ongoing work and cultural activities of Killarney Comhaltas. This year's event promises plenty of entertainment and community spirit, with organisers encouraging participants to "bring

your families, bring your friends, but most importantly, bring your brain power!"

Known for its vibrant promotion of traditional Irish music, song, and dance, Killarney Comhaltas continues to play a central role in keeping local heritage alive. The annual quiz night not only raises vital funds but also brings people together for an enjoyable evening in support of a good cause. Everyone is welcome to attend, so gather your team, mark your calendar, and get ready for a night of fun and friendly rivalry at Hotel Killarney on November 7th.



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Lions Club 'Message in a Bottle' restocked in pharmacies

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The 'bottle' is a small plastic container, available free of charge, with an information form which people can fill out with their basic medical details for use by Paramedics, Gardaí, Fire-fighters, and first responders in an emergency. Once the information form is complete, they can put the bottle in the fridge with a list of medications, and put self-adhesive green cross labels near the front door of their home and on the door of the fridge so that first responders know it's there.

Anyone who would like a bottle can get one at: Allcare (New St.), Boots (Deerpark), CarePlus+ (Park Rd.), Kennelly's (Reeks and New St.), Reens Life (Plunkett St.), O'Sullivan's (New St.), Sewell's (New St.), Sheahan's (Main St.), Trants (Park Rd.) and Aherns Farranfore.

"Hundreds of people in Killarney are already using the bottles so the initiative has been very well received to date," said Jason Higgins, President of Killarney Lions Club. "We just want to make sure everyone who wants a bottle can get one, so the support from the pharmacies is fantastic and if it helps even just one person to get the help they need more quickly and effectively, it is well worth it."

More information about the Message in a Bottle initiative can be found on the Lions Ireland website: <https://lionsclubs.ie/service/message-in-a-bottle/>



Ger Quirke, Killarney Lions Club presenting a Message in the Bottle display to Lena Murphy, Kennellys Pharmacy



Spooktacular Halloween Fun at Killarney Community College

Killarney Community College celebrated Halloween in style last week with their annual charity fancy dress and walk day, which proved to be a huge success.

The event was organised by the 5LCA group as part of their Leisure and Recreation task, and the enthusiasm from both students and staff made it a day to remember. The fancy dress competition was a highlight, with a fantastic array of creative costumes on display. The entire school took to the Killarney National Park for a colourful parade on a perfect autumn morning last Wednesday.

Over €700 was raised for My Canine Companion, a therapy dog charity close to the school's heart as their own beloved therapy dog, Jet, came from the organisation.

The celebrations also included an art competition, featuring poster and mask design entries. There were plenty of prizes and valuable House points awarded to the winners.



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KILCUMMIN MEN'S SHED OPENS ITS DOORS

The Kilcummin Men's Shed opened its doors on Friday Oct 24th with resounding success. The day brought together people from near and far across the county for a morning of tea and chat, music, song, storytelling and comradery, and by its very success, demonstrates the need for such an initiative in our community. Neighbouring men's sheds, Killarney and Duhallow West and the Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage club came along to show their support as well and will form the foundation of reciprocal partnerships to help foster a richer experience for all. The shed will run regular meetups every Friday at the Mastergeeha F.C. from 10am-12pm conveniently aligning with the Gneeveguilla-Killarney TFI bus schedule and will include additional excursions, events and activities too depending on member interests. Friday Oct 24th was the Open Day and this Friday, Oct 31st, the shed will move into its next chapter, the formal set-up where members will gather, plan, decide what they'd like to do, shape the activities according to their interests and aims. Yes, a few events are already scheduled, but the heart of the Shed will be driven by its members: what they bring, what they want, how they want to connect and build. Kilcummin Men's Shed are extremely grateful to all who came along to the Open Day. Thanks

to our entertainers, Lisa Hagerty School of Dancing and her three beautiful dancers, the talented Colm Fleming box player, singers, Thady Connor and Donie Doherty and of course to our impromptu sing along artists who added to the atmosphere on the day, how lucky we are to have such an abundance of talent on our doorstep! Special thanks to our hosts, volunteers and sponsors who made this possible; the Mastergeeha F.C., Margurite's Bakery, O'Connors Fuel, Killarney Valley Classic and Vintage, Killarney Men's Shed, Duhallow Men's Sheds, our volunteers and organizers. Our doors remain open as we warmly invite new members, volunteers and sponsors - whether you have expertise to share, want to learn something new or simply want to just drop by for a friendly chat and a warm cup of tea.

For more information contact us on 087 242 2299, KilcumminMensShed@gmail.com or find us on Facebook for links to our website, membership sign-up, volunteering and sponsorship and much, much more. Together, let's build a brighter future, stronger community bonds and a social outlet for those who need it. The next chapter is about our members, it's about the community, it's about you! We look forward to connecting with you!



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Members of Kilcummin Men's Shed enjoying the entertainment on opening day.



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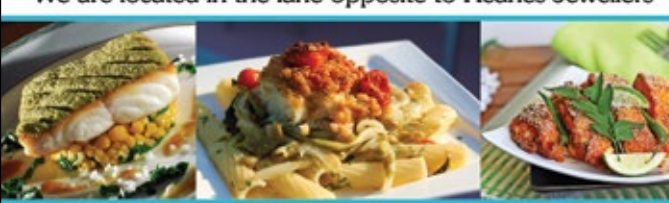
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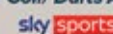
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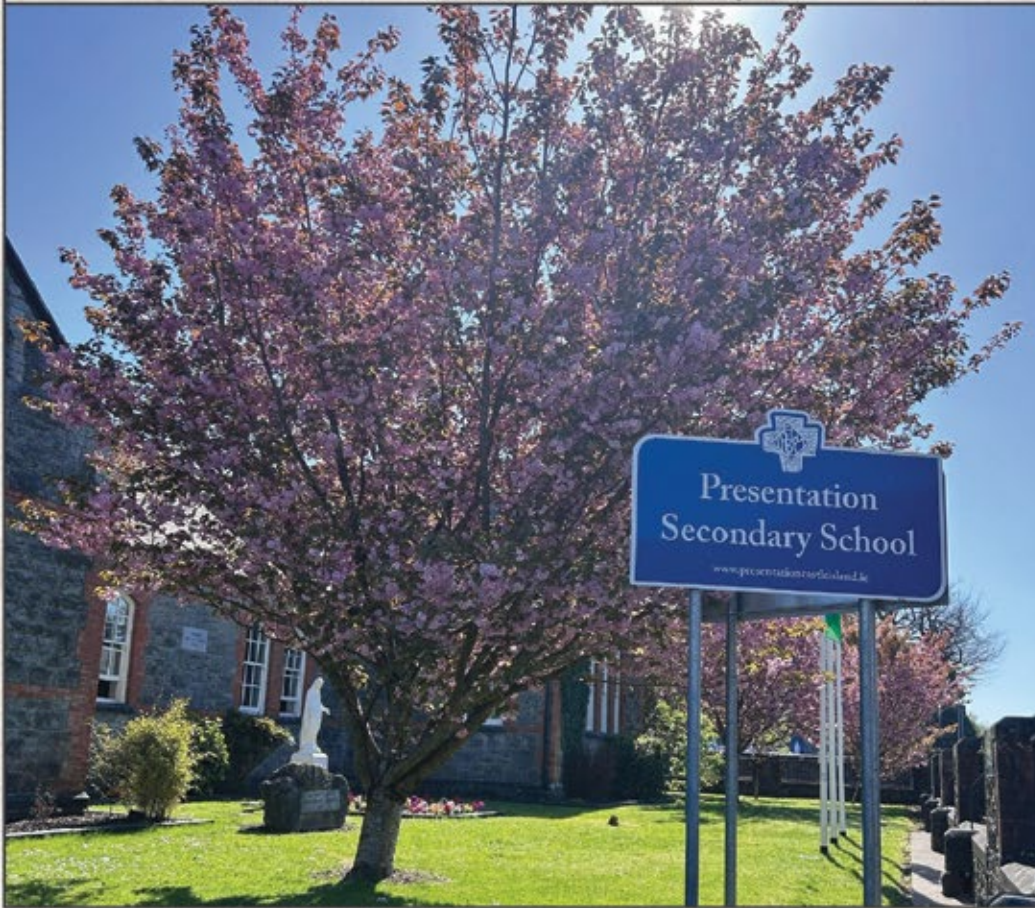
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New Executive Head Chef Daniel at The Lake Hotel, Killarney



Daniel Glavin, Head Chef, The Lake Hotel, Killarney pictured with the culinary team. Photo: Doin MacMonagle

The Lake Hotel has appointed Daniel Glavin, as Executive Head Chef earlier this year. Overseeing the kitchen teams for The Castlelough Restaurant and The Lakeside Bistro, Daniel brings over 15 years of culinary expertise to The Lake Hotel. With a passion for innovation, precision and elevated dining, Daniel has redefined the hotel's dining experience and has had a superbly successful first season.

As the seasons change, Daniel continues to launch menus inspired by the very best of regional produce. His latest Autumn/Winter offerings highlight rich flavours and meticulous craftsmanship.

"My style of cookery is classical Irish with a modern flair. Kerry offers some of the best ingredients in the country and it's a privilege to showcase them at The Lake Hotel" says Chef Glavin.

Daniel trained in Culinary Arts at CIT before embarking on an impressive career that has

seen him work in some of the most prestigious kitchens both nationally and internationally.

His early professional journey took him to Australia, where he worked at the exclusive

Daydream Island Resort. He later moved to the United States, taking on roles in Palm Beach and in the elite members-only Admirals Cove. After gaining invaluable international experience, Daniel returned to Ireland, working in esteemed establishments including the Maryborough Hotel, before making Killarney his home.

With a wealth of experience, blending exceptional local ingredients with international flair, Chef Glavin infuses his kitchen with creativity and confidence. Focused, collaborative and passionate about mentorship, Daniel is dedicated to nurturing the next generation of culinary talent. His attention to detail and commitment to excellence ensure memorable dining experiences for every guest.

Chamber's delight for new Tourism Ireland board member



The appointment of Killarney man Pat O'Leary to the board of Tourism Ireland has been described as an enormous boost for Kerry and beyond by Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce.

Mr O'Leary, the former highly regarded managing director of Liebherr Container Cranes, is a hugely respected member of the chamber executive and his enormous input has been very valuable and insightful.

Chamber said he will bring huge experience and know-how to Tourism Ireland from his leadership work with the Kerry Tourism Industry Federation and the Discover Kerry project.

In his position as chairman of the Kerry Tourism Industry Federation, he has spearheaded a united approach between public and private shareholders in the industry to ensure Kerry's needs at a local level are afforded a national platform.

Mr O'Leary serves on various boards and holds advisory positions including with the Port Equipment Manufacturers' Association, Net Feasa and Munster Technological University.

"Pat is a wonderful colleague who has brought extensive experience, passion and know-how to every position he has held and we are confident he will do likewise in his new role with Tourism Ireland," Killarney Chamber said.

"We have absolutely no doubt that his contribution will be of great benefit to the tourism industry in Ireland".



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A DREAM COME TRUE

AS THE MURPHY BROTHERS WIN LIVERPOOL JERSEY

It was a day to remember at Killarney Community College last week as Liverpool-mad brothers Abán and Fichná Murphy were surprised with a framed Liverpool jersey signed by rising star Conor Bradley. The presentation, organised by the school's Student Council, was a moment of pure joy for the young Reds fans who, fittingly, turned up in their Liverpool jerseys for the big reveal.

The surprise was made even more special thanks to Mike O'Connell from the Circet All-Ireland GAA Golf Challenge, who generously provided the signed jersey. The handover took place in the presence of Student Council Chairperson Wiktorja Gluza and PRO Zoë McDonald, who made the presentation on behalf of the college community.

The event also celebrated the tremendous success of the school's fundraising drive, which raised an impressive €1,355 through a raffle of the jersey and a sweet and bake sale organised by the school's 5th-year

students. The funds will go towards helping 13-year-old Féile O'Sullivan from West Cork, who is recovering from a serious farm accident, with the purchase of a specially modified car for her family.

First-year student and master fundraiser Saorla Ní Lionáird was instrumental in the campaign, supported by the hard-working members of the Student Council. The spirit of cooperation extended beyond Killarney Community College, as the Student Council of St. Brendan's College also joined forces, contributing a generous donation from their own students and staff.

"This was a real team effort," said one of the organisers. "It shows the power of our school community when we come together for a great cause and seeing the joy on the Murphy brothers' faces made it all worthwhile."



Liverpool-mad brothers Abán and Fichná Murphy pictured with students from Killarney Community College and Mike O'Connell from the Circet All-Ireland GAA Golf Challenge

59 DISTINCTIONS

for Castleisland Community College Junior Cycle Students

The Junior Cycle students of 2025 celebrated their Junior Cycle results. The overall number of distinctions received by the 86 Junior Cycle students of 2025 stands at 59- there were 43 distinctions in common level exams such as business, wood technology, science, history, art, graphics and geography, 9 distinctions in higher level papers in Irish, English and maths exams and 7 distinctions in ordinary level Irish, English and maths. A distinction means that the student achieved over 85% in their exam. 'Only a small proportion of students nationally i.e. 8.6% of students received a distinction in the Junior Cycle exam of 2025 and the results from our students in the school reflect the excellent standard of teaching and learning. The results were certainly well above the national average. We are immensely proud of all our students who obviously worked diligently to achieve these results,' stated Máiréad Corridan (Principal).



Students who received a Distinction for Wood technology 2025

In the photo standing from left Aidan Joy (Wood Technology teacher), JJ Herlihy, (Wood Technology teacher) Cian Pembroke, Jack O Connor, Gearóid Collins, Ben Brosnan, Ciarán Ryan, Donnacha Hickie (Wood technology teacher)

From left sitting: Ruby O Connell, Clodagh Mc Carthy, Fiona Mc Carthy, Laura O Sullivan, Katie Griffin, Cillian Moroney.

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The Dr Crokes team that won the Kerry senior football County Championship in 2000 at a 25th anniversary reunion dinner in The Flesk Restaurant, Killarney, on Friday night. Front from left are Martin Byrnes, Keith McMahon, Mike Crowley, Kieran Cremin, Billy Hennigan, Aaron Fahy, Connie Murphy and Mike Cooper. Seated from left are Mark Cooper, Padraig O'Shea, Harry O'Neill (Manager), Roland Neher (Captain), Peter O'Brien, James Fleming, Vince Cooper and Colm Cooper. Back from left are Brian O'Donoghue, Batt Moriarty, John Galvin, Danny Cooper, Vincent Casey, David Moloney, Eoin Brosnan, James Cahillane, Noel O'Leary, Finian Moran, James Jones, Brian O'Callaghan and Donie O'Leary (Chairman). Picture: Eamonn Keogh

A Special Weekend for the DR. CROKES 2000 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

It was a memorable weekend for the Dr. Crokes team that captured the Kerry Senior Football County Championship title back in 2000. The players and management were honoured at half-time during last Sunday's County Final in Austin Stack Park, a fitting tribute marking the 25th anniversary of their victory.

The celebrations began on Friday night with a reunion dinner in The Flesk Restaurant, Killarney, and among those in attendance were the five

Cooper brothers, Colm, Vince, Mike, Mark, and Danny who famously lined out together on that championship-winning team.

A huge thank you goes to Tom Rohan for the warm welcome, and to James Fleming and Utility Trust for their generous sponsorship and support in making the weekend such a success.

A wonderful occasion celebrating a special group of men and a proud chapter in the history of Dr. Crokes GAA.



Colm, Vince, Mike, Mark and Danny Cooper, who played together on the Dr Crokes team that won the Kerry senior football County Championship in 2000, pictured at a 25th anniversary reunion dinner in The Flesk Restaurant, Killarney, on Friday night. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



THE five Cooper brothers from Dr. Crokes, Killarney that played on the same winning Kerry county championship team in 2000. From left are Colm (17), Vince (23), Mike (26), Mark (29) and Danny (31). This photo was taken after the quarter final victory over South Kerry in Waterville in July 2000. Picture: Eamonn Keogh



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Presentation Castleisland Students EMBRACE LEARNING AND CULTURE ON FRENCH TOUR

Students from Presentation Castleisland have returned from an enriching educational trip to Paris and Amiens, where they explored French language, history, and culture through hands-on experiences. In Paris, students immersed themselves in city life, visiting the Champs Élysées, Montmartre, and the Sacré-Cœur, as well as enjoying a riverboat cruise on the Seine. They also experienced traditional French cuisine and learned about iconic landmarks during a guided tour, including a surprise stop at the Eiffel Tower.

The group then travelled to Amiens, where they visited a local secondary school, joined classes in French, history, and PE, and shared lunch with their French peers. This cultural exchange deepened their understanding of everyday life and education in France.

Evenings were spent exploring the city and taking part in activities such as bowling, allowing students to develop confidence, teamwork, and independence.

Teachers Ms. Laurent and Ms. Murphy praised the students for their enthusiasm and maturity throughout the trip. "It was fantastic to see their curiosity and appreciation grow," they said, with one student noting she was inspired to return to study in France in the future. The students returned home with not just souvenirs but new friendships, cultural insights, and a sense of pride in representing their school and community abroad.

Pictured at the Eiffel Tower are Back row: Kelly Ryan, Amy Rose Mangan, Faith Bradley, Aibhlinn Mathews, Ellen Casey, Ellie-Kate Sheehy, Saoirse Collins, Clodagh Buckley, Millie Hughes, Eibhlín McCarthy. Front row: Emma Mullane, Clodagh McMahon, Gwen O'Sullivan, Niamh Keane, Abigail Walsh Kelleher



Owners of historic structures in Kerry urged to apply for heritage funds to maintain and preserve buildings and structures

Grants of up to €200,000 available for Kerry projects with strong built heritage conservation objectives and clear public or community benefit.

Interested applicants should contact their local authority's Architectural Conservation office

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, James Browne TD and the Minister of State for Nature, Heritage and Biodiversity Christopher O'Sullivan TD have today launched the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) for 2026.

With over €3.5 million in funding allocated to 28 projects in 2025, the 2026 scheme will support the repair, maintenance, and rejuvenation of historic structures in all Local Authority areas, honouring their past and safeguarding them into the future.

HSF 2026 will offer grants of up to €200,000 for projects with strong built heritage conservation objectives that can also demonstrate a clear public or community benefit. It enables vital investment in our valuable built heritage and helps owners and custodians of historic structures to safeguard for the future benefit of communities and the public. Funded works focus on the conservation of historic fabric of these important buildings, with priority given to works to protect or repair the outer envelope, such as the roof and windows, the repointing or re-rendering of the external walls, and other similar works.

In order to be considered eligible for the scheme, the property in question must be included (or eligible for inclusion) in the Record of Protected Structures of the relevant Local Authority. Structures or works within an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) may also be eligible.

KILLARNEY PARISH SILVER CIRCLE

Week 3 Results

1st Prize €500: Pauline McSweeney, College St

Seller: Tadhgíe Fleming

2nd Prize €250: Teresa Randles, Castlough Avenue

Seller: Johnny Randles

Winners of €100 each are as follows;

Rose & Margo, Parish Hall Seller: Maisie O'Sullivan

Mike Bustin, St Brendan's Place Seller: Danny Casey

Hugh O'Donoghue, Knockacullig, Kilcummin Seller: Parish Office

Noel Brosnan, Countess Grove Seller: John Dwyer

Ciara Casey, Knockeragh Seller: Mary Ferris

Winners of €75 each are as follows;

Deirdre Foran, Ross Dara, Loreto Road Seller: Parish Office

John Kerrisk, Belleville Grove Seller: Maisie O'Sullivan

Michael O'Doherty, O'Kelly's Villas Seller: Mary Ferris

Terence McGough, Woodlawn Road Seller: Timmy McGillicuddy

Christy O'Connor, Ballaugh Seller: Mary O'Keeffe

Sharon McCarthy, Ballyhar Seller: Marie O'Riordan

Kieran Devane, Tralee Seller: Parish Office

Elizabeth O'Mahoney, Newlands, Woodlawn Rd Seller: Parish Office

Gerard & Gráinne Lenihan, Rathinane, Kilcummin Seller: Mary O'Sull Darcy

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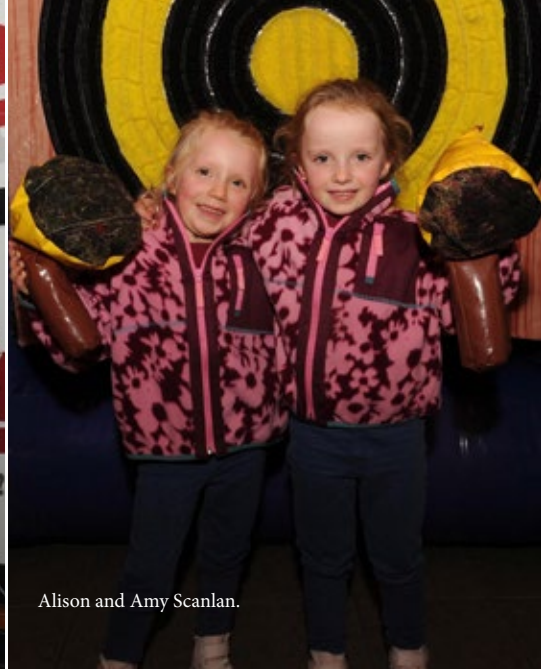
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Julia Veiga Tierney, Killarney, with 'Dracula' at the annual Halloween fancy dress parade in Killarney Outlet Centre on Sunday.



Liam and Finn Cronin, Kilcummin, with 'Dracula'



Alison and Amy Scanlan.



Maisie and Grace Houlihan, Killorglin, with 'Dracula'



Children enjoying the Magic Show and entertainment by Tony Wonder at the annual Halloween fancy dress parade in Killarney Outlet Centre on Sunday.



'Dracula' and participants enjoying the annual Halloween fancy dress parade.



Sean and Emily Brosnan, Kilcummin, with 'Dracula'



Finn and Alex Doyle O'Connor, Barradubh.

KILLARNEY OUTLET CENTRE TRANSFORMS FOR A FANG-TASTIC HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS EVENT

Pictures: Eamonn Keogh



Ronan O'Leary, Kilcummin, winner of the best dressed boy prize sponsored by Kerry GAA Store at the annual Halloween fancy dress parade in Killarney Outlet Centre on Sunday. Included in photo are Craig Brosnan and Sabra Hickey, Kerry GAA Store, Paul Sherry, Killarney Outlet Centre, and 'Dracula'



'Dracula' and participants enjoying the annual Halloween fancy dress parade.



Cillian and Erin Foley,
Kilcummin, with 'Dracula'



Nathan Kunickas, Erwin and
Mika Bear, with 'Dracula'



Emily Brosnan, Kilcummin, (dressed as 'Wednesday Addams')
winner of the best dressed girl prize sponsored by
Kerry GAA Store at the annual Halloween fancy dress parade in
Killarney Outlet Centre on Sunday. Included in photo
are Craig Brosnan and Sabra Hickey, Kerry GAA Store, Paul
Sherry, Killarney Outlet Centre, and 'Dracula'



Children enjoying
the Magic Show and
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Wonder at the annual
Halloween fancy dress
parade in Killarney Outlet
Centre on Sunday.



Caoimhin, Faolan,
Seimi and Fiadh Doyle
Brosnan, Beaufort,
with 'Dracula'



Children
enjoying the
Magic Show and
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Tony Wonder.



'Dracula' and
participants enjoying
the annual Halloween
fancy dress parade.



Caoimhe and Niamh
O'Mahony, with 'Dracula'



Zia Nel and Sarah
Schleihofer, winners of the
best dressed family prize,
sponsored by Christmas in
Killarney and O'Briens Irish
Sandwich Cafe. Included in
photo are Paul Sherry,
Killarney Outlet Centre,
'Dracula', and Allissa
Gordon Walsh, O'Briens.



Aisling and Croidadh
O'Brien, Killarney,
with 'Dracula'

RING OF KERRY CHARITY CYCLE RAISES €1.2 MILLION FOR CHARITIES

The Great Southern Hotel in Killarney was the venue last weekend as the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle hosted its 2025 presentation night. Charities from across the region gathered to receive funds raised from this year's iconic event, which generated an impressive €1.2 million in total.

Sixteen Tier 1 and Tier 2 charities, which played a direct role on the day of the cycle, were honoured on the night, alongside eighteen additional organisations that also benefitted from the proceeds. The Tier 1 charities for 2025 included Breakthrough Cancer Research, Bru Columbanus, Focus Ireland, Irish Kidney Association, Jack and Jill Foundation, Kerry Hospice Foundation, Kerry Parents and Friends Association, Recovery Haven Cancer Support House, and Rathmore Social Action Group.

Among the special guests were Brenda O'Donoghue and Aine, wife and daughter of the late Paddy O'Donoghue, who tragically passed away just weeks before the cycle while training for the event. Their presence was warmly acknowledged by organisers and attendees alike.

Looking ahead, excitement is already building for next year's Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle, which will take place on Saturday, July 4th, 2026.



Tier 1 Charities who received funding from the Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle.



The late Paddy O'Donoghue's wife Brenda and daughter Aine with the overall cheque. The cycle was dedicated to Paddy's memory. With John Rice and Cathal Walshe



Representatives from South West Counselling receiving their cheque from John Rice



Representatives from Down Syndrome Kerry receiving their cheque from John Rice



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DAIRYMASTER WINS DOUBLE AT THE ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Dairymaster has achieved outstanding success at the Engineering Excellence Awards held last night, Thursday, 23rd October, taking home two top honours - Engineering Team of the Year and Mechanical Engineering Project of the Year. The awards highlight Dairymaster's continued leadership in engineering solutions that drive progress in dairy farming. The winning project, featuring the DM3X+ and RoboSpray technologies, showcases how advanced engineering can revolutionise large-scale dairy operations improving efficiency and sustainability on farms worldwide.

Speaking about the achievement, Dairymaster CEO John Harty said: "We are incredibly proud of our entire team and the innovation that drives everything we do at Dairymaster. Winning these two awards is a testament to their hard work, creativity, and commitment to pushing the boundaries of what's possible. These solutions are transforming how farmers operate and helping secure a more efficient and sustainable future for the dairy industry." These awards underscore Dairymaster's commitment to advancing dairy technology and supporting farmers through world-class engineering and innovation.



The team from Dairymaster pictured at the Engineering Excellence Awards

A taste of Kerry at 'Flavours of Ireland' event in London

Tourism Ireland's 'Flavours of Ireland' event took place in London this week – connecting local tourism businesses from across Ireland with leading global inbound tour operators who bring visitors at scale to Ireland from around the world.

Now in its 23rd year, 'Flavours' is an annual Tourism Ireland event – where 60 tourism companies from across Ireland, including Flynn's Coaches, O'Donoghue Ring Collection and The Gleneagle Group, met and did business with around 60 global inbound tour operators, who are mainly based in London and who deliver business from all over the world, including from the United States, Mainland Europe, Asia, Australasia and Africa.

'Flavours' provides an excellent opportunity for the participating tourism providers from Ireland to highlight and sell their tourism product, to build valuable relationships with the global inbound buyers in attendance and secure new business. The global operators are preparing to sign contracts for 2026 and beyond, so it's a key time to influence the addition of new tourism products to their programmes that have the potential to deliver more regional and longer-stay business for Ireland.

Global inbound tour operators deliver around 500,000 visitors to the island of Ireland each year. Around 660 commercial meetings were conducted at 'Flavours', which will, in turn, deliver business for Ireland from around the world in 2026 and beyond.



Brian Miley, Gleneagle Group; Emily Wheeler, Tourism Ireland; and Gareth Parker, G2 Travel, at Tourism Ireland's Flavours of Ireland 2025 in London.

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KILCUMMIN PARISH

Written by: Helen Moynihan

KILCUMMIN CHURCH NOVEMBER MASSES

Dates for November Masses for the Holy Souls. Especially for our dearly departed and all the names on our November list and Memory Tree.

Sun Nov 2nd (All Souls Day) @ 11.30am.

First Friday Nov 7th @ 7.30pm.

Sat 8th @ 7.30pm (All who have died since Nov 2024).

Thurs 13th @ 7.30pm.

Tue 18th @ 9.30am.

Thur 27th @ 7.30pm.

KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

Kilcummin Looking Good would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported our recent Church Gate Collection. Your generous contributions will help us host our "Jingle & Mingle" Christmas event again this year, bringing our community together to celebrate the festive season. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated.

KILCUMMIN BABY AND TODDLER

Kilcummin Baby and Toddler Group continues on Monday's, 9.30 am – 11.30 am at the Recreational Hall. On 3rd November we welcome back Caitriona who will run a 6 week language and play programme for ages 0-3 years. The programme consists of songs, nursery rhymes, hand puppets, play, advice on local services in the area, etc. Playgroup is drop in with no pre – booking needed, the fee is €3 each Monday, tea/coffee, snacks included. Everyone welcome. Group contact is Orla 086 3628335.

PATHFINDER KERRY

Pathfinder Kerry aims to safely treat people aged 65 or over, who have phoned 99/112, in their own home rather than transporting them to the Emergency Department (ED). Pathfinder is a collaborative service between the National Ambulance Service and University Hospital Kerry. The team consists of Advanced Paramedics, Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists.

KILCUMMIN GAA NOTES BY DONAL BARRY

EAST KERRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Kilcummin are out of the O'Donoghue Cup for 2025, having lost out to Dr. Crokes last Friday evening 1-17 to 0-15 at the Quarter Final stage, which was played under lights at Lewis Road. In the end the superior scoring power of Tony Brosnan was a telling factor with the Kerry player scoring 0-10 on the night but for Kilcummin who trailed at one stage by eight points at the end of the opening quarter they showed some excellent moments in a game in which James Foley's men hit nine unanswered points of their own to lead through the early stages of the second half. Philip O'Leary gave Kilcummin an early lead inside the opening minute before Crokes hit 3 on the bounce. Cian Foley and Philip O'Leary tied up matters by the 7th minute 0-3 each. Crokes would hit a purple patch in the next 7 minutes as they hit 8 points to take a commanding 0-11 to 0-3 lead by the end of the opening quarter. Despite trailing by such a margin Kilcummin were still well in the contest with possession and finally the scores began to come when Matt Keane took advantage of a 3 up breach to tap over a 21M free. It ended the Crokes run of scores and began Kilcummin's fight back. Keane added another free before Brendan Kealy landed a pair of 2 pointer frees from distance to reel the advantage back to just 2 points as Crokes led 0-11 to 0-9 at the break. Kilcummin continued their positive charge on the resumption and with further points from Cian Foley, Paul O'Shea (f) and Sean O'Leary regained their early lead to push 0-12 to 0-11 clear by the 37th minute. However, it was the home side that once again found next 3 scores as they began to take control once again. Another Philip O'Leary point on the 40th minute reduced the deficit to the bare minimum (0-14 to 0-13) once again, but it was as close they were to get before Dr. Crokes landed the all vital goal on the 51st. The loss brings down the curtain in a season that saw Kilcummin unbeaten in 8 of their 11 Division 1 county league games including 4 victories with topflight status secured once again for 2026. A narrow loss to Fossa in the semi-final of the Intermediate championship after winning their group along with a Quarter final victory over Listowel before exiting the O'Donoghue Cup after an opening round win over Fossa. Well done to all the players and management for their efforts throughout the season.



100 YEARS

This year, the East Kerry GAA Board is celebrating 100 years since its foundation. In that inaugural year, the East Kerry Board organised their first League competition. Kilcummin and Killorglin reached the final of that competition, which was played in the old "Cricket Field" behind Flesk Bridge on the Muckcross Road, Killarney. Kilcummin were the eventual winners of that final. The East Kerry Board are unveiling a plaque at Flesk Bridge on Sunday 2 November at 3.00pm to commemorate the 100th anniversary of that first East Kerry League Final.

UNDER 16'S

Well done to our under 16's who defeated Furies on Sunday 0-12 to 1-6 in the East Kerry Under 16 Division 1 championship Quarter Final and will now play Killarney Legion in semi-final.

SUPER 10'S

The very best of luck to our super 10's squad who take part in the Munster Super 10's finals next Saturday in Limerick.

QUIZ NIGHT

Well done to our Mothers and Others who generated over €1,800 for Temple Street, Children's Hospital and the Kilcummin Mothers & Others ladies football team following their successful fun Halloween Quiz which was held in the Klub Bar. The "Big Raffle" on the night of the event, contributed enormously to the fun and atmosphere of the event, and also contributed in no small way to the final financial outcome. A huge thank you to all the generous businesses and individuals who contributed a prize to this part of the night.

AGM

Kilcummin GAA AGM will take place on November 28th, 2025, at the Club house.

LOTTO

There was no winner of our lotto on Monday 20th October for the Jackpot of €4,500. Numbers drawn were 10,20,27,30. Consolation prizes of €50 went Kate McCarthy c/o Jewr Dwyer; Kathleen O'Leary, Milleen; Kenny Dwyer, Online; Emer O'Connor, Knockrour. Our next draw will be on Monday 3rd November for Jackpot of €4,750.

MASTERGEEHA FC

KSBGL U12 Boys Division 1 – Pre-Season League

Match took place last Saturday in Kilbrean Park. Full time score: Mastergeeha B 2-2 Milltown. Every player contributed and the boys showed great attitude, teamwork, and resilience, John Leahy & James Buckley were the goal scorers on the day.

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 24th October 2025 of the Jackpot €11,800. Numbers drawn were 9, 13, 21, 25. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Aisling O'Donoghue, Lacca; Ann McSweeney, Glebe; Mike Devane; Anne Marie O'Leary, Cockhill. The next draw will be on Friday 31st October for Jackpot of €12,000.

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BEAUFORT PARISH

By Bridget Hartnett

LOTTO RESULTS

Lotto Draw for a Jackpot of €8,200 was held on Sunday night last. There was no winner. Consolation Prize winners: €80 Adele Coffey, The Village. €50 each to Sam Murphy, Glencuttane, Karen O'Sullivan, Gearha and Clodagh c/o Mary O'Connor, Carnahone. Next Draw for a Jackpot of €8,400 will be held on Sunday, 9th November. Tickets available from the usual sellers, local shops and online (online tickets must be purchased before 7pm).

<https://beaufortgaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/beaufort-gaa-club>

Your support is greatly appreciated.

MINORS

Beaufort Minors played Glenbeigh/Glencar/Cromane in the Mid-Kerry Shield Final on Bank Holiday Monday.

GGC had the upper hand in the first half and led 1-9 to 1-6 at halftime. Beaufort had the wind in the 2nd half but it took a late goal from Luke Foley to bring the game to extra time. Final score 2-16 to 3-13.

The home team had no answer to Beaufort's scoring power in extra time

where they ran out winners 7-18 to 2-21.

Team: Cormac O'Sullivan, Ronan Coffey, Thomas Coffey, Adam Galvin, Jack Gabbett, Arthur Gabbett, Fionan O'Sullivan, Eoin Kissane (captain), Callum Galvin, Joseph Coffey, Fionn Kennedy, Luke Foley, Michael Culhane, Kevin Coffey, Callum Smith. Subs: Luke O'Malley, Killian Breen, Cullina Slattery, Enda Kelliher. Management: Paddy Howell, Micheal Kissane and Kieran Tangney.

BEAUFORT SENIORS will be in action on the weekend 8/9th November in the Mid-Kerry Championship semifinal. They await the winners of Glenbeigh/Glencar v Cromane.

Keel await the winner of Laune Rangers v Milltown/Castlemaine in the other semifinal.

RAMBLING HOUSE

Beaufort Pioneer Council will hold their Rambling House on Saturday November 15th. in Beaufort Community Hall. Doors open at 8pm and a great evening of music and song. Refreshments will be served.

"Libraries Strike a Chord with New Instrument Lending Scheme"

A new partnership between Kerry Libraries, Kerry County Council and Music Generation Kerry is bringing music into the heart of the community. Musical instruments are now available to borrow from local libraries, just like books, making music more accessible to all in Kerry.



Pictured at the Musical Instruments Project in The Castleisland Library on Tuesday were Musical Instructors, Deirdre Johson and Sean Michael Warr with Alice madden, Roisin Kennedy, Rhys Madden, Ogie Purcell, Anna MacCormack, Thomas Cawley and Adam MacCormack. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Pictured at the Musical Instruments Project in The Castleisland Library on Tuesday was Anna MacCormack from Castleisland getting hands on with a mandolin. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Pictured at the Musical Instruments Project in The Castleisland Library on Tuesday Roisin Kennedy from Castleisland with different tyopes of fiddles. Photo: Don MacMonagle



Pictured at the Musical Instruments Project in The Castleisland Library on Tuesday were Instructor Sean Michael Warr on Bassoon with Adam MacCormack from Castleisland trying out the Obo wind instrument. Photo: Don MacMonagle

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RATHMORE | GNEEVEGUILLA PARISH

By Michael O' Mahony

SHARE THE BUCKET

Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group reminds you that Share the Bucket takes place weekly. The draw is every Friday evening in Teach Fáilte @8.30 pm and can be viewed live on our Gneeveguilla Community Facility Group Facebook Page. This week's jackpot was €203 and the winner was Tadhg Collins & €100 to celebrate the Bank Holiday Nora O'Sullivan. Tickets cost €2 each or 3 for €5..They are available at Teach Fáilte and can be bought online at <https://tinyurl.com/y2ade5om> or in local businesses where you see the Green Share the bucket.

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

DUBLIN CITY MARATHON

Congrats to Rathmore Senior Player Anthony Darmody who completed the Dublin City Marathon in aid of Make -A - Wish- Ireland last weekend

EAST KERRY O'DONOGHUE CUP QUARTER FINAL

Full Time: Rathmore : 1-18 (21) Gneeveguilla: 0-18 (18)

CONGRATULATIONS TO KNOCKNAGREE on a Fantastic win in cork senior A final on Sunday last

CONGRATULATIONS TO HOLY FAMILY NS who defeated Fossa NS in the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Urban 3 Football final. Score 4-14 to 2-7 Well done to team and management

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Knocknagree National school presents STRICTLY COME DANCING Saturday 8th November 2025. TICKETS €25. Show Starts 7-30pm .Door Open 6.30PM. Venue Great Southern Hotel KILLARNEY. Limited Seating. MAIN SPONSOR JOHN BROSAN CONSTRUCTION

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Community Hall, Milltown Killarney V93ET62. Sun 2nd Nov: Michael Collins Band. Dancing 3.00pm – 5.00pm. Admission €10. Free draw with Door Ticket. Contact John Joe Herlihy 087 9735113

NOVEMBER MASS FOR ALL THOSE WHO DIED

Shrone Saturday Nov 1st 6p.m

Gneeveguilla Monday Nov 10th 8p.m

Rathmore Wednesday Nov 12th 8p.m

Knocknagree Friday Nov 14th 8p.m

WRITING GRANT APPLICATIONS: FREE TRAINING FOR KERRY PPN MEMBERS

Kerry PPN is delighted to present free in person training on 'Writing Grant Applications' throughout the county during November 2025.

This training will be delivered by Joanne Ryan. Joanne is a fundraising and funding professional with 16 years of experience in the sector, working with organisations like Focus Ireland, Irish Wheelchair Association and Jigsaw. Since May 2023, she has been working as a funding consultant, working with clients in the charity, sport, arts and education areas, supporting them to access over €2.2M in funding for their projects.

This training is designed for those who are new to writing grant applications and will focus on grant eligibility, language in grants, opportunities & pitfalls of chat GPT, budgets and project outlines, building your grants folder / documentation, reviewing & submitting, where to look for grants.

Locations, Dates & Times:

Tralee: 6th November, 10am-1pm

Listowel: 7th November, 10am-1pm

Killarney: 12th November, 6pm-9pm

Dingle: 13th November, 6pm-9pm

Killorglin: 14th November, 10am-1pm

Places are limited, booking is essential. Book your place here: <https://kerryppn.ie/events/autumn-training-events-for-community-groups-writing-grant-applications-in-person/>

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.

LISTRY PARISH

Written by: Colette Leslie

LOTTO

Oct. 26th 2025. Jackpot €12,850. Numbers Drawn: 1,4,9,10. Not Won. €100 Seamus O Connor. €50 Kate C/o Denis Murphy. €50 Denis McCarthy. €25 Ciara Power. €25 Kieran Murphy C/o Kevin. Jackpot next week Sunday 2/11/2025 €13,000.

LISTRY SENIORS

Listry V Dr Crokes at home Sunday November 2nd at 12 noon.

LISTRY MINORS

East Kerry Minor Championship Div 2 semi final Saturday 1st November 3pm Listry v Rathmore in Listry.

SPA PARISH

By Leanne Cronin

O'SULLIVAN CUP (JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP) QUARTER FINAL

Sunday Nov 2nd @ 12 Spa play Gneeveguilla away

SPA LOTTO 27/10/25 RESULTS

Numbers drawn: 9, 17, 24, 26. No jackpot winner. Lucky dips €50 each: Michael Horgan, Online; Shauna O'Donoghue, c/o Village Inn; Claire O'Leary, Scartaglin; Doreen Horan, Clasheens;

Next week's draw will be Monday 3 Nov for a jackpot of €3,900

KILLARNEY COMHALTAS QUIZ NIGHT

November 7th at 7:30pm at Hotel Killarney. Tables of 4 €40.

NOTES

Any items for our notes please contact Leanne 085-7762411

GLENFLESK PARISH

Written by: Sean Daly

COMMUNITY GAMES

The AGM for Glenflesk Community Games will be held on Wednesday 5th of November at 8pm in Glenflesk Hall. All welcome to attend.

GLENFLESK PARISH BAZAAR

The annual parish Bazaar will take place on Sunday 23rd of November,

starting at 3pm in Glenflesk GAA Hall. Enjoy a family day out with great prizes on offer.

O'DONOGHUE CUP

Hard luck to our Senior team who were beaten by Kenmare in the quarter final of the O'Donoghue Cup last weekend on a scoreline of 3:09 to 0:19.

*Spectators enjoying the Glenflesk V Kenmare Shamrocks game.
Photo: Seamus Healy*





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Money Matters



By Dermot Cronin
Financial Advisor

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If you require any further information on the above or any other matter you can contact Dermot Cronin at info@dermotcronin.ie or 0646622775 or 0872893649.

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Class of 2025 Graduate With Pride



Pictured at the 2025 Mary Immaculate College (MIC) Conferring Ceremonies were L-R Tomas Fitzpatrick, Castlegregory Co Kerry, Oisín Flynn, Killorglin Co Kerry and Adam Giles, Bandon Co Cork. The two days of conferring ceremonies saw over 1200 graduates conferred with academic awards across the College's 50+ undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in Education and Liberal Arts. Pic Arthur Ellis

Abby O'Leary, Kilbrean Beg, Kildummin who graduated from Trinity College, Dublin last Wednesday with a BA in Biochemistry.



Pictured at the 2025 Mary Immaculate College (MIC) Conferring Ceremonies was Emily Heaslip from Co. Kerry who was awarded the Gold Medal and the Shellie Murtagh Award for the Bachelor of Education programme. Pic Arthur Ellis



Jemma Burke from Castleisland pictured with her parents Mary and Eamonn .
Pic: Domnick Walsh Eye Focus



Maeve Falvey Carey from Waterville Kerry with daughters Mollie 9, Saidh 5, Clodagh 9 and Aoibhin 7 pictured at the 2025 Mary Immaculate College (MIC) Conferring Ceremonies were graduates from the Bachelor of Arts programmes. The two days of conferring ceremonies saw over 1200 graduates conferred with academic awards across the College's 50+ undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in Education and Liberal Arts.



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Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra Celebrates Achievement and Community at Annual Awards

The atmosphere was electric in Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra, Rathmore, on Friday, October 24th, as the school hosted its Annual Awards Ceremony, a highlight of the year celebrating student achievement across academics, the arts, sport, and leadership.

Parents, guardians, and guests gathered from 10 a.m. for refreshments and to meet guest speaker Michael Moynihan TD, Minister of State at the Department of Education and Youth, with special responsibility for Special Education and Inclusion. The ceremony began at 11 a.m. in a packed sports hall, reflecting the strong community spirit that defines the school.

Head Students Jack Murphy and Tommy O'Connor opened proceedings, while MC Nodhlaig Davern guided the event with warmth and poise. Minister Moynihan, a long-serving TD for Cork North-West, delivered an inspiring address on inclusion and opportunity in education.

Awards were presented across a wide range of categories including the Arts, Sports, Active Citizenship, Leadership, Humanities, and several memorial and spirit awards, alongside recognition for outstanding Leaving Certificate, LCA, and Junior Cycle results. Musical performances throughout the morning reflected the rich cultural heritage of the Sliabh Luachra region.

In closing, Principal Mairead Lucey thanked all involved and reminded students that "success comes in many forms through effort, kindness, creativity, and courage."

The day celebrated not just academic excellence, but the inclusive, diverse achievements that make SPSL a vibrant and caring school community.

Students who won Academic excellence in Leaving Cert awards



Paud O'Leary Award, Oisín Hurley with Maggie O'Leary, Eithne and John Hurley and Michael Moynihan TD.



Senior Sports Award, Damian Moynihan, teacher Cian O'Connor, Denis and Karina Moynihan and Michael Moynihan TD.



LCA Student of the year, Abbie Herlihy with Principal Mairead Lucey, Michael Moynihan TD and Claire Herlihy.



Junior Sports Award, Thomas O'Sullivan with teacher Catherine Kiely, Carmel and Patrick O'Sullivan and Michael Moynihan TD.



PE. Award Rachel Kissane with teacher Catherine Kiely, Katriona Kissane and Michael Moynihan. TD.



Maths Award, Ruth O'Mahony with Nora O'Mahony Catherine Kiely, Michael Moynihan TD and Michael John O'Mahony.



Principal Award, Shannon O'Sullivan with parents Dan and Breda O'Sullivan and TD Michael Moynihan.



Language Award Eoin Cashman with teacher Liz Healy and Michael Moynihan TD.



Business Award, from left, Melissa Murphy, Ava Kelleher, Noirín Healy Coleen Angland and principal Mairead Lucey.



Academic Excellence in LCA, Leanne Fleming with Breda Fleming and Michael Moynihan TD.

Nano Nagle Award, Katelyn McCarthy with Principal Mairead Lucey, Michael Moynihan TD and Vice Principal Maria Hanrahan.





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Presbyopia is a natural part of ageing and there is no cure for it. The solution is generally to wear glasses for reading.

Contact lenses are also available for presbyopia if you do not want to wear

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The 2026 CAO application season opens so use the remaining three months for course research

CAO SEASON

While applicants have until the 1st February 2026 to submit a CAO application form, it's now time to start making good use of the remaining three months. The 2026 CAO application season opens at 12 noon on Wednesday, 5th November. It's worth clicking into the applicant resources section on www.cao.ie to view the CAO video guides which will tell you everything you need to know about preparing and submitting your application. It's also advisable to do a practice run on the 'demo application' before beginning the official form.

TWO SECTIONS

The application form itself can be divided into two sections, namely general information and course choices. As the form is interactive you can continue to work on it until the normal closing date of 1st February. If you open your CAO account by 5pm on 20th January 2026 you pay a discounted application fee of €35. Thereafter, the fee increases to €50 until the closing date of 5pm on 1st February.

REGISTER

To register on the CAO system, go online to www.cao.ie and click on 'Apply'. Enter your personal details and supply a valid email address. Tick the qualifications and assessment sections that are relevant to you. For the vast majority of applicants that will be the Irish Leaving Certificate Exams (1985-2026). Select your payment option, which for the vast majority of applicants is credit or debit card. Create your password. Now click on 'Proceed with application' to obtain your 2026 CAO application number, which begins with 26. You have now opened your interactive CAO account.

LOG ON

Whenever you wish to log on to your account go to www.cao.ie and click on 'My application'. You will be asked to enter your CAO number, your date of birth and your password. You can complete the remaining steps at your leisure. It's a good idea to leave the Level 8 and Level 7/6 course lists unfilled until you have completed your course research.

ADD COURSES

Add your Level 8 (Honours Bachelor Degree) and Level 7/6 (Ordinary Bachelor Degree/Higher Certificate) course choices by 1st February. To do this, click on "Add Level 8 course choices" and/or click on "Add Level 7/6 course choices." You may apply for a maximum of ten course choices on each list. List your courses based on your genuine order of preference. At the offer stage, you will be offered the course highest up on your list(s) that you are entitled to, if any.

REQUIREMENTS

Every college has general entry requirements. For Leaving Cert applications for a Level 8 course, the minimum entry requirements are normally six subjects with at least Grade H5 in two subjects and at least Grade O6/H7 in four other subjects. Each college also requires certain subjects in the chosen six. For example, the University of Limerick (UL) asks for Mathematics, Irish or another language, and English. On the other hand, University College Cork asks for Irish and English. Many courses also require specific entry requirements. Mary Immaculate College of Education (MICE) requires at least a H4 in Irish for its Primary Teaching degrees while

UCC asks for a minimum of H4 in Biology for its Genetics degree. General and specific entry requirements for all courses can be found on the CAO home page. Just click on the "Courses" box and follow the instructions.

USER FRIENDLY

The CAO application form is straight forward and user friendly. The most critical step, of course, is the completion of your two course lists. The more research you do the more satisfied you will be with your course choices. For the next few months make good use of the CAO Handbook 2026, which is in PDF and personalised digital format. Identify the courses in which you have an interest. It's a good idea to record the codes and course titles, on a paper or digital notebook, for future reference.

GUIDE

This column will stand shoulder to shoulder with you in order to guide you safely through the 2026 CAO application process, with advice on career profiling, appropriate course selection and current employment trends. In order to be as informed as possible and starting now, devote an hour or two each week to course research. Aim to have about fifteen choices for each list at hand by Christmas. Then by mid to late January you'll be in a strong position to select your top ten preferences on each list in order of your choice.

CHECKLIST

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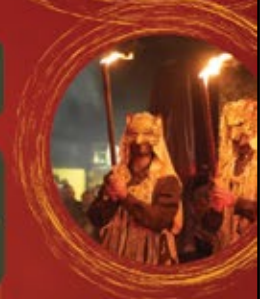
Cian Hegarty started in St Brendan's College Killarney recently as the fourth generation to go through the door of St Brendan's College. Pictured are the Three generations of Hegarty's Sean, Cian and John Hegarty. John's father the late Donie was the first generation.



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The Cailleach Willow Effigy and Parade Lantern Workshop

Saturday 25th
11am, 1pm & 3pm
@ Siamsa Tíre
Theatre

Thursday 30th
& Friday 31st
10am & 12pm
@ Anam Cultural
Centre

Saturday 1st
& Sunday 2nd
10am & 12pm
@ Kerry Writers'
Museum

Samhain Chiarraí Fire Ritual

Saturday 25th
7pm
@ The Island
of Geese

Wednesday 29th
7pm
@ St. Mary's
Church of the
Sloes

Friday 31st
7pm
@ Listowel
Castle

Samhain Chiarraí Procession

Sunday 26th
5pm-6pm
ROUTE: Moyderwell,
Castle St, Denny St,
Ivy Terrace, Abbey St,
The Square

Friday 31st
7pm-8pm
ROUTE: Outlet Centre
College St-Sq, Plunkett
St, Kenmare Place,
HaHa Roundabout
and return loop

Saturday 1st
7.30pm-8.30pm
ROUTE: The Square,
William St Lower,
Charles St, Courthouse
Road, Church St
and The Square

Cailleach Chiarraí 'The Awakening' Spectacle

Monday 27th
7pm-8pm
@ Denny Street
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Thursday 30th
7pm-8pm
@ St. Mary's
Church of the
Sloes

Sunday 2nd
6pm-7pm
@ The Square
with Fireworks*
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Cailleach Céilí with the Kingdom Academy's Céilí Kickers

Sunday 26th
5.30pm-7pm
@ The Square

Friday 31st
7.30pm-9pm
@ Kenmare Place

Saturday 1st
8pm-9.30pm
@ The Square

Samhain Sounds

Saturday 25th
8pm-9.30pm
@ The Island
of Geese

Thursday 30th
8pm-9.30pm
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Working Families at Loreto Convent Deserve the Same Urgency as Any National Crisis Lack of Affordable Homes and Long Term Lets in Killarney MD

As Mayor of Killarney Municipal District I want to highlight the lack of affordable homes and long term letting properties in Killarney.

Over the last 2 weeks I've been working with the fourteen families living at Loreto Convent in Killarney who have been served with notices to quit their homes. These are not transient tenants, they are long-term residents, many of whom have built their lives, raised their children, and contributed to our local community and economy for years. Yet now, due to a large investment company terminating their leases, they face the harsh reality of having nowhere to go.

This situation is not just a tragedy for these families, it is a stark reminder of a much deeper crisis in County Kerry and across Ireland: the chronic lack of affordable homes and long-term rental properties.

As of this week there are only three properties available for long-term letting in Killarney on Daft.ie, and just eight in Tralee. That's a total of eleven homes available across two major towns, in a county with thousands of families who live and work here year-round. It has been over twenty years since Killarney last offered an affordable home to those who need one most. That is simply unacceptable.

The working-class family, the people who keep our towns alive, are being squeezed from every direction. The cost of living continues to rise, yet



access to stable housing continues to fall. For an average family of four in County Kerry, the income threshold to qualify for social housing is €38,500 per year (or €738 per week). If you earn even slightly above that, you're excluded, and yet you also won't qualify for cost rental schemes unless your net household income is below €59,000.

These limits leave thousands of hard-working families trapped in the middle, earning too much to qualify for support, but not enough to secure a home in the private market. The system is leaving them behind.

Meanwhile, we have seen how quickly government action can be mobilised in times of emergency. In 2024, modular units were built nationwide for emergency accommodation for Ukrainian refugees, and while the initial estimated cost per unit was €200,000, the final cost was €442,000 per unit, more than

120% over budget. While those efforts were necessary and compassionate, it shows that when the State identifies a crisis, it can act swiftly and decisively.

Well, I say this clearly: the situation at Loreto Convent is also an emergency. Fourteen families losing their homes, with nowhere to go in the local area, demands immediate action. These families deserve the same urgency, compassion, and resources that have been mobilised in other crises.

Killarney is a proud, hard-working town. But if we continue on this path, where people who contribute to our community are forced out because they cannot afford to stay, then we risk hollowing out the very heart of our society. I am calling on both Kerry County Council which I want to commend them for their engagement and attention so far and the Department of Housing to treat the Loreto Convent case as an emergency, to intervene, and to bring forward immediate measures to secure housing for these families. We must also see a renewed national focus on building affordable homes and ensuring that long-term letting remains viable for those who live and work in our communities.

Our people deserve security, stability, and a place to call home. Anything less is a failure of the system.

Councillor Cahill calls for stronger water safety measures and wider provision of life buoys across Kerry and on private lands

Fianna Fáil Councillor Tommy Cahill has called for a renewed focus on water safety across County Kerry, urging the Council to ensure an adequate number of life buoys are provided and maintained at all beaches, rivers, lakes, and water-based recreational areas, and to make life buoys available free of charge to landowners whose properties border waterways regularly accessed by the public. At the October meeting of Kerry County Council, Cllr. Cahill said the motion was about "taking a proactive approach to a very real danger."

"As councillors, our first responsibility is public safety," he said. "Whether at a beach in Ballybunion or Caherdaniel, a riverbank in Killorglin, or a lakeshore in Killarney, accidents can and do happen in seconds. Life buoys save lives, and their presence is vital."

Cllr. Cahill specifically highlighted

areas such as Cromane and the Flesk River, noting that Kerry's strong connection with its coastline, lakes, and rivers also brings risks that must be carefully managed. "In Kerry, we have deep ties to our rivers, lakes, and coastlines. These waters are part of our identity, our recreation, and indeed our livelihoods. But with their beauty comes risk. The provision and maintenance of life buoys is, in essence, lifesaving, it can mean the difference between life and death in a moment of crisis."

According to figures provided in response to his motion, Kerry County Council currently maintains approximately 414 lifebuoys across the county, primarily at Blue Flag beaches, designated bathing areas, council-managed piers, harbours, and public walkways such as Tralee Bay Amenity Walkway. These are subject to scheduled inspection

and repair throughout the year. However, the Council confirmed that it does not currently provide life buoys at privately owned or privately accessed watercourses or lakes, due to the resources required for ongoing inspection and maintenance.

Cllr. Cahill said this gap needs to be addressed through community partnership, "I am calling on the Council to go a step further, to offer life buoys free of charge to landowners whose properties border waterways frequently used by the public. These landowners

often find themselves in a grey area of responsibility, and we can empower them to help protect lives without placing an unfair burden on them."

He concluded, "If this motion helps save even one life, then it will have been worth it. That life could be someone's child, friend, or neighbour, and that possibility alone should be enough for us to act. The potential impact is immeasurable

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8.30 PM
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Top of the Hill, Rathmore
Bridge Bar, Rathmore
Dennehy's Bar, Rathmore
Richie McAuliffe's, Gneeveguilla

3rd Friday

7.30 PM
8.00 PM
8.15 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Castleisland Area

River Island Hotel, Castleisland
The Kingdom Bar, Castleisland
The Crown Hotel, Castleisland
Hughes Bar, Cordal
Lyon's Bar, Scartaglen

1st Wednesday

8.00 PM
8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM

Killarney Area

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

4th Thursday

7:00 PM
7.30 PM
8.15 PM
8.45 PM
9.15 PM
9.45 PM

Killorglin Area

Golden Nugget, Fossa
Galvin's Bar, Beaufort
O'Grady's Bar, Killorglin
Larkin's Bar, Milltown
Griffins Bar, Castlemaine
Anvil Bar, Boolteens

1st Thursday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM
10:00 PM

Glenflesk & Barraduff

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

4th Friday

8.30 PM
9.30 PM
10.00 PM
10.45 PM

Kenmare & Sneem Area

The Roughty bar, Kenmare
Riney's Bar, Sneem
Blackwater Tavern
O'Connor's Bar Kenmare

1st Friday

9.30 PM
10:00 PM
10:30 PM

Tuosist & Lauragh

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

Last Monday

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

Farranfore Area

Ulick's Bar, Farranfore
James Daly's Bar, Farranfore
Cunniffe's Bar, Currow
John Hendersons, Fries

3rd Monday

8.30 PM
9.00 PM
9.30 PM
9.45 PM

Knocknagoshel & Brosna

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Hurricane Melissa a stark reminder of the need to ramp up Ireland’s resilience to extreme weather – Pa Daly TD

Sinn Féin spokesperson for Climate, the Environment and Energy, Pa Daly TD, has called on the government to urgently address Ireland’s vulnerability to extreme weather and to ramp up climate mitigation and adaptation efforts.

Deputy Daly also highlighted the critical need for states to continue to cooperate on climate action, pointing to the importance of the upcoming COP summit due to take place in Brazil next month. Teachta Daly said:

“Hurricane Melissa has wreaked devastation and destruction in its wake.

“The storm has now made landfall in eastern Cuba after pummeling Jamaica as one of the strongest Atlantic hurricanes on record.

“Approximately 735,000 were evacuated from their homes in advance of the storm.

“Authorities have said Jamaica is now a ‘disaster area’. Many homes, businesses and even entire communities were wiped out. Hospitals have been decimated.

Farmland is destroyed. And tragically, they are expecting loss of life.

“In southwestern Jamaica, the parish of St. Elizabeth is now ‘underwater’ according an official, with over half a million homes without power.

“Storm Éowyn last year demonstrated just how vulnerable and ill equipped we are to deal with these types of extreme weather events, which are only going to grow in scale and intensity.

“Entire communities the length and breadth of this country were left devastated. Hundreds of thousands of homes were left without power for days. For many areas of the country, things felt they were at a complete standstill for days, even weeks, on end.

“However, Storm Éowyn paled in comparison to Hurricane Melissa.

“Therefore, it serves as a stark warning to small island nations like Ireland to massively ramp up our efforts to become resilient to increasingly frequent extreme weather of this magnitude.



“Storm Éowyn last year demonstrated just how vulnerable and ill equipped we are to deal with these types of extreme weather events, which are only going to grow in scale

“Report after report consistently says that government is not doing enough. It’s time they sat up and listened.

“Similarly, we have seen a rolling back of the green agenda particularly at an international level, with President Trump extracting the US from the Paris Agreement.

“The upcoming COP therefore represents an important opportunity to demonstrate the world’s continued efforts to tackle the climate emergency.

“The impact of climate change will remain the same where President Trump believes it is real or not.

“Therefore, I am calling on the Irish Government to do all in its power at COP to achieve continued international cooperate on climate action and to advocate that poorer nations, in particular small island nations, are supported to mitigate and adapt to climate change.”

Wastewater Facilities in Kerry

The fact that many Wastewater Treatment Plants in Kerry communities are either non-existent or are working at capacity including Glenbeigh, makes the announcement of the €600,000 successful upgrade to the Kilgarvan facility all the more welcome according to Fianna Fáil TD Michael Cahill.

“We need such upgrades as this very welcome development in Kilgarvan, all over Kerry and new builds as well, to bring our facilities up to a 21st century standard. House building and business developments are being blocked and the health and safety of our population is at risk, due to the failure to have acceptable water treatment in every community” stated Deputy Cahill.

“I have been banging the drums about this issue for many years now and it is disappointing to see how slow the processes are. Beaufort was allocated €6m in funding for a long overdue Wastewater Treatment system there 2 years ago and I have been pressing hard for the work there to be expedited. I have been informed in a response to a Parliamentary Question and by Uisce Eireann that it will take another 7 years before there is a scheme there and this is simply not good enough, especially in the midst of a housing crisis ” said the Fianna Fáil Spokesperson for Older People and Tourism. .

“Utilities such as Water Supply, Wastewater Treatment, Electricity, etc, are vital to every day living and therefore should have a speedier and more efficient planning and development process and I will be calling on the relevant Ministers to to make this a reality” stated Deputy Cahill.

“I have been pushing with the Minister and at the highest level of Government for Constructed Wetlands to be developed around County Kerry. Over 40 of our villages are unsewered. Constructed Wetlands are faster and cheaper to develop and are environmentally friendly. Where extra capacity is required, you can put in 2 or 3” added Michael Cahill TD.

Minister Foley Welcomes €663,000 Climate Action Fund for Kerry Community Groups

Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Kerry T.D Norma Foley has welcomed confirmation of the allocation of €663,000 to Kerry County Council under the Community Climate Action Programme.

“This is fantastic news for Kerry,” said Minister Foley. “Everyone wants to do their part for the climate, and it’s crucial that our communities have the support they need to make a real difference.”

“I strongly encourage community groups across Kerry to apply for this fund. It offers huge potential, and I want to see it put to the best possible use for the benefit of our communities.”

Tidy Towns groups, residents’ associations, voluntary and not-for-profit organisations, sports clubs, and community centres not owned by the local authority can now apply for funding. A total of €663,000 has been allocated to Kerry County Council as part of the €27 million Climate Action Programme.

Speaking on the announcement from her Cabinet colleague, Minister Darragh O’Brien, Minister Foley said: “I would like to commend Minister O’Brien for the roll-out of this initiative. It will make a huge difference.”

The funding is administered by Community Climate Action Officers (CCAO) in local authorities, who provide guidance and support to help organisations and groups become lower-carbon communities.

Eligible projects can receive funding for initiatives in five key areas: community energy; travel; food and waste; shopping and recycling; and local climate and environmental action.

Community groups interested in learning more should contact their local CCAO. Details are available here: <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-climate-energy-and-the-environment/publications/climate-action-fund/#community-climate-action-programme>

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KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB 18 & 11 HOLE SINGLE STABLEFORD. KINDLY SPONSORED BY TIM JONES FAMILY BUTCHERS. PLAYED ON KILLEEN COURSE ON 18TH & 19TH OCTOBER 2025

Overall, Winner & Best Gross: Kelly O'Donoghue 38pts (-01)

2nd: Sinead Lynch 36pts (23)

3rd: Isabelle Roberts 35pts (09)

4th: Christine Carroll 35pts (13)

5th: Amy Arthur 35pts (05)

11 Hole Competition Winner: Pauline Lyne 18pts (26)

18 & 13 HOLE SINGLE STABLEFORD KINDLY SPONSORED BY PAT O'NEILL STYLE SUITE PLAYED ON MAHONY'S POINT COURSE ON 25TH & 26TH OCTOBER 2025

Overall, Winner: Annette Sheehan 36pts (38)

2nd: Geraldine Collins 36pts (18)

Best Gross: Eimear O'Donnell 23pts

3rd: Sharon Ormonde 33pts (14)

13 Hole Competition Winner: Angela O'Connor 20pts (23)

NEXT FIXTURE will be 2nd & 3rd November 2025 is 18 Hole & 11 Hole Single Stableford on Killeen Course club sponsored.

KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB - MEN'S

SINGLES STABLEFORD PLAYED ON KILLEEN; SATURDAY 25TH & SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2025. KINDLY SPONSORED BY DONAGH HICKEY MOTORS

1st: Brian Clarke (15) 41pts

2nd: Niall Kavanagh (21) 38pts

Best: Gross Simon Gallivan (0) 72

Division 1

1st: Gerard Hogan (4) 37pts

2nd: Eugene O'Sullivan (4) 37pts

3rd: Jason McCarthy (7) 36pts

Division 2

1st: John Paul O'Callaghan (13) 38pts

2nd: Aidan O'Rourke (9) 37pts

3rd: Don O'Sullivan (14) 37pts

Division 3

1st: Michael Crossan (14) 37pts

2nd: John Horgan (17) 36pts

3rd: Ruairi Coghlan (17) 35pts

Division 4

1st: Tony Walsh (23) 35pts

2nd: Derek Meikle (19) 34pts

3rd: Joseph Geaney (21) 33pts

CHAMPIONS CUP

SINGLES STABLEFORD PLAYED ON MAHONY'S POINT; SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2025

1st: Seamus Morrison (13) 39pts (bk9)

2nd: Sean Hickey (19) 39pts (bk9)

3rd: Shane Connole (7) 39pts

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB

SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER CHRISTMAS HAMPERS COMPETITION VERY KINDLY SPONSORED BY BRICIN RESTAURANT

Record turnout for our Christmas Hamper competition very generously sponsored by Bricin Restaurant. Wonderful morning of golf. Prize giving will be on a later date. Well done everyone.

RESULTS OF THE 9 HOLE COMPETITION ON SAT 18TH OCTOBER

Well done to everyone who played

1st: Jennifer Nash

2nd: Therese O Keeffe

COMPETITIONS

1st November 9 & 18 hole Single Stableford Competition. Enter via BRS system. All Members welcome

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. will be held in the Club House on Saturday 28th November at 10.00am. Motions & Nominations must be received by 15th November All new members welcome. Followed by a Scramble or a refresher on the Rules of Golf.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

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

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

NATIONAL MIXED FOURSOMES

Well done to father and daughter Connie O'Sullivan Jnr and Ciara Lowe on winning the Second Session prize at the National Mixed Scotch Foursomes in Collinstown, Co Westmeath last Sunday.



Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club's Connie O'Sullivan Jnr and Ciara Lowe pictured with Pitch & Putt Ireland President Davy Reddin after winning the Second Session Prize at last Sunday's National Mixed Scotch Foursomes in Collinstown, Co Westmeath.

BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND RESULTS

Sunday: Two Ball Betterball- First Nett: Niall O'Loughlin & Alan O'Sullivan 36, Gross: Gearoid Cronin & Niall O'Loughlin 50 and Second Nett: Denis Duggan & Jerry Kelleher 40.

Monday: Two Ball Scramble- Nett: James Foley & Niall O'Loughlin 34 and Gross: Alan O'Sullivan & Dan Kiely 48.

UPCOMING FIXTURE

The club will send members a list of updated fixtures prior to this weekend pending confirmation of a number of matters.

CORK SCRAMBLE

Well done to Damien Fleming, Colm O'Dowd and James Foley on winning the St Annes Gross prize in the recent Cork County Board Scramble event.

INTER-PROVINCIAL

Our best wishes and a safe journey to Damien Fleming, James Fleming (Mens Manager), Fionn McMonagle and Aodhan O'Halloran in representing Munster in the Inter Provincial match with Leinster this Sunday in Ryston.

SAVE THE DATE

Our end of year prizegiving will take place in Murphys Bar on Friday December 12th this year we ask everyone to note. Further details in the weeks ahead.



Photographed at the presentation of prizes for the Keanes Jewellers Medals for 2025 in the Ross GC are (l to r) Tristan Eadie, David Murphy, Betty Farrell, President, Alan Flynn for Dan Cronin, Captain Peter Wickham, Joan Lenihan, Keanes Jewellers, Sponsors, John Cuskelly, Tony Lenihan, Captain Elaine Casey.



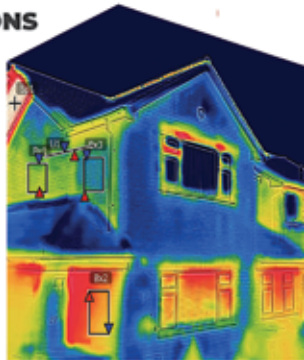
Photographed at the presentation of prizes for the Frank Doran/ Safeguard Security sponsored Backstages competition in the Ross GC are (l to r) Dermot O'Connor, Barry O'Grady, Captain Elaine Casey, Derek McAllister, Frank Doran, Sponsor, Captain Peter Wickham, M J Casey, John Ivory, President Betty Farrell.



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DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The club was saddened to hear of the death of former member Vincent Hegarty in Cork last week. May he Rest in Peace.

ROSS GC - GENTS

ON SATURDAY 25TH AND SUNDAY 26TH WE HELD THE CHRISTMAS HAMPER COMPETITION KINDLY SPONSORED BY KILLARNEY RACE COMPANY.

THE WINNERS WERE :-

1st: Niall O'Brien 37 (9)
2nd: Darren Gaffey 35 (13)

3rd: Donie Broderick 34 (15)
4th: Alan Flynn 33 (6)
5th: Johnny Brosnan 32 (13)
6th: Michael J O'Sullivan 32 (12)

Division 1

1st: Barry O'Grady 31 (10)
2nd: Peter Wickham 31 (11)

Division 2

1st: Terence Mulcahy 30 (13)
2nd: Mike O'Leary 30 (18)

Division 3

1st: John O'Driscoll 31 (23)
2nd: Tim Ryan 30 (25)

ON MONDAY OCT 27TH WE HELD OUR HALLOWEEN MIXED SCRAMBLE IN SEASONAL WEATHER BUT WITH A LARGE TURNOUT.

The winners were :-

1st: M J O'Sullivan, Elaine Casey, Niall Brosnan, Barry O'Grady
2nd: John Cuskelly, Mike O'Leary, Tristan Eadie, Mary B O'Sullivan.
3rd: Mike O'Keefe, Lourda Kelly, John Ivory, Aine McSweeney.
4th: Michéal Gorman, Dermot O'Connor, Bridie Brosnan, Anthony O'Mahony

SPORTS NEWS

MUCKROSS ROWING CLUB

COUPE BEACH SPRINTS

Best of luck to Cillian Leslie, representing Ireland at the Coupe de la Jeunesse Beach Sprints contest in Cadiz, Spain which begins next Thursday, October

KILLARNEY VALLEY AC

Congratulations to our club members who completed the 2025 Dublin City Marathon. Well done to Elaine Lanigan, Kevin Smith, Alan Horan and Conor O'Leary.
Best of Luck to everyone competing in The

Munster Juvenile Uneven Age, U23 and Senior Cross Country Championships in Two Mile Borris, Tipperary on Sunday.

Our Couch to 5K program for 2026 has been launched and is now available to book online on our website www.killarneyvalleyac.ie. It will start on 13th January twice per week for 8 weeks (Tuesday and Thursday at 7.15pm). The goal is for all to be able to complete the Killarney Parkrun on Saturday 7th March 2026 in a fun non-competitive environment.

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

FOSSA BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS FOR 23RD OCTOBER

N/S

1st: Ger Foley & Finola Spillane
2nd: Phyllis O' Regan & Pauline Lyne E/W

1st: Mary Murray & Maureen Culloty
2nd: Mary Gleeson & Evelyn O'Leary
Congratulations, well done to all.

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Alex Clifford and David O'Mahony in the Halloween in the Sem at St Brendan's College Killarney.
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Dylan Flynn participating in the Halloween in the Sem at St Brendan's College, Killarney.
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Leon Hebda, Eoin Cremin, Brian Slabys and Tom Corcoran in the Halloween in the Sem at St Brendan's College, Killarney.
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Gabriel Padillan, Ryan Casey, Shane O'Sullivan and Zak Habib participating in the Halloween in the Sem at St Brendan's College, Killarney. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Halloween fun at Killarney Community College.



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BÓITHRE Á nDÚNADH GO SEALADACH TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS

ALT 75 d'ACHT NA mBÓITHRE 1993 SECTION 75 OF ROADS ACT 1993

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 75 of the Roads Act 1993 and the Temporary Closing of Roads Regulations 1994, Kerry County Council proposes to close to public traffic, the roads / streets / car park described here under to facilitate the holding of the **Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney Historic Stages Rally on Saturday, 29th November 2025.**

Stages SS 1 Molls Gap

Roads Closing Times: from 06:45 to 20:00

Road Numbers: National Secondary Road, N71

Starting 100M beyond the entrance to Muckcross house via Galway's Bridge, Molls Gap and finishing at Carrig East

Stages SS2, SS5 Lissyclearig

Roads Closing Times: from 08:15 to 14:45

Road Numbers: L-4051, L-11766, L-4052, L-7546, L-4053

Starting at Lissyclearig via Lissyclearig upper, Gowlane, Inchimore, Dromcahan East and Finishing at Kilmurry.

Stages SS3, SS6 Roughty River

Roads Closing Times: from 09:00 to 15:30

Road Numbers: L-3024, L-7061, L-4065.

Starting at Morley's Bridge via Kilfadda Beg, Gorthloughera, Kilbunow, Kilgarvan, Letter Lower, Kilgortaree, Dromatouk and finishing at Gortalinny North.

Stages SS 4, SS 7 Sheen River

Roads Closing Times: from 09:30 to 16:00

Road Numbers: L-4055, L-7547, L-4063, L-11766.

Starting at Roughty Bridge via Sheen Bridge, Gortalinny South, Gearhadiveen, Dromagorteen and finishing at Gortnagappul.

Stages SS 8, SS 9 Molls Gap (night)

Roads Closing Times: from 06:45 to 20:00

Road Numbers: National Secondary Road, N71

Starting at Knockrour East / Kilkeana Cross via Cappamore, Carrig East, Molls Gap Galways Bridge, Dinis and finishing before entrance to Muckcross House.

In addition, all adjoining public roads will be closed for a distance of 205m from each junction with the above routes.

Parc Ferme

Lewis Road Car Park will be used as Parc Ferme and will be unavailable for parking purposes from 7.00 p.m. on Thursday, 27th November to 11.00am on Saturday, 29th November 2025.

Ceremonial Start

Kenmare Place and Main Street, from the Killarney Plaza Hotel to the junction of Main Street and New Street (known as Market Cross) will be closed from 6.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. on Friday, 28th November 2025 for the holding of the ceremonial start.

Ceremonial Finish

Kenmare Place, Killarney from Killarney Town Hall to the Killarney Plaza Hotel will be closed from 6.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. on Saturday, 29th November 2025 to facilitate the finish ramp and the holding of the ceremonial finish.

The laneway adjacent to Killarney Town Hall and Killarney Plaza Hotel, from its junction with the Upper New Street Car Park and its junction with Kenmare Place, will be closed from 6.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. on Saturday, 29th November 2025 to facilitate the holding of the ceremonial finish.

Any person having an objection to the above proposal should lodge same, in writing, marked Road Closure, with the Administrative Officer, Community, Climate Action & Operational Services, County Buildings, Tralee, County Kerry or by e-mail to roads@kerrycoco.ie not later than **4.00 p.m. on Monday, 3rd November 2025.**

Bridget Fitzgerald, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs



**COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHIARRAÍ
KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**BÓITHRE A nDÚNADH GO SEALADACH
TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS**

**ALT 75 d'ACHT NA mBÓITHRE 1993
SECTION 75 OF ROADS ACT 1993**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 75 of the Roads Act 1993, and the Temporary Closing of Roads Regulations 1994, Kerry County Council is **proposing** to close to public traffic the streets outlined below in order to facilitate the holding of the *Christmas in Killarney Parade on Saturday, 29th November 2025*:

Streets: College Street, from the junction of Lewis Road to Plunkett Street
Main Street, from the Grand Hotel to the Market Cross
High Street, from the Market Cross to the junction of Msgr O'Flaherty Road
New Street, from the Market Cross to the junction of Beech Road

Street Closing Times: From 5.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

A traffic diversion system will operate on the main approaches to the town.

Any person having an objection to the above proposal should lodge same, in writing, marked **Road Closure**, with the Administrative Officer, Community, Climate Action & Operational Services, County Buildings, Tralee, County Kerry or by e-mail to roads@kerrycoco.ie not later than **4p.m. on Monday 3rd November 2025**.

**Bridget Fitzgerald,
Senior Executive Officer,
Corporate Affairs**

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 6,10,12,22. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €150. Next jackpot €4,000 on Monday November 3rd. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (Top of Ross Road), club members and online through clubzap.

U16 PREMIER

Killarney Athletic 2-2 Killarney Celtic

Kian Brosnahan, Conor McElligott

Celtic battled back from 2 down to get a point in this local derby. 2 fine sides gave it everything and in the end the deadlock was unable to be broken in any side's favour.

U16 DIV 2

Killarney Celtic B 1-1 Castleisland B

Derry O'Gorman

Celtic B played out a draw with Castleisland. Both sides gave it their all but neither side could find the winner.

U14 PREMIER

Dingle 5-2 Killarney Celtic

Jack Clifford, Fionn Culloty

Celtic A were not at their best and Dingle took advantage to claim the win.

U14 DIV 1

Killarney Celtic C 3-3 Ballyhar Dyn

Josh Buckley 2, Dylan McCarthy

Celtic C played out a highly entertaining draw with Ballyhar last week with both sides having periods of supremacy. However in the end nothing could separate the sides.

U14 DIV 3

Killarney Athletic C 4-3 Killarney Celtic D

Roin Og Balasingam, Oskar Kozub, Mukammed Gazal

Celtic D just came out the wrong side of a goal fest with Athletic C after an exciting tie in Woodlawn.

U13 DIV 1

Killarney Celtic B 0-4 Mastergeeha A

Celtic B battled all the way against a good Mastergeeha team.

U12 DIV 3

Killarney Celtic D 2-6 Mastergeeha

Celtic D battled bravely but on the day Mastergeeha were just too strong.

GIRLS

KDL PREMIER

Inter Kenmare 0-1 Killarney Celtic

Sadbh Curran

A goal in the 2nd half was all that separated the sides after this league opener in Kenmare. Celtic opened well in the 1st half but were unable to



Killarney Celtic Senior Women squad vs Inter Kenmare

break the deadlock until 10 mins into the 2nd half when Sadbh Curran slotted home. Celtic held their advantage to the finish to claim the win.

SFAI NATIONAL CUP

Rathkeale 4-2 Killarney Celtic

Leah Mannix 2

Celtic bowed out of the SFAI National Cup after defeat in Rathkeale. Celtic now drop to the National Trophy.

BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

LOTTO

No.s: 2, 9, 24, 29. No winner of the jackpot. 5 x €25: Sean O'Sullivan Farranfore. Jerry O Donoghue, Killarney. Eileen Dowd, Furies. Liz McGillicuddy, Ballyhar & Ray Hocht, Furies. Next draw for a Jackpot of €2800 will take place on Sunday next 2nd November at Butlers Bar, Furies. Tickets available from Committee members, Sheehans Filling Station, Farranfore. Spar & Hendersons Shops, Furies & Butlers Bar, Furies. Thanks to all who support & help out with the club lotto

TEAMS

The U12 Division 1 girls had a good win over neighbours MEK FC on Sunday last at Murt Scott Park thanks to goals from Anna Kate & Amelie with Robin, Laura, Shona & the two Sophie's all playing well.

The U12 A boys team had no joy in their away trip Inter Kenmare with Ethan O Sullivan & Tadhg

Fitzgerald on the scoresheet with Diarmuid Sheehy, Conor Ryan, Sean Daly & Darren Foley putting in a big effort.

The U10s had a useful work out at home recently with great enthusiasm shown against Castlemaine Utd where all the skills of the game were on display.

The U16s premier Boys travelled to Tralee Dynamos on Saturday last where the home team took the points on a 2-0 win with the second goal coming late on to seal the win. Best on the day for Ballyhar were Cillian Casey, Daire Cornally, Jack Kelly, Jamie O'Brien & Paddy O'Shea Courname.

CLUB GEAR

To secure your christmas delivery of club gear log onto DS Sports /Club Gear. Item(s) must be ordered by Sunday next 2nd November to secure delivery for Christmas.

FAREWELL

The Club wishes The Kerryman newspaper Soccer Correspondent for the past 18 years, Mike Rice from Asdee the best of wishes on his retirement as he laid down his Pen & Notepad to take a deserved break from Match reports & Deadlines.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC AFC ARE CELEBRATING 60 YEARS and are hosting a party night at the Gleneagle hotel on Friday November 14th. Tickets are €60 and are available



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u12s who defeated MEK FC on Sunday last at Murt Scott Park in Division 1 of the Kerry Schoolgirl League.



Ballyhar Dynamos FC u16s who lost away 2-0 to Tralee Dynamos FC in the Premier Division of the Kerry Schoolboy League.

at Brian James Main Street/The Blackthorn Shop High Street/ Denis O'Neill Plunkett Street

BOYS U15 DIVISION 2 RESULT

Killorglin B 1 - 7 Killarney Athletic B

Malachy Audley x 3 Daniel Quinlan x 1 Jack Gleeson x 1 Conor Brosnan x 1 Miron Svyrypa x 1
Our young blues bounced back in style today with a dominant display away to Killorglin. The lads started with intensity, controlling the possession from the off which resulted in a great team performance. The perfect response after last week. Thanks very much to the ref & Killorglin. MOTM - Ryan O'Keeffe

BOYS U14 DIVISION 1 RESULT

St Brendans Park B 1 - 0 Killarney Athletic B

The lads were unlucky not to come away with something from their game away at Park (Tralee) on Saturday morning. It was tight game throughout with Leon Wojciech coming close before half time. Athletic came close twice through Sean O'Connor but with 10 to go Park scored with a scramble in the box which put the home team ahead. The lads kept going to the final whistle to achieve a draw but were unsuccessful with Park taking the points but great effort from Athletic in a very competitive game.

BOYS U14 BOYS RESULT

Killarney Athletic A 4 - 1 Killorglin A

Sean Quill x 2 Ryan O'Donoghue x 1 Rory Tarrant x 1

The boys won a very hard fought match against a strong Killorglin side this afternoon at Woodlawn. Killorglin were the only team to beat the lads in the league last year so this victory meant a lot to the boys. The match started in the worst way when Killorglin were awarded a penalty shot in the first minute. Derry Sheehan made a fabulous stop on the penalty to keep the score 0-0 and changed momentum. The lads went right back down and scored a goal from Ryan O'Donoghue with well taken finish. Sean Quill burst down the left wing and struck a wonderful bottom corner finish to go up 2-0. Rory Tarrant added to the tally with a well taken goal from a cross from Sean Quill to put the lads up 3-0. Killorglin fought hard and came back to score a lovely goal to go into half 3-1 down. The second half was back and forth with both teams having good chances and control of the game. Sean Quill calmed the nerves with a fabulous free kick outside the box to finish the game 4-1. Each and every player contributed to the hard fought win. Our men of the match were our two centre backs Alan O'Donoghue and Artem Dzhandra. They have formed a strong partnership this year in the new combination

and we're both immense today. Well done lads. Thank you to Killorglin players and managers for a very sporting game. Men of the match for Athletic: Alan O'Donoghue & Artem Dzhandra
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BOYS U14 DIVISION 3 RESULT

Killarney Athletic U14 C 4 - 3 Killarney Celtic

Luke O'Sullivan x 1 Daniel Cremin x 2 Oisín O'Sullivan x 1

The boys welcomed our near neighbours this bank holiday weekend to Woodlawn. The game started with both teams playing some good football and having a few good chances. Athletic went one up from a great finish by Luke O'Sullivan at the back post. Unfortunately, this only served to wake up Killarney Celtic, and they really took control of the game from the remainder of the half scoring three goals without reply. And we're really looking like they were going to take the game away from our boys. At half time, the boys had a real hard look at themselves and went out for the second half with a determination to get back into the game. And that they did a fantastic free kick from Daniel Cremin made it 3-2, the boys now had the belief they could get back into this game they equalised after a mix up in Celtic's box allowed Daniel Cremin to coolly finish to get his second to make the game 3-3. The game was really in the mixer now and both teams giving it their all to get the win Celtic had some great chances to win but it was our day today great work on the wing by Donncha Slattery putting in a fantastic cross that Oisín O'Sullivan slotted home to give Athletic a 4-3 lead with two mins to go the boys held on for a fantastic win. The game was a credit to both teams and either team could have won it to be fair. But our boys will take a lot from it showing when you put in the effort and the hard work you get the rewards. We would like to thank Celtic for a brilliant game and the Ref for a great game.

MATCH REPORT - KILLARNEY ATHLETIC U13S VS CAMP UNITED

A cracking morning of football in the Kerry Schoolboys Premier as Killarney Athletic U13s took on a spirited Camp United side! Both teams

gave it absolutely everything — tackles flying in, keepers earning their lunch, and plenty of cheering from the sidelines! It was a fair and hard-fought game, but the Blues just had that little bit of extra quality when it mattered most. Athletic took their chances in style — Darragh O'Toole bagged himself a tidy brace, Harry Randles added a cool finish and Joe O'Shea wrapped things up with a top-class strike. Camp battled to the end and got their reward with a late goal — fair play to them, a great sporting side who never gave up. Big thanks to the ref for a well-handled game and to all the parents for the support on the sideline. Athletic march on with confidence — plenty more to come from this exciting young group! #TheBlues #HardWorkPaysOff #BlueWave #UpTheAthletic

BOYS U12 AS

Killarney Celtic O-2 Killarney Athletic

Our u12 A team made the short trip to our neighbours tonight under the lights of Celtic park and came away with the spoils. Athletic started well and found a very resilient Celtic defence difficult to break down. John Hegarty and Rian O'Reilly came close early on but the Celtic defence held firm. We made the breakthrough just before half time with Rian O'Reilly finishing from the edge of the box after picking up the second ball from a corner and finishing well leaving us one up at halftime. We started well the second half and put the home team under pressure but they continued to defend very well. Connor O'Donnell scored the second after an excellent mazy solo run and tidy finish to make things a little more comfortable. All 12 players were superb on the night, they played the game in the right way, created a lot of chances and defended well. Our centre back Daniel O'Donoghue was the MOTM as he was excellent on the ball and defended brilliantly. It was a huge team effort and another step in the right direction for this team.

Thanks to Celtic for a competitive and sporting game and we wish them well for the season.

BOYS U12 DIVISION 3 RESULT

U12C VS U12D DERBY THRILLER!

Our U12C and U12D sides went head to head today in a Division 3 league derby that truly had all the buzz of a cup final! From the first whistle it was non stop action, real end to end football with big tackles, great saves and some fantastic goals too! The lads showed great determination throughout with both teams leading at different stages, keeping everyone on the edge of their seats right to the final whistle! After this incredible battle it was to finish 3-3.

A result that perfectly reflects how evenly matched these two teams were. A huge well done to all the players involved and thanks very much to the ref for a well run game

GIRLS U16 NATIONAL CUP RESULT

Killarney Athletic 4 - 2 Holycross FC

The girls welcomed Holycross to Woodlawn today in the second round of the national cup. We did not start great and were down a goal after five minutes. But this was the catalyst for the girls to really wake up and they started playing some great football. And they really started to impose themselves in the game and a goal to even it up came very fast from a fantastic strike from a really tight angle by Ella Murphy.

Killarney Athletic U16 Girls



The game then opened up a lot and Sophie O Shea got our second goal from a fantastic finish in to the corner after fantastic spell of play by the girls.

Holycross evened up the game from an unstoppable free kick with only minutes left in the half. The girls started the second half with great determination and Lillian Slattery got the third. From that point on the girls really worked hard and defended brilliantly and with four minutes left Sophie O Shea got her second to confirm the win. It was a great team performance with every girl playing their part. We would like to thank Holycross for a fantastic game and also the ref for brilliant game. Sophie O Shea x 2 Ella Murphy x 1 Lillian Slattery x 1

GIRLS U14 NATIONAL CUP KILLARNEY

Athletic 2 - 1 Bunratty

Roisin O' Sullivan x 1 Elizabeth Brosnan x 1

Player of the Game Elizabeth Brosnan

U12 GIRLS - NATIONAL CUP ACTION

Our U12 girls travelled away to Ballylanders for their National Cup game this weekend, with Emer Spellman proudly captaining Killarney Athletic. Despite awful conditions — driving rain and strong winds — the girls battled bravely from start to finish. Every player gave it their all, but unfortunately it just wasn't our day, finishing 3-0 to Ballylanders. Plenty of positives to take from the performance and lots to build on moving forward Well done girls — proud of your effort and teamwork!

KERRY SCHOOLBOYS & GIRLS LEAGUE

U12 GIRL'S INTER LEAGUE

Cork 1-1 Kerry (Kerry won 4-3 on pens)

U12 GIRL'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 2

Caherdavin Celtic 0-7 Mastergeeha

Askeaton/Kilcormnan AFC 5-0 Castleisland AFC

Ballylanders AFC 3-0 Killarney Athletic

U12 GIRL'S NATIONAL TROPHY ROUND 1

Tralee Dynamos A 1-5 Mungret Regional

Killorglin 3-0 Shannonside AFC w/o

Fenit Samphires 1-1 Rathkeale AFC AET (Fenit won 2-1 on pens)

Kilmallock United 2-0 Inter Kenmare

MAHER MEATS U12 GIRL'S DIVISION 1 PRE-SEASON

Ballyhar A 9-4 MEK A

U14 GIRL'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 2

Broadford United 0-2 Mastergeeha

Lisnagry FC 0-1 Listowel Celtic

Killarney Athletic 2-1 Bunratty Cratloe Fc

Rathkeale 4-2 Killarney Celtic

Fairview Rangers 5-3 Killorglin

St. Brendan's Park 4-2 Askeaton/Kilcormnan AFC

Castleisland AFC 0-4 Ennis Town

U14 GIRL'S NATIONAL TROPHY ROUND 1

Abbeyfeale United 3-2 Tralee Dynamos

U16 GIRLS NATIONAL CUP ROUND 2

Inter Kenmare 1-2 Avenue United

LB Rovers 2-8 Herbertstown AFC

Killarney Athletic 4-2 Holycross

MEK Galaxy 7-0 Regional United

Camp Juniors 2-0 Shelbourne

U16 GIRL'S PREMIER

Park 3-0 Inter Kenmare

BOYS

U12 BOY'S INTER LEAGUE

Limerick County 3-9 Kerry

EBS U12 BOY'S PREMIER PRE-SEASON

Park A 2-0 Listowel Celtic A

Mastergeeha A 1-2 Castleisland

Killarney Celtic A 0-2 Killarney Athletic A

EBS U12 BOY'S DIVISION 1 PRE-SEASON

Iveragh A 6-0 Park D

Mastergeeha B 2-2 Milltown

Killorglin B 2-5 MEK A

Inter Kenmare A 8-2 Ballyhar A

EBS U12 BOY'S DIVISION 2 PRE-SEASON

Tralee Dynamos A 4-2 Listowel Celtic B

Killorglin C 0-6 LB Rovers B

Fenit B 0-2 Mastergeeha C

Park C 1-6 Castleisland B

EBS U12 BOY'S DIVISION 3 PRE-SEASON

Inter Kenmare B 1-5 Castleisland C

Killarney Celtic D 2-6 Mastergeeha D

Iveragh B 2-3 Ballyheigue

Ballyhar B 4-4 LB Rovers C

Dingle B 2-5 Tralee Dynamos B

U13 BOY'S INTER LEAGUE

Kerry 6-0 West Cork

U13 BOY'S PREMIER

Inter Kenmare A 7-1 Listowel Celtic A

U13 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Ballyhar A 5-2 LB Rovers A

Killarney Celtic B 0-4 Mastergeeha A

U13 BOY'S DIVISION 2 NORTH

MEK B 1-7 Ardfer

THE GOLDEN NUGGET U14 BOY'S PREMIER

Killarney Athletic A 4-1 Killorglin A

Castleisland A 2-2 Listowel Celtic A

Dingle A 5-2 Killarney Celtic A

THE GOLDEN NUGGET U14 BOY'S DIVISION 1

Park B 1-0 Killarney Athletic B

Mastergeeha 3-0 LB Rovers w/o

Killarney Celtic C 3-3 Ballyhar A

Camp A 6-2 Tralee Dynamos A

THE GOLDEN NUGGET U14 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Castleisland B 2-3 Mastergeeha B

Inter Kenmare B 7-2 Tralee Dynamos B

Listowel Celtic B 5-1 Park C

THE GOLDEN NUGGET U14 BOY'S DIVISION 3

Iveragh B 2-3 LB Rovers B

Killarney Athletic C 4-3 Killarney Celtic D

Killorglin C 4-2 Fenit B

U15 BOY'S NATIONAL CUP ROUND 2

Killarney Celtic 1-7 Listowel Celtic

TC CONSTRUCTION U15 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Killorglin B 1-7 Killarney Athletic B

TC CONSTRUCTION U15 BOY'S DIVISION 3

Mastergeeha B 4-4 MEK

POWER TRAVEL U16 BOY'S PREMIER

Killarney Athletic A 2-2 Killarney Celtic A

Tralee Dynamos A 2-0 Ballyhar A

Power Travel U16 Boy's Division 1

MEK A 1-7 Castleisland A

POWER TRAVEL U16 BOY'S DIVISION 2

Park B 6-0 Tralee Dynamos B

Iveragh A 5-0 Killarney Athletic B

Killarney Celtic B 1-1 Castleisland B

LB Rovers A 3-2 Mastergeeha B

NATIONAL

KERRY SIDES GET INTER LEAGUE CAMPAIGNS UNDERWAY

The Kerry U12 and U13 Boys along with the U12 Girls all had their first taste of Inter League action at the weekend, as the next generation of Kerry soccer players looked to start on the front foot.

The Kerry U12 Boys got their campaign off to a flying start with a superb 9-3 victory away to Limerick County. The young side showed their attacking prowess with Will O'Sullivan and Rian O'Reilly both bagging hat-tricks, while Robbie O'Sullivan, Igor Jasinski, and Shea Matthews also got on the scoresheet in a dominant performance.

Days earlier, the 13's produced another excellent attacking display as they defeated West Cork with a 6-0 win. Tadhg Gilligan and Dylan McCarthy netted twice each, while Cillian Daly and Muiris Quirke also found the target in an impressive all-round team effort.

And finally the U12 Girls needed penalties to overcome Cork in their opening tie. Isabelle O'Connell Wren found the net as the sides could not be separated in a 1-1 draw. Kerry would prevail 4-3 on spotkicks, Meadh Corcoran, Annie Mai O'Donoghue, Lili Kate Murphy, and Natalia McDermott all converting from the spot.

12'S GIRLS HAVE MIXED RESULTS IN NATIONAL ACTION

It was a busy weekend for Kerry sides in the U12 Girls National Cup and Trophy, as some teams managed to advance, while others saw their campaigns come to an end.

In the National Cup Round 2, Mastergeeha were in outstanding form, recording a commanding 7-0 victory away to Caherdavin Celtic. Gracie Maher was unstoppable, firing in four goals, while Lucy Devane also found the net in a dominant team display.

Elsewhere, Castleisland AFC went down 5-0 to Askeaton/Kilcormnan AFC, and Killarney Athletic were beaten 3-0 by Ballylanders AFC.

In the National Trophy Round 1, Tralee Dynamos A fell 5-1 to Mungret Regional, with Abi Donovan grabbing their consolation goal. Killorglin progressed with a walkover win against Shannonside AFC, while Fenit Samphires held





Killarney Celtic U14 Boys Premier



Killarney Athletic U14 Boys Div 1.

their nerve in a dramatic penalty shootout, advancing 2-1 on pens after a 1-1 draw with Rathkeale AFC. Inter Kenmare were beaten 2-0 by Kilmallock United to round out the Kerry involvement.

KERRY GIRLS ADVANCE IN 14'S NATIONAL CUP

Round 2 action was on the cards for Kerry clubs in the U14 Girls National Cup at the weekend, while one Trophy game also went ahead, with plenty of goals and standout performances across the board.

In National Cup Round 2, Mastergeeha advanced impressively thanks to a brace from Mia Doherty in their 2-0 win away to Broadford United. Listowel Celtic also booked their spot in the next round, getting past Lisnagry FC 1-0, with Samantha Lyons grabbing the decisive goal.

Killarney Athletic continued the county's good form, securing a 2-1 victory over Bunratty Cratloe courtesy of strikes from Roisin O'Sullivan and Elizabeth Brosnan.

Despite a battling effort, Killarney Celtic lost 4-2 to Rathkeale, with Leah Mannix netting both goals, while Killorglin also went down in a high-scoring clash, 5-3 to Fairview Rangers, their goals coming from Keelin Flynn, Mia Robertson, and Siomha Clifford.

St. Brendan's Park produced a fine attacking display to defeat Askeaton/Kilcornan 4-2, with Ciara Cronin (2), Faith Breen, and Caoimhe Field all on target. Castleisland AFC, meanwhile, were beaten 4-0 by a strong Ennis Town side.

In the National Trophy, Tralee Dynamos put in a spirited performance but narrowly lost 3-2 away to Abbeyfeale United.

NATIONAL CUP ACTION CONTINUES FOR 16'S GIRLS

Killarney Athletic booked their place in the next round with a strong 4-22 win over Holycross. Goals from Sophie O'Shea (2), Ella Murphy, and Lillian Slattery sealed the victory after a well-rounded team performance.

MEK Galaxy were in superb form, producing a dominant 7-0 win over Regional United. Izzy Lyons was the standout performer with an incredible five-goal haul, while Isabelle O'Connor also got on the scoresheet in a commanding display.

LB Rovers battled hard but were beaten 8-2 by a clinical Herbertstown AFC side, with Eilidh Cregan netting both goals for the Kerry outfit. Elsewhere, Inter Kenmare were narrowly defeated 2-1 by Avenue United in a competitive encounter, where Grace O'Sullivan found the net for Kenmare. Camp Juniors also booked their

passage into the next round with a 2-0 win at home to Shelbourne. Meabh Kennedy's free kick and a strike from Kayla O'Neill helped secure the win.

LISTOWEL WIN BATTLE OF THE CELTICS

Listowel Celtic advanced in impressive fashion in their U15 Boys National Cup Round 2 clash with Killarney Celtic, winning 7-1 in the all-Kerry clash. Adam Shanahan led the charge with a superb hat-trick, while Muiris Mulvihill, Leo Vaslychenko, Diarmuid Lyons, and Joe Joy also found the net in a fantastic attacking display by the Listowel side. Cormac O'Sullivan grabbed a consolation for Killarney Celtic, but it was Listowel's day as they booked their spot in the next round in impressive fashion.

BOYS

12'S BOYS PRE SEASON CONTINUES

The pre-season action continued across the EBS U12 Boys's Premier at the weekend, with some closely fought games across the county.

Park A picked up a 2-0 victory over Listowel Celtic A, with goals from Kyle O'Sullivan and Conor Roche ensuring the hosts started their campaign on a positive note.

In a closely fought contest, Castleisland defeated Mastergeeha A 2-1, with Seamus Lyons and Kalum Brennan on the scoresheet to give Castleisland the win.

Meanwhile, Killarney Athletic A had a 2-0 triumph over local rivals Killarney Celtic A. Goals from Rian O'Reilly and Connor O'Donnell sealed the win for Athletic in a tidy performance.

UNBEATEN ATHLETIC LEAD 14'S PREMIER

A third win in a row for Killarney Athletic has built a gap of three points from the chasing pack at the summit of the table, as Dingle Bay Rovers are hot on their tails after an impressive result over Killarney Celtic.

Athletic continued their strong start with a 4-1 win over Killorglin A. A brace from Sean Quill along with goals from Ryan O'Donoghue and Rory Tarrant sealed the points, while Eoin McClure was on target for Killorglin.

Dingle impressed once again, recording a 5-2 victory over Killarney Celtic A. TJ Ó hAinfein led the way with a hat-trick, while Liam Mac Gearailt bagged a brace. Jack Clifford and Fionn Culloty scored for Celtic in an end to end encounter.

In Castleisland, the home side and Listowel Celtic A played out an exciting 2-2 draw. Yevheni Mamontov struck twice for Castleisland, while Aidan Lynch and Michael D. Mahony replied for Listowel in a well-balanced contest.

CELTIC AND BALLYHAR SHARE THE SPOILS

Leaders Ballyhar and Killarney Celtic C shared

the spoils in a competitive weekend of action across The Golden Nugget U14 Boys Division 1. A high scoring draw saw Killarney Celtic C share the spoils 3-3 with Ballyhar A, with Josh Buckley netting twice and Dylan McCarthy adding another for Celtic. Park B edged out Killarney Athletic B with a narrow 1-0 victory, thanks to a decisive goal from Cian O'Donoghue.

Camp A ran out 6-2 winners over Tralee Dynamos A, with a treble from Tommy O'Driscoll, a double from Orlaith Flynn, and a goal from Ordahan Moynihan sealing the victory. Mastergeeha had a 3-0 walkover win against LB Rovers.

Dynamos Move Six Clear In 16's Premier

There was little to separate local rivals Killarney Celtic and Athletic in the Power Travel U16 Boys Premier at the weekend, while Tralee Dynamos extended their unbeaten run to four games to move six clear at the summit.

The Killarney derby finished level, with Killarney Athletic A and Killarney Celtic A sharing the spoils in a 2-2 draw. Kian Brosnahan and Conor McElligott were on target for Celtic, while Athletic's efforts ensured both sides came away with a point after a tightly contested clash.

Meanwhile, Tralee Dynamos A continued their fine form with a solid 2-0 win over Ballyhar A. Goals from Adrian O'Connor and Cillian O'Brien proved decisive as Dynamos secured an important three points at home.

BOYS TEAM OF THE WEEK:

1. Donagh Moloney (Listowel Celtic U12)
2. Charlie Brosnan (Castleisland U16)
4. Alan O'Donoghue (Killarney Athletic U14)
5. Tiernan O'Callaghan (Mastergeeha U14)
3. Cathal O'Connor (Fenit U14)
6. Cian O'Donoghue (St Brendan's Park U14)
7. Tommy O'Driscoll (Camp Juniors U14)
8. Rowan Murphy (Killarney Celtic U14)
9. Ciaran Sheehy (Ardfert U13)
10. Liam Mac Gearailt (Dingle Bay Rovers U14)
11. Dylan Stack (LB Rovers U14)

GIRLS ROLL OF HONOUR:

1. Ava Duffin (Tralee Dynamos)
2. Tara Laide (Camp Juniors)
4. Elsie Clifford (Killarney Celtic)
5. Ciara Cronin (St Brendan's Park)
3. Chloe Ahern (MEK Galaxy)
6. Caoimhe O'Shea (Inter Kenmare)
8. Elizabeth Brosnan (Killarney Athletic)
7. Sophie O'Shea (Killarney Athletic)
10. Gracie Maher (Mastergeeha)
9. Izzy Lyons (MEK Galaxy)
11. Olivia Kissane (Listowel Celtic)



JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

DINGLE END A 77 YEAR WAIT

SENIOR COUNTY FINAL

Dingle 2-13 Austin Stacks 1-12

I didn't see it – I was down in Waterville watching Southern Gaels advance to the Munster Final. We did have the game on television in the background and obviously it was a big talking point all through our game.

It would be facetious for me to give opinions on a game that I didn't see until afterwards – I did watch it at home afterwards, but considering that I had Radio Kerry on in the car driving back home from South Kerry and had listened to the interviews afterwards, it was a little bit of a surreal experience!

I do have to say that I am delighted for Dingle. And that's no dig at Austin Stacks, far from it. The Rockies are a great club and have always been very good to me. It's just that Austin Stacks have the population, the support base and organisation, and the steady stream of astonishing talent (Murphy – and the incredible Ben Murphy, yes we are in Davd Clifford territory there – may be going, but his brother Jack is a serious footballer too, Kirby, Lane, Carroll....that Stacks team on Sunday had an average age of 23) will be back. Dingle have been so close for so much of the last decade without ever getting over the finish line.

77 years. Lads....like, 77 years. What can you say? Look, a lot of my generation described Kerry not winning an All Ireland between 1986 and 1997, the Maurice Final, as a famine.....in hindsight, that's not a famine. 77 years? That's a famine.

I've always said that if Mayo finally do win the All Ireland, I want to book a bed in Castlebar that night. That'll be the biggest party that Ireland has ever thrown. Quie honestly, last Sunday I was tempted to point the car towards Dingle town.

Dingle: Gavin H Curran, Padraig O'Connor, Aidan O'Connor, Tom O'Sullivan (0-2), Tom Leo O'Sullivan, Conor Flannery, Brian O'Connor (0-1), Billy O'Connor, Niall Geaney, Tadhg de Brún (0-1), Paul Geaney (2-2), Mark O'Connor, Conor Geaney (0-4, 1tpf), 1f), Matthew Flaherty, Dylan Geane (0-3, 1tpf)y. Subs: Dara O'Sullivan (for Paul Geaney, bs, 7-13 mins), Ned Ryan (for Billy O'Connor, 51 mins), Mikey Geaney (for Tadhg De Brun, 51 mins), Cathal Bambury (for Conor Geaney, 57 mins), Seán Óg Moran (for Tom Leo O'Sullivan, 58 mins)

Austin Stacks: Michael Tansley, Colin Griffin, Joey Nagle, Niall Fitzmaurice, Eoghan Carroll, Armin Heinrich (0-2, 1tp), Ronan Shanahan, Joe O'Connor (0-2, 1tp), Ben Murphy (0-3), Michael O'Donnell, Conor Horan, Daniel Kirby, Paddy Lane (0-3, 1f), Cian Purcell (1-0), Jordan Kissane (0-1). Subs: Jack O'Shea (for Eoghan Carroll,

half-time), Dylan Casey (for Niall Fitzmaurice, 37 mins), Greg Horan 0-1, 1f (for Conor Horan, 42 mins), Roanan Carroll (for Jordan Kissane, 56 mins) Colm Browne (for Michael O'Donnell bs, 56 mins), Jack Murphy (for Colin Griffin, bs, 56 mins).

Referee: Seán Joy (Laune Rangers)

COUNTY FINAL 1948

I was tempted last week to do a piece about Dingle's last County Final win. It wasn't a Bishop Moynihan win, Bishop Denis Moynihan didn't present that Cup to the Kerry County Board until 1953.

1948

It was a fairly momentous year anyway in Irish history. The Republic of Ireland Act was passed, making Ireland a republic. Emaon de Valera and Fianna Fáil lost a General Election in February after sixteen years in power – De Valera was a great leader in many ways, but his isolationist economic policies were biting fairly hard. John A. Costello, leading Ireland's first ever coalition government, was taoiseach. However, the relatively new Clann na Poblachta Party of Seán McBride's, backboned by staunch republicans, did not get the expected surge, with only ten TDs elected. John Flynn and Honor Crowley (FF) and Patrick Palmer (FG) represented Kerry South.

The biggest events politically worldwide were the assassination of Gandhi in January and the foundation of the State of Israel. Obviously, that British construct called 'India' was going to fracture into its component kingdoms of yore, while Israel was going to be a bastion of peace and understanding....

It doesn't look like it was a great year for movies. 'The Treasure of the Sierra Madre' seems about as big as it got, with 'Easter Parade' and 'The Red Shoes' (never heard of it) also popular. Norman Mailer's 'The Quick and the Dead' was the biggest book of the year – George Orwell finished '1984' that year but it wasn't published until 1949.

Ireland sent a big contingent to the 1948 Summer Olympics, but a dispute between the governing bodies of athletics regarding the selection of athletes from Northern Ireland meant that a lot of athletes couldn't participate. Kerry beat Cork in the Munster Final, but had no answer to Paraic Carney, Peter Solan, and Tom Langan as Mayo won the All Ireland semi-final to Mayo, who lost out in their turn to reigning champions Cavan in the final.

Dingle – it was drawn from almost all of West Kerry except Castlegregory, not just Dingle



Aussie Rules Team Geelong's Mark O'Connor who helped Gaelic football side Dingle end a 77-year wait for a County Championship.

town – would have been ranked as serious contenders before any ball was thrown in. Between 1937 and 1947 they had amassed five County titles and lost three more. They had also backboned Kerry to five All Ireland titles in that period. The likes of Paddy Bawn Brosnan, Tim Brosnan, Bill Casey, Bill Dillon, Tom Long (he would move to Killarney as a teacher and become a stalwart with Dr. Crokes) and Tom 'Gega' O'Connor were household names. For a lot of Kerry GAA supporters, they still are.

It was a long championship, starting on April 18th and the final being played on September 12th. Imagine having that luxury now! Dingle

were in a group with Austin Stacks, Kerins O'Rahillys, and Castlegregory. They showed serious scoring power, beating Rahillys by 3-7 to 1-4 and Castlegregory by 2-10 to 2-8 (those were big totals for that time) and getting a walkover from an already eliminated Austin Stacks. That meant that Dingle and Rahillys both had two wins in the group. They were drawn with byes into the semi-finals, while the other top two in each group went into quarter-finals. Interestingly, I see that the two group winners were drawn against each other, as were the two second placed teams (nowadays first would play second in the other group).

Killarney saw off Castleisland after a replay. That great Kerryman reporter, P.F., noted afterwards that "at one time a fight between players (broke out) which several spectators did their utmost to embroil themselves in. The Cuntly Board, to avoid a near-riot, must seriously consider abolishing sideline seats in this venue (Tralee)". P.F. was never one to mince his words! To be fair, Killarney and Castleisland would win the next two County Championships, and spectator involvement was not mentioned.

Dingle beat Killarney by 4-5 to 1-4 in the semi-final, while Shannon Rangers defeated Rahillys by 3-5 to 1-4. Shannon Rangers had some serious players on their side, Gerald Stack, Eddie and Denis Dowling, Gus Cremins, Mick Finucane, Johnny Walsh, and of course, Kerry minor Jim Brosnan of Moyvane. Con's son would go on to win senior All Irelands and, in my opinion, lay the groundwork for modern Kerry football in his time as County Chairman. According to Pat O'Shea's excellent 'Face the Ball: Records of the Kerry Senior Football Championships 1889 - 1998', "Most Rev. Dr. Heffernan, Bishop of Zanzibar, threw in the ball to start the final". John William Henderson, of course, was a native of Kilmanikan, near Abbeyfeale, and was ordained in Kerry (don't mind the "of course" there; I just googled it. I wouldn't be well versed in the Bishops of Zanzibar).

It was actually a very one sided final, disappointingly so. Dingle had a very strong wind and basically had it wrapped up by half-time, leading by 2-7 to 0-0. Shannon Rangers did fight back in the second half but lost out on a 2-10 to 0-5 final scoreline, with Tom Long lifting the Cup.

Dingle: Ned Fitzgerald, Paddy Bawn Brosnan, Denis O'Connor, Tim Brosnan, Tommy O'Sullivan, Bill Casey, Larry O'Connor, Tom Flaherty, Jackie Fitzgerald, Tom Long, Tom Ashe, Tom Gega O'Connor, Tommy Sheehy, Bill Dillon, Paudie Sheehy.

Shannon Rangers: Gerald Stack, John Culhane, Denis Dowling, Dick Walsh, Mic Finucane, Eddie Dowling, Mick McElligott, Gus Cremin, M Doran, Liam Finucane, Joe Shanahan, Jim Brosnan, Johnny Walsh, Pat Kissane, Seán Boland.

O'DONOGHUE CUP QUARTER-FINALS

Glenflesk 3-9

Kenmare Shamrocks 0-19

Glenflesk opened with the strong wind and made a lightning start. Goals from Jamie Moynihan, Jeff O'Donoghue and Dylan Roche helped them into a 3-5 to 0-3 lead before the excellent Paul O'Connor kicked two points just before half-time. The second half was a different story, with Jimmy Lehane and Paul O'Connor leading a great revival by Kenmare along with key scores from Donal O'Sullivan, Kevin O'Sullivan. Three points from Jack Tangney brought them level with two minutes to play and man of the match Paul O'Connor kicked the winner to put Kenmare into a semi-final.

Spa 2-23 Listry 0-22

Listry started with the opening three points but Spa replied with 1-5, Michael Foley setting up David Spillane for the goal. Aaron O'Shea responded with two two pointers. At half-time Spa led by 1-6 to 0-8. The second half was very tight. Spa had their noses in front late on but a Cathal O'Donoghue brace took the game to extra-time, 1-14 to 0-17. Spa kicked four points in the first half of extra-time but Ruairi Murphy had two two pointers for Listry, 1-18 to 0-21. However, Sa were able to kick on in the last ten minutes and a second David Spillane goal secured victory.

Rathmore 1-18 Gneeveguilla 0-18

Rathmore made a blistering start, with points from Alan Dineen and Shane Ryan and an Andrew Moynihan goal helping them into a

1-9 to 0-0 lead before Paul O'Leary opened Gneeveguilla's account. John O'Leary added three more but 0-3 (1tpf) from Shane Ryan gave Rathmore a 1-12 to 0-4 half-time lead. Fionn Murphy, Shane Ryan, and Brendan O'Keeffe extended the lead but Gneeveguilla sharpshooter Cornelius Buckley kicked three two pointers and further points from Paraic Finnegan and Pádraig Doyle trimmed the gap back to 1-17 to 0-13. A determined Gneeveguilla put in a strong finish with further scores from Pádraig Doyle and the O'Learys to make for a really exciting finish but Rathmore held out for a 1-18 to 0-18 victory and a place in the last four.

Dr. Crokes 1-17 Kilcummin 0-15

Philip O'Leary (2) and Cian Foley had Kilcummin level at 0-3 apiece but with Tony Brosnan in top form, Dr. Crokes put on a spurt to lead by eight points. Matt Keane with a brace and Brendan Kealy with two two pointer frees trimmed the gap, with Crokes leading by 0-11 to 0-9 at the break. Cian Foley, Paul O'Shea, and Seán O'Leary actually gave Kilcummin a one point lead but back came Crokes with another burst and a goal from Billy Courtney gave them enough breathing space, despite a late two pointer from Mark O'Shea, and it's the holders who advance.

LADIES' MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

All three Kerry teams in action made it safely into the Munster Finals next weekend.

SENIOR:

Southern Gaels 2-10 Brian Borus 0-3

Waterville is one of the most scenic views in Kerry on a sunny day. It wasn't particularly scenic last Sunday on a wet and overcast day but I can't say I minded; it's also one of the most hospitable clubs in Kerry regardless of the weather. I have to say that the playing of the National Anthem, with the great Paddy Fogarty with the music (as he has done for over half a century of championship games in South Kerry) and teenage All Ireland Scór bronze medallist Aisling O'Connell with the singing was a special highlight and a reminder that



Listry and Spa Captains Line out before the O'Donoghue Cup quarter final.
Photo: East Kerry GAA



Rathmore and Gneeveguilla Captains Line out before the O'Donoghue Cup quarter final. Photo: East Kerry GAA



Action from the Glenflesk V Kenmare Shamrocks game. Photos: Seamus Healy

games like these are as much about a culture as a sport. As for the game itself? Brian Borus, who were very understrength on the day, opted to play very defensively – as in, only one player in the Southern Gaels half most of the time. Southern Gaels led by 1-4 to 0-2 at half-time and won't be happy about their finishing, leaving a lot of chances behind them. Mind you, a swirling wind definitely wasn't doing their forwards any favours. The second half was low tempo, with Brian Borus getting their sole point in the final minute. Rachel Dwyer top scored with 1-4, while the likes of Jess Gill, Ellie O'Connell, goalscorer Katie Foster, and Siun Fitzgerald impressed.

They take on Comeragh Rangers this Sunday in Mallow, and that is going to be a very different kind of battle.

INTERMEDIATE:

Clounmacon/Moyvane 1-12

Liscannor 1-6

Clounmacon/Moyvane got a far sterner test in Con Brosnan Park from the Clare champions, who actually looked the likelier winners for long periods. They opened up a 0-3 to 0-1 lead. Clounmacon/Moyvane got it back to 0-5 to 0-3. However, Shannon Cagney pounced on a short kick-out to goal. Two points from Gillian Musgrave levelled matters as Clounmacon/Moyvane improved, but a Roisín Considine free gave Liscannor a 1-5 to 0-7 lead at half-time. Erin Finucane equalised on the restart but Liscannor were unlucky to see a blistering shot come back off the crossbar. They did get a point to go one up, but that was as good as it got for them as Clounmacon/Moyvane improved their shooting and began to pull away. Points from Erin Finucane, Ornaith Wall, and Gillian Musgrave pushed them three points to the good and, as Liscannor pressed hard for an equalising goal, Gillian Musgrave put on a burst of pace to race clear before laying off to Maria Kennelly for a clinching goal. A slightly flattering margin, but that's a good win for a Clounmacon/Moyvane side and will stand to them against Cork champions Naomh Aban next week.

JUNIOR:

Cromane 2-9 Dohenys 0-15

This one was an absolute cracker. Dohenys, the more experienced Cork champions, had Cromane under the cosh early on, with county player Melissa Duggan really standing out. However, Cromane goaled after brilliant work by Roisín Griffin to steady the ship. It was point for point after that, really great football on both sides. Dohenys led by 0-7 to 1-2 at the break. With Cromane trailing by three points early in the second half, teenager Mary Kate Smith was fouled in the square and Roisín Griffin stepped up to fire home from the spot. 0-9 to 2-3. With Donehys clinging on to a one point lead coming towards the our mark, it was the outstanding Roisín Griffin again who fired over a brilliant equaliser to take it into extra-time. Eimear Burke and Ava O'Donovan exchanged a brace of frees in extra-time and the sides were still deadlocked at the end of extra-time. Sudden death, 25 metre kicks, and it was Cromane who prevailed. Awful way for a game to finish – if ever a game should have gone to a replay, it was this one, but it's Cromane who are left standing to face St. Patricks of Waterford in the Munster Final.

CORN UÍ MHUIRÍ

ST. BRENDANS FALL TO IMPRESSIVE CLONAKILTY

Round One: Clonakilty CC 0-15 S

t. Brendans Killarney 0-11

I know that it's kind of old news by the time you read it, and it's not exactly joyous reading, but the Sem's opening game in the Corn uí Mhuirí has been a talking point over the past week or so. This is the report I filed after the match. I do want to stress that, while the Sem were certainly missing some big guns, Clonakilty really were excellent.

It was a chastening opening game for St. Brendans Killarney in the opening round of the group stage of the Corn uí Mhuirí. Last year's finalists were defeated by a very impressive Clonakilty CC and will need to win their next two games against Coláiste Choilm Ballincollig and Skibbereen. The Sem were missing some key players, with Cian Mulcahy, Seán Kiely, and Dylan O'Meara all absent through injury, but that's not to take away from Clonakilty, who

had matchwinners in players like Jerry O'Leary, Dylan Harrington, and Seán Whelton.

Seán Whelton set the tone by winning and converting a two point free. The Sem responded in style, Liam O'Brien firing over a brace from play, Ben Kelliher with another, and Liam O'Brien adding a free. Jason Murray split the posts after a good Clonakilty move but Fionán Blackwell replied to leave the Sem in front by 0-5 to 0-3.

They were really struggling to penetrate a well set up Clonakilty defence, though, shooting six first half wides and dropping four efforts short, all kicked under pressure. The Cork side were much more direct and it soon began to pay dividends. Tom Whooley clipped over from a tight angle. Jamie Collins added another to draw level. Dylan Harrington, the key player in Clonakilty's half back line, fired over a superb two pointer. A great catch by Conrad Murphy saw Seán Whelton add a point and David Harte slotted another. The Sem did manage to pull back one point from a Ben Kelliher free with the last kick of the first half, but Clonakilty were full value for a 0-9 to 0-6 lead at the break.

Seán Whelton pointed a free to start the second half and had a great goal chance after pouncing on a loose ball and getting through one on one with Kacper Robak, but scuffed his shot wide. The Sem were snatching at half chances to no avail, where Clonakilty were much more clinical. Jerry O'Leary, Seán Whelton, and Dylan Harrington fired over three points in as many minutes to make it 0-13 to 0-6.

The Sem desperately needed to get on the scoreboard. Joey McCarthy fired over a two pointer to trim the gap back to five points. Ben Kelliher missed one close range free but made no mistake with the next. Liam O'Brien made it 0-13 to 0-10.

The Sem were looking for two pointers, but missed two on the trot, while Clonakilty sub Jack Byerly set up Jerry O'Leary for a white flag. Mark Kennelly got onto a loose ball in the Clonakilty square and drove for goal, but the shot rose a fraction too high and scraped over the crossbar.

Jack Byerly got on the scoresheet to make it 0-15 to 0-11. The Sem were winning plenty of possession, but again were forced into trying for orange flags, and three more wides forced

no change in the tide and when the final whistle sounded, Clonakilty still had those four points in and for a convincing victory.

St. Brendans: Kacper Robak, David McCarthy, Fionn Doyle, Zach Cronin, Jack Rudden, Bryan Walsh, Jake Nash, Mark Kennelly (0-1), Mark O'Carroll, Liam Hennigan, Joey McCarthy (0-2, tp), Fionan Blackwell (0-1), Liam O'Brien (0-4, 1f), Ben Kelliher (0-3, 2f), James Dempsey. Subs Jack Aherne (for James Dempsey, 45), Brian O'Connor (for Jake Nash, 56), John Henderson (for Fionán Blackwell, 58)

Clonakilty CC: Rory Twohig, Oisín Harrington, Howard O'Donovan, Tim Bailey, Jerry O'Leary (0-2), Dylan Harrington (0-3, 1tp), Olan Murphy, Mike Collins, Eanna Deiseanach, David Harte (0-1), Seán Whelton (0-5, 1tpf, 1f), Jason Murray (0-1), Tom Whooley (0-1), Conrad Murphy, Jamie Collins (0-1). Subs Jack Byerly 0-1 (for David Harte, 38), James Maguire (for Conrad Murphy, 49)

Referee: Jerry Kelliher (St. James)

IRELAND WOMEN WIN PROMOTION



Ireland 4 Belgium 2

To be honest, I didn't fancy it. I was very critical of the Irish womens' performance against Wales – don't be thinking that I am going to be eating any of my words here; that really was a narky mismatch of a display. Now, with promotion of the line, they were facing a side ranked seven places above them in the world rankings. Oh, and that was without Louise Quinn, Niamh Fahey, Diane Caldwell, Megan Campbell, Áine O'Gorman, and Karen Duggan. A new management team, while the old management team were in public dispute with the FAI. Although, given that the previous management had also ended in acrimonious and highly public circumstances, the players are probably used to that.

To be fair, Carla Ward wasn't actually drawing from a bad hand of players. Hayes, Stapleton, Littlejohn, Sheva, Carusa, and Denise O'Sullivan (I consider her very under-rated, although her recent displays may have altered that perception now). Oh, and Katie McCabe. Maybe a bit too fiery for her own good, and her left back/false nine type of game doesn't sit easily in any template, but when she clicks she would enhance any team.

And Ireland did click. I know next to nothing about Carla Ward tactical preferences or player management, and I'm sceptical of how much a national manager can do in a time frame of a few days, but something really clicked here. Granted, Belgium were a little bit tentative early on and Ireland were able to grow in confidence,

but Ireland were very good. And I don't mean the individual little bits of brilliance that usually masks a hit-and-hope approach; I mean Ireland were spraying long passes taking players on, making support runs. We love our crunching tackles as Irish fans – I'm a bit of a heretic; I love when our play is good enough to render them unnecessary, or at least rare.

Ireland were genuinely excellent here – when last did our mens' team play like this? – and deserved to take the lead when McCabe calmly slotted a penalty. Full value for a 1-0 lead at the break.

Early in the second half Ireland coughed up a poor enough goal. Grace Moloney is a very good keeper; she won't like watching replays of that one looping above her head. A test of character for the girls in green now.

In the 52nd minute we took the lead again. I don't exactly know how to describe it. I do think that McCabe was aiming for goal, I don't think it was meant as a cross or anything like that. I'd have said it was an over-ambitious effort from out on the left wing – except that it dipped over a wrongfooted keeper, hit the post, and bounced back in off the falling goalkeeper's back. Technically an own goal, because the ball would not have gone in without that goalkeeper's intervention, but I'd credit that goal equally to McCabe and Lady Luck. Ireland were flying now, and McCabe drilled home another ten minutes later with a more conventional finish. 3-1. Belgium were at sixes and sevens now, and coughed up another four minutes later, Marissa Sheva's blistering finish was the best of the night.

Ireland did cough up a goal to Belgium in the 82nd minute. Taking a two goal lead to Belgium for the second leg? My faith hasn't been completely restored, a more composed Belgium on their own ground could score three, but I'd have snapped your hand off for this result before tip-off.

Ireland: Grace Moloney, Aoife Mannion, Caitlin Hayes, Jessie Stapleton, Chloe Mustaki, Emily Murphy, Ruesha Littlejohn (Tyler Toland 60), Denise O'Sullivan (Jamie Finn 75), Marissa Sheva, Katie McCabe, Kyra Carusa (Saoirse Noonan 75).

Belgium 2 Ireland 1

Katie McCabe's 100th cap. Reading previews, there were a number of comments about destiny and pre-ordination. I hate that kid of nonsense. Belgium were clearly a better side than they showed in Dublin and it may be my own touch of paranoia, but I got a sense almost

of giddiness in the RTE studio – and I usually like RTE's coverage of soccer games..

McCabe with an early cross, but Caitlin Hayes couldn't direct the header on target. For me, you need to be taking that kind of chance; they won't come often at this level.

Sure enough, Belgium were beginning to spread the play more and run at Ireland, but Ireland actually had the next chance as the Belgian keeper spilled a tame enough header – a defender hacked it clear off the line. Fair enough, that was more of a half chance, and at least it briefly stymied Belgium.

Ouch. 33rd minute, and Belgium strung a clever passing combination together to set it up for Wullaert on her 150th cap. Have to be fair, that was a very good goal and straight off the training ground.

Only then Belgium scored another goal, and that was a really bad one to cough up. Caitlin Hayes coughed up possession (look, she had a good game overall and is one of our best defenders, but that has to go down as a mistake). Worse was to follow, as Wullaert looked up, saw Moloney off her line, and superbly lifted it over her.

Level pegging at half-time. I won't lie; I felt that the momentum had completely shifted. Ireland were under the cosh and I felt that more mistakes were inevitable. In fairness, Ireland showed more composure than I had expected, but so did Belgium. The game was poised on a knife edge now, and this is where the better teams began to pull away a little bit and pile on more pressure. And – admittedly very much to my surprise – that was Ireland. They weren't panicky, they weren't frantically belting the all clear. They were trusting each other and trying to create things rather than force them. Even if we had lost, I would have come away feeling very positive about that aspect. It was the Belgian keeper who was forced into making saves, Murphy, Sheva, and Caruso all testing her.

In the 90th minute the breakthrough arrived. It was deserved on the balance of play, Abbie Larkin pouncing to fire a loose ball home.

Not only will Ireland compete at A level in Europe, but we are now also guaranteed at least a play-off place for the next World Cup.

Ireland: Grace Moloney, Jessie Stapleton, Caitlin Hayes, Chloe Mustaki, Aoife Mannion, Ruesha Littlejohn (Anna Patten half-time), Denise O'Sullivan (Lucy Quinn 90), Marissa Sheva, Katie McCabe, Kyra Carusa, Emily Murphy (Abbie Larkin 60).



Action from the O'Donoghue Cup quarter final. Photo: East Kerry GAA

DR. CROKES

O'DONOGHUE CUP QUARTER-FINAL

Dr. Crokes 1-17 Kilcummin 0-15

Our senior footballers booked their place in the semi-finals of the O'Donoghue Cup with a hard-earned win over Kilcummin. A well-taken goal from Billy Courtney midway through the first half proved crucial, while Tony Brosnan was in outstanding form throughout, earning the Man of the Match award after an excellent scoring display. Kilcummin battled strongly right to the final whistle, but our accuracy and composure in the closing stages saw us secure a deserved five-point victory.

LOTTO took place October 27th. Numbers drawn were 11, 12, 20, 26. Jackpot of €13,700 was NOT WON. 9 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €45 each. Jackpot for draw on November 3rd will be €14,000. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor (https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor)

FR. PADDY'S CARDS NIGHT will continue on Wednesdays from 8pm in the clubhouse. All are welcome.

GENTLE EXERCISE CLASS with Kathleen continues on Tuesdays from 11am in the Clubhouse. Everyone is welcome.

GENTLE YOGA for both men and woman takes place on Thursdays from 6:15pm-7pm. It is €40 for 4 weeks, valid for 5 weeks.

SCÓR

If anyone is interested in singing, dancing, performing music or taking part in the Quiz please contact Rachel Foley.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Fr. Paddy O'Donoghue.

NOTES

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

KILLARNEY LEGION

CLUB AGM

The Club AGM has been pencilled in for Tuesday November 25th and with a number of officers vacating their post its imperative that a strong attendance is present so that our Club can continue to move forward and progress. Chairman Dave Randles is stepping down after five years while Club PRO Enda Walshe is not seeking reelection. Liam McGuire is also moving on from his Vice Chairman role while the ever efficient Children officer Linda O Donoghue is also stepping away after years of great service.

FIXTURES

East Kerry Minor Championship Final Saturday November 1st 3pm Killarney Legion vs Dr Crokes. East Kerry O Sullivan Cup Quarter Final Sunday November 2nd Killarney Legion vs Glenflesk. Venue: Direen 12 noon.

REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

Evelyn Grimes, Leah Mannix, Mia Cox, Reagan O Shea, Jaylinn O Leary and Clodagh Hegarty were all part of the U13 East Kerry panel to qualify for



Gleneagle Leisure Man of the Match Tony Brosnan receiving award from East Kerry GAA Communications Officer Michael Healy and Stephen Brosnan.

the U13 District Championship Gold final after a comfortable win over Castleisland on Saturday. Meanwhile Mary Pierce, Claire Lyne and Beibhinn O Donoghue all lined out for the U15 equivalents. There was a huge representation on the U17 panel. Kate O Toole, Laura Healy, Ali Bowler, Kate Fleming, Eva O Shea, Kiera Moynihan, Emily O Shea, Lauren MacSweeney, Sophie Duke and Molly Cronin all wore the crimson jersey of the Divisional side.

FOSSA GAA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 26/10/2025 for a jackpot of €4,050 were 6, 7, 8, 26. There was no jackpot winner. The €40 consolation prize winners were; Pat Sheehan, Simon and Beth Coffey, Mary Kearney, Maureen Creedon, Mick Myers.

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

BARCELONA CUP

Congratulations to our Fossa girls Isabella O'Connor, Lily Fogarty, Ava Harty, Elise Brunner and Beibhinn Kiley who are part of MEK Galaxy F.C. who won The Barcelona A Cup last weekend in Salou, Spain. The Barcelona Cup is an International youth football tournament with teams from Ireland, Sweden, Finland, Norway and Northern Ireland. The team was coached by our own Tony Harty. Huge congratulations to all what an amazing achievement by these ladies and their coaches.

WELL DONE

Well done to our Fossa girls involved with U15 East Kerry team v Castleisland District, Ayla Keogh, Zara McCarthy, Ava Harty, Emma O'Connor, Isabelle O'Connor and Kate Kissane. Also, well done to Fossa's Eve O'Halloran who was part of the East Kerry U13 team/panel who had a great win over Mid Kerry in Lewis road earlier today, Doireann O'Connor was also part of the panel.

East Kerry are now through to the County Final of the District Championship.

EAST KERRY

O DONOGHUE CUP QUARTER FINAL

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O DONOGHUE CUP SEMI FINAL DRAW

Rathmore V Kenmare Shamrocks

Dr Crokes V Spa

FR GALVIN CUP SEMI FINALS

Cordal V Currow, Saturday November 1st @2pm

All above games carry extra time with result on the day.

O'SULLIVAN CUP (JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP) QTR FINALS

All games Sunday Nov 2nd @ 12 O'Clock

Legion V Glenflesk, Gneeveguilla V Spa, Listry V Dr. Crokes

All above games carry extra time with result on the day.

EAST KERRY MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION 1 (15 A SIDE) FINAL

Saturday 1st November at 3pm

Legion V Dr. Croke In Fitzgerald Stadium. First named team are at home

DIVISION 2 (13/15 A SIDE) SEMI FINALS

SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER AT 3PM

Listry V Rathmore (In Listry)

DIVISION 3 (13 A SIDE) SEMI FINALS

SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER AT 3PM

Gneeveguilla V Glenflesk (in Gneeveguilla)

Kilcummin V Firies (Kilcummin Venue)

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This year, the East Kerry GAA Board is celebrating 100 years since its foundation. In that inaugural year, the East Kerry Board organised their first League competition. Kilcummin and Kilorglin reached the final of that competition, which was played in the old "Cricket Field" behind Flesk Bridge on the Muckross Road, Killarney. Kilcummin were the eventual winners of that final. The East Kerry Board are unveiling a plaque at Flesk Bridge on Sunday 2 November at 3.00pm to commemorate the 100th anniversary of that first East Kerry League Final.

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Gleneagle Leisure Man of the Match Michael Foley receiving award from East Kerry Vice Chairman Noel Kennedy.



Tim Murphy (Munster GAA Chairman) and Bernie Reen (Munster GAA Healthy and Wellbeing Officer) presenting The Healthy Club Gold Award 2025-2027 to Éamonn Fitzgerald

Dr Crokes 1-17 Kilcummin 0-15

Inspired by man of the match performance from Tony Brosnan, Dr Crokes started their campaign to win back the O Donoghue Cup, with a 5 point win over Kilcummin, in a match that was in the balance for long stretches.

Both team's got going early with Phillip O Leary and Michael Burns both getting point's inside the first minute. O Leary was lively early and his second point left the side's level at 3 point's apice after 5 minute's. From here, Crokes began to get on top, with David Shaw, with 2 point's, and some superb scores from Brosnan, left Crokes with an 11 points to 4 lead after 15 minutes. Kilcummin got 2 badly needed score's from a pair of Matt Keane free's, and they got even closer with 2 superb long range free's from goalie Brendan Kealy, leaving Crokes with an 11 point's to 9 half time lead.

Kilcummin drew level early in the second half with a Paul O Shea free, and went ahead with a Sean O Leary score. Crokes fought back again, with a Shaw point starting a run of score's.

Brosnan and Burns added further point's before Billy Courtney found the bottom corner of the net with a fine low finish. Mark O Shea then struck over a fine 2 pointer for Kilcummin, but Crokes held on to their lead, will be hard to beat after a hard battle here.

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Spa 2-23 Listry 0-22

It took till the second period of Extra time, but Spa eventually saw off the brave challenge of Listry to qualify for the O Donoghue Cup Semi Final's, with 2 David Spillane goal's proving crucial.

Listry started well, with a brilliant 2 pointer from Ruari Murphy followed up with a Jack Walsh free. Spa responded well, taken control at midfield, and scoring 1-4 without reply. David Spillane getting the goal, after good work from man of the match Michael Foley. Back to back 2 pointer's from Aaron O Shea were badly needed

for Listry. Joey McCarthy then got a fine score for Spa, before Tadgh Gosney's point left Spa 1 ahead at half time, on a score of 1-06 to 0-08.

The 2 pointer's continued to come early in the second half, with O Shea and McCarthy both on target from far out. Neither side could pull away from the other, and a Cathal O Donoghue free after 26 minute's brought the side's level again. Spa went 2 ahead again with score's from Shane Cronin and Luke O'Neill. Pdraig O Donoghue brought Listry back to within 1, before Cathal O Donoghue fired over a clinical free with the last kick to take the game to extra time.

Ruari Murphy's pair of brilliant 2 pointers was the highlight of the opening period of extra time. The side's remained level at 1-18 to 0-21 at the half time whistle. It was from here that Spa surged for victory. Ciaran Spillane getting a couple of crucial point's, before David Spillane buried his second goal of the game, and sent the home side into the semi final draw, after a fiercely contested battle.



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With shorter daylight hours and reduced visibility, cyclists face a greater risk on their daily journeys. The campaign encourages all riders to use both front and rear lights, ensuring they can be seen by other road users and remain safe throughout the season.

The annual Light Up Your Bike promotion takes place every October. Partners of the Smarter Travel Programme are invited to register for free bike lights prior to the October Bank Holiday when the clocks go back.

This year's campaign has seen a significant increase on last year's figures, with 93 organisations registering so far and a total of 25,000 lights being distributed.

Hugh Creegan, Interim CEO of NTA said: "As the last of the summer daylight fades and a commute by bike becomes a journey into the dark, being visible is of vital importance and we encourage all cyclists to check their lights, ensure their bike can be seen, and stay safe this autumn and winter."

More information can be found on our webpage here:

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UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS LAKERS VS PORTLAOISE PANTHERS REPORT

DOMINOS MENS BASKETBALL LEAGUE MONDAY OCTOBER 27TH ST MARYS HALL

PORTLAOISE PANTHERS 79 UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS LAKERS 74

Report by Enda Walshe

Defeat was a bitter pill for Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers to swallow as they travelled to the league favourites and leaders on Monday afternoon. Portlaoise Panthers were foiled in their bid for league honours last season by Limerick Celtics and they had taken on all and sundry this season, winning by wide margins. For the Lakers to travel to St Mary's Hall and come within a whisker of winning was down to a performance of heart, courage and no little skill. They overcame a sluggish first quarter to roar into the game and still held the lead with 33 seconds on the clock but the win was cruelly taken away from them in those closing moments.

The Panthers could point to the fact that they missed almost half their free throws and were not as prolific as they usually are from beyond the arc. But that would belie the fact that the Lakers put in one serious shift and on another day they could have carried the spoils. In the final analysis they found the Panthers Rich Ashu more than a handful when the fat was in the fire and the absence of the wily Rui Saraiva was another factor in dealing with the towering Londoner. Still there were a lot of positives, especially in the performances of the younger players, to build on with the visit of Moycullen this Saturday night.

Despite a bright start from Eoin Carroll and Mark Sheehan the first quarter was dominated by the Panthers with Ashu, American Mike Wallace and Davin McEvoy bright. They built up a 12-7 lead which was eventually extended to 20-9 by the end of the quarter. The Panthers though found their long range shooting game had deserted them and the Lakers could count themselves fortunate to still be in the game at this juncture. But the break came at the right time for them as they definitely grabbed the bull by the horns in the second quarter.

Despite Wallace hitting the period's opening salvo, Stephen Kelly took up the cudgels to hit his side's next ten points and in the blink of an eye the lead was down to five, 24-19. Samuel Grant was getting into the contest as well at this juncture as the Panthers adapted their game to counteract their shooting woes. The Lakers though were having success going to the basket and when Kelly and Jack O Sullivan struck from outside it was now 30-27 in the home side's favour. Ashu was tipping inside but Eoin Carroll ensured that it was just a three point deficit as they swapped ends.

The feeling that the rhythm of the game was

shifting the Lakers way was reinforced early in the third quarter as Kelly and Carroll were sharp out of the blocks. At this stage the Panthers started to get a foothold and the suspicion was if they built up a lead they would be hard to reel in. To the Lakers credit that fear never materialised, despite being in team foul trouble early on, as Pablo Murcia was accurate from long range and Grant started to drive to the rim. All the while the Panthers shooting continued to let them down and when Carroll and Mark Sheehan, with a three, netted the Lakers headed for the final straight with a 51-48 advantage.

The fourth quarter was tight and tense and the capacity crowd in St Marys Hall were definitely on the edge of their seats. Sam Grant hit an early three but ominously Xavier Arriaga started to find his range as did Wallace and Kevin Donohue. Eoin Carroll and Wallace exchanged scores before Murcia again struck from outside. But Ashu was keeping the Panthers ticking over. Jack O Sullivan and Carroll kept the Lakers noses in front with Arriaga heating up and with 3.49 to go the Lakers still held a 69-66 lead. Jack O Sullivan extended it to 71-68, Ashu replied and when Steve Kelly hit a three to make it 74-70 the locals feared a rare home defeat. But Ashu, with a three point play, squeezed it up to one as the Lakers offence started to dry up. Arriaga was fouled in the act of shooting a three and he was flawless from the free throw line to give the Panthers the lead with half a minute to go. The Lakers offence spluttered again and despite a late effort from Kelly to tie the game rimming out, the Panthers put the gloss on the scoreboard from the free throw line, winning 79-74. A brave Lakers effort unrewarded, they will play worse in future and win!!

Stephen Kelly hit 22 for the Lakers, Eoin Carroll 16, Sam Grant 11, Jack O Sullivan 10, Pablo Murcia 9, Mark Sheehan 6.

For the winners Rich Astu had 32, Michael Wallace 18, Xavier Arriaga 12 and Davin McEvoy 9.

Moycullen visit the Killarney Sports and Leisure centre this Saturday night with the clash against the Galwegians tipping off at 7.30pm. Like the Lakers they have won two of their five outings to date, against Killarney Cougars and Carrick Cruisers but have come unstuck in recent weeks. They will look to the talismanic Grant Ollson for inspiration to help arrest the slide.

Utility Trust St Pauls vs McEvoy Cavan
Eagles Report

DOMINOS WOMENS SUPERLEAGUE SATURDAY OCTOBER 25TH VIRGINIA SPORTS CENTRE

MCEVOYS CAVAN EAGLES 53 UTILITY TRUST ST PAULS 62

Report by Enda Walshe

A game that Utility Trust St Pauls looked to have in the bag at half time, looking comfortable and in possession of a 35-17 lead. But the Eagles

Maisie Burnham and Tara Cousins



swooped in the third quarter to make a real game of it and it took some clutch moments in the fourth quarter from the likes of Tara Cousins and Maisie Burnham to ensure the 100% record St Pauls possessed remained intact. It wasn't that James Fleming's side weren't expecting a second half Eagles surge but sometimes you just got to play through it.

Game MVP Maisie Burnham, who finished with 32 points, offered some insight. "I think the important thing to realise is the game is all about runs of scoring. Coming out of half time we knew we were going to see a different team and we did. It's just about withstanding the runs which I think we did a good job at especially when you're on someone else's home court."

It all looked so comfortable in the opening quarter as the Killarney women were quick into their stride. They managed to keep the Eagles offence scoreless for the first five minutes and Burnham established herself firmly in the game. Beside her Lorraine Scanlon was her usual effluent best and they helped their side into a 14-0 lead. Soliel Barnes got the Cavan sides opening points as the scoring rate dropped but Tara Cousins hit a big three to negate points from Ciara Tolan and Barnes. With a 17-5 first quarter advantage St Pauls were in control.

There was little change in the second quarter as Fleming rotated his line up with Denise Dunlea and Lynn Jones being sprung from the bench. Cousins answered Alex Mulligan's baskets with a great finish from the corner as Lorraine Scanlon was busy doing Lorraine Scanlon things. She had ten rebounds gathered at this juncture and her offensive work, including taking a beautiful pass from Leah McMahon had her side 25-7 clear. Burnham pushed her sides total to 32 with a mixture of inside and outside scores but the Eagles did improve offensively with the Tolan sisters, Niamh and Ciara, starting to spark. Scanlon and Lovisa Hevinder kept their side in command with good work to head to the locker room with a 35-17 lead.

The Eagles definitely regrouped at half time as they came out a different side. Katie O'Sullivan got them up and running and Mazathan Harris followed suit. Scanlon replied for St Pauls but the lead was now eroded down to ten and the Cavan crowd was starting to get involved. When Ciara Tolan hit a big three it was now 40-33 but up stepped Hevinder and Burnham

with a couple of threes to quell the panic. But the Eagles started to spread their wings again, with O Sullivan and Barnes cutting the gap to 46-39. A crucial play was about to unfold as Burnham was fouled late in the third in the act of shooting a three. She was impeccable from the free throw line and that gave them a crucial ten point cushion, 49-39.

But the Eagles refused to go away with O Sullivan and Barnes again cutting the deficit. Burnham came up with an important basket for her side but Harris struck back. The Eagles were now in ascendancy but a mixture of poor shooting and good defence kept them at bay, for now. Burnham hit two important free throws but O Sullivan, Mulligan and Harris pulled the Eagles level at 53-53. But big players come up with big moments and so it was Burnham who stepped up with a huge three, closely followed by a Cousins replica. The Eagles were now downed and Cousins sealed the win from the free throw line. But not without a hell of a fight. Burnham praised her side's mentality. "I think taking each game at a time and learning from each win helps build our team's character. We got a road win with seven players so I think there's a lot to be proud of and a lot to look forward to! It's a long season but celebrating each win is important no matter how it comes" She top scored with 32 points, Tara Cousins had 13, Lorraine Scanlon 11, Lovisa Hevinder 6.

For the Eagles Katie O Sullivan and Ciara Tolan had 13, Mazathan Harris 10 and Soliel Barnes 8. A 5.30pm date this Saturday against Trinity Meteors will be the next gut check for St Pauls 100% record. The game will take place in Colaiste Iosagain and Coach James Fleming will be hoping to welcome back some more personnel for the massive clash.

Tipp Talons vs Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers Report

Dominos Men's Basketball League
Saturday October 25th
Scoil Ruain Killenaule

Tipp Talons 72
Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers 102

Report by Enda Walshe

A dominant opening quarter sowed the seeds for what was ultimately a very comfortable win for Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers. Luke O'Heas side were in control from the off thanks to a virtuoso performance from Sam Grant and once they got their feet into the stirrups there was no holding back as they put in their most complete team performance so far this season. While Grant will grab the headlines, especially for his first half performance, a drill down into the stats will make pleasant viewing for the Australian coach.

While not his most prolific night Steve Kelly still had 8 assists and rebounds to put with his 10 points. Eoin Carroll was back to his best with 23 points, Jack O Sullivan went 100% percent from the free throw line, that's the standout from his 20 points. The team hit twelve three

pointers, shared amongst seven of the squad and probably most gratifying was the return of 20/21 from the charity stripe. It also afforded O Hea to run his entire squad and there was much deserved recognition for the likes of Adam O'Neill and Adam Whitty.

The Lakers started in whirlwind fashion with Pablo Murcia netting from the free throw line and Grant went to work early. The Talons had no answer to him on the inside or outside and alongside Kelly they helped open up a 10-1 lead after three minutes. Emmanuel Kebengele tried hard for the Talons but Eoin Carroll and Grant were rampant, helping the Lakers into a 17-6 advantage with Aleksander Kovacevic offering some Talons resistance. Mark Sheehan was next on the scoresheet as the Talons really struggled but Michael Pierre was starting to get some joy. That was short lived though as Kelly, Grant and O Sullivan helped their side into a 29-14 first quarter lead.

The Talons started the second quarter brightly but that flame was soon extinguished by a brace of threes from Kelly and Rui Saraiva. Oisin Spring then joined the party as Grant stretched it out to 41-22 with Matthew McHale and Kovacevic helping the Talons to hang in there. A Niall Walsh three pointer briefly had them within twelve, 41-29 but Murcia and Carroll again put down the boot. Back came the Talons again with Pierre prominent but a trio of threes from O Sullivan and Grant(2) just before the halftime buzzer were daggers to the Talons heart.

Carroll and Pierre exchanged early buckets in the third quarter but up popped Mark Sheehan to find his range from distance and not to be outdone Eoin Carroll found himself outside the arc to duly convert. Kovacevic was nearly ploughing a lone furrow for the Talons at this stage but he was keeping the Lakers honest as O Sullivan, Grant and Saraiva kept the momentum going. Carroll too was enjoying himself at this stage and he wriggled in to complete a nice three point play, all that helping the Lakers into a 83-58 three quarters lead.

As he had been all night Jack O Sullivan was again accurate from the free throw line as Kabengele was trying to rouse a fourth quarter Talons effort. But the Lakers kept their foot firmly on the floor, this allowing the squad some extended court time. Saraiva, Murcia, Carroll and O Sullivan added to their totals with McHale and Walsh helping the Talons to do likewise but there was never any doubt as to where the points were going. When the final buzzer sounded the Lakers headed home with the points in the bag and the magic century mark broken. Final score Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers 102 Tipp Talons 72.

For the Lakers Sam Grant netted 26, Eoin Carroll 23, Jack O Sullivan 20, Steve Kelly 10, Pablo Murcia 9, Rui Saraiva 7, Mark Sheehan 5, Oisin Spring 2.

For the Talons Aleksander Kovacevic matched Grants 26, Michael Pierre and Matthew McHale had 13 each while Emmanuel Kabengele had 12.

NL Killarney Cougars v Portlaoise Panthers

Basketball Ireland **National League Division 1**

Killarney Cougars 78
Portlaoise Panthers 96

The League Leaders Portlaoise Panthers produced an impressive performance on their visit to the Presentation Gym on last evening, to overcome the Killarney Cougars 96-78 in an exciting National League Division 1 encounter. The Panthers stamped their authority on the contest from the outset, combining fast-paced offence with accurate perimeter shooting to take a 27-16 lead after the opening quarter. Their momentum continued in the second period as they extended the margin, outscoring the Cougars 31-18 to build a commanding halftime advantage.

Rich Ashu was outstanding for the visitors, delivering a superb double-double of 31 points and 17 rebounds. He was ably well supported throughout by Micheal Wallace and Davin McEvoy, Kevin Donohoe and Xabier Arriaga also made key contributions in a balanced offensive display.

Despite the significant challenge, the Killarney Cougars showed a great determination in the second half. Led by Simon Olanipekun, Jack Ryan, and Paul Adedeji, the home side fought back with strong spells in the third and fourth quarters, narrowing the deficit and finishing the game on a high note with a 23-15 final quarter with Lucas Cronin, Jack Spillane and Josh Vermiglio all landing good efforts.

While the Cougars' late rally provided plenty of positives, the Panthers' early dominance ultimately proved decisive as they closed out a deserved victory on the road.

The Cougars now turn to the road with two away fixtures this week versus Galway Titans and Tipp Talons.

Top Scorers

Killarney Cougars: Simon Olanipekun 25, Jack Ryan 20, Paul Adedeji 20.

Panthers: Rich Ashu 31, Micheal Wallace 20, Davin McEvoy 18, Kevin Donohoe 12, Xabier Arriaga 11



Action from the Mens Basketball League
Utility Trust St Pauls Lakers V
Portlaoise Panthers



KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

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

“ERRATIC PLANNING DECISIONS WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES FOR KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL”

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

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

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

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



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



This is a photo of a manhole that was built in 2008. This manhole is in perfect condition after sixteen years. The specifications on building a manhole has changed recently and Kerry County Council wants all the manholes in the estate dug up and rebuild under the updated specifications and this work will cost the builder €45,000. Kerry County Council does not accept that this decision is a gross abuse of power. There is no appeal system and no consequence for the decision makers.



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



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Pictured Front L-R : Gillian Warthon, Steven Stack, Niamh O'Sullivan, Brendan O'Brien and Martha Farrell and the back are member of the crew who helped win the national Award.

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Healy-Raes welcome over €92,000 for Kerry community safety project under national scheme

Minister for Forestry, Farm Safety and Horticulture Michael Healy-Rae TD and Deputy Danny Healy-Rae have welcomed today's announcement by Minister for Justice Jim O'Callaghan of funding under the 2025 Community Safety Fund, which will see €92,260 allocated to the "Call of the Wild" project by New Wave Adventure Therapy in Kerry.

The funding forms part of a €4.4 million national allocation to 42 community safety projects across Ireland, financed directly from the proceeds of crime seized by the Criminal Assets Bureau (CAB) and An Garda Síochána.

Minister Michael Healy-Rae said:

"This is a fantastic initiative that ensures money seized from criminal activity is put to work for the benefit of communities. I'm delighted to see Kerry benefitting once again, with real funding going into a project that supports young people, builds confidence, and helps make our county a safer place."

Deputy Danny Healy-Rae added: "The 'Call of the Wild' project is an excellent example of a local organisation making a real difference on the ground. This support from the Community Safety Fund will help young people through outdoor therapy and positive engagement – giving them a chance to grow and stay on the right path."

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CATHERINE THE GREAT – GALWAY GIRL!

By Nicky Barry

Dignity cannot be found, on a supermarket shelf,
For it is a quality, that comes from within oneself.

It's rare in politicians, with all the cut and thrust,
Of the grind of hustling, with those they cannot trust.

Our new President-elect, has dignity in spades,
And survived the grillings, the jibes and the tirades.

In the big TV debates, she stuck to her guns,
And performed judiciously, on all that she had done.

She employed a woman, who had a murky past,
And had done her time in jail, but now that was past.
She helped her rehabilitate, as Jesus would have done,
For she has Christian values, that shine out like the sun.
She is not a bag of laughs, and her tenure may be dull,
But there's always Tommy Tiernan, for that Galway fun.

As a barrister of note, she'll guard our constitution,
With all her experience, and no party collusion.
She stood as an Independent, with backing from the left,
But when she's in the Arus, she'll just be herself.
She follows the two Mary's, and that marvel Michael Dee,
As a unique President, with grace and dignity.



Gardening with Killarney Outlook

by John O'Sullivan

NOVEMBER GARDENING

Now that November is almost here, it is a great time of the year for planting bare rooted trees, hedging, fruit bushes, roses and rootballed conifers.

The bare rooted planting seasons lasts from November until March. The reason for this is that the trees and hedging are dormant at this time of the year, so you can't really do any damage when you are lifting or planting.

When planting bare rooted as a general rule, plant about three plants per metre, roses can also be purchased and planted bare rooted as can fruit trees and fruit bushes.

The main thing when planting bare rooted trees and hedging is that when you purchase them and if you are not going to plant them straight away you will have to heel them into the ground; by this, I mean you will just have to dig a hole and put the plants in and cover the roots with earth to stop the roots drying out.

With hedging plants, roses and fruit bushes, they will usually come in bundles and will be tied together, so you don't have to separate them, just put the whole bundle in the ground.



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A Word of Victory

"You have made known to me the path that leads to Life; Your Presence fills me with Joy and brings me pleasure forevermore" (Psalms 16:11).

Welcome back dear student, do you ever study the expressions on the faces of others? If you look closely you can tell much from their countenance. I'm not talking about wrinkles, but about pain, exhaustion, worry, bitterness, and darkness. The evidence of how they're really feeling. We salute folks daily, asking in passing... 'hello! how are you?' and rush right along. Encounters become a habit, at a rushed surface-level only. Loneliness, isolation, feeling overwhelmed or afraid are all real emotions that can have a toxic effect on a life. But in others the joy of relationship and contentment shines through as a beam of light in darkness (Psalms 34:4-7). In the Scripture above, David reveals that trusting God led him to find the pathway of Life. He saw the Lord deliver and protect him, bringing him into a blessed place resulting in a constant awareness of the Presence of God, filling David to overflow with joy and pleasure. "Lord You alone are my Inheritance, my cup of blessing. You guard all that is mine. The land You have given me is a pleasant land... I will bless the Lord Who guides me; even at night my heart instructs me. I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for He is right beside me. No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety" (Psalm 16:5-9; Jeremiah 20:11).

Peace comes from knowing Jesus, the Prince of Peace. We don't have to fret, worry or be afraid when our lives are in His hands (Psalm 31:14-15). God will never hurt you friend. Close relationship with the Lord brings rest (Psalm 23:3). The picture from our lead Scripture explains this rest – God is here, so we need never fear. "For You have endowed him with blessings forever; You cheer him with joy in Your Presence. For he trusts in the Lord. The unfailing Love of the Most High will keep him from stumbling" (Psalm 21:6-7 NLT). There is visible evidence of God's Presence – blessing, joy, wisdom, and peace – gifts bestowed to His beloved; to anyone who will come to know Him through His Son Jesus – "the Way, the Truth and the Life" (John 14:6).

Lots of people look for new, or smoother paths in life. Currently, gardeners are clearing dead leaves and debris off their pathways to keep them safe. It's important to be able to see where you are going to avoid pitfalls and slipping (Psalms 119:105). Strain often shows on faces because folks may be enduring confusion, darkness, sadness, or terror. Tonight, many will celebrate horror and demons as 'just a bit of Halloween fun'. There is no light or joy there friend – only cursed pathways, anxiety, and hopelessness. However, for those who call upon the True Light of the World: Jesus, the Son of God, He promises to arise over you with healing in His wings and Light beams (Malachi 4:2). Lighting a pumpkin won't save from evil; it's only a landing strip for the devils works. You won't find true peace in chakras or the universe inside of you. The True Light, Who created everything longs for relationship with you to direct you onto His pathways of peace and restoration (John 8:12; Jeremiah 6:16). If King Charles rang up and asked if you were around for a cup of tea and a chat, you wouldn't overlook that invite! Yet we all have an invitation from the King of all kings to receive His Loving Mercy and be filled with His Peace and Joy – living in the Light of His Presence forevermore. #HighlyFavoured.

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Vigil Mass Friday 6.15 in Cathedral & Saturday Mass 10.30am

Church of the Resurrection 9.30am

Muckross Church 9.30am

HOLY SOULS MASSES DURING NOVEMBER -

In the Cathedral: Concelebrated Mass with Office for the Dead onevery Monday evening 6.15pm for November

The Church of the Resurrection: Wednesdays of November at 9.30am

Muckross Church: Thursdays of Nov at 6.00pm following Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE LISTS

This is our opportunity for us to pray for our loved ones who have died. In the month associated with the Holy Souls, we will have special Masses in November to remember those whose names have been handed in to us.

You might return your November List and Offering at Masses, at the Parish Office, or at the box at the sacred space in the Cathedral. In this sacred space will be the names of all those who passed away over the past 12 months

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Church of the Resurrection 5pm - 9pm Tuesdays

St Mary's Cathedral Wed 11am– 5.30pm Wednesday

Church of the Holy Spirit Muckross 4pm–6pm Thursdays

Franciscan Friary 2pm –7pm Fridays Holy Hour Sundays @ 6pm

COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAY (CFS)

For those who would like to fulfil the second of Our lady's requests in Fatima for obtaining a period of peace in the world and salvation of souls. CFS will be held on Saturday the 1st November. It will begin with introductory prayers followed by the Rosary at 9am. Mass is at 9.30 in the Church of the Resurrection Killarney. Confession will begin at 8.30 am.

BINGO at St. Mary's Parish Hall, will be held on Thursdays@ 8.30pm

UHK ANNUAL MASS For all those who died in the hospital during the year will be celebrated in St John's Church, Castle St, Tralee on Mon 3rd of Nov at 7.00pm or live streamed on www.churchservices.tv/tralee

PERMANENT DEACONS

On Saturday November 8th 2025 Bishop Ray Browne will ordain 5 new Permanent Deacons for our Diocese. These are: Brian Godfrey (Listowel), Christopher Lynch (Killorglin), Linus Burke (Milltown), Michael O'Connell (Cahir) and Shane Lehane (Tralee). Please keep our new deacons in your prayers. The ordination ceremony will be held in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney at 12 noon on Saturday November 8th, followed by a reception in St Brendan's College. All are welcome.

LISSIVIGEEN COMMUNITY ANNUAL MASS; will take place on Friday 31st October at 7.30pm in the Church of the Resurrection followed by Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.

6TH & 3RD ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
LIAM MURPHY
11/10/2019

SHEILA MURPHY
30/11/2022



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*No words we write can ever say,
How much we miss you everyday,
No one knows the grief we bear
When family gather and you're not there.*

*We laugh, we talk, we play the part,
Beyond the sorrow are broken hearts,
The sadness we feel, we can never explain,
The ache in our hearts will always remain.*

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by
your children, Mary, Sheila, Jerry Connie,
Kate, and all of your extended family.

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Anniversary Mass for Liam and Sheila
will take place in the Cathedral,
Friday, November 7th at 6.15pm.

5TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**DONAL (DODO)
MCSWEENEY**



LATE OF
LEAM, GNEEVIGUILLA
AND
GLOUNONEA, KILCUMMIN
WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS
ON 5TH NOVEMBER

*Silently I grieve, and brush away the tears
The memories you left behind
Will last throughout the years
The fact that you're no longer here
Will always cause me pain
But you're forever in my heart
Until we meet again.*

Lovingly remembered by Siobhán

Dad
*A guiding hand, a heart of gold
Memories of you to tenderly hold
A wonderful Dad, now at rest
One in a million Dad, you were the best*

Always loved and remembered by
Paula and Aoife and sons-in-law
Liam and Donnagh

Grandad
*We send you this message
On the wings of a dove
To say how much we miss you
And send you all our love.*

We would love to have known you xxx
Love from Daniel, Micheál and Sonny

Brother
*A special smile, a special face
A part of the family, we can never replace
Feelings are deep, our memories of you
For the one we loved, and loved so true.*

Always in our thoughts and prayers,
Denis, Eileen, Mary and all the
McSweeney families

12TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**DENIS
(DENNY ARTHUR)
MOYNIHAN**



LATE OF RUSHEENMORE,
GLENFLESK, KILLARNEY
WHO DIED ON THE 7TH
DECEMBER, 2013

*Wrap your arms around him Lord,
Don't leave him on his own,
For it is his Anniversary,
And he can't come home.
Call his name softly,
And when he looks your way,
Tell him we love him,
And miss him everyday*

Always remembered by his loving wife
Mary, Daughter Margaret, Sons Arthur &
Padraig, Son-in-Law, Tadhg, Daughters-in-
Law Helen & Brenda and Grandchildren.

*Anniversary Mass on Saturday,
8th November in Glenflesk Church
at 6pm.*

PRAYER TO SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES

Most humble Saint Martin whose
burning charity embraces all, but
especially those who are sick, afflicted
or in need, we turn to thee for help in
our present difficulties and we implore
thee to obtain for us from God health
of soul and body, and in particular the
favour we now ask.....

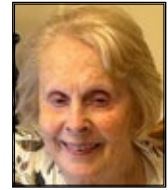
May we, by imitating thy charity and
humility, find quiet and contentment
all our days, and cheerful submission
to God's holy will in all the trials and
difficulties of life.

St Martin Pary For Us
Amen.

Brid, Diarmuid & our dogs Roxy & Oscar

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**NORA DOHERTY
(NÉE KELLIHER)**



LATE OF GNEEVES, BEAUFORT.
WHO PASSED AWAY ON
9TH NOVEMBER 2024.

As we mark the first anniversary of Nora's passing,
Nuala, Anne Marie, Catherine, Miriam, Michael,
and Eamon wish to extend our sincere gratitude for
the many acts of kindness, support, and sympathy
shown to us during our time of bereavement.

We appreciate everyone who visited Nora's home,
sent Mass cards, letters, messages of condolence,
and floral tributes. A heartfelt thanks to everyone
who travelled from all across Ireland, the UK, and
the USA.

Our thanks go to Fr. Fergal Ryan and Fr. Denis
O'Mahony for the lovely funeral service and
thoughtful words and graveside prayers; to Peggy
Lynch and Nora Mai Kelliher for their invaluable
assistance throughout the service; and to Paud
O'Donoghue for providing beautiful music and
singing.

We are deeply grateful to Micheal, Mary, and
Mike O'Shea of O'Shea's Funeral Home and to Ger
Fitzgerald for your professionalism, compassion,
and kindness. We thank the grave diggers for
preparing Nora's final resting place with care.
Appreciation is also extended to Killarney Golf Club
for hosting the post-funeral gathering.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Nora's carers in recent
years - Beaufort Home Help for their compassionate
daily visits, Killorglin HSE for their medical support,
and all those who provided care morning, day,
and evening, ensuring Nora's comfort and dignity.
Special thanks to Nora, Cáit, Donna, Bridget,
Joanne, Anne Marie, Helena, Finola, Jackie,
Kathleen, Margaret(s) and Mary(s).

The Ross Medical Clinic is sincerely thanked for its
diligent and professional attention to Nora over
the years. We are also grateful to Liam Sheahan
Pharmacy and staff for their longstanding support.
Special recognition goes to great friends and
neighbours including Mary Francis & Martin
O'Donoghue, George Kelly, Ann & Peter Knoblauch
- for your regular visits and readiness to assist in
times of need. We also thank the extended Doyle
and Kelliher families for their consistent friendship
and for brightening Nora's days with a visit and a
song. She so loved to sing the Rose of Tralee.

As it is not possible to thank everyone individually,
please accept this acknowledgement as an
expression of our deepest appreciation. The Holy
Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your
intentions.

*Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us everyday
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed and forever dear.*

Nora's First Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated on Saturday, 8th November 2025
at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Beaufort.

10TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BRIDIE BUCKLEY



LATE OF LISMONGANE,
FOSSA, KILLARNEY
WHO DIED ON THE 31ST
OCTOBER, 2015.

*Though you smile is gone forever,
And your hand we cannot touch,
Still we have so many memories
Of the one we loved so much.
Your memory is our keepsake
With which we will never part,
God has you in his keeping,
We have you in our hearts.*

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