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On a day when the sun was splitting every stone in the Kingdom, Margo Banks launched her latest exhibition of oils and drawings, *Land, Sea and Sky in West Kerry*, at the Cill Rialaig Arts Centre in Dún Geagan, Ballinskelligs. A typical landscape has a stab of light on a corner of a field, on the side of a hill, under wind-tossed skies. The vigorous and bold drawings are mostly of crows, magpies, and those scarlet-billed aerobats of Bolus Head, the choughs. Banks is now Dublin-based, but no stranger to Iveragh – her mother hailed from Teeromoyle, her father from Cahirciveen. To adapt G. K. Chesterton ever so slightly: "... her soul stood with her mother's folk/ That were of the rain-wrapped isle/ Where Patrick and Brendan westerly/ Looked out at last on a landless sea/ And the sun's last smile." The sun positively beamed on this show, which runs until May 5th. Siopa Chill Rialaig, 066-9479277. **Andy Barclay**