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Congratulations to Duagh/Lyre Community Games u14 Skittles team who won Munster silver medals, pictured here receiving their awards



Listowel Emmets Split the Bucket winner on 23rd January was Enda Murphy receiving his cheque of €819.50 from committee members



Duagh Lyre Community Games u11 National gold Project winners Kirsten Brosnan, Shauna Sheehy and Teegan Phillips received their awards last Friday night at Duagh Sports Complex



Enjoying a bit of banter at the Kingdom Cup Coursing meeting recently were Jim Bob Allen from Ballyduff with Pa O'Rourke and Micheál McMahon from Ballybunion. Photo Moss Joe Browne



Congratulations to Lios Tuathail AC athlete James Dillon who was the 4th runner home and 1st Junior male in the Tom Kelly 8k in Ardfer



Young ladies celebrating Crotta O'Neill Hurling Club's great win in the Kerry County Hurling final with a huge social dinner dance at The Ballygarry Estate Hotel and Spa on Friday night. From left: Maura Leen Kilflyn, Norette Casey Ardfer, Trish O'Sullivan Fenit and Rachel Hortan Crotta. Photo: John Cleary



Monthly €500 Draw: Congratulations to Shane Sheehan, who was the lucky winner of our January '24 Monthly €500. Shane was presented his prize by Chairperson Kieran Foley



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Congratulations to Lios Tuathail AC athlete Padraig McCarthy on winning National silver in the u23 weight for distance at All Ireland Indoor athletics finals in Athlone last Saturday. Pictured here with his parents Patsy and Aileen



The McCarthy clan Michael, Robin and Dillon enjoying Sunday morning at the Tralee Car Boot Sale. Photo Moss Joe Browne



Congratulations to Cara Leahy Lios Tuathail AC who won the Junior women's race in the Tom Kelly 8k in Ardfer recently



North Kerry men attending the recent Abbeyfeale Coursing were Liam Foley, Sean Carr, Jimmy Galvin and Pat McMahon. Photo Moss Joe Browne



Listowel Celtic U13 Girls who beat LB Rovers 7-2 last weekend



Attending the Tralee Car Boot sale last week were Charlie O'Brien from Listowel with Francie McCarthy, Timmy Ashe and Dominic O'Connor. Photo Moss Joe Browne



Congratulations to Duagh/Lyre Community Games u11 mixed basketball team who received awards last Friday night at Duagh Sports Complex



Duagh/Lyre Community Games U16 National silver medal winners received their awards last Friday night. Pictured here with Aoibhinn Harte accepting a beautiful framed photo on behalf of coach Jason Harte who couldn't attend the awards. Dylan Buckley, Ryan Stack, Thomas Cahill, Luke Bambury Lawson, Cillian Kirby and Cillian McMahon



Duagh/Lyre Community Games u12 draughts team who received their awards last Friday night at Duagh Sports Complex

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The participating apprentices represent a diverse cross-section of emerging talent from Kerry ETB, Cork ETB, Tipperary ETB, Limerick & Clare ETB, Kilkenny & Carlow ETB, Kildare & Wicklow ETB, Cavan & Monaghan ETB, Mayo, Sligo & Leitrim ETB, City of Dublin ETB and promises to showcase a melting pot of creativity and passion.

Beyond the competition, the event offers a unique opportunity for attendees to gain valuable insights into the world of apprenticeship. Live cookery and display competitions will be complemented by inspiring talks from prominent figures in the culinary world, aiming to address the current challenges faced by the hospitality sector.

Among the highlights are guest speakers Mike Tweedie, Head Chef of the Oak Room, and Eddie Attwell, Head Chef of Eccles Hotel Glengarriff. Tweedie and Attwell will share first-hand how the Commis Chef Apprenticeship played a pivotal role in growing their teams, offering a tangible success story for businesses considering similar initiatives.

A panel discussion featuring culinary leaders John Drummond, Brendan Byrne, Emer Corridan, and Odhran Lucey will underscore the importance of mentoring and training the next generation of chefs. Their insights will contribute to the broader conversation about the role apprenticeships play in ensuring the future success of the hospitality industry.

Mallory Higgins, National Apprenticeship Programme Coordinator who is leading the event, emphasises its significance in addressing the current hospitality staff crisis in Ireland: "The Commis Chef Apprenticeship Showcase is not just a competition; it's a celebration of the industry's upcoming talent and a practical solution to the staffing challenges faced by the hospitality sector in Ireland. By highlighting success stories like Mike Tweedie and Eddie Attwell, we aim to inspire more businesses to invest in apprenticeships and grow their own skilled teams."

Mike Tweedie, Head Chef of the Oak Room, adds, "The apprenticeship programme gives the apprentice the foundations they need and what we do in the restaurant is reinforce what they learned in college. I have two great chefs from the apprenticeship programme already and I have just taken on a third. One day I hope they are better than me and they have their own Michelin star, that means I have done my job, and it is a great thing for me to watch personally"

As Ireland grapples with a shortage of skilled hospitality staff, this event serves as a beacon of hope, showcasing tangible solutions that not only nurture emerging talent but also address the pressing needs of the industry.

For more info, please contact Mallory Higgins, National Apprenticeship Programme Coordinator on 066 7149600 or visit www.commischefapprenticeship.ie

Pictured: Mick Tweedie, Head Chef of the Oak Room and his apprentice Eoin McDonnell. Photo by: Adrian McCarthy, Grandview Media



**CAUSEWAY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL
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Pictured: TY students from Causeway Comprehensive School presenting a cheque for €580 to members of Banna Rescue.

The money was fundraised through the sale of 2024 calendars, which featured the winning images from the school Geography Photograph Competition. Pictured l-r: Pat Lawlor PRO of Banna Rescue, Caoimhe Dowling, Ella Diggins, Richard Casey, Dylan Costello, all TY students, Brian Crean Secretary of Banna Rescue, and James O'Loughlin President of Banna Rescue.

TY students from Causeway Comprehensive School were delighted to present a cheque for €580 to members of Banna Rescue last week. The money was fundraised through the sale of 2024 calendars, which featured the winning images from the Geography Photograph Competition, which runs in the school throughout the year.

TY students, Caoimhe Dowling, Ella Diggins, Richard Casey, and Dylan Costello, who presented the cheque, volunteered to sell these calendars, with all proceeds donated to a vital local cause. Banna Rescue have recently commemorated the 40th anniversary since their formation. Banna Rescue patrols from Brandon Head to Kerry Head, including Tralee Bay, and are also tasked to callouts on land.

Thank you to the members of Banna Rescue, Pat Lawlor – PRO and former teacher in Causeway Comprehensive School, Brian Crean – Secretary, and James O'Loughlin – President, for attending the school for the presentation.



PAT HERBERT RECEIVES HALL OF FAME AWARD

The Crotta O'Neill Club's Hall of Fame Award (Matt Stack and P J Stack Memorial Trophy) was presented to recipient Pat Herbert, Kilflynn, (third from right) honoured in the Crotto O'Neill Victory Social in the Kerry County Hurling Championship of 1968. Pictured with his family at the Victory Social on Friday night at The Ballygarry Estate Hotel and Spa. From left: Michelle and Michael McKenna Kilflynn, Joan and Pat Herbert, Grainne and Ian Carroll Kilflynn. The team and 300 supporters attended the victory dinner dance. Photo: John Cleary



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Winter Skin Body Scrub

January may not be the most inspiring of months but it's the perfect month to recharge and indulge in a little self care. This week I'm sharing one of my popular DIY winter skin body scrubs that will gently exfoliate and polish the skin, leave you with a healthy looking natural glow and make you feel fabulous.

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Presentation Secondary School Listowel Presents ROALD DAHL'S Matilda THE MUSICAL JR.



PRESENTATION SECONDARY LISTOWEL RETURNS TO THE MUSICAL SCENE WITH ROALD DAHL'S MATILDA

The corridors of Pres Listowel these days are abuzz with excitement in anticipation of the staging of the first musical in the school in many years – Roald Dahl's Matilda. The Musical and Operetta scene was at one time vibrant in Presentation Secondary School under the legendary direction of Sr. Consolata and former teacher, Tony Behan, among others.

In fact, the teachers will tell you that it is a common sight each September to find small groups of new first years, in their first weeks in school, huddled around one of the pictures of past musicals as they try to find familiar faces of a mom, aunt or neighbour. In turn, the moms, aunts or neighbours in the photos will recall with nostalgia and fondness their time on stage in past productions, such as The Wizard of Oz or HMS Pinafore.

Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical JR. is adapted from the full-length musical which was based on the book by Roald Dahl, and features a book by Dennis Kelly and music and lyrics by Tim Minchin. Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical JR. is presented through special arrangement and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International. Music Theatre International (MTI) is one of the world's leading theatrical licensing agencies, granting theatres from around the world the rights to perform the greatest selection of musicals from Broadway and beyond. MTI is particularly dedicated to educational theatre, and has created special collections to meet the needs of various types of performers and audiences.

Musical rehearsals are in flow with director Bryan Carr putting the girls through their paces. Finishing touches are now being made for the show which will take place on Thursday, 25th January and Friday 26th of January at 7.30pm in the school. Tickets, which are selling fast, are available on <https://www.eventbrite.ie/d/ireland--listowel/matilda/>.

Principal, Katherina Broderick said 'We are very proud of our students who have wholeheartedly embraced rehearsals for the Musical since last September. They have received tremendous support from Bryan Carr, Laura Daly and school staff, Katie McNamara, Eilish Burke, Ellen O'Brien, Kerry Bennett and Michael Broderick. We are also very grateful to Pierse Fitzgibbon Solicitors for their support of our production. It has been a wonderful journey and we are really looking forward to the performances this week. This is sure to be a great show with a guaranteed injection of joy on an otherwise dark January evening'.



Crotta O'Neill Hurling Club officers from left Shane Herbert Co Board Delegate, Mike Parker PRO Crotta O'Neill Club, Darren Houlihan Club secretary and Paddy Weir Club Chairman. They lead the team and cup and 300 club supporters waiting to pass under the club's colours into the dining room on Friday night at The Ballygarry Estate Hotel and Spa, where their Victory Social was held, celebrating the Crotta O'Neill Club Hurling County Champions. Photo: John Cleary



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SAN RITA WELLNESS

Welcome to San Rita Wellness weekly column...We hope you are safe and well

How are you?

We are almost at the end of January and heading into a new month. The positive thing about the month of February is we all notice that little extra stretch in the evenings, the buds are beginning to appear so overall it's a sign of new life which leaves us all thinking in a more positive frame of mind.

Hope and positivity help people make better life and health decisions and focus more on long term goals

Positivity vs Negativity

So let's get more positive

It is well proven that "What we think, determines how we feel and how we feel determines what we do" so it does really all start with our thoughts.

Think back over the past week and answer these questions yourself:

What went well for you this past week? (Food choices, Activity, Weekend)

How did you make that happen? (Planned ahead, Made the time)

How did that help you? (Felt in control, More organized)

How did it make you feel? (Happy, Focused, In Control)

Will you continue doing the same for this week?

What are your Challenges?

We all face a challenging time, whether it's night time or the weekends etc.

Think about your own challenges that you came up against recently on your Weightloss and Wellness journey.

What were the factors leading up to it? (Weather, Feeling fed up etc)

How did that leave you feeling? (Sad, Stressed)

How did you react? (Eat, Eat and Eat)

How did you feel then? (Out of Control, Off Track)

If you were faced with the same challenges again this week

How could you react differently?

Would it make a difference to how you feel?

When you find yourself struggling it's important to think positive to keep yourself inspired and to keep trying.

For example...

You could look back on how far you have come from when you first started on your weight loss and wellness journey.

Recognise the changes you feel and see in yourself.

As we know nothing is ever just "Black and White" it is important to look at the "Grey" area in between.

For example...

Imagine you have eaten something unplanned for, it's very easy to think negatively then and say to yourself "I have ruined the day now" feel bad about it and go on to eat more and then a bad day can lead to another bad day.

So the "Grey" area in this case would be to think more positively and say to yourself "Well it's only one thing or one day, I can still pull this back". We should think and talk to ourselves like we would to a friend.

What would you say to a friend? (Start afresh tomorrow, You can do this)

Remember at the end of the day, we can be our own best friend or our own worst enemy.

We will leave you with this Positive thought.

"Don't wait until you have reached your goal to be proud of yourself, be proud of every step you take towards reaching your goal."

For extra support and for weekly accountability check us out on Facebook San Rita Wellness or sanritawellness.ie for details of our "In Person Meetings", "At Home Service" or our "One to One Service"

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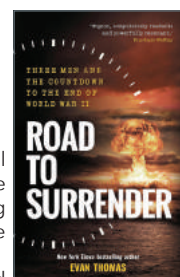
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By Evan Thomas

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To bring these critical events to vivid life, bestselling author Evan Thomas draws on the diaries of Stimson, Togo and Spaatz, contemplating the immense weight of their historic decision. In Road to Surrender, an immersive, surprising, moving account, Thomas lays out the behind-the-scenes thoughts, feelings, motivations, and decision-making of three people who changed history.

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Listowel Emmets Split the Bucket winner on 9th January was Noreen Dillion collecting her cheque for €1,027.50 from committee members



Pupils from Coolard N.S. who were prize winners from the Ballydonoghue Parish Magazine. Also pictured with the overall winners trophy



Listowel Celtic U12 C who played Kilorglin last weekend



Dromclough NS named County Winners in National Disability Authority's 'Someone Like Me' National Art Competition. Pictured is Dromclough NS student Isabelle Larkin



Nice picture from a snow sprinkled thatch roof at Coolagown, Listowel recently



Duagh/Lyre Community Games Munster pewter medal winner in u16 200m - Gavin Dillon receiving his award last Friday night



Listowel bookmaker Berkie Browne is keeping a step ahead as he enjoys a joke with Murty McMahon at Abbeyfeale Coursing. Photo Moss Joe Browne



Duagh/Lyre Community Games u14 tag rugby team receiving their awards last Friday night at Duagh Sports Complex



Duagh/Lyre Community Games participants in u14 Gaelic football who received awards last Friday night at Duagh Sports Complex



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TARBERT NEWS

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DEATHS

The death took place of Ann Wallace (née Foley) of Glin and Carrigerry. Ann died on Tuesday 14 January at UHL, Limerick. Her Requiem Mass took place on Thursday 18 January at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Glin and interment took place in the adjoining Church grounds. Sympathy of the community to her 5 daughters and two sons, to her sons-in-law Tommy O'Donnell and Declan Halett, Tarbert.

The death also took place of Caroline Curtis (née Kissane) in England and sympathy to her aunt Breda Kissane Warrilow, Woodview and uncle Thomas Kissane, Tarmons. The death also took place of Irene Lavelle (née Sylvia Bleau) in Canada and sympathy is extended to her son-in-law Alan Sweeney, Canada and Tarmons.

NEW BOOK

Congratulations and best wishes to John Houlihan, Glenbeigh and formerly of Doonard Crescent, Tarbert on the launch of his book 'Don't Judge my Book by its Cover'. The book is a compilation of some 2,000 quotations, proverbs and idioms by various writers, statesmen, politicians from the dawn of history and is available at Brosnan's Daybreak, Tarbert Bridewell and Tarbert Post Office for the very reasonable price of €10. John was based in Tarbert from 1969 to 1980 and worked at Tarbert Power Station while staying with his uncle Joe O'Neill. If you are looking for a quote for any occasion you will find it in John Houlihan's Book.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

There was good news for Tarbert last week in that a local project was one of the 100 Kerry projects to benefit under the 2023 Clár Programme as part of the Government policy for rural Ireland. A proposed Community Garden at Tarbert Community Centre will receive €20,700 in funding under the allocation, Well done to all concerned.

90 AND COUNTING

Congratulations and best wishes to Bishop Emeritus Eddie Carmody of Corpus Christi diocese, Texas who was given a surprise 90th Birthday Party last week by the students of John Paul 11 High School where he is Chaplain. Congratulations also to Ritchie Lyndon, Kilpadogue and Wim O'Connell, Doonard who recently celebrated their 92nd. birthdays. Best wishes also to Ursula Leslie, Tarbert House. Best wishes also to Mickey Joe Coolahan, Main Street and not forgetting the irrepressible Fr John O'Connor, the Square still celebrating Masses in the parish pastoral area. Go maire siad go léir an Chéad. In June le cúnamh Dé we will look forward to marking the century of Kitty Griffin, St Patrick's Terrace.

CAPTAIN NIAMH

Well done to Niamh Carmody, Sallowglen who played a Captain's part in leading the Kerry Ladies to a 5 point win over Dublin in the Lidl National Football League Division 1 win at Parnell Park on Saturday last. As well as scoring two valuable points she was an inspirational leader all over the field and will lead the Kerry Ladies for 2024.

RAMBLING HOUSE

The Rambling House gathering will take place at Tarbert Community Centre on this Saturday night, 27 January at 8pm with participants from North Kerry and West Limerick. Everybody welcome agus cupán tae ar fáil ag deire na h-óiche.

TARBERT CE SCHEME

The following vacancies have arisen in the

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LIXNAW

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Monday 22nd January, Mass at 7.30am for Noreen Lydon (née O'Keeffe), Tourmakeady & Lixnaw. Wednesday 24th January, Mass at 10.00am. Friday 26th January, Mass at 7.30pm for Séan Heaphy, Dysert. Saturday 27th January, Mass at 7.30pm for Caroline Kennedy, Ahabeg & Ballybunion.

IRREMORE CHURCH

Sunday 28th January, Mass at 11.00am for Mary Finola Scanlon, Ger & Noreen Scanlon, Glenoe.

RATHEA CHURCH

Sunday 28th January, Mass at 9.30am.

LIXNAW COMMUNITY GAMES

Badminton: The very best of luck to the U.15 Boys Badminton team who are competing this coming Saturday morning in Moyvane. We wish them every success.

LIXNAW GAA CLUB

SPLIT THE BUCKET DRAW

Congratulations, Anne McCarthy, on winning €87 in the Split the Bucket Draw. Thanks for your continued support.

LIXNAW CLUB LOTTO DRAW

Jackpot €12,400. Numbers drawn were: 2, 3, 15, 31. No jackpot winner. €20 winners: Seamus Stack, Lixnaw; Noranne McCarthy, Lixnaw; Anthony Dowling, Mountcoal. Next draw will take place on Monday 22nd January in the Dew Drop Inn Bar. Jackpot will be €12,450.

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CROTTA O'NEILLS HURLING CLUB VICTORY SOCIAL

The Crotta O'Neills GAA Club Victory Social was held in Ballygarry Estate Hotel and Spa, Tralee on Friday 19th January 2024 and it was one hell of a hooley!

Having had an amazing year where our Senior Hurling Team, captured the Garveys Supervalu County Senior Championship title, to bridge that 55 year gap and earn a tenth county title, after defeating Lixnaw by 0-15 to 1-09 at Austin Stacks Park on Sunday August 6th at Austin Stack Park

Also honoured on the night were the Crotta members of the victorious Crotta/Kilmoley Hurling Minor Team, who won the County Hurling League Div 1 title in 2023. Special guests on the night were members of the Crotta 1968 County Championship winning panel.

Following an address from Club Chairman Paddy Weir. Over 300 of the club faithful sat down for dinner where Club County Board Delegate Shane Herbert did a terrific job as MC for the night and kept everything flowing.

The victorious Senior hurling panel received their County Championship medals from Kerry County board Chairman Patrick O'Sullivan while the Crotta Minor Hurlers received their County Minor League Div 1 Medals from Kerry Senior Hurling captain and Crotta hurler Tomas O'Connor and victories Senior Captain Bill Keane. Paul Shanahan (Selector) introduced the players to the guests with a brief description of each player, while Brendan Mahony Senior Trainer introduced the senior players to the guests with a brief description of each player.

The victories Crotta Senior Panel 2023: Adam O'Sullivan, Seán McGrath, Bill Keane (Capt), Eamonn Shanahan, Cillian Trant, Tomás O'Connor, Rory Mahony, Tadhg McKenna, Barry Mahony, Darragh O'Donoghue, Seán Weir, Jaic McKenna, Seanie McElligott, Shane Nolan; Jordan Conway,Darragh, Murnane, Darragh Behan, Declan O'Donoghue, Gavin Parker, Cormac White, Darragh Kennelly, Seán O'Donoghue, Dominic Nolan, Denis Quille, Mike Keane, Seán Murnane, Eoin Reihan, Tomás Dillon, Aodán Behan, Mark Sheehan, Richard Nolan, Brandon Conway, Raymond Nolan and James Sheehan.

Tom Lawlor represented the North Kerry Hurling board, members of the victorious Crotta Senior Hurling Championship panel 1968 were also guests on the night, A presentation was made by the Senior players to The Senior management Brendan Mahony and Johnny Horgan and each member of the backroom Jerome O'Sullivan, Ronan Falvey, Amy O'Sullivan, Paud Tuomey, Darren Houlihan and Maura Leen

The club's hall of fame award (Matt Stack and P J Stack Memorial Trophy) was presented to Pat Herbert by Paddy Weir. The Club Senior Hurler of The Year, Rory Mahony, received the Dick Parkinson Memorial Trophy. The Sam Hilliard Memorial Trophy was presented to the Club Person of The Year, Brendan Mahony who also received a signed framed Crotta Jersey from the Club.

The minor hurler of the year was Jack Ryan and he received The Monty McElligott Memorial award from Sheila O'Sullivan. The U-21 player of the year Sean McEllriott received the Diarmuid Galvin Memorial award from Kevin Galvin Snr. The intermediate player of the year was Sean O'Donoghue and he received the Maurice Egan memorial trophy from Darren Egan. Eoin Reilhan received the players Senior player of the Year award.

Senior Club Sponsor Mark Corkery of MMS Carpentry received a framed Crotta Jersey from the Club for his sponsorship and support throughout the year.

Results of Social Raffle
1st Framed Jersey - Jerm & Mary McCarthy, 2nd Framed Photo of Team - Mary Loughnane, 3rd Lunch in Ballygarry - Grainne OCarroll, 4th Crotta 1/2 Zips - Grainne Twomey & Elaine Conway

Guests enjoyed a delicious four course meal Music on the night was provided by Big Jim and those attending enjoyed great food, music and dancing to the wee hours
A great night for the club which is looking forward with optimism to the year ahead

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, KILFLYNN

Mass Intention for the week in St. Mary's Church:
On Friday 26th January at 10.00 a.m. and on Saturday 27th January at 6.00 p.m. - Seán Óg O'Connor, Ballysheen & Manchester
Abbeydorney Presbytery Phone number has been disconnected. All queries to the Parish Office 066 4018996.
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Webcam has been installed in Kilflynn Church - To watch Masses go to www.dioceseofkerry.ie - Abbeydorney Parish and click on 'watch Mass' Diocesan.

ACTIVE RETIRED GROUP

The Abbeydorney/Kilflynn Active Retired Group social meeting in the Abbeydorney Parish Hall on Wednesday 24th January. Meetings will start at 10.30am. New members are welcome; Enquiries, contact Noreen or Marie at 066 7135831.

CANCER TABLE QUIZ

The Kilflynn Cancer Support Group Table Quiz, held on Thursday 27th December, in Parker's and Herbert's Bar, Kilflynn was again a huge success with forty-nine tables competing. Including the auction of the Crotta jerseys, the fantastic sum of €5921 was raised on the night which has now been distributed to our benefiting charities, Recovery Haven, Kerry Hospice and Kerry Cancer Support, each receiving €1973.

Thanks to the numerous businesses and individuals who donated items for raffles and prizes, and all those who helped out in any way. However, the event could not have been such a success with the continued support of the people of Kilflynn, Abbeydorney and surrounding parishes, who turned up on the night and gave so generously. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. The quiz night again exceeded all expectations and all those involved are already looking forward to Christmas 2024, which will mark 20 years of the event!

CROTTA O'NEILLS AGM

The Crotta Gaa Annual General Meeting will take place at 9pm on Friday 26th January in St Columba's Centre, Kilflynn. All outgoing officers, players, mentors, supporters, and members are requested to attend, New members are welcome to attend on the night

KILFLYNN CITY RUNNING GROUP

Thank you all so much for supporting our January challenge. We would like to share with you the reason and indeed the driving force behind our January challenge. One of our founding members of Kilflynn city running group is a true inspiration to us and to everyone who has had the pleasure of meeting her. Niamh has been actively taking part in the challenge and doing her 30 minutes of exercise while undergoing treatment for an illness that unfortunately has touched so many of our family, friends and community.

Niamh has shown relentless determination, amazing courage and positivity and remains a true inspiration to us all and the while wearing her infectious smile. Join us and niamh in our January challenge which is raising funds for such a worthwhile cause. Please support the

Kerry Hospice Foundation using the go fund me link... <https://gofund.me/c30c9d55>

SENIOR HURLING CAPTAIN

Tomás O'Connor has been nominated by Crotta, 2023 County Champions, as the Kerry Senior Hurling Captain for 2024. Tomás nomination was ratified at Wednesday night's (17th January) meeting of the Kerry G.A.A County Board. Congratulations Tomás - wishing you and all the team the very best of luck this season.

COUNTY HURLING CHAMPIONS RAFFLE

Crotta Hurling Club have agreed to extend the deadline for the €23,000 Giveaway draw until Sunday 17th March 2024. This decision has been taken as sales have unfortunately fell short of our expectations.

We hope to sell more tickets in the coming 2 months, so that we can continue to invest in the Club facilities. So for just €25 you can buy a ticket (or 5 tickets for €100) for their #CrottaChampo draw and be in with a chance of winning one of 10 cash prizes. Main cash prize is €10,000. Get behind your 2023 County Championship winners. Tickets are available at Herbert's Bar/Village Store, Parker's Pub, Kilflynn or from Club officers.

Enter our fundraiser here <https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/CrottaONeills> We would like to thank all those who have purchased tickets to date.

KILFLYNN CHRONICLE

The fourteenth edition of the Kilflynn Chronicle is available to buy at the usual outlets in Kilflynn, Abbeydorney and Lixnaw, at Ardfert Printing, Woulfe's Bookshop, Listowel, O'Mahony's Bookshop, Tralee and Oaklands Day-break, Oakpark Road, Kells Six Crosses. Packed with history, sport, poetry and photographs, the magazine is the ideal Christmas present and is priced at €15.

CROTTA LOTTO JACKPOT RESULTS

The Crotta hurling club weekly lotto draw was held on Monday night 22nd January, at Parker's Pub, Kilflynn. The Four numbers drawn out of the drum by the independent observer: Graham Harris, Clounsillagh, Lixnaw were 1,9,25 and 26. There was no winner of the 7,700 Jackpot. Congratulations to the following who won €35 in the lucky dip draw: Danny Caffrey, Crotta, Kilflynn Seanie McEllogott,, The Waterfall, Kilflynn and Joanne Culhane, Crotta, Kilflynn The next draw will take place in Herbert's Bar, Kilflynn on Monday night 29th January at 10.30p.m with a €7,800 Jackpot.

Tickets available 3 for €5 online visit www.crottagaa.club or this link https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?l_id=427#Anchor or Herbert's Bar/Village Store, Parker's Pub, Zam Zam Kabab, Foley Shop Lixnaw, Abbeydorney Post Office or from Club ticket sellers. Many thanks to all who contribute to our weekly Club Lotto. The Club cannot emphasise enough the importance of our members promoting the Club Lotto among family, friends, and work colleagues. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

CROTTA SCOR

The Crotta GAA seeks applicants for Scor members. It's a new year so try a new activity
Scor Details:
The County Final of Scór Chiarraí Scór na nÓg will take place on the 2nd Feb. This is a county competition only for this year.

If anyone is interested please contact our Scór Ófficer Tom Breen on (087) 274 8555 before next Saturday 20th Jan.

Scór na bPaisti North Kerry Final will take place on Sunday 25th February. Time and venue TBC.

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BALLYDUFF

LOTTO DRAW

The results of the weekly Ballyduff GAA Club, Lady's Walk Hurling Club and the Ballyduff Community Games Committee Lotto Draw for Tuesday January 16th 2024 are as follows: The numbers drawn were 2,6 & 12 and the Bonus number was 7. There was no winner of the €12,700 Jackpot or the €400 Match 3 prize. The €20 Consolation winners were Ria Fealy, Addergown ; Maurice Sheehy, Londis, Ballyduff & Elaine O'Hara, Online. The Lotto Draw takes place on each Tuesday night at the GAA Clubrooms. Tickets cost €2.50 each and are available at the local shops and businesses and from members of the promoting Clubs. Remember "If you are not in you can't win". You may also play the Lotto online at www.ballyduffgaa.com.

BALLYDUFF GAA

National Club Draw:

The National Club Draw is taking place in a few weeks and it provides a great opportunity to support Ballyduff GAA Club and be in with a chance of winning some fantastic prizes including a top prize of a brand new car. All proceeds from the sale of these tickets stays in the club as the prizes are provided by Croke Park. As we have been engaged in massive development of both the pitch and grounds these funds would be a massive help to now maintaining the pitch at its high standard and keeping the new walk way lit and of course purchasing any new equipment needed for all our teams from U7 up to senior. Tickets cost €10 and the draw takes place on March 27th. The first prize is the all new Dacia Sendero Car, 2nd prize is €10,000 and there are a number of All Ireland hurling and football packages also up for grabs. You can purchase a ticket from any of the club officers, online or by following the link. <https://www.foireann.ie/.../7467a12d-d147-4c5c-8a02...>

CHURCH NEWS

Masses for the Week:

Friday 7.00pm: Chas Laide – Month's Mind
Saturday 6.30pm: Mass in Causeway

Sunday 11.00am: John O'Connor, Hearthill & Mayo -Month's Mind; James O'Connor, Benmore; Mike Flanagan; Mary-Ann & Maurice Moore
Ministers of the Eucharist: Sunday 11.00am – Mary O'Sullivan/Phyllis Supple/Bridie Quinlan
Readers: Sunday 11.00am – Paul McCarthy

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Parish Office: open weekly from Tuesday to Friday from 10.30am – 1.00pm. Please phone (066)7148404
Kerry Samaritans Collection: Taken up at Christmas amounted to €1,753.80. Thanks to all who contributed and the collectors. The Golden Jubilee: the Kerry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes with Assisted Pilgrims will take place from Thursday, 29th August to Tuesday, 3rd September 2024. Save the date – more information to follow early 2024.

Recovery Haven Kerry (Cancer support house), will have a Designer Fashion Showcase event in the Gleneagle INEC Arena, Killarney, on 1st February 2024. Renowned fashion designer Colin Horgan will be the star attraction of the event, showcasing a number of pieces from his new collection. Ballyheigue designer Don O'Neill - the charity's newly appointed Patron - will showcase a select few pieces from his fashion archive. M.C. is Mary Kennedy. Tickets - €30 and are for sale at Recovery Haven Kerry or at the Gleneagle INEC box office. They can also be purchased online. Contact (066)7192122 for further information.

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DEATH

The death took place of John Dominic Harrington, 5 Gleann na Phucha, Listowel and late of Addergown West, Ballyduff. He reposed at his sister Ann & Mike Guerin's residence, Ardoughter, Ballyduff and this Requiem Mass was celebrated at SS Peter's & Paul's Church, Ballyduff. Burial was in Rahela Cemetery. Sympathy is extended to the family, relatives and friends of the above deceased.

NEWS ITEMS

All news items for inclusion in the Ballyduff section of this publication must be with the writer by 8.00pm sharp on each Sunday evening. Anything received after this time is not guaranteed to be published. Your continued cooperation in this matter is much appreciated.

A THOUGHT

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TABLE QUIZ

Charity Pub Quiz in Aid of Kerry Hospice for Palliative care in memory of Jackie Williams. On Saturday 10th February in Mikey Joe's at 9.30pm. Table of 4 €20. Monster raffle on the night.

CASHEN VALE BOXING

After two years away, the Cashen Vale Boxing Club has returned to its new home in Sandhill Road Ballybunion with the help of the local Vincent de Paul Society. Boxing in the area will benefit from this resurgence of the sport, which has a long and rich history in this area. With the help of Vincent de Paul, more members can now access the training and resources needed to compete and grow in the field of boxing. Contact Maurice Falvey on 353860326133 for details

BALLYBUNION TIDY TOWNS

Happy New Year from all in Ballybunion Tidy Towns. As I write this, storm Isha is battering the place but hopefully no one has sustained any damage. As the weather improves and spring approaches, you should see us out and about again. However, having said that, we don't have the people power (formerly known as manpower) or the resources to work on your behalf as we would wish. If there is anyone out there who could spare a little time, once a week, at a time convenient to them, it would be so appreciated. If that sounds like you, drop your name and number into the Tourist Office on Main Street and a Committee member will get back to you. Stay safe everyone and all the best for 2024.

CHECKERS CAFÉ AND CRAZY GOLF

Are now taking bookings during weekends and week days for TY students, LCA groups Societies, Birthday parties and School Tours. Contact Marie on 0876415513.

BALLYBUNION MEALS ON WHEELS

The Ballybunion meals on wheels service will be delivered 3 days a week, meals will be delivered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Anyone wishing to avail of delivery please contact Eileen Fogarty on 086 2234 965 or Con McCarthy on 087 418 4241. The areas covered are Ballybunion, Lisselton, Asdee and Ballylongford. The dinner will be delivered to your door by one of the men at the cost of €7 per meal.

RETROFIT DANCE/FITNESS WORKOUT

Astrid is so excited to be back teaching my Retrofit dance/fitness workout. It's all about the feeling, the music, the joy, the connection, the fun and unleashing your inner groove to the iconic sounds of the 70's, 80's & 90's. For those of you in Kerry, it would be fabulous to see you in the class. Six week courses start in Ballybunion this Thursday 25th January at the Ballybunion Community Centre. 7.30 - 8.30pm. (Upstairs in the room of light) Booking is essential! €70.00. Please bring a mat, light blanket or throw and cushion & water. All shapes, sizes, ages welcome. Make your body, mind and soul happy! I am happy just thinking about it! Contact Astrid 066 9766374

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Our weekly Parish newsletter can be emailed to you, if you would like to be included in this service-please email your details including your email address and full name to ballybunionparish@gmail.com the email includes the weekly Newsletter and a link to Father Sean's Sunday Message on YouTube.

AFTERNOON CHARITY SOCIAL DANCE

Our next social dance is 28th January for Cashen Vale Boxing Club, music by Mike Condon in Tomáins Dance Hall, Lisselton, from 3pm-5pm, please come and support. All are welcome to attend, Admission is €10 which includes refreshments. Come along and enjoy a great afternoon of music, dance, chats and tea while supporting charities. If any person needs a drive please contact any member of the committee or contact Mag on 086 3750037.

BALLYBUNION COMMUNITY CENTRE

The booking office in the centre is unavailable due to refurbishments. Bookings can be made by calling the landline and leaving a voice message. These messages are monitored. Alternatively, and recommended if possible, email ballybcmcentre@gmail.com. Neil will be manning the emails and taking your bookings from 10am to 2pm Tues to Friday. Neill is temporarily working from his desk in the tourist office. We thank you for your cooperation during these times.

LB ROVERS 150 CLUB DRAW

Monthly Draw to a New 150 Club Draw! Annual Entry - €100.00 (12 draws), there will be a guaranteed 3 Prizes won every month: 1st prize - €250.00, 2nd prize - €100.00, 3rd prize - €50.00. It's a great way to support our Club and who knows, you could be one of our lucky winners in the future! Our Draw is Limited to a Maximum of 150 People & will commence as soon as this number of entries has been achieved. Our first 150 Club Draw of our 12-Month Annual Cycle is scheduled to commence on Thursday 29th February.

If you have any queries please get in touch & if you would like to enter our 150 Club Draw & help us Kick-Start a segment of Field Development you can enter our Draw via the Link below:

<https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/LB%20Rovers%20FC>

If anyone wishes to enter the Old Fashioned method via our 150 Club Draw Envelopes, you can do so by contacting Eoin 087 2254837 or Kathleen 087 6284279

SOCIAL DANCING

Social Dancing has returned every Tuesday night at 7.30pm upstairs in the Community Centre "The Old Central Ballroom" A great night of fun and dancing including waltzing, jiving, quick set, line dancing etc. Please come along and show your support. You do not need a partner on the night.

CLOTHES COLLECTION

Scoil Íosagáin's Parents Association will hold several clothes collections throughout the year. Clothes can be dropped to the front door of the school at any time during the school year, during school hours Monday to Friday only. Reusable items of clothing, bed linen (No quilts or pillows), paired shoes, belts, handbags, towels and curtains. A big thank you to all who contributed to our last collection which was a great success. Please do not leave bags at the school gates.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

Community Employment offers work experience, training, welfare payments plus top-up, and an opportunity to contribute to your community. Current part-time positions (19.5 hrs. /wk.) Include: Leisure Centre Receptionist, Men's Shed Caretaker, Environmental Worker x 2, and Community Centre Caretaker. For details, contact Mary on 068 27799 or email saothairnababhann@gmail.com

BALLYBUNION LIBRARY

Opening Hours: Tuesday – Saturday (inc) from 10am-1:30pm and 2:30pm-5pm. Turn over a new leaf for 2024 and join your local library. There is a lot more available these days than books! We have free computer access and Wi-Fi, with printing, photocopying and scanning available. Online, and also free of charge, there are newspapers, magazines, language education courses, our virtual library service- BorrowBox app, and for primary teachers, there are many services available for schools. All you need is a membership card to access any of our services, and this is also free. Please call in, join up and enjoy the Discovery! www.kerrylibrary.ie ballybunion@kerrylibrary.ie 068 27615

BALLYBUNION PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

The parent & Toddler group every Wednesday from 10am-12.30pm in Ballybunion Community Centre. This is a great meeting place for parents & carers with babies & small children to relax & chat together while children play. Everyone is welcome to attend. Cost is €3 per family which includes snacks and group outings. For more information please contact Laura on 087 057 3384.

TAEKWONDO BALLYBUNION

Taekwondo Classes are ongoing in Ballybunion Community Centre upstairs hall, on Wednesday evening for beginners aged 5yrs+, teens and adults and on Friday evenings for beginner teens and adults. Great for confidence, balance, co-ordination, fitness, self-defense, self-discipline and its fun. Beginners are always welcome - if interested please contact Michael on 087 9245637.

CHAIR BASED FITNESS PROGRAM

Class Chair-Based Exercise in Ballybunion Community Center every Tues.11.00am-12.00pm. Pay as you go classes available also, Please phone to book your chair call Martina on 087 797 3688

KILCONLY NATIONAL SCHOOL

Is currently enrolling for Junior Infants 2024/25. Enrolment application forms are available from the school office cilconla@gmail.com. Before 23rd February2024. Further information contact 068 27833.

SCOIL ÍOSAGÁIN

Scoil Íosagáin, Church Road, Ballybunion would like to remind parents that they are now enrolling for the 2024/25 school year. Enrolment applications are available on the school website www.ballybunionprimary.ie or by emailing Catherine at office@ballybunionprimary.ie

WINTERTIME 41 CARD TIME

Join us for a game of 41 in The Bunker. Every Friday night from 9pm until 11pm. €10 in - winners take half the pot. Everyone is welcome!

BALLYBUNION BADMINTON

Ballybunion Badminton takes place on Tuesdays 9-10 and Thursdays 8pm to 10pm, in Ballybunion Community Centre. New members are always welcome. If you have any enquiries please contact the Ballybunion Baseliners Facebook page. Or text 086 166 0682 strictly over 15's.

BALLYBUNION ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Ballybunion active retirement group weekly meetings are held in the old convent, Doon road every Wednesday. New members are always welcome to join our activities. Creative writing, theatre visits, day trips, invited speakers, yoga and most of all good company. You can contact Pat Buckley on 086 3561 615.

SAN RITA WELLNESS

In Person Meetings take place every Wednesday from 10am-11am & 6pm to 7pm in The Kerry Writers Museum. If you are anxious to make a start now you can join our "At Home Service" where our members love the support, motivation, accountability and also seeing fantastic results on the scales. Call us for more information. Sandra 087 6718377 Rita 087 1012174

BALLYBUNION HEALTH AND LEISURE CENTRE

Open Mon-Fri 8am-9pm, Saturday 9am-6pm, Sunday 10am-6pm, Bank Holidays 10am - 6pm. We have numerous exercise and fitness classes, which include Hydro bikes, Aqua Aerobics, Spinning. Public Swimming lessons take place during the week and can be booked by contacting reception, for any further information please call Reception on Tel: 068-28111 or follow our Facebook page Ballybunion Health & Leisure Centre for regular updates.

BALLYBUNION NOTES

If you would like to include anything in The Ballybunion Notes, please forward to email address below or send us a message to the Ballybunion Tourist Office Facebook page by 10am on Monday Ballybuniontouristoffice@gmail.com

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Listowel Celtic U14 Div. 1 team who beat Camp 10-2 last weekend



Sarah Cremin, Keel and Gavin Parker, Kilflynn, attending their Crotta O'Neill Victory Social on Friday night at The Ballygarry Estate Hotel and Spa, where 300 supporters dined with their team at this historical event.

Photo: John Cleary



Congratulations to Noelle Dillon Lios Tuathail AC who was 2nd in the Tom Kelly 8k in Ardferd recently. Pictured here with winner and club mate Cara Leahy who won the Junior race



Well done to Lios Tuathail AC athlete Aoibhinn Harte who finished 5th in the u20 wfd at the All Ireland Indoor finals in Athlone



Congratulations to Duagh/Lyre Community Games participants Kate Sheridan and Leona McMahon receiving their awards last Friday night at Duagh Sports Complex



Congratulations to Duagh/Lyre participants who represented the area in athletics, pictured here receiving their awards last Friday night at Duagh Sports Complex



Duagh/Lyre u10 gaelic football participants receiving their awards last Friday night at Duagh Sports Complex



The 3 Listowel Celtic U11 teams who played last weekend

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LISTOWEL CELTIC

Draw 22/01/24 - Numbers Drawn 1-9-22-24
Jackpot not won - Lucky Dip Winners:
€40 Betty Heapy, Dirha East
€20 Conor Keane, Clieveragh Park
€20 Saoirse Kennedy On Line
€20 Seamus Mulvihill, St. Senans
€20 John O'Donoghue, Bedford
Next Draw 29/01/24 at Mikes - Jackpot €1,600

LISTOWEL ATHLETIC CLUB

All Ireland Indoor u20& u23
Well done to our throwers on Saturday in the All Ireland Junior & u23 Indoor Finals in Athlone TUS. U23 Padraig McCarthy 6th shot put and finished out the day with a silver in the weight for distance, a big last throw to change the colour of his medal. Aoibhinn Harte finished in 5th in the weight for distance with a new pb. A good season opener for both throwers.

Membership
Membership is now open to all athletes and is gone online, please check WhatsApp messages for the link.

LISTOWEL COMMUNITY GAMES

Listowel Community Games would like to bring your attention to the following events and dates:

Basketball U13 Boys: If you are interested in competing in U13 Boys basketball please text Claire by Friday 2nd Feb on 087 9595211.

Swimming: If any child would be interested in competing in any of the following Swimming events please text Karena on 087 2035865 by Friday 2nd of Feb.
Boys & Girls U/10 Over 8 1 length 25m Freestyle
Boys & Girls U/10 Over 8 1 length, 25m Backstroke
Boys & Girls U/12 Over 10 2 lengths, 50m Freestyle
Boys & Girls U/12 Over 10 2 lengths, 50m Breaststroke
Boys & Girls U/12 Over 10 2 lengths, 50m Backstroke
Boys & Girls U/14 Over 12 2 lengths, 50m Freestyle
Boys & Girls U/14 Over 12 2 lengths, 50m Backstroke
Boys & Girls U/14 Over 12 2 lengths, 50m Breaststroke
Boys & Girls U/14 Over 12 2 lengths, 50m Butterfly
Boys & Girls U/16 Over 14 2 lengths, 50m Freestyle
Boys & Girls U/16 Over 14 2 lengths, 50m Backstroke
Boys & Girls U/16 Over 14 2 lengths, 50m Butterfly
Boys & Girls U/16 Over 14 2 lengths, 50m Breaststroke

Talent: If anyone is interested in participating in the following individual or team events please text Karena on 087 2035865 by Friday 2nd of February.
Solo Recitation (Individual Boys or Girls) – U12 & U16
Solo Music (Individual Boys or Girls) – U12 & U 16
Solo Singing (Individual Boys or Girls) – U12 & U16
Group Music Team, All boys, All girls, Mixed, Maximum 6 – Minimum of 2 – U12 & U16
Group Singing Team, All boys, All girls, Mixed, Maximum 6 – Minimum of 2 – U12 & U16

Best of Luck:
Best of luck to Listowel Community Games Badminton Teams in Moyvane on Saturday. Team Members Joe Barry, John Joe Carmody, Margaret Carmody, Irene Carol, Kayla Eve Galvin, Aaron Hickey, Sinead Leahy, Brendan Moriarty, Ciaran Moriarty, Michael O'Sullivan, Triona Prendiville & Nicole Vesko.

BEALE GAA

Beale seniors play Duagh in the first round of Division 1A of the North Kerry League on Sunday. Other teams in this group are Brosna, Desmonds and Ballydonohue. Throw in on Sunday is at 2 o'clock in Duagh.

The team travelled to Watford, UK, at the weekend to play Hertfordshire GAA in a friendly match. At the end of a tight encounter, the final score read Beale 1-8 Hertfordshire 2-4. Many thanks to Mike and Aaron Farrell of Aronmar Plant for their kind sponsorship of tops for the trip. The Farrell family has long been associated with sponsorship of Beale GAA.

Congratulations to our younger players who are in training with Kerry squads. Our minor goalkeeper, Brian Dinneen; under-16 girls, Gracie O'Sullivan; under-14 girls, Layla Kate Buckley and Evanna Mason; and under-20, Robert Stack. Best of luck to all players. We look forward to seeing them wearing the green and gold.

The Beale Lotto took place in Mikey Joe's Bar on Monday night. Details of the lucky numbers and winners are posted on social media.

Numbers drawn were 13, 19, 23 and 28.
There was no jackpot winner and no Match-3 winners. Luck Dip winners each win €25: Eamon Kissane and Gerard Costello (online), Conor Kissane and Katie Rowan.
The winner of 5 Free Tickets was Ger Purtill.
The next lotto draw takes place in The Feale Bar on Sunday night at 9 o'clock. The Jackpot is €5,200.
Tickets, €2 each or 3 for a fiver, may be bought online and are available in Joyce's Newsagents and in the local pubs. Terms and conditions apply. A huge 'mile buíochas' to everyone who supports and promotes the Beale Lotto.

Well done to everyone taking part in the Every Step Counts challenge. We are clocking up the miles each week and are well on target to being in the draw for a chance to win a share of €30,000 for our Beale GAA. The goal is to collectively hit 4,000 km and be in the draw for the provincial winner and share part of the €30,000 jackpot.

It's that time of year when players and members are planning on registering to join Beale GAA. In the spirit of the One Club model, which caters for the whole family in a fair, equitable and integrated manner, the following are the standardised registration fees for 2024:
Full Member (non-player), €30;
Full Member (non-player)/Annual Lotto, €100 (free membership);
Senior Player, €60; Senior Player/ Lotto, €120;
Minor Player, €50; Juvenile Player, €40;
Juvenile Family (subject to max. of 5 juveniles/minors), €100;
Coach Family (1 adult and max. 4 juveniles/minors), €100.
Register on Foireann. Details at later date.

Beale GAA extends sincere sympathy to Kathleen Williams and family on the recent passing of Jackie, RIP. A great character, well known for his wit and great sense of humour, Jackie was a true GAA man and a great Beale supporter. But when it came to county loyalties, Jackie's heart was with his home county, Galway. The Williams' home was easily recognisable when Galway footballers and hurlers were playing - festooned with the maroon and white of his beloved native county.
Jackie was very proud of his family wearing the green and red of Beale. Darren played from a very young age and was a talented senior player. Paddy played under-age and minors, while both Declan and Brian (RIP) played at under-age level.
The family tradition continues onto the next generation, as Jackie's granddaughter, Kerriane, played with Beale Ladies and is PRO for Beale Coiste na nÓg. Ever ready to give a helping hand, Kerriane is often seen selling our weekly lotto tickets. Her brother, Jack, is a skilful young footballer and plays with the senior and junior teams, while younger sister, Molly, has played with Beale under-age.
May Jackie's soul rest in eternal peace. At dheis Dé gurb a anam dhil

BALLYBUNION GOLF CLUB

Mens Competition Fixtures:
Sunday 28th January Spring League, 14 Hole Fourball Stableford, Week 1

Ladies Competitions Fixtures:
Tuesday 23rd January Ladies - Voucher Singles - Cashen Course
Saturday 27h January Ladies Competition 14 hole Stableford- Cashen Course

Senior Men Competitions Fixtures:
Thursday 25th January 24 Seniors Competition Cashen Course

Senior Ladies Competitions Fixtures:
Friday 26th January Mna Sinsir Scramble Cashen Course

FINUGE GAA

FINUGE 500: You can win €500 through our monthly Finuge 500 draw along with a pair of tickets to the Munster Rugby game with Crusaders 3rd February in Cork. This game is sold out so this is your chance! Draw takes place Monday 29th of January.
Entry tickets for January are available at McCarthy's Bar Finuge, Foleys Gala Express Shop Lixnaw, Stacks Londis Lixnaw, JJ Walsh Bar & Butchers Lixnaw and Gibbons Filling Station Lixnaw. Also available online at www.finugegaa.com with two months for €10, a 6-month ticket for €25 (1 free entry) and a 12-month ticket for €50 (2 free entries). You can also gift a ticket to someone - vouchers are available, an ideal birthday or a thank you present!

SUMMER HOLIDAY: The big news for 2024 is the announcement of a fantastic summer holiday draw. The lucky winner and partner will fly to Lanzarote in August, with a weeks accommodation along with spending money - all compliments of Finuge GAA! Watch out for emerging details in the weeks ahead.

SCÓR NA NÓG: The county final takes place on the 2nd of February and is a straight county competition only this year - entries are closed now. Scór Na bPáistí (for primary school children) will take place on Sunday 25th of February - please contact Scór officer Christina Stack on 087-4672591

SENIORS: First action of the year was the settling the matter of North Kerry league relegation between ourselves and Ballydonoghue. This game went ahead last Saturday in Beale with Ballydonoghue emerging as winners against a weakened Finuge outfit. Final score Finuge 0-01, Ballydonoghue 1-12. This result means the team play NK div two league this year.
The NK league action kicks off this weekend but Finuge will have a bye.

CONGRATULATIONS: Kerry Ladies have announced the senior 2024 captain and it is none other than Finuge/St Senans player Niamh Carmody! Niamh is a born leader with a massive work rate and is an obvious choice to lead the team through 2024. This is a great recognition for Niamh and an honour for the club to supply the captain.

LADIES FOOTBALL: Finuge St Senans underage are back in training with U12, U14, U16 girls getting back into it this week. The club will also field a minor team at U18 this year. Anyone interested in playing these age groups are very welcome to make contact with club officers for more details.

KERRY FOOTBALL: Unfortunately the senior men's team fell to our rivals Cork in the McGrath Cup final played in Cork last Saturday. A number of scoring chances were not taken and when the game finished a draw it was penalties that decided the destination of the cup.
The national league kicks into action this weekend when Derry come to Austin Stack Park in a replay of last years All Ireland semifinal which was a fine game between these two sides. Game throws in at 5:30pm under lights this Saturday the 27th with tickets needing to be purchased in advance.
The Kerry Ladies wasted no time in laying down a marker for the season ahead with a very strong display against All Ireland champions Dublin. This was the first opportunity for our captain Niamh Carmody to lead the county into battle and she put in another one of her excellent performances, as usual. Well done to Niamh and team. Next up for the ladies is their round two game against Waterford this Sunday in Fitzgerald Stadium at 2pm.

MEMBERSHIP: Will be open soon for payment. Details of rates and how to pay will be published soon. We would like to thank everyone who paid to be a member last year and look forward to your support again in 2024. Membership is a crucial part of the income for the club to help keep it alive, so we would encourage anyone interested in football to join up and support your local club.
Rates for the year ahead are €25 for a juvenile (U18), €50 for two juveniles, €60 for three or more juveniles, full adult is €50, family membership is €100 (two adults & two juveniles).

BALLYDONOGHUE GAA

Lotto Draw results:
The numbers drawn for Friday 19th January 2024, were as follows, 8, 21, 22, 24. The Jackpot was €2,900 and there was no Jackpot winner
The following won 30 euro lucky dips:
Mike Kennelly - Online.
Denis Buckley - Online.
Angela Dowling - Coolard.
Patrick Moran - Lisaniskea.
Geraldine Behan - Ballydonoghue.
The following won three free tickets:
Marie O' Connor - Online.
Beatrice & Mary Madden c/o Edward.
Donal Foley- Ballybunion.
Next Jackpot will be €3,000 and it will take place at the clubhouse on Friday 26th January 2024.

Fixtures:
North Kerry League Division 1 Relegation playoff Ballydonoghue v Finuge took place on Saturday in Ballybunion.
Full Time Score was Ballydonoghue 1-12 (15) v Finuge 0-01 (01).
Ballydonoghues team lined out as follows;
Darragh O'Shea(Cian O'Mahony), Liam Guiney(David Lynch), Conor Kennelly, Declan Behan, Brian Mason, Diarmuid Behan, William Kissane(Stephen Loneragan), Tadgh O'Carroll(Paul Kennelly), Jack Sheehy, Danny Power, Mikey Nolan (0-2), Brian O'Seanacháin, Jack Foley (0-3)(Kieran Foley), Darragh Sheehy (0-1), Jack Kennelly (1-6).

Irish Life Steps Challenge:
Steps Challenge continues started January 8th. You can still join up and add to the clubs step count. Download the My Life Irish Life App and join, to help Ballydonoghue GAA Club be in with a chance to win a share of €30,000.

Ireland Light Up:
Ireland Lights Up, started last Monday the 15th January with operation transformation starting this January as well. We will be lighting up Coolard GAA grounds on Monday nights at 7.30-8.30 again, from the 15th January 2024 for all the course of operation transformation.
Everyone Welcome.

National Club Draw Tickets:
Some club Draw tickets are still available. Contact any club officer if you wish to purchase some tickets.
Only 10 Euro and fantastic prizes and all money collected goes back to your club.

Coiste na nÓg AGM:
Change or date - Coiste na nÓg AGM will now go ahead at 7:30pm on Monday 22nd January 2024 in Coolard Clubhouse instead of the 19th of January 2024. All welcome.

Date for your Diary:
Ballydonoghue GAA Social will take place 17th February 2024 in the Arms Hotel Listowel. Further information to follow.

Fixtures:
North Kerry League Division 1A Ballydonoghue v Brosna next Sunday January 28th 2024 @ 2pm in Coolard.

TARBERT GAA

Monthly €500 Draw:
Congratulations to Shane Sheehan, who was the lucky winner of our January 24 Monthly €500.
Don't forget to purchase your ticket and be in the draw for a GUARANTEED Prize of €500. Yes, €500 will be won!! Tickets are available online tarbertgaa.ie, from committee members and from the Post Office.

2024 Juvenile Registration Night:
Our 2024 Juvenile Registration night will be held on Friday evening 2nd February in the Community centre Tarbert.

Senior Manger:
Congratulations to Jamie Diggins who was appointed Senior Team Manager for the 2024 season.

ASDEE GAA

Annual General Meeting, A sizable number of people attended the St. Mary's Asdee GAA Club's Annual General Meeting, which was recently held in the Community Centre. One notable change in officership from the previous year was the Chairman Sean Doran stepped down from his position.

Prior to the meeting getting underway there was a minute's silence observed for all who suffered bereavements during the year gone by. Chairman, Sean Doran welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everybody for their support once again during the year past with a special mention to our many sponsors too numerous to mention. Follow by detailed reports from Secretary and Treasurer. The following officers were elected: Patron Fr. Michael Hussey, President John Doran, (Senior), Chairman Tom Kennedy, Vice Chairman John Kennedy, Secretary Mark O Hanlon, Assistant Secretary Kathleen Carmody, Treasurer John Joe O Carroll, Assistant Treasurers Thomas Walsh, Registrar Kevin Mulvihill, Scor Officer Kathleen Carmody, Development and Safety Gerdie O Carroll, Children Welfare Officer Sandra O Hanlon, Health & Wellbeing Officer Kathleen Carmody, Coaching Officer John Kennedy, PRO Jack Hennessy, Delegates County Board Oliver Kearney, North Kerry Board Mark O Hanlon and Patsy Coughlan.

Golden Goal, the club's Golden Goal fundraising competition starts on 4th of February 2024 with the GAA season kicking off with the second round of the Allianz League football game. The club will continue weekly fundraising Golden Goal competition to cover the intercountry playing season until the All-Ireland football final on Sunday July 28th. Weekly entry €2 with prizemoney €40 each week. The person with the minute first goal is the winner. A no goal entry is also included. 26 league and championship games between the 4th of February 2024 and 24th of July 2024. Payment options; 5 weeks €10, 10 weeks €20, and 26 weeks €50. Purchase from John Pius Walsh, shop, club Officers and online at asdeegaa.com. 73 entries per group. Weekly cut off time for entry is Friday 8pm.

Club Meeting, the Asdee GAA Club will meet in the Asdee Community Centre on Tuesday, January 30 at 8:00 p.m.

Scor, the County Final of Scor na nÓg will take place on the 2nd of February. Scor na bPaisti North Kerry Final will take place on Sunday 25th February. Time and venue TBC. Senior Scor will also take place in early March.

DUAGH/LYRE COMM GAMES

Awards night
Last Friday night all roads led to Duagh sports complex for the annual Duagh/Lyre Community Games awards evening. The bridge closed to Kilmorna thankfully didn't deter all of our area from attending with them taking the long trip around. The Community games year returned on a full schedule in 2023 and the Duagh/Lyre participants jumped at the opportunity to take part in swim-

ming, art, handwriting, basketball, indoor soccer, futsal, u10 boys and u14 girls Gaelic football, draughts, chess, tag rugby, skittles, u11 project and athletics. Duagh/Lyre were recognising the efforts of one hundred and twenty-two participants who all took part in County competitions, along with those who progressed from County to Munster and National. Duagh/Lyre had five teams at Provincial finals, three in skittles and one in u13 chess (a first for our area having chess and participating in a new activity for our area thanks to our volunteer Derry Buckley) and u14 draughts, athletes Gavin Dillon and Saoirse Dillon who medalled in the Munster athletics and qualifying for National finals both in their last year of Community Games. Out of the five provincial teams, u14 draughts, u12 and u14 skittles won silver, Munster gold and National bronze in U16 skittles (first team to represent Kerry in this event at National finals, team: Cillian McMahon, Ryan Stack, Cillian Kirby, Thomas Cahill, Dylan Buckley and Mark Bambury Lawson, coach Jason Harte), National medallists in cycling on grass - silver for Kate Sheridan u14 and Leona McMahon U12, U11 project won gold with a project on Michael Collins team: Kirsten Brosnan, Teegan Phillips and Shauna Sheehy, Athletics pewter for Cillian McMahon in u16 discus and Thomas Cahill U14 shot put won pewter. Duagh/Lyre was best overall area in Kerry for the second year in a row. Our MC on the night was our area secretary and County chairperson Nelius Collins. Thanks to our volunteers who support our participants in taking part in each event and activity, we are looking to forward to what 2024 holds for us.

Events and Registration: Events are starting straight away please contact Liz 086-3466043 if you have missed both Registration nights, teams arranged from those registered.

Swimming: Entries being taken for swimming u8 to u16, contact Liz 086-3466043.

Culture Events: see post on Facebook, solo and group music, solo and group singing, u12 and u16 Recitation. Entries Liz 086-3466043

NORTH KERRY GAA

Results of the 100th AGM
At the 100th AGM of the North Kerry Football Board, which took place in the Listowel Arms Hotel with a large attendance of clubs present on the night, the following Officers were ratified for the year 2024. We would like to congratulate and welcome our new Officers of John McEnery and Donal Brosnan. We look forward to a great footballing year ahead for North Kerry.

Election of Officers for 2024
President: Ger D. O'Connor Ballydonoghue
Chairperson: Mairead O Sullivan Moyvane
Vice Chairman: Vacant
Vice Chairman: Sean McCarthy Castleisland Desmonds
Secretary: PJ Mulvihill Moyvane
Assistant Secretary Donal Brosnan Brosna
Treasurer John McEnery Ballylongford
Assistant Treasurer John Joe Walsh Ballylongford
P.R.O Eilish Walsh St Senans
Cultural Officer PJ Mulvihill Moyvane
Child Protection Officer Julie Finucane Tarbert
Development Officer Jack Hennessy Asdee
Coaching Officer Maurice Mannix Beale
Welfare Officer Leah Dore Emmets

Fixtures:
Senior Leagues Rd 1 2024
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Division 1A Rd 1 - Sunday 28th January @ 2pm
Duagh v Beale | Ballydonoghue or Moyvane v Brosna | Desmonds Bye

Division 1B Rd 1 - Sunday 28th January @ 2pm
Listowel Emmets v St Senans | Ballyduff v Moyvane

Division 2 Rd 1 - Sunday 28th January @ 2pm
Asdee v Ballylongford | Tarbert v Knocknagoshel

The County Final of Scor na nÓg will take place on the 2nd Feb. This is a County competition only for this year if any clubs are interested please contact me before next Friday 19th Jan.

Scor na bPaisti North Kerry Final will take place on Sunday 25th February. Time and venue TBC.
Senior Scor will also take place in early March. More details in the next few weeks.



Lisa Slattery, Abbeydorney and Ryan Houlihan, Kilflyn, celebrating their great win with Crotta O'Neills, County Hurling Champions with a dinner dance at their victory social at The Ballygarry Estate Hotel and Spa on Friday night.
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Listowel Celtic U12 A team who won 10-1 against Inter Kenmare at the weekend

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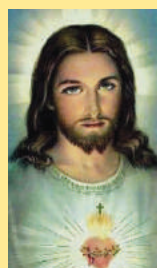
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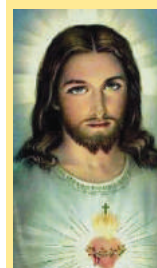
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven.

Blessed Mother of the Son of God; Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me you are my Mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity (Mention your request here)

There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Amen

*This prayer is never known to fail. It is to be said for 3 consecutive days. Publication on granting of the favour must be promised and done. **MoF***



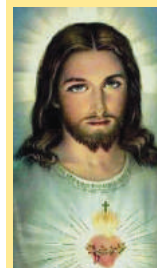
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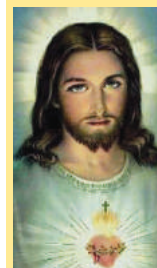
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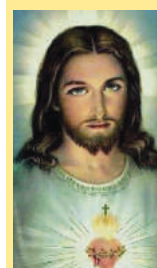
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