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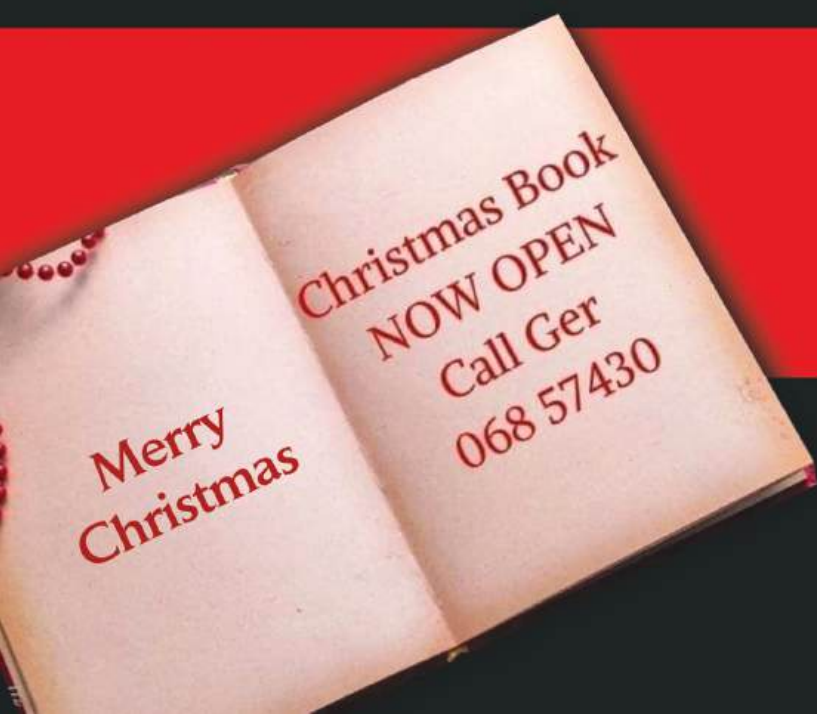
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It has been a privilege to get out and about around Listowel and North Kerry over the past weeks on the campaign trail to meet you the electorate. Having strong links with Listowel where my father Dr. Paddy O'Shea practiced for many years, I look back on my childhood in Listowel with the fondest of memories.

Last week saw an unprecedented weather event which has led to the loss of many homes in the Listowel area. It has really emphasised the need to ensure everything possible is done to help communities and those affected by these events. I'm also aware that much will need to be done to ensure that "**Drainage Maintenance**" (especially in the catchment areas of Arterial Drainage Schemes) will command its rightful place in the implementation of the "Water Action Plan 2024". It is obvious from the brief history of the Cashen Drainage Project that this is a massive Drainage Scheme in North Kerry stretching from the base of Stacks Mountain to Lisselton and Ballybunion and taking in Ballyduff, Causeway, Abbeydorney, Lixnaw, Finuge, Listowel, Moyvane and Knockanure.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE LAUNCH OF 'GOLDILOCKS RETURNS'

Kerry Writers' Museum invites you to the launch of Goldilocks Returns, the latest book by celebrated poet Stephen Murphy, on Friday 29th November at 8pm.

Known for his unique storytelling, Murphy gives Goldilocks a surprising new journey, blending humour with unexpected insights. Described by Lúgh Ó'hErodáin as "Monty Pythonesque" and "a whirlwind of chaos and existential musings," this book brings fairy tales into a fresh, adult world of wit and whimsy.

Don't miss an evening of laughter, reflection, and literary flair! Entry is free and open to all.



CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH "FESTIVE FANTASY"

Celebrate the Season with "Festive Fantasy" – Listowel Visual Artists' Collective to Unveil New Exhibition in St. John's Theatre & Arts Centre this December

Prepare to embrace the enchantment of winter at "Festive Fantasy," a vibrant seasonal exhibition by the Listowel Visual Artists' Collective (LVAC), launching Thursday 12th December at 7pm in the heart of Listowel in St. John's Theatre & Arts Centre. This highly anticipated event will be opened by renowned Leitrim poet Stephen Murphy, and will include entertainment by pianist Mick Jones, local poet John McGrath, the St. John's Trio and more.

"Festive Fantasy" showcases an eclectic range of artworks that celebrate the magic, warmth, and creative spirit of the winter season. From bold contemporary pieces to meticulously crafted traditional works, visitors will be able to savour a stunning collection that brings the holiday season to life with energy, passion, and artistry. This December, LVAC has curated a joyful experience that promises something inspiring for everyone, whether long-time art enthusiasts or newcomers to the scene.

"LVAC has come so far since its inception," says Louise Lynch, LVAC Co-Founder and artist. "Our group is continually growing, drawing incredible talents together from across Listowel and beyond. With 'Festive Fantasy,' we're thrilled to bring such a diverse range of works to the community, capturing the heart and spirit of the season."

LVAC has had a prolific year, with "Festive Fantasy" marking their tenth exhibition of 2024. Among the standout exhibitions this year were "New Beginnings" in January, LVAC's inaugural group showcase in St. John's, and "Images and Imaginings" - a groundbreaking collaboration with local poetry and writing groups that featured workshops, performances, and a pop-up shop.

August saw the collective's first touring exhibition, "The Art of McCarthy's Ballads," as part of the Sean McCarthy Memorial Weekend in Finuge, while in September, LVAC celebrated its one-year anniversary with "ONE" at St. John's

A testament to the collective's boundless creativity, the line-up for 2024 also featured stunning solo exhibitions from artists including Damian Daly's "Introverted Excavator", Siobhain Moriarty's "Fragments, and Godfrey Coppinger's "Self Portraits and Other Stories" and Jean McNamara's "The Inner Child" and as part of the 6th Listowel International Storytelling Festival. The most recent exhibition "Immersed" by artist Mary Leahy that was also a huge success.

With each showcase, LVAC has demonstrated their commitment to exploring diverse themes and artistic expressions, making "Festive Fantasy" the perfect way to conclude an extraordinary year.

This exhibition is free to attend, and LVAC warmly invites everyone to come along, celebrate, and support Listowel's thriving art community. "Festive Fantasy" promises to be an unforgettable showcase of local talent, community, and creative expression as we usher in the holiday season.

For more information, please contact Louise Lynch, Co-Founder, Listowel Visual Artists' Collective (LVAC). Email: listowelvacollective@gmail.com or follows us on socials; Facebook: @ListowelVisualArtistsCollective and Instagram: @ListowelVisualArtists

About Listowel Visual Artists' Collective (LVAC): The Listowel Visual Artists' Collective is an independent, community based, voluntary led group of local artists dedicated to promoting visual arts in the community. Through exhibitions, workshops, and community events, LVAC fosters creativity and artistic expression, enriching the cultural landscape of Listowel and its surroundings.



MARY CULLOTY O'SULLIVAN'S 'ASIAM' FUNDRAISING CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Popular musician Mary Culloty O'Sullivan's Christmas Fundraiser is titled 'Asiam' in association with Listowel Autistic Friendly Town initiative and will take place this Sunday 1st December at 3pm in Listowel Community Centre.

I am delighted to be involved in raising funds for such a worthy cause and I hope you join me this Sunday 1st December. My special guests are North Kerry Community Choir, Killarney Community Singers, Frances Kennedy (Renowned Storyteller), Muiris O Laoire (Poetry), Dolores Carroll (Poetry) & Tony O' Flaherty (Piano Accompaniment).

Tickets are €15 at the door with door and raffle prizes on the night.

"I was thrilled that for the third year in a row I have won another Music Award in the Red Carpet Awards in Europe. This year it's an acknowledgment of my contribution to the Music Business i.e. my voice and my songwriting. Peter Agrikola one of the directors of the Award Ceremony gave a lovely introduction to my Award and said when he first heard my voice he was 'blown away'!" There were over 3,000 entries worldwide so it was wonderful to be acknowledged.

"My self penned song 'Christmas Bells' has been chosen to be put on a Christmas Playlist and played in Shopping Centres all around Ireland including The Ilac Centre, Dundrum, Crescent, Manor West, various coffee shops etc. so listen out for it! My song is also on Spotify, and all streaming platforms worldwide.



PRESENTATION LISTOWEL STUDENTS PREPARE FOR SCIFEST NATIONAL FINAL

Two students from Presentation Secondary School Listowel have qualified and are currently preparing for the National Final of SciFest in the Marino Institute of Education in Dublin on November 29th. Emma Heaphy and Abbie Mazzelle won the overall prize for best project in SciFest MTU Kerry in May. They are the only project from Kerry to qualify for the National Final.

The title of the project is "Would people move to an Island given the necessities" the project offers a unique solution to tackle the current housing crisis in Ireland. They have created a solution of utilising the islands around our coastline as new population centres to alleviate pressures on resources and lessen demand for housing on the mainland. They have also looked at the environmental side of this and have produced a fully functioning sustainable island. What's more the students have received correspondence from Minister for Finance Jack Chambers and Minister for Social Protection Heather Humphreys in relation to their research.

"We are very proud of Emma and Abbie's achievements. Their commitment and dedication to their research as young scientists is truly admirable. The whole school community in Pres Listowel wish the girls the very best of luck in Dublin next Friday."



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CAROLINE'S POD OF POSITIVITY

Welc Welcome to my weekly column. My name is Caroline Horgan and I'm a qualified Health & Wellness Consultant specialising in DóTerra's Essential Oils and Supplements. Whether it's improving health, boosting positivity or just enhancing everyday life, I offer simple natural solutions that work. I'm passionate about Wellness, Aromatherapy, Ancient Traditions and Celtic Wisdoms and I offer personalised advice and easy Tips to help others live healthier, happier lives – One Drop at a Time.

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My Mission is to share these Gifts of the Earth with as many people as I possibly can and I'm delighted to support many friends and families throughout North Kerry, West Limerick and the wider County regions One drop, One person, One community at a time.

This week I bring you the perfect Christmas gift in dóTerra's Trio Kit that can be used in many different ways in supporting you and your family both emotionally and physically. All three essential oils in this Trio Kit can be used individually or can be combined together using my 3 – way method of, Diffuse, Use & Apply Enjoy the read!

The Perfect Christmas Gift – The Trio!

The Trio Kit contains Lemon Lavender and Peppermint and here are just a few of my suggested uses for each of the oils. The Trio Kit makes a lovely gift for someone special or yourself and a great introduction to dóTerra essential oils.

Lemon

- Add a drop to your water for a refreshing drink and to help detox the body
- Apply directly to cold sores for instant relief
- Diffuse in your cold water diffuser to elevate the mood
- Add to baking recipes or your morning yogurts
- Add to a drop of honey to soothe sore throats

Lavender

- Apply to the wrist points, the back of the neck and the bottoms of the feet in the morning and before bedtime to soothe and calm any upset or heightened emotions
- Use to calm and soothe sunburn skin, scalds, burns or nappy rash
- Use 2 to 3 x drops with bath salts for relaxation
- Apply to the skin to calm reactions
- Take a drop under the tongue for instant calmness and to soothe anxieties

Peppermint

- Apply topically to the temples and the back of the neck to soothe headaches
- Inhale or put a drop into the palms of the hands for an instant boost of energy
- Diffuse in a room for focus during study time, concentration or exams
- Apply to the body to cool off when overheated
- Add to your morning coffee for a boost of energy or try adding to your favourite chocolate dessert recipes

Combining the above three oils also acts as a natural antihistamine and can support the body when experiencing watery eyes, sneezing, runny noses, sinuses etc All of your dóTERRA Essential Oils, Supplements and the Trio Kit which retails at €40 can be purchased from Caroline's Pod of Positivity by ringing me on the number below. I'm based in Duagh, Listowel and post nationwide.

Caroline's Three Way Method Using DóTerra's Essential Oils:

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Internally: Add the oils to your favourite food, waters and drinks, or simply take one drop daily under the tongue to support your body and mind.

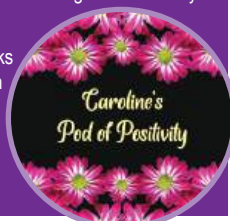
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REVVING UP FOR THE ESTUARY ROLLERS CHRISTMAS CHARITY RUN

Estuary Rollers Christmas Tractor and Truck Run attracts spectators galore and why wouldn't it? It is a fabulous and seasonal spectacle that brings joy and fun to everyone who witnesses the wonderful colour and fantastic goodwill that this spirited event means to so many people in North Kerry and West Limerick. This year the committee at Estuary Rollers have selected the Nano Nagle School Listowel, Milford Hospice Limerick and St Gabriel's Foundation Limerick as their chosen charities.

Estuary Rollers is proud to present this great Christmas spectacle. This year we are delighted to announce a new addition which includes the participation of trucks. We have no doubt that this will add to the event. You simply won't want to miss it. So, when should you have your eyes peeled watching out for it to arrive?

On Sunday afternoon, December 8, 2024, beginning at 4pm at the Listowel Mart, the parade of tractors and trucks, bedecked in Christmas lights and tinsel, will travel through the town of Listowel, Knockanure and continue through to the village of Moyvane. From there the wonderful entourage will head for the village of Tarbert and then onwards to the village of Glin. The bedecked and beautifully prepared tractors and trucks will then move to the Knockdown Arms where the event concludes.

In 2023, we had an astonishing two hundred and twenty nine tractors in the event and they all took part in what was a memorable and brilliant occasion. Over the past four years we have raised over €50,000 for local charities.

To participate, each tractor and truck pays €25. D & N Catering will be on hand at Listowel Mart and each participant tractor and truck driver will be treated to a burger, chip and drink to get them off to a good start on their charity journey.

Santa's Grotto is going to be a great new attraction this year at Listowel Livestock Mart. Between 2pm and 4pm children and their families will be able to visit Santa in the beautifully decorated Christmas Grotto. This will be a lovely experience where each child will receive a Christmas gift bag and all proceeds going to our three chosen charities.

You'll be delighted to hear that the entire tractor and truck run will be led by none other than Santa himself. Santa's sleigh is presently having repairs done at a workshop in a secret hideaway. Leading the Estuary Rollers around North Kerry and West Limerick is an honourable task for Santa and his sleigh. Won't it be a beautiful sight, for every child to see, as it passes through our towns and villages?

So make sure you don't miss it. You can enjoy the fun and be part of a fantastic fundraising local event. See you there!

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SAN RITA WELLNESS

Welcome to San Rita Wellness weekly column...We hope all is good with you, below is our weekly column for this week.

With Christmas approaching it can become easier to focus on our weight loss and wellness goals. But this time of year there will always be something that will throw a spanner in the works and trigger us to lose sight of what we really want to achieve overall.

What is a trigger?

A trigger is any person, place, thing, situation or food that has a tendency to cause you to overeat.

This has an impact on our motivation and our self-esteem. Very often we can pull the trigger ourselves, especially in the situation that we all find ourselves in. For example, Fitting into that "Little Black Dress" may not be as appealing now as we may not have as many events on our calendar this Christmas. But that is no reason to leave everything fall apart at the seams !!

Weight Loss and Wellness is a gift that only "YOU" can give yourself as nobody else can wrap it up and hand it to you. So you need to recognise your own triggers in order to do something now while you still have the time.

We all have triggers so ask yourself what are your triggers.

* When is that "Trigger time" in your day?

Is it the 3pm slump in the afternoon when you are feeling a bit weary?

Is it when you are sitting down at night watching TV?

Is it when you are on your own and you are bored?

Or is it when you are shopping and see the great offers in store?

* What triggers you to want to eat at this time?

Sugar levels may be low

Tv ads influence you to eat or drink something

Eating something because you know that there is nobody watching you

Because maybe you are tired, bored or stressed after the day

* What trigger foods do you tend to reach for?

The kind of foods that you think will give you an energy boost (usually high in sugar)

Eating sweets and biscuits because they are in the house.

Something that is quick and convenient

These kind of triggers can lead us into a vicious circle which can be hard to break out of, but not impossible.

* Take Steps !!

* Recognise your trigger, they may be some of the above.

* React differently, choose healthier options treats rather than denying yourself.

* Reap the rewards of self achievement by feeling great and in control of your own destiny.

Remember, a spanner in the works can work both ways, it can also help us to tighten things up. As we are now facing into December San Rita Wellness can help you to still fit into that "Little Black dress" for Christmas.

Why not join San Rita Wellness "In Person Meetings" or our "At Home Service" and you can still make a difference.

Our San Rita Wellness ethos is "Eat well, Feel well, Live well"

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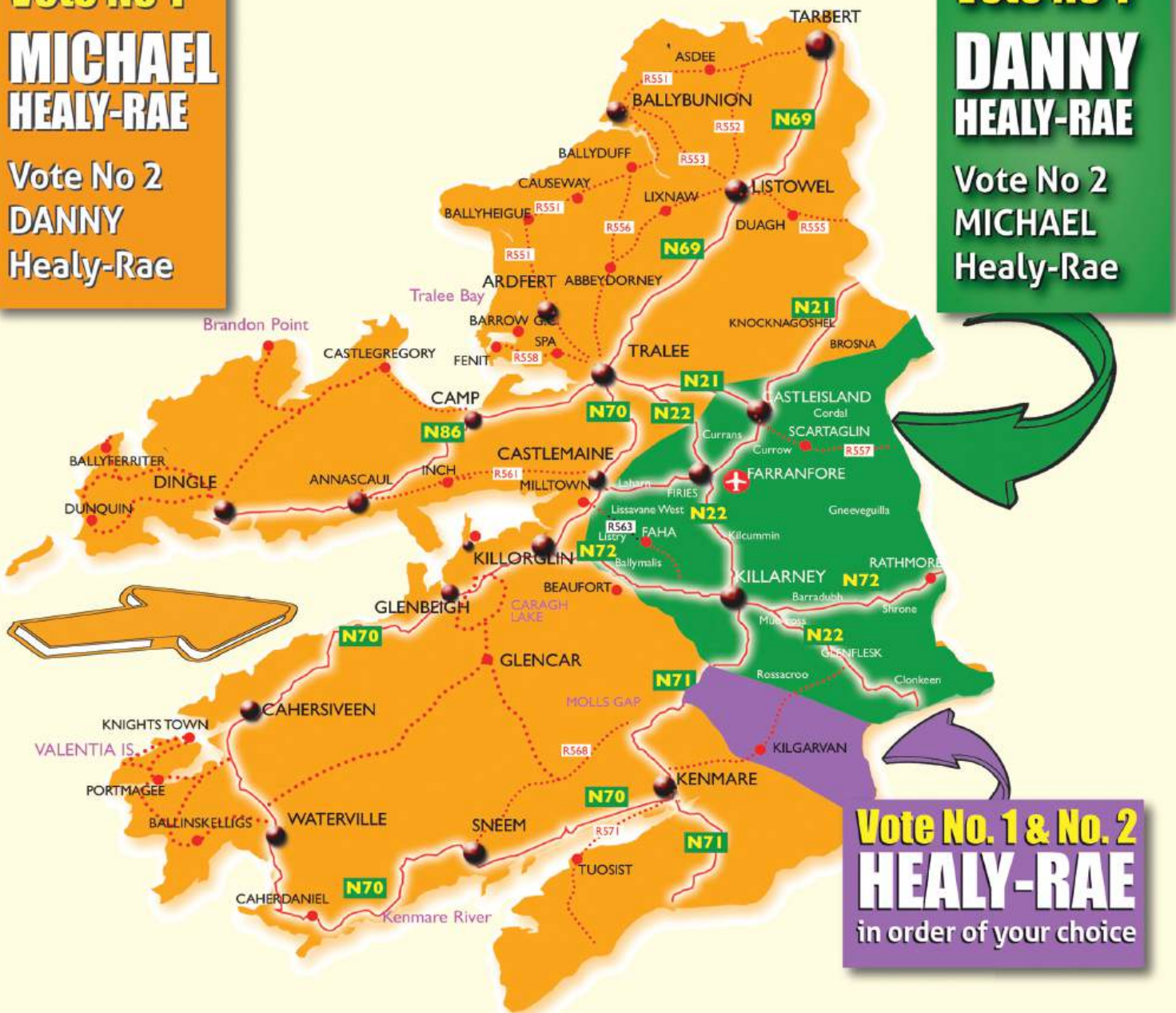
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Listowel Tidy Towns

LOCAL AWARDS NIGHT 2024

The Listowel Family Centre was buzzing with excitement as they hosted Listowel Tidy Towns annual Local Awards ceremony. This competition very much paves the way for the National Competition. Despite our difficulty in attracting new volunteers, Listowel Tidy Towns managed to retain their gold medal status, gaining 11 marks on last year and brought home their 16th gold medal. All participants were acknowledged for the huge efforts made for the competitions this year, making it very difficult for the judges to come to a final decision.

The evening began with a very warm welcome extended to all present especially John Kennelly manager of the Listowel Municipal District and to the guest speaker of the night Mary Cogan, a very popular and much loved local book author to mention just one of her many talents. Both spoke highly of the Tidy Towns group. They congratulated and complemented this dedicated group of volunteers who certainly keep KKC on their toes and who haven't just put Listowel on the map but Kerry as a whole, as have all Tidy Towns groups all over the County.

On behalf of Listowel Tidy Towns group chairperson Cllr Jimmy Moloney thanked all those who helped in any way throughout the year, KCC and its ground staff, scheme workers, local businesses and sponsors, clubs, organisations, resident associations, all local schools, their teachers and the Junior Tidy Towns Group and the community at large. And finally hoping he had omitted no one, Jimmy extended his gratitude to his fellow Tidy Towns Members past and present who have worked so hard to achieve so much over the years.

The following are the results of this years Listowels Tidy Towns local competitions.

Schools

This year we asked the Schools if they would plant some Apple Trees, to aid both Sustainability & Biodiversity in their area. This turned out to be a very enjoyable and worthy exercise which was enjoyed by all who took Great credit to the schools the children and the great knowledge of Niamh Ni Duhall for making this project happen.

The 6 Schools who took Part each received a Certificate of Participation

- 1) Listowel Presentation Secondary
- 2) Listowel Convent Primary
- 3) Nao Nao School Listowel
- 4) Kilocrim National School
- 5) Gaelscoil Lios Tuathail
- 6) Scoil Realta Na Maidine

Best Kept Roadside Gardens Competition Sponsored by Listowel Garden Centre. This year there are also 2 Perpetual Trophies. One, dedicated to the memory of Mary Lynch R.I.P for the winner of 'The Best Kept Garden' and presented by Nick Roberts & Kerry Brassill of the Listowel Garden Centre.

The other is dedicated to the memory of Eileen Nolan/ Worts R.I.P, for the Best 'Sustainable Garden' Sponsored by The Mc Carthy Family and presented by Conor Mc Carthy

Commended Garden: Mary Halpin of Feale Drive

Highly Commended Garden: Sheila Cunningham of The Writings

Best Kept Garden: Margaret Moore of Hawthorn Drive

Best 'Bee Friendly' Garden: Marie Meehan of Ballygologue Park

Best Sustainable Garden: Kay Woods of The Writings

Best Presentation of Hanging Baskets/Window Boxes. Sponsor: O'Flynn's Centra Listowel

Highly Commended Residential: Joan Keating, The Writings

Best Residential: Sharon Dalton, Ballygologue Park

Highly Commended Public: Con Dillon, Bar, William St.,

Best Public: Tadgh Horan, Veterinary, The Square

Best Kept Estate Competition Sponsored by Kerry Group. Presented by Mike Laffan

Commended Small Estate: Cleveragh Downes

Highly Commended Small Estate: Willowbrook

Best Kept Estate: Cluaine Doire

Highly Commended Medium Est: Beechgrove

Best Kept Medium Estate: The Writings

Commended Large Estate: Woodview

Highly Commended Large Estate: Kenny Heights

Best Kept Large Estate: Ashfield

Best Kept Shop Front Competition

Highly Comd. Public Premises: Aras An Phiarasigh

Best Public Premises: St. Marys Church, Listowel

Best Kept Commercial Premises Sponsored & Presented by Listowel Municipal District

Highly Commended Commercial: Tankers Bar,

Best Commercial: John B. Keane Bar,

Best Kept Overall Premises Sponsored & Presented by Corrib Oil

Highly Commended Overall Premises: Elizabell Bridal Shop

Best Overall Premises: Allos

However, while all these celebrations are in play at the moment the future of the present Tidy Towns group is very much in jeopardy and lies at a cross roads. The Listowel Tidy Towns group is a voluntary, community organisation and for the last number of years has been seeking new volunteers with a very poor response. While we acknowledge the involvement and work of those past and present the Tidy Towns group need a more dedicated involvement from the community at large.

As the saying goes "Many hands make light work"



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CONDOLENCES

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Teresa Dodd's (née Keane) of Spraymount Road who died in England. May she Rest in Peace.

COMMUNITY ALERT

The new Community Alert Scheme "See Something, Say Something" is now live. Simply text 50555 with a brief message and location of the incident. No need to include your name.

BASIC SPORTS FIRST AID COURSE

Basic First Aid Certificate (valid for 2 years) Course, On Sat, 30th of November, 10:00am - 4:00pm
Ballybunion Community Centre, €50 plus booking fee, Places on this course are limited, so book your spot early!
Booking link: <https://linktr.ee/kerryrecreationandsports>

LB ROVERS CHRISTMAS MONSTER RAFFLE

Our Annual Monster Raffle Draw returns ahead of Christmas where we will get together for another Fun-Filled evening with our Young Boys & Girls and of course includes the all-important Visit of Santa. This year's event takes place this Saturday Evening 30th November from 4.00pm - 6.30pm at the Tintean Theatre. There will be plenty of superb raffle prizes, Festive Music, Refreshments, Snacks & also some Club Beanie Hats available to purchase on the day.

CHRISTMAS CHORAL NIGHT

St Joseph's Secondary School Choral Night Wed 4th Dec 7.30pm St John's Church Ballybunion. Tickets €15 each. Tickets available at the Secondary School, Cahill's Supervalu, The Marine & Joyce's Shop.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Doon Lights is been switched on Saturday 7th December at 5pm. Santa will be there and promises to be a great night, not to be missed. Everyone is welcome.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

We are happy to announce our upcoming Christmas Fair and Fundraiser day on Sunday, 8th December from 11am-5pm in Ballybunion at Scoil Iosagáin with the help of the Parents Association. We are bringing the best handmade & local gifts to you.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY SOCIAL DANCE

Christmas Charity Social Dance will be held on Sunday 15th December with Music by Ger Walsh at Tomáísín Bar Dance Hall, Lisselton, from 3pm-5.30pm, in aid of comfort for Chemo. This will be our 40th Charity Social dance to date. 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.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS APPEAL

Ballybunion Community Forum and the Ballybunion Tidy Towns have started a GoFundMe to help fund the cost of the Christmas lights in Ballybunion. They estimate that the cost of funding for the Christmas lights to be in the region of €5,000. They are initiating the GoFundMe appeal to the townspeople and businesses of Ballybunion. With this support Ballybunion will have the Lights, seasonal appearance and Christmas Spirit as usual. Please support at Fundraiser by Ballybunion Community Forum : Christmas lights for Ballybunion Thank you in advance.

BALLYBUNION TIDY TOWNS

The Christmas Lights fundraiser pub quiz has now been rearranged for December 7th. Still in The Bunker Bar at 9pm. €20 a team of 4. Ballybunion Tidy Towns and Ballybunion Community Forum would like to thank everyone for their generosity in our recent Church Gate Collection for the Christmas Lights. €802 was raised. Go raibh mile maith agat.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's Senior Citizen's Christmas Party takes place on Thursday 12th December at the Ballybunion Golf Club

beginning with mass at 7pm. Music by Stevie Donegan, spot prizes and raffle on the night and Santa will be there on the night also.

Anyone entitled to a ticket please contact a committee member, tickets can also be purchased at €35 each. Places are limited contact Eileen - 086 223 4965 Con - 087 418 4241 or Marie 087 954 2102.

Con and Eileen will have a table in Supervalu on Friday 29th November between 11am and 12pm for anyone who wants to pick up their ticket. Looking forward to seeing you all.

IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will be in Ballybunion Community Centre Thursday 19th December from 4.50pm to 8.10pm. Please ring 1800 731137 now to make an appointment, Alternatively you can also go online to www.giveblood.ie & book an appointment if you have created your online account with your donor number & email address. Your support is needed now more than ever and is greatly appreciated. New Donors are always welcome.

SCOIL IOSAGÁIN

Scoil Iosagáin, Church Road, Ballybunion would like to remind parents that they are now enrolling for the 2025/26 school year and that the closing date for all new Junior Infants is 31st January 2025. Enrolment applications are available on the school website www.ballybunionprimary.ie or by email from Catherine at office@ballybunionprimary.ie Principal Ita Walsh and her staff look forward to meeting all the new boys and girls.

KILCONLY NATIONAL SCHOOL

Is currently enrolling for Junior Infants 2025/26. Enrolment application forms are available from the school office cillconla@gmail.com. Please enrol before 24th February 2025. We are also having an open evening on Friday 14th November from 1.30pm-2pm. Further information contact 068 27833.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We're compiling a list of events happening in Ballybunion from now until the New Year. If you're planning any events, could you please let Ballybunion Tourist Office know the details. Thanks so much.

URGENT ACCOMMODATION

Young couple from Ukraine seeking urgent accommodation in Ballybunion. Working full time, contact Kate on 085 1131311 or email katedolotina@gmail.com

NEWKD CRAFT CIRCLE

Craft Circle every Thursday 1pm - 3pm, Over 18's, Ballybunion Community Centre, Friendly, relaxed social space, learn and share new skills, work on your own project, improve mental wellness, meet new crafty people, time for yourself and have some fun. Everyone Welcome. Call or text Dee 087 6356353

BINGO RETURNS TO BALLYBUNION

Calling all you mad BINGO fans. Every Wednesday at 8.15pm in Mikey Joe's Bar Main Street. Plenty prizes to be won on the night. Single book €10, double book €13. Starts at 8.15pm in Mikey Joes, Main Street, Ballybunion.

BALLYBUNION YOUTH CLUB

Every Friday night at the community centre between 8pm and 10pm. We need the community behind us to set up a successful club and would appreciate any help as leaders, volunteers or help fundraising. Please contact ballybunion@kdys.ie

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.

CHILDREN'S ART AND CRAFT CLASSES IN BALLYBUNION

Children's Art and Craft classes Saturday November 30th, December 14th & 28th. All materials supplied. Classes are from 11:30am to 1:30pm. €15 per child. For any further information contact Marie 0860664435

BALLYBUNION NOTES

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



At the launch of Dick Carmody's book 'Inter Alia' at the Ard Chúram Day Care Centre were L/R Pat Carmody, Julia Mulvihill, Dick Carmody, Éamon O'Murchú, Finbarr Mawe & Christine Scanlon



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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 November 19th are as follows: The numbers drawn were 10, 26, 27 and the Bonus Number was 7. There was no winner of the €17,000 Jackpot or the €400 Match Three. The following won the €20 Consolation Prizes – David Barron, Clash; Jake Segal, Addergown & Tom Enright, Ardoughter. The Lotto Draw takes place on each Tuesday night at the Ballyduff GAA Clubhouse. Tickets cost €2.50 each and are available at the local shops and businesses and from members of the promoting Clubs. You may also play the Lotto online at www.ballyduffgaa.com. Remember "If you are not in you can't win".

BALLYDUFF GAA NEWS

Race Night:

Many thanks to all who came to our fundraising video race night. Unfortunately we had technical issues with going live so we recorded all the races. All winners will be contacted during the week.

U15 Football:

Our U15 Footballers travelled to Brosna on Sunday morning to take on the home side Knock/Brosna in the North Kerry U15 Division 2 semi-final. Despite the heavy rain the pitch was in excellent condition which is a great credit to the Brosna club. Our boys played some lovely football over the hour and came away with the victory on a score line of Ballyduff 5 - 14 to Knock/Brosna 2 - 8. It was an all-round team performance on the day which sets up a final against our near neighbours Beale this weekend. There is never much between these sides so we can expect a mouth-watering battle.

LADIES FOOTBALL:

The Annual General Meeting of the Ballyduff Ladies Football Club will be held at the Ballyduff GAA Clubrooms on Tuesday next December 3rd at 8.00pm. All are welcome.

CHURCH NOTICES

Masses for the week:

Friday 6.30pm: Rosemary Murphy – Month's Mind.

Saturday 6.30pm: Vigil Mass in Ballyduff

Sunday 11.00am: Mass in Causeway

Ministers of the Eucharist: Saturday 6.30pm: Catherine O'Driscoll/Carmel Costello/Helen Dowling

Reader: Saturday 6.30pm – Daniel O'Mahony

Divine Mercy Devotions: Every Sunday at 3.30pm

Eucharist Adoration: Every Wednesday at 10.30am

Christmas Mass Bouquets: Signed by Fr. Gerard now available in the Sacristy. €10 including card.

Masses Change: this weekend for December – Causeway on Saturday at 6.30pm – Ballyduff on Sunday at 11.00am

Diocesan Collection: This weekend November 30th/December 1st – Youth Service.

HOSPICE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Are now on sale locally at Ross's Centra, Ryan's Mace, The Pharmacy, Kearney's Hardware, Ballyduff Post Office and Causeway Post Office.. Thank you for your continued support of this worthy cause.

CHRISTMAS CHORAL NIGHT

St Joseph's Secondary School Choral Night is on Wednesday December 4th at 7.30pm in St John's Church Ballybunion. Tickets cost €15 each and are available at the Secondary School, Cahill's Super-Valu, The Marine & Joyce's Shop.

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CHRISTMAS MARKET

Christmas Fair and Fundraiser Day on Sunday, 8th December from 11.00am to 5.00pm in Ballybunion at Scoil Íosagáin with the help of the Parents Association. We are bringing the best handmade gifts to you.

DEATHS

The death took place of Patrick O'Connor, Rathoraigh, Tralee and late of Kevin Barry's, Tralee and Benmore Estate, Ballyduff. His Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. John's Church, Tralee and was followed by Cremation.

The death took place of Rita Griffin (née Leonard), 4 Cloghers Drive, Lixnaw and late of Ballyhahill, Co. Limerick and Benmore Estate, Ballyduff. Her Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Michael's Church, Lixnaw and burial was in Lixnaw Lawn Cemetery.

Sympathy is extended to the families, relatives and friends of the above deceased.

A THOUGHT

Friendship consists of forgetting what one gives – and remembering what one receives.

BALLYLONGFORD

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

The lighting of the Christmas tree will take place in Bally on Friday, November 29th at 8pm. Santa and Mrs Clause will be present on the night for photos. Niamh Carmody, Kerry Ladies All Ireland winning Captain will also be present on the night, along with the Brendan Martin Cup, to switch on this year's lights. Come along to enjoy some festive treats and carol singing.

A 'Light Up Bally' Go Fund Me page has been set up to help with the expense of the Christmas lights, e.g. new decorations, replacing cables/bulbs and associated electricity costs. Please support in any way you can, all donations will be greatly appreciated.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY FUN RUN BALLYLONGFORD

The Ballylongford Tidy Towns 6K/10K fun run is taking place again this year on St Stephens Day. This is the 10th anniversary of the run and they're hoping to make it a big one. Registration begins at 12pm on the 26th December in the Parish hall Ballylongford. The run/walk will start at 1pm from the Church grounds. There will be light refreshments after in the hall. All levels are encouraged.

CHRISTMAS CHORAL NIGHT

St Joseph's Secondary School Choral Night Wed 4th Dec 7.30pm St John's Church Ballybunion. Tickets €15 each. Tickets available at the Secondary School, Cahill's Super-Valu, The Marine & Joyce's Shop.

BALLYBUNION CHRISTMAS MARKET

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KATHY NUGENT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Kathy is a frequent visitor to Bally and will be returning to North Kerry soon to perform her Christmas concert at St. John's Theatre, Listowel. She will perform many wonderful classics including Jerusalem, White Christmas, Chestnuts Roasting, Away In A Manger, The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year, and many more.

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8 week Self-Compassion and Rahanni Healing Circle Monday 9:30am - 11:00am €15 per session

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Places are limited so booking is essential. To book please contact Elisha on 087 343 5231

Rahanni Treatments available Wednesday mornings at Horans Health store Listowel book with Elisha 087343523

SOCIAL DANCING

Social dancing at the Parish Hall will take place on Wednesday evenings at 6.50pm sharp. Get your dancing shoes on for some great craic doing the jive, waltz, fox-trot, quick step and everything else! These are beginners classes but all are welcome for evenings of great fun and fitness!

UNISLIM

UNISLIM Class every Thursday 6:45-10:15am, with a class talk at 9:30am in The Plaza Hall, Listowel. New and returning members are always welcome.

Call Leader Majella on 0873844481 for more information. For this week it's free to join /rejoin. Online option also available Monday 8pm (unislilm.com)

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BALLYLONGFORD NOTES

The notes are there for the benefit of the community so make sure you submit your notices, events etc. If you would like to include something in our weekly notes, please email ballylongfordnotes@gmail.com or phone/WhatsApp 087 930 8223. If you have trouble with electronic submissions, please call me on the above number.

PLEASE NOTE: DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS 8pm SUNDAY.



Attending a Commemoration for Eddie Carmody at Ballylongford on Sunday were Danno Dowling, Thomas Harrington, John Mulvihill and Johnny O'Connell. Photo Moss Joe Browne



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DEATH

The death took place of Kathleen Higgins, née O'Brien of Ballycogley, County Wexford and formerly of Doonard Crescent, Tarbert. Kathleen or Kay as she was known in Tarbert died on Friday 22 November. She reposed at her residence on Sunday 24 November with Requiem Mass taking place in St. Mary's Church, Ballymore on Monday 25 November followed by interment in Ballymore Cemetery. Following the commissioning of the ESB Power Station in Tarbert in the late 1960's Pat Higgins transferred as a shift operative from Great Island Generating Station in Wexford to work as part of the permanent ESB staff at Tarbert. Pat and his wife Kay and other staff moved into the newly built houses provided by the ESB at Doonard Crescent. They quickly settled into their new community, none more so than Pat and Kay. Their two children, Alan and Sharon both attended Tarbert National and Comprehensive Schools. They were a very talented couple in so many respects. Pat on his guitar and Kay, both in fine singing voice, were regular entertainers on parish occasions such as Senior Citizens' parties, variety concerts, tops of the parish competitions and charitable fund raisers. Their time and talents were freely available and appreciated within the community. Kay was a popular member of the local Badminton clubs in Tarbert and Moyvane. Along with other local musicians they regularly performed at the Shannon Bar in Tarbert Island. The late Father Jimmy O'Connell introduced them into his newly formed Liturgy Group. Pat and Kay established the Folk Group or Youth Choir which brought many young people into the Church and their melodious voices and musical talents were a regular weekly feature of the Saturday Vigil Mass. Pat and Kay also participated in many Church services, especially the Carol Service at Christmas, organised by St. Brendan's Church of Ireland in Tarbert.

Pat retired from the ESB in the Millenium year of 2,000 and some ten years later moved back to their native county of Wexford. Kay unfortunately suffered from accident and infirmity issues over many years. Although it is now over 20 years since they left Tarbert, the number of messages of condolence and expressions of sympathy on the death of Kay are testimony to the esteem and popularity in which this

talented duo were held during their years in Tarbert which benefitted so much from their time among us.

Sympathy of the community is extended to Kay's husband Pat, children Sharon and Alan, one sister and three brothers, son-in-law, daughter -in-law, grandchildren, nieces, relatives and friends in Kerry and Wexford. Beannacht Dé lena h-anam dílis agus leaba í measc na naomh go raibh aici.

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RAMBLING HOUSE

The next session of the Rambling House will take place this Saturday 30 November in Tarbert Community Centre from 8pm to 11pm when musicians, singers, reciters and story tellers from North Kerry and West Limerick will entertain the audience. The committee extend best wishes for a quick return to good health to M.C. John Dowling, Tarbert who is recovering in Tralee General Hospital.

ALL STAR NIAMH

Comhghairdeas to Niamh Carmody, Sallowglen and her six Kerry team mates on the Kerry All Ireland winning team in being awarded All Star recognition on the 2024 TG 4 Ladies Football All Stars team. Niamh is a three time winner of this award and a great achievement.

GENERAL ELECTION

Next Friday 29 November is polling day for the General Election and it is important that we come out and vote and have our say in who forms the next Government. Best of luck to Catherina O'Sullivan who is one of 17 candidates contesting the General Election in Kerry. Catherina is the Aontú candidate and is a Nurse married to teacher Michael O'Sullivan, both living in Killorglin. Michael is the eldest son of Gerald and Maura O'Sullivan, Chapel Street, Tarbert.

MOYVANE

Contact: moyvanenotes@gmail.com

BINGO & BLOTTO

There was no bingo last week due to the weather. We would like to apologise to everyone but safety is our priority. Back to normal this week and last week's Blotto draw will be held at Bingo this Thursday night as usual. This week is Split the Bucket week as usual.

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pack of ten cards will cost you €7.00. Your Local Property Tax Bill can also be paid at the Post Office. There are now no weight restrictions on the An Post prepaid gift bags and boxes from now to Christmas. The restrictions of 1kg and 2kg have been removed, these prepaid gift bags and boxes can be purchased at your local post office. The postage to the below countries using the An Post packaging are as follows: UK- €12.50 Jiffy Bag or €14.50 Box. Europe - €16.00 Jiffy bag or €18.50 Box Canada/ USA - €25 Jiffy bag or €38 box Australia - €33 Jiffy or €50 box.

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MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

MOYVANE:
Saturday, November 30 7.30pm Anniversary Mass for Margaret & Johnny Meade, Aughrim & Johnny Quinn, Leitrim Middle.
Sunday, December 01 Mass at 11.00am. Private Intention.
KNOCKANURE:
Friday, November 29 Private Intention Mass at 10.00am.
Sunday, December 01 9.30am Private Intention.

LIXNAW

PARISH MASS TIMES

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH: Friday 29th November, Mass at 7.30pm for the Deceased. Saturday 30th November, Mass at 7.30pm for Owen Horgan, Ballintogher and his daughter Kathleen Alyward, Killusty, Tipperary; Tom & Bridget Foley, Gortinane; Elizabeth Savage, Pallas; Gerald O'Sullivan, Ahabeg; Frank O'Donoghue and his son-in-law Julian Chicharro.

IRREMORE CHURCH: Tuesday 26th November, Mass at 7.30pm for the deceased. Sunday 1st December, Mass at 11.00am for Nora & Michael Kelliher & the deceased members of the Kelliher & Quilter families.

RATHEA CHURCH: Monday 25th November, Mass at 7.30pm for the Deceased. Sunday 1st December, Mass at 9.30am for Kathleen & Michael Keane, Rathea.

RECENT DEATHS

Rita Griffin, (née Leonard), 4 Clogher Drive, Lixnaw and formerly of Ballyhahill, Glin. Sympathy to her sons/daughters: Marie, John, Margaret, P.J., Elizabeth, Carmel, Thomas, and all the extended Griffin/Leonard families. May she rest in peace. Mary O'Connor, (née O'Keeffe), Springmount, Duagh and formerly of Knockbrane, Lixnaw. Sympathy to husband Kevin, brothers/sisters: Con, Séan, Joe, Nancy, Noreen, Helen, Patsy, Kitty, Betty, Eamonn and all the extended O'Connor/O'Keeffe families. May she rest in peace.

Maurice (Mossie) Shanahan, Knockbrane, Lixnaw. Sympathy to cousins, neighbours, and friends. May he rest in peace.

LIXAW GAA SPLIT THE BUCKET DRAW

Congratulations to Summer and Mary O'Connell, who won €86 in the Split the Bucket Draw. The two names for inclusion in the €100 Dunnes Stores voucher draw are Brandon & Katie (Sydney) and Pádraig McCarthy. Thanks for your continued support.

CONCERT IN TEACH SIAMSA

A concert will be held in Teach Siamsa on the 29th November at 8.30pm in aid of the refurbishment of Sheehan's Thatched House. Admission €15

LIXNAW CLUB LOTTO DRAW

Jackpot €14,550. Numbers drawn were 9, 16, 24, 32. No jackpot winner. €20 winners: Ashley Foran, Irremore; Tom Kennedy, Lixnaw; Tom Nolan, Abbeyfeale. Next Draw will take place on Monday 25th November at JJ. Walsh's Bar. Jackpot will be €14,600.

ST SENAN'S GAA

CLUB LOTTO DRAW: 18/11/2024 Jackpot €2,500. Numbers drawn were 01, 20, 24, 30. No Jackpot winner. €30 winners: Anne Whyte, Rathea; Aileen Sommers, Knockreagh. €20 winners: Con Murphy, Lyre; Paud Twomey, Seamus Mulvihill, Knockreagh. Next week's jackpot will be €2,600. Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets are available at Kelly's Six Crosses, The Halfway Bar, or play online. Thank you for your continued support.

CONTACT

To include items in the Lixnaw notes, please email lixnawnotes@gmail.com by 10pm on Sunday evening.



Left: Winners of the recent Majors competition in the Listowel Bridge Club. Chairperson, Marie Brosnan, (left) presenting the President's Prize trophy to the winners, Martina Rohan (centre) and Beatrice Hayes (right).
Right: Members of Listowel Bridge Club having an enjoyable Sunday afternoon in the Listowel Arms Hotel

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Standing near the monument for Eddie Carmody at Ballylongford on last Sunday's Commemoration were Marion Falvey, Rory Prendergast, Michael Falvey and Tadgh Dennehy. Photo Moss Joe Browne



Congrats to Alan O'Brien the recent winner of Duagh Sports Complex Split the Bucket. Also in picture is Mairead Buckley and John Joe O'Brien presenting Alan with his winnings of €254.00. Next Draw Friday November 28th



Come rain hail or snow Pat McCarthy, Martin Galvin and Stephen Edwards braved the unpleasant weather at Lixnaw on Friday as they prepared for their forthcoming coursing meeting. Photo Moss Joe Browne



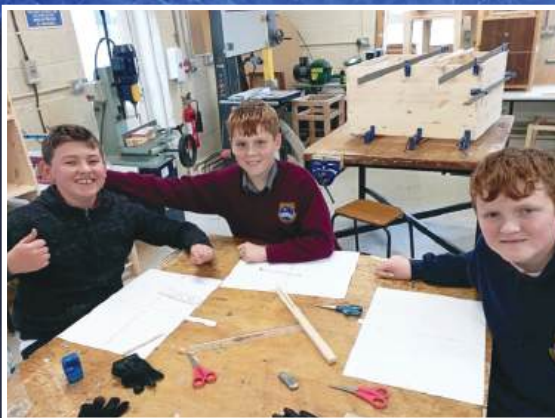
Niamh Nolan, Lyreacrompane who was conferred with an Honours Master's Degree in Coastal Marine Environments at The University of Galway



Listowel Emmets Split the Bucket Winner Theresa Carey receiving her cheque of €965.50 from committee members. Next draw December 10th



The Christening of Páidí Seán Brennan that took place on Saturday the 23rd of November in St. Marys Church Listowel. L-R: Shane Brennan (godfather), Jack Brennan (father), Nicola O'Leary (mother) and Sarah O'Sullivan (godmother)



6th class boys from Scoil Réalta na Maidine begin the design phase of their stone carving project. A big thank you to St Michael's College for the use of their engineering room and to local sculptor Darren Enright who is leading the young apprentices on this exciting project



Pictures from Dick Carmody's book launch of his local publication 'Inter Alia, words in layman's language' in Ard Chúram on Saturday 23rd November. Proceeds from the sale of this publication will go to assist Ard Chúram in its ongoing work. Photos by Seán Doyle

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LISTOWEL EMMETS

Indoor Training Facility Grand Opening
The Official opening of our Indoor Training Facility will take place on Saturday 20th November at 11am in Frank Sheehy Park. A very special guest will open the facility and we really hope you can join us to celebrate. We will also host a coffee morning for Listowel Hospice from 10am – 12noon to coincide with the event.

Annual Convention
The AGM of Listowel Emmets CLG will take place on December 20th at 7pm in Frank Sheehy Park. All motions and nominations should be with the secretary no later than 4pm on Friday December 13th.

Fixtures
The North Kerry Senior Championship final will take place on December 1st 2.30pm in Moyvane where our senior team will take on Castleisland Desmonds. We wish our team and management every success.

LISTOWEL CELTIC

Draw 25/11/23 – Numbers Draw 13-15-17-20
Jackpot not won - Lucky Dip Winners
€40 Ger Griffin, Charles Street
€20 John Buckley, Roscrea
€20 M & M c/o Cons
€20 Scruff, 14 Charles Street
€20 Willie Brouder, Cherry Tree Drive
Next Draw 02/12/24 at Jets - Jackpot €3,750

LISTOWEL ATHLETIC CLUB

Spraoi games
We held our first Spra

LISTOWEL BADMINTON CLUB

It's been a busy and exciting week for the club, as our division 4 & 5 teams started their league campaigns.

Division 4
Well done to our Division 4 men, who won their league game against Kingdom Castleisland last Wednesday. The Listowel team was Donal Daly, Paul Thomas, Mark O' Connor & Andrew Niedzielski.
Also well done to our Division 4 womens team of Agata Niedzielska, Sara Hayes, Maggie Li & Molly McElligott, who won their opening league match against Kingdom Castleisland.

Division 5
A great effort by our Division 5 men's team against Killarney on Monday night. It's fantastic to see some of our newest members take to the courts for the first time in a league game. Team was Moss Guiney, James Pearce, Patrick Brosnan & Daniel Burke.

Along with the league matches, our club nights continue from Monday to Thursday nights. We are delighted to welcome new members - anyone interested in taking up a new sport for some exercise & fun can contact Margaret on 087 960 4361 or message us on Facebook & Instagram (Listowel Senior badminton)

BEALE GAA

The AGM of Beale GAA Club was held on Saturday in Ballybunion Community Centre. The following are officers and members of the executive committee: President, Pat Lynch; Vice-Presidents, Robert Stack, Tim Buckley, Jimmy Buckley, Mike Joyce, Tommy Allen and Liam Browne. Chairperson, Colm Kissane; Vice-chairperson, John Hannan; Secretary, Brid Griffin; Assistant Secretary, Maurice Mannix; Joint Treasurers, Gráinne Toomey and Mairead O'Neill; PRO, Brid Griffin; Irish Language and Cultural Officer, Claire O'Mahony; Children's Officer, Denis Kennelly; Coaching Officer, Martin Foley. John Farrell, John Dee, Mike O'Connell, Johnny O'Sullivan, Paudie Mulvihill, John Hennessy, Jake O'Connell and Pat Carolan.

Our juniors came up against a stronger Moyvane B in the quarter final of the North Kerry Intermediate Championship on Saturday. In a high-scoring game, we lost out by 4.16 to 2.8.
Our last game of the year will be the final of the Kerry Shield against St Senans. We await details.

Beale u-15s proved too strong for Northern Gaels in the semi-final of the North Kerry Championship, Division 2, on Sunday in Coolard. Leading by 3.6 to 0.6 at the interval, we drove on to secure a final spot against Ballyduff in Ballylongford on Saturday at 1 o'clock.

Beale Ladies' victorious seniors were presented with commemorative training tops at Páirc de Staic on Friday evening. Having completed a historic treble, Brian Kissane of Brandon Bioscience kindly made the presentation to players to remember their 2024 achievements. We are very grateful to Brandon Biosci-

ence for their sponsorship and continued support of Beale Ladies teams.

This week's Beale Lotto took place in The Railway Bar on Sunday night. Details of the lucky numbers and winners are posted on social media, in Joyce's Newsagents and in the local pubs.
Numbers were: 1, 4, 11 and 23.
There was no jackpot winner and Match-3 winner, won €35 each: Tom Allen (Marconi), Seán Moran (Derra) and Bridget Mulvihill (Tarbert).
5 Free Tickets: Noma O'Connor (Asdee).

The next lotto draw is set for Sunday night at 9 o'clock in The Exchange Bar, with a jackpot of €7,400 Tickets, €2 each or 3 for €5, can be purchased online, at Joyce's Newsagents and in local pubs. A huge 'mile buíochas' to all who support and promote the Beale Lotto.

A great night last Friday in The Bunker for the Beale GAA Quiz. Many thanks to everyone who supported and to quiz master, Tony Moore, who as usual, captivated the crowd with his inescapable wit and humour. The next big Beale GAA night out is December 28th. Join us for the ultimate Xmas Night Out – an event not to be missed during the festive season - Race Night in JDs.

Beale GAA Club extends sympathies to families who have lost loved ones in recent weeks. To Jimmy Buckley and family on the death of his sister, Teresa, in Cork and to Tim Buckley and family on the passing of his brother, Bobby, Clounmacon. Jimmy and Tim are both Vice-Presidents of Beale GAA Club. We also extend sympathies to the Mike and Sile Fitzsimons and family on the recent passing of Mike's mother, Mary. Ar dheis Dé gurb a n-anamacha dhil.

BALLYBUNION GOLF CLUB

Mens Competitions
Fixtures: Sunday 1st December Mixed Christmas Hamper – Shotgun Starts
Sponsored by Henry Sheahan Enterprises, Old and Cashen Course

Ladies Competitions
Ladies Tuesday 13 Hole Competition – Tuesday 19th November Cashen Course
1st Lorraine Canty (17) 35pts
2nd Mary Hickey Keane (35) 29pts (Back 6 -16)
3rd Josette O' Donnell (21) 29pts (Back 6 -14)

Fixtures: Tuesday 26th November Ladies Competition Cashen Course
Sunday 1st December Mixed Christmas Hamper – Shotgun Starts Sponsored by Henry Sheahan Enterprises, Old and Cashen Course

Senior Mens Competitions:
Fixtures: Thursday 28th November Senior Mens Competition Old Course

Senior Ladies Competitions:
Senior Ladies Competition – Friday 22nd November 2024 Cashen Course
1st Louise Griffin (9) 14pts (CB 6th Hole)
2nd Marie Benn (19) 14pts
3rd Marie Reen (12) 11pts (B6:6)

Fixtures: Friday 29th November Senior Ladies Competition Cashen Course

BALLYDONOGHUE GAA

Lotto Draw results:
The numbers drawn for Friday 22th November 2024, were as follows, 12, 20, 22, 26. The Jackpot was €7,300 and there was no Jackpot winner.
The following won 30 euro lucky dips:
Pat O' Connor - Online.
Conor and Sarah Williams - Online.
Fiona Keane - Barraduff.
Kissane Keane - Killelton
Emma Enright - Dromlought.
The following won three free tickets:
Caoimhe Mc Namara - Online.
Maura Stack - Tullahinell.
Ben and Ruby Mai Halpin c/o Eddie.

Next Jackpot will be €7,400 and it will take place next Friday night the 29th November 2024, the draw will be held in the Coolard Clubhouse.

CHRISTMAS DRAW:
The Ballydonoghue Gaa Christmas Draw will take place the 13th December 2024. Get your extra tickets in for a chance to win all the extra prizes available.

Fixtures:
Intermediate Cup semi-final Ballydonoghue B v Moyvane B on Saturday November 30th @ 2pm in Asdee.

Results:
Northern Gaels U15 played last Sunday in in Coolard against Beale. Unfortunately Beale were the strongest team on the day. Well done to all the Northern Gaels players.

Ballydonoghue GAA AGM:
The AGM will take place on the 10th January 2025.

FINUGE GAA

FINUGE 500: Congratulations to our November winner of €500 - Liam Behan. Entry tickets for December are available at McCarthy's Bar Finuge, Foleys Gala Express Shop Lixnaw, Stacks Londis Lixnaw, JJ Walsh Bar & Butchers Lixnaw, Gibbons Filling Station Lixnaw and the Post Office Lixnaw. Also available online at www.finugegaa.com. The December draw will contain bonus prizes like a car service, vouchers, hampers and gifts along with the usual €500 giveaway.

AGM: The club AGM will be held Sunday 15th of December at the clubrooms. Nominations are sought for all outgoing positions along with any motions, to be submitted no later than 5pm on Friday the 6th of December. Submissions can be made by email to the club secretary on secretary.finuge.kerry@gaa.ie

MINORS: After overcoming Moyvane in the semifinal a week earlier, our minor team lined out against Ballyduff last Sunday week in the North Kerry minor division one championship final. The game went ahead in Ballybunion with nothing between both sides up to halftime. The lead changed hands a number of times and it was our lads that took a slender two point lead into the dressing rooms - Finuge 1-05; Ballyduff 1-03. Our boys got going in the second half and led by 2-07 to 1-03 with 15 minutes left to play. However Ballyduff threw everything at them which would result in some stout defending from our lads to hold out. Final score Finuge 2-07; Ballyduff 1-06. This was a much deserved win for our team who have had a fantastic year and now close the year on a real high. Joint captains Donal McNamara and Matthew O'Flaherty accepted the trophy in the November sunshine to much joy on behalf of the team. Scorers on the days were - Daithí Laide 1-03, Davy Lawlor 1-00, Gavin O'Keeffe 0-02, Mark McElligott 0-01, Joseph McElligott 0-01. This brings the curtain down on the minor activity for the year and we wish a well deserved rest to everyone after a busy season.

A big thank you must go to Beale GAA for hosting the game, referee Dan Hayes, and to O'Connors of Duagh Hardware & Farm Supplies as long time competition sponsors.

U15s: Last Sunday the team lined out in the North Kerry championship final against familiar opposition Listowel. In a game that was dominated by a strong and wild wind, both teams found the going tough having wet ground to also contend with. Listowel dominated with the aid of the wind in the first half and took an expected lead into halftime - Listowel 1-05 Finuge 0-00. The expected fightback came from our lads however they could not fully breach the gap on a day where scores were very hard to come by. Final score Finuge 1-04; Listowel 1-06.
This brings the curtain down on a very good year for this team having won the Feile division two competition and representing Kerry, reaching finals in the county league, NK league and this the NK Championship - well done to the team and management. For now its a well earned rest all round. This final appearance saw all three of our competitive youth teams have now reached their respective NK championship finals this year which is a great achievement for the club.

DEVELOPMENT: The last few months has seen a jump forward on our facilities development. The pathway on the stand side has been dug out, fresh foundations laid and new concrete poured. The new railing has been installed from the top corner inside the big gate, down past the stand. A retaining wall was built along the grass bank with some other developments planned for the weeks ahead. Supporting piers have been put in place with seating down the center of the stand. On the clubrooms side, work has been completed on concrete fencing along the property line which saw the removal of the ditch and old perimeter wiring. The general hard surface across the top of the pitch has been gravelled and the whole grounds looks great for the improvements. These are big additions to the grounds bringing the general standard up to expectation. Watch out for more changes coming soon!

FINUGE/STSENANS: Congratulations to Kerry captain Niamh Carmody who was awarded another All Star award this year for her performances in the Kerry shirt. This is the third such award in a row for Niamh and richly deserved! Congratulations also to Jackie Horgan who picked up her national camogie award last weekend.

FLOODING: Our thoughts are with all those within our community and further afield that were impacted by last weeks flooding. The volume of water in the Feale last Saturday was not seen in a long time and caused flooding in places not seen in living memory. We hope people will have the resolve to win the cleanup battle and get their lives back in order again, particularly with Christmas now fast approaching.

TARBERT GAA

Tarbert GAA Monthly €500 Draw:
Our Dec'24 draw will take place on Saturday 14th December in Coolahans Bar. Don't forget to purchase your ticket and be in the draw for a GUARANTEED Prize of €500. Tickets are available online tarbertgaa.ie, from committee members and from the Post Office.

AGM:
The AGM of Tarbert GAA Club will take place on Saturday 14th December. Nominations to be with Tarbert GAA secretary before 1st December.

SHANNONSIDE TARBERT CLUB

Ladies U13 District Championship Result - Semi Final
Mid Kerry 3-07, North Kerry 1-05. Hard luck to North Kerry U13 who out lost to Mid Kerry on Sunday 24th November in the semi-final in Miltown. Shannonside were represented by Hannah Mulvihill, Hillary Barrett, Niamh Halton and Ali Sheehan, along with Manager Shane Sheehan.

Ladies U15 District Championship Result - Semi Final
Mid Kerry 3-11, North Kerry 1-07. Hard luck to North Kerry U15 who out lost to a strong Mid Kerry side on Saturday 23rd November in Beaufort. Shannonside were represented by Ava Wren and Avril Foley, along with coach Carol Wren.

Shannonside Tarbert LGFA AGM
The AGM of Shannonside Tarbert will take place on Sunday 1st December at 8pm in the Community Centre. Nominations for positions to be with the secretary on or before 24th November.

ASDEE GAA

Asdee GAA is hosting a Video Race Night in Jack J's Bar on 29th of December. The event is being organised to raise funds for upcoming projects in Jack Walsh Park in 2025. Work is to continue on the walkway around the pitch, as well as new fencing along the walkway. Additional lighting will be installed for the walkway, as well as additional floodlighting. Club members will be selling horses over the coming weeks. The fee for a horse is €90, which can be split into three; €30 for the jockey, €30 for the trainer, and €30 for the owner. Your support would be greatly appreciated, with all the funds going to provide infrastructure for the whole community.

Asdee Winter Club 2024/25 for children from 2nd class & up, Saturday evening from 6.30pm to 8pm in Asdee Community Centre, all welcome, €3 per child.

The AGM of St. Marys, Asdee GAA Club will take place at the Community Centre on Saturday 14th of December commencing at 8pm at the Community Centre. Motions and nominations must be with Secretary Mark O'Hanlon on or before Wednesday 11th of December, nothing accepted beyond this date. All positions in the Club are up for grabs. All are welcome.

NORTH KERRY GAA

The Fixture highlight of the year is upon us this weekend and it is very fitting that again in the short space of two years the two largest towns in our district face off next Sunday @ 2.30pm in Con Brosnan Park Moyvane. On behalf of the Board I wish both Emmets and Desmonds all the best in the Final, I also take this opportunity to thank Moyvane GAA for offering to host and to all the officers and personnel for making the Championship Final day that it is. We hope you all enjoy the day.

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Castleisland Desmonds v Listowel Emmets

In the event of a replay - Winner on the day
Sunday 8th December @ 2pm Venue: O Rahilly Park Ballylongford
Castleisland Desmonds v Listowel Emmets



Austristia Rugby Players Andy Moorehead (left) and Luke Reimmer (3rd left) playing a round at The Old Course with David Fitzmaurice and Gary Mulvihill



Listowel Celtic U13 Boys who had a great win in the National Trophy against Charleville last weekend



Congratulation to Finuge minors who won The North Kerry Minor Division 1 Championship



Brother and sister duo of Richard and Eva Kelly of the Listowel Branch of Kerry Martial Arts School who brought home medals from the Karate Ireland National Championships in Waterford last Sunday. Richard won gold in Kumite (sparring) and silver in Kata (forms). Eva won a bronze medal in Kumite. The Listowel Club trains every Monday evening at 6pm at Presentation Secondary School Hall, new members always welcome. For more details contact 085 8403898.



Listowel Celtic U16 Girls who had a fantastic 1-0 win against Broadford Utd in The National Cup



November Monthly €500 Draw: Congratulations to Niall Browne who was the lucky winner of our November 2024 Monthly €500 prize. The €500 prize was recently presented to Niall and Diane Browne by secretary Marie Mulvihill. Our December 2024 draw will take place on Saturday 14th December in Coolahans Bar. Don't forget, tickets are available online at tarbertgaa.ie, from committee members and from the Post Office

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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
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