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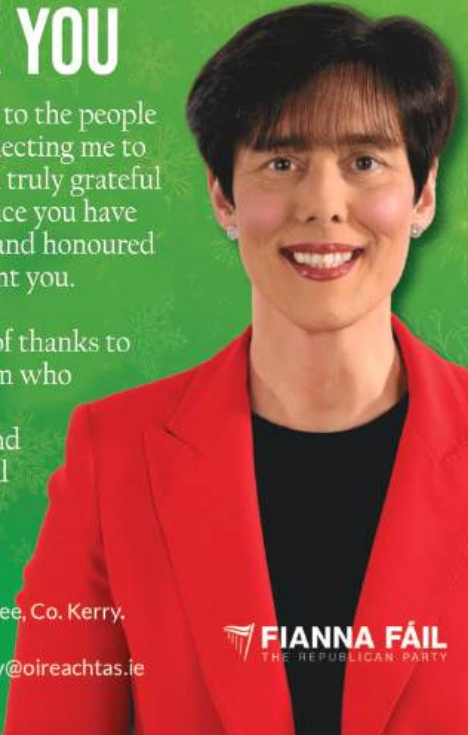

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A HEARTWARMING AFTERNOON OF TRADITION: Join Teach Siamsa Finuge's Festive Celebration

Teach Siamsa Finuge is set to enchant audiences with a special Christmas concert at St. John's Theatre in Listowel on December 8th. This festive event will feature a captivating blend of music, poetry, and storytelling that celebrates the rich traditions of Kerry. Cór Siamsa Tíre will bring the spirit of Christmas to life for all ages with a program filled with cherished memories and traditions.

The event echoes the sentiments of Garry McMahon in his poem A Kerry Christmas Childhood when he says "Now I cannot help remembering those happy days gone by, As Christmas time approaches and the festive season's nigh. I wallow in nostalgia when I think of long ago and the tide that waits for no man as the years they ebb and flow." Attendees will explore cherished traditions around festive foods, decorating the home, the beloved Nollag na mBan (Women's Little Christmas), and the joyful anticipation leading up to Christmas Day.

Audiences young or seasoned alike are warmly invited out for what guarantees being both uplifting entertainment - and more importantly - a meaningful reconnection with our roots amidst busy lives



KERRY WRITERS' MUSEUM HOSTS FESTIVE FINE ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR WITH CHILDREN'S FAIRYTALE STORYTIME

This December, Kerry Writers' Museum in Listowel invites you to experience the spirit of the season with a day filled with creativity and festive charm.

On Sunday 8th December, from 11am to 5pm, the museum will host its annual Christmas Fine Arts & Crafts Fair, showcasing a rich variety of handmade treasures created by talented local artists and makers from North Kerry, including the renowned members of Listowel's visual arts group.

Whether you're searching for unique gifts or simply want to appreciate exceptional craftsmanship, the fair promises something for everyone. From handcrafted jewellery to striking works of art and seasonal decorations, visitors can explore an array of thoughtful, locally made items perfect for the holiday season.



Adding to the festive atmosphere, children can enjoy Fairytale Storytime from 2pm onwards. This charming session brings classic tales to life, creating a delightful experience for little ones and their families.

Entry is free, making it an ideal outing for all ages to enjoy a day of local artistry, creativity, and seasonal cheer.

Don't miss this festive occasion to support local talent and enjoy a heartwarming community event in the historic setting of the Kerry Writers' Museum.

Pictures from last weekend's General Election Count

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CAROLINE'S POD OF POSITIVITY

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.

From personal experience and from using the Oils consistently within our own home as a family I know how these oils can support the Body, the Mind and the Mood. DóTerra is a Latin word meaning 'Gifts of the Earth' and their Mission is to create high-standard essential oils that are one hundred per cent pure in quality and are of a certified therapeutic grade.

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 DóTerra's Oregano Essential Oil – Enjoy the read.

Oregano Essential Oil - A Natural Antibiotic

This week I bring you dóTerra's Oregano essential oil which has powerful cleansing properties that can support our immune, respiratory, and digestive systems. It has been used for centuries by the ancient Greeks for its taste and health benefits and is often referred to as 'The Big Gun' or 'The Oil of Humility'.

Oregano essential oil is a natural antibiotic and a natural anti-inflammatory. It is most popularly used for immune support and one of the oils that I like to take during these winter months in my foods, drinks and / or by putting two drops into a veggie capsule and swallowing with water twice daily. It is one of the Top 10 essential oils for overall health and wellness in the dóTerra essential oil range and is included in both the Family Essentials & Home Essentials Kits which can be purchased by contacting me on the number below. It offers powerful antioxidants and is distilled from the fragrant leaves of the Mediterranean herb.

Since Oregano is a 'spice oil' or 'hot oil' you may find it hard to take under the tongue like we do with so many of the other dóTerra essential oils so it is best advised to put a drop in some water and drink it, use it in your foods when preparing and cooking or put it into a veggie capsule like I mentioned above to support your body. This Oregano essential oil by dóTerra is recommended for overall good gut health and is very effective when taken with its companion oil – Frankincense.

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As one of Ireland's Top Wellness Advocates I love to share the information of the oils with as many people as I possibly can. The life enhancing benefits the oils give us are truly amazing and a journey I'm truly grateful to be on.

For private Consultations, Wellness Work Shops & School Talks and Essential Oil Classes in your area please contact me on the number below.

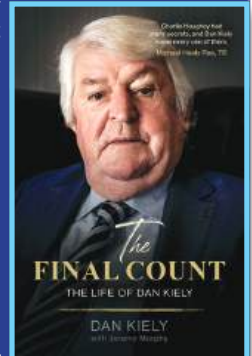
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DAN KIELY RE-LAUNCHES 'THE FINAL COUNT' DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND

The ever affable Dan Kiely launched his memoir 'The Final Count' in November 2023 but could not have foreseen the appetite for this excellent read. The first print sold out very quickly followed by another sellout of the second print. Due to this demand Dan Kiely is re-launching his publication with a third print and is now available in time Christmas.



Colourful, charismatic, loyal, hard-working, controversial - these are some of the words people have used to describe politician, businessman and Kerryman Dan Kiely. But who is the real man? Dan's achievements have been dissected in the pages of The Irish Examiner, The Phoenix, and The Kerryman, but which account is true? A close confidant of former taoisigh Charles Haughey and Bertie Ahern, readers will be shocked and amused by his insights into the inner workings of power. From a scoop into the resignation of Minister for Justice Seán Doherty, to a very personal account of Ireland's Machiavellian political culture, The Final Count is a hard-hitting memoir.

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Its sure to be a very welcome gift this Christmas

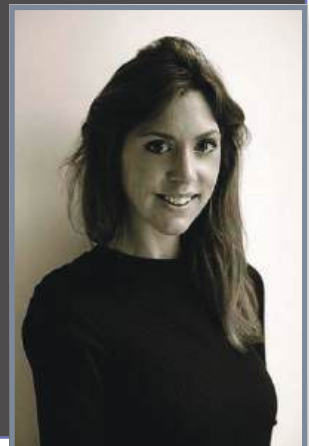
NORTH KERRY ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Mary Immaculate College Limerick's Oral History Centre has launched a new oral history project, which is running from October to December 2024. The theme of the oral history project is "Wellbeing". Anyone over 65 years old from North Kerry is encouraged to get involved.

Dr. Sarah O'Brien (pictured) is directing this oral history project. "I feel there are unique stories in North Kerry about how people maintained their physical and mental health across the twentieth century. I am really interested in how women and men endured in spite of a lack of health resources, especially when faced with challenges like childbirth, bereavement, sickness etc. But also, this is an opportunity for people from North Kerry to have their own life stories recorded and archived for future generations."

Being part of the project will entail being interviewed for 30 minutes to one hour. All interviews will be archived in Mary Immaculate College's oral history centre. At the end of the project there will be an exhibition, where some of the main themes of the oral history project will be shared.

To register your interest please call Sarah at 089-2445744 or email: sarah.obrien@mic.ul.ie



CLIEVERAGH/BEDFORD ROAD LISTOWEL UPDATE

Following a recent article The Advertiser ran in relation to concerned residents of Clieveragh/Bedford Road Listowel Brendan Hegarty has contacted us and presented us with the following information he'd like to share:

He owns the majority of the road frontage of Sli Na Speire - he has shown copies of maps and title documents in support of same. He states that he has made Kerry County Council aware that he is more than happy to engage with them where road safety is concerned - they could have possession of the required ground for a footpath and lighting within a month but he will only deal directly and legitimately.

He believes that others are seeking to lever his road frontage to the detriment of road safety over the years and where the risk of an accident is now elevated with the new bypass and of course the shorter days and bad weather.

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

How are you?

This is a question we often ask or are asked and it can roll off the tongue very easily. It is also a question we can answer without really thinking about.

Some words that may come to mind when you are answering that question could be for example.. I am great, I'm ok, I'm grand, I'm fine, I'm awful, I'm not too good, I'm hanging in there.

Your answer could be from a positive answer to a negative answer, all depending on your mood and feelings at the time.

Moods and Feelings can have arms and legs and can grow in different directions and also take us in different directions.

"How we think determines how we feel and how we feel determines what we do"

Some of you may be feeling: In Control

Routine - Many of us feel more in control when we have a set routine. Whether it is with work or children going to school. Have a set bedtime ensures that we have a good nights sleep.

Food - Having the right foods in the house is important especially when we are conscious of making healthy choices for mealtimes. Also we are less likely to make rash decisions and choose less healthier foods.

Activity - Becoming more active are all important steps for a healthy lifestyle. Throughout the day be mindful of walking as much as you can. All of these steps count towards the recommended 10,000 steps a day for overall good health and wellbeing.

Our San Rita Wellness ethos is when we "Eat Well" we "Feel Well" & therefore we "Live Well"

Emotional - Happy, Sad, Stressed, Tired. These FEELINGS can be triggers to reach for the wrong kind of foods. This can create what is known as a vicious circle and can be hard to break out of.

Identifying these emotional feelings and dealing with them in a different way other than eating your way through them can have a different outcome for you at the end of the day.

More Positive: Positive V Negative. Many things can sway us from one to the other. The weather for example, sunny day/rainy day, restrictions or no restrictions. These are some of the things we have no control over. Focus on the things we have control over to leave you feeling more positive and getting an outcome that will benefit you for the better.

Supported: There are many support groups out there in all areas so nobody should ever feel that they have to do or cope with something on their own. We also find that our members in our San Rita Wellness "In Person Meetings" and in our weekly Zoom meetings feel that being part of a group offers them the support they need with their weight loss and wellness journey.

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."

NB - Our weekly "In Person Meetings" take place in the Kerry Writers Museum, The Square, Listowel every Wednesday from 10am to 11am and 6pm to 7pm

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Until next week, Sandra and Rita

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Nature Boy: A journey of birdsong and belonging

By Seán Ronayne



Seán Ronayne always knew he was different. Nicknamed 'nature boy' by the other kids, as a child he struggled to fit in and regularly escaped to the woods and coastlines around his home in Cork. The natural world was his happy place and where he discovered his true passion - identifying and understanding birds through their sound and song. A passion that would save him in the weeks and months following a near-death experience in his late teens. Even in the darkest times, nature became his guiding light.

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BALLYBUNION TIDY TOWNS

Ballybunion Tidy Towns monthly meeting will be held Wednesday in The Community Centre at 6.30pm. All are welcome. The fundraising quiz for Christmas Lights in Ballybunion is on this coming Saturday 7th December, in The Bunker at 9pm. €30 for a team of 4 with Christmas jumpers & €40 without Christmas jumpers. Remember it's all for a good cause, for our town and a bit of fun. Huge thanks in advance to Santa for finding time in his busy schedule to be our Quizmaster for the night.

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.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Doon Lights will be switched on this 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 this 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.

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CHRISTMAS DAY SWIM

The Annual Christmas Day Swim in aid of the Ballybunion Sea & Cliff Rescue will take place on Christmas day at 12.30pm from the Sea & Cliff Rescue on the Ladies Beach. Sponsorship cards are Available from Mike Flahive 087-9502167 and Ballybunion Tourist Office for those intending to take part. Please support this voluntary organization who do so much great work in our community.

CONNIE HARNETT MEMORIAL SWIM

The 10th annual Connie Harnett memorial swim will take place on New Year's Day at 1pm on the ladies beach. Proceeds from the 10th swim will go to Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House, a very worthy cause.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY SOCIAL DANCE

Christmas Charity Social Dance will be held on Sunday 15th December with Music by Ger Walsh at Tomáinis 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.

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. 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.

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.

BALLYBUNION COMMUNITY CENTRE

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CHILDREN'S ART AND CRAFT CLASSES IN BALLYBUNION

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

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.

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Locals enjoying the atmosphere of their Annual Lixnaw Coursing meeting on Sat were the McElligott family Dolores, Pat Joe and Odhran also Paddy Flaherty. Photo Moss Joe Browne



The October winner of Finuge 500 was Margaret Buckley who collected her winnings recently from Finuge Chairman Eamon Breen. December's draw will be a bumper one!



Moyvane ICA Christmas Draw with sponsor Mike Corridan of Corridan's Garage, Moyvane. The ICA would like to thank all the sponsors and those who support the ICA Draw every year

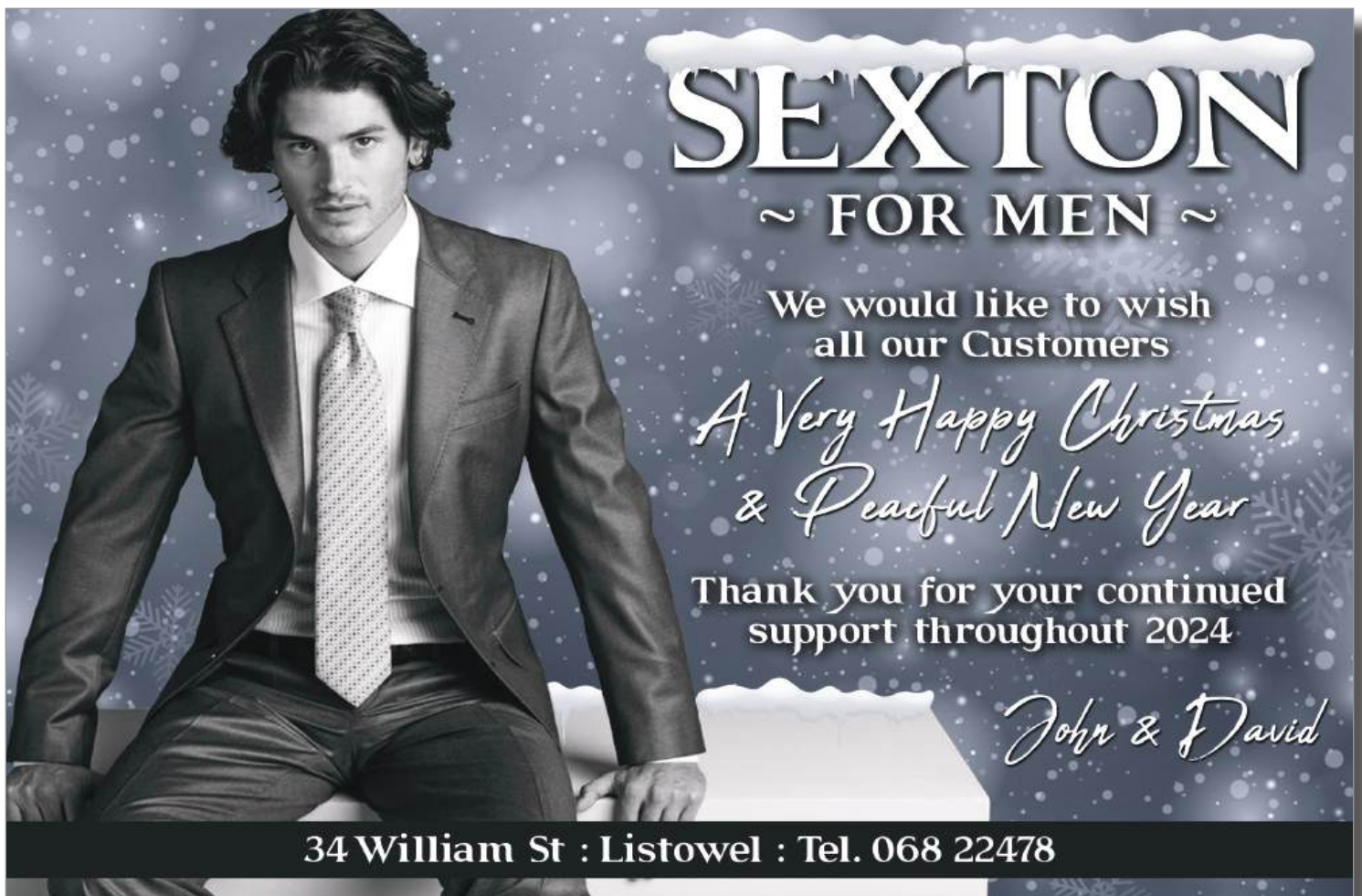


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LOTTO DRAW

The results of the weekly Ballyduff GAA Club, Lady's Walk Hurling Club and the Ballyduff Community Games Committee Lotto Draw for Tuesday November 26th are as follows: The numbers drawn were 10, 19, 25 and the Bonus Number was 9. There was no winner of the €17,100 Jackpot or the €400 Match Three. The following won the €20 Consolation Prizes – Abbey Doyle, Meadow Lane; Mary O'Sullivan, The Village & John O'Sullivan, Knopogue. 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

Hall of Fame:

Congratulations, Jack Harrington!

The North Kerry Hurling Board Hall of Fame Award for 2024 was presented to none other than Jack Harrington of Ballyduff! This honour recognises Jack's incredible contributions, dedication, and passion for hurling over the years. Your commitment to the sport and your community is truly inspiring, Jack. This is a well-deserved recognition of your lasting impact on North Kerry

U15 Football:

North Kerry U15 Football Final: Beale 2 – 20 Ballyduff 5 – 10 (After Extra Time)

Saturday last was not our day, however we are very proud of our boys who gave it their all just to be beaten by a point in the last kick of the game in extra time. Congratulations to Beale on their victory. Great credit to both sets of players for giving it their all for 80 minutes in heavy conditions.

CHURCH NOTICES

Masses for the week:

Friday 7.00pm: Patrick (Pake) O'Mahony – Month's Mind

Saturday 6.30pm December 7th: Jim Murphy; Sheila O'Carroll; Carmel Hamill; Maggie, Mattie & Martin Murphy. Sunday 11.00am: Mass in Causeway

St. Vincent De Paul: Annual collection will be taken up at all parish Masses this weekend, 7/8th December.

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.

CAROL SERVICE

We are delighted to invite the Parents, families and the wider community to Sliabh a' Mhadra's Christmas Carol Service on Friday, December 13th, at 7.00 pm in St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballyduff. Join us for a special evening of festive music and celebration as we prepare for the Christmas season. All are welcome!

RATTOO ROVERS DRAW

The results of the November Draw in the Rattoo Rovers Field Fundraising Draw 2024/2025 are as follows:

€400 – Padraig Harrington, Addergown, Ballyduff

€100 – Agri Autos, Killarney (Syndicate)

€75 – Nodie O'Brien, Bishops court, Ballyduff

€50 – Michael Kissane, Meanus, Killorglin

Draw for Paid Up Members:

€50 – Anthony O'Carroll, Ardoughter, Ballyduff

€50 – Antoinette McGrath, Kilmore, Ballyduff

€50 – John Curtin, Ahabeg, Lixnaw

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BALLYLONGFORD

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party will take place at the Parish Hall in Ballylongford on Sunday 15th December 2024. Dinner will be served at 1pm. Please call Dierdre on 087 204 2228 to book your place. We look forward to seeing you there!

BALLYUNION CHRISTMAS MARKET

Our upcoming Christmas Fair and Fundraiser day will take place on Sunday 8th December, from 11am-5pm in Ballyunion at Scoil Íosagáin - with the help of the Parents Association. We are bringing the best handmade gifts to you.

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.

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The post office has a large selection of boxes and mailing bags, bubble wrap and tape. Please post your items as early as possible.

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PHONE: 068 36100 Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9am to 5.30pm, closed for lunch 1pm-2pm.

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.

The concert takes place on Thursday December 5th and tickets are available from St. John's box office on 068 22566.

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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)

BALLYLONGFORD NOTES

The notes are entirely free to use for all and are for the benefit of the community to highlight notices, events, services, 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 on Sunday



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TARBERT

TARBERT NEWS

Contact: tarbertnews@outlook.com or telephone Patrick Lynch at 068/36117 on or before 7pm Sunday. Fan slán.

DEATHS

The death took place of Dan Lyons, Clountubrid, Listowel and formerly of Chapel Street, Tarbert. Dan who was aged 82 years died after a short illness in the Palliative Care Unit, University Hospital Kerry on Tuesday 26 November. Dan who was born in Tarmons Hill to Jack and Bridget Lyons (nee Anglim) was one of six children, three boys and three girls who grew up in Chapel Street, Tarbert in a shop which his father had purchased. They were a hard working and thrifty family, his father kept 10 or 12 cows and his mother ran a grocery and provisions shop, so Dan and his brothers were imbued with the work ethic from an early age. His father purchased land in Clountubrid and on his death Dan carried on farming there in the 1980's, leasing the land there in recent years. He married Mary Fennell who was as passionate about farming as Dan and they were a formidable combination, being married for 44 years. Dan had an unhurried lifestyle and enjoyed growing vegetables and he was a patient and hard working farmer who also enjoyed his social life.

He reposed at Lyons Funeral Home, Listowel on Thursday 28 November. His Requiem Funeral Mass took place in St. Mary's Church, Listowel on Friday 29 November and was celebrated by Canon Declan O'Connor assisted by Father Eamon O'Brien (cousin) and Father Martin Hegarty. Dan's daughter Catherine paid her father a lovely tribute in her farewell. Following the funeral Mass interment took place to St. Michael's Cemetery, Listowel.

Dan was predeceased by his parents Jack and Bridget, sister Diane, brothers John and Pakie. Sympathy of the community is extended to his wife Mary, daughter Catherine, sisters Patricia and Cora, brothers-in-law John, Tom and David, sisters-in-law Breda, Geraldine and Philomena, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends. *Leaba í measc na naomh go raibh aige.*

The death also took place of Catherine Horne (née Mulvihill) of Ilkley, Yorkshire and formerly of St. Patrick's Terrace, Tarbert. Catherine who was aged 78 years died on Tuesday 26 November after a long illness borne with great courage and dignity. She was one of five children, four girls and one boy born to Pat and Josie Mulvihill (nee O'Sullivan) in Tarbert. Catherine who was born in Tieraclea attended Tarbert Girls' National School and St. Ita's College, Tarbert. Having completed her Leaving Certificate she pursued a nursing career in England in the 1960's. She later married Tony Horne and lived in Ilkley where they raised two daughters, Tracy and Debbie. She returned to Tarbert on holidays and liked to keep in touch with local news and events. Catherine's funeral service will take place in England on Tuesday 10 December.

Sympathy of the community is extended to her husband John, her two daughters Tracy and Debbie, grandchildren, sisters Josephine in Lancashire and Ann Callaghan in Chapel Street, extended family, neighbours and friends. *Solas na bFlaitheas dá hanam uasal dílis.*

Sympathy also to Anne and Dan Wren, Tarmons on the death of Anne's brother Jim Harman, Bolton's Cross and William Street, Listowel. Jim died on Tuesday 26 November and his Requiem Mass took place in St. Mary's Church, Listowel followed by interment in St. John Paul 11 Cemetery, Listowel on Saturday 30 November.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

Welcome news from Councillors Mike Kennelly and Michael Foley that a pedestrian crossing has been sanctioned for Tarbert National School with road alignment been funded and completed by Kerry County Council. This is welcome news facing into 2025 as many cars and lorries are currently ignoring the speed limits going through the village and the sooner it is provided the better.

BINGO

Christmas Bingo will be held in the Community Centre on this Wednesday 4 December with lots of valuable prizes to be won. Wear your Christmas jumper.

CRAFT FAIR

Tarbert's Christmas Craft Fair takes place in the Community Centre on Sunday 8 December from 11am until 4 pm with many stalls and lots of gifts and crafts available to purchase in the run-up to Christmas. Tarbert Development Association are organising the event and you should contact a member of the committee if you want to book a space for your stall.

TEXT ALERT AGM

Tarbert Community Alert/ Text Alert are holding their AGM on Monday 9 December at 8pm in the Community Centre. Everybody welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS TREE & LIGHTS

Well done to TDA Volunteers who were out early last Saturday erecting the Christmas tree in the Square and the festive lights on the streets. The new lights were funded by the Moneypoint Windfarm grant of €1,000 to the Development Association. The lights will be formally switched on after the Vigil Mass next Saturday evening 7 December.

CHRISTMAS MAILING

A reminder that the last day for posting to America is - letters 10 December, parcels 5 December, The final date for posting to Europe is - letters 17 December and parcels 12 December and Registered Post 17 December. Countries outside Europe and America, the final date for posting letters and parcels is 5 December. Christmas stamp booklets with national and international stamps are now available at the Post Office. Kerry Hospice Foundation Christmas Cards are on sale for 7 euros. The local Property Tax bill can be paid at the Post Office.

TARBERT ACTIVE RETIREMENT (OVER 55'S)

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PARISH MASS TIMES

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH: Monday 2nd December, Mass at 7.30pm for Pat Joe, Susan & Kitty Lynch, Ballyhorgan. Wednesday 4th December, Mass at 10.00am. Friday 6th December, Mass at 7.30pm for Sheila Horgan, Cloghers Driver (Month's Mind) Saturday 7th December, Mass at 7.30pm for Julia McElligott, Kilcaragh, (Months Mind); Denis Moloney, Pallas; Johnie O'Connor, Finuge & Maurice & Ellen Delaney & Sr. Finola O'Connell; Paul Wallace & John & Joan & Noel O'Connell, Lixnaw; John & Noel O'Connell, Lixnaw; Bridie Hickey, Ballinageragh; John & Carmel Stack & deceased members of the Stack & Fitzmaurice families; Nora Maher, Cloghers Drive; Maurice McCarthy & deceased members of the McCarthy family, Deepark; Patrick McAdams, Brigid O'Driscoll & John Joe Barrett; John Walsh, Ahabeg.

RATHEA CHURCH: Sunday 8th December, Mass at 9.30am for Joanie Kennelly, Rathea.

IRREMORE CHURCH: Sunday 8th December, Mass at 11.00am for Siobhan Brosnan, Upper Tullig, Kilflynn.

RECENT DEATHS

William (Bill) Rushe, Kilcaragh Lawn, Lixnaw and formerly of Barbados and England. Sympathy to his wife Annette, his sisters/brothers: Angie, Dianne, Joe and all the extended Rushe family. May he rest in peace.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The annual St. Vincent de Paul collection will take place next weekend, in Lixnaw Church on Saturday night and Rathea and Irremore Churches on Sunday morning. Please give generously as Christmas is a hard time of the year for some families. Our confidential phone number is 086-0128389 for anyone looking for help.

ST. MICHAEL'S BASKETBALL CLUB

St. Michael's Basketball Club would love to support the Tralee Soup Kitchen. A donation box will be in the Lixnaw Community Centre on Monday from 6pm to 9pm to anyone who wants to donate dry food items to this very worthy cause.

LIXAW GAA SPLIT THE BUCKET DRAW

Congratulations to Sheana Conway, who won €93 in the Split the Bucket Draw. The two names for inclusion in the €100 Dunnes Stores voucher draw are Ivan Conway and Vera Rahilly. Thanks for your continued support.

LIXNAW CLUB LOTTO DRAW

Jackpot €14,600. Numbers drawn were 6, 10, 22, 30. No jackpot winner. €20 winners: Molly Trant, Listowel; Siobhán Diggins, Lixnaw; Teresa & Girls, Lixnaw. Next draw will take place on Monday 2nd December at the Dew Drop Inn, Bar. Jackpot will be €14,650.

ST SENAN'S GAA

CLUB LOTTO DRAW: 25/11/2024 Jackpot €2,600. Numbers drawn were 13, 14, 16, 23. No Jackpot winner. €30 winners: John Somers, Gortinard, Listowel; Doreen Buckley, Duagh. €20 winners: Patricia Whyte, Rathea; Seanie Broderick, Listowel; Anthony O'Donovan, Leith, Tralee. Next week's jackpot will be €2,700. 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.

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.

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FINUGE MINORS: Congratulations to our minor team who were crowned North Kerry div 1 champions recently. All three competitive youth teams reached their respective NK Championship div 1 finals which is a great achievement for the club.

CONTACT

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



Pupils from Dromclough NS who very generously donated Christmas Boxes to Team Hope, for distribution to children in Eastern Europe



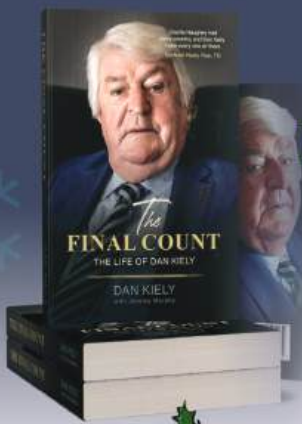

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KILFLYNN CHRONICLE

The Kilflynn Chronicle is now in production and will be launched at the end of the Kilflynn Church Choir Carol Service on Sunday 15th December in St Mary's Church, Kilflynn. The Chronicle will be on sale that evening costing €15, there will be a special offer of 3 for €40 on that night only, cash only please. This year the proceeds from the magazine are going to Palliative Care Kerry, the most worth of beneficiaries which provides specialist palliative care to the people of Kerry across all care settings, hospitals, community, day services and inpatient unit. From Monday, December 16th, the Chronicle will be for sale at the following outlets; in Kilflynn at Parker's and Herbert's; in Lixnaw at Stack's and Foley's; in Abbeydorney at the Post Office, David Power Gala and Circle K; in Tralee at O'Mahony's Bookshop and Oaklands Shop; at Kelly's, Six Crosses and at Woulfe's Bookshop, Listowel. A great read supporting a worthy cause!

ACTIVE RETIRED

Looking forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 11th December for our Christmas Party. As this will be our last Wednesday to meet in 2024, we will enjoy it to the fullest. There will be good food, music, mulled wine and a sing song, all in the company of good friends! New members are most welcome, you do not have to be from Abbeydorney or Kilflynn to join, everyone welcome, please contact Marie Williams 066 7135831 for any questions you may have.

CARE GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Abbeydorney/Kilflynn Care Group Christmas Party will take place on Sunday 8th December in The Ballyroe Heights Hotel. Lunch at 1.30 p.m. Buses depart both villages at 12.30 p.m. Cost €35 per person

KILFLYNN CANCER QUIZ 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Believe it or not it is twenty years since Fr. Pat O'Donnell organised the first Cancer support quiz in Kilflynn. After all those years the Christmas quiz is still going strong and returns on Friday, December 27th. With a constant and rising need for their services our designated charities, Recovery Haven, Kerry Hospice and Kerry Cancer Support, need your support more than ever. Our community's support will help these charities to continue their wonderful work. The quiz has always received unbelievable support from the people of Kilflynn and the surrounding parishes, with more than €85,000 raised to date, the vast majority of which was distributed to Kerry-based cancer charities. With such support, the quiz has become an integral part of Christmas celebrations in the village. Moreover, the event is not all about answering questions but also a fun filled night of music, raffles and auctions. Therefore, the organizers would be grateful to receive any items that might be raffled or sold. Maybe you could ask a business, you regularly deal with, for some item, such as a voucher, that we might raffle or sell on the night. Also, if you have any unwanted presents don't put them in the attic; give them to us to raise much-needed funds for our charities. Even if you can't attend on the night we would be grateful of your support in these ways. If interested please contact John Flaherty at (087) 2352753 or Mike Parker at (087) 9794541. Any donations can be handed in to John, Mike or to Herbert's Bar and Shop. Anyone who might like to lend a hand on the night itself please let us know. As always, the organisers thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you on the 27th. As the night is always busy, in order that the quiz is comfortably run to everyone's satisfaction, kick off will be at 8pm sharp.

COUNTY UNDER 21 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

All roads lead to Austin Stack's Park, Tralee on Saturday 7th December for the Acorn Life U-21 County Hurling Championship final between Crotta/Kilmoyley versus St Brendan's Ardfer at 5.00p.m
We wish the Crotta/Kilmoyley players and management the best wishes in the Final on Saturday. C'mon support the lads.

KILFLYNN CHURCH CHOIR

The Kilflynn Church Choir warmly invite you to a Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 15th December at 6.00 p.m. in St Mary's Church, Kilflynn. Enjoy an evening of beautiful carols and hymns that celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Admission Free.

MUNSTER SCOR NA NÒG

There was no Joy for our superstar Amy Cronin who was representing the Crotta Hurling Club, North Kerry Hurling Board and Kerry GAA in the Munster Scor na nÒg Solo singing competition at this year's Munster Scor na nÒg in Pallasgreen, Co Limerick on Saturday evening 30th November.

The Crotta Hurling Club would like to thank Amy for her outstanding and dedicated work over the past number of years. Amy has always given her all when taking to the stage and has always been tremendously gratuitous when results have and indeed haven't gone her way.

This years county title is a fantastic achievement by Amy and her coaches. You are always a star in our eyes here in the Kingdom. Congratulations and sincere thank you to all the scor committee members in particular Crotta Scor officer Tom Breen his wife Maura and all coaches involved. Your kindness and supportive hard work has given all the children great confidence and memories to last a life time. Well done all

NORTH KERRY HURLING BOARD AWARDS

The Awards of the North Kerry Hurling Board took place on Friday evening 29th November at Ballyroe Heights Hotel with players, family members, officers and coaches from all hurling clubs in attendance.

Crotta GAA was well represented this year with awards been presented to the following players:

Under 13 'B' Championship Captain - Jack Kelliher

MOTM - Daniel Diggins

Under 14 'A' Championship Captain - Daithi Nolan

MOTM - Mikey Somers

Under 15 'A' Championship

Captain - Stephen Shanahan

MOTM - Stephen Shanahan

While we congratulate the lads on their individual awards we one again would like to acknowledge and congratulate all players involved with the U13, U14 and U15 winning panels and indeed all our underage players & coaches. Crotta Coiste Na Nóg are immensely proud of you all.

Congratulation to all award recipients this evening from the varies clubs and to the North Kerry Hurling Board for a well organized and enjoyable evening.

AIB ALL IRELAND INTERMEDIATE CLUB SEMI FINAL

Full Time: St Brigid's 2-10 - Clanmaurice 1-15

Clanmaurice are back in the All Ireland Final!!!

Congratulations to Aoife Behan, Jackie Horgan and Amy O'Sullivan and their teammates and management. Croke Park next stop!

CROTTA LOTTO RESULTS

Herbert's Bar, Kilflynn was the venue for the Crotta Hurling Club weekly lotto draw on Monday 2nd December, The Four numbers drawn out of the drum by the independent observer: Graham Harris, Counsillagh, Lixnaw were 3,6,8 and 22. There was no winner of the 4,800 Jackpot. Congratulations to the following who won €35 in the lucky dip draw:

Shane & Oisín Herbert, Castletown, Kilflynn, Aidan Behan, Abbeydorney and Kathleen Foley, The Cross, Lixnaw

The next draw will take place in Parker's Pub, Kilflynn on Monday night 9th December at 10.30p.m with a €4,800 Jackpot.

Tickets available 3 for €5 online visit www.crotttagaa.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 emphasize enough the importance of our members promoting the Club Lotto among family, friends, and work colleagues. Your continued support is greatly appreciated



The Brennan family, Kilflynn Liam, Robert, Eileen and Geraldine, presenting a cheque of €12,340.25 to Maeve Hartnett, Irish Heart Foundation at Parker's Pub on Friday night 29th November from the recent John Brennan Memorial Tractor and Truck Run. Well done to all who participated and helped out in anyway in this fantastic fundraiser. Photo Mike Parker



The Cashel Ward at UHK would like to say a huge thank you to Claire and Enda Galvin, (and daughter Siún) for their generous donation of a signed Kerry Jersey to the ward



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Listowel Celtic Girls who won 4-1 against Inter Kenmare last weekend



The Winners of the Christmas Mixed Hamper Scramble sponsored by Henry Sheahan Enterprises with Captain Vincent Moloney, Lady Captain Mags O' Sullivan, President Jerry Galvin & Lady President Aideen O' Leary. Photo by Francis Bennett



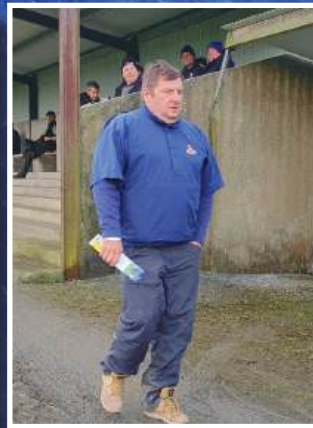
Gracie, from Dromclough NS, who won first prize U/7 in the Listowel Credit Union Art Competition and Nora won gained second place in 8-10 yo category



Listowel Celtic U11 boys two teams who played St Brendan's Park last weekend



Some of the Clounmacon Community Centre Committee pictured at Dick Carmody's (Clounmacon) Book Launch 'Inter Alia' that was held in Ard Chúram Day Centre recently



Gavin Johns from Ballybunion striding out at the Lixnaw Coursing Meeting last Saturday. Photo Moss Joe Browne



What a night in Kelliher's Garage Tralee last Thursday when Kalle Rovenpera double World Rally Champion flew all the way from Las Vegas and drove in the door of Kelliher's Showroom in their famous Yaris GR 231KY1000. The great and good of motoring in Kerry were in attendance to meet, chat and mingle with Kalle and fellow motoring and rallying minds in the Kingdom. Photo: Martin Bowden



Jim's Bar and the Parents Council of Duagh NS host a Jolly Jumper Party for friends and family to kick off the festive season

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Draw 2/12/24 - Numbers Drawn 1-8-16-32

Jackpot not won - Lucky Dip Winners

€40	Daniel Lyons, Duagh
€20	Emma McGlynn, Listowel
€20	Willie Guiney c/o Jets
€20	Billy O'Shea, Killorglin
€20	Eoin Moore

Next Draw 09/12/24 at Brosnans - Jackpot €3,800

LISTOWEL ATHLETIC CLUB

Cross Country uneven juvenile

Last Sunday saw our athletes Noelle and James Dillon making the long trek to Tramore, Co Waterford for the u19 X Country All Irelands. A tough course with a continuous hill and soft underfoot with one really wet part made it a challenging course at Tramore racecourse. In the u19 girls Noelle ran a fantastic race finishing 48th overall out of seventy athletes. In the u19 boys James ran a superb race with a mighty strong finish on the home stretch to finish 31st out of a field of seventy athletes and was part of the Munster team who finished 4th. A great end to the All Ireland xcountry competition for them. Special mention to their parents Michael and Noreen for supporting, encouraging and travelling all over the Country with them.

Training times

Little athletics Saturday returns to Listowel Community centre at 11am. All new athletes are welcome.

Training for U13 and older trains every Tuesday, Friday and Sunday.

Cross country, U11 and U12 training every Monday in St Michaels. For further information contact Kevin on 0879745341.

Munster B Cross Country

The Munster B Cross country takes place next Sunday 8th in Ennis, we wish our athletes the best of luck.

LISTOWEL BADMINTON CLUB

Well done to our Division 4 women's team who had their second league win on Monday night against Moyvane. A great team performance by Agata Niedzielska, Maggie Li, Molly McElligott & Sara Hayes.

A fine performance also by our Division 5 men's team on Monday night, who secured a win against Ballyheigue. On the Listowel team was Andrew Niedzielski, Jacek Niedzielski, Mark O'Connor & Illia Prymchuk.

Congratulations to Mikey Flanagan, who last Sunday won gold in singles & silver in doubles at the Munster U19 Closed Championships in Tipperary.

Our club nights continue during the week from Monday to Thursday night. New & returning members are welcome throughout the season, whether you wish to play socially or competitively. So come along to try out a fun activity & meet new people - message Margaret on 087 960 4361 or send us a message on FB/Instagram at listowel senior badminton.

BEALE GAA

The AGM of Beale GAA Club was held recently. 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 Mairéad O'Neill; PRO, Brid Griffin; Registrar, Sarah Larkin; Players' Representatives, Fionán Toomey and Emma Kennelly; Irish Language and Cultural Officer, Claire O'Mahony; Children's Officer, Denis Kennelly; Coaching Officer, Martin Foley; North Kerry Board Delegates, Brid Griffin and John Hennessy; County Board Delegate, John Hannan. John Farrell, John Dee, Johnny O'Sullivan, Paudie Mulvihill, Mike O'Connell, Jake O'Connell and Pat Carolan.

Beale u-15s overcame Ballyduff in the final of the North Kerry Championship, Division 2, in Ballylongford on Saturday. The teams could not be separated at full time, with Beale 1.13, Ballyduff 3.9. Twenty minutes of extra time followed, and we won it with the last kick of the game. The final score was Beale 2.20, Ballyduff 5.10.

An unbelievable game played by both teams, with huge scores put up in terrible conditions. Great credit to both teams for a very sporting game, played out over 80 minutes. Our boys just came out on the right side of the result. Beale abú!

Beale juniors play St Senans in the final of the Kerry Shield. We await details.

The North Kerry girls came up short against Mid Kerry, by 1.6 to 3.7, in the u13 District Championship semi-final last weekend. Beale's Aisling McElligott, Diana O'Neill, Patsy Rose Byrne, Emily O'Neill, Layla Kate Buckley, Emily Neville and Saoirse Fogarty were on the North Kerry panel, with Paudie Collins and Conor Mulvihill on the management team.

Beale was well represented on the North Kerry u15 panel by Aoibhinn Stack, Evie Horgan, Oshah de Beer, Ella Scanlan, Gracie O'Sullivan and Chloe Mae O'Flynn. Mid Kerry were again the authors of North Kerry's demise in the semi-final of the u15 District Championship, on a score of 1.7 to 3.11. Gina O'Sullivan is a member of the management team. Kate Horgan, Chloe Brennan, Órla O'Mahony, Saoirse O'Connor, Nancy Dee and Sophie Collins were on the u17 North Kerry panel.

Well done to all who represented Beale on the North Kerry teams.

Beale GAA are hosting a Beale Race Night on Saturday, 28th December in JDs. Join us for the ultimate Xmas Night Out, an event not to be missed during the festive season!

Don't lose out on the chance to be in the Winner's Enclosure on the 28th December. Champagne will be available on the night!

The first race is at 8.30. For €50 you can buy the package of jockey/trainer/owner on your own or buy it as part of a syndicate together with your friends. Other options available are to buy the option to be a jockey, trainer or owner for €20.

Back the winning horse, cash in your winnings and dance the night away in JD's late bar. Contact any of men's or ladies' team members or underage mentors or club officers to avail of what could be a life changing experience as a winning jockey, owner or trainer!

It has been 28 years since Beale GAA held the last video race night. A lot of our senior men's and ladies' team weren't even born then and won't remember the Atlantic. Those of us that were around back then will tell you it was one of the great Beale nights that is still talked about. Any further info, contact club members.

This week's Beale Lotto took place in The Exchange 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.

The next draw is set for Sunday night at 9 o'clock in Mikey Joe's Bar. Tickets, €2 each or 3 for €5, can be purchased online, at Joyce's Newsagents and in local pubs. A huge 'mile buiochas' to all who support and promote the Beale Lotto.

For the ideal Christmas present get Beale GAA gear online at our O'Neill's shop. Simply click on <https://www.oneills.com/shop-by-team/gaa/ireland/beale-gaa-club.html> to check out our wide range of hoodies, tee-shirts, shorts and jackets, as well as footballs, gloves and loads more.

The much-anticipated Beale Social will take place in the elegant surroundings of The Listowel Arms on Saturday, January 11th, and it promises to be an unforgettable occasion. Both men and ladies' teams will be presented with medals.

This year has been nothing short of remarkable for Beale Ladies. We made history by winning all three competitions. This incredible achievement will be celebrated with a medal presentation on the night. To add to the spectacular occasion, our senior team won the County Novice Championship and will also be presented with their medals, and the junior team of 2023 will be presented with medals, having won the Kerry Shield.

Join us for a night of celebration, camaraderie and plenty of fun. Make sure to mark it in your diary—it's an event not to be missed!

BALLYBUNION GOLF CLUB

Mens Competitions

Mixed Christmas Hamper – Shotgun Start Sponsored by Henry Sheahan Enterprises – Sunday 1st December 2024 Old Course

1st	Kevin O'Callaghan (15), James Fogarty (23), Teresa Cronin (21), Patrick O'Brien (15)	57.6
2nd	Anne Marie Healy (20), Philip Byrne (13), Michael Casey (16), Thomas Buckley (24)	57.7
3rd	Vincent Moloney (10), Mags O'Sullivan (15), Frank Dore (16), Carol Anne Coolican (31)	57.8

Mixed Christmas Hamper – Shotgun Start Sponsored by Henry Sheahan Enterprises – Sunday 1st December 2024 Cashen Course

1st	John O'Halloran (17), Patricia Boyle (32), John Kinsella (14), Joe Costello (24)	34.3
2nd	Gary Kavanagh (15), PJ Houlihan (18), Jean Liston (31), Tim Nolan (24)	38.2
3rd	JP Hickey (10), David Breen (22), Caroline Horgan (36), Eamon Fitzmaurice (21)	39.1

Fixtures: Sunday 8th December 2024 AGC Construction Hamper, Old Course

Ladies Tuesday 14 Hole Competition – Tuesday 26th November Old Course

1st	Deirdre Sheehan (16)	31pts (B9:14)
2nd	Bernie Daly (30)	31pts
3rd	Ann O'Riordan (32)	30pts(B6:5)
3rd	Catriona Corrigan (9)	30pts (B9:10)

9 Hole Competition

1st	Patsy Lydon (26)	23pts
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Senior Mens Competitions:

Fixtures: Thursday 5th December Senior Mens Hamper and Dinner Old Course

Senior Ladies Competition – Friday 29th November 2024 Old Course

1st	Eileen Daly (17)	22pts
2nd	Teresa Cronin (10)	19pts (Bk3)

Fixtures: Friday 6th December Senior Ladies Competition Cashen Course

BALLYDONOGHUE GAA

Lotto Draw results:

The numbers drawn for Friday 29th November 2024, were as follows, 4, 11, 14, 19. The Jackpot was €7,400 and there was no Jackpot winner.

The following won 30 euro lucky dips:

Margaret & Sean Kelly - Online.
Liz O'Connor - Online.
Mary Ita Houlihan - c/o Eddie.
Patricia O'Carroll - Lyre.
Jimmy Buckley c/o Donal.

The following won three free tickets:

Breeda Dinneen - Online.
John O'Connor - Green St. Dingle.
Giarán Lyons - Sackville

Next Jackpot will be €7,500 and it will take place next Friday night the 6th December 2024, the draw will be held in the Coolard Clubhouse.

Results:

North Kieran Corridan- Intermediate Cup

Moyvane B (1-14)v Ballydonoghue B(0-12).

Team lined out as follows; Cian O'Mahony, Podge O'Connor(John Enright), Darren Gogarty, William Kissane, David Lynch, Kevin O'Donnell, Jamie Keane, Wayne Dowling(Darragh Scanlon)(Jack Bambury) Jack Sheehy, Cian Sheehy, Mikey Nolan(0-8), Kieran Foley, Gearoid Kissane(0-2), Eddie Sheehy(Podge O'Connor), Robbie Foley(0-2), Darren O'Connor.

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.

Ballydonoghue GAA AGM:

The AGM will take place on the 10th January 2025. Any Motions or Officer Nominations must be sent to Club Secretary, Gerard Moran.

Congratulations:

Ballydonoghue Gaa would like to congratulate Listowel Emmets team and management on winning the North Kerry Championship. Well done of your achievement.

FINUGE GAA

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U15s: Last Sunday week 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 it's 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!

FLOODING: Our thoughts are with all those within our community and further afield that were impacted by the recent 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. There is a Gofundme in operation currently which is making great traction and is an opportunity for the wider community to make a contribution that will directly help the families involved. We wish everyone well for the weeks and months ahead.

DUAGH / LYRE COMM. GAMES

Recent AGM: The AGM of Duagh/Lyre Community Games took place at Duagh sports complex.

President: Fr Jack O'Donnell
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 Committee: Andy Keane, John Bunyan, Mike Brosnan, Leslie Moloney, Mandy Bambury Lawson, Shelia Cahill, Norma Doran, Sean Brosnan.

County AGM
 Congratulations to Nelius Collins who remains on as Chairperson of Kerry Community Games. On the night Duagh/Lyre were named the best overall area for 2024. This was a testament to all our 130 participants at events and activities in County, Provincial and All Ireland and to our volunteers and parents.

Registration
 Registration of participants for u8 to u16 will take place this Thursday evening 7pm to 8pm at Duagh sports complex for 2025. Registration cost: 1st Child €15, 2 children €25, 3 or more children €30.
 Awards night

Save the date Sun 2nd February at Duagh sports complex, no charge, time tbc. After a fantastic year in 2024 all participants who represented Duagh/Lyre Community games at County, Munster and Provincial finals will be acknowledged on the night.

NORTH KERRY GAA

The Bernard O Callaghan Senior North Kerry Championship Final Sponsored by McMunns Bar and Restaurant Ballybunion.
 Match Report by Jack Hennessy

Bernard O Callaghan Memorial North Kerry Senior Football Championship 2024 Final for the Eamon O Donoghue Memorial Cup.
 Report by Jack Hennessy
 In Association with McMunns Ballybunion
 Emmets 1-11 v Desmonds 0-8

After going all the way to the All Ireland Junior Football final on January last; Listowel Emmets are back in the glory trial. That time they lost the Croke Park decider but at Con Brosnan Park on Sunday last December 1st they set the wheels in motion when they claimed their 17th North Kerry senior football title and the prestigious Eamon O Donoghue Memorial Cup. From the moment the first ball was thrown in the 2024 championship the Listowel boys were installed as favourites and as the competition progressed they duly obliged with outstanding displays and comprehensive victories. Without doubt the form shown by both these teams in their respective campaigns were fully deserving of reaching the final but it must be said that on this occasion Castleisland Desmonds had to come off second best to an exceptional Listowel outfit who gave a near perfect team performance in front of a huge attendance as one will see. Also huge credit to the Moyvane club for having their G A A field in perfect condition despite the atrocious weather conditions we have been experiencing with the past couple of weeks.

Yes it turned out to be a near perfect afternoon with no rain or wind as Match Referee Brendan Griffin got the 2024 North Kerry Senior football underway and for the opening 6mts or so both teams were getting to know each other with a lot of keep ball. Eddie Healy and Luka Brosnan exchanged points. Adam O'Rourke was fouled and Sam Tarrant from a free squeezed Emmets ahead. At this stage of the game Listowel Emmets seemed to be getting a stranglehold in the game and in the 12th mt came the only goal of the game which proved later to be a huge obstacle to Desmonds comeback. The outstanding Eddie Healy who had a tremendous opening half soloed his way from the half back line and released a perfect pass to Sean Keane who later was named Man of the Match and who billowed the net giving Stevie Bartlett in the Desmonds goal little chance. Kian Downey clawed a point back for the Islanders but Sean Keane showed his power in the air and in the ground and kicked over 2pts

leaving the score 1-4 to 0-2 in favour of Emmets. Luka Brosnan who was effective for Desmonds exchanged points with Eddie Healy and the half time score read; Listowel Emmets 1-5 Castleisland Desmonds 0-3. At the interval we had the victorious U 15 County Champions and the Moyvane team of 25 years ago introduced and who got a huge reception from the crowd.

On the restart all was not really lost for Desmonds but they needed to put the scoreboard moving. Certainly they seemed to raise their game a little but 3 wides in a row didn't help along with 2 45s in a row that came to nothing. Emmets goalkeeper Jack Enright came up to convert the first of his two 45s and Sam Tarrant and Sean Keane added further points. At this stage Emmets were dominant all over the field as Desmonds were retreating into defence Adam Donoghue got their first point of the second half with Maurice Hickey also adding his point; 15mts remaining; 1-8 to 0-5 and Emmets in complete control and using up their bench and it must be said that these substitutes played their part and fitted in to the scheme of things quickly. Subs Aaron Kennelly just on split the uprights as did Aaron Carey. Shane O Connell and Thomas Hickey kicked over points as the clock ticked down before the Referees final whistle sounded amid huge celebration by Listowel players, Management and supporters.

Before the first business of the day; Chairperson of the North Kerry Football Board, Mairead O Sullivan thanked everybody who helped out on the day, the Moyvane Club and Chairman Michael Walsh and not for the first time this year had everything in running order for the event. To Referee Brendan Griffin and his match officials well done. The first business of the day was the presentation of the Billy Enright Memorial Man of the Match to Sean Keane of Listowel Emmets by Sandra Enright daughter of the great man himself. Next we had the presentation of the Eamon O Donoghue Memorial Cup to Listowel Emmets Vice Captains; Jo Jo Grimes and Eddie Brown and this was presented by our very generous North Kerry senior football Championship sponsor; Greg and Una Ryan of McMunns Bar and Restaurant, Ballybunion.

Teams and scorers; Listowel Emmets, Jack Enright, (2,45s) Michael Kennedy, Eddie Healy, 2pts, Ciaran Pierce, Jack McElligott, Ger McCarthy, Eddie Brown, Jamie McVeigh, Darragh Leahy, Pa Walsh, Sean Keane, 1-3, Cormac Mulvihill, Sam Tarrant, 2pts, Jo Jo Grimes, Adam O'Rourke. Subs; Jake Moriarty for Pa Walsh, Aaron Carey, 1pt for Adam O'Rourke, Aaron Kennelly, 1pt for Cormac Mulvihill, Sean Gilbert for James McVeigh. Castleisland Desmonds; Steven Bartlett, Luke Curtin, Isaac Brosnan, Gearoid Leonard, Luka Brosnan, 2pts, Ruairi Burke, Maurice Hickey, 1pt, Thomas Hickey, 2pts, Brian Leonard, Michael Walsh, Adam O'Donoghue, 1pt, Adam Donoghue, Kian Downey, 1pt, P J Curtin, Denis O'Connor. Subs; Graham O'Connor, 1pt, for Michael Walsh, Sean Prenderville for Kian Downey,

Referee Brendan Griffin, Clounmacon.



LB Rovers U13A Team who defeated Tralee Dynamo's A in Ardferd last Saturday



Current and former Chairmen of Listowel Emmets with David Clifford at the opening of the club's new Indoor Training Facility last Saturday



Congrats to Lios Tuathail AC athletes Noelle & James Dillon who competed in the u19 juvenile All Ireland Cross Country Competition in Tramore, Co Waterford



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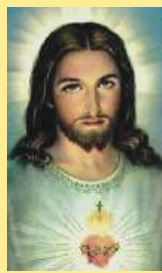
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Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted. Never been known to fail. Must promise publication of prayer. **M.B.**



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. **M.B.***

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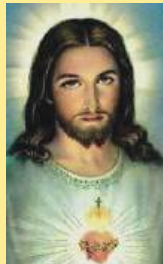


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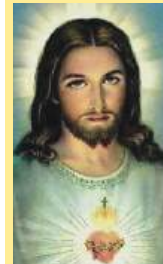
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