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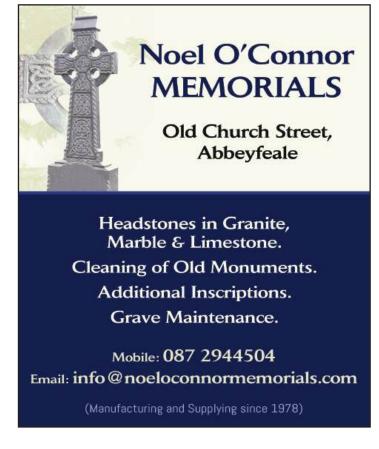
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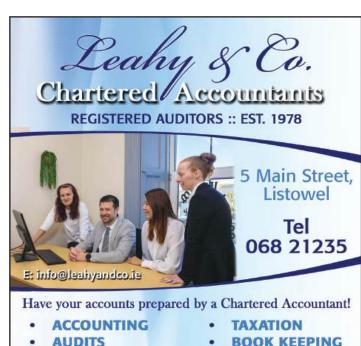
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Saturday March 1,5th

St. Patrick's Green Run Listowel Park Run...9am

Bernard O'Shea 'Desperate House Husband' St. John's...8pm

DJ Del Boy - Con Dillons...9pm

Irish Music Bingo - Mike the Pies...9pm

Live Music - Tankers Bar from 8pm

Language workshop with Dick Walsh St. Johns...8pm

Flyshop Blues Band - Mike the Pies...10pm Live Music - Tankers Bar from 8pm DJ Donnacha - Con Dilons...9pm DJ Del Boy - Jet O'Carrolls...9pm

Live Music with BEN-JAM-EN Christys...9pm

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Face Painting, Balloon Modelling, Childrens Rides, Food Stalls The Square from 11.30am

**Best Dressed Dog Competition** Back of Stage in The Square...11.30am

PARADE - 12.30pm

Dance - Plaza Hall...3pm - 5.30pm

Rambling House

Kerry Writers' Museum...3pm - 6pm

Joe Lynch - Con Dillons...after Parade

Live Music - Tankers Bar from 5pm-9pm

Séan Tiernan - Kevin Brodericks 6pm-8pm

Three's a Crowd - Brosnan's Bar 6pm-8pm Followed by Disco 8pm to close

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### **NORTH KERRY SCENE**

## PHOTOGRAPHER DOMNICK WALSH WINS TWO NATIONAL AWARDS

Tralee Photographer Domnick Walsh Wins Two National Awards at the Prestigious AIB Press Photographer of the Year award Prestigious Competition held in Dublin

Domnick Walsh has once again demonstrated his talent and expertise, winning two national awards for his outstanding photography at a prestigious competition. Accompanied by his picture editor Mark Nolan, also from Tralee, Domnick attended the red-carpet event, where he was recognized for his exceptional work in Nature & The Environment and Arts & Entertainment photography.

Adding to his list of achievements, Domnick also had three of his images selected among the Top 100 images of the year, further solidifying his reputation as one of Ireland's leading photographers. His ability to capture the essence of a moment, whether in the vibrant world of entertainment or the serene beauty of nature, has made him a standout talent in the field.

Speaking about his success, Domnick Walsh expressed his gratitude and excitement:

"It's an incredible honor to receive these awards and to have my work recognized on a national level. Both of these images represent what I love most about photography—capturing real moments, whether it's the quiet, behind-the-scenes moments of a major event or the breathtaking transformation of nature. I'm also delighted that three of my images made it to the Top 100, which is a testament to

the effort and passion I put into my work."





### ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN DUAGH

Duagh Development Association are delighted to announce that our annual St Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Monday 17th March at 12.30pm. Come along and support the local clubs and businesses. Feel free to dress up and bring Irish flags etc.

All businesses or clubs that are partaking in the parade are asked to please meet in Duagh Sports Complex Car Park for registration at 12 noon as we do want to start the parade on time.

Vintage cars and tractors also welcome to be involved.

Supporters are welcome to come along and support our parade and it would be wonderful if supporters dressed up in green to brighten up our village. Musicians and Irish dancers would also be very welcome to join in the festivities.

If anyone would like to partake please call Sandra on 087 6718377 or Rita on 087 6618881



## LISA FINGLETON RETURNS AS VISUAL ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Kerry County Council, supported by the Arts council is delighted to announce Ballybunion's Lisa Fingleton as our Visual Artist in Residence for 2025. The residence programme is delivered as part of a co-funded arts programme to promote access to, participation in, and standards of practice in the art form- in this case visual arts. Interested individuals, groups, schools and artists (professional and amateur) who would like to reserve time with Lisa to develop their skills or visual arts projects can register their interest by email to arts@kerrycoco.ie. 'Interest in our residency programme is always very high, I advise people who would like to avail of this opportunity to contact us sooner rather than later,' stated Kate Kennelly, Arts Officer. During the residency, the artist helps to mentor peers in addition to creating opportunities for people to get actively involved in visual arts. Lisa has great experience and brings a wealth of inspiration to her current role.

Lisa is an artist, filmmaker, writer and grower who has spent over twenty years cultivating deep-rooted connections between art, food, nature and peace. Her studio is based at The Barna Way, an organic farm, woodland and wildlife sanctuary near Ballybunion. Her practice is multidisciplinary and includes socially engaged, collaborative and performative projects; moving image; large scale installations; as well as drawing and creative writing.

The last year has been a busy year, where, alongside her role as the Visual Artist in Residence with Kerry County Council, Lisa is also the embedded artist with Brilliant Ballybunion. Brilliant Ballybunion works with local community collaborators to protect nature, grow food and be creative all at the same time.

Lisa is currently showcasing her work influenced by these projects and programmes with an exhibition titled The Square Tomato, which runs at Siamsa Tire until March 22nd 2025. The exhibition features new works created with Creative Projects, Kerry Visual Artist in Residence programme and time at Navdanya centre, India. Lisa visited Navdanya centre in India in September 2024. As part of the exhibition a film of an interview with philosopher, physicist, environmentalist and activist Dr. Vandana Shiva is displayed.

In 2025 Lisa is looking forward to engaging with more schools and community groups interested in learning more about visual arts. She is looking forward to supporting artists too, towards helping to build and sustain their visual arts practice.

Further info, please contact Kerry Arts Office on 066 718 3541 or by email arts@kerrycoco.ie



## IXPOSURE PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION AT KERRY WRITERS' MUSEUM

13th March 2025 from 7pm - 9pm

IXposure' is a photographic exhibition produced by the photography learners at Kerry College of Further Education - Listowel Campus.

This exhibition showcases the creative photographic work of Hanna Zadorozhna, Anhelina Dzhavdatova, Svitlana Holovnova, Cecelia Lyons, Valeriia Matiakh, Paul Rice, Leah Kelly, Patrick Cunningham and Laurence O' Flynn.

Each of the learners refined their vision and developed their skills through a variety of themes to include Portraiture, Street Photography, Nature and Imaginative Photoshop images.

We welcome you to join us at The Writer's Museum in Listowel on the evening of March 13th 2025 from 7-9pm. Raffle tickets will be sold on the evening with all proceeds going to Enable Ireland Tralee."





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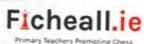
















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#### CAROLINE'S DÓTERRA ESSENTIAL OILS

#### CAROLINE'S POD OF POSITIVITY

Welcome back to my weekly column!

I'm Caroline Horgan, your doTERRA Wellness Advocate and I'm here to help you embrace 2025 with health, wellness, and positivity using certified, pure and therapeutic grade essential oils. I'm passionate about Wellness and Aromatherapy and I offer personalised advice with easy tips to help others live healthier, happier lives – One Drop at a Time.

Enjoy the Read!

#### Taking Up Instead of Giving Up: A Lenten Approach to Self-Care

Lent is often associated with giving something up - chocolate, social media, or even caffeine. But what if, instead, we focused on taking up something that nurtures our well-being? This season can be a time of renewal, an opportunity to invest in self-care and create mindful rituals that bring more balance and peace into daily life.

One simple yet powerful way to do this is through essential oils. Whether you're looking to cultivate calm, boost energy, or enhance focus, incorporating oils into your routine can be a beautiful act of self-care. Here are a few ways to embrace this practice during Lent:

- 1. Taking up More Moments of Calm: If your goal is to slow down and invite more peace into your days, try diffusing Lavender or Air (a beautiful blend that promotes clear breathing and relaxation). These oils help create a soothing atmosphere, perfect for moments of quiet reflection, deep breathing, or winding down after a long day.
- 2. Taking up Clarity and Comfort: For those seeking mental clarity and relief from daily tension, Peppermint and Deep Blue are excellent choices. Peppermint can refresh the mind and boost focus, while Deep Blue provides a comforting aroma that helps ease tension—great for a post-workout massage or simply unwinding after a busy day.
- 3. Taking up Immunity and Healing: If your focus this season is on strengthening your health, Tea Tree and On Guard are must-haves. Tea Tree is known for its purifying and cleansing properties, while On Guard supports immune function and promotes a protective environment—ideal for keeping your body strong and resilient.
- 4. Taking up an Energizing Start to the Day: For those who want to feel more refreshed and motivated in the mornings, citrus oils like Lemon, Grapefruit, Tangerine, and Wild Orange are wonderful choices. These oils uplift the mood, enhance focus, and bring a sense of brightness and vitality to your day. Try diffusing them first thing in the morning or adding a drop to your water for a refreshing start.
- **5. Taking up Moments of Reflection:** For a deeper connection with yourself, Frankincense is a powerful oil to incorporate into prayer, meditation, or journaling. Often called the "King of Oils," Frankincense is grounding, balancing, and helps quiet the mind—allowing for a more meaningful and introspective Lenten journey.

This Lent, rather than deprivation, let's focus on nourishment—creating rituals that support both body and mind. If you'd like to explore doTERRA essential oils and how they can enhance your well-being, I'd be happy to guide you in choosing the right ones and using them effectively.

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Wishing you a peaceful and uplifting season of renewal.

Caroline X - Tel: 087 292 1292



#### **SENATOR MIKE KENNELLY WELCOMES**

## GOVERNMENT DECISION ON GAS EMERGENCY RESERVE

The Government has this week approved development of State-led strategic gas emergency reserve.

Senator Mike Kennelly has welcomed the decision made by Government on Tuesday 4th March, in what he describes as a game changer for Kerry & Ireland's energy security.

From purchase to construction the project would cost €300 million with running costs per annum of €60 million.



Senator Kennelly is now calling on the Government to progress the LNG Terminal in North Kerry, along the Shannon Estuary, Tarbert/Ballylongford landbank.

On Tuesday Minister Darragh O'Brien received Government approval to proceed with the development of a State-led strategic gas emergency reserve. The delivery of a temporary gas reserve is critical to Ireland's energy security as we continue to transition to indigenous, clean renewable energy. Crucially, the strategic gas emergency reserve will also ensure compliance with EU standards and regulation.

The emergency reserve will be in the form of a Floating Storage and Regassification Unit (FSRU), to be owned on behalf of the State by the system operator, Gas Networks Ireland (GNI). This is a similar approach to that used for oil security by the National Oil Reserves Agency.

The development of a state-led reserve in the form of an FSRU is consistent with Ireland's climate law. It is a transitional measure – reducing the risk of stranded fossil fuel assets, for emergency use only, and does not support increased gas demand.

Senator Mlke Kennelly sees this as a huge opportunity for north Kerry and is urging the Government to purpose the Tarbert/Ballylongford landbank site for this project. This project could run efficiently in conjunction with the plans already set out by New Fortress.



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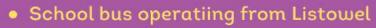




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#### **SAN RITA WELLNESS**

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

At San Rita Wellness your self care and well being is important to us. Wellness covers a variety of areas such as eating healthily, being active and looking after ourselves both mentally and physically. One of the ways of looking after ourselves is getting a good nights sleep. But that's probably easier said than done.

Sleeping well directly affects your mental and physical health. Health experts recommend that we should try and get 7 to 9 hours sleep a night. Fall short and it can take a serious toll on your daytime energy, productivity, emotional balance, and even your weight. We can often feel moody, short tempered and reach for sugary foods to give ourselves a bit of an energy boost. Yet many of us regularly toss and turn at night, struggling to get the sleep we need.

If you want to optimize your health or lose weight, getting a good night's sleep is one of the most important things you can do.

Here are some tips to help you sleep better at night.

**Sleep Routine -** Try to go to sleep and get up at the same time every day. This helps set your body's internal clock and optimize the quality of your sleep.

Feeling drowsy - Having a heavy meal late in the evening can leave you feeling sleepy way before your bedtime. get off the couch and go for a short walk,call a friend, or get your clothes ready for the next day.

**Screen time -** Screen time limits your dream time . Avoid bright screens within 1-2 hours of your bedtime. The blue light emitted by your phone, tablet, computer is especiall disruptive. Say no to late-night television.

**Wind down** - Have a relaxing wind down routine. Have a bath ,listen to music or read a book. When it's time to sleep, make sure the room is dark. Use heavy curtains or shades to block light from windows, or try a sleep mask.

**Avoid alcohol** - Having a couple of drinks at night can negatively affect your sleep and hormones. Alcohol is known to cause or increase the symptoms of sleep apnea, snoring, and disrupted sleep patterns

**Tidy room** - To optimize your bedroom environment, try to minimize external noise, light, and artificial lights from devices like alarm clocks. Make sure your bedroom is a quiet, relaxing, clean, and enjoyable place.

**Daily Exercise** - People who exercise regularly during the daytime sleep better at night .Regular exercise also improves the symptoms of insomnia and sleep apnea and increases the amount of time you spend in the deep, restorative stages of sleep.

**Limit Caffeine -** Caffeine stimulates your nervous system and may stop your body from naturally relaxing at night. In one study, consuming caffeine up to 6 hours before bed significantly worsened sleep quality.

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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Listowel Celtic U14 team who played last weekend

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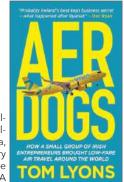
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#### **Aer Dogs:**

How a small group of Irish entrepreneurs brought low-fare air travel around the world

#### **By Tom Lyons**

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But it is the story of what happened next. It is the story of Irelandia, a ground-breaking aviation investment company led by Ryan's son, Declan Ryan, a company that took Ryanair's low cost DNA global through a string of airlines: Tiger Airways, VivaAerobus, Viva Colombia and Peru as well as Allegiant. It is a story of the ultra-competitive world of aviation, a world where fortunes can be gained and lost. Author Tom Lyons, an award-winning journalist and co-founder of business publication The Currency, takes the reader behind the scenes of this incredible journey. From the boardroom to the boarding gates, Lyons reveals how Ryan and his team brought airlines to the stock market and battled to help them avoid bankruptcy. The story of the team that became 'Aer Dogs' is a story about entrepreneurship, resilience, grit and overcoming the odds.

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Tim Deenihan of Ballybunion who celebrated his 40th birthday surrounded by his family and friends in Eabha Joans Restaurant last Saturday night. Photo by John Kelliher



Listowel Badminton Club Invitational Tournament Division 5 winners Mark O' Connor (Listowel) & Deirdre Guiney (Brosna) with runners-up Micheal O' Shea (Kingdom) & Emille Keane Stack (Listowel). Pictured with Trish O' Herlihy (Chairperson) & Margaret Healy (Club Secretary)



Eoin, Zoe & Amy McEvoy (Moyvane) on their Confirmation Day recently.

Pictured with their sister Lucy



Enjoying the recent Irish Cup Coursing meeting at Patrickswell were Gavin Johns from Ballybunion with friends Mark Dilger and Brian Duffy. Photo Moss Joe Browne



Congratus to Lios Tuathail AC athlete Daniel Breen who won Munster bronze in the u14 shot put at the Munster Indoors last Sun. Daniel now goes forward to National Finals



Congratulations to the Beale Senior Football team who are Munster Junior B Champions after defeating Cork's Goleen in Ballygran Co. Limerick last Sunday. The final score was Beale 4-09 Goleen 1-10



Listowel Emmets Split the Bucket Winner from 25th February was Kate Upton.

Noreen Wallace collected the cheque of €982 for her granddaughter Kate from

Colette Kennelly and Joan Healy



Listowel Celtic U13 Girls who beat Killorglin 1-0 at the weekend



Listowel Celtic U12 Team who drew 1-1 with Fenit on Saturday



Well done to Lios Tuathail AC sprint athlete Sophia Barczak who was a finalist in her 60m dash last weekend having come through heat and semifinal at the Munster Indoors last weekend



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#### **BALLYBUNION SUMMER MARKET**

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Join us for a special Mother's Day Floral Workshop hosted by Maddy Made Creations the perfect way to celebrate with creativity and blooms! Create something beautiful with your Mom, Grandmother or Mother figures. On Saturday, 29th March from 7pm-9pm at Coast Ballybunion. All materials will be provided, along with refreshments to enjoy. Cost: €45 per person. Spaces are limited, so booking is essential. Reserve your spot today by calling 085 145 4656. Treat yourself or a loved one to an evening of floral fun!

#### **BALLYBUNION ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**

The St. Patrick's Day Parade will begin at St. John's Church, departing from the car park at 3:00 PM sharp. If you'd like to join the parade, please make sure to arrive at the church car park by 2:30 PM on Monday, March 17th. Get ready to dust off your floats and lace up your walking shoes — we look forward to seeing you there!

Additionally, there will be a Family Inclusion Day at the Ballybunion Community Centre from 4PM to 6PM, featuring bouncy castles, face painting, children's tattoos, and cultural music. Please note, children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

#### **BALLYBUNION TIDY TOWNS**

The monthly meeting of Ballybunion Tidy Towns will be held Wednesday 5th March, at 6.15pm, upstairs in the Community Centre. Everyone is welcome, tea, coffee and biscuits available. We will be discussing upcoming plans for spring and St Patrick's Day.

#### **BALLYBUNION MEALS ON WHEELS**

Delivery Days: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Areas Covered: Ballybunion, Lisselton, Asdee, and Ballylongford. Cost: €7 per meal (delivered to your door) To arrange delivery, please contact: Eileen Fogarty: 086 2234 965 or Con McCarthy: 087 418 4241. Reliable, home-cooked meals delivered with care!

#### FRIENDS OF BRU COLUMBANUS

The Railways bar are again fundraising for Bru Columbanus St. Patricks Weekend. They will be hosting a Pub Quiz in The Railway Bar on Friday the 14th of March at 9.30pm Team of  $4 \in 40$ .

There will be a Tractor Run on Sunday the 16th of March at 3pm from Ballybunion Church Car Park. Entry €30 and registration from 1.30pm at the Church Car Park Bucket collections over the weekend all support is greatly appreciated.

#### **BALLYBUNION LIBRARY**

Opening Hours: 10am-1:30pm and 2:30pm-5pm from Tues-Sat Inc. You can now borrow a set of activator poles from Ballybunion Library. These are like Nordic walking poles and help promote balance and improve mobility. This is an initiative by Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership which Kerry Library is delighted to promote and facilitate. A set can now be borrowed for a period of

35 days. Membership is free for anyone interested in trying out this new initiative. Newspapers and magazines are now available on BorrowBox, along with thousands of eBooks and audiobooks. Just download the app, log in with your library details and you are ready to read at your leisure! For those not already joined up, membership in your library is free. Kerry Library also has many online services available, and each branch provides photocopying, printing and scanning services, free internet and Wi-Fi, Everyone welcome! Contact Us: 068 27615. ballybunion@kerrylibrary.ie, www.kerrylibrary.ie

#### POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

Community Employment offers paid work, Welfare support, free training courses and an opportunity to contribute to your community. Current part-time positions (19.5 hrs. /wk.) Include: Ballybunion sea rescue hut caretaker & leisure centre cleaner, for details contact Rosaleen on 089- 2763 786 or email saothainanabhann@gmail.com

#### **BUDS BALLYDUFF**

Chef required, Mon - Wed, until 2pm. Bud's FRC, Ballyduff. Enquiries to Susan by emailing Budsfrc2016@gmail.com

#### **MEDITATION WORKSHOPS**

Series of Meditation Workshops running every Monday until the 10th of March, €12 per session, Venue: Ballybunion Community Centre, Time 7pm-8pm,

#### Meditation Workshop on St. Patrick's Bank Holiday Weekend

Namir's Restaurant Ballybunion, Saturday 15th March, Time: 11am − 1pm, Cost: €20 Includes tea/ coffee and Refreshments. Course includes yoga breathing, mind control techniques and meditation. Bring a yoga mat, some paper and a pen. Contact Grainne 087 9762 862 or email energiseme.ie@gmail.com

#### **CLOTHES COLLECTION**

 $Scoil\ \acute{l}os ag \acute{a} in \'s\ Parents\ Association\ will\ hold\ several\ clothes\ collections\ throughout\ the\ year.$ 

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

#### **ACCOMMODATION FOR SUMMER**

We've received many inquiries from people looking for summer houses. If you know of any available, please contact the Tourist Office with the details. You can reach us by: Email: Ballybuniontouristoffice@gmail.com Phone: 068 25555, Text: 089 479 8015, Or drop the details through our letterbox. Your help is greatly appreciated!

#### CHILDREN'S ART AND CRAFT SATURDAY CLASSES

Spring Schedule March 8th & 22nd, April 5th & 19th, May 3rd, 17th & 31st. Classes are from 11.30am to 1.30pm. €15 per child. All art materials are supplied. Contact Marie on 086-0664435 for further enquiries.

#### **BALLYBUNION ACTIVE RETIREMENT**

Weekly Meetings: Every Wednesday, Location: The Old Convent, Doon Road, New members are always welcome! Join us for a variety of activities, including creative writing, theatre visits, day trips, guest speakers, yoga, and—most importantly—great company. For more information, contact Pat Buckley at 086 356 1615.

#### SOCIAL DANCING

Join us every Tuesday at 7:30 PM upstairs in the Community Centre, The Old Central Ballroom, for a fantastic night of fun and dancing! Enjoy waltzing, jiving, quickstep, line dancing, and more. No partner? No problem! Everyone is welcome, so come along, dance, and show your support. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **CHARITY SOCIAL DANCE**

Charity Social Dance will take place on Mother's day Sunday 30th March at Tomáisíns Bar Dance Hall, Lisselton, from 3pm to 5:30pm, with music by Mike Condon. All proceeds will go to the flood victims of Listowel. Admission is €10 and includes refreshments. Enjoy an afternoon of music, dancing, lively chats, and tea, all while supporting these worthy causes. Everyone is welcome! If you need a lift, please reach out to any committee member or contact Mag at 086 3750037.

#### ST JOHN'S CHURCH

If you are interested in reading at Mass or serving as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Geraldine at the parish office at 068 27102. Your participation would be greatly appreciated!

#### **RUN BALLYBUNION**

The event will take place on Easter Saturday, April 19th. Visit the newly redesigned website www.RunBallybunion.com and follow the links to book your spot!

#### **BALLYBUNION BADMINTON**

Stay Active with Ballybunion Badminton! Looking for a fun and engaging way to stay fit? Join Ballybunion Badminton for a great cardio workout that improves agility, coordination, and relieves stress. Every Thursday, 8 PM — 10 PM at Ballybunion Community Centre. Strictly over 15s — New members are always welcome! For enquiries, contact us via the Ballybunion Baseliners Facebook page or text 086 166 0682.

#### BALLYBUNION HEALTH AND LEISURE CENTRE

Opening Hours, Monday — Friday: 8:00 AM — 9:00 PM, Saturday: 9:00 AM — 6:00 PM, Sunday & Bank Holidays: 10:00am — 6:0pm. We offer a variety of exercise and fitness classes, including Hydro Bikes, Aqua Aerobics, and Spinning. Public swimming lessons take place during the week and can be booked by contacting reception. For more information, please call Reception at 068-28111 or follow our Facebook page: Ballybunion Health & Leisure Centre for regular updates.

#### BALLYBUNION COMMUNITY CENTRE

Ballybunion Community Centre has the perfect space for hosting your sports, groups, classes or parties. The following are the classes take place in the centre, Parent, baby and toddler groups, Taekwondo, Badminton, Yoga Classes, Chair based exercises, Craft circles, Dance fitness, English lessons, Indoor soccer, Drama class, Basketball, Irish language development class for kids, Gymnastics, Ballybunion Youth Club. Please contact 068-27799 or email ballybcomcentre@gmail.com for any information.

#### **BINGO BALLYBUNION**

Every Wednesday at 8:15 PM at Mikey Joe's Bar, Main Street, Ballybunion. Prices: Single book €10, double book €13, plenty of prizes to be won! Come along for a fun-filled evening—everyone is welcome!

#### TAEKWONDO BALLYBUNION

Taekwondo Classes — Ballybunion Community Centre. Join our Taekwondo classes in the upstairs hall for all ages and skill levels! Every Wednesday — Beginners (ages 5+), teens & adults & every Friday — Beginner teens & adults. Build confidence, balance & coordination, improve fitness & self-defence skills & Develop self-discipline in a fun environment. Interested? Contact Michael at 087 924 5637 to get started!

#### **BRILLIANT BALLYBUNION**

The Square Tomato exhibition by local artist Lisa Fingleton will be held in Siamsa Tíre, Tralee until 22nd March, exhibition opening at 3pm. free entry, all welcome.

#### **UNISLIM CLASSES**

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 /re-join. Online option also available Monday 8pm.

#### **BALLYBUNION NOTES**

Email: ballybuniontouristoffice@gmail.com

## ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT THRIVES AT

## St. Brigid's NS Duagh

This year, 6th class students at St. Brigid's NS Duagh embarked on an exciting journey, launching their own mini-business. What started as a brainstorming session in September quickly developed into a fully-fledged business venture, equipping students with key skills in teamwork, problem-solving, and entrepreneurship.

#### From Ideas to Reality

Students identified a need within their school community, conducting surveys that revealed demand for school-branded gilets and bobble hats. To test feasibility, they hosted a "Dragons' Den", pitching their ideas to staff for feedback. This stage built confidence, public speaking, and persuasive communication skills.

#### **Research & Decision-Making**

After selecting their products, students explored various suppliers, comparing quality, pricing, and designs. They requested samples and ultimately chose one company for its quality and value. The design phase involved experimenting with colours and gathering student votes to ensure their peers' voices were heard.

#### Real-World Learning: Literacy & Numeracy

This project integrated literacy and maths as students wrote professional inquiries, created promotional materials, calculated pricing, and managed orders using Excel. They worked with profit margins, bundle discounts, and financial accuracy to ensure a sustainable business model.

#### **Marketing & Sales**

Students promoted their products through posters, social media, and class presentations. They even attended a local craft fair to take orders, interacting with real customers. Order forms were distributed, and payments were collected via Aladdin and cash, reinforcing financial responsibility.

#### **Production & Distribution**

Once orders were compiled and submitted, students managed the final distribution efficiently. When the products arrived, each order was carefully delivered to the right student or staff member.

#### **Profit & Impact**

Following sales, students calculated costs, shipping expenses, and profits before brainstorming how to reinvest in their school, reinforcing budgeting and financial planning skills.

Their success is a testament to the power of hands-on learning, and we couldn't be prouder of their hard work and dedication!

Class teacher: Miss Aisling Culhane

Class SNA: James Brouder





#### **BALLYDUFF**

#### **LOTTO DRAW**

The results of the weekly Ballyduff GAA Club, Lady's Walk Hurling Club and the Ballyduff Community Games Committee Lotto Draw for Tuesday February 25th are as follows: The numbers drawn were 1, 20, 23 and the Bonus Number was 4. There was no winner of the €18,300 Jackpot or the €400 Match Three. The following won the €20 Consolation Prize — Philip Cussen, Online; Jane Behan, Rahea, Listowel & Bridget Condon, Coole. 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 LADIES FOOTBALL**

It's that time of year again!!

Ballyduff LGFA is delighted to announce the start of the new season and warmly welcomes all age groups to join. Whether you're a member or new to the game, there's a place for everyone. We encourage girls of all skill levels to come out, make new friends and enjoy the fun. We will be providing Athletic Development training for u6/8/10/12 (born 2013-2019) for all girls from Ballyduff & Causeway area wishing to play Gaelic football. This training will take place on Thursday March 6th at 6.00pm for U6-U10 and 7.00pm for U12's in the Sports Hall in Causeway. €3 per child/family. For Information on training for U14/16/18 please contact any Officer of the Club.

#### PARADI

The annual Ballyduff St. Patrick's Day parade will take place on Monday March 17th after 11.00am Mass. All participants are asked to be ready at The Square in plenty of time prior to the start of the event. The event is open to any School, GAA, Boxing, Soccer, Camogie, Ladies Football clubs etc, Businesses or any individual. So if you think you have anything to offer come along and make it an enjoyable parade. The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee would like to thank Cara Credit Union for their support of this year's parade.

#### **BALLYDUFF BOXING CLUB**

The New Munster B4 91 kg Boxing Champion is Dominik Malecki from the Ballyduff Amateur Boxing Club. Well done, Dominik! We anticipate rigorous training to prepare for the All-Ireland Championship, scheduled from March 7th to 16th at the National Stadium in Dublin.

#### **CHURCH NOTICES**

Friday (First Friday) 7.00pm: Gerald Counihan (First Anniversary); Cornelius (Neily) & Mike Murohy.

Saturday 6.30pm: March 8th: Mass in Causeway Sunday 11.00am: March 9th: Mass in Ballyduff

Reader: Martina Rochford

Eucharist Ministers: Rita Goulding/Anthony Doyle/Sarah Ann Ross

Altar Servers: Elliott, Orla & Anthony Divine Mercy Devotions: Every Sunday at 3.30pm Eucharist Adoration: Every Wednesday at 10.30am

Parish Office: is open daily Tuesday to Friday from 10.30am – 1.00pm. Please phone (066)7148404 for Appointments or for bookings of Masses, Weddings, Christenings, or any Church event.

Communion Calls: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Stations of the Cross: This Friday 7th at 7:30pm in Causeway and Ballyduff Reconciliation Service: For Lent on Tuesday 11th March at 6.00pm in Ballyduff &

7.30pm in Causeway. Please note no Reconciliation Service on Wednesday 5th.

#### HOLY WELL – LADY'S WALK

A meeting to discuss future developments at the Grotta will be held in the Parish Office, Ballyduff (next to the Church) on Tuesday next March 11th at 8.00pm. Anybody interested in the project is welcome to attend.

#### DEATH:

The death took place of Tommy Deenihan, Blackrock, Cork and formerly of The Village, Ballyduff. His remains reposed at Temple Hill Funeral Home, Boreenmanna Road of Jerh. O'Connor Ltd. His Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's SMA Church, Blackrock and was followed by funeral afterwards to the Island Crematorium, Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork. Sympathy is extended to the family, relatives and friends. of the above deceased. Tommy's family wishes to thank all those who travelled to the removal and funeral from Ballyduff, Lixnaw and surrounding parishes.

The death took place of Michael Kissane, Lahesrough North, Ballybunion. His remains reposed at Lynch's Funeral Home, Ballybunion. Michael's Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. John's Church, Ballybunion and burial was in the adjoining St. John's Cemetery. Sympathy is extended to Anne Campbell, Bishopscourt, Ballyduff, sister of the late Michael and his relatives and friends.

#### COFFIN JOCKEYS

The Bog Road Theatre presents the hilarious comedy by Mike O'Halloran at the Community Hall, Milltown on Friday April 4th, Saturday April 5th & Sunday April 6th commencing at 8.00pm on each night. Tickets cost €15 and are available on the door each night. Go along for the laugh.

#### **BALLYLONGFORD**

#### OYSTER FESTIVAL PUBLIC MEETING NEW DATE

The meeting to discuss the future of the Oyster Festival will now be held on Thursday 13th March at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall. All Welcome

#### NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN 2025

National Spring Clean is Ireland's most popular, well recognized and successful anti-litter initiative. Taking place during the whole month of April and now in its 25th year, the campaign encourages every sector of society to actively participate and take responsibility for litter, by actually conducting clean ups in their own local environment. National Spring Clean traditionally takes place throughout the month of April. If you or your group is interested in organising a spring clean event please visit nationalspringclean.

#### **GROW MENTAL HEALTH**

The Grow Mental Health support group takes place on Wednesday evenings at 8pm, at the Seanchaí Centre, 24 The Square, Listowel. V31 RD93. This group was well supported throughout 2024, with some new members for 2025. If you would like more information please contact Jerry Cronin on 086 027 1990. All are welcome!

#### CADD CAME. A

The weekly game continues at 8.30p.m. on Mondays, at Listowel Emmets Club House. Listowel. All are welcome.

#### AT THE PARISH HALL BALLYLONGFORD

Yoga Mat Session Tuesday 7pm-8pm. Sessions are €12 Places are limited so booking is essential. To book please contact Elisha on 087 343 5231 Rahanni Treatments available Saturday mornings at Horans Health store Listowel book with Elisha 087343523

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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 (unislim.com)

#### TFI LOCAL LINK

Please call for information on (066) 714 7002 or visit https://www.locallinkkerry.ie/ballylongford/

#### **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 Sundays

#### **MOYVANE**

Contact: moyvanenotes@gmail.com

#### BLOTTO

There was no winner of last Thursday night's Jackpot. Numbers drawn were 1, 9, 10, 24. Lucky Dips: €100: Hannah Enright, Enright's Bar, Moyvane. €50: Ned Joe Kennelly, Lisselton. €20 each Emma McGlynn, Listowel. Olive Keane, Ashgrove, Moyvane. Eileen Beasley, Ballybunion. Bridie Griffin, Coolkeragh. Olive Keane, Ashgrove, Moyvane. Free Tickets: Lisa McGavan, Bruach na Gaile, Moyvane. Moloney Family, Glenalappa, Moyvane. Eddie Flaherty, Moyvane Bingo. Mary Fitzmaurice, Leitrim Middle. Pat Barry, Lisselton. This week's Jackpot is €8,000 and the draw will be held at Bingo this Thursday night, February 20 at 8.00pm in the Marian Hall.

#### SPIN THE WHEEL

Congratulations to Eileen Brennan, Ballybunion who won  $\leq$ 300 on Spin the Wheel last Thursday night. This week it could be you. The minimum you can win on the wheel is  $\leq$ 300 and the top prize is  $\leq$ 2.000.

#### **SPLIT THE BUCKET**

Last week's Split the Bucket of €340 was won by Fiona Buckley, Kilbaha, Moyvane. Envelopes are available in all the usual outlets locally, Holly's Gala, Mike Kennelly's HomeValue Hardware, Noel Stack Butchers, Enright's Bar, The Village Grill, Speedy's Bar, Moyvane. Newtownsandes Co-op Curl up and Dye (Anna Enright Fogarty) and at Bingo in the Marian Hall. €2.00 per entry or 3 for €5.00. Thank you all for supporting this very important fundraiser for your local school. Next draw, Thursday, February 27 at Bingo.

#### MOYVANE BADMINTON INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Was held in the Moyvane Sports Hall on Sunday the 23rd of February with a great turnout. Well done to all the players that took part.

Thanks to the Main Sponsors; Agri Solar Specialists Ltd, Automation Stack Ltd and Speedy's Bar Moyvane.

Results for Moyvane Badminton tournament were as follows:
-Div 5 winners were Cindy Chen (Ballyheigue) and Kian Lyons (Moyvane), runners up: Eileen Roche (Moyvane) and Timmy

Griffin (Annascaul).

-Div 4 winners were Eileen McCarthy (Kingdom) and Brian Griffin (Moyvane), runners up: Àine Knightly (Annascaul) and Hasib Ahmmed (Killarney).

-Div 3 Winners were Carmel Hudson (Tralee) and Rahad Rahman (Killarney), runners up: Olena Paiuk (Tralee) and Don Ring (Kingdom)

-Div 1&2 winners were Edel Kenny (Kingdom) and Aidan Mc Carthy (Kingdom), runners up: Ciara O Donovan (UL) and Donie Enright (Moyvane).

Congratulations to Eileen McCarthy & Charlotte Quinn on winning the division 4 ladies doubles county championship on Friday night last the 28th of February in Tralee. Also Congratulations to Helen Browne and Jennifer Nash (killarney) on winning the division 2 doubles championship that night as well

#### MICHAEL ENGLISH

A fundraising concert for the upkeep of the Parish will take place in Moyvane Parish Church on Sunday, March 23 at 8.00pm. Doors open at 7.00pm. We are delighted to welcome back Michael English and his band. It promises to be a wonderful night. Tickets for the concert are available at the Parish Office (068 49308). There is also a fundraising draw, the amazing prize is return flights for two people to New York, plus four nights in the Fitzpatrick Hotel. Concert tickets are  $\ensuremath{\epsilon}$ 30.00. Draw tickets are  $\ensuremath{\epsilon}$ 10.00. A donation from the draw will be given to the Axel Horgan Charity, Listowel.

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MOYVANE

Friday, March 07 7.00pm Private Intention followed by Confessions.

Saturday, March 08 7.30pm Anniversary Mass for Richard & Hanna Stack, Clounbrane.

Sunday, March 09 Twelfth Anniversary Mass at 11.00am for Carol Ann Flahavan.

#### KNOCKANURE:

Friday, March 07 10.00am Private Intention followed by Confessions.

Sunday, March 09 9.30am Fourth Anniversary Mass for Hugh Goulding Anniversary Mass for Bridie Flavin, Trien.

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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 Joyce Parkinson, Kempston, Bedford, England and Carhoonakineely, Tarbert. Joyce who was aged 77 years died unexpectedly in England on 8 January. She was the daughter of Otto and Rachel Parkinson, née Fitzell. She attended St. Ita's College, Tarbert. She had a keen interest in police work and applied to join an Garda Siochana but did not have the height requirement. She emigrated to England in 1968 where she joined the Police Force and served in the Force for 28 years and was highly regarded by colleagues and superiors and serving with dedication and courage.

She reposed at St. Mary's Funeral Home, Tarbert on Friday 28 February last. Her funeral departed her home in Carhoonakineely on Saturday last for Service in St. Brendan's Church of Ireland carried out by Rev. Joe Hardy and Mr. George McNeill. There was a large congregation with members of St. Mary's Church choir assisting the Church of Ireland choir in the rendition of traditional hymns such as 'The Lord is my Shepherd'. Aodhan Clarke gave a rendition of 'The Blackbird' to mark her life. After the Service interment took place in the adjoining Churchyard. Joyce was remembered by all who knew her in Tarbert and England as a bright, cheerful and friendly individual. Sympathy to the Parkinson family and to her twenty-one nieces and nephews whom she adored.

The death has also taken place of Kevin Hill, Listowel, Tarbert and England. He died in Palliative Care on Monday 24 February. He reposed at Gleasure's Funeral Home, Listowel. On Thursday 27 February interment took place in John Paul 11 Cemetery with Fr. Declan O'Connor performing the funeral service. Kevin Hill was born in England to Margaret Hill, a daughter of Ann Langan from Tarbert who had married a Welshman named Hill. Kevin was raised in Middlesex and he married his first wife in the 1970's with whom he had two children, Claire and Daniel. Kevin was the owner of a successful publishing company, his other interests included music and antiques. The marriage ended in divorce after twenty six years. Kevin moved to Pulleen, Tarbert. He met his second wife Deirdre and they had a daughter Caoimhe. He sold the house in Pulleen and moved to Listowel where he lived for many years. He suffered ill health in recent years. Sympathy to his children Claire, Daniel, their mother Fidelma, Caoimhe his step-daughter, and their mother Deirdre . Sympathy also to the extended Langan family.

Sympathy also to the family of the late Denis (Den) Hanrahan, Lr. Aughrim, Moyvane who died on Tuesday 25 February at Kilcara Nursing Home, Duagh. He and his late wife Alice were well known locally. Following Requiem Mass on Friday 28 February he was interred in Murhur Cemetery, Moyvane.

Sympathy also to the Crowley family on the recent death in England of Maude Walne, sister of the late Yevonne and sister-in-law of the late Frank Crowley.

Beannacht Dé le h-anamacha na marbh go léir.

#### TARBERT PLAYERS

The good news is that Tarbert Theatre Players are performing Jimmy Keary's 3 Act Comedy Play 'Finders Keepers' for 5 nights commencing this Friday7 March and continuing on 9th. 14th, 15th and 16th. March in Tarbert Community Centre at 8pm. It is a love triangle with more than three sides and starring an all star cast. Some actors have been on stage in previous performances and productions and there are a few new actors making their stage debut. Tickets are on sale at €10 each and can be booked from Eithne on 087 / 9144766. There has always been a strong drama tradition in Tarbert over the years especially during Lent and it is nice to see the tradition being carried on. Miss it and you'll regret it!

#### 100 AND COUNTING

There was prolonged applause for our neighbour Nora Kennelly, Moyvane in St. Mary's Church at the Vigil Mass on Saturday 1 March as her cousin Fr Maurice Costelloe assisted Fr. Brendan Carmody in celebrating a Thanksgiving Mass to mark her 100 years of life. At the conclusion of Mass birthday wishes were sung in honour of the occasion. There was a very large gathering in the Community Centre as family and friends from near and far came to congratulate the Birthday girl who posed for photographs on stage. Caroline was the designated photographer. Sean Enright's group provided the music while John Dowling rounded off the night with the aptly titled song 'Nora'. Some family members had travelled from the United States to celebrate the occasion while others from as far away as Australia and Abu Dhabi had visited in previous weeks We often take for granted the women of that era who not only worked hard on small family farms assisting their husbands milking cows, looking after animals and crops on a seven day week basis in all weathers, rarely having a holiday and taking on the additional major role in rearing and educating children. Nora and her husband Michael Kennelly reared and educated 6 girls and 2 boys all now living. Michael died in 1999. We wish Nora and all those unsung heroines many more years of health and happiness. Tuillte go maith acu.

#### **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

A nice new innovation in Tarbert is the Community Garden at the entrance to the Community Centre. This has been funded by the Dept. of Rural and Community Development and Tarbert Community Centre through the Clár Programme and the work was carried out by Robert Fitzell Construction There is a seating area with 2 hexagon tables with 3 seating benches all fabricated from all weather outdoor furniture from Irish Recycled Products on a concrete base and a plant display unit. Surrounding brickwork will hold plants and shrubs up to wall height level. There are additional seating benches. This should help gain extra marks in this year's Tidy Towns Competition

#### SAINT MARY'S CEMETERY

The AGM of Saint Mary's Cemetery Committee is being held on this Saturday 8 March in the Presbytery at 7pm. Everybody is welcome to attend and the Committee would welcome new members.

**Tarbert Active Retirement (over 55's)** is on every Friday in Tarbert Bridewell between 10.30 & 12.00. Different activities every week followed by Tea/Coffee and refreshments & a chat. New Members always welcome.

#### **LIXNAW**

#### PARISH MASS TIMES

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH: Friday 7th March, Mass at 7.30pm for Francie Quilter, Ahabeg. Saturday 8th March, Mass at 7.30pm for Dermot Nolan, Crough-croneen; Patrick O'Sullivan, Ballinagare & London. RATHEA CHURCH: Sun 9th March, Mass at 9.30am. IRREMORE CHURCH: Sunday 9th March, Mass at 11.00am for Maurice & Gerard McCarthy, Finuge.

#### CONFIRMATION

The children of Dromclough and Scoil Mhuire de Lourdes National Schools will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, 6th March at 11.30am.

#### PRESENTATION SISTERS

We are very sad that the Presentation Sisters will be leaving Lixnaw on the 14th March, just a few weeks from now. Coming in 1877, they have contributed so much to this Parish and beyond. We will be remembering them in a special way at the Vigil Mass on Saturday 8th march at 7.30pm.

#### A SWIM FOR 'TOGETHER FOR FIADH'

Five teenage swimmers are taking on the challenge to swim the distance from Lixnaw to Ballybunion on 9th March in Ballybunion Leisure Centre, starting at 1pm, to raise funds for 'Together for Fiadh'. Cathal Slattery Lixnaw wanted to raise funds for 'Together for Fiadh' and came up with this idea of swimming the distance he travels three/four times a week for training with Ballybunion Swim Club. When his friends from the Swim Club heard what Cathal wanted to do, they didn't think twice about offering their support. Ewan Kennelly, Ballylongford, Noah Connolly, Ballybunion, JJ Liston, Lixnaw and Daniel Galvin, Kilflynn are taking on the challenge with Cathal to raise as much money as they can for this worthy cause. A word of thanks to their Swim coaches from the club as well as the management of Ballybunion Leisure Centre for supporting them with this. Money collected before or on the day of the swim will be transferred directly

#### **RECENT DEATHS**

Eileen (Elaine) Keane (née O'Connell) of Dromerin House, Listowel and formerly Ballyhennessy, Lixnaw. Sympathy to daughters; Miriam, Geraldine, Majella (Corcoran), her son Joseph, her sister Sr. Regina (O'Connell), her brother Diarmuid and all the extended Keane/O'Connell families. May she rest in peace.

#### LIXNAW COMMUNITY GAMES

Basketball: We want to wish our U.11 Mixed Basketball team the very best of luck when they compete

next Saturday in Duagh.

50th Anniversary: Founded in 1975, Lixnaw Community Games are celebrating 50 years in existence this year. To commemorate this anniversary, the committee will be running a number of events and activities over the coming year. To start the celebrations rolling, Lixnaw Community Games will be involved in this year's St. Patrick's Day parade in Lixnaw and are calling on all previous competitors and committee members to don the green, white, and gold and walk with the present committee. Previous winners, be it local, county, or national may wear their medals with pride on the day, if they so wish. We would be delighted if you could join us to mark this momentous occasion.

The committee will also be running a 50th anniversary colouring competition for national school children, the details of which will be forwarded to the local schools this week.

Entries: Last Call for X Rugby 7's entries. Please submit your entry before this Friday, 7th March. Also, entries are now being taken for the following competitions:

Hurling U.11 (over 8); Camogie U.14 (over 10). Please note, the closing date for entries is Friday, 21st March

If interested, please send your entry, before the deadline, to the following email address: lixnaw@ communitygames.eu. Please include the child's name, address, date of birth and particular competition. Details of these competitions can be found at www.cairncommunitygames.ie.

Please note participants must reside in Lixnaw Parish. The cut-off date is 31st July for individual age groups (please refer to the Age Chart on the Lixnaw Community Games Facebook page or go to the Community Games website for the Age Calculator).

#### **LIXAW GAA**

SPLIT THE BUCKET DRAW

Congratulations to Beatrice Nolan, who won €84 in the Split the Bucket Draw. Thanks for your continued support.

#### LIXNAW CLUB LOTTO DRAW

Jackpot €15,250. Numbers drawn: 03, 16, 17, 22 No jackpot winner. €20 winners: Billy Buckley, Finuge; McElligott family, Lixnaw; Tom Nolan, Abbeyfeale. Next draw will take place on Monday 3rd March at McCarthy's Bar, Finuge. Jackpot will be €15,300.

#### CONTACT

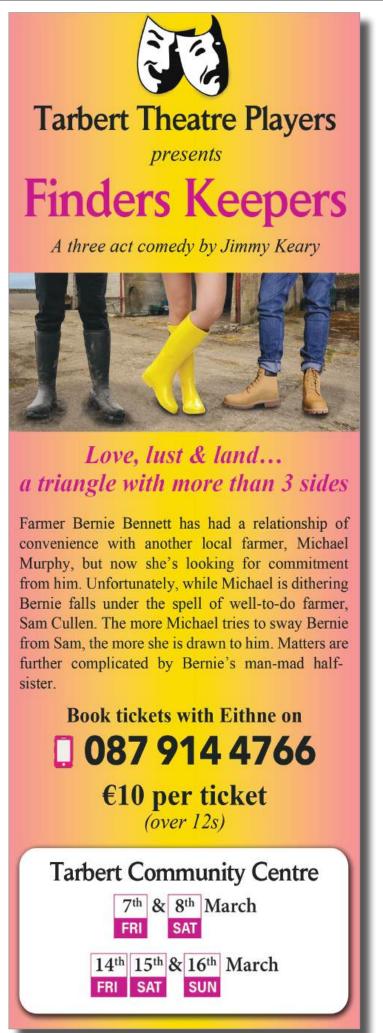
To include items in the Lixnaw notes, please email lixnawnotes@gmail.com by 10pm on Sunday evening.



Bobby Browne after completing his duty as Irish Cup winner at an event in Ballyheigue last week, Tom and Christine O Connor from Tarbert then took him to the local church to say a thanksgiving prayer. Photo Moss Joe Browne







### **LOCAL NEWS**

#### **KILFLYNN**

#### **KILFLYNN ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 2025**

Kilflynn Community Together organising committee look forward to welcoming you to Kilflynn for the 2025 St Patrick's Day festival Parade Monday 17th March. We would appreciate it if all floats and participating groups could gather at Kilflynn NS at 3:00pm with the parade due to commence at 4:00pm.

There will be music to entertain the crowd from the parade stage in the centre of the village from 3:45pm.

Once again There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes for best floats/participating groups

The parade will be followed with a presentation of Medals and goody bags for all participating children in the Columba's centre.

We look forward to seeing you all and hope you all have a wonderful day. Watch the Kilflynn Community Together page for further updates

#### ANOTHER COUNTY SCOR TITLE FOR SONNY

This years Scór Sinsír was held in Duchas MTU on March 1st 2025. A great night's entertainment was had by everyone. Congratulations to the winners who go on to represent Kerry in the Munster Final on March 29th.

Amhranaíocht- Heather Grey - Keel

Aithriseoireacht- Sonny Egan - Crotta O Neills

Bailead Ghrupa - Glenflesk

Rince Seit - Spa

Many congratulations to Crotta Hurling club stalwart Sonny Egan who captured the County title in the senior scór Story telling competition on Friday night. This is Sonny's 38 county title winning, having won titles in athletes, hurling, ploughing, question time, singing and Storytelling in Scor and Comhaltas competitions over the years. What an amazing achievements Sonny!

Great Credit once again to Crotta Scor officer Tom Breen for his great guidance and organising of the Crotta competitors and helping bring back another County Senior Scor title to the club.

#### CROTTA LOTTO GAA RESULTS

Parker's Pub, Kilflynn was the venue for the Crotta Hurling Club weekly lotto draw on Monday 3rd March, The Four numbers drawn out of the drum by the independent observer: Graham Harris, Clounsillagh, Lixnaw were 9,11,18 and 21. There was no winner of the 2,000 Jackpot. Congratulations to the following who won €35 in the lucky dip draw: John Lynch, The Rectory, Ballyconnell, Kilflynn, Deborah Nammock, Ballyconnell Close, Kilflynn and Darragh Kennelly, Rathea, Listowel. The next draw will take place in Herbert's Bar, Kilflynn on Monday night 10th March at 10.30p.m with a €2,100 Jackpot.

Tickets available 3 for €5 online visit www.crottagaa.club or this link https://play.clubforce.com/play\_newa. asp?Il\_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

#### STACK'S MOUNTAIN HALF MARATHON AND 10KM

The Stacks Mountain Half Marathon & 10k is open for entry. Go on take on the challenge Register at https://event-

master.ie/event/JxwmUpvHRk

Date: 26th April 2025. Location: Kilflynn, Co. Kerry. Half marathon & 10k distances. Walkers welcome for the 10k. Amazing scenery. Event tech t-shirt included. Finishers medal for all participants. Trophies for winners Post race hot food included. Entry: €50 for half marathon and €30 for 10k run/walk

Brilliant atmosphere every year Check out event details &

the new course for this year's 10k at www.kilflynncityrun.net

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, KILFLYNN

Mass Intention for the week in St. Mary's Church:

Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 8th March at 6.00 p.m Elizabeth Hannafin, Leith Ned & Mary Hannon, The Waterfall Francis Cashell & Joan Shine & deceased members of the Cashell Family, Clounafineela.

If anyone would like a call, please contact the Parish Office 066 4018996 or Fr. Jerry Keane 087 2844649.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament Kilflynn: Monday 7.00p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross for Lent - commencing in Abbeydorney Thursday 6th March at 7.00 p.m. and on Monday 10th at 8.00 p.m. in Kilflynn Kilflynn Altar Society for March - Claire Walsh, Carmel Walsh.

Inclement Weather: In the event of Masses being cancelled for safety reasons, bad weather notice will be on the Abbeydorney page of the Diocesan website. Check www.dioceseofkerry.ie go to Abbeydorney parish and check the newsletter.

Parish Office can be contacted by phone 066 4018996 Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. or by email: abbeydorney@dioceseofkerry.ie

Webcam has been installed in Kilflynn Church — To watch Masses go to www.dioceseofkerry.ie — Abbeydorney Parish and click on 'watch Mass'. Diocesan.

#### CROTTA GAA

North Kerry Under 15 Hurling Championship Sunday, 9 March 'A' Championship

Crotta O'Neill's v Ballyduff @ Dromakee, 5.00pm

County Senior Hurling Div 1 Round 1: @Ballyheigue v Crotta on Sunday 9th March at 11am in Ballyheigue.

Allianz Hurling League Division 2 result

The Kerry Senior hurlers defeated Meath in the National league div 2 tie by 3 points on the final score of Kerry 1-20 Meath 0-20 at Austin Stack's Park, Tralee on Saturday 1st March.

Half Time: Kerry 1.09 to MeathGAA 0.12.

The Crotta Hurling Club was represented by Sean McGrath (wing back), Rory Mahony (Mid field) and Shane Nolan (Corner Forward). Kerry host Down in Round 6 of the 2025 Allianz Hurling League Division 2 on Sunday 9th March in Austin Stack's Park, Tralee at 1.00p.m.

Very National League Division 2A, Round 2 at the MTU Gaa pitch, Tralee on Saturday 1st March Full Time: Kerry 3-10 - Meath 0-12.

Well done the Kerry Camogie players and their management, especially the Crotta Gaa ladies Amy O"Sullinan, Jackie Hogan, Roisin Quinn, Niamh Quinn and Aoife Behan. Kerry 2-8 -v- Mayo 0-4

An early second half blitz saw TG4 All-Ireland champions Kerry boost their chances of a Division 1 final spot in the Lidl NFL and left Mayo staring relegation in the face in their Lidl Ladies' NFL clash in Swinford on Sunday 2nd March. Niamh Quinn, Crotta was a member of the Kerry panel.



Listowel Badminton Club Invitational Tournament Division 4 winners Molly McElligott (Listowel) & Jophy John (Tralee) with runners-up Micheál Heaphy (Listowel) & Charlotte Quinn (Moyvane)



Listowel Celtic Under 14B who defeated Killarney Athtletic C in a game played in Woodlawn Killarney last Saturday



Congrats to Lios Tuathail AC athlete Cara Leahy on winning bronze in the u20 3k Munster Indoors last Sat. Photo David Kissane



Lios Tuathail AC little athletics took the track at An Riocht last Saturday for training.

Pictured here with International athlete Shona Heaslip



Members of Mike the Pies Golf Society at the prize giving from their first outing of the year on Saturday night last. Back I-r: Tom Toomey (4th), Alan Fitzgerald, Adrian Grimes, Craig Sharp (2nd), Des O'Donnell, Kevin Walsh, Tommy Canavan and John O'Connor, Front I-r: John McGlynn, David Lyons (captain). Eamon Walsh (1st) and Conor O'Neill. Missing from the picture is Padraig Wren (3rd)









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Twins Clodagh and Daragh Leahy celebrating their 30th Birthday Party in The Kingdom Bar Listowel last Saturday night with friends & family



Listowel Badminton Club enjoying their night out to celebrate the 52nd running of their Annual Invitational Tournament



Congratulations to Aoife Hennessy from Rathea Listowel who won The 2025 Rising Star of the People Profession Winner Award at the CIPD HR Awards. Aoife is employed by Grant Thornton

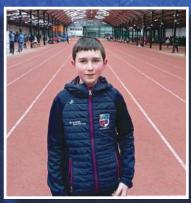




Coláiste Na Ríochta Transition Year and Senior Students went to Amsterdam on their Foreign Trip last week. Here they are outside the NEMO Science Centre, the largest science Centre in the Netherlands and De Efteling Theme Park. A large and unique park in the middle of nature



Esther Cronin being presented with her Listowel Badminton Club Person of the Year Award by Chairperson Trish O' Herlihy at their recent Invitational Tournament



Well done to Lios Tuathail AC athlete Ritchie Reidy in the u14 60m Sprint last Sunday in Nenagh at the Munster Indoor competition



Well done to Lios Tuathail AC athletes who competed in the u20 3k Munster Indoors last Saturday in Nenagh, Cara 3rd, Noelle 4th, Jule 5th



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Congratulation to Lios Tuathail AC athlete Sophie O'Flaherty Munster Champion in the u14 high jump in Nenagh last Saturday.

Photo David Kissane

Listowel U10 Boys two teams who played at the weekend

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### **SPORTS** NEWS

#### LISTOWEL EMMETS GAA

41 Card Drive is back: Our weekly 41 game is starting back in the clubhouse at 8.30 p.m. on Monday February 3rd 2025. All are welcome and prize money of €500 guaranteed on first night. Hope to see you all there!

Membership: Club membership is now open online at www.listowelemmetsgaa.com. This year includes a membership option for our new Indoor Training Facility which can be purchased once your GAA membership is completed. Reminder that all playing membership needs to be paid on or before the 1st March 2025.

St Patrick's Day: The theme of this year's parade is Irish Folklore and who better than our own "Fianna" in Listowel Emmets, Coiste na nÔg and LGFA to represent the Black and Amber. Have you a Shield? Have you a sword? Are you a Warrior Princess or an Emmet's Warrior ready for battle? Please march with us on March 17th to celebrate our fighting spirit and wonderful achievements past and present. We're really looking forward to it.

Draw Results: We held the January and February monthly draw at the club-house and we congratulate all winners.

January Results

€300 John McCarthy, Listowel

€100 Diane Browne, Listowel

€100 Joan Healy, Listowel

€100 Seamus Beasley , Listowel

€60 Anne Browne, Listowel

€60 Pj Kenny, Listowel

#### February Results

€300 Shane Galligan, Dublin

€100 Olive Pierse, Listowel

€100 Julie Guiney, Listowel

€100 Éile McCarthy, Listowel

€60 Paul Stack, Listowel

€60 Pat Healy, Listowel

#### Results and Fixtures

Keane's County Minor Club Championship: Listowel Emmets 3-16 Milltown Castlemaine 2-13. Emmets now qualify for semi final of Club championship they are awaiting draw. The game will be played this weekend.

North Kerry League Div 2: Listowel Emmets 2-13 Knocknagoshel 1-12, Emmets rest this weekend and will be back in action v Ballylongford in next round, details TBC.

#### LISTOWEL CELTIC

Draw 3/3/25 - Numbers Drawn 3-14-17-25

Jackpot not won - Lucky Dip Winners €40 Mary Dalton, Bedford €20 Mike McEnery, KCC €20 C. Sweeney €20 Aidan O'Connor c/o Mikes

€20 Ann Mc Carthy

Next Draw 10/3/25 at The Kingdom - Jackpot €4,400

#### **LISTOWEL BADMINTON CLUB**

On March 1st & 2nd we held our 52nd Annual Invitational Tournament in Listowel Community Centre. Saturday saw players from Cork, Tipperary, Wicklow and the four corners of Kerry come to Listowel for a day of exciting, top class badminton, with 134 sets of badminton played!

Sunday saw us back in the community centre, where the Kerry Division 3, 4 & 5 players took centre stage. It was another full day of badminton with three exciting finals being contested by five different clubs.

Sunday also saw the presentation of our Club Person of the Year to Esther Cronin. Very well deserved!

Many thanks to Munster President Michael McGrath & Mary McGrath for attending our tournament. It's a pleasure to share our special weekend with you both each year.

Many thanks to our Garveys SuperValu, McKennas, & Prestige Foods for your very generous sponsorship.

Thanks to Listowel Community Centre for hosting our tournament. It's a wonderful venue for our players and spectators alike.

Thanks to our club members who volunteered their time over both days to help with the running of the competitions. Special thanks to our newer club members who put in such a great effort to be there over the weekend umpiring matches and helping where ever needed and many thanks to our club committee in the planning & running of the whole weekend.

We are already looking forward to the 53rd running of our tournament and can't wait to welcome everyone back in 2026!

Results: Grade C,D,E Mixed Doubles

Winners: Tom Bourke (Kingdom) & Theresa Cowman (Roundwood, Wicklow) Runners-up: Ruth Concannon (Kingdom) & Fintan Keown (St. Mary's Cork)

Womens Doubles

Winners: Edel Broderick (Kingdom) & Violeta Morari (Bishopstown, Cork) R-up: Anais Charbonnier (Centenary, Cork) & Catherine Murphy (Kingdom)

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Winners: Martin Gaffney (Roundwood, Wicklow) & Dean Sexton (Mallow) Runners-up: Sean Breen (Roundwood, Wicklow) & David Mulcahy (Mallow,)

Masters

Winners Michael Lyne (Killarney) & Paul Thomas (Listowel) Runners up John O'Brien (Killarney) & Tim Geaney (Brosna)

Division 3

Winners: Carmel Hudson (Moyvane) & Antonii Paiuk (Tralee) Runners-up: Ava MacKay (Listowel) & Chris McCarthy (Moyvane)

Division 4

Winners: Molly McElligott (Listowel) & Jophy John (Tralee) Runners-up: Charlotte Quinn (Moyvane) & Mícheál Heaphy (Listowel)

Division 4

Winners: Deirdre Guiney (Brosna) & Mark O'Connor (Listowel) Runners-up: Micheál O'Shea (Kingdom) & Emille Keane Stack (Listowel)

#### LISTOWEL ATHLETIC CLUB

Street Collection

This Saturday Lios Tuathail AC will hold their annual bucket collection in Listowel. This is our main fundraiser, and we greatly appreciate your support.

Munster Indoors

Last Saturday and Sunday it was the turn of the u12-u14 and u20 3k athletes to travel to Nenagh for the Munster Indoor competition. On Saturday we had six athletes across a number of age groups and events. U12 60m Ruby Sheehy ran a great race in her heat to finish fourth unfortunately with her time not making it to the next round. Next up for Ruby was the long jump and she finished in the top 25 out of 70 athletes, the competition was split into two groups and Ruby finished in eleventh in her group. In the u14 60m dash next up was pocket rocket Sophia Barczak. Sophia won her heat and finished fourth in her semi-final unfortunately in the final a false start didn't help her in this race and she finished ninth overall. This is early in the season for this promising and dedicated athlete. Sophia set herself a new pb. U203k here we had three athletes at this age group Cara Leahy who put in a great run to finish 3rd, Noelle Dillon just behind in 4th and Jule Cöller 5th. Our final athlete of the day was Sophie O'Flaherty in the u14 high jump, this competition was running over an hour late, but it didn't unnerve Sophie. Sophie has been putting in great training ahead of this competition and it paid off with her being crowned Munster champion. Sophie jumped at nine different heights in the competition where she jumped an incredible 1.56m just two cm off the championship record. Sophie now advances to the All-Ireland finals in a few weeks. Leaving the high jump Sophie went straight to the long jump putting in a great first jump which saw her in second place for the majority of the competition but unfortunately the long competition in the high jump didn't help straight before leaving her legs heavy and finishing in fifth, there's more to come in the long jump from this athlete. Well done Sophie our Munster champion.

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On Sunday it was the turn of the boys to travel to Nenagh where we had three athletes competing. First up was Ritchie Reidy in the u14 60m dash. Ritchie finished fifth in his heat and set a new pb. A great result with a large number of athletes in this age group. In the u14 shot put Adam O'Connell was in a field of twenty throwers and finished 11th overall. Early days in the season for Adam and there's more to come from this young athlete. Our newest thrower and club athlete Daniel Breen just took up throwing the shot put a few months ago. Competing in his first competition ever in u14 shot put finished 3rd with a pb of 10.24m. What a result and a beautiful bronze medal and qualification to National finals in a few weeks. Overall, a great two days of competition, well done to all our athletes. Thanks to our coaches and to parents for travelling and supporting our athletes. The future is bright.

National Finals u20 & u23

Best of luck to our four athletes next Sunday at the National Indoor competition in Athlone. U20 Aoibhínn Harte weight for distance, U23 Megan Lynch 60m & 200m, Brendan O'Leary 60m & 200m and Padraig McCarthy shot put and weight for distance.

All Ireland Schools Cross Country

Good luck to James Dillon in the All-Ireland schools' senior race in Galway on Saturday. James is representing his school St Michael's College, Listowel.

Primary Schools Cross Country

Best of luck to all Lios Tuathail AC athletes in the primary school's cross-country competition on Wednesday.

Training

Little Athletics training continues Sat 11am at Listowel Community centre. Middle distance training Monday 6pm at St Michael's Coll. Sprint training every Tue St Michael's college 7pm and Fri& Sun per text. Any queries contact Kevin (087) 974 5341.

#### **BEALE GAA**

A great weekend for Beale, with our seniors winning a Munster title and our minors securing a place in the semi-final of the County Club Championship. Beale minors set the tone on Saturday afternoon and then our seniors continued winning ways on Sunday.

Beale seniors had the upper hand on Goleen (Cork) in the Munster Junior B Championship final on Sunday in Ballagran, Co Limerick. Goals were the order of the day - goals scored, goals saved and near miss goal opportunities. Both goalies have to be complimented for bringing off some great saves.

Played in ideal conditions, goals at crucial stages proved to be the difference in winning the title. It can be said, it was our double green flag burst within minutes in the opening half was the game's pivotal period. We went in to lead by seven points at half-time, 2.6 to 0.5, and try as they might, there was no way back for the Cork men in the second half, despite their spirited resistance. And it was our third goal in the final quarter game that sealed victory.

Goleen kept plugging away to the end, but their goal in injury-time was too late to pull it back. We won the Munster title on a score line of 4.9 to 1.10. Team captain, Jeremy King, was presented with the winning cup by Tim Murphy, chairperson of Munster GAA. Man of the Match award went to Conor Toomey for his super performance at centre forward. The team and management visited the local schools on Monday with the cup, receiving a great welcome from all and especially current and uncoming Beale players.

Beale team and scorers: Joe Downey, Andrew O'Connor, John Griffin, Joe Finch, Seamie O'Sullivan, Fionnán Toomey, Shane O'Connor, Robert Stack (1.2 (1f)), Daithí Toomey (0.2), Barry O'Neill (1.2), Conor Toomey (1.1), Jeremy King (capt), Eric Daly (1.0), Eoin Tydings (0.1) and Ian Mannix (0.1). Substitutes: Podge Holly for Shane O'Connor, Phillie Blake for Andrew O'Connor, Paul Collins for Jeremy King, Callum McSweeney for Barry O'Neill, Rory Mulvihill for Eoin Tydings, Seán Maloney, Chris Kiely, Jack Mallon, Paddy O'Rourke, Darragh Kissane, Jack O'Sullivan, Killian Downey, Con Fitzsimmons, Johnny O'Sullivan, Diarmuid O Mahony and Eamon Lawlor.

Great credit is due to Knockaderry GAA Club for hosting the competition and to Castletown-Ballyagran GAA Club for a superb venue. Congratulations to the team and management, Kenneth Mannix, Conor Liston, James McMahon and Fionnán Toomey. Here's hoping this marks the beginning of a great year for Beale GAA, especially as we face into the County League in mid-March.

Minors: The teams could not be separated at the end of normal time and our minors went on to secure victory over Cordal on Saturday in the County Championship quarter final. A fantastic win by our boys considering that a good number of them had returned that morning from a school trip to France and had only a few hours' sleep. They played a brilliant first half and were up nine points at half time, 1.13 to 1.4.

We let this lead slip early on the changeover and Cordal were level half way through the second half. In fairness to the lads, they did not give up and stuck at it, going four points up again. However, back came Cordal with a goal and a point to draw level and that is how it stood at the end of normal time, 2.17 to 4.11

We regrouped and, with Ogie Horgan and Paul Collins driving from the sideline, really pushed on in the first period of extra time to get some vital scores and were two points up at the interval. We kept pushing on to add further scores. Cordal battled to the end, but our defence absorbed the pressure and we were just not going to be beaten. As the final whistle sounded, victory was ours by 2.23 to 4.15. We now take on Kilcummin in the semi-final on Saturday in Kilcummin. Time to be confirmed.

Beale lineout: Brian Dineen, Dylan McSherry, Dara O'Connor, Archie Walsh, Jack O'Connor, Fiachra Buckley, Cal Fitzsimons, Daithi Keane Tyrrell, Cormac Scanlan, Liam Lynch, Odhran Buckley, Brody Mulvihill, Charlie Ryan, Oran O'Sullivan and Evan Murphy. Substitutes: Ryan Kennelly for Dylan McSherry, Oisin Buckley for Fiachra Buckley, Max Ryan for Odhran Buckley and Colm Maloney.

Busy weeks ahead for Beale seniors as we continue the North Kerry League, and the County League begins. We travel to Coolard on Sunday for our third round North Kerry League, Division 1A, game against Ballydonohue. Our last round game is against Brosna on March 23rd.

The County League throws in St Patrick's weekend when we head to Duagh. At the end of March, we welcome Moyvane to Páirc de Staic and at the beginning of April, we travel to Knocknagoshel. Promotion from Division 4 is high on the agenda.

Our senior ladies play the first round of the Dónal Curtin Cup at the end of March, when we host John Mitchell's in Páirc de Staic. Then in April we travel to Kilcummin, Glenflesk and Kerins O'Rahillys. Our final two round games will be against Listowel Emmets and ISG in May in Ballybunion.

This week's Beale Lotto took place in Mikey Joe's Bar on Monday night. Details of the lucky numbers and winners are posted in the local papers, on social media and in SuperValu and the local pubs. We launched our new lotto ticket this week. Numbers were 9. 12. 15 and 24.

There was no jackpot winner and Match-3 winner wins €100: Aaron Farrell. 5 Free tickets: Mikey Pa O'Sullivan.

The next lotto draw is set for Sunday night at 9 oʻclock in The Feale Bar, with a jackpot of €8,100. A huge 'mile buíochas' to all who support and promote our lotto.

### **SPORTS** NEWS

Plans are well under way for the St Patrick's Day Parade. Beale GAA is proud to take part in this great tradition. We look forward to seeing all the Beale boys and girls kitted out in Beale gear with flags and banners and face paint. Parade starts at 3 o'clock. The Parade will gather in the Church car park from 2.30.

Decades of football rivalry between Shannon Rangers and Feale Rangers look to be set aside, with one team to represent North Kerry in the County Senior Championship. The ground-breaking news emerged in recent weeks.

Shannon Rangers were founded in 1940 and have won five Senior Championship titles, while Feale Rangers were set up in 1946 and have won three. In recent years, both district clubs merged at younger age groups — under-15, minors and under-21 — playing as North Kerry, with great success at all levels. Both have now sought to join forces using the North Kerry name at senior level. This is subject to the Kerry County Board accommodating the request and will be determined in coming weeks.

The North Kerry Final of Scór na bPáistí will take place on Sunday, March 16th. The winners from North Kerry will go through to the County Final which takes place on Sunday, March 30th, in the Tinteán Theatre, Ballybunion. Wishing best of luck to all participants and mentors.

Beale GAA extends sympathies to the family of Michael Costello, RIP. Michael played for St Patrick's in the 1960s from a young age and was also member of the Town team, winning the Parish League at that time.

A leading young player of this era, Michael lined out with Shannon Rangers and was honoured with selection on the Kerry minor panel in 1965. He came on as substitute in the Munster final and scored a spectacular goal to earn Kerry victory. Kerry went in to win the All-Ireland title but unfortunately, injury prevented Michael from taking part. He emigrated to the UK shortly after and so ended his local football career.

Ar dheis Dé gurb a anam dhíl.

#### **BALLYLONGFORD GAA**

North Kerry Senior Division 2 League 2025

(To Be Confirmed) - Division 2 Round 4 Listowel Emmets V Ballylongford Sunday 2pm March 9th Venue: Listowel

Ballylongford GAA Club Senior Team - New Players 2025

Great to see all the new senior team players coming through supporting our

Well done to each of ye lads including: Luke Predagast, Liam Hanrahan, Dan O'Neill, and Loqan O'Sullivan.

Ballylongford GAA Club News - Our new Club APP will be launched very soon with some great APP features and Match Centre.

#### LOTTO RESULTS

Our Weekly Lotto draw Saturday 22nd February 2025 @ GAA Grounds Jackpot €9,050 - Numbers Drawn: 8 - 23 - 27 - 32

No Winner - Lucky Dips:

€20 Brian McCarthy, Online €20 Eileen Donovan, Lenamore €20 Patsy Brassil, Lislaughtin €20 Tim McEllistrem, Coolkeragh 3 x Free tickets: Betty Fitzell, Rusheen

Next Lotto draw will take place on Sat 1st March 2025 with a Jackpot of €9,100. Tickets can be purchased from our local ticket sellers, Centra and Online

#### Ballylongford Club Membership

Membership is a vital part of ensuring our club's continued success and development. Whether you are a player, coach, supporter, track user, parent of a player or member of the wider community, we welcome all new members, the monies received are used towards playing equipment, affiliation fees, insurance, utility bills, team preparation, maintenance and club development. Please note that only those who have fully paid up adult members prior to the deadline will be included in the draw for All Ireland Tickets should Kerry be fortunate to be there, Membership can be paid through foireann.ie, Bank transfer or to any club officers. Adult player and Adult non player: €30 Family (2ad & 2ch): €50 Social: €20 Juvenile: €10 Closing date for membership is 31st March 25, Thank you for continued support of Ballylongford GAA Club.

#### BALLYDONOGHUE GAA

Lotto Draw results: Numbers drawn for Friday 28th February 2025, were as follows, 8, 13, 19, 28. The Jackpot was €8,600 and there was no Jackpot winner. The following won 30 euro lucky dips:

Mary Walshe- Online. Mairead McNamara - Online. Richard O' Connor - Keylod. John O' Connor - Ahascra.

Annette Shanahan - Dromin

The following won three free tickets: Pat O'Connor Online.

Siobhan O'Connor - Lisselton Cross.

Layla Lynch - Behans.

Next Jackpot will be  $\stackrel{<}{\epsilon} 8,700$  and it will take place next Friday night the 7th March 2025, the draw will be held in the Coolard Clubhouse, remember also at the new earlier time of 9pm.

Fivturos

McCarthy Insurance Senior Leagues 2025 Division 1A Round 4 - Sunday 9th March @ 2p.m. Ballydonoghue v Beale in Coolard.

Results:

North Kerry League - 01st March 2025 3pm Venue Coolard Ballydonoghue 3-15 Desmond's 3-13 Scorers- Jack Kennelly 2-11 (1-05 Frees, 1 - 2pts) Daragh Sheehy 1-01 (1 Penalty 1-0). Jack Foley 0-02 (1 — 2pts) Kieron Foley 0-01(0-1)

#### **FINUGE GAA**

FINUGE 500: The February draw was held Monday the 24th February with Karl Keohane the lucky winner of the €500! The bonus prize of two tickets to Kerry V Armagh was Mag Fitzgerald - congratulations to both of our winners. Entry tickets for each month 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. Tickets also available online at www.finugegaa.com and from any club officer.

The March draw will take place Monday 31st of March with the usual €500 that must be won every month!

CHARITY RUN: The GAA clubs of Finuge and Lixnaw were delighted to organise the inaugural Finuge to Lixnaw 8K Road Race last Saturday, 1st March. This was a massive success and looks like one of the biggest road races to be held in Kerry this year! While we have had so many special days out with our two clubs over many years , there was something really special about Saturday - that something special was the young girl Fiadh.

There is always a committee working away in the background on these events, but they would not happen without our fantastic communities . From baking to stewarding, to Daughtons providing buses, music, water, fruit, sponsorship, raffle prizes, refreshments, photography by Ger Roche, drone footage by Jeremy Lyons - the list goes on. Well done to McCarthys Bar providing complimentary teas & coffees. Thank you to Kerry Civil Defence, Garda Seán Behan, Lixnaw First Responders for all their help. An Riocht who provided the finish line clock, and the list goes on... It's overwhelming to see the generosity & support from our own community.

We will have the final amount that was raised for Aoibheann's Pink Tie, the charity that was so supportive to Fiadh & her family in the next few days. Unfortunately, there will be another family needing the support of this amazing charity and each and everyone of you that helped or participated in anyway yesterday should know that it wouldn't have happened without you - thank you.

SENIOR TEAM: Ballylongford provided the NK league opposition last Sunday with the game played in Bally. Our lads were in control throughout and ran out convincing winners on the scoreline Finuge 0-14; Ballylongford 0-02.

The next action will be the Senior County League fixed for Sunday the 16th of March, away to Dr Crokes C. The team are looking forward to stepping up to county league pitch now following solid displays in the NK league, along with very good challenge game displays.

MINOR TEAM: Well done to our minor team who got their 2025 season off to the perfect start at home in Finuge Saturday, in the county club championship. The team played the South Kerry combination of \$t Michaels/Foilmore/Skellig Rangers at home in O'Sullivan Park. Leading 1-07 to 0-03 at halftime, two fast goals early in the second half sent the team on the road to victory. Final score Finuge 4-11; \$t Mich/Foilmore/Skellig 2-07.

We now await the semifinal draw in the coming days to find out the opponents next Saturday - best of luck to the team in the county semifinal.

U16 & U14: Both teams have returned to training in preparation for the upcoming season. Our U14's will play in division one of the county league this year with games starting on the 1st of April. Our U16 team will play in Div two this year having topped division

three last year and having won the Feile B competition, with games due to start from the end of March.

U12: This year U12's will take the Go-Games format with the first games commencing on Sunday the 6th of April.

ACADEMY: Look out for details on our academy starting soon for U6, U8, U10 and U12 - action commences from the end of March.

SCÓR: It is Scor time again for both our youth & adult sections, and we are calling all young people interested in entering to make contact with our Scór officer Christina on 087-4672591.

MEMBERSHIP: The 2025 membership is now open. Rates remain the same as last year - Juvenile to U18 25e; three or more juveniles 60e; full adult & senior players 50e; family of two adults & two children 100e. We would like to thank everyone who took membership last year for their support and hope to see those members returning again for 2025.

We welcome any new members that are interested in playing football. If you have a child that want to give it a go, please contact any officer or message through our social media channels and we will fill you in.

CBS THE GREEN: Congratulations to our footballer Padraig McElligott who was part of The Green U15 team that won the Munster Final last week.

KERRY MEN FOOTBALL: Another game and we are left wondering where Kerry are at. Mayo are not setting the world on fire this year yet they fought back after Kerry went into the lead with 10 minutes to go to claim the valuable two league points on offer. This leaves Kerry in the danger zone, hovering just above the relegation zone. A break week next week, with the action returning Saturday 15th March when the All Ireland champions Armagh come to Austin Stack Park in what will surely be a good game.

CONDOLENCES: Our deepest condolences to the Horgan family of Finuge on the sad and untimely passing of Claire. The Horgan family have a very long association with our club and everyone is very saddened to hear such news of a young woman - RIP Claire

#### **MOYVANE GAA**

Lotto Results 2/03/2025 - Jackpot: €2,000

Numbers: 8,12, 29, 31 Winner: No Winner - Lucky Dips:

Matty Dillon - c/o Agri Marie Behan - Online Mary Leahy - Moyvane Kevin Greaney - Moyvane Pat & Jerh Brosnan - c/o Mike

Next Jackpot: €2,200

Next Draw: Sunday 9th March 2025 in Enright's Bar at 8:30pm.

#### Registration

Membership is now open at €40 for players and €20 for student players and ordinary membership. Membership is available on Foireann, or by contacting any committee member.

Coiste na NÓg registration is now open. Please register your child online on www.Foireann.ie . Cost of registration is €30 per child. Please register your child before 28th February to be included for receipt of club membership.

#### Credit Union County League

The County League Division 4 is set to begin Sunday the 16th March 2025 vs St Pats Blennerville. Teams in Division 4 include Annascual, Ballyduff, Beale, Currow, Duagh, Knocknagoshel, Piarsaigh na Dromoda, Skellig Rangers, Sneem/Derrynane and Waterville.

This year we will also have a Division 7A Team set to also begin on 16th March 2025 vs Listowel Emmets B. Other teams in 7A include An Ghaeltacht B, St Michael's - Foilmore B, John Mitchels B, Churchill B, and Keel B.

#### North Kerry League

The North Kerry League Division 1B round 3 St. senans Moyvane game that was to be played on Sunday 3rd February 2025 resulted in a draw. Moyvane 2-13 -v- St Senans 2-13

#### Results

The minors had a successful win in the first game of the season versus Spa. Moyvane 1-15 -v- Spa 1-06

Fixtures: Please keep up to date on socials for fixtures.

#### **DUAGH / LYRE COMM GAMES**

Church gate collection

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our annual church gate collection today in both Duagh and Lyreacrompane. Your support is much appreciated and assists us with events and competitions during the year.

Draughts: Draughts training starts this Friday 7th March 7-8pm at Duagh sports complex. Age u10-u16 boys and girls. Nominal charge of  $\in$ 1 per participant max  $\in$ 2 family.

Chess: Chess training continues at Lyreacrompane community centre every Monday 7pm. Any queries contact Derry Buckley (087) 402 2408

Art/Handwriting: Art one evening was held last Fri and a second evening for Art and Handwriting will be held on Wednesday 12th at Duagh sports complex 6.30pm-8pm. Bring own art supplies, paper will be given. Handwriting, please bring own pencil, rubber and sharpener. Paper will be supplied. Lyreacrompane will be organising their own evening at Community centre, Isabella Witkowska is the contact for Lyreacrompane.

U11 mixed basketball: Good luck to our u11 mixed basketball team this Saturday in the County competition in Duagh sports complex.

 $U13\ boys\ Futsal:\ Good\ luck\ to\ our\ u13\ boys\ Futsal\ team\ in\ the\ County\ competition\ this\ Sunday\ venue\ depending\ on\ teams\ confirmed.$ 

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#### ST. PIO DEVOTIONS

The St. Pio Prayer Group will meet on Friday 7th March in St. Mary's Church Listowel at 6pm

#### Programme for 7th March 2025:

6pm: Rosary

Mass, Sermon & Benediction

All are welcome. Thank You - Fr. M. Hegarty



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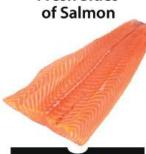


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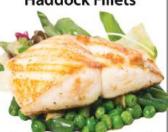


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