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Kerry Writers Museum, in partnership with North East & West Kerry Development launched the book "Our New Friends from Ukraine to Ireland" on Saturday 21st February. Stories of Resilience, Culture and Welcome written by Ballybunion and University of Limerick student Luke Kindelan.

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IRISH COUNTRY-POP ARTIST KAYLENE RELEASES DEBUT EP 'BITTERSWEET'

Irish country-pop artist Kaylene released her debut EP Bittersweet on February 27, marking the culmination of a project over years in the making.

Originally from Listowel, and now based in the UAE, Kaylene has spent the past two and a half years balancing a full-time teaching career with an intensive live performance schedule, often gigging multiple nights a week while independently funding and developing her music. Created in collaboration with Toronto-based producer Roy Hamilton III, Bittersweet was written and shaped over the course of more than a year.

The five-track EP explores themes of growth, identity, love, and emotional transition. True to its title, Bittersweet captures the tension between holding on and letting go, blending reflective lyricism with melodic country-pop production. What began as a collection of individual songs gradually revealed itself as a cohesive snapshot of a defining chapter in Kaylene's life.

"This project has been something I've dreamed of since I was twelve," Kaylene says. "It's surreal knowing that something that took over a year to create will be experienced by listeners in fifteen minutes. I'm incredibly proud of what we built."

Entirely self-funded and independently released, Bittersweet represents both artistic growth and personal resilience. Having steadily built a loyal following through consistent live performances and grassroots support from her hometown, Listowel, Kaylene continues to expand her audience internationally.

With Bittersweet, she steps confidently into a new era; one defined by independence, emotional honesty, and a clear creative identity.

More about Kaylene...

Kaylene is an Irish country-pop singer/songwriter blending emotional honesty with melodic storytelling. Originally from Kerry, Ireland and now based in the UAE, she has built her audience through consistent live performances and independent releases. Her debut EP Bittersweet showcases her most cohesive and personal work to date, pairing reflective lyricism with modern country-pop production.

'I HAVE A DREAM' SHOWCASES THE LOVE OF PERFORMANCE AT PRESENTATION LISTOWEL

Presentation Secondary School, Listowel proudly continued its long and cherished tradition of operettas and school musicals with its 2026 production of I Have a Dream. Building on the school's renowned history in the performing arts, this year's show once again gave students the chance to develop confidence, creativity, and a lifelong love of performance.

The production featured a large and enthusiastic cast of students from First to Sixth Year, who delivered six performances across Thursday, 26th February, and Friday, 27th February. Their dedication throughout months of rehearsals was warmly praised by Principal Katherina Broderick, who commended their enthusiasm, teamwork, and energy.

Special recognition was given to Director Jackie O'Mahony, assisted by Martin Hurley, and to Choreographer Róisín Moriarty, whose expertise and leadership guided the production from its earliest stages. Principal Broderick also highlighted the exceptional contribution of the staff core team - Ms Katie McNamara, Ms Eilish Burke, and Ms Kerry Bennett - who supported the cast weekly since last September. Their time, care, and unwavering commitment were, she noted, "instrumental in making the musical possible for the school."

The school also expressed deep appreciation for the support of local businesses, whose generosity helped ensure the success of the production.

Inspired by the timeless music of ABBA, the cast brought energy, imagination, and heart to the stage, creating memorable moments for every audience. The experience not only showcased their talents but also offered valuable personal and artistic growth that will stay with them long after the final curtain.

Presentation Secondary School extended sincere thanks to families, supporters, and the wider community. Their ongoing encouragement of the arts continues to sustain and strengthen this proud tradition within the school.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2025 DONATION

"On behalf of the Fitzell/Ryan family of Rusheen in Ballylongford we wish to thank everyone who came and donated to our Christmas Light Fundraiser. The amount collected on behalf of Kerry Hospice was €898.87

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 2026

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Groups are encouraged to engage with the theme in ways that best reflect their own story, helping to create a vibrant, inclusive and distinctly Listowel St. Patrick's Day.

DUAGH ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Duagh Development Association are delighted to announce that our annual St Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Tuesday 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 The 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 partake...

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.



"ROOTS & REVELATIONS" PODCAST TO LAUNCH AT TEACH SIAMSA FINUGE

A new podcast series exploring the origins of folk theatre in North Kerry will be officially launched at Teach Siamsa Finuge on Friday 14 March at 8.00pm.

Roots & Revelations: A Podcast Series Exploring Connections Between Land, Memory and Traditions in Irish Folk Theatre tells the story of Teach Siamsa Finuge and its central role in nurturing the traditions that shaped the National Folk Theatre of Ireland. Through music, dance, archival reflection and storytelling, the series traces how rural customs, working songs, North Kerry step dance, seasonal ritual and community life were transformed into a distinctive theatrical form with national and international impact.

The podcast has been written and produced by Dr Susan Motherway, who previously authored Stage Folklore: The National Folk Theatre of Ireland 1968–1998, the first major scholarly study of the company's development. The series is presented by Susan Motherway and traditional dancer Jamie Flannery, with editing by Niamh O'Brien.

The project was created to make the story of Teach Siamsa Finuge more accessible to audiences and visitors. While many people attend performances or classes, the deeper history and cultural context of the house are not always widely known. This series offers an engaging way for listeners — locally, nationally and internationally — to understand the heritage, creativity and community spirit behind the work.

Across the episodes, listeners journey from the rambling house to the theatre stage, explore how music and dance represent Kerry's identity, go backstage into the world of costumes and props, and reflect on the enduring relationship between land, memory and performance in Irish folk theatre.

The podcast is now available on Spotify, allowing audiences to connect with the story of Teach Siamsa wherever they are.

The launch event on 14 March will include selected audio excerpts and an opportunity to celebrate this new digital addition to North Kerry's cultural landscape. Event Details: Podcast Launch – Roots & Revelations Friday 14 March | 8.00pm | Teach Siamsa, Finuge, Co. Kerry | All are welcome.

For further information or interview requests, please contact: susan.motherway@gmail.com

GAELSCOIL LIOS TUATHAIL SAYS 'YES' TO LANGUAGES

Local school joins over 62,000 primary pupils nationwide taking part in language learning module

Primary pupils from Gaelscoil Lios Tuathail are taking part in the Say Yes to Languages primary sampler module this term.

Say Yes to Languages has continued to increase in popularity, with over 250,000 pupils participating during this time. The module offers pupils and teachers a taste of what it means to integrate additional languages, alongside English and Irish, and also seeks to raise awareness among pupils of the languages spoken in their school environment and local community. Over 1,300 primary schools took part last year alone, with Arabic, Chinese, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Irish Sign Language (ISL), Japanese, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish and Ukrainian being taught in classrooms across the country. Pupils from Gaelscoil Lios Tuathail will be saying Sí to Spanish this year having already studied French and Irish Sign Language (ISL).

The programme will continue to be delivered within the normal school timetable over a ten-week period. Speaking about the module, Principal Seána Ní Chuain comments, "We are delighted to be part of Say Yes to Languages again this year. This module is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to explore new cultures, develop language awareness and build skills that will benefit them throughout their lives."

The growth in interest in foreign language learning in primary has been supported by the publication of the Primary Curriculum Framework, which will introduce modern foreign languages (MFL) within the primary school setting in a redeveloped Primary Language Curriculum.

Speaking previously about the programme, Former Minister for Education and Youth Helen McEntee, T.D commented, "The Say Yes to Languages programme has been enormously popular and I am delighted that so many schools have participated in the programme ... learning a foreign language is so beneficial to pupils, it can enrich pupil's awareness of cultural diversity, as well as support inclusion and wellbeing, contributing to their future learning, career opportunities and help pupil's development as active citizens."

A suite of resources has been produced by Languages Connect who are overseeing Say Yes to Languages. These include teaching resources and other supports such as 'Language Passports', fun fold-outs and more for all participating pupils to show their family and friends. Packs have been sent to participating schools to help support both teaching and learning, but also the awareness-raising objectives of the programme.

More information regarding Say Yes to Languages, tutor expression of interest and supports are available at www.languagesconnect.ie/primary



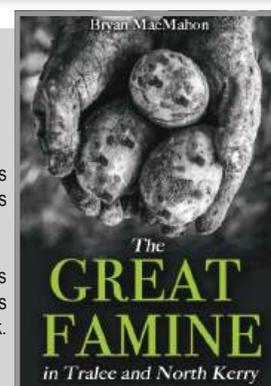
THE GREAT IRISH FAMINE IN TRALEE AND NORTH KERRY

by Bryan McMahon

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Bryan MacMahon focuses on human stories rather than statistics as he depicts the unprecedented events, upheavals and challenges of the famine years through the eyes of those who were there and reveals information, which has lain hidden and untapped for 170 years. This book gives an account of incidents in Tralee and North Kerry. It gives a detailed overview and a moving insight into the suffering endured by thousands in the area.

The contemporary accounts allow the reader to relive the shocking events, and to understand the stark dilemmas faced by those who were not themselves directly affected by hunger or disease. Here too are the names and inquest details of some of the dead, and poignant descriptions of life in the workhouses of Tralee and Listowel. Included are stories of scandals and possible sexual abuse in the workhouse but also many examples of selfless humanitarian work.



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Spring doesn't ask us to rush — it invites us to **ease forward gently**. Even small shifts in our daily habits can help us feel more energised, focused, and ready for the brighter days ahead.

Lightening the Routine

This is the perfect time to swap heavy winter habits for lighter, fresher ones. Opening the windows in the morning, stepping outside for natural light, or beginning the day with a short walk can help reset your body clock and lift your mood.

Many people also like to refresh their wellness routines in spring by choosing lighter scents and more uplifting aromas. Citrus and herbal oils are especially lovely at this time of year, helping to promote motivation, clarity, and a renewed sense of positivity.

Diffusing a bright, fresh blend in the morning can create an energising atmosphere in the home and set the tone for the day ahead.

Caroline's Top Tip – Morning Energy Ritual

Try starting your morning with a simple ritual: a glass of water, a few deep breaths, and your favourite uplifting essential oil diffusing nearby. Linking scent with a positive daily habit is a gentle way to build consistency and support your wellbeing.

A Season for Gentle Momentum

Spring wellness isn't about big changes or strict routines. It's about tuning in, noticing what your body needs, and supporting it kindly. Small steps — taken consistently — can bring the biggest shifts in how we feel.

I love reminding people that wellness is a journey, not a race. Whether you're exploring essential oils for the first time or deepening your routine, I'm always here to guide and support you in choosing what suits your own lifestyle and needs. The beautiful thing about dÓTERRA's wellness range is that it offers support for the whole person — body, mind, and daily living.

Thought for the Week:

"Just like spring, you don't have to bloom all at once — growth happens gently, one day at a time."

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Wellness with Caroline Horgan



PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL STRIKES A CHORD AT JUNK KOUTURE REGIONAL FINALS 2026

There is tremendous excitement in Presentation Secondary Listowel as students Molly, Clodagh and Erin prepare to represent our school at the Junk Kouture Regional Finals 2026. The girls will take to the stage on March 9th in The Helix, where creativity, sustainability and storytelling will combine in spectacular fashion.

Their design, Live Re:mAID, is far more than a dress — it is a powerful tribute to the iconic Live Aid concert of 1985. Drawing inspiration from the bold spirit of 80s rock, the piece reimagines the humanitarian message of Live Aid through sustainable fashion. The original concert united the world through music to provide urgent support to the people of Ethiopia during a devastating famine. Live Re:mAID reminds us that creativity can still be a force for compassion and global awareness today.

Speaking about the inspiration behind the piece, Molly explained, "We didn't just want to make something that looked like the 80s — we wanted to capture the feeling of unity and hope that Live Aid created. It was about using fashion to tell a story."

The mermaid-style silhouette is constructed from a handmade denim dress onto which 1,500 hand-sewn guitar plectrums have been individually stitched. Each plectrum symbolises the power of music — small on its own, but transformative when brought together. The dress flows dramatically with 2.5 kilometres of reclaimed VHS and cassette tape woven throughout, creating movement and texture reminiscent of rippling water, while subtly echoing the "re" in Re:mAID — reuse, recycle, reimagine.

"It took months of sewing and a lot of patience," Clodagh laughed. "Hand-stitching 1,500 plectrums definitely tested us — but every single one represents the power of music, so it felt worth it."

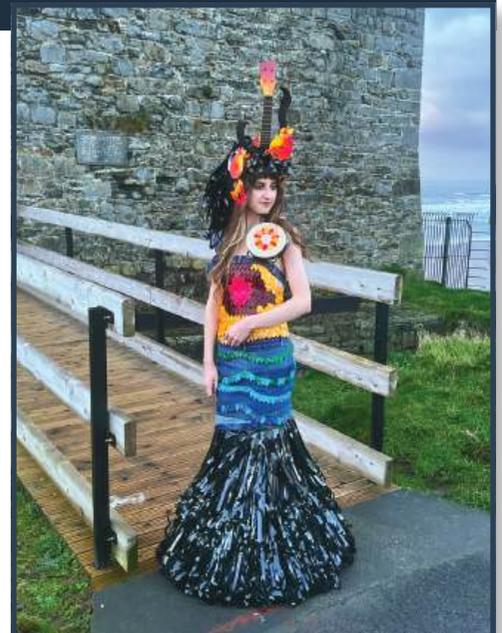
Adding to the 80s rock aesthetic, a tambourine adorns the shoulder, capturing the energy and performance spirit of the era. The striking headpiece is equally imaginative: a ukulele carefully drilled into an old hurling helmet, symbolising the fusion of Irish identity and global music culture. It is embellished with 2750 metres of VHS tape and decorated with reclaimed VHS wheels, securely repurposed to create a bold and dramatic finish.

Molly described the headpiece as one of their favourite elements: "The ukulele and the hurling helmet together show how we combined Irish culture with global music history. Junk Kouture is about thinking outside the box — and we definitely did that!"

What makes Live Re:mAID particularly meaningful is the thoughtful sourcing of materials. Every VHS and cassette used contains media exclusively from artists who performed at Live Aid, seamlessly tying the sustainability message to the historical theme. In an age of digital streaming, these once-loved physical formats — now largely obsolete — have been transformed into a powerful visual reminder of music's enduring impact.

"We wanted people to look at the dress and remember that music can change the world," Molly said. "Live Aid proved that. If our design gets people talking about sustainability and helping others, then we've done our job."

Junk Kouture challenges young designers to create high-fashion pieces from recycled materials, but Molly, Clodagh and Erin have gone a step further. They have created a conversation piece — one that celebrates music history, honours humanitarian action, and champions environmental responsibility.



LICK CLICK BOOM PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION AT THE ST. JOHNS THEATRE ON MARCH 11TH

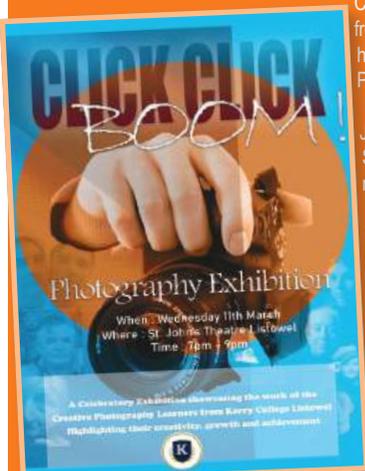
Click Click Boom is a vibrant photographic exhibition by Photography students from Kerry College of Further Education - Listowel Campus. This dynamic exhibition features street photography, portraiture, nature imagery, and creative Photoshop explorations that reflect both technical skill and personal vision.

Join us for a free evening exhibition on 11th March 2026, from 7–9pm, at St John's Theatre, Listowel, and experience photography that captures moments, stories, and imagination.

We are: Joe Bentley, Laura Cliff, Lorraine Horan, Niamh Lynch, Evelyn Mason, Christy Sheehy, Valerii Solonya and Daria Zhuravlova the class of 2025/6.

A charity raffle will also take place on the night — €5 per ticket — with all proceeds going to a worthy cause and refreshments will be provided.

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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 especially 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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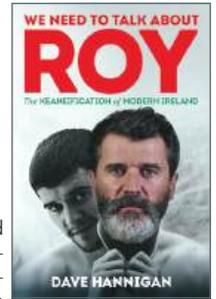
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We Need to Talk About Roy:

By Dave Hannigan

The Keaneification of Modern Ireland



No Irish sportsperson has had more written and said about him. None has had more of substance to say for himself. Across nearly four tumultuous decades, from callow teen prospect to grey bearded influencer, Roy Keane has transcended sport, redefined the parameters of fame, and captivated the nation. Our hopes, dreams and sometimes our despair have been wrapped up in him, his exploits and outbursts. Oscillating between national treasure and national argument, he put the manic in talismanic, bestriding Lansdowne Road one minute, getting booed there the next.

If the sporting heroes of every era offer a window into a society, We Need to Talk About Roy is a fascinating portrait of who and what we were in the age of Keane, showcasing our vices and virtues, our fortunes and foibles. The best of us, the worst of us. Drink. Religion. United. Beggary. The Celtic Tiger. Tabloidization. Saipan. Touching on all the major themes and teams, this remarkable book is a refreshing and entertaining look at how the life and times of our greatest footballer is the story of modern Ireland itself. His progress and pitfalls, revolutions and evolution uniquely intertwined with those of the country that made him.

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John's films from this period have now been accepted by the Irish Film Institute for preservation in their archives. On the 27th February representatives from the I.F.I. came to Listowel to collect these important pieces of local history for preservation for future generations.

Pictured L-R: Micheal O'Maolcatha, Matthias Smith I.F.I., John Lynch, and Manus McManus I.F.I.



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Lixnaw Community Games U.11 Mixed Basketball team who competed in Duagh last weekend. The team was: Luke, Rory, Leah, Ivy Rose, Lola, Anthony, Kate, Diarmuid, Richie and Ruby



Lios Tuathail AC athlete Cadan Moloney - Silver medal in sprints at the County Indoors



Lios Tuathail AC athlete John O'Halloran - Bronze medal winner in speed bounce at the Kerry County Indoors



Micheál McMahon from Ballybunion who was enjoying the company of Agnes Hallissey, Ger Condon and Padraig Bunyan at the Irish Cup Coursing meeting at Patrickswell on Saturday. Photo Moss Joe Browne



Lios Tuathail AC athletes in happy spirits at The Kerry Athletics Development Games



Lios Tuathail AC gold and silver medal winners Siofra McCarthy and Grace Guiney at The Kerry Athletics Development Games



Lios Tuathail AC Athlete Dylan O'Connell - Silver medal in Standing Jump at the Kerry County Indoors



Lios Tuathail AC's Reidy brothers, Steve and Richie both had PBs in the 60m sprints at the Munsters U15 - U19 in Nenagh recently



Lios Tuathail AC U11 Boys relay winners: Jack Collins, Daryl Mongey, Dylan O'Connell, Thady Quirk at The Kerry Athletics Development Games



U9 Girls Relay team who took silver at the Kerry Indoor Athletics - Lottie Allman, Emily O'Mahony, Ellis Quill and Cassie Lichmann



Strong runs from Lios Tuathail AC's Mary Kate O'Connor and Isabelle Larkin in the individual 200m and the girls were back on track to run a very good relay with team mates Catherine Buckley and Isabella McEnery to earn a bronze at the Munsters U15 - U19 in Nenagh recently

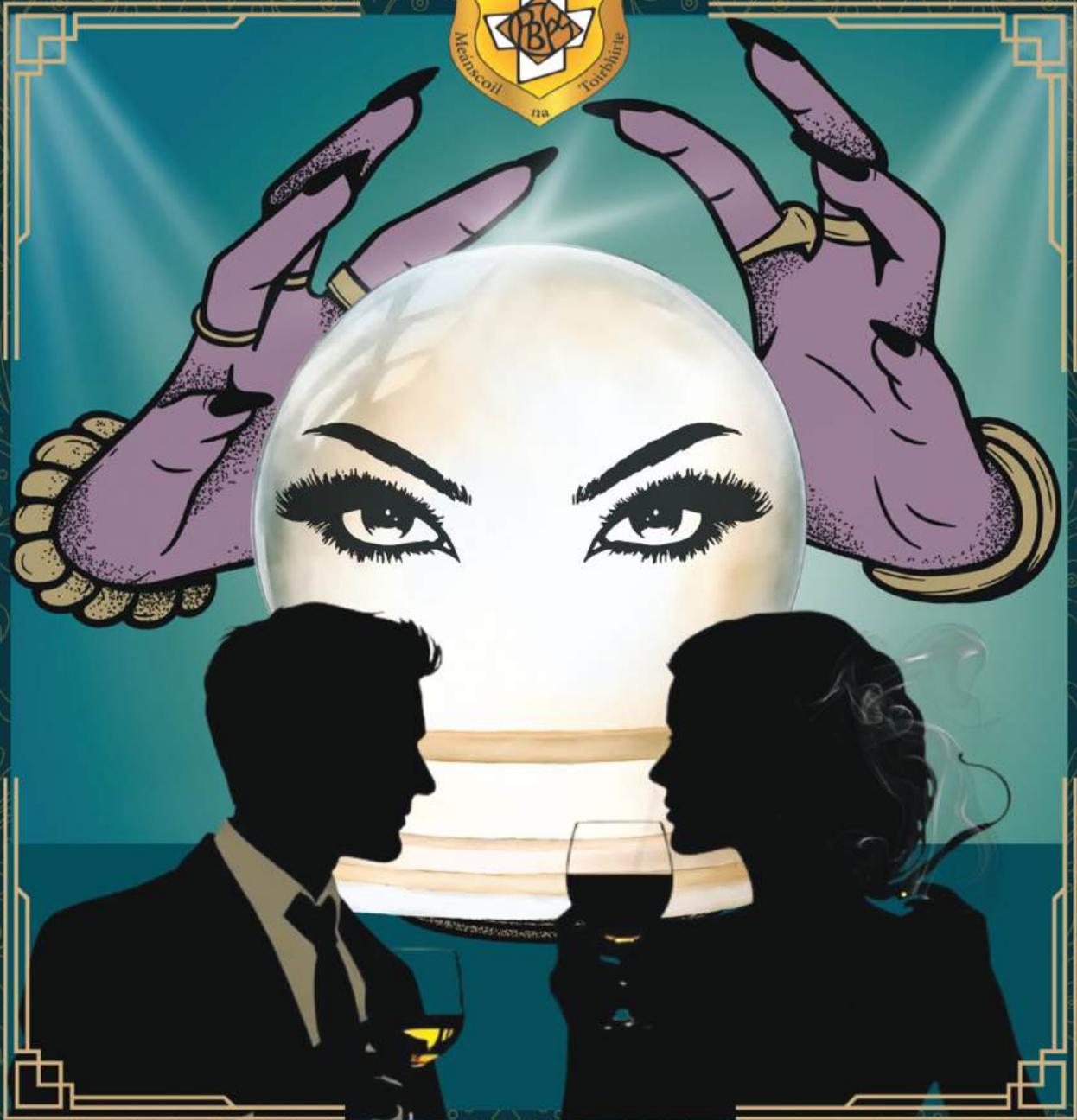
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CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Kathleen Williams (née O'Connor) late of Sandhill Park. May she Rest in Peace.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Tuesday 17th March, a fantastic celebration as the St. Patrick's Day Parade gets underway from the car park at St. John's Church at 3:00 PM sharp.

All parade participants are asked to be in place by 2:30 PM at the latest to allow time for line-up and preparation. The parade will be led through town by local piper Danny Houlihan.

Businesses in Ballybunion are encouraged to dress their windows, decorate their premises, and join in the festivities to help make the town look its very best.

To add a little friendly competition, trophies will be awarded for Best Float and Best Pet so bring your imagination, colour, and maybe even your most festive furry friend!

We can't wait to see the community come together for what promises to be a brilliant St. Patrick's Day celebration.

IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will be in Ballybunion Community Centre Monday 16th March from 3:50 PM to 7:10 PM. Your support is needed now more than ever. Please call 1800 222 111 to schedule an appointment, or alternatively, you can book online at www.giveblood.ie if you have already created an online account with your donor number and email address. New donors are always welcome, and your donation is greatly appreciated!

FRIENDS OF BRU COLUMBANUS

The Railways bar are again fundraising for Bru Columbanus. They will be hosting a Pub Quiz in The Railway Bar on Friday the 7th of March at 9pm.

There will be a Tractor Run on Sunday the 15th of March, registration at 12.30pm and departing at 1.30pm from St. John's Church Car Park. Bucket collections over the weekend all support is greatly appreciated.

TIDY TOWNS

We are starting planting up. Any volunteers please contact us on ballybuniontidytowns2023@gmail.com. Our Monthly meeting is Thursday 5th March at 6.15pm at Cottage Studio. Entrance Cinema Lane.

EASTER COOKER CAMP

Are currently taking bookings for their very popular Easter Cookery Camp which runs from Tuesday 7th April to Thursday 9th April from 10am to 1 pm each day. The cost of the Camp is €75 per child and all ingredients and equipment are supplied. The Camp is suitable for Primary school children. If you would like to secure a place for your child please contact Marie on 087 641 5513. Spaces are limited.

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CREATIVE KIDS AT THE COTTAGE

Drop In Children's Art Classes, Cinema Lane, Main Street, Ballybunion.

March Classes: Saturday 7th & 21st. Classes are from 11.30am to 1.30pm

€15 per child. All art materials are supplied. Please contact Marie @ 086-0664435 for any further enquiries.

BE ACTIVE BE WELL

Are you feeling stuck, ready to move more and feel better? Be Active Be Well is a HSE programme to help you make positive changes to move more and feel better. The programme is for any adult who is not currently active. This 5 session programme is starting on March 11th in Ballybunion Community Centre. To find out more contact Gráinne Woulfe 087 1880962

BALLYBUNION LIBRARY

Opening Hours: Tues-Sat 10am-1:30pm and 2:30pm-5pm.

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MASS ON SUNDAY

St John's Parish Ballybunion is seeking new musicians and singers to support the 11.30am Mass.

They are inviting volunteers who could commit to one or more Sundays during the year.

Any contribution, no matter how small, would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Fr. Sean or any member of the parish team for further information

CHAIR BASED FITNESS PROGRAM

Class Chair-Based Exercise in Ballybunion Community Centre every Tuesday 11.00am-12.00pm.

Pay as you go classes available also, Please phone to book your chair call Martina on 087 797 3688

BALLYBUNION TRIATHLON CLUB

Ballybunion Tri Club is a friendly, inclusive triathlon club in North Kerry for all abilities from beginners to podium chasers. Join us for 2026 and enjoy great craic, support, and a full calendar of events including time trials, club races, a duathlon, and regular group rides and swims.

Membership is now open via Triathlon Ireland. Sign up and get ready for the 2026 season. Please check out our website at www.ballybuniontriathlon.ie

RUNBALLYBUNION

Our 17th Annual Run Ballybunion 2026 will take place on Easter Saturday, April 4th 2026 and promises to be another great event for an amazing cause. Check out www.runballybunion.com for more details.

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SOCIAL DANCING

Join us every Tuesday at 7:30 PM in the upstairs hall of the Community Centre, The Old Central Ballroom, for a wonderful evening of music, movement, and fun! Dance the night away with waltz, jive, quickstep, line dancing, and more. No partner? No problem everyone is welcome! Come along, meet new friends, enjoy the rhythm, and support your local dance community. We can't wait to see you there!

BALLYBUNION ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Weekly Meetings: Every Wednesday, 2pm, Location: The Old Convent, Doon Road. New members are always welcome! Come along and enjoy a wide range 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

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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!

BINGO BALLYBUNION

Every Wednesday at 8.15pm in 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!

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: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM. 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.

GROW SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

Grow support meetings on Wednesdays from 7:30pm to 9:30pm in the Seanchai centre, Kerry writers museum the square Listowel, All men and women welcome, for more information either attend or ring Jerry Cronin 0860271990 or www.grow.ie

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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 February 24th are as follows: The numbers drawn were 6, 13, 20 and the Bonus Number was 4. There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot of €14,000. There was one winner of the Match 3 prize of €400 – Andrew Sheehy, Benmore Estate. 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

Medal Presentation:

Ballyduff GAA Club is holding a Club Medal Presentation at Your Man's Bar, Ballyduff on Saturday March 7th at 9.00pm. In 2019 Ballyduff won the County Junior Football Championship, but the planned celebrations of this historic achievement were cancelled due to Covid. Also, on the night we are celebrating our Junior Football team that has won four North Kerry titles over the last number of years including 2025.

National GAA Club Draw:

The National Club Draw is an annual fundraising initiative organised by the GAA. It provides Clubs across the country with an opportunity to raise funds for their activities and projects.

Clubs sell tickets to their members and the public, offering individuals the chance to win attractive prizes, such as cars, cash prizes and more. There is no financial cost to clubs to get involved as the costs of tickets and prizes are covered by the Central Council. This initiative is a vital source of financial support for local GAA, LGFA and Camogie clubs and contributes to the growth and development of Gaelic games at the grassroots level. Each club will be given 2000 tickets to sell.

GAA National Club Draw - 25th March 2026

Be in with a chance to win some amazing prizes and support Ballyduff GAA Club in this fundraising venture. Get your ticket for €15 from any Officer of Ballyduff GAA Club to be in with a chance to win prizes from a Toyota Corolla Hybrid, €20,000 cash, €10,000 cash, €5,000 cash, €2,500 Holiday Voucher and All Ireland Hurling & Football packages for 2026.

U15 Hurlers:

Huge congratulations to our incredible Ballyduff U15 hurlers!

What a fantastic start to the championship campaign — winning the First Round of the U15 A Hurling Championship in style with a comprehensive victory over Causeway on a scoreline of 3 – 17 to 1 – 9.

From the first whistle to the final puck of the ball, the lads showed outstanding skill, teamwork, and determination. Every player played their part in what was a brilliant all-round team performance. A big thank you to the coaches, mentors, and supporters who continue to back these young players every step of the way.

Keep up the hard work, boys — this is only the beginning!

Senior Football:

Our senior footballers had their first home game of the year on Friday evening where they came up against a very strong Moyvane side.

In near perfect conditions for football an extremely competitive game was contested with Ballyduff securing the win with a late goal after overturning a half time deficit. Our lads showed great composure and determination throughout the game, and the result was just rewards for the fantastic effort put in by all.

Ballyduff Team: Shane O'Sullivan; Thomas Slattery (C), JP O'Carroll, Rory Whelan; Pádraig Walsh, Jake Segal, Pádraig Slattery; Eamon O'Connor, Dylan Moriarty; Stefan Carrig, Nathan McGrath, Darragh Quinlan; Jack Enright, Jack En-

right, Darragh Moriarty.

SUBS: Chris Whyte, Johnny Regan, Anthony O'Carroll, Adam Lynch, Muiris O'Connor, Cillian Murphy, Ethan O'Connor, Richard Casey, Killian Boyle, Bobby Wood.

Minor Football:

Our minor footballers travelled to Fossa to take on the home team in the Minor C Club Championship. Our boys came away with a seven-point victory on a scoreline of 3 – 16 to 1 – 15, however in truth the game was in the melting pot right down to the wire. The boys in Green had to line out minus the services of two players due to County and School commitments, however this did not seem to upset the team balance as the 15 on the pitch played some lovely football. Ballyduff held a narrow lead for most of the first half, but a two pointer quickly followed by a goal for Fossa saw the home side lead by one at the break. Most of the second half saw both sides trade scores with the tie firmly in the balance coming down the stretch, however the Cashen men found an extra gear with some well taken team scores to finish the stronger on the day. Well done to our players and management. We now qualify for the Cup semi-final.

CHURCH NEWS

Anniversaries: Dick Keane; Bob Diggins; John Lyons; Thomas O'Sullivan, Addergown; Neilie & Mike Murphy; Pat Mulvihill; Billy & Marie Diggins; Marita Anne McGrath; Tom & Mary Diggins; Anna Mai Breen; Peg, Martina & Tom O'Leary.

Deaths: Catherine Theresa Houlihan, Ballyhorgan; Kathleen Hibbert nee Piersce, Stockport & late of Arcullen; Eileen McMenamin (née Spillane), London, sister of P Spillane Ballinorig; Sr Grace O'Flaherty, California & Knopogue.

Masses for the week:

Friday March 6th 7.00pm: 1st Friday - Neilie & Mike Murphy
Saturday March 7th 6.30pm: Mass in Causeway
Sunday March 8th 11.00am: Tom Browne, Rahela; Kathleen Gibbons; Mary Enright; Thomas O'Sullivan, Addergown
Divine Mercy Devotion: every Thursday in SS Peter's & Paul's Church
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DEATHS

The death took place of Catherine Theresa Houlihan (née King), Ballyhorgan, Ballyduff. Her remains reposed at Lawlor's Funeral Home, Ballyduff and her Requiem Mass was celebrated at SS Peter's & Paul's Church, Ballyduff. Burial was in Rahela Cemetery.

The death took place of Mary Harrington (née Kilmartin), Addergown, Ballyduff. Her remains reposed at Lawlor's Funeral Home, Ballyduff and her Requiem Mass was celebrated at SS Peter's & Paul's Church, Ballyduff. Cremation took place at the Shannon Crematorium.

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

BINGO

Bingo continues at the Community Centre, Ballyduff on each Friday night commencing at 8.00pm. All are welcome.

BUDS FRC

Monday

Support parent's anxious children 11.30am to 1.30pm (6 weeks programme); Art class for adults 7.00pm to 9.00pm; NEWKD craft circle Ballyduff 7.00pm to 9.00pm; Active retirement group 2.00pm to 4.00pm; Joe Burkett theatre class 5.00pm to 6.30pm

Tuesday

Parent and toddler group 10.00am to 12.00pm; Buds pantry surplus food for everyone 9.00am to 1.00pm; Irish dancing 3.00pm to 4.00pm.

Thursday

Parenting a neurodiverse child 11.30am to 1.30pm; Children sewing class 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Friday

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LIXNAW

PARISH MASS TIMES

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH: Friday 6th March, Mass at 7.30pm for Sonny Galvin, Ballinclogher. Saturday 7th March, Mass at 7.30pm for Catherine & Timothy Kelly, Ballinageragh; Francie Quilter & deceased members of the Quilter Family, Ahabeg.

RATHEA CHURCH: Sunday 8th March, Mass at 9.30am for Mike Kennelly; Kitty & Andy Sweeney, Rathea.

IRREMORE CHURCH: Sunday 8th March, Mass at 11.00am for Tom & Mary Anne Joy & daughters Marie & Margaret & deceased members of the Joy, O'Connell & Fitzmaurice Families, Mountcoal; Maurice & Gerard McCarthy, Finuge.

THE SAMARITANS

The Samaritans wish to thank everyone who contributed to the recent Church gate collections. Lixnaw €1,085.60; Irremore €545.50 and Rathea €369.80

DEATHS

John (Jackie/Sean) Gilbert, Ballinagare, Lixnaw. Sympathy to his wife Teresa (Purtill), sons Alan & John Paul; daughter Sarah (Kelly), brother Harry and all the extended Gilbert family. May he rest in peace.

LIXNAW COMMUNITY GAMES

Basketball: Our gallant U.11 Mixed Basketball team were competing in Duagh last Saturday morning. Drawn against very tough opposition in their group, our team did exceptionally well to represent their parish. They faced Castleisland in the first round, then played Rathmore/Gneeveguilla and finished competing against Spa/Muckross. Castleisland went on to win the group. The team consisted of the following: Luke Walsh, Rory Walsh, Leah Power, Ivy Rose Barry, Lola McMahon, Anthony Lyons, Kate Nolan, Diarmuid Bradley, Richie Kissane and Ruby Cox. Well, done to all these children who gave it their all on the day and thanks to their mentors also for supporting the team.

Best of Luck: Competing in Duagh this coming Sunday are our U.15 Boys Futsal team. So, we want to wish them the very best of luck in their respective competitions.

ST MICHAEL'S BASKETBALL CLUB

Community Spirit in action as Local Pharmacy in Lixnaw backs St Michael's Basketball Club. A huge thank you to Matt, Mary, Aoife, and Caoimhe Fitzmaurice owners of Life Pharmacy Lixnaw for kindly sponsoring water bottles for St Michael's Basketball Club members. We are incredibly grateful for the support from a business that has been serving Lixnaw for 42 years, and in their current premises for the past 10 years. As a proud family run pharmacy and part of the Life Pharmacy Group, they continue to expand the health services available in our community.

From flu and shingles vaccinations to blood pressure checks, medication management, and prescribing and dispensing under the common conditions service, they provide invaluable care to so many local families and beyond.

We truly appreciate their support of our club and our players, community backing like this makes all the difference. Thank you for getting St Michael's game ready for the court and keeping our players hydrated.

LIXNAW GAA SPLIT THE BUCKET DRAW

Congratulations to Ivan Conway on winning €85 in the Split the Bucket Draw.

LIXNAW GAA CLUB

Arrangements are now being finalised to organise a reunion of the 1974 & 1976 winning Minor Championship teams. The Intermediate Championship winning team of 1974 will also be honoured on the night. The event will go ahead on Saturday 9th May, so put the date in your diary. More details to follow at a later date.

LIXNAW CLUB LOTTO DRAW

Jackpot €17,850. Numbers drawn were 9, 15, 23, 32. No jackpot winner. €30 winners: Sharon O'Keeffe, Annascaul (online); Kathleen McCarthy, Lixnaw; Patrick McElligott, Lixnaw. Next Jackpot €17,900. Next draw Monday 2nd March in McCarthy's Bar, Finuge. Tickets are available 3 for €5 etc., online. Visit <https://www.lottoraiser.ie/LixnawCC/> or from usual outlets. Many thanks to all who contribute to our weekly lotto.

ST SENAN'S GAA CLUB

CLUB LOTTO DRAW- 23/02/26 Jackpot €3,900. Numbers drawn were 02,15,28,32. No jackpot winner. €30 winners: Caroline Sweeney, Louise Guiney, Kilflynn. €20 winners: Kyle Curran c/o Duffer Hickey; Tadhg Moriarty, Listowel; Noreen Daughton, Tullig, Kilflynn. Next week's Jackpot will be €4,000. Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets are available at Kelly's Six Crosses, The Halfway Bar, or play online.

FINUGE GAA CLUB

Finuge Club Shop

With the new season underway, we have the perfect gifts for the football player or supporter in your life – Finuge GAA merchandise. This is an online shop hosted by KCS. Search for www.kcsports.ie. Click on the 'Club Shop' tab and search for Finuge. We have over thirty items of high quality Finuge branded sports gear to choose from, happy shopping.



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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 Elizabeth (Lil) McLoughlin (née Atkinson) Glin, Co. Limerick. Elizabeth who was wife of the late Paddy died on Sunday 22 February. She reposed at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Glin on Wednesday 25 February. Her Requiem Mass took place in Glin Church on Thursday at 12 noon followed by interment in Kinnard Cemetery, Glin.

Sympathy of the community to her children - son Michael, Tarbert, daughters Caroline Gould and Anne Connolly. Daughter-in-law Caroline, grand children Laura and Eva all in Tarbert, great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives, neighbours and friends.

The death took place of Mary Quinn (nee Thornton) of Leitrim Middle, Moyvane. Mary who was aged 84 years died on Sunday 22 February at her home. She was wife of the late Johnny and sister of Peggy O'Brien (Wicklow). She reposed at Lyons Funeral Home on Wednesday 25 February. Her Requiem Mass took place in the Church of the Assumption, Moyvane on Thursday followed by interment in Murhur Cemetery, Moyvane. Mary loved the game of cards and bingo which she supported in Moyvane and Tarbert.

She drove her tractor to the creamery in Moyvane and this was her mode of transport as well as her car. Sympathy to her children Marie, Mike, John, Myles, Breda and Helen, daughters-in-law Sharon, Lena and Tracey, sons-in-law Peter, Seanie O'Connor, Barry, sister Bridie Bridgeman, brother Myles Thornton, brother-in-law Dermot Bridgeman, sister-in-law Julia Thornton. neighbours and friends.

TARBERT GAA

On Thursday 19 February Tarbert GAA officials welcomed Patrick O'Donovan, the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Sports and Media and local Councillors to view ongoing developments of facilities at Shannon Park which are being funded by the Sports Capital Grant, all of whom expressed satisfaction with work in progress.

The February prize winner in the GAA monthly draw was Thomas Cregan who won €500 while 5 free tickets went to Mike Houlihan and Jack Sheehan. Tickets are now on sale €10 each for upcoming draws.

POKER CLASSIC

A 5 Card draw will take place in Carmody's Bar on Friday 6 March at 8pm with entry €30. Usual buybacks and a Texas game later. This is a fundraiser for the new Astro Turf at the Tarbert Comprehensive School.

SHORT STORIES

Mary Lavery Carrig's Creatively Speaking series of Short Stories continues on Wednesday 4 March from 11am to 11.30 am when Patrick Lynch tells the story of the escape of two Tarbert Fenians, Thomas Finucane and Dan Sullivan to America. She also features her late father Frank Lavery who wrote 'Those were the Days' a history of the GAA in Tarbert and the opening of Shannon Park when the games moved from the old Horsepark site, now the location of Tarbert Comprehensive School. Bigi ag éisteacht to West Limerick 102fm.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

On Tuesday 17 March the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will work in reverse this year. Intending participants should turn up at the Bridewell at 12.30 and the parade will march up the village to the Community Centre where it will disperse.

There is no need to enrol, just turn up on the day. It is important to keep this age old tradition alive. Joseph Lyons, Chapel Street will be leading the Cork Community Arts link group in Cork. Joseph is tour guide in St. Finbarr's Cathedral in Cork.

BUÍOCHAS

The Samaritans would like to thank everybody who contributed to their Christmas collection in Tarbert which amounted to €1,378.35

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Tarbert Historical and Heritage Society will hold its next meeting on Friday 20 March when Jerry O'Connell, Tarbert will talk on 'Breaking the Enigma and Lorenz German War Codes-the story of the men and women who broke the German war codes during World War 2 and could not speak about their work for 30 years under threat of execution.!' Failte roimh gach éinne agus cupan tae ina diaidh.

REFLECTION FOR LENT

'Do you wish your prayer to fly towards God? make for it two wings, fasting and almsgiving'. -- St. Augustine.

TARBERT ACTIVE RETIREMENT (OVER 55'S)

Is on every Friday in Tarbert Bridewell between 10.30 and 12.00. Different activities every week followed by Tea/Coffee and refreshments and a chat. New Members always welcome

BALLYLONGFORD

EASTER CAMP FOR KIDS

An Easter Camp for children aged 4 and over will take place in Ballylongford National School from Wednesday 1st to Friday 3rd April, from 10am to 1pm each day.

Activities will include arts and crafts, games, Easter egg hunts and plenty of fun. The camp will be run by local teachers.

To register, please email ballylongfordcamp@gmail.com.

Early booking is advised as places may be limited.

BALLYLONGFORD ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION

Ballylongford Enterprise Association AGM at 8pm in the Parish Hall, Ballylongford on March 26th. Everyone and their mother welcome.

Nominations for officers must be submitted to the secretary Andy Walker, Bridge St, Ballylongford (087 2926079) before Friday March 20th.

Lots of new exciting projects being discussed.

BALLYLONGFORD GAA

NORTH KERRY LEAGUE
SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2026

Ballylongford travelled to Brosna on Sat in Rd 3 of the North Kerry League and were beaten on a score line of 1-16 to 1-06. The score line doesn't do justice to the efforts of our boys as they battled hard against a physically strong home team. All the games in the NKL have been great preparation for the county league, which starts on March 15th with a home game v Dr Crokes, and we're well set up to tackle the teams in Div 6-promotion from this division is a key target for us this year. This group of boys have shown great commitment in their preparation which is evidence with the much improved performances on the field.

Ballylongford GAA Senior Team: 1. Darren Murphy, 2. Pa Carmody, 3. Sean Carmody, 4. Oran O'Neill, 5. Liam Hanrahan, 6. Tadhg McEllistrem, 7. Paudie O'Neill, 8. Logan O'Sullivan, 9. Conor Carmody, 10. Jack Mulvihill, 11. Paddy O'Neill, 12. Michael Holly, 13. Adam Finucane, 14. Ciaran O'Connor, 15. Jeremiah Tydings. Substitutes used: 23. Matt O'Connor, 18. Gian Barratt, 20. Liam Mulvihill, 22. Paul Murphy, 23 Victor Flahive.

Management Team: Jim O'Carroll, Paudie Moroney, Nelius O'Connor, Liam Donegan, Kieran Culhane. PRO, Tom Carmody, Stats, Hughie Dineen, S&C, Shane Dunne.

COUNTY MINOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Group B 1/4 Final: Saturday 28th February in Ballylongford Northern Gaels 0.11 v Listowel Emmett's 0.10 Full Time Score.

Well done lads great result for the whole team.

WEEKLY LOTTO DRAW

Saturday 28th February. Jackpot €3750. Numbers Drawn: 9, 10, 25, 27. There was no winner

Lucky Dips:

€20 Cllr Mike Foley Main Street
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€20 (online) Ann Mason Blanemore

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MOVE WITH MARTINA

Martina is back at the Parish Hall with her chair-based exercise and balance classes. She provides a workout to suit every ability. The classes will improve your physical and mental well-being, as well as reducing your risk of falls. Come and enjoy some light exercise with Martina, who is a fully qualified instructor.

Classes are at the Parish Hall every Wednesday, from 7.30pm-8.30pm. Book now on 087 797 3688.

WEEKLY 41 GAME

The Listowel Emmets weekly card game is a 41 card game held on Monday nights at 8:30 PM sharp at the clubhouse in Frank Sheehy Park. It is open to everyone and results are posted on the Listowel Emmets GAA Club Facebook page. All are welcome and generous prize money is on offer.

GROW MENTAL HEALTH

The Grow Support Group meeting take place on Wednesday. Between 7:30pm-9:30pm, at the Seanchai Centre, 24 the Square Listowel, V31 RD93. This group is well supported so far in 2025 with the attendance at the meetings. If you would like any more information please attend or contact Jerry Cronin on 0860271990. All are welcome.

TFI LOCAL LINK

For information about all the routes servicing Ballylongford please phone TFI Local Link on (066) 714 7002 or visit <https://www.localinkkerry.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



Well known coursing folk at the weekend Irish Cup meeting in Patrickswell were Paddy Higgins from Ballylongford with Don O'Connell, Connie Curtin and Pat O'Sullivan. Photo Moss Joe Browne

On Swifter Feet... A story celebrating a national gold medal 50 years ago

By David Kissane

Fifty years ago a Kerry athlete won an All Ireland cross country championship race on a fine winter's day. He crossed the finish line in front of 249 other athletes in Belfield on Sunday, December 7th, 1975, winning the All Ireland BLE intermediate championship over 6 miles by 80 yards from the nearest challenger. A runaway victory and rare enough as not too many home-based Kerry athletes have won national individual titles in cross country. It was going to be the perfect Christmas present for the 25 year old Tarbert athlete.

Sonny Fennell was born in London in 1950. His father, Patrick, and mother, Elizabeth came to live in Tarmons in Tarbert two years later to the family farm. Sonny (or Morgan as he had been christened after his grandfather) was a late starter as an athlete. In his late teens, he had started winning local races in Kerry while at Listowel Technical School and was soon catching the eye in both track and cross country. A front runner with an unrelenting pace and as stylish as Prefontaine. Looked like "Pre" also.

Westward Bound...

After only two years competing with success at county, Munster and national level - where he was a bronze medalist in cross country in 1969 - fate brought him as a twenty year old to the US in February 1971 on a scholarship to Murray State University in Kentucky. Here he breasted the tape first in a number of top class races and was described by his coach Bill Cornell in 1971 as "my best runner so far". He was often called by his proper Christian name, Morgan. However, as with many scholarship holders from Ireland in the 1970s, Sonny's form dipped and he moved to New York where he joined the Millrose Athletic Club. He worked as a stone mason by day and trained in the evenings. He was winning half marathon races in 1:05.27 in Central Park for his new club in 1974. He won popular 12 mile races also, one being the John J Kelly 12 Miller in New London, Connecticut in August 1974 in a time of 56:55 with 154 competitors. He beat the highly rated Norb Sander, a New York Marathon winner, that day.

He retains warm memories of those days in the US. On one occasion he ran across the bridge where the 18 year old Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay) reportedly threw his gold boxing medal into the Ohio River on returning from the Rome Olympics as a protest against racial discrimination in a nearby Louisville restaurant. Sonny stopped and thought for a long while on that bridge.

In Louisville, Sonny met two priests, Fr Daltons, who were brothers from Listowel and they chatted about their famous relation, Bunny Dalton of the showband fame. The Irish came to chat with the Kerry athlete wherever he went and the support was appreciated. Events dictated another move, however, and Sonny Fennell decided to return to Ireland in 1974 to continue his career on home ground. The hard training done in the US bore fruit in 1974 and 1975 as he swept to victory in practically all his county competitions on his return. He wrote a host of road and cross country titles in to his portfolio and won the Kerry 1500m and 3000m titles on the track in the summer of 1975. Tarbert benefited also as he immediately started a brand new club in his native parish with the help of Jim Friel, Michael O'Connor and Des O'Connor.

Munster Success...

Then Munster beckoned. On a November Sunday in 1975 he drove to Tralee to join the Kerry team bus going to Castlemartyr in Cork. A legendary centre for cross country championship running. When he got to Tralee, however, the team bus was full and he was told to drive to Cork and by the way, could he pick up another athlete in Farranfore on the way! This he did and off to Castlemartyr and toggled out with the Kerry team and jogged up to the start line. He did then what he was used to doing in the US... Hared off from the start and won the Munster intermediate cross country title. In fact, he won by 200 yards from Michael Lawton of Cork and Cyril Donlon of Clare. Not only did Sonny take the individual gold, but he led the Kerry team to bronze medals for the first time ever at these championships. The team was Donal Crowley, Stephen Griffin, John Griffin, (all St John's), Michael O'Connor (Farranfore), Con Dennehy and Alan Diggins (Killorglin), David Kissane (UCC), Des O'Connor, Michael O'Connor (Tarbert), David Horan and Michael Flynn (Cordal). A curious postscript to the bronze win, however, was that there were no bronze team medals available, and the team members are still waiting.

Fennell's new Tarbert AC created another landmark on the day as Amos Murray won the first ever Munster juvenile cross country gold medal for his club in taking the U16 title. After Amos had won, Sonny went up to congratulate him and the young confident Amos said "Now your turn, Sonny!"

An unfortunate footnote to that win in Castlemartyr for Sonny was that his grand aunt, Lizzy Hanrahan, passed away on that very day in Ballylongford. She had been a keen supporter of his athletic success and he had spent a valued time with her before going to Cork that weekend.

Pre-All Ireland...

Around that autumn, Sonny went to live in Ballylongford, got a job in the ESB in Tarbert Island, working with Fitzgibbons Painters from Cork, and discovered that the roads around Ballylongford were ideal for training. Out to the Cross of the Wood and back, early morning runs and again after work with Jim Friel.

Jim was a tough runner and had also competed in boxing and hurling (where the famous Todd Nolan was a colleague). With the upcoming All Ireland in mind, he had upped his mileage to 80 per week with relentless regularity over the 6 weeks previous to the nationals with the help of his Tarbert AC team mates. Sonny measured his runs with his trusty car speedometer (no Garmin in those days) and always timed them on his wristwatch. He had no coach, just his own experience and advice from team mates.

One issue that didn't help in the lead-up to the big day was that Kerry did not enter a team for those national intermediates so Sonny was to carry the can for his county on his own. Travel and job commitments in the 1970s could be a challenge and the nationals were to be staged in Belfield in Dublin. Dublin was a lot further away from Kerry in the 1970s than it is now! That said, the huge crowd that travelled to see Kerry win a dramatic All Ireland football final in September against Dublin weren't worried about the distance!

Surprise Visit...

On the Fri evening before the race, a visitor arrived from the US. Old friend and college colleague, Illinois-native Jim Crejci found his way to Tarbert and was directed to Ballylongford by a local taxi man. Crejci was an All American in 1971 when he and Fennell were the top two hopes in Murray State University. He was a lean 6 foot 2 incher, a gifted athlete who had served time with the US Peace Corps in Micronesia in the middle of his college career but returned to Murray to run 14:24 for two miles and become both an inspiration, a training partner and an opponent for Sonny. They shared first and second places in many races, although Krejci was a senior in college when Sonny came as a freshman. After leaving college, the Illinois man worked on an oil rig in Norway but found Sonny in Ballylongford on Friday, December 5th 1975, just as the Kerryman was building up his focus on the big day. The visit was an inspiration and Sonny laughed when Jim said "This race on Sunday is a piece of cake, man!"

The two travelled together to Dublin on Saturday and called to Neil Cusack's sports shop in Limerick on the way. Jim and Neil had been friends and opponents in their college conference. Neil Cusack had of course carved a huge reputation in the US as a student and had won the NCAA cross country title for East Tennessee in 1972. He had become an Irish senior hero when he won the Boston Marathon in 1974 and was celebrated wherever he went. Good man to meet on the day before the All Ireland championship race.

Jim and Sonny stayed in the Montrose Hotel that night and the Kerry man dreamed his dreams.

Day of Destiny...

On Sunday morning, December 7th, as the city and the country were ready to go shopping or having a lie-in before the big traditional Christmas shopping day on December 8th, Sonny and Jim walked across the road to the Belfield cross country course where athletes from all over Ireland were gathering for the highly-rated intermediate cross country championships event. Intermediate was the grade below senior, but many of the athletes involved were county senior champions and had finished well up the field in national senior championships. Young and not-so-young were involved and a number of future internationals were in the field.

With the presence of his friend and the importance of the occasion itself, Sonny found he was becoming increasingly nervous as he was finishing his warm-up. That had never happened him before. By the time of track-suits off, he was shivering. He recalls two fella wishing him good luck as they passed, but he hardly heard them. He did hear his friend Jim roar from the crowd "Remember, Sonny, piece of cake, man!" That helped to settle the nerves. Another incident helped to get rid of the nerves also. As the athletes lined up, all 250 of them, Sonny was ushered way out to the edge of the massive crowd, away from the key close-to-bend position which can be vital in a large cross country field. The individual athletes were often placed on the outside away from the county teams. That got his dander up and was the spur he needed to run in anger! He did!

When the gun went off, he tore across the army of runners like a raging bull and that was the last they saw of Sonny until after the finish. He led all the way to the line and had an estimated 80 yards in old measurements to spare over his nearest challenger, Richard Barron of Waterford.

Sonny recalls that half way through the race, a woman in a Cork track suit ran along in the crowd to urge him on. He worried at one stage that the officials would disqualify him, thinking the woman was coaching him. He never saw the woman again, but thinks that she was a Cork athlete in the women's race later (which was only 2 miles) which had two Cork women in the top two individual places, and won the inter county and the inter club. But she wouldn't have been the first woman to try to chase Sonny Fennell, the Steve Prefontaine of Irish athletics that day!

The official men's results read as follows: 1. Sonny Fennell (Kerry), 27:30; 2. Richard Barron (Waterford), 27:40; 3. T Ryan (Waterford), 27:47; 4. M Greene (Clonliffe); 5. Robert Costello (Limerick); 6. D Sherry (Clonliffe); 7. J Bolger (UCD); 8. M Hayden (Tullamore); 9. M Walsh (Leevale); 10. Liam O'Brien (Midleton); 11. Dick Hooper (Raheny Shamrocks); 12. J Greene (Clonliffe). The inter county was won by Dublin and the inter club by Clonliffe.

Dick Hooper and Liam O'Brien, who followed Sonny a long way behind that day in Belfield, were among the finishers to reach international recognition in their chosen events. Dick was to represent Ireland in the marathon at three Olympics, in Moscow (1980), Los Angeles (1984) and Seoul (1988) and Liam went on to represent Ireland in the 1984 Olympic steeplechase in LA.

A last feature of the day irked Sonny as he waited around to be presented with his winner's medal.

The inter-county medals were presented first and Cork were mistakenly given the gold, and went off home to catch the train. They were gone when it was announced that in fact Dublin had won! In the confusion, the officials forgot to present the individual medals until Sonny and the two other medalists asked "What about us?"

The radio report that Sunday evening said Sonny Fennell had a tremendous victory, but worried his supporters by looking back often to check where the rest of the competitors were. Sonny had no memories of looking back. Just crossing the line with joy and satisfaction.

Apres Run...

He celebrated with a group, including Jim (who was right...it was a piece of cake that day for the Kerryman!) in the Montrose that night and remembers meeting some athletes who were big names at the time. Kevin Humphreys was one. Kevin, quite an athlete in his day and a future politician, seemed more interested in talking about horses that night and wasn't too interested in talking to Sonny about his All Ireland victory! On the following day, December 8th, as the trains pulled in to Heuston loaded with country shoppers on the other side of the city, Sonny went for a 5 mile run around Belfield, now silent after the excitement of the day before. "I was fresh and full of running" he says now, smiling with a fifty year-old satisfaction. In fact, he ran like a gazelle for the following days after returning to Kerry between Ballylongford and Tarbert and had a pleasant run-up to one of the Christmasses of his life.

That wet and damp Christmas of 1975, he celebrated Christmas Day at home in Tarmons with his mother and father, Patrick and Elizabeth, his brother Noel and sisters Maura and Norma. As the oldest in the family, he felt he had done something big at the close of that great year of 1975. How rare and precious big events are. How fleeting is the joy. Sonny was never to reach the heights of national titles again on home soil. Injury, the absence of a coach, getting a career with work satisfaction, life's ups and downs all came across his path and made that December day in Belfield his final watershed occasion in Ireland. Sonny returned to New York soon after and ran some fine races at various distances in 1976, with notable successes, as in the Eastern Region 10,000m in Yonkers. He won the 8.5 mile Magopac road race in 41:10 and helped his Millrose Club to the highly-respected team win. He also acted as pacemaker at Fordham University.

The Tarbert man's wandering foot brought him back to Kerry again soon afterwards and he tried a spell in Dublin where he secured a job. He joined up in training sessions with Clonliffe Harriers where Jerry Kiernan was thriving. But the job he had secured was not to his satisfaction and he returned once again to Kerry. He then focused in the national senior inter county cross country championships in Ennis on February 27th, 1977 and rated his form highly going into the race. A place on the Irish senior team for the upcoming international cross country in Dusseldorf was his aim. But he got spiked at the start of the seven and a half mile race over the hills and dales of Clare as defined by St Flannan's College grounds, another athlete's shoe swept the spike off his foot and he had to scramble back to retrieve it in the mud. He finished 10th and just missed a place on the Irish team. Danny McDavid got over the line in front of Sonny and the Donegal postman was later selected to wear the green vest. Jerry Kiernan (Clonliffe Harriers) finished in 5th place just ahead of Neil Cusack (Limerick AC). Sonny was named as a reserve for the Irish team for Dusseldorf but wasn't called upon to travel. How small are the margins. How close can you come. How cruel can the hand of fate touch our cheeks.

A week later sonny won the Kerry BLE 10 mile road championship title in Farranfore in a time of 52:45.2 ahead of the upcoming star John Griffin (St John's) and later got the role of coach with the Kerry cross country team but the winning days were done.

He lives in his native Tarbert now and is proud of his US experience and his landmark 1975 national title.

The words of Brendan Kennelly, from Ballylongford where Sonny upped his training to 80 miles per week in 1975, ring very true for the Tarbert man. The words articulate the lives of so many athletes:

"I wish him well
Whatever barriers he breaks.
He runs towards a freedom
Desired by every one
But always there, ahead of him,
Freedom runs on swifter feet..."



KILFLYNN

KILFLYNN ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 2026

Kilflynn Community Together organising committee look forward to welcoming you to Kilflynn for the 2026 St Patrick's Day festival Parade Tuesday 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.

This year's Grand Marshal will be named nearer to The Day. We look forward to seeing you all and hope you all have a wonderful day. Keep an eye on the Kilflynn Community Together page for further updates

CONFIRMATION

Forty children from Abbeydorney NS, Kilahan NS and Kilflynn NS received the Sacrament of Confirmation in St Bernard's Church, Abbeydorney, from the Bishop of Kerry, Rev Bishop Ray Browne, who was assisted by Fr. Jerry Keane Abbeydorney P.P, Fr. Nicholas Flynn. Diocesan Secretary, Fr. Pat Crean Lynch, Fr. Leane, Fr. Gerard Finucane and Deacon Francis White, Kilflynn on Wednesday 25th February in St. Bernard's Church, Abbeydorney. After the beautiful ceremony the bishop posed for photographs with the children and their families.

The boys and girls who received the Sacrament from St Teresa's National School were Tom Relihan, Laura Breen, Holly Slattery, Michael Og Lynch, Millie Lynch, Dylan McElligott, Caoimhe Sheehy, Cody McKenna, Elsie Hext, Niamh O'Brien, JJ Whyte, Charlotte Casey, Lilymai O'Sullivan, Ronan Galvin, Zoe McElligott and Charlie Ryan.

Congratulations to the children from St Teresa's National School, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation, also the parents and their teacher, Sinead Hogan who had the children well prepared for their big day. Thanks also to Ann Mahony and The Abbeydorney School choir for the beautiful music and singing.

CROTTA LOTTO RESULTS

Parker's Pub, Kilflynn was the venue for the Crotta Hurling Club weekly lotto draw on Monday 2nd March, The Four numbers drawn out of the drum by the independent observer: Graham Harris, Clounsillagh, Lixnaw were 14,17,22 and 31. There was no winner of the 6,500 Jackpot.

Congratulations to the following who won €35 in the lucky dip draw: Joanne Hayes, Abbeydorney, Matt Sweetman, O'Sullivan Cycles, Listowel and Liz Nicholson, Castletown, Kilflynn

The next draw will take place in Herbert's Bar, Kilflynn on Monday night 9th March at 10.30pm with a €6,600 Jackpot.

Tickets available 3 for €5 online visit www.crottagaa.club or this link <https://tinyurl.com/crotta-club-lotto> 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

CROTTA GAA

Congratulations to CBS The Green, Tralee footballers and their mentors, especially our players Cillian Hurley and Ryan Hurley who help the Tralee side to book their place in the Hogan Cup final in Croke Park on St. Patrick's Day where they will face Mullingar's Coláiste Mhuire who progressed after an extra-time battle in the other semi-final

All-Ireland Hogan Cup (Senior A Football) semi-final results
St Gerald's (Castlebar) 1-15 Tralee CBS 4-11
Abbey CBS (Newry) 3-12 Coláiste Mhuire (Mullingar) 1-23

North Kerry Hurling Board U15 'A' Championship at the sportsfield, Dromakee on 28th February
Crotta 2-10 -v- Abbeydorney 2-09

2026 County SHL Round 1 Result - Lixnaw 1-10 to Crotta O'Neills 0-12 at Hermitage Park, Lixnaw on Sunday 1st March. Crotta are home to Abbeydorney on Sunday 8th March at 12 noon in the sports field Dromakee, Kilflynn

Full -Time in the 2026 Allianz Football League, Division 1 Round 5, Kerry 1-18 to Monaghan 0-07 in Fitzgerald Stadium on Sunday 1st March. Congratulations to the Kerry players and their mentors, especially the Crotta and St. Senan player Cillian Trant

Final score in Austin stack park in the Centra National Camogie League Div 2A: Kerry 1-12 to Carlow 1-09 on Saturday 28th February.

Great win for Kerry following a very exciting second half. Well done to Kerry Camogie players and their mentors against Carlow, especially the Crotta ladies Roisin Quinn, Amy O'Sullivan, Jackie Horgan and Aoife Behan

Lidl Ladies National Football League div result Kerry 1-09 to Galway 1-11 at Austin Stack Park, Tralee on Sunday 1st March Niamh Quinn, Crotta was a member of the Kerry side

ST SENANS GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

01/03/2026 at 19:30h - Jackpot €4,000
Numbers Drawn: 14,18,29,32
No jackpot winner. Lucky dip:
€30 each: Pat O Sullivan Rathea
James & Grace Kennelly Gortacloghane
€20 each: John Lenihan Kilcummin
Bobby & Marianne C/O Kelly's Shop
Shane Barrett Headford Killarney
Next week's Jackpot €4,100
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Thank you for your continued support.

MOYVANE

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BLOTTO

There was no winner of last Thursday night's Jackpot. Numbers drawn were 13 19 25 28. Lucky Dips: €100: Ciara & Karen Fitzgerald, Lenamore. €50: Eileen Windle, Glin. €20 each: Muiris Kearney, Moyvane South. Maura & Ellie Hickey, Dirha East, Listowel. Taylor Kennelly, c/o Michelle Dore, Moyvane. Ann Breen, Asdee. Phil & Connie Clancy, Listowel. Free Tickets: Mary Moloney, Moyvane. John Flaherty, The Village. Eileen Hannon, Willowbrook, Listowel. Paudie Sheehan, The Yard, Killeaney, Glin. Edmond Doran, Brosna. Next draw will be held this Thursday night, March 05 at Bingo in The Marian Hall. Bingo starts at 8.00pm. Jackpot €14,500.

SPIN THE WHEEL

Congratulations to Kathleen Stack, Dromerin, Listowel who won €300 last week. The minimum you can win on the wheel is €300 and the top prize is €2,000.

SPLIT THE BUCKET

Well done to Jerry Walsh who won €330 in the last draw. This week it could be you. Make sure you get your ticket before Thursday night. 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. Newtownsandies 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 will be held at Bingo this Thursday, March 05.

MOYVANE GAA

(See Sports Notes Section - Page 29)

EXERCISE CLASSES WITH CONOR O'NEILL

Continue at the Marian Hall every Monday 1.00pm-2.00pm. All are welcome Listowel

MEALA

Bereavement Support Group second Monday of every month 7.00- 8.30pm Listowel Community & Family Resource Centre.

MASS

We are now into a whole new phase of Masses in our parish. We are very lucky to have a very good and accommodating parish priest but we now have to share him with other parishes that are not as lucky as us. Thank you Fr. Brendan for your service since you came here.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MOYVANE:
Thursday, March 05 Mass in Moyvane at 7.00pm.
Friday, March 06 Mass at 7.00pm for Denis Hanrahan, First Anniversary and the Anniversary of Carol Ann Flahavin. Confessions will follow Mass.
Saturday, March 07 Mass at 7.30pm for the following: Florrie Mullin, Second Anniversary. Patrick Kearney, Kibbaha, First Anniversary. Jackie Hanrahan, Month's Mind. Margaret, Peggy, Wallace, Anniversary.

KNOCKANURE:

Friday, March 06 First Friday, Mass at 10.00am followed by confessions.
Sunday, March 08 Mass at 9.30am for the following: Hannah Keane, Anniversary. Hugh Goulding, Knockanure Village, Fifth Anniversary. Bridie Flavin, Trien, Anniversary.



Lios Tuathail AC athlete Maira Guiney - Bronze Medal Speed Bounce at The County Indoors



Lios Tuathail AC Athlete Alex Nagle Fennell - 3rd Standing Jump at The County Indoors



Lios Tuathail AC's Grace Kennelly County Sprint Champion at The County Indoors



Lios Tuathail AC's Aine Quilter 2 Individual Silver medals and Gold in Relay with Coach John at the Kerry Athletics Indoors Finals

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Enjoying a weekend get-together at a hostelry in Market St. Listowel were local man Danny Flahivan with well known Ballylongford entertainer John Martin O'Sullivan. Photo Moss Joe Browne



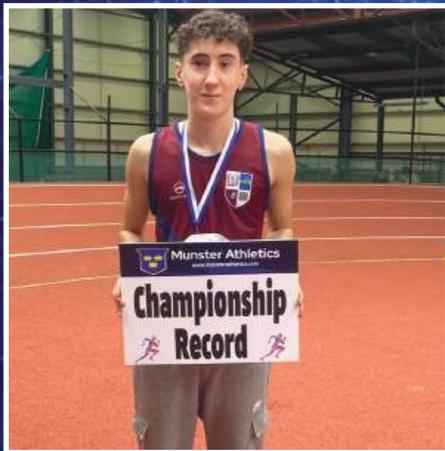
Listowel Celtic U13 B team who beat Milltown 4-3 last weekend in the U13 Cup



Lios Tuathail AC girls relay winners Lauryn Weir, Aoileann Collins, Elizabeth OHolloran and Aine Quilter at The Kerry Athletics Development Games



Ballyduff minor footballers travelled to Fossa to take on the home team in the Minor C Club Championship and came away with a 7 point victory on a scoreline of 3.16 to 1.15



Championship best record for the talented Lios Tuathail AC's Alex Collins U17 Triple Jump and Munster Champion at the Munsters U15 - U19 in Nenagh recently



Listowel Celtic U12 Girls who played last weekend



Sisters Emily and Lucy O Mahony - 3rd in Speed Bounce and Standing Jump at The County Indoors



Lios Tuathail AC Athletes - Overall Runners up at The Kerry Athletics Development Games



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LISTOWEL EMMETS

The 41 Card game organised by Emmets GAA Club continues every Monday night in the Clubhouse at Frank Sheehy Park, Listowel.

Jackpot of €160 in week 24 for 13 games. Starting time is 8.30 sharp and all are welcome.

Winners from Week 23:

1st: Jane Sullivan and Margaret Scannell.

2nd: Tom Sullivan and Michael Dowling.

Table Prizes: Maurice Walsh and Kay Kelliher; Eamon Canty and Pat Costello; Danny Scanlon and David Diggins; Mary and Ned Holland.

Winners from Week 22:

1st Shared: Frank and Liz Reidy; Pete Lyons and Kay Heffernan; Joe O'Connor and Jim Sheehy.

Table Prizes: Noel Carmody and Kevin Enright; Margaret and Áine Scannell; Kathleen Nolan and Nora Lynch; Denis Curtin and Tom Murphy.

LISTOWEL CELTIC

Draw 02/03/26 - Numbers Drawn 3-8-10-17

Jackpot not won - Lucky Dip Winners

€40 Karen Doyle Online

€20 Eileen Sheehan Online

€20 Lee Henderson Online

€20 Leslie Loughnane c/o Cons

€20 Mary Dillon, Woodlawn

Next Draw 9/03/26 at Con Dillons - Jackpot €2,450

LISTOWEL ATHLETIC CLUB

Our Younger athletes took part in a fun-filled and energetic day of competition for the U9 to U12 age groups at the MTU in the Kerry Athletics Development Games.

The event featured a wide range of activities including running, jumping, throwing and relay races, giving every athlete the chance to test their skills and enjoy the thrill of competition. For many of the children, this marked their very first experience of organised athletics meet — a big milestone in their sporting journeys.

All our athletes performed well with the following on the medal podium: Gold Medal winners Grace Kennelly, Lottie Allman, Grace Guiney. We had 2 Gold medal relay teams U12 Girls relay winners Lauryn Weir, Aoileann Collins, Elizabeth O'Holloran, Aine Quilter and U11 Boys relay winners: Jack Collins, Daryl Mongey, Dylan O'Connell, Thady Quirk

Silver Medal winners included Siofra McCarthy, Cadan Moloney, Dylan O'Connell and double Silver for Aine Quilter. U9 Girls Relay took silver with Lottie Allman, Emily O'Mahony, Eilis Quill and Cassie Lichmann.

Bronze Medal winners included Alex Nagle Fennell, John O'Halloran, Maira Guiney, Emily O'Mahony and Lucy O'Mahony.

A big thanks to all the coaches, parents and volunteers on the day. Training for Little Athletics is every Saturday in the Community centre.

Munster 4 Mile Road Championship

The Munster road championship was held in An Ríocht Athletic Club last Sunday in wet conditions. James Dillion continued his excellent racing with a top 5 finish in the Novice category in a very good time of 21 mins. James was part of the Senior team that collected Bronze and was the second Kerry senior man home earning valuable points. Noelle ran a solid race coming back from a recent injury to finish in the top 20. Well done to both.

Next week we see the tour of the U12 – U14 Munster indoors along with the Junior, Senior 3K Indoors, plus, Varsity indoors

LISTOWEL COMMUNITY GAMES

Community Games Cultural Events:

If there is anyone interested in taking part in any of the following.....

U13 & U16 Solo Recitation, (Individual Boys or Girls)

U13 & U16 Solo Music, (Individual Boys or Girls)

U13 & U16 Solo Singing (Individual Boys or Girls)

U13 & U16 Group Music Team - All boys, All girls, Mixed, Maximum 6

U13 & U16 Group Singing Team - All boys, All girls, Mixed, Maximum 6

Please contact Geraldine on 087 9719194 by Friday 20th March.

Handwriting:

The Handwriting competition will take place on Wednesday 18th of March in Scoil Realta na Maidine.

It is for U10, U12 & U14 Boys & Girls.

Participants must use the script supplied at the competition.

Competition starts at 7.00p.m. €3 per child.

All children intending on taking part must register with Deirdre on 0876835614 by Friday 13th of March.

Please keep an eye on our social media if you are interested in the following events: Cross Country, Marathon, Gymnastics, Cycling on Grass, Gaelic Football, Tag Rugby, Athletics, Pitch & Putt and Projects Competitions. These will all be advertised in the next month or so.

Condolences....

All in the Listowel Community Games committee would like to extend our deepest sympathies to our committee member Sarah on the passing of her Dad (Jackie/Sean) Gilbert.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sarah, her Mom Teresa, brothers Alan and John Paul, family and friends at this sad time.

May he rest in peace.

BALLYBUNION GOLF CLUB

Spring League Winners 2026

Shane O'Connor and Patrick J. O'Sullivan with 44 pts.

Single Stableford Spring League Week 5 – Sunday 1st March Old Course

1st Aidan (Listowel) Daly (4) 21 Pts (B6 15)

2nd John Carroll (6) 21 Pts

3rd Sean O'Sullivan (9) 20 Pts (B6 17)

Fixtures: Foursomes Stableford – Sunday 8th March Cashen Course

Ladies Competitions: Correction from last weeks results

Ladies Foursomes Sponsored by Jerry and Margaret Anne Behan Horse Shoe Bar and Restaurant Listowel – Saturday 21st February - Old Course

1st Ann Laverty & Josephine Larkin (24) 29pts

2nd Marion Kennedy Hogan & Anne Marie Sexton (24) 26pts (bk 9 – 11)

3rd Janice O'Connell & Joan Scanlon (12) 26pts (back 9-12)

Ladies Tuesday Voucher Competition – Tuesday 24th February - Cashen Course

1st Catherine Morrissey (22) 32 pts back 6 (6)

2nd Eileen Barrett (34) 32pts back 6 (5)

2nd Bernie Moloney (22) 27 pts

Ladies Team of 4 Competition Sponsored by Murphys New Homes – Saturday 28th February - Old Course

1st Anne Marie Carroll (14), Marie Kennelly (29), J O'Connell (11) & Elva Clancy (31) 65

2nd Ann Kennelly (17), Olga Kiely (21), Stephanie O'Reilly (36) & Lorraine Canty (11) 62 (BK9 20)

3rd Susan Gilmore Kettler (8), Ann O'Riordan (33), Ann Laverty (26) & Josephine Aherne (16) 62 (BK9 19)

Fixtures: Ladies Four Ball Sponsored by Murphys New Homes – Saturday 7th March Cashen Course

Ladies Tuesday Competition – Tuesday 10th March Cashen Course

Senior Ladies Competition – Thursday 27th February Old Course

1st Blanaid Mehigan (16) 21

2nd Anne Marie Healy (10) 20

3rd Olga Kiely (11) 18

Fixtures: Senior Ladies 9 Hole Competition – Friday 6th March Cashen Course

BEALE GAA

Beale minor lads secured a semi-final spot when we proved much stronger than Currow in the opening round of the County Club Championship, Group E, on Saturday afternoon in Páirc de Staic. A fine performance by the team sets us up for the upcoming semi-final against Cordal on Saturday at 3 o'clock in Cordal.

Beale seniors came up short against Duagh in round 3 of the North Kerry League, Division 1A, on Saturday afternoon. In the earlier rounds, we claimed victory over Desmonds and succumbed to Emmets. Our final round game is against Ballydonoghue in Páirc de Staic at 6 o'clock on Saturday.

Our senior lads contest Division 4 of the County League, again this year. We finished just outside the promotion zone last year and the team and management haven't missed a beat since. Over the past few weeks, players have shown resilience and determination in training. With a strong mix of youth and experience, foundations are solid and we head into the league with confidence and high hopes of climbing the divisional ladder.

A busy number of months ahead, as we host Cordal in Páirc de Staic in the opening round on Sunday, 15th March. Then we travel to Brosna at the end of March and host Skellig Rangers in Páirc de Staic on Easter weekend. Our final round game will be at the beginning of July against St. Michael's-Foilmore - loads of action before then! Full match schedule is posted on social media. Other teams in Division 4 are Sneem/Derrynane, Moyvane, Reenard, Cromane, Waterville, Dr. Crokes B, Pairsaigh Na Dromoda.

The draw had also taken place for the County Junior Club Championship. We contest Group 3, with our first game against Lispole and our other game against Cromane. Dates to be confirmed.

Our minors get the North Kerry League underway on March 30th, while our

junior team contests the league in early June. Best of luck to Odhran Buckley in training with the Kerry minors.

Keep up to date with all fixtures and results as they happen on our Beale GAA Community WhatsApp group. If you haven't already joined, use this link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/J4uYi6Yc04xBR3c0uXp4I8>. For updates, photos, and all the latest news from around the club, make sure you're following Beale GAA on Facebook, X (Twitter) and Instagram.

Get your Club membership before end of March. Log in and register on Foireann.ie. Only fully paid-up members are eligible to apply for any match tickets the club may get. Registration is now open. Fees same as last year.

Men and ladies' players' registration now due. Non-player membership also due before end March. It is essential that all under-age players returning to training are registered. Unregistered players are not covered by insurance and, unfortunately, cannot take part in training. Simply log on to www.foireann.ie or download the Foireann app to register.

New players are always welcome, and no prior experience is needed. We understand that some children might feel a bit nervous or unsure about joining a team sport. If that's the case, please don't hesitate to contact us – we'll be happy to provide any support your child needs.

We're also on the lookout for coaches and volunteers across most of our under-age teams. Whether you're new to coaching or simply curious to give it a try, we'd love to have you on board. It's a fantastic way to get involved, make a difference, and have plenty of fun in the process. Feel free to chat with someone in the club or reach out to us on social media if you're interested. No experience needed! If you are interested in becoming a referee with the club, we will provide full training and support. Your whistle awaits! There are loads of opportunities to get involved with the club – be it playing, volunteering, coaching, refereeing, fundraising or just supporting - we will be delighted to have you on board.

The Lotto draw took place in The Railway Bar on Sunday night. Numbers were: 1, 5, 9 and 31. There was no jackpot winner and Match-3 winners, win €25 each: Marguerite O'Carroll, Eamon Kissane, Phyllis Prendergast (online) and Dot O'Gorman. 6 Free Tickets Winner: John O'Connor.

Check out the winning Beale Lotto numbers and prize details each week in the local newspapers, on our social media platforms or in designated outlets. Next week's draw will take place in The Exchange on Sunday night, with a jackpot of €4,100. A huge 'mile buiochas' to all who support and promote the lotto. Beale Lotto tickets, €2 each or three for a fiver, are available in Cahill's SuperValu, the local pubs and online.

Get FREE Club membership with an Annual Lotto ticket. Your numbers will be entered in the lotto draw every week for a year and you get complimentary club membership when you buy an Annual Lotto ticket for €100. Get your annual ticket before the end of March. You can join our Annual Lotto online by logging onto www.foireann.ie or download the Foireann app or simply click the link on our Facebook, X or Instagram pages. Annual lotto tickets also available from club personnel.

A massive thank you to Dan Ahern, Beale Hill Wind Farm, main sponsor of Beale GAA. The Ahern family's unwavering support and deep-rooted connection to our club span generations. Mile Buiochas to Dan for his kind generosity and longstanding commitment to our club. Thank you also to all our associate sponsors for your patronage of Beale GAA.

Interested in being a Cúl Camp Coach? Recruitment now open. Cúl Camps run for 8 weeks in July and August. Send your CV to kerrycampcoaches@gmail.com. Closing date for application is Saturday, March 27th.

The County final of Scór na bPáistí takes place on Saturday, March 21st, in An Tinteán, Ballybunion. Best of luck to all taking part.

BALLYDONOGHUE GAA

Lotto Draw results:

The numbers drawn for Friday 27th February 2026, were as follows, 1, 7, 14, 19. The Jackpot was €4,300 and there was no Jackpot winner.

The following won 30 euro lucky dips:

Colin O'Mahoney - Online.

Ian O'Carroll - Online.

James O'Neill - Moybella.

Phil O'Sullivan - Tullamore.

Evie O'Sullivan - Perth.

The following won three free tickets:

Jack O'Connor - c/o Eileen O'Connor.

Ronan Diggins - Lisselton.

Siobhan Mason - Online.

Next Jackpot will be €4,400 and it will take place at the usual day and time Friday 6th March 2026, will be held in the Coolard Clubhouse, at 9p.m.

Online Entry closes at 8.30pm.

<https://ballydonoghuegaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/ballydonoghue-gaa>

Results: North Kerry Senior Division 1 Leagues 2026

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Division 1 Round 3

Ballydonoghue 0-15 v Listowel Emmets 2-06

County Minor Club Championship

Group B 1/4 Final - Saturday 28th February in Ballylongford

Northern Gaels 0.11 v Listowel Emmett's 0.10

Fixtures:

North Kerry League Division 1

Round 4: Beale v Ballydonoghue

Venue - Ballybunion - Saturday 7th March @ 6pm

Ballydonoghue mothers & others -

Any one who missed the registration night can contact Martha 087-7466946 or Martina 087-2694865

GAA NATIONAL CLUB DRAW

Please return all Gaa national club draw tickets as soon as possible.

Anyone with tickets can return them to the club officers.

Scór na Bpaisti: Scór na bpaisti North Kerry qualification will be held at the Ballylongford community hall on Sunday March the 8th at 1pm.

MEMBERSHIP IS DUE FOR 2026

Membership is now open for Ballydonoghue GAA. New members are also welcome! Register/Renew online at www.foireann.ie

If you cannot access your account, please contact club registrar's Eileen Foley on 087 6402715 or Myra O'Gorman on 087 9809559

We will also be holding a registration day in the clubhouse in the future, date & time to be confirmed

BALLYLONGFORD GAA

North Kerry League Saturday 28th February 2026.

Ballylongford travelled to Brosna on Sat in Rd 3 of the North Kerry League and were beaten on a score line of 1-16 to 1-06. The score line doesn't do justice to the efforts of our boys as they battled hard against a physically strong home team. All the games in the NKL have been great preparation for the county league, which starts on March 15th with a home game v Dr Crokes, and we're well set up to tackle the teams in Div 6-promotion from this division is a key target for us this year. This group of boys have shown great commitment in their preparation which is evidence with the much improved performances on the field.

Ballylongford GAA Senior Team:

1. Darren Murphy, 2. Pa Carmody, 3. Sean Carmody, 4. Oran O'Neill, 5. Liam Hanrahan, 6. Tadgh McEllistrem, 7. Paudie O'Neill, 8. Logan O'Sullivan, 9. Conor Carmody, 10. Jack Mulvihill, 11. Paddy O'Neill, 12. Michael Holly, 13. Adam Finucane, 14. Ciaran O'Connor, 15. Jeremiah Tydings. Substitutes used: 23. Matt O'Connor, 18. Cian Barratt, 20. Liam Mulvihill, 22. Paul Murphy, 23 Victor Flahive.

Management Team: Jim O'Carroll, Paudie Moroney, Nelius O'Connor, Liam Donegan, Kieran Culhane. PRO, Tom Carmody, Stats, Hughie Dineen, S&C, Shane Dunne.

County Minor Club Championship - Group B 1/4 Final

Saturday 28th February in Ballylongford

Northern Gaels 0.11 v Listowel Emmett's 0.10

Full Time Score.

Well done lads great result for the whole team.

Weekly Lotto Draw: Saturday 28th February

Jackpot €3750 - Numbers Drawn: 9, 10, 25, 27

There was no winner - Lucky Dips

€20 Cllr Mike Foley Main Street

€20 Bernadette O Sullivan

€20 Helen O Connor tullehinnell

€20 (online) Ann Mason Blanemore

Free tickets x 3 Mossie O Connor Street

Next week's Lotto €3800

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MOYVANE GAA

SENIORS

Result: SNKL Div 1B Round 2 - Ballyduff 1-12 Moyvane 2-06

Our seniors concluded their North Kerry League campaign with a defeat away to Ballyduff on Friday night last. Moyvane started the better and went in 5 points up at the break, but Ballyduff grew into the game, edging back the lead before a stoppage time goal gave them the victory. Attention now turns to the county league when we host Sneem/Derrynane in round 1 on March 15th. Moyvane Team: Brendan Galvin, Eamonn Stack Mulvihill, Oisín Kennelly, Jack O'Donoghue, Tadgh O'Connor, Shea Leahy, Gearoid Stack Mulvihill, Jack O'Connor, Micheál Fogarty, Jack O'Keefe, Patrick O'Connor, Fionn Mulvihill, Darragh Mulvihill, Darragh O'Keefe, Edward Moore. Subs introduced: Micheál Mulvihill, Eamonn O'Flaherty, Donal Leahy, Shane Carmody, Kiegan Moloney

MINIORS:

Moyvane opened their season with a long trip to Foilmore to play local side St.Michaels Foilmore / Skellig Rangers. For the first game of the season Moyvane played with a lot of heart and plenty of skill. The first half was a tight affair and at the short whistle the combination side led by 2 points.

At half time Jack Barrett was introduced into goals and Cian Fitz went out-field, with both contributing in scoring and preventing scores. All players gave it their all and in an energy zapping field with many playing a second game in 2 days the team stuck to the task and made an excellent fightback against the elements to finish the game just 2 points back. Credit to all players who played and travelled. Goal scorers were Cian Fitzgerald, Conor Buckley and James Kissane.

HT Time Score: Moyvane 0.04 SMF/SR 1.03

Full Time Score: Moyvane 3.06 SMF/SR 3.08

Moyvane Team: Cian Fitzgerald, Pádraig Kissane, Anthony Sheehy, Conor Kennelly, Oran Stack, Aaron Moloney, Oisín Stack, James Kissane, Donnacha O'Connor, Jer Mulvihill, Darragh O'Donoghue, Liam Cussen, Jai Stack, Conor Buckley, Jack Ahern, Jack Barrett

LOTTO: Lotto Results 01/03/2026 - Numbers: 10, 14, 20, 23

No Winner - Lucky Dips

Brian Stack - Online

Maura Nolan c/o Jim Nolan

Michael Fitzgibbon - Moyvane

Enda Galvin - Finuge

Maudie McCormack - Online

Next Week's Jackpot €7,400

Next Week's Draw Sunday March 8th 8:30pm in Enright's Bar

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CLUB CLEAN UP: On Saturday March 7th at 9am we are asking members to give a couple of hours of their time to help give our club grounds and facilities a spring clean. All help on the day would be greatly appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP: Club membership is now available for our adult players, under-age players and non-players. Membership can be paid on www.foireann.ie

ASDEE GAA

Golden Goal winners for Sunday 1st March, Donegal v Galway:

Denise Lynch, Eoin O Carroll, Pádraig Valley

DUAGH / LYRE COMM. GAMES

U11 mixed Basketball

Well done to our u11 mixed basketball team who represented Duagh/Lyre in the Kerry Community games competition last Saturday in Duagh sports complex. Drawn in a group of three the team recorded a win over Ballyduff and in the next game against Rock St/ Caherslee they needed the win to go to the semi finals unfortunately just missing out in the end. All the team played superb under coach Ann Scanlon. Team: Charles & Marga Daly, Louise Dillon, Michael O'Hanlon, Olivia Keane, Isabelle Kelly, Pádraig Kelly, Saoirse Lane, Aodhán Musgrave and Conor Walsh. Well done everyone we are so proud of you all, coming together and playing in a competition for the first time together. Thanks to Kerry Community games for a well run competition, our own Nelius Collins for coordinating and to the referees and volunteers for making it a success. Special thanks to venue hosts Duagh Sports complex.

U15 Boys Futsal

Best of luck to our u15 futsal team this Saturday at Duagh Sports complex in the Kerry Community Games competition. Further details next week.

U14 handwriting

This event is to be rescheduled please keep an eye on Facebook.

Chess continues Fri night 7-8pm.

Draughts training starting shortly.

KERRY PITCH & PUTT

Returning to a more traditional start time of March for the beginning of the season, Pitch & Putt officially gets going this weekend with the bringing forward of the Tim Scannell Memorial Inter-Club Matchplay to the time more associated with the Bob Casey Memorial Inter-Club Strokeplay in the past.

Full details will be with the clubs by the end of the week as last Sunday saw an Open 18-Hole Three Ball Scramble take place in Tralee as the County Board wishes to thank Des and Gemma Hurley of North/South Café in Tralee for their kind donation of refreshments for the players after a round which was played in difficult conditions last Sunday. First Nett winners on the day were the combination of Jamie Blake, Danny O'Leary & Catriona O'Connor with the Gross Prize won by Darren Goodall, Reece Sugrue & Fionn O'Callaghan. Second Nett winners on the day were Gavin Carroll, Gavin Dillane & John Lynch.

Back in January at the County Board AGM, Damien Fleming returned to the position of Chairman as Chris Gibney remains on the Board as a non-portfolio officer. We welcome Listowel's Tom O'Connor and Monty Galvin as our new U16 Officers while we wish Connie O'Sullivan well in the role of Competition Secretary. 2026 Officers:

Chairman: Damien Fleming (Deerpark)

Secretary: Jason Cregan (Tralee)

Treasurer: Sean O'Brien (Deerpark)

Registrar: Danny O'Leary (Tralee)

Competition Secretary: Connie O'Sullivan (Deerpark)

PRO: Jason O'Connor (Deerpark)

U16 Officers: Tom O'Connor & Monty Galvin (Listowel)

Non-Portfolio: Chris Gibney (Listowel) & Jason O'Regan (Tralee)

LOCAL PHARMACY BACKS LIXNAW'S ST MICHAEL'S BASKETBALL CLUB

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We truly appreciate their support of our club and our players, community backing like this makes all the difference. Thank you for getting St Michael's game ready for the court and keeping our players hydrated.

Pictured - Back: Aoife, Caoimhe and Matt Fitzmaurice (Life Pharmacy Lixnaw Sponsors) Tara McElligott, Orla Coyne, Sophie Conway (Club Chairperson)

Front: Club members Kyle Hussey, Ryan McCarthy, Eabha Hussey, Lathan McCarthy, Zoe Cronin, Lily McCarthy, Niamh Sheehy, Charlie & Patrick McElligott and Fabian Conway.



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Programme for 6th March 2026:

6pm: Confessions & Rosary
6.15pm: Mass & Benediction

Theme: Lent and Suffering in writing of St. Pio

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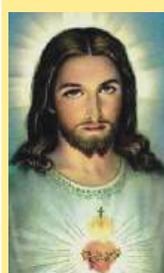
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PRECIOUS MOTHER OF JESUS

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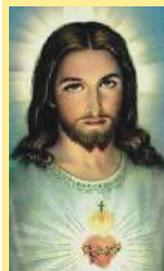
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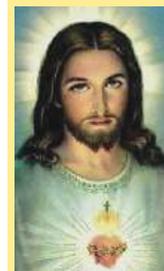
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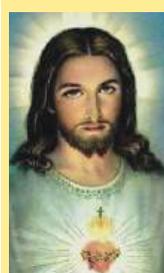
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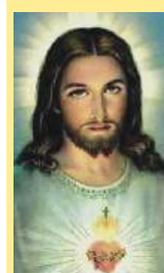
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