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Photos from the peaceful fuel and cost of living protest in Listowel last Sunday. One of many demonstrations taking place across Ireland, the event highlighted the important role of farmers and hauliers in supporting local communities. Between 400 and 500 locals attended, along with a biker convoy to Foynes, coming together to highlight what we feel is a growing disconnect between the Irish Government and the people it serves, and to call for greater respect, transparency, and accountability.

Photos by Seán Doyle

As is widely known at this stage, a No Confidence vote was held in Dáil Éireann on Tuesday, with the outcome coming as little surprise. We are lead to believe we live in a democracy, however many people feel that decision-making is too often shaped by party politics rather than the broader will of the public.

The vote was defeated by 92 to 78. For many, it is difficult to understand how 92 TDs could view the current political situation on the island to be anything but an ongoing failure. Yet, they have chosen to support their party position, even where this may appear to conflict with the concerns of their constituents.

It takes honesty to acknowledge when something isn't working, and it takes courage to act on that recognition. In the eyes of many, this was a moment where stronger leadership and responsiveness could have been shown.

There is clear awareness of the ongoing cost of living crisis, the severe strain facing Irish families, and the extortionate taxation burden in all aspects of our lives. They see how Michael Martin and Jim O'Callaghan tyrannically militarised An Garda Síochána and the Army against its own people. Taken together, these issues have contributed to a growing sense of frustration. Many believe that greater priority should be given to addressing the everyday realities faced by the people who work, pay taxes, and sustain the country. Supporting the government in this vote has, for some, raised questions around judgment and alignment with public concerns. Considering what has transpired in the last week alone, a confidence vote shows a lack of integrity and basic understanding.

Michael Healy-Rae deserves some recognition for his actions, whether motivated by principle, political calculation, or a combination of both. Regardless, it appears to have helped restore a degree of trust among parts of the Kerry electorate, particularly in contrast to the standing of Norma Foley and Michael Cahill.

There is an increasing sense that many people in Ireland have reached a point of fatigue. The government tends to behave more like a business or corporation than a public service, rather than consistently putting citizens' interests first. This perception has contributed to a growing willingness among people to voice their concerns. Recent protests suggest that dissatisfaction extends beyond any single issue, such as fuel prices, and reflects broader unease. The role played by hauliers and farmers in bringing attention to these concerns has not gone unnoticed and should be highly commended for igniting a once dormant flame.

There is also a perception among some that decisions are influenced by factors beyond Ireland's borders, with plenty more colourful plans on the horizon like Digital ID, raising further questions about future direction. At the same time, there is a sense that public engagement and scrutiny around such matters is becoming stronger with similar if not an even more vigorous future resistance anticipated.

It raises a broader reflection for leaders such as Michael Martin, Simon Harris, and their colleagues - that maintaining trust requires listening closely to the people they serve and responding thoughtfully to their concerns.

They would do well to remember the phrase...
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Author: Denis Walsh - April 15th 2026



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Well done to Nicole Keane, Cora Griffin and Alannah Fitzgerald who participated in the Listowel Community Games U13 Solo Singing Competition in Scoil Réalta na Maidine. Nicole won gold medal and now goes on to represent Listowel in the Counties. Cora got silver and Alannah got bronze



Anthony McAuliffe from Knocknagoshel with Mary Leen supporting the fuel protesters at Denny Street, Tralee on Sunday morning. Photo Moss Joe Browne



Early arrivals at Denny Street Tralee on Sunday morning for the fuel protest were Daragh Murmane from Killyninn with friends Clive Galvin, John Rahilly and Michael Foley.

Photo Moss Joe Browne



Friends meeting at Market Street Listowel on Thursday afternoon were Brendan Ashe from Causeway and Anna Horgan from Lisselton. Photo Moss Joe Browne



Well done to a large Lios Tuathail AC contingent at the Tribal Games in Newcastlewest Track last weekend in preparation for the Counties T&F. Well done to all athletes for representing the club



Congratulations to Duagh/Lyre Community Games participants Aoishe, Clara, Siún and Padraic who took part in Kerry Community Games Cross Country Competition in Beaufort



Well done to Duagh/Lyre Community games quiz team who participated in Kerry Community Games Quiz Competition last Friday in Castlemaine



Kempes Kellither enjoying his holiday in sunny Spain last week

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- Pain when lying on the affected side
- Stiffness or reduced movement in the shoulder

Symptoms develop gradually over time, particularly in people involved in repetitive overhead activities such as sport or manual work, or with age-related changes in the tendon.

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has a background in both Physiotherapy and Athletic Therapy. She has experience working with a wide range of people, from athletes to older adults managing chronic conditions, helping them rebuild strength, improve mobility, and return to the activities that matter to them.



KERRY GROUP IRISH NOVEL OF THE YEAR AWARD: 2026 SHORTLIST ANNOUNCED

Listowel Writers' Week reveals five standout novels on the 2026 shortlist as the award enters its fourth decade.

Listowel Writers' Week has, on Tuesday 14th April, announced the shortlist for the 2026 Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year Award, one of Ireland's most prestigious literary honours. The announcement comes as the festival marks its 55th anniversary, with the award now entering its fourth decade of celebrating outstanding Irish fiction.

The 2026 shortlist features five acclaimed novels:

- Conversation with the Sea by **Hugo Hamilton**
- The Wardrobe Department by **Elaine Garvey**
- Ordinary Saints by **Niamh Ní Mhaoleoin**
- The Boy from the Sea by **Garrett Carr**
- Thirst Trap by **Gráinne O'Hare**

Catherine Keogh, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Kerry, commented, "As Listowel Writers' Week marks its 55th year, it is a moment to reflect on the longstanding connection between the festival and its homeplace. Kerry's own story began in Listowel over five decades ago, and we are proud to support a festival that has become such an important part of Ireland's cultural and literary life.

Now in its fourth decade, the Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year Award continues to recognise exceptional writing and storytelling. This year's shortlist reflects the strength and range of contemporary Irish fiction, and we look forward to celebrating these works during the festival."

This year's shortlist was selected by adjudicators Nicola Sturgeon, former First Minister of Scotland, and acclaimed author Andrew O'Hagan, whose collaboration brought together perspectives shaped by literature and public life. Nicola Sturgeon said: "It has been a privilege to judge the Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year, and a special pleasure to share the judging duties with my friend, Andrew O'Hagan. Choosing a short list from the many exceptional novels entered for the prize was no easy task but I am confident that we have selected the best of a bumper crop. The five shortlisted books are diverse in terms of subject and style and, between them, offer something for everyone. Any one of them would be a worthy winner and making the final decision will be extremely difficult."

Andrew O'Hagan added:

"Listowel Writers' Week has become a fixture in the literary calendar, and it has been an honour to work with Nicola Sturgeon in making a shortlist and selecting a winner for Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year. The art of the novel is thriving in Ireland and Nicola, and I have been struck by the strength of the voices and the beauty of the prose in the books we have chosen. It is not going to be easy choosing a winner, but it's been a joy to work with my friend, and I look forward to gathering in County Kerry."

Previous winners of the Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year Award include Niall Williams (Time of the Child, 2025), Darragh McKeon (Remembrance Sunday, 2024), Aingeala Flannery (The Amusements, 2023) and Claire Keegan (Foster, 2022).

Chairman of Listowel Writers' Week, Ned O'Sullivan, acknowledged both the award's enduring support and the work of the adjudicators: "We are sincerely grateful to Kerry Group for their longstanding and generous support of this award, which continues to recognise excellence in Irish fiction at the highest level. We also extend our thanks to Nicola Sturgeon and Andrew O'Hagan for the care, insight and commitment they have brought to the adjudication process."

The winner of the 2026 Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year Award will be announced on opening night, 27 May, at Listowel Writers' Week. The festival runs until 31 May 2026.

Pictured: Catherine Keogh; Chief Corporate Affairs Officer at Kerry; pictured with the short-listed authors for the Kerry Group Novel of the Year Award for Listowel Writers' Week at Kerry Group offices. Photo By : Domnick Walsh - Eye Focus LTD- 087 26 72 033



THE IMPORTANCE OF EXERCISE AND SLEEP IN REDUCING STRESS WHILE PREPARING FOR THE LEAVING CERT

By James Kenny is a retired Guidance Counsellor and has taught at both primary and second level.

In my column last week, I highlighted the importance of exercise and sleep in the weeks leading up to the Leaving Cert. I'd now like to further expand on this.

Preparing for the Leaving Cert can be a stressful time in a student's life. With long study hours, finalising projects and preparing for practicals and orals, it's easy to feel under pressure. However, one way to manage this stress is through active exercise and good quality sleep. This is supported by high-quality research.

Exercise is not just about physical health—it plays a powerful role in improving mental well-being. When you engage in physical activity it reduces feelings of anxiety and improve your mood, making it easier to stay positive and focused during this time of intensive study.

Another key benefit of exercise is its ability to improve concentration and memory. For Leaving Cert students, this can translate into better retention of information and more productive study sessions. After a long study session, a short break for exercise can actually make your study time more effective.

Students who incorporate regular physical activity into their routine often report feeling more relaxed and less overwhelmed. Importantly, exercise doesn't have to be intense or time-consuming. Even 20 minutes a day can make a noticeable difference. The key is consistency rather than intensity.

Good quality sleep too, is essential when preparing for the Leaving Cert because it directly affects memory, concentration, and overall performance.

It plays a key role in memory consolidation—this is when your brain processes and stores what you learned during the day. Without enough sleep, your ability to learn can drop significantly (some research suggests by up to 40%). Lack of sleep can lead to fatigue, stress, and difficulty thinking clearly, which can negatively impact your learning.

Overall, the research suggests that to study effectively, students should not just focus on long hours of revision, but also aim for some regular exercise and good sleep, as both work together to boost memory, concentration and exam performance

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Finding Calm in Busy Days

As April moves along, life often begins to feel that little bit busier. Routines are back in full swing, evenings are brighter (which we love!), but with that can sometimes come a sense of **overwhelm** — trying to fit everything into longer, fuller days.

It's something many of us experience, and it's a gentle reminder that while life may speed up, we still need to **slow ourselves down**.

Supporting Emotional Balance

When things feel busy, it's often the small things that help bring us back to balance. Taking a few quiet moments in the day, getting some fresh air, or simply stepping away from the noise can make a big difference.

Essential oils can be a beautiful support during these times. Blends that promote calm and grounding can help settle the mind and ease that feeling of being "on the go" all the time.

Balance is a favourite for creating a sense of steadiness and grounding, while **Adaptive** can be helpful for supporting emotional resilience during busy or demanding days. And of course, **Lavender** is always there for calm — especially in the evenings when it's time to unwind.

Creating a Simple Wind-Down Routine

As the evenings get brighter, it can be easy to stay up later, but our bodies still need rest. Creating a simple wind-down routine can really support better sleep and overall wellbeing.

This might be as simple as:

- diffusing a calming oil in the evening
- dimming the lights an hour before bed
- putting the phone away a little earlier
- or taking a few quiet minutes to reset

These small steps signal to the body that it's time to slow down.

Caroline's Top Tip – Pause & Breathe

When the day feels busy, take one minute to pause. Inhale slowly, exhale gently, and allow your shoulders to drop. Even a short moment like this can help reset your mind and bring you back to calm.

Supporting You Along the Way

Wellness isn't about having everything perfectly balanced — it's about having the tools to support yourself when things feel out of balance.

Essential oils have become a trusted part of daily life in many homes across North Kerry and West Limerick, and I'm always here to guide and support anyone who would like to begin or deepen their own wellness journey in a simple and manageable way.

Thought for the Week:

"Calm doesn't come from having less to do — it comes from giving yourself space within it."

Caroline
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Wellness with Caroline Horgan



THE PIGOTT POETRY PRIZE SHORTLIST ANNOUNCED

Listowel Writers' Week names the 2026 finalists as the award reaches its thirteenth year with an increased prize fund.

In Ireland, poetry has always held its place at the centre of cultural life. The announcement of a shortlist carries a particular weight. It marks not only recognition, but a moment of pause, where the work of language is brought into focus. The Pigott Poetry Prize, awarded annually as part of Listowel Writers' Week, has come to define that moment. The 2026 shortlist brings together three poets whose work reflects the depth and range of contemporary practice: Dean Browne, Jessica Traynor, and Bernard O'Donoghue.

Dean Browne's *After Party* is a debut of quiet assurance. His work has already been recognised through significant prizes and international publication, and this first full collection confirms a voice marked by restraint and precision. These are poems that resist excess, attentive to tone and to the spaces between what is said and what is withheld.

Jessica Traynor's *New Arcana* continues a body of work that has steadily expanded in ambition and reach. Her writing moves with control between the personal and the symbolic, drawing on image and pattern as a way of thinking through experience. The collection reflects a poet working with confidence, deepening an already distinctive voice.

With *The Anchorage*, Bernard O'Donoghue returns with the authority of a poet whose work has been shaped over decades. His writing remains grounded in clarity and attention, particularly to place and memory, while continuing to find new inflections within familiar themes. It is a collection that speaks with quiet confidence rather than declaration.

Now in its thirteenth year, the Pigott Poetry Prize has announced an increase in its award. The 2026 winner will receive €20,000, with €2,000 awarded to each of the other shortlisted poets. It is the largest monetary prize in Ireland for a new poetry collection by an Irish poet. The announcement comes as Listowel Writers' Week marks its 55th anniversary in 2026, underscoring both the longevity of the festival and its continued investment in contemporary writing.

Announcing the shortlist, Chairman of Listowel Writers' Week, Ned O'Sullivan, said:

"We are deeply grateful to the Pigott family for their continued support of this award. This year's shortlist reflects the strength and diversity of contemporary poetry in Ireland, and we are proud to celebrate these three outstanding poets."

The winner of the 2026 Pigott Poetry Prize will be announced during Listowel Writers' Week, which takes place from 27th to 31st May 2026. As ever, the festival will bring writers and readers together in a town where literature remains a living presence, carried in conversation as much as on the page.

Pictured: The three shortlisted collections for the 2026 Pigott Poetry Prize, pictured in the Bryan MacMahon Room, Kerry Writers' Museum. Photograph by Lisa O'Flaherty





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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.

Has anyone ever said to you that you look different or that there is something different about you since they last met you.

Imagine if everybody was the same, for example looked the same, ate the same food, enjoyed the same music, walked the same way, talked the same and dressed the same, wouldn't life be very boring. So sometimes change is good when its for the better.

So let's look at things from a different angle:

Different Lifestyles....

Young mums or dads at home with children, full or part time workers, office or manual workers, people who work away from home and people who work from home, retired people... No matter which of the above you slot into, these are different types of lifestyles but yet we may all be aiming to achieve the same outcome
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Different food preferences or requirements...

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Different exercise needs and choices...

Active or inactive, sporty people, people who hate exercise, younger people, older people, again we are all different and move at a different pace. But at the end of the day it is important that we enjoy what we do but we all want the same result which is to feel healthier and fitter.

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Different weight loss challenges...

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Different expectations...

Thinking it will be easy, not believing you can do it, happy to lose weight steadily or want results fast.

Again we all have different expectations but we also have to be realistic. Weight loss and Wellness happen over time by being patient with yourself, believing in yourself and understanding that if you were to continue doing the same thing all the time, you will always get the same results and there may never be anything different about you.

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

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

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Until next week Sandra and Rita



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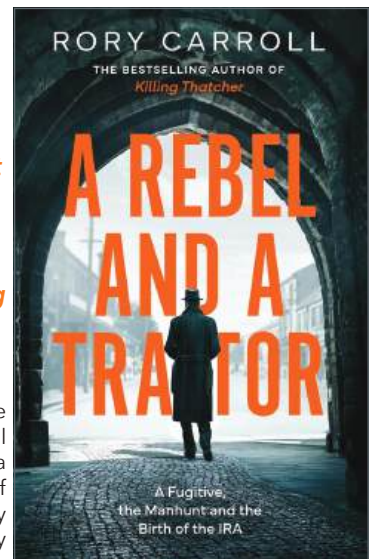
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TINTEÁN THEATRE

Sat 18th April: Strictly St. Joe's. Come along to support our amazing couples, enjoy a great night out and cheer them on as they take to the dance floor! It promises to be a great night with tickets selling fast. There will also be a raffle on the night with wonderful prizes up for grabs. Doors open: 6.30pm, Show starts 7pm. Tickets: e25 available from St. Joseph's Secondary School Parents Association Ballybunion or by contacting committee member Miriam on 087 6982711.

Wed 29th & Thurs 30th April: Abbeyfeale TY Musical – Coláiste Ide Agus Iosef present 'A Medley of Musicals'. Shows start at 7.30pm.

Sat 2nd May: Dublin City Ramblers - Show starts at 8pm, doors open 7pm

Check out www.tintean.ie for ticket sales and other upcoming events.

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Bingo will not take place this week, but we'll be back on April 22nd. Be sure to bring your friends along to help keep it going!

TIDY TOWNS

We held our AGM on Thursday. Thank you all who attended especially the newcomers. We have appointed 2 adhoc positions. A biodiversity and a sustainability officer. We are holding a general meeting this Thursday 16th April in Cottage Studios at 6.15pm. Also thank you to all who helped out on Clean up County. Though the weather was not helpful!! There are loads of full red bags!

Thanks to KCC we now have new railings going down to the Men's Beach

CREATIVE KIDS AT THE COTTAGE

Drop In Children's Art Classes, Cinema Lane, Main Street, Ballybunion. April classes Saturday 18th. 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.

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

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!

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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!

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.

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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

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SAN RITA WELLNESS

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

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

BALLYBUNION NOTES

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LIXNAW

PARISH MASS TIMES

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH: Friday 17th April, Mass at 7.30pm for Pat Sheehy, Keel. Saturday 18th April, Mass at 7.30pm for John McElligott, Dysert; Marie O'Connell, Liscullane.

RATHEA CHURCH: Sunday 19th April, Mass at 9.30am.

IRREMORE CHURCH: Saturday 19th April, Mass at 11.00am.

DEATHS

Patrick (Pats) Egan, Stack's Villas, Tralee and formerly of Garrynagore, Lixnaw. Sympathy to children Liz, Bridget, Margaret, Sam, Michael, and his brother Thomas. May he rest in peace.

LIXNAW COMMUNITY GAMES

Upcoming Event: entries are now being taken for the following competition - Girls Gaelic Football U.12. Please send your entry (name, address, date of birth, preferred event, and contact details) to lixnaw@communitygames.eu before the deadline of this Friday, 17th April.

Participants must reside in Lixnaw Parish, and the cut-off date is 31st July for individual age groups. For more information on these competitions, please go to www.cairncommunitygames.ie/events/team.

Sports Evening: A note for your diary. Our annual Athletics Evening is scheduled to take place at St. Senan's GAA Pitch on Friday, 24th April, at 6pm. Details on the programme of events to be released shortly.

LIXNAW GAA

SPLIT THE BUCKET DRAW

Congratulations to David O'Shea on winning €75 in the Split the Bucket Draw.

LIXNAW 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS: Lixnaw 50th Anniversary celebrations of our 1974 and 1976 winning minor championship teams will take place on Saturday 9th May. The intermediate winning championship team of 1974 will also be honoured on the night. Venue: Lixnaw Community Centre. Times: meet and greet at 6pm, function begins at 6.45pm. Tickets €25 each. Tickets for the function are essential and are available from the following people: Patrick McMahon and Kay Conway.

FOREVER 19 – AIDAN'S FINAL JOURNEY.

Our deeply missed clubmate and friend, Aidan Forristal is commemorated in the following challenge undertaking to raise funds for a facility in Cork which has supported many families across our community in times of great stress and worry. It's a great cause and a tremendous memorial to a fine young man who is remembered fondly.

Forever 19-Aidan's Final Journey. <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/tomowens1>

In memory of Aidan, his father Fozzy and his two friends Tom Owens and P.J. Meehan will take on an incredible 400km run across Ireland to raise funds for Brú Columbanus, which provides accommodation for families of patients of University Hospital Cork.

The journey begins at Brú Columbanus in Cork, continues through Dungarvan, to Aidan's granny and grandad's house in Glenmore, a place he always loved to go and felt at home. Then on to Ballinagarry, home of two of the runners, before travelling through Kilmallock and Aidan's home village of Lixnaw, finally finishing in Ardfer, his place of rest.

LIXNAW CLUB LOTTO DRAW

Jackpot €18,150. Numbers drawn were 14, 22, 27, 32. No jackpot winner. €30 winners: Maudie Murphy, Ballyduff (online); Jamie Fitzgerald, Lixnaw; Sharon McMahon, Lixnaw. Next Jackpot €18,200. Next draw Monday 13th April in Walsh's Bar. Tickets are available 3 for €5. Visit <https://www.lottoraiser.ie/LixnawCC/> or from usual outlets. Many thanks to all who contribute to our weekly lotto.

FINUGE GAA

FINUGE SENIORS: Next game is this Sunday 19th of April at 2pm, at home game against high-flying and table-topping Knocknagoshel. Come along and support!

FINUGE 500: Congratulations to Marie Whelan our February winner and James Allman who took the cash for March. Entry tickets for each month are available at McCarthy's Bar Finuge, Foleys Your Stop Shop Lixnaw, Stacks Londis Lixnaw, JJ Walsh Bar & Butchers Lixnaw, Gibbons Filling Station Lixnaw, and the Post Office Lixnaw. Tickets are also available online at www.finugegaa.com or from any club officer.

FINUGE CLUB MEMBERSHIP: It's that time of the year again and club membership is open to all those wishing to join. For any members that are playing, registration must be completed through Foireann - see www.foireann.ie It is important for all playing members to register through Foireann as it is an insurance requirement. Non-playing membership is also available through Foireann or through any club officer. The club would like to thank everyone for their support. Rates are as follows - Juvenile €40; Juvenile x 2 €70; Juvenile x 3 €90; Senior player €50; Non-playing Adult €50; Family (2 juveniles & 2 adults) €120.

ACADEMY: Our youngest members are back in action and looking forward to a great year ahead. Training for U6, U8, U10 and U12 is on Monday nights. Please feel free to contact us through social media or any club officer if you have a boy or girl in these ages that would like to try out Gaelic Football.

BALLYDUFF

LOTTO DRAW

The results of the weekly Ballyduff GAA Club, Lady's Walk Hurling Club and the Ballyduff Community Games Committee Lotto Draw for Tuesday April 7th are as follows: The numbers drawn were 4, 11, 18 and the Bonus Number was 1. There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot of €14,600 or Match 3 prize of €400. The €20 consolation prize winners were Elizabeth Hussey, Ardoughter; Elizabeth Hussey, Ardoughter and Mike Hussey & Mary, Online. 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

U15 hurlers:

Ballyduff u15 hurlers recently competed in and won the County Féile Division 1 title by defeating Abbeydorney in the final. As a result of this great achievement they have now qualified for the National Féile in June to be hosted by Laois/Carlow. Over the next few weeks the Ballyduff GAA Club will be fundraising for this event. If anyone wishes to donate or offer sponsorship to assist with the costs related to the event all contributions would be greatly appreciated.

The contact details for Donations/Sponsorship are as follows: David O'Grady (087)2421129; Joe Roberts (087)7854582; Onagh James (087)9647781. We would like to thank all the local people and businesses for their continued support of all our teams which is greatly appreciated.

The Ballyduff u15 Hurling panel is as follows: Billy Roberts; Jack Browne, Pádraig O'Connor, Shane O'Carroll; Ross Scanlon, Senan Ross, Robert Elston; Ruairi Condon (JC), Cillian Barron; Ronan Barron, Lorcan Enright (JC), Tiernan O'Brien; Anthony Doherty, Conor O'Sullivan, Gearóid Moriarty; Bobby Boyle, Cian O'Grady, Kieran Lucid, Bruce Boyle Conor James, Rian Lynch, Aidan Spillane, Josh Lucid, Jack O'Rourke Christopher Houlihan.

U10 Hurlers:

The U10s had their first run out of the season this against Rathmore in Ballyduff Sports Field recently – and what a start it was! There were some fantastic performances on display, with great skill, teamwork, and plenty of fine scores taken throughout the game. A brilliant effort from all the lads – keep up the hard work and the great attitude! The future is bright. Well done boys

U14 football

Our Under 14 footballers played Rd2 of the county league this evening at home to Currow.

The lead changed many times with both teams having dominant spells. A late goal by Currow gave them a 2 point lead at the short whistle.

Our boys dug deep and battled exceptionally well in the second half. In all areas of the field leaders drove Ballyduff to a battling one point victory.

Ballyduff 2-10 Currow 3-6

Best of luck to Currow in the season ahead. Thank you to E. Moran for refing and the support that came out in big numbers.

U16S football

Our Under 16 footballers got their North Kerry League campaign underway with a home game against Moyvane.

A lively end to end encounter with the home team taking the victory and the league points on a scoreline of 6.09 to 2.12. Well done to the lads on their win and to Maurice who played a Captains part on the night by bagging 2.01.

Thanks to Gerdy Carroll for officiating. Best of luck to Moyvane for the season ahead.

U10 football

A great start to the season for our U10 boys this evening, with a very strong performance against Beale

The teams played some excellent football throughout and took some quality scores. Credit to their hard work and teamwork

Next up is an away fixture against John Mitchels on 22/04/26.

CHURCH NEWS

Anniversaries: Róisín Griffin; Fr. Pat O'Brien; John O'Leary & Seán McCarthy; Bob Guerin; Hannah Mai & Mike Joe Regan.

Death: John Frizelle

Masses for the week:

Friday April 17th 7.00pm: Jim Behan – Month's Mind
Saturday April 18th 6.30pm: Eileen Kelly (née O'Grady) recently deceased; Ray & Ogje Barrett; Mary B Supple and deceased members of the Supple family; David & Kathleen Joy; Martin & Molly Leen.

Sunday April 19th 11.00am: Mass in Causeway

Readers April 18th: Adam & Sophia Burns
Eucharistic Ministers 18th: Richard Casey/Teddy O'Sullivan/Martina Mahony

Mass Servers March 18th: Elliott, Orla, Anthony
Divine Mercy Devotion: every Thursday in SS Peter's & Paul's Church

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Sunday in Ballyduff Church at 3.00pm

Follow our Facebook Page: For more information and announcements

Parish Office: Is open Tuesday to Friday weekly from 10.30am to 1.00pm. Please phone (066)7148404

Individual Confessions: First Saturday: Ballyduff 11.00am – 11.45am. Causeway 12 to 12.45pm

Parish Safeguarding Audit: Diocesan Safeguarding Committee wishes to thank all Safeguarding Representatives, Priests, Parish Secretaries for taking the time to complete the annual Parish Safeguarding Audit. Results from the audit are included in the most recent Safeguarding Newsletter which is available on the diocesan website.

CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES

Chair exercise classes with music takes place on each Thursday night at the Ballyduff Community Centre from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. There is a fee of €10.

GOLF OUTING

The Ramblers Golf Society travel to Beaufort Golf Club on this Saturday April 18th for their second outing of the year.

BINGO

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

BUDS FRC

Wednesday:

Life coaching with Margaret Gilbert from 10.00am to 12.00pm

Thursday:

Sewing class for kids from 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Friday:

Men shed breakfast every Friday from 9am to 12pm

Monday:

ADHD support group 10.00am to 11.00am; Active Retirement Group 2.00pm to 4.00pm; Joe Burkett theatre 5.00pm to 6.30pm; N.E.W.K.D craft circle Ballyduff from 7pm to 9pm

Tuesday:

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

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KILFLYNN

ABBEYDORNEY / KILFLYNN CARE GROUP SPRING OUTING

The Abbeydorney / Kilflynn Care Group is delighted to announce its Spring Outing!
Destination: Tralee Golf Club, Barrow
Date: Sunday, 19th April

Departure: The bus leaves the Complex in Abbeydorney at 12:00 noon (sharp), continuing to Kilflynn
Meal: 1:00 pm. Cost: €35 per person

Come along for a lovely afternoon of good food, great company, and a relaxing outing. All are welcome!

CROTTA LEISURE CYCLISTS

The group meets at Crotta Cross at 6:30pm every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday—so no excuses!

KERRY CAMOGIE

Congratulations and well done to the Kerry Camogie Senior team who defeated Meath 1-07 to 0-08 in the Centra Ireland Camogie Leagues Division 2 Final in St. Rynagh's, Banagher on Saturday, April 11th. They secured promotion back to Division 1B for the 2027 season, the first time since 2024. The Crotta Gaa Ladies Roisin Quinn (Wing Back) Jackie Horgan (Center Forward), Amy O'Sullivan (Wing Forward) and Aoife Behan, who came on as a sub, helped Kerry Camogie win the Centra Camogie Div 2 title. The victorious team and their mentors paid a visit to Parker's Pub on Sunday afternoon with the National League Cup.

With the National League Cup now proudly sitting in the trophy cabinet, Kerry's focus firmly shifts to the next big challenge

Munster Camogie Senior Championship Semi-Final
Bank Holiday Monday, May 4th
Clare or Waterford
Kerry Venue: TBC

They will host the winner of Clare v Waterford as we take another big step forward this season and for the first time in Kerry Camogie history we will participate in the Senior Championship.

CROTTA LOTTO RESULTS

Parker's Pub, Kilflynn was the venue for the Crotta Hurling Club weekly lotto draw on Monday 13th April. The Four numbers drawn from the drum by the independent observer, Graham Harris, Clounsilagh, Lixnaw were 9,11,15 and 29. There was no winner of the 7,100 Jackpot.

Congratulations to the following who won €35 in the lucky dip draw: Matt Flaherty, C/o Foley's Shop, Lixnaw and Michael O'Brien, Gortclohy, Kilflynn

The next draw will take place in Herbert's Bar, Kilflynn on Monday night 20th April at 10.30p.m with a €7,200 Jackpot.

Tickets are available: 3 for €5 online at www.crotttagaa.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

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, KILFLYNN

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

Mass will be celebrated on Friday 17th April at 10.00a.m and Saturday 11th April at 6.00 p.m Michael O'Brien, Gortclohy, Brendan, Kilflynn (Anniversey)

Easter Offering Envelopes are available in both churches for anyone who would like to contribute but does not have a box of envelopes. Please return Spring and Easter Offering envelopes. Míle buíochas.

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

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament Kilflynn: Monday 7.00p.m. – 8.00 p.m.. Check www.dioceseofkerry.ie go to Abbeydorney parish and check the newsletter.

CROTTA GAA

Congratulations to our player Sean McGrath (Full back) his Kerry team mates and management on their outstanding performance in the Christy Ring Cup in Trim on Sunday 12th April where they secured an impressive 3-17 to 0-12 victory over Meath.

County Senior hurling League Div 1 Crotta 2-12 to Ballyheigue 2-12 played in the sportsfield, Ballyheigue on Friday 10th April, The Crotta Seniors are away to Causeway on Friday night 17th April at 7.00p.m

Due to the uncertainty surrounding the fuel situation and taking into consideration travel for parents/coaches/referees, Kerry Coiste na nÓg decided to suspend all U12 Go Games and last weekend's Féile competition.

The Crotta Gaa club has lost another loyal supporter with the death of Pats Egan, of Stack's Villas, Tralee and formerly Garrynagore, Lixnaw.

Throughout the 50s and early 60s the Garrynagore man gave unwavering support to the club mostly as a junior player but always willing to fill a senior Jersey when needed. He provided transport to Crotta teams in those days when transport was scarce. In later years Pat's final contribution to the G. A. A was as groundsman at the Austin Stack Park in Tralee. Pat's second love was ploughing, he was a regular competitor at ploughing matches throughout the county.

He won the youths ploughing championship in 1952 and 53 and won the senior a couple of years later Pat's love of ploughing remained with him throughout his life.

On behalf of the Crotta Gaa club we offer our sympathies to Pat's Family, relatives, and many friends. May his soul rest in peace.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

First Communion: Abbeydorney Saturday 9th May 11.00 a.m. Kilflynn Saturday 16th May 11.00 a.m.

CLOTHING DRIVE

St. Teresa's National School, Kilflynn are holding a clothing recycling drive fundraising.

Please donate all your clean unwanted clothes, shoes, bed linen, curtains, towels, bags, belts and soft toys. Please Donate only clean dry and rewardable clothing as we cannot accept wet, dirty or damaged clothing or goods. No Duvets. Drop your bags at the Crotta Hurling Clubhouse, Dromakee, Kilflynn (Eircode V92 NW92) between 7:00 a.m.m to 10.00p.m. 7 days a week. The new collection date is Monday 13th April to Monday 11th May.

This clothes drive raises much needed funds to cover the shortfall in Departmental grants, your support will be greatly appreciated. Please spread the word to your family and friends

Thank you for your support and taking the time and effort to support our fundraising drive.

MOYVANE

Contact: moyvanenotes@gmail.com

MARIAN HALL BLOTTO

There was no winner of last Thursday night's Jackpot. Numbers drawn were: 3, 7, 14, 21. Lucky Dips: €100: Denise Carroll, Moyvane. €50: Jimmy Clancy, Listowel. €20 each: Oisín & Cian Woods, Listowel. Maurice Wallace, Glin. Anne & Rhea White, Ballyduff. Rosie O'Brien, Abbeylea. Cillian Haugh, Tarmons. Free Tickets: Donnacha Daly, Scartaglen. Mike & Liz O'Sullivan, Moyvane. Teresa Lynch, Newcastlewest. Caroline Brouder, Moyvane Bingo. Mary Brosnan, Derry, Listowel. Next draw will be held this Thursday night, April 16 at Bingo in The Marian Hall. Bingo starts at 8.00pm. Jackpot €15,000.

SPIN THE WHEEL

Congratulations to Maureen Mulvihill, Ardagh who spun the wheel and won €500 last week. The minimum you can win on the wheel is €300 and the top prize is €2,000.

SPLIT THE BUCKET

It's split the bucket week again. Make sure you get your tickets 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. Newtownsandes Co-op Curl up and Dye (Anna Enright Fogarty) and at Bingo in the Marian Hall. €2.00 per entry or 3 for €5.00. Thank you all for supporting this very important fundraiser for your local school. Next draw will be held at Bingo this Thursday, March 19.

MURHUR N.S. FUNDRAISER

Murhur N.S. will hold a school fundraiser on April 25, 2026, and we would love your support for "A Night at the Dogs" at the Kingdom Greyhound Stadium, Tralee. This promises to be a fantastic night of entertainment for all the family. Each ticket admits one adult, and children go free on the night. Tickets are available locally for €10, and everyone who purchases a ticket will be in with a chance to win some fantastic prizes. The pupils, staff, and families of Murhur N.S., Moyvane greatly appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you there!

MOYVANE GAA

LOTTO: 12/04/2026 Numbers: 2 18, 25, 32.

No Winner. Lucky Dips: Carmel Hudson, Kibaha. Mai Nolan, c/o Corridan's Garage. Nora & Annie, c/o Speedy's Bar. Sean Costello, Online. Pat Walsh, Leitrim East. Next Week's Jackpot: €8,000. Next Week's Draw Sunday, April 19 at 8:30pm in Enright's Bar. Tickets available in local businesses, or play online at moyvanegaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/moyvane-gaa

MOYVANE MEN'S SHED FUNDRAISING PUB QUIZ

Will be held in Speedy's Bar on this Friday, April 17 starting at 8.00pm. Funding is needed to get things up and running and men's sheds contribute so much to the community so your support is very important to get things off the ground. Please come along on Friday night.

MURHUR NS PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Will hold a "Cash for Clothes" Fundraiser for the school. Please drop your unwanted clothing to Moyvane Community Centre on Saturday, April 24 from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Friday, May 01 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm and Wednesday, May 06 from 10.00am to 11.00am. Please note no bedding, cushions or curtains accepted. Thank you for your support.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Moyvane\Knockanure. The chiropodist will attend The Marian Hall on Friday, April 17 at 10.00am. For appointment contact Noreen at 068 49238.

KNOCKANURE COMMUNITY TEXT ALERT

Would like to express sincere thanks to all who so generously subscribed to our Annual Collection last week-end at both Churches Knockanure and Moyvane. Total collected €675.00. We are delighted we can help so many people within our area and outside in whatever way they need by providing personal alarms, calling to homes and assisting in any way. Our members are available at any time to help. Chairperson Andrew Rogan, Secretary Margaret Carmody. Treasurers Marie Moran and Lily Stackpoole. We wish to express our sincere sympathy to the Stackpoole Family on the very sad passing of our very dear and loyal Chairperson John Stackpoole who was one of the founder members of our Community Alert fourteen years ago. May John's Gentle soul rest in peace.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MOYVANE:

Thursday, April 16 Celebration of Confirmation will be held at 2.30pm.

Saturday, April 18 Anniversary Mass at 7.30pm for Michael, Anne & Denis Hanrahan, The Hill. & Michael & Margaret Mulvihill, Gortdromosillihy.

KNOCKANURE:

Friday, April 17 Anniversary Mass at 7.00pm for Teresa Kennelly and Elizabeth & Michael Lane, Beenanasbig.

Sunday, April 19 5th Anniversary Mass at 9.30am for Angela Kearney and for Tom Kennelly, Alberta, Canada and formerly Knockanure, recently deceased.

TARBERT

TARBERT NEWS

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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Tarbert Historical and Heritage Society will take place on this Friday 17th. April at 8pm in the Bridewell, Tarbert when Patricia O'Connor, Ballyunion will talk on 'the Monks, the History and the Nature of Caldey Island in Wales'. This should be a very interesting talk on an unusual topic and everybody is welcome to attend. There will be a cupán tae ina diaidh agus fáilte roimh gach éinne. New members welcome and you can join on the night.

WOODLAND WALK

There will be a coffee morning and woodland walk on Saturday 2 May at Tarbert Bridewell. The walk at 10am. is optional. The coffee morning is from 11am. to 2pm. All proceeds go to the Recovery Haven, Kerry Cancer Support House.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

The Annual National Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday 19 April. A coach will be going from Killarney, travelling via Farranfore, Castleisland and Abbeyfeale. For further details you can contact Breeda on 087 / 6742306 or Margaret on 087 / 2976304.

SHOP IMPROVEMENTS

Best wishes and continued success to Noel and Kathleen Brosnan, Tarbert on the extensive renovations to their Daybreak shop in Main Street. As well as providing a 7 day weekly grocery collection 7am. to 9pm. opening hours as the only grocery shop in Tarbert they also provide ATM, news agency, deli counter, solid fuel, fruit and vegetable retail service, and provide local employment. Gura fada buan siad.

THANK YOU

The Finance Committee of St. Mary's Church, Tarbert thank you for your financial donations that underpin the smooth running of St. Mary's Parish Church. They ask you to continue to donate what you can on a weekly basis at any of the Masses on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday. Donations can also be made by bank transfer and the bank details are listed on the Church newsletter weekly. Míle buíochas.

BALLYLONGFORD

BALLYLONGFORD TIDY TOWNS

Ballylongford Tidy Towns would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who took part in the recent County Clean-up. The turnout and effort from volunteers was fantastic, and the results can be clearly seen throughout the village and surrounding areas.

Great credit is due to everyone who gave their time, it has made a real difference and is a reminder of the pride people have in Ballylongford and the strength of community spirit locally. We hope to keep the good work going over the coming weeks and, with any luck, we might see an improvement in the weather to help us along! All help is always appreciated, and even the smallest effort plays a part.

Well done again to all involved - your efforts do not go unnoticed. As always, please feel free to reach out to any member of the Tidy Towns group if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

BALLYLONGFORD PLAYGROUND

The official opening of the Ballylongford Playground & Park Area will take place on Saturday 2nd May at 3:30pm All Welcome.

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 Sunday

SOME OF THE WINNERS FROM KILLOCRIM NATIONAL SCHOOL'S EASTER RAFFLE



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Congratulations to Aideen Buckley, Leona Buckley, Culainn Doyle, Cerys Harteveld and Sean Kelly who represented Listowel in the Kerry County Community Games U14 Quiz and won Gold in Castlemaine. They now go on to represent Kerry in the Nationals



St Michael's Basketball Club U14 girls with Coach Emma Conway receiving their end of year medals and drink bottles kindly sponsored by Life Pharmacy Lixnaw.

Well done to all on a great season



Charles Farrell seated centre celebrated his birthday on Saturday night last April 11th at the Bunker Bar Ballybunion surrounded by his family



Congratulations to Liam Walsh from Ballylongford who received his All-Ireland JP McManus Scholarship in University Limerick, Studying International Business



Onset for "The House Must Win" by Mick Flannery starring Tommy Tiernan with the cast and the crew of Tintean Theatre, Ballybunion including Mike McKenna, Jimmy Deenihan, Padraig Hanrahan, Dermot Keane and Sean Healy. A special preview was held in The Tintean on Saturday 11th April. Photo by Francis Bennett



Listowel AC's Alex Collins has jumped his way to a National Gold Medal in the U17 Triple Jump indoors finals in Athlone last weekend. Alex is now a double champion after winning the Long Jump 2 weeks ago. A fantastic jumping performance from Alex. Congrats to all of his coaches, family for their continual support that is vital to succeed in an individual sport



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LISTOWEL EMMETS LADIES

New Members:

New members of all ages are always very welcome — whether you're new to football or returning to the game.

Training times are as follows:

- U8: Saturday mornings 10.30-11.30am in Frank Sheehy Park, Listowel
- U10: Thursdays 5.00-6.00pm in The Boys School Field
- U12: Mondays 7-8pm in St Michael's Grass Pitch
- U14: Mondays & Wednesdays 6-7.30pm in the Cows Lawn
- U16: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-7.30pm in the St Michael's Grass Pitch
- Minor & Senior: Wednesdays & Fridays 7pm in St Michael's Grass Pitch or the Cows Lawn

For more information, please contact Senior Manager and Chairman Mark on 087 719 4276, or speak to anyone involved with Listowel Emmets Ladies.

Groove & Bingo Fundraiser:

For the second year running, Listowel Emmets Ladies are delighted to host our much-loved fundraiser "Groove & Bingo", and this year it promises to be even bigger and better!

Saturday, 18th April - The Arms Hotel, Listowel
Doors open at 6pm - DJ on the night: Kevin Healy Rae

Entry and raffle tickets are available by contacting the Listowel Emmets Ladies Facebook page or Orla on 087 7849759.

Prizes for the raffle include;

- Zach Bryan premium Páirc Uí Chaoimh tickets
- Arsenal Premier League tickets
- Luke Combs tickets in Slane Castle
- €200 hotel voucher | €200 Ryanair voucher
- Kerry GAA season tickets.
- 1 ticket for €5. 3 for €10.

LISTOWEL CELTIC

Draw 13/04/26 - Numbers Drawn 12-14-22-28

Jackpot not won - Lucky Dip Winners

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| €40 | Helen Halpin, Ballygologue Park |
| €20 | John/Phil Sugrue, Cahirciveen |
| €20 | Billy Keane c/o John Bs |
| €20 | Gerard Scully c/o Shebeen |
| €20 | Dan G Kennedy c/o Jets |

Next Draw 20/04/26 at The Shebeen - Jackpot €2,750

LISTOWEL COMMUNITY GAMES

U14 Quiz...

Massive congratulations to our incredible U14 Quiz team who came FIRST in the Kerry Community Games County Quiz finals last Friday in Castlemaine Community Centre.

Fantastic teamwork and cool heads under pressure. As the rounds progressed the anticipation was becoming more intense. They were joint first after the first four rounds and joint second going into the last round. The team showed great determination and focus and came out in first place after the final round. All the practice and work that was put in by the team paid off.

Well done to Aideen Buckley, Cerys Hartevelde, Culaunn Doyle, Leona Buckley and Sean Kelly who now go on to represent Kerry in the National finals on the 4th of July. Thanks to all the parents for your support and to Karena and Siobhan who coached the team.

Thanks to all the organisers and volunteers for a well run event.

U13 Solo Singing...

Well done to the girls who participated in the U13 Solo Singing competition last Wednesday in Scoil Réalta na Maidine. A great evening was had by all. Congratulations to Nicole Keane who came first and now goes on to represent Listowel in Counties on April 26th. Well done to Cora Griffin (Sister Shona accompanied her on guitar) who finished 2nd and to Alannah Fitzgerald who finished 3rd.

Cross Country...

Well done to Aoileann Collins, Clodagh Lynch, Daryl Mongey and Jack Collins who represented Listowel last Sunday in the Kerry Community Games Cross Country races in Beaufort.

They all ran such great individual races and showed real grit and determination. They will have gained a great deal of experience in today's race as each of them were running out of age and will hopefully be back again next year. We hope you all enjoyed the experience.

Thanks to all the parents for your support and thanks to the event organisers and volunteers for a well run event.

SAVE THE DATE...

The Listowel Community Games Athletics will be held on Monday 27th of April. Keep an eye on our facebook page for more details, upcoming events and results

Best of luck to our U13 Chess team Ryan Deady, Robert Enright, Conor Ilchmann, Cian McCarthy, Sean O'Keeffe, Niall O'Leary and Jeffin Jomon who will be representing Kerry in the Community Games Munster Final in Rathkeale this Sunday 19th of April. We wish you all the very best of luck.

Best of luck to Fiona McGrath and Lottie Allman who will be representing Listowel in the Kerry Community Games Gymnastics final in Duagh this Sunday 19th of April. We wish you both the very best of luck.

BEALE GAA

Topping the table and in flying form, our senior lads will be aiming to keep the momentum going this weekend as we look to extend our County League winning streak. With six points from our opening three games, we make the trip to Sneem/Derrynane on Sunday. Throw-in is at 2.00pm.

It was a quieter week on the ladies' front, with our Division 3, County League clash against Furies postponed, along with all underage girls' fixtures. Our senior ladies host ISG (Inbhear na Scéine Gaels) in Páirc de Staic on Sunday at 12 noon.

Our minor lads were defeated by Finuge on Monday evening in Division 1 of the North Kerry League. With one win and one loss to date, we now turn our attention to our next fixture against Emmets in Listowel on Monday ay 6.30.

There was no shortage of action across our underage teams during the week, with plenty to cheer about. Our 14A boys produced a superb performance to record a fine win over St Michael's/Skellig Rangers in Páirc de Staic on Tuesday, finishing strongly on a scoreline of 5.09 to 2.13. The following evening, our u10 boys made the trip to Ballyduff and were involved in a lively and entertaining contest.

Thursday brought mixed fortunes. Our u16 lads battled bravely against a strong and physical St Senans side but were edged out in our North Kerry League encounter. However, there was lots of drama in Asdee, where our 14Bs came out on the right side of a thrilling, high-scoring game against Listry B, securing the points by the narrowest of margins, 5.10 to 5.9.

We have a busy week ahead with fixtures across the grades. Our minor girls are away to Austin Stacks on Tuesday in Connolly Park, Tralee, at 6 o'clock. Our u16s host Ballymac on Wednesday in Páirc de Staic at 6.30pm, before we travel to take on Annascaul/Castlegregory on Saturday in Castlegregory at 6 o'clock. Our u14s are also on the road on Sunday, as we face Cordal at 11 o'clock.

Beale underage boys are also in County League action this week, with our u14A side in Division 7, hosting Glenflesk on Tuesday in Páirc de Staic at 7 o'clock, while our u14B team travel to play Na Fianna B in Division 15A in Templenoe on Friday at 7 o'clock.

The Lotto draw took place in The Bunker Bar on Sunday night. Numbers were: 7, 21, 22 and 29. There was no jackpot winner and Match-3 winners €35 each: Denis O'Sullivan, Mary O'Brien and Kate Horgan. 6 Free Tickets Winner: Paul Blake

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, with a jackpot of €4,400. Mile Buiochas to everyone who supports and promotes our lotto.

BALLYBUNION GOLF CLUB

Men's Singles Sponsored by KCS Logistics & Cold Storage (GOY) – Sunday 12th April Old Course

1st	Tom Joe O'Mahony(16)	41 Pts
2nd	Jack C Buckley(9)	38 Pts
3rd	Cillian Beasley(7)	37 Pts (B9 20)
Best Gross:	Peter Sheehan	36
4th	Morgan Sheehy(7)	37 Pts (B9 19)

Category 1

1st	Aidan Buckley(6)	35 Pts
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Category 2

1st	John O'Tiarnaigh(8)	36 Pts (B9 20)
2nd	John Eggleston(8)	36 Pts (B9 18)
Gross:	Des O'Hanlon	

Category 3

1st	Fergus Fitzmaurice(15)	36 Pts (B9 20)
2nd	Danny Larkin(16)	36 Pts (B9 19)
Gross:	Frank Geary	

Category 4

1st	Robert Ryan(23)	37 Pts (B9 16)
2nd	David Walsh(21)	36 Pts (B9 15)
Gross:	John Hannan	

Fixtures:

Men's Singles Sponsored by Goggin Howell Insurance (GOY) – Sunday 19th April Old Course

Ladies Competitions:

Ladies Team of 4 Open Day Sponsored by Dermot O'Neill Academy – Monday 6th April Old Course

1st	Carol Slattery (35) Silloge Park, Elizabeth Bermingham (36) Castletroy, Michelle McManus (13) Luttrellstown, Eimer McManus (7) Limerick Golf Club	81 pts
2nd	Jane Kennedy (15) Shannon Golf Club, Noleen Neylon (10) Shannon Golf, Emma O'Halloran (16) Shannon Golf Club, Mary Tarmey (21) Atheryn Golf Club	80 pts B9-39

3rd	Siobhan Lynch (36), Nola Murray (29), Tess O'Brien (29), Siobhan Kennedy (28) – Charleville Golf Club	80 pts B9-38
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Two hole in one scores! Catherine Kavanagh (Mitchelstown) and Eileen Kavanagh (Castletroy)

Ladies Tuesday Competition – Tuesday 7th April Cashen Course

1st	Elaine Molyneux (18)	37pts (Bk 9 -19)
2nd	Maureen Culhane (22)	37 pts (Bk 9 -17)
3rd	Mary Hickey Keane (32)	36 pts (Bk 9 -17)
4th	Ruth FitzGerald (24)	36 pts (Bk 9 -15)

Fixtures:

Ladies GOY 1 Competition Sponsored by The Listowel Arms Hotel – Saturday 18th April Old Course

Ladies Tuesday Competition – Tuesday 21st April Old Course

Senior Men's Competition - Thursday 9th April Cashen Course

1st.	Billy Lane (12)	19pts. B6-15.
2nd.	Pdraig Murphy (9)21-2	19pts. B6-13.
3rd.	John McEnery (11)	18pts.
Gross.	Brendan Daly	13pts.
4th.	Anton Casey (9)	17pts.
5th.	Gerry Murray (12) 17-1	16pts. B6-13.
6th.	Michael (ballyb) Sugrue (8)	16pts. B6-12.
7th.	Dan Sheehan (8)18-2	16pts. B6-11. B3-7.
8th.	Sean Cororan (6)	16pts. B6-11. B3-4.
9th.	Pat McLoughlin (10)	16pts. B6-10.
10th.	P.J.Houlihan (7)	15pts. B6-11.
V.	Frank Dore (5) 18-4	14pts. B6-11.
S.V.	Michael P.O'Farrell (13) 19-5	14pts. B6-15.
S.S.V.	John Quirke (9) 16-1	15pts. B6-10.

Fixtures: Senior Men's Competition - Thursday 16th April Cashen Course

Senior Ladies Competitions:

Fixtures: Senior Ladies 9 Hole Competition – Friday 17th April Cashen Course

FINUGE GAA

FINUGE 500: Congratulations to Marie Whelan our February winner and James Allman who took the cash for March. Entry tickets for each month are available at McCarthy's Bar Finuge, Foleys Your Stop Shop Lixnaw, Stacks Londis Lixnaw, JJ Walsh Bar & Butchers Lixnaw, Gibbons Filling Station Lixnaw and the Post Office Lixnaw. Tickets also available online at www.finugegaa.com or from any club officer.

SENIOR: Round three of the Kerry county league took place last Sunday week when the team travelled away to meet Rathmore. A low scoring affair, our lads had a depleted team but still came close. Final score Rathmore 2-09; Finuge 0-10. This has the team with one win and two losses after round three so picking up a few wins in the next few rounds will be important to stay in the promotion hunt. Last weekend was a rest week and so no game, with the next game set for this Sunday the 19th of April at 2pm, with a home game against high-flying and table-topping Knocknagoshel.

Main senior team sponsor Buckley Agri of Listowel are on board again this year as principal sponsor and we are delighted to have such a prestigious business involved with our senior team. Competition sponsor is McCarthy Insurance Group - MIG.ie

MINOR: Round one of the North Kerry minor league got underway on Monday March 30th with an away game to Duagh. This game saw our lads play against a strong wind in the first half and went in at HT two points down. Our men had a very strong 3rd quarter and led by 5 points entering the final stretch. However, in an exciting final period, Duagh finished the strongest and equalised with last kick of the game! Final score - Duagh 2-08; Finuge 1-11. Last week our lads have a bye round, while in round three, the team are at home to Beale on Monday the 13th of April.

U16: Competitive actions kicked off last Thursday the 2nd of April when the team played Northern Gaels away in Coolard. Final result Northern Gaels 4-05; Finuge 5-08. Played in tough conditions with driving wind & rain, both teams should get huge credit for serving up an exciting game that swung from end to end. Well done to Ballydonoghue GAA for having the pitch in great condition with the recent poor weather. Thanks to referee John Hennessy and his um-

pires who ran a good game. Captain on the night was Pdraig McElligott who put in a big shift as always, driving his team forward from his backs position. Round two of the NK league U16 league sponsored by Macoil - Finuge 0-11; Duagh 4-17. A young Finuge team battled bravely against a very strong Duagh team in this game played in breezy conditions. Early goals set the visitors on their way. Captain on the night was Corey Heaphy who had put in a huge performance the previous game tackling hard, turning over ball and setting up attacks. Next up for the team will be the round three game with Listowel, at home, this Thursday at 6:30pm.

U15 FEILE: The much anticipated Feile competition was scheduled to be played last weekend, however due to the fuel crisis (and the shocking bad weather!) this was called off. We await details as to when the competition will now commence.

U14: This year our U14 players will be playing with St Senans - we wish the team all the best for the season ahead. The first game in the county league took place Tuesday 31st of April with an away game to Killarney Legion in division one. The B team played Legion, also away on last Thursday evening. Unfortunately both teams had to give way but only after great battles with only a few points separating the teams. Last week both teams were in action against Milltown/Castlemaine at home. The A side were very unlucky to go down by just two points while the B team secured a draw. Well done to the team on their efforts and are really close to the big teams in division one.

ACADAMEY: Our youngest members are back in action and looking forward to a great year ahead. Training for U6, U8, U10 and U12 is on Monday evenings. Please feel free to contact us through social media or any club officer if you have a boy or girl in these ages that would like to try out Gaelic Football.

SCÓR: Well done to the fantastic Catherine Lynch who came joint 3rd in the sean nós competition. Catherine represented Finuge GAA with great pride in the Scór county finals held in the Tintean Ballybunion. A huge 'thank you' to our hard working scór officer Christina Stack who puts in loads of work in the background preparing our various scór competitors. Thank you also to Kerry GAA and competition sponsor Lee Strand Milk.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP: Its that time of the year again and club membership is open to all those wishing to join. For any members that are playing, registration must be completed through Foireann - see www.foireann.ie It is important for all playing members to register through Foireann as it is an insurance requirement. Non-playing membership is also available through Foireann or through any club officer. The club wishes to thank everyone for their support. Rates are as follows - Juvenile €40; Juvenile x 2 €70; Juvenile x 3 €90; Senior player €50; Non-playing Adult €50; Family (2 juveniles & 2 adults) €120.

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 30 items of high quality Finuge branded sports gear to choose from, happy shopping.

KERRY CAMOIGE: A huge congratulations to the Kerry senior camoige team who won their division two league final last weekend, defeating Meath in a close affair. Shannon Collins from Lixnaw proved the game winner with the decisive goal which saw Kerry win by two points.

KERRY HURLING: John Griffins men are off the flying start in the Christy Ring competition with a comprehensive win over Meath in the opening round. Next up is a home game against Donegal this Saturday.

ASDEE GAA

Golden Goal winners for Sun 12th April - Armagh v Tyrone: Scott Fenton, Julie O Sullivan, Eamon Mulvihill

ST. SENANS GAA

Lotto Draw - 06/04/2026 Jackpot €4,500.

Numbers drawn were 06, 11, 29, 32. One Jackpot winner: Mike O'Connor, Rathea. Congratulations to Mike.

€30 winners: Geraldine Houlihan, Lixnaw; Doreen Buckley, Duagh €20 winners: Paud Twomey; Donal Foley, Ballylongford; Maurice Dowling, Gortacloaghane.

Next week's Jackpot will be €2,000. Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets are available at Kelly's Six Crosses, The Halfway Bar, Parker's Bar, Killynn, or play online.

DUAGH / LYRE COMM. GAMES

Quiz

Congratulations to our U14 Quiz team who performed so well in the Kerry Community Games County Quiz final in Castlemaine Community centre last Friday night. Unfortunately, our team finished outside the medals in sixth place in what was a very high scoring competition. The team have been so committed to their practice every week and great fun was also had. Huge well done to each member of the team for their commitment and dedication, we are very proud of each one of you. Working as a team is a fantastic skill to have. Thank you to the parents for bringing them to practice each week and to the competition last Friday especially during a fuel crisis we know it was a big ask. A huge thank you to Duagh Sports Complex for the use of the room. Team: Kirsten Brosnan, Ryan Cronin, Eoin Griffin, Sean Musgrave, Teagan Phillips and Tadhg Sheehy. Team Manager: Susan Brosnan. Well done everyone.

Handwriting results

Results of our recent Handwriting competition held at Duagh Sports Complex. The handwriting pieces were sent to an outside independent adjudicator. The judge found it difficult to separate each piece and the results came down to fine detail and narrow margins, this shows the standard of handwriting in the school. Well done to all our hand-writers, the winners in each age category their art piece goes forward to County for judging in the Kerry Community Games competition. U10 girls: 1st Louisa Brosnan, 2nd Aoidín O'Sullivan. U12 boys: 1st Pdraig Kelly 2nd Senan Brosnan. U12 girls Aoishe Murphy, U14 Girls

1st Siún Kelly, 2nd Shonagh Walshe, joint 3rd Clara Danagher and Kirsten Brosnan.

Art

Results of our recent Art competition held at Duagh Sports Complex. The Art work was sent to an outside independent adjudicator. Well done to all our artists, the winners in each age category their art piece goes forward to County for judging in the Kerry Community Games competition.

Results: U8 girls: 1st Aoibhin Sheehy, 2nd Farrah Sheeran, 3rd Ella Nolan. U8 boys 1st Jack Fitzgerald. U10 girls: 1st Ellen Buckley, 2nd Aoidín O'Sullivan, joint 3rd Neasa Carmody and Suri-Belle O'Connor. U10 boys 1st David Lyons, 2nd Ronan Sheeran. U12 girls 1st April O'Connor, 2nd Marga Daly. U12 boys 1st Charles Daly. U14 boys 1st Tadhg Sheehy, 2nd Luke Stack.

Cross Country

Well done to all our cross-country participants today who performed so well in their respective races last Sunday in Beaufort in the wind. Unfortunately finishing outside the medals but all participants have gained valuable competition experience. Special thanks to our parents who travelled Sunday during the fuel shortage. Well done to our participants Siún Kelly, Clara Danagher, Aoishe Murphy and Pdraig Kelly. Thanks to Kerry Community games for a well run competition.

KERRY PITCH AND PUTT

The first provincial Pitch & Putt competition of the year resulted in a Kerry 1-2 on Saturday in Riverdale, Nenagh, Co Tipperary as Tralee siblings Jamie and Charlotte Blake were victorious in the Munster Mixed Scotch Foursomes, one ahead of Deerpark duo Connie O'Sullivan Jnr and Eileen McCarthy in second.

Jamie was a winner of the Non-Mixed Section with his father Tony two years ago as he also won a prize with Charlotte in the Mixed event that year. On this occasion both Charlotte and himself won Saturday's Mixed event with a score of 18up, one ahead of Connie and Eileen's total of 17up. Two 9up rounds gave the Tralee pair their win as while Connie and Eileen also had 9up in their First 18 they could only manage 8up second time around. On a day when Kerry dominated the podium the pair of Alan and Catriona O'Connor finished on 13up with Jason and Bernadette O'Regan scoring 10up.

Sunday's Non-Mixed event saw only one of the three entered Kerry pairs take part as Mark Lucey and Alan O'Connor combined for 17up six shots off the winning score of 23up. The County Board congratulate both Jamie and Charlotte on their success last Sunday. The Nationals of this format are due to take place in Castleisland in October.

This weekend sees the first major Singles event of the year; the County Match-play Championships take place in Castleisland on Sunday as full details will be with clubs by the weekend.

A reminder to all players that the event is dress code.



Well done to a large Lios Tuathail AC contingent at the Tribal Games in Newcastlewest Track last weekend in preparation for the Counties T&F.

Well done to all athletes for representing the club

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MEANING OF LIFE

I'm sick of this world, sick of the hatred, sick of the fake news, sick of the real news, sick of the global agendas and ideologies and philosophies being slithered upon us...GET ME OUT OF HERE!!!!

I felt great after my rant to my lovely friend!

But my mind turns to some bible verses now. 1 John 5:19 states that "... **the whole world is under the control of the evil one...**"..."**The ruler of this world.**"John 12:31..."**The god of this age...**" 2 Corinthians 4:4...

OK, it may not be cool these days to express belief in the devil, satan, evil, demons. But because it isn't cool doesn't mean it isn't true. The Word of God says

"Be sober, be vigilant, your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter 5:8

And the Gospel of John 10:10 puts it like this: **"The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy ..."**

The Word of God is clear. When people live as if the One, True and Living God doesn't exist, they, by default, follow the god of this world. The god of this age has one role and that is to oppose God's Kingdom and distract humanity from the glory of Christ. Just look at the state of the world. Could one say that evil is winning???

BUT ABSOLUTELY NOT!

God is sovereign! He has absolute, supreme authority and power to rule over all creation, nations and human affairs according to His will!


Psalm 115:3 **"God does what He pleases."** Daniel 2:21, **"He establishes all rulers."** Psalm 103:19 **"His Kingdom rules over all."** Isaiah 46:10 **"My counsel shall stand and I will accomplish all My purposes."** (God says), Daniel 4:17, **"The Most High rules in the kingdom of men."**

Satan's authority is permitted only temporarily **BY GOD!**

And the Good News of the Gospel is that God the Father has...**"rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the Kingdom of the Son He loves"** (Jesus). Colossians 1:13. The One, True and Living God is so much greater than the god of this age. We just celebrated Easter to remember how God's Beloved Son Jesus died a brutal death and on the third day was raised from the dead. Why is this such a powerful truth? **"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."** John 3:16 This means we are no longer under the control of the god of this world. How incredibly amazing is this? How loved are we by God, by Jesus? How wonderful is this knowledge of the truth! How foolish are we if we don't accept His gift!

If you require any further information or would like a free Bible please contact LCF at 085 7387594 or email lcferry@gmail.com
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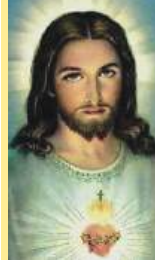
THE MIRACLE PRAYER



Dear Heart of Jesus in the past I have asked many favours.

This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour). Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your own favour not mine. Amen. Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted. Never been known to fail. Must promise publication of prayer. **D.C.**

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