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# Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Information Session

## Listowel Arms Hotel: Tuesday 9th June from 3pm to 7pm

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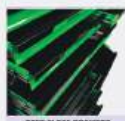
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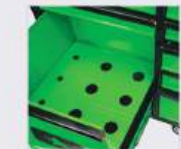
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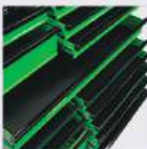
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Listowel Emmets U14 B team played a great County League semi final Division 13 and worked hard throughout but lost to a very strong Milltown / Castlemaine team



Emmets U14 ladies Amber team with a victory over Killarney Legion on Monday evening



Finn Moloney from Glin accepting the winners medal from Racing Manager Kieran Casey after Orchid Belle won the Novice 2 Final in Tralee on Saturday night last, with Declan, Nathan & Tom Moloney



Ballyduff's Chris Houlihan with Cashen Ashley a semi final winner of the Kasko Stakes Sweepstake at the Tralee Greyhound Track on Friday night that he co-owns with Irene Kennelly. Photo Moss Joe Browne



Early arrivals at Gortaglanna, Knockanure for the Annual Commemoration on Saturday evening were Patsy Lane, Kitty and Michael Windle with Pat Hunt. Photo Moss Joe Browne



Congratulations to all cyclists who represented Duagh/Lyre Communities Games last Sunday in the Kerry Community Games cycling on grass competition. All cyclist medalled and four have qualified for National finals



Well done to Robert Enright who won a silver medal in the Community Games U14 Boys cycling on grass County Final last Saturday



Congrats to Abbie Rose who celebrated her First Holy Communion in St. Mary's Church Listowel on 9th May



Sadie O'Brien Clieveragh who received her First Holy Communion in St Marys Church last Saturday pictured with her Mom Mary and Sister Chloe.

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## BON SECOURS HOSPITAL TO BE NEW HEALTH PARTNER TO KERRY CAMOGIE

Bon Secours Hospital Tralee (BSHT) is to be the new health partner to Kerry Camogie following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding, it has been announced.

Under this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Kerry Camogie and BSHT will collaborate across a range of mutually beneficial areas. This collaboration will include Kerry Camogie elite players having access to state-of-the-art body composition analysis, medical diagnostic services and other diagnostic testing.

The document was signed on behalf of Bon Secours Hospital Tralee by Mr TJ O'Connor, CEO, and on behalf of Kerry Camogie by Anne-Marie Russell, Chairperson Kerry Camogie. The hospital and Kerry Camogie are keen to see this partnership develop into a longer-term relationship.

Mr TJ O'Connor, CEO of Bon Secours Hospital Tralee, welcomed the agreement and said: "We in Bon Secours Hospital Tralee are delighted to be partnering with Kerry Camogie to support our elite women athletes. Through our partnerships with Kerry GAA, Kerry LGFA, Kerry FC, and Tralee Warriors, we have developed extensive expertise in supporting elite athletes, and we are thrilled to bring this expertise to Kerry Camogie. We are extremely proud of the women who represent our community and are delighted to be associated with them in this way. We look forward to sharing our diagnostic facilities over the coming weeks, months, and years, nurturing talent, raising the profile of women in sport, and supporting the continued success of our teams in Kerry."

Kerry Camogie Chairperson Anne Marie Russell welcomed the partnership, describing it as a significant development for the association in the county. "We are absolutely thrilled to partner with Bon Secours Hospital Tralee. Player welfare and athlete development are central to everything we do as an organisation, and this partnership will provide our elite players with access to first class medical and performance supports. The level of care and professionalism being offered through this agreement is exceptional and demonstrates the commitment both organisations share towards supporting athletes in Kerry. As our teams continue to compete and progress at the highest levels, partnerships like this are invaluable in helping our players perform to their full potential while ensuring their health and wellbeing are prioritised."

The agreement has been entered into in a spirit of collaboration and good faith, with both Kerry Camogie and Bon Secours Hospital Tralee committed to developing and strengthening the partnership over time.

Kerry Camogie would like to sincerely thank TJ O'Connor, CEO of Bon Secours Hospital Tralee for their support and looks forward to working closely together in the years ahead for the benefit of players throughout the county.

Photo by Domnick Walsh



## CCÉ LEAC SNÁMHA FÉILE CHEOIL WEEKEND 2026

The upcoming annual Féile Cheoil weekend will take place in the Ceolann, Lixnaw on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th May 2026.

On Friday 15th, we will host our annual concert incorporating Lixnaw CCÉ musicians, singers and dancers, at 7pm.

Saturday 16th May will see our branch host a variety of traditional music, singing and comhrá Gaeilge competitions. Entry on the day. These open competitions will begin at 12pm. On this same day, Saturday 16th May, we will host the inaugural Pats Dennehy Memorial Competition at 4pm. This music competition is confined to past and present members of Lixnaw CCÉ only.

For further information, please contact Anne on 087 697 9334. Beidh fáilte romhat ag gach duine

## COLÁISTE NA RÍOCHTA TEACHER INVITED TO PRESENT PROJECT AT EUROPEAN SCIENCE ON STAGE FESTIVAL

Coláiste na Ríochta, Listowel, is immensely proud of their Science teacher Ms. Maram Al Naimat, who has been invited to present an innovative project titled "Escape Room: The Silent Killer – Understanding Radon and its Environmental Effects as a Geohazard" at the 14th European Science on Stage Festival, taking place from 28–31 May 2026 in Klaipėda, Lithuania. Ms. Al Naimat is one of just four delegates selected from Ireland, a remarkable achievement that highlights the excellence of teaching and learning at Coláiste na Ríochta and the strong commitment to innovation and STEM education within Kerry ETB, proudly represented on the European stage.

Speaking about the achievement, Principal Iseult Glynn said: "Ms Al Naimat has been teaching in Coláiste na Ríochta for the past five years, delivering Junior Cycle Science as well as Maths, Chemistry and Physics. A passionate educator and a UDL (Universal Design for Learning) Champion, Ms Al Naimat is a leader in teaching and learning within our school community, and this recognition is richly deserved"



## FREE FINANCIAL COMMUNITY EVENT

A free Financial Literacy Event will be held on Friday 22 May at The Ashe Hotel, Tralee. Registration and tea/coffee from 10:30am, starting at 11am. Speakers from AIB, MABS, Kerry ETB and An Garda Síochána will share simple tips on managing money and staying safe from scams.

## LOCAL CREATIVITY AT APPLGREEN LISTOWEL - 11TH MAY 2026

Applegreen Listowel is proud to showcase the work of talented local artists, following an innovative initiative led by site manager Alaa Essa. In a unique collaboration with a Tralee Art Group, the café area of the service station has been transformed into a vibrant exhibition space, offering customers the opportunity to enjoy original artworks while they relax.

Recognising the importance of supporting the local community, Alaa invited Tralee Art Group to display their artwork within the café, creating a welcoming environment that celebrates creativity and culture. The initiative not only enhances customer experience but also provides a valuable platform for emerging and established artists in the region to share their work with a wider audience. The pieces on display are also available for purchase, giving visitors the opportunity to take home a unique piece of local art while directly supporting the artists.

Speaking about the collaboration, Alaa said: "We are always looking for ways to make Applegreen Listowel more than just a stop for fuel or food. By partnering with the local art group in Tralee, we're creating a space where customers can relax and enjoy something truly unique while also supporting local artists."

Caitriona Foley, Chairperson of the Tralee art group added: "This opportunity means a great deal to our artists. It gives us a chance to bring our work into the community in a new way, reaching people who might not normally visit galleries. We're delighted to partner with Applegreen Listowel and showcase the creativity that exists locally."

The initiative has already received positive feedback from customers, who appreciate the added character and warmth the artworks bring to the café setting. Applegreen remains committed to supporting local communities and fostering meaningful partnerships, and this collaboration in Listowel is a testament to that approach. Members of the public are encouraged to visit Applegreen Listowel to experience the exhibition, support local talent, and explore artwork available for purchase.

For more info please contact: Caitriona Foley 086 3748720



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As exam season draws closer, many homes around the country are beginning to feel the pressure. With the **Junior Cert** and **Leaving Cert** now only weeks away, there can often be a mixture of long study evenings, tired minds, nervous energy, and emotional ups and downs — not just for students, but for the whole household.

At times like this, creating a calm and supportive environment at home can make such a difference.

#### Essential Oils for Focus & Calm

There are a few oils I always reach for during busy study periods, especially when concentration and relaxation are equally important.

**Peppermint** is wonderful for supporting focus, alertness, and mental clarity. Diffusing it during study time can help refresh the mind and create an energising atmosphere without reaching for endless cups of coffee or sugary snacks.

**Lavender**, on the other hand, is perfect for helping the body slow down in the evenings. After long days of studying and screen time, it can help calm busy minds and encourage better rest and sleep.

Another beautiful blend is **Serenity**, which creates a peaceful atmosphere in the home and is especially lovely diffused in bedrooms at night.

#### Simple Ways to Use the Oils

There are so many easy ways to use these oils during exam season:

- Diffuse Peppermint while studying
- Apply Lavender diluted to the wrists or soles of the feet before bed
- Diffuse Serenity in the evening to help everyone unwind
- Keep a roller blend nearby for moments of stress or overwhelm

These small routines can help create moments of calm and support throughout busy days.

#### Caroline's Top Tip – Create a Study Routine

Try linking study time with a particular oil. Over time, the brain begins to associate that scent with focus and concentration, helping create a more positive and consistent study environment.

#### Supporting the Whole Family Naturally

One of the things I love most about essential oils is how they can support the whole household — from focus and energy to calm and sleep.

The **Family Essentials Kit** and **Home Essentials Kit** from dōTERRA include many of these everyday oils and are a lovely way to begin using natural supports at home. The Home Essentials Kit also includes a diffuser, making it even easier to create a calm environment during stressful times.

I'm always happy to support individuals and families across **North Kerry and West Limerick**, and beyond, helping you choose the right oils and showing you how to use them confidently in everyday life.

#### Thought for the Week:

"Calm minds learn better, rest better, and cope better."

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## LISTOWEL RACES SUMMER FESTIVAL LADIES DAY JUDGES ANNOUNCED

**Ladies Day on Style Stakes Sunday to be judged by presenter and media personality, Meghann Scully and reigning Rose of Tralee and Dancing with the Stars champion, Katelyn Cummins.**

The race is on to one of the highlights of the Summer racing season, the 3-day Listowel Races June Bank Holiday Meeting from Saturday 30th of May to Monday 1st of June. Highlights include the Best Dressed Lady Competition on Style Stakes Sunday sponsored by O'Flynn's Centra (Circle K) and two days of National Hunt action on Saturday and Monday and one day of Flat racing on Sunday. For more information visit [www.listowelraces.ie](http://www.listowelraces.ie) or call (068) 21144 and follow #listowelraces on social media for exclusive updates.

Racing highlights include the In Memory of Josephine Lyons 110 Series Final Handicap Hurdle of €25,000 on Saturday 30th of May; the Irish EBF Median Sires Series Maiden of €25,000 on Sunday 31st of May and the Join Racing TV with a Free Trial Now Handicap Hurdle of €25,000 on Monday 1st of June.

Style Stakes Sunday newly sponsored by Centra O'Flynn's (Circle K) on Sunday 31st of May. The prestigious Style Stakes Sunday returns to Listowel Racecourse on Sunday 31st of May, with presenter and media personality Meghann Scully and reigning International Rose of Tralee and Dancing with the Stars Ireland champion Katelyn Cummins confirmed as judges for this much anticipated fashion event.

There is an overall prize fund of €1,000, with the winning lady receiving a €500 cash prize and the two runners-up each awarded €250. All 10 of finalists will be taking home a luxury Kevin Murphy hair gift set, generously sponsored by National Beauty. Each set is packed with full-sized, skincare-inspired hair products to keep that salon-fresh glow going at home. And there is more...as each finalist will also receive a McGuire's Pharmacy gift bag with an array of wonderful skincare, along with a pair of exclusively designed earrings by Mary Mulhall of Inish Designs. Judging will commence on course from 2pm, with the overall winners will be announced in the parade ring following the fifth race.

**Meet the Judges...** Meghann Scully is a multimedia presenter working across television, radio and digital media. She regularly appears on RTÉ, Virgin Media and TG4 and is also heard across Off The Ball, Newstalk and a range of popular podcasts. Horse racing is in Meghann's blood and, having attended the Listowel Harvest Festival for many years as a TG4 presenter, she is looking forward to returning to Listowel this summer to soak up the atmosphere, racing and style on show. Meghann's race day look will be kindly sponsored by Coco Boutique, Listowel.

Katelyn Cummins is the reigning 2025 International Rose of Tralee and current Dancing with the Stars Ireland champion. She is excited to experience the glamour, fashion and atmosphere of Ladies Day at Listowel Racecourse this June Bank holiday.

Both judges will be out and about on course selecting their 10 finalists from 2pm, so anyone wishing to be considered are encouraged to arrive early and dress to impress for their chance to make the final shortlist.

Jamie and Colette O'Flynn of O'Flynn's Centra (Circle K), sponsors of Style Stakes Sunday, commented: "We are delighted to support the Listowel Races, which are such an integral part of the local community here in Listowel, through our sponsorship of the prestigious Style Stakes Sunday competition. Listowel is renowned throughout the country for its style, and the town is home to so many wonderful boutiques, designers and milliners. Everyone at O'Flynn's Centra (Circle K) is looking forward to a fantastic Bank Holiday weekend of racing, fashion and entertainment."

Whether you're a seasoned racing enthusiast or simply looking for a great day out, Listowel Races offers the perfect June Bank Holiday experience for friends and families alike. Alongside top-class racing, racegoers can enjoy stylish summer fashion, free musical entertainment and a vibrant festival atmosphere throughout the weekend. Sunday's meeting will also feature free family entertainment, including face painting and a bouncing castle for younger racegoers.

Excellent value for money...Racegoers can save €5 by purchasing tickets online in advance at [www.listowelraces.ie](http://www.listowelraces.ie), with online tickets priced at just €15. Adult tickets at the gate will cost €20, while OAP admission is available for €15. Children under 12 go free when accompanied by an adult, and generous group discounts are also available.

The June Bank Holiday Meeting is the first of two annual fixtures at the scenic Listowel Racecourse, ahead of the renowned seven-day Harvest Racing Festival, which takes place from Sunday, September 20th to Saturday, September 26th, 2026.

- For more information on tickets and events visit [www.listowelraces.ie](http://www.listowelraces.ie) or call (068) 21144.
- To book corporate hospitality for Ladies Day, email [sales@excellentchoice.ie](mailto:sales@excellentchoice.ie) or call 021 4319398.
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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.

I'm sure you are familiar with the saying "If the cap fits wear it".

Well, that's all fine and dandy if we were only talking about a cap. But what we want to think about this week is how can our clothes in our wardrobes help to keep our motivation strong and our weight loss and wellness journey going.

### Change of Season

This is now the time of the year, and more so with the change of season, we are having to maybe sort out our wardrobe and change around the clothes that are in there at the moment. For example, are there clothes in there that are too heavy, too dark, too wintry, too BIG, too SMALL or maybe just not quite fitting you right yet etc? Think about it.....

How often do we look in the wardrobe and say "I've nothing to wear".

Now that normality has resumed and we are all making plans to go places. Whether its meeting friends and having a meal out or maybe a night away, we all want to look and feel our best. Its great to now have an opportunity to get dressed up and we all have the clothes in the wardrobe that we haven't had a chance to wear in a while.

### Carrot V Stick

Clothes are something that can help us to keep our weight loss going. A bit like the carrot and the stick.

The CARROT being to get DOWN to a smaller size, and the STICK being not having to go UP to the bigger size. We are all guilty of hoarding and holding on to stuff, so take out the clothes that are too big for you and get rid of them, otherwise you will only be thinking sure I will always find something to fit if I gain weight again, so our advice would be to get RID, RID, RID

The type of clothes you wear can help or hinder your Weight loss. It's usually your clothes that'll be the first thing you notice as you start losing or gaining weight.

Avoid wearing elasticated waistbands ALL of the time, because they grow with you while an item of clothing with a waistband will always give you the pinch or the credit when it's due.

Next, take a look at what's not quite fitting right yet, and keep those where you will see them. That would remind you every time you open the wardrobe of what you want to achieve. The most important thing is that we should feel good in the clothes that we "want" to wear, and not just "have" to wear something because we have no choice and it will have to do. De-cluttering the wardrobe is like de-cluttering the mind, and that has to be good for our overall well being too.

### Think Ahead

Upcoming events can be a great motivator for us to keep us inspired on how we want to look and feel when we are dressed up. After all when you feel good about yourself on the inside, no matter what you wear it will sparkle through on the outside.

So, now we hope you will be busy sorting out the wardrobe over the week, but think about the satisfaction you will get every time you open the doors, knowing that you can put your hand on anything and every thing you love.

We at San Rita Wellness would often encourage our members to look beyond the number on the scales and focus on their changing body shape. Clothes are really a great indicator of the progress our members are seeing and feeling and also are a great motivator.

We will leave you with a thought...

**"Nothing tastes as good as being slim feels"**

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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### Home Economics: A Memoir

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Having cleaned part-time as a student, this return marks the beginning of a negotiation between the practical and creative demands of a writer's life - an equation that is further complicated when she becomes pregnant. At Trinity, Lally and her colleagues shout to one another through empty, ancient libraries, step around sleeping students and laugh at the cleaner-shaped blind spots in the thinking of feminist conference attendees. Lally finds humour in the gap between how the world views this famous university and how she experiences it during her workday while offering a powerful reflection on the work she chooses to do, and why; how we might perceive ourselves, and others; and whether our own personal home economics actually add up. In her third book and first memoir, Lally writes in that space between the way the world sees the life of a writer and the reality of her own juggle with all the different, complex parts of her: writer, mother and partner, cleaner and runner, employee and colleague... success and failure.

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# Writers' Week

## Listowel

### PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE 27th to 31st May, 2026

#### WEDNESDAY 27th MAY

Time	Event	Venue	Cost
2.00pm	Sunday Miscellany Live from Listowel Writers' Week	St. John's Theatre	€20
8.00pm	Official Opening of Listowel Writers' Week	Listowel Arms Hotel	Free

#### THURSDAY 28th MAY

Time	Event	Venue	Cost
10.00am	Historical Walk with Jimmy Deenihan	Departs: Listowel Arms Hotel	Free
10.00am	Miriam O'Callaghan meets Eadein O'Connell	Listowel Arms Hotel	€20
10.00am	Enjoy a morning of stories, songs & laughter with Frances Kennedy	Lizzy's Little Kitchen	Free
11.00am	Exhibition Opening - Michael Flaherty Coast	St. John's Theatre	Free
11.00am	Exploring History & Politics with Dr Owen O'Shea	Kerry Writers' Museum	€15
11.30am	Winners' Readings	Listowel Arms Hotel	Free
12noon	Book Launch - Dermot L Martyn	Kerry Writers' Museum	Free
12.30pm	Windows of Wonder Museum Tour	Kerry Writers' Museum	€10
1.00pm	John B. Keane Lecture with Christian O'Reilly	St. John's Theatre	€15
2.00pm	Colm Tóibín in conversation with Cathy Galvin	Listowel Arms Hotel	€20
3.00pm	Rud in Easnamh le Dic Walsh	St. John's Theatre	Free
3.30pm	Poetry Pharmacy with Enda Wyley	The Kilmorna Collection	€10
4.30pm	An Afternoon with Nicola Sturgeon in conversation with Andrew O'Hagan	Listowel Arms Hotel	€20
6.00pm	Poetry Trio: Zafar Kunial, Cathy Galvin and Victoria Kennefick	St. John's Theatre	€15
6.00pm	Joe Philpott talks to Billy Keane	John B. Keane's Bar	Free
6.30pm	Andrew O'Hagan & Brian Dillon	Listowel Arms Hotel	€15
7.30pm	A Troubadour's Dramatic Tour through the streets of Listowel led by Paddy McElligott	Departs: Listowel Arms Hotel	Free
8.00pm	An Evening with Merlin Holland & Colm Tóibín	Listowel Arms Hotel	€20
8.00pm	Evening Theatre - Am I Irish Yet with Kate Kerrigan	St. John's Theatre	€20
8.00pm	The Rambling House	Kerry Writers' Museum	Free
9.00pm	Mike Joyce of the Smiths talks The Drums with Paul McAloon	Mike The Pies	€30
9.30pm	Words & Music with Colum McCann & Colm Mac Con Iomaire	Listowel Arms Hotel	€20
9.30pm	Poet's Corner	Christy's Bar	Free

#### FRIDAY 29th MAY

Time	Event	Venue	Cost
10.00am	Morning Walk with Vincent Carmody	Departs: Listowel Arms Hotel	Free
10.00am	Enjoy a morning of stories, songs & laughter with Frances Kennedy	Lizzy's Little Kitchen	Free
11.00am	Catriona Crowe & Diarmaid Ferriter - Live Podcast	Listowel Arms Hotel	€15
11.00am	Ciorcal Cómhra with Áine Ní Ghlinn	St. John's Theatre	Free
11.00am	Art Exhibition: Henry Morgan - What The Light Holds	Kerry Writers' Museum	Free
12noon	Book Launch - Barbara Byar	Listowel Library	Free
12noon	Tom Hubbard - The Seamus Heaney Lecture	The Plaza Centre	€15
12.30pm	Windows of Wonder Museum Tour	Kerry Writers' Museum	€10
1.00pm	Lunchtime Theatre - The Man in the Woman's Shoes	St. John's Theatre	€20
1.00pm	Debut Duo, Neil Tully & Dara Waldron with Niall MacMonagle	Listowel Arms Hotel	€10

## FRIDAY 29th MAY

Time	Event	Venue	Cost
1.30pm	Poetry on the Bawn with John McGrath	Outside Kerry Writers' Museum	Free
2.30pm	John O'Donnell with Niall MacMonagle Presenting Mr Hoo & Other Stories	The Plaza Centre	€15
3.00pm	Edel Coffey & Charleen Hurtbuisé with Katriona O'Sullivan	Listowel Arms Hotel	€15
3.30pm	Poetry Pharmacy with Enda Wyley	The Kilmorna Collection	€10
4.00pm	Thuas í Lios Tuathail: 400 years of Irish Language Literature le Seamus Barra O'Suilleabháin	St. John's Theatre	€10
4.30pm	Pen Event with Éilís Ní Dhuibhne & Catherine Dunne	Listowel Arms Hotel	€10
5.00pm	Art Exhibition - Where Land Meets Sea by Olive Stack	Olive Stack Gallery	Free
5.30pm	Poetry with Győző Ferencz & Karen J McDonnell	St. John's Theatre	€15
6.00pm	John Connell - The Wisdom of Farmers	Listowel Arms Hotel	€15
6.00pm	Salmon Poetry Celebration	Kerry Writers' Museum	€15
8.00pm	Katriona O'Sullivan in conversation with Edel Coffey	Listowel Arms Hotel	€15
8.00pm	Evening Theatre - I Hear You and Rejoice	St. John's Theatre	€20
8.00pm	Owen O'Neill - I Could Write A Book About It	Mike The Pies Bar	€10
9.30pm	Poet's Corner	Christy's Bar	Free

## SATURDAY 30th MAY

Time	Event	Venue	Cost
10.00am	Morning Walk with John Keane	Departs: Listowel Arms Hotel	Free
11.00am	Arlen House Celebration with Liz Mc Manus & Nessa O'Mahony	Kerry Writers' Museum	€15
12noon	The Frank Hayes Memorial Event: The Looming Storm with Fergal Keane, Sally Hayden, Mick Lynch & Dr. Bozena Cierlik	Listowel Arms Hotel	€20
12.30pm	Windows of Wonder Museum Tour	Kerry Writers' Museum	€10
12.30pm	Erin Fornoff - We Are An Archipelago	Kerry Writers' Museum	€10
1.00pm	Lunchtime Theatre - The Curious Case of Kitsey Rainey	St. John's Theatre	€20
2.00pm	Cúirt Filíochta	An Leabharlann	Free
2.30pm	Mary Costello in conversation with Niall MacMonagle	St. John's Theatre	€20
3.30pm	This is Also a Love Story - Sally Hayden	Listowel Arms Hotel	€20
5.00pm	Ladies of Crime with Liz Nugent & Claire Coughlan	The Plaza Centre	€20
5.30pm	Book Launch - Mary Kennelly & Tony Guerin	Listowel Arms Hotel	Free
5.30pm	Keith Ridgway and Neil Jordan talk to Niall MacMonagle	St. John's Theatre	€15
6.00pm	Siobhán de Paor Bilingual Spoken Word Performance	The Kilmorna Collection	€10
6.30pm	Award-Winning Voices: Christine Dwyer Hickey & Andrew Miller in conversation with Enda Wyley	The Plaza Centre	€20
8.00pm	Evening Theatre - Paddy Armstrong	St. John's Theatre	€20
8.30pm	David McWilliams - The History of Money	Listowel Arms Hotel	€20

## SUNDAY 31st MAY

Time	Event	Venue	Cost
9.30am	Creative Writing & Kerry's Wildlife Corridors	Listowel Community Ctr.	Free
10.00am	River of Words Literary Bus Tour	Departs: Listowel Arms Hotel	€20
11.00am	Finding Joy - Dearbhla Mescal with Edaein O'Connell	Listowel Arms Hotel	€20
11.30am	Listowel Writers Week Mass	St. Mary's Church	
12noon	The Healing Session and the Laying of the Hands	John B. Keane's Bar	Free
1.00pm	Diasuke Yosumi - Let Go	Listowel Arms Hotel	€15
1.00pm	Lunchtime Theatre - Grace	St. John's Theatre	€15
2.00pm	Anya Bergman - The Tarot Reader of Versailles	Kerry Writers' Museum	€15
3.00pm	Sarah Breen & Emer McLysaght - The Aislings are Back in Listowel	Listowel Arms Hotel	€15
3.30pm	Mary Ann Kenny - The Episode	St. John's Theatre	€15
4.00pm	The Maureen Beasley Poetry Hour	Kerry Writers' Museum	Free
6.00pm	One of our Own: 'The Bard of Bellanaleck' - A Homage to Mickey MacConnell	Listowel Arms Hotel	€20
8.00pm	Evening Theatre: Inishfallen Fare Thee Well	St. John's Theatre	€18



## FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS

### WORKSHOPS

**Thursday 28th to Saturday 30th May, 2026**

Workshops begin at 9.30am each morning

**Creative Writing with Catherine Dunne**

**Poetry: A Celebration with Enda Wyley**

**Life Writing with John Connell**

**Writing Brave Poems with Victoria Kennefick**

**Short Stories with Éilís Ní Dhuibhne (Friday & Saturday only)**

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Subject to availability as numbers are strictly limited.

## SATURDAY 30th MAY

Time	Event	Venue	Cost
10.30am & 11.30am	Experiment, explore, and uncover the secrets hidden in everyday objects with Dr. Shane Bergin	Listowel Library	Free
2.00pm	Bandia na Bealtaine - Queen of the May- a nature tradition. Bilingual workshop with Siobhán de Paor	Listowel Community Ctr.	Free

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### CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jean, Donal, Danny, Conor and Barry Liston and the extended Mulligan families on the death of Jean's Mother Cora Mulligan of Nenagh, Co. Tipperary. May she Rest in Peace.

### CEMETERY MASSES

St. John's Cemetery, Ballybunion, Friday 5th June at 7:00 p.m.  
Killehenry Cemetery, Friday 26th June 7:00 p.m.  
Kilconly Cemetery, Friday 3rd July at 7:00 p.m.

### TINTEÁN THEATRE

Has an exciting line-up of concerts coming up this year: Bagatelle & Friends – "Celebrating the Legacy of Liam Reilly" takes place on Sunday, 14th June. Tickets are now available from Tinteán Theatre.

Timeless & Irish concert, presented by Radio Kerry, will be held on Wednesday, 17th June. Tickets are on sale now at Tinteán Ticket Office.

Gearóid McCarthy will perform in concert on Friday, 16th October at 8PM. Tickets are available from Ticketmaster Ireland.

For details on these and all upcoming events, visit [www.tintean.ie](http://www.tintean.ie)

### BALLYBUNION TRIATHLON CLUB

Pub Quiz, The Railway Bar, Friday 15th May. MC Tony Moore, /spot Prizes. €40 per table of 4. Start time 9pm. All support welcome.

### BALLYBUNION WILDCATS BASKETBALL CLUB AGM

Will take place on Monday May 18th and 8pm in the upstairs meeting room - Ballybunion community centre. Motions and nominations can be forward to the club secretary by email - [secretaryballybunionwildcats@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryballybunionwildcats@gmail.com). Your support is greatly appreciated.

### BALLYBUNION TIDY TOWNS

Remember our weekly meitheal is now on Monday at 6.30pm.

### FUNDRAISING SWIM FOR PALLIATIVE CARE IN KERRY

On June 14th at 1pm, five young swimmers from North Kerry — Cathal Slattery, Ewan Kennelly, Noah Connolly, JJ Liston and Adam Burns — will take on an extraordinary endurance challenge at Ballybunion Leisure Centre. The group will swim the equivalent of a half marathon (21.1km) to raise vital funds for the development of new Palliative Care rooms in Tralee.

This inspiring effort aims to support enhanced care services for patients and families across the region. Donations can be made at: <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/swimforkerryhospice>

### BINGO BALLYBUNION

Every Wednesday at 8pm 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!

### CREATIVE KIDS AT THE COTTAGE

Drop In Children's Art Classes, Cinema Lane, Main Street, Ballybunion. May classes will be held on Saturday 16th & 30th. 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 7:30pm 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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### 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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### 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](mailto:ballybcomcentre@gmail.com) for any information.

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN COMMUNITY

Community Employment offers paid work, welfare supports, free training courses and an opportunity to get involved in the community. Current part-time positions (19.5 hrs. /wk.) Include: Tinteán care taker, Leisure Centre Cleaner, Sea Rescue Hut Caretaker, Environmental worker with Tidy Towns. For details, contact Rosaleen on 089-2763786 or email [saothairmanabhann@gmail.com](mailto:saothairmanabhann@gmail.com)

### 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](http://www.grow.ie)

### BALLYBUNION NOTES

If you'd like to include an item in The Ballybunion Notes, please send it to [ballybuniontouristoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ballybuniontouristoffice@gmail.com) or message us on the Ballybunion Tourist Office Facebook page by 10am on Monday.

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## LIXNAW

### PARISH MASS TIMES

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH:** Friday 15th May, Mass at 7.30pm. Saturday 16th May, Mass at 7.30pm for Tom Lyons, Ballinlogher, his mother Nelly, uncles Paddy, Jimmy & Willie and his Aunt Julie, Bealkila. John Griffin, Lixnaw & Dublin.

**RATHEA CHURCH:** Sunday 17th May, Mass at 9.30am for Con & Mary Galvin, Rathea.

**IRREMORE CHURCH:** Saturday 17th May, Mass at 11.00am for Siobhán Brosnan, Upper Tullig, Kilflyn.

### ROSARY

The rosary will be recited at the Rathea Grotto on Tuesday 12th May at 6.30pm and at the Grotto in Lixnaw on Friday 15th May at 8.00pm. For the month of May, the Rosary will be recited at Our Lady's Grotto in Finuge every Tuesday night at 8.00pm

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The children of Dromclough National School will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 16th May at 10.30am. Wishing the children, families, and teachers a lovely day with warm sunshine.

### DEATHS

Margaret Conway (née Bradley) Lisoughtera, Lixnaw and formerly of Gortbrack, Ballymacelligott. Sympathy to her husband Johnny, her sons/daughters - Michael, Teresa, Jennifer, Shane, her sisters/brothers - John, Tony, Noreen, Den, Anne, and all the extended Conway/Bradley families. May she rest in peace.

### LIXNAW HOSPICE

The Lixnaw Hospice Group would like to thank everyone who supported our recent Good Friday Walk & Soup Kitchen so very generously. The total amount raised for the Kerry Hospice was €1,720.00. Thank you all for your continued generosity. It is greatly appreciated.

### CCÉ LEAC SNÁMHA

The upcoming annual Féile Cheoil weekend will take place in the Ceolann, Lixnaw on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th May 2026.

On Friday 15th, we will host our annual concert incorporating Lixnaw CCÉ musicians, singers and dancers, at 7pm.

Saturday 16th May will see our branch host a variety of traditional music, singing and comhrá Gaelige competitions. Entry on the day. These open competitions will begin at 12pm. On this same day, Saturday 16th May, we will host the inaugural Pats Dennehy Memorial Competition at 4pm. This music competition is confined to past and present members of Lixnaw CCÉ only.

For further information, please contact Anne on 087 697 9334. Beidh fáilte romhat ag gach duine.

### LIXNAW GAA LOTTO DRAW

Jackpot €18,350. Numbers drawn were 8, 13, 26, 30. No jackpot winner. €30 winners: Margaret Sheehy, Keel; Kevin Madden (online); Helen Kennelly, Dysert. Next week's Jackpot will be €18,400. Thank you for your continued support.

### ST SENAN'S GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

04/05/2026 Jackpot €2,300. Numbers drawn were 02, 12, 21, 30 No jackpot winner. €30 winners: Patrick Fitzmaurice, Kilsheenane; Stephen Mahony Jnr. Lixnaw. €20 winners: Dan Kennelly, Dublin; Josephine Whelan; Bill & Peggy Kennelly, Rathea. Next week's Jackpot will be €2,400. Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets are available at Kelly's Six Crosses, The Halfway Bar, Parker's Bar, Kilflyn, or play online.

### CONTACT

To include items in the Lixnaw notes, please email [lixnawnotes@gmail.com](mailto:lixnawnotes@gmail.com) by 10pm on Sunday evening.

## 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 May 5th are as follows: The numbers drawn were 1, 6, 19 and the Bonus Number was 3. There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot of €15,000 or Match 3 prize of €400. The €20 consolation prize winners were Ógíe Hussey, Ardoughter; Margaret Slattery, Clahane and Jack Harrington, Addergown. The Lotto Draw takes place on each Tuesday night at the GAA Clubrooms.

### BALLYDUFF GAA

**Minor Hurling:**  
Round 2 of the Division 1 Minor County Hurling League saw Ballyduff welcome Ballyheigue on Wednesday evening. This was a very entertaining game played by two evenly matched teams, with a late goal proving to be the crucial score for the home side to secure victory on the night. Final score Ballyduff 3 – 11 to Ballyheigue 0 – 14. Following last week's victory over Tralee Parnells our boys are now two from two with an away game against Crotta next week. Thanks to Eugene Stack for refing.

**U8 hurling:** Great evening of hurling for our U8s in Kilgarvan on Monday of last week. A big thank you to Kilgarvan for hosting the blitz and to all the parents and supporters for their encouragement.

**U16 Hurling:** Our U16 hurlers opened their County League campaign on Sunday morning with a home tie against Crotta. In a closely contested game, the Duffers edged out a 4 point victory on a final scoreline of Ballyduff 4 – 10 to Crotta 1 – 15. Well done to all involved and thanks to referee Liam Goggin and his officials.

### Minor Hurling:

The Kerry Minor Hurlers season came to an end on Saturday in Co. Laois when they lost to Antrim in the semi-final of the Peadar O'Liathain Cup. In what was a brilliant team performance by the Kerry men the game was in the melting pot right to the end with the northern boys coming out on top 1 – 19 to 1 – 12. These boys are a credit to the Kerry jersey and to their clubs. Ballyduff was represented by Sean Ross O'Gotman, Sean Barron, Ben Lynch and Thomas Scanlon, who was unavailable on the day, along with David O'Grady as coach/selector. We were also represented by our club footballers Billy Moriarty, Ryan Carey, Ruairi Walsh Ruairi Walshe and Míchéal Donegan from Causeway

### CHURCH NEWS

**Anniversaries:** Patrick & Michael Houlihan; Con O'Sullivan, Addergown; Michael & Mary B Guerin; Patrick & Nora Hayes, Ballinbrannig.

**Deaths:** Margaret O'Donoghue, Vinty Lyons.

### Masses for the week:

Friday May 15th 7.00pm: Patrick & Michael Houlihan, Lacca West

Saturday May 16th 11.00am: First Communion  
Saturday May 16th 6.30pm: Mass in Causeway  
Sunday May 17th 11.00am: Philip O'Reilly – Month's Mind; Mikey, Bridie & Brendan Wals; Bridie McElligott; Jimmy Joe Boyle.

### 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.

### 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 10am to 12pm

Thursday: Sewing class for kids from 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Friday: Men's Shed breakfast every Friday from 9.00am to 12.00pm

### Monday:

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 7.00pm to 9.00pm

### 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

### SUMMER FESTIVAL

Ballyduff Summer Festival will take place from Friday May 29th to Monday June 1st at different venues throughout Ballyduff. This week Friday and Saturday events will be highlighted.

### Friday May 29th:

Tea Dance/Country Dance at Walsh's/Your Man's Bar from 8.00pm with music by Jake Coffey.

Karaoke in Purcell's Bar with prizes for best male & female from 10.00pm

### Saturday May 30th: At Ballyduff Sportsfield.

U10 Camogie Blitz, U10 Hurling; Mothers & Others Tournament; Puck Fada U18 & Over 18 at 1.00pm; Introduction to Boxing Workshop 12.00pm – 2.00pm; Soccer Tournament – Rovers All Stars v Rovers Legends at 3.00pm; Chip Van at Sportsfield

### Other events elsewhere on Saturday include

Outdoor Pilates at 11.00am, the Cashen Dash at 11.00am, Children's Diorama Projects competition on display in Community Centre all day, BBQ at Walsh's Bar at 7.00pm, Music at Walsh's Bar & Purcell's bar, Mr. Ballyduff at Lowe's Bar at 10.00pm with music by DJ Ray Stack, Chip Van in the Square on Saturday night.

Sunday and Monday's events will be highlighted in next week's edition.



On Saturday April 25th the Ballyduff Minor Hurling County & North Kerry Championship winning team of 1975 gathered at O'Connor's Hawthorn Bar in Ballyduff to celebrate this double winning achievement. Former players travelled from near and far to reminisce on their playing days with some meeting up for the first time in a number of years. Team Captain Paddy Hussey and Joe Fitzpatrick have gone to their eternal rewards but were remembered on the night. Ballyduff GAA Club Chairman, William Quinlan, presented the players with a team photograph of the 1975 County Championship team while Tom O'Sullivan of the Organising Committee presented trophies to then two surviving selectors, Jack Harrington & Johnny Bunyan. Food was supplied on the night by Liam Ross and all those present had a very enjoyable night.

The photograph taken on the night includes - Front (L-R): Robert Bunyan, Mike Hussey, Jack Harrington, Mike (Murt) O'Sullivan, Pdraig Hussey (representing team captain Paddy Hussey), Mike O'Connor (Vice - Captain), Mike White, Jimmy O'Sullivan, John White. Back: Anthony O'Carroll, John O'Mahony, Anthony Browne, Gredie O'Connell, Jimmy Slattery, John Gibbons, Richard O'Callaghan, Eddie Dowling, Johnny Bunyan, DJ O' Neill, Gerard Galvin, Tom O'Sullivan.

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## KILFLYNN

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Will take place in St. Mary's Church, Kilflynn on Saturday 16th May at 11am. We pray God's blessing on the children and their families.

### CROTTA LOTTO RESULTS

Parker's Pub in Kilflynn hosted the Crotta Hurling Club's weekly lotto draw on Monday 11th May. The four numbers drawn from the drum by the independent observer, Graham Harris, Clounsillagh, Lixnaw were 12, 17, 27, and 30. No one won the €7,500 Jackpot.

Congratulations to the following who won €35 in the lucky dip draw: Kathleen Hayes, Abbeydorney, Denise Ryan, Ballyconnell, Kilflynn and Margaret Keane, Connolly Park, Tralee.

The next draw will take place in Herbert's Bar, Kilflynn on Monday, 18th May at 10:30pm with a €7,600 Jackpot.

Tickets are available: 3 for €5 online at [www.crotttagaa.club](http://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 overemphasize the importance of our members promoting the Club Lotto among family, friends, and work colleagues. Your continued support is greatly appreciated

### CEMETERY MASSES

Killahan - Monday 6th July 7.00 p.m. Kyrie Eleison - Tuesday 7th July 7.00 p.m. St. Mary's, Kilflynn - Wednesday 8th July 7.00 p.m. Please take this opportunity to tidy up family graves.

### CROTTA LEISURE CYCLISTS

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

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, KILFLYNN

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

Mass will be celebrated on Friday 15th May at 10.00a.m and Saturday 16th May at 6:00 p.m. Leonard Foley, Knocknacaska, Kilflynn (Anniversary) and Lena Mulvihill, Stack's Mountain, Kilflynn (Anniversary) First Holy Communion will take place in St. Mary's Church, Kilflynn on Saturday 16th May at 11:00 a.m.

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 7p.m. — 8p.m.

Check [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie) go to Abbeydorney parish and check the newsletter.

### CROTTA GAA

Lee Strand Kerry Coiste na nÓg Under 14 Hurling Leagues Round 4  
Friday, 15 May @ 7.00pm - Causeway v Crotta O'Neill's

On Sunday, 10 May at Tom Healy Memorial Park  
Adams of Tralee North Kerry Senior Hurling League  
Abbeydorney 2-10 Crotta 0-13

Co. Senior Hurling League - Division 1 results  
At the sportsfield, Ballyduff, on Friday, 8 May  
Crotta O'Neill's 2-18 Ballyduff 0-20

Kerry Coiste na nÓg Under 16 hurling league on Sunday 10th May at the sportsfield Ballyduff Full time Score.  
Ballyduff 4-10 Crotta 1-15

Lee Strand Kerry Coiste na nÓg Under 14 Hurling Leagues Round 3 - Friday, 8 May

Crotta O'Neill's 8-16 Furies/Dr. Crokes 7-5

Well done to the Kerry Senior Hurlers, who secured a comprehensive win over Wicklow on the scoreline of 8-25 to 0-17 in Austin Stack's Park, Tralee on Saturday 9th May, earning their place in the Christy Ring Cup Final in Croke Park in a few weeks. Also, a special mention to our two lads on the panel: Sean McGrath (Full Back) and Jordan Conway who came as a substitute.

Next up for the team is an away fixture against Derry on Saturday at 1:00pm. Best of luck to all involved.

Kerry has retained the Munster Senior Football Championship.

The final @ Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney saw them defeat Cork 1-23 to 1-15. Cork was ahead by 13 points to 10 at half time.

Congratulations and well done to Cillian Trant and his Kerry teammates. Cillian came on as a substitute.

Defending champions Kerry are back in the Ladies Munster Senior Football Championship final.

They dominated Cork at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney, winning 1-16 to 0-8 on Sunday 10th May.

The Kingdom led by 7 points to 6 at half time. Congratulations and well done to Niamh Quinn, Crotta and her Kerry team mates. Niamh came on as a substitute.

The Kerry Minor Hurlers' season ended yesterday in Ratheniska, Co. Laois with a loss to Antrim in the semi-final of the Peadar O'Liathain Cup on Saturday 9th May.

It was an excellent team performance by the Kerry men against a much-fancied, physical Antrim side. The game was a tight affair, with the sides level midway through the second half, but the northern boys came out on top at the final whistle, 1-19 to 1-12.

Darren McElligott, Stephen Shanahan, Paddy Cronin, Fionn Hannon, Matt Cronin and Aidan Beirne proudly represented the Crotta hurling club.

Well done to the Kerry Ladies Senior B Team and Management on their victory against Tipperary in Round 4 of the Munster Senior B Championship. The final score was 1-11 to 0-12 on Saturday 9th May in Cordal. Ada Reilhan, Cappa played at full back for the Kerry side.

### ABBEYDORNEY GOLF SOCIETY AT - CHARLEVILLE GOLF CLUB

(09/05/2026) - RESULTS

1st: Mike Dennehy (17) - 38 pts (won on Back 9)

2nd: James Clifford (23) - 38 pts

3rd: John Sexton (24) - 36 pts

\* Front 9: Tony Maunsell (18) - 18 pts

\* Back 9: Chris Quinn (24) - 22 pts

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\* Beaufort Golf Club - President Brendan McCarthy's Prize

\* Saturday 6th June 2026

## MOYVANE

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### BLOTTO

There was no winner of last Thursday night's Jackpot. Numbers drawn were 9 12 13 24. Lucky Dips: €100: Martin & Lotta Hickey, Dirha East, Listowel. €50: Bridget Dowling, Shanagolden. €20 each: Eileen Beasley, Ballybunion. Helen Hanley, c/o Madigan's Bus. Sean Wall, c/o Marie Wren, Athea. Bernie O'Keefe, Tarmons. Mags Mulcahy, Glin. Free Tickets: Sheila Sheridan, Moyvane Village. Anthony Slemmon, Feale Drive, Listowel. Tim Buckley, Glin Road, Moyvane. Ann Jones, Ballybunion. Helen Smith, Athea. Next draw will be held this Thursday night, May 13 at Bingo in The Marian Hall. Jackpot: €15,500. Bingo starts at 8.00pm.

### SPIN THE WHEEL

Congratulations to Helen Smith, Athea who spun the wheel and won €300 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 time this week. Nora Fitz, Moyvane Bingo won €345 two weeks ago. This week it could be you. Envelopes are available in all the usual outlets locally, Holly's Gala, Mike Kennedy'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.

### BREAST CHECK INFORMATION EVENING

Will be held in The Marian Hall on Tuesday, May 19 at 7.30pm. Please avail of this very vital service. It has saved many lives.

### DARKNESS INTO LIGHT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

Thank you for your support. It is a credit to those who put in the effort in the run up to the event. They spent weeks organizing signage and lighting, making sure that everyone knew it was happening. This was round 2 and next year, 2027 will be round 3. Keep it in mind and make it bigger and better. Life has become difficult for many people with prices going through the roof and respect gone out the window. Can we just rewind and show respect for each other? Can we just smile and say hello? Who knows what is happening in anyone's life. The world has become a very different place. The world's wealth statistics are unbelievable. It is very true that the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer. Would you believe that the top 10% of adults own 85% of the world's wealth while the bottom 50% own only between 1% and 2%! How unequal is that! Pieta House provides a much needed service and state funding is limited. Public fund raising such as Darkness into Light provides 80% of their income. No one knows when or if you will need to call on them for help so if you can, please put your hand in your pocket and help.

### MOYVANE GAA

LOTTO: 10/05/2026. Numbers Drawn: 1, 6, 24, 30.

No Winner. Lucky Dips: Ella O'Sullivan, Coilbee, Listowel. Padraig Fitzmaurice, Online. Vaughan Woodcraft, Moyvane. Esther O'Flaherty, Tubbertoureen. Yvonne Corcoran, Ashgrove. Next Week's Jackpot: €8,400. Next Week's Draw: Enright's Bar, Sunday 17/05/2026.

### MOYVANE PARISH GRAVEYARD MASSES 2026

Monday, August 03 at 8.00pm in Ahavoher Cemetery. Tuesday, August 04 at 8.00pm in Knockanure Old Cemetery. Wednesday, August 05 at 8.00pm in Murhur Cemetery.

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MOYVANE:

Friday, May 15 First Anniversary Mass at 7.00pm for Eddie Stack.  
Saturday, May 16 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION at 11.00am  
Mass at 7.30pm for the following: Anniversaries of John & Catherine Scanlon and their son Tom, Jim Fitzgerald, Patrick Hughes & Eileen Scanlon. Also Month's mind of Marina Scanlon.

KNOCKANURE:

Thursday, May 14 Mass at 10.00am.  
Sunday, May 17 Mass at 9.30am.



Listowel Emmets U10 boys had a great night in Ballyduff last week

## TARBERT

### TARBERT NEWS

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

### DEATHS

The death took place in Connecticut, USA of Bernie Reilly aged 92 years, husband of Ann Murphy, formerly of Doonard, Tarbert. Bernie died on 26 April and as a former member of the US Armed Forces was interred with full military honours on Thursday 30 April. Sympathy of the community to his wife Ann and their two daughters, to his brothers-in-law Michael in Limerick, Des in Tarbert and sister-in-law Angela in Dublin.

The sad and untimely death took place of Joanne O'Connor, aged 64 years of St. Mary's Terrace, Killarney and formerly of Glin, County Limerick. Joanne reposed at O'Shea's Funeral Home, Killarney on Sunday 10 May. Requiem Mass took place in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Monday 11 May before removal and interment in St. Mary's Cemetery, Tarbert on Monday. She was laid to rest beside her aunt Josephine Lynch, of Kilpadogue, Tarbert who died in 1976. Joanne was one of four children born to Tom and Margaret O'Connor, née Lynch in Ballinagoul, Glin. She attended Glin National School and later Tarbert Comprehensive School where she completed her Secondary School education. Here she was remembered as a 'great character, and with a great sense of humour, witty and with wonderful personality'. She had very artistic talents and was highly regarded in this field. She qualified as a psychiatric nurse and worked for a number of years in Killarney Hospital. She had an adored son Christian, a keen historian and author. She was predeceased by her parents Tom and Margaret, brother Kevin and sister-in-law Imelda.

Sympathy of the community to her son Christian, brothers Tony in Limerick, Leo in Tarbert, sister-in-law Ann, five nieces and 6 nephews, relatives, neighbours and friends.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Michael Guerin, Listowel will be the guest speaker at Tarbert Bridewell on this Friday 15 May at 8pm when he will talk to Tarbert Historical and Heritage Society on 'Powerhouse robbery in Listowel leads to Case Law on Detention in Ireland'. This is the story of two brothers detained in Listowel Garda Station suspected of the robbery of the weekly collection of the private electricity Powerhouse in Listowel in 1929. This should be a fascinating with local interest. Everybody welcome to attend agus cupán tae ina diaidh. Fáilte roimh gach éinne.

### HAIRDRESSER HELEN

Congratulations and best wishes to Helen Sheehy, Moyvane who for the past nigh 40 years has been providing a Hairdressing Service for males and females in Main Street, Tarbert, currently four days a week including weekend service. Helen also calls to elderly customers and those who are not in a position to call to her salon. It is a demanding job where the hairdresser is working from a standing position and facilitating the needs and requirements of customers for all occasions. It is a service we often take for granted so continued good health and thanks from the community to Helen.

### 2026 TIDY TOWNS

Tarbert has once again submitted its entry for this Year's Competition and hopefully with the onset of fine weather the paint brushes and tidy up tools will be out. In last year's competition Tarbert came 4th out of 42 centres competing in Kerry There was an increase of 9 marks bringing our total marks to 355 out of a maximum of 550 marks in 8 categories. With a little bit of extra effort this result can be improved on. The three community scheme workers were out weed spraying last week and tidiness and litter control is very important. The concluding remarks of last year's Adjudicator who visited the town on Monday 23 June are encouragement to us all to keep up and improve on the good work - 'I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to the town you are all so proud of and work so hard to present in the high standard witnessed in many of your projects. You have achieved much and I hope you continue to persevere to achieve some more of the exciting projects for the future. Wishing you all the best of luck.' We should all remember the old seanfóchal 'If every man or woman sweeps outside his or her own door, we will all have a clean street.'

### PLANNING APPLICATION

A welcome change to the recent application by CMCe Consulting Engineers on behalf of O'Sullivan Forecourts to Kerry County Council calls for the 'demolition' of existing service station and associated buildings as opposed to 'partial demolition' in previously advertised applications. The existing canopy is now in a derelict, dangerous and unsightly condition on the Chapel road N69 entrance to Tarbert and as such has been adverted in recent Tidy Town Reports.

### GONE TO THE DOGS

Joe Langan, Chapel Street, leader of the Back of the Hill syndicate was unlucky with his bitch, Ranger Calypso at Tralee Greyhound Track last Friday night. One of the many greyhounds owned by Joe and trained by Patrick O'Connor, Tarbert she has already won two Sweeps, competed in 9 races coming second in 6 races so not a bad record and she is now destined for the maternity ward!

### GAA 500 DRAW

The Winner of the April Draw of €500 was Michael O'Connell, Lyreacrompane and there were two winners of €50 of free tickets for the next draw. So, well done to all concerned. The next draw for the GAA takes place at Coolahan's Bar on 30 May and tickets are now on sale, €10 each at Tarbert Post Office or from committee members.

### COFFEE MORNING RAISES €2,198

It takes a village... a truly amazing €2,198 for our recovery haven coffee morning held in Tarbert Bridewell recently, again a huge thank you to all involved that made it a special morning

## BALLYLONGFORD

### MAY PROCESSION

The annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place on Wednesday, May 13, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. The Rosary will be said at 6pm in the church, followed by a procession with the statue of Our Lady, from the church yard to the Grotto on Quay Street. All are welcome to attend.

### BALLYLONGFORD TIDY TOWNS

Tidy Towns 2026 is underway - and we need your help! Judging begins in just a few weeks, and our small team of volunteers is flat-out working hard to get the village looking its best. We can't do it without the support of the community.

How you can help keep Ballylongford looking beautiful:

\* Homeowners & businesses: Tidy your own area - weed, sweep, and consider a fresh coat of paint for walls, fences, or shopfronts.

\* Brighten the village: Add window boxes, hanging baskets, or planters where possible.

\* Keep paths clear: Please remove excess signage from footpaths and public spaces.

Be mindful of advertising:

We urge you to please avoid placing posters or advertisements on derelict or unused buildings, poles, or public green areas. Instead you should use designated notice areas in local shops or place signage on the outskirts of the village beyond speed limit zones.

Adopt a spot: you can take responsibility for a small area and help keep it tidy.

\* Out for a walk? Please take a bag and pick up a few bits of litter or pull a weed or two along the way.

\* Bottle bank full? Please hold onto your recycling and return at a later time.

Got an hour to spare? Join us on Tuesday mornings - we work hard, have a great craic, and every helping hand makes a difference. Feel free to chat to any of our Tidy Towns members, we're always glad to help.

Thank you for helping to make our village shine.

### LENAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL

The school has received enquiries recently about enrolments for September 2026, with some parents unable to attend the scheduled open days that have taken place due to clashing commitments. Please reach out to the school via Facebook, Instagram, or email the school directly on [info@lenamoreskerry.ie](mailto:info@lenamoreskerry.ie), if you would like to arrange a time and date to visit the school and meet the staff.

### BALLYLONGFORD GAA - FUNDRAISING DRIVE

Exciting times are ahead at Ballylongford GAA as we prepare for the next stage in upgrading O'Rahilly Park! Phase One of our Development Plan is set to kick off in Q3 2026, bringing:

A brand new skills area  
A fully equipped gym facility

To make this happen, we're launching our Fundraising Drive - and we're calling on our community at home and abroad to get involved.

Business Owners - Here's Your Chance! We're offering advertising space on our new pitch-side fencing.

For €1,000, you can:  
Showcase your business/workplace with a branded sign  
Gain visibility in the heart of the community  
Support the future of Ballylongford GAA

Your sign will be displayed for 6 years - a great opportunity to promote your brand while backing your club! Interested? Get in touch with Paudie Moroney (Club Secretary) on:  
Telephone: 087-7534391  
Email: [secretary.ballylongford.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.ballylongford.kerry@gaa.ie)  
Jim O'Carroll on 087-1177818  
Email: [jim59ocarroll@hotmail.com](mailto:jim59ocarroll@hotmail.com)

Not advertising? You can still help!  
Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference. If you'd like to donate:  
Contact Paudie/Jim or the page for details

Or donate directly via the club bank account:  
BIC: BOFIE2DXXX  
IBAN: IE96BOFI90578252879272

Please use a relevant reference when transferring to the club account!  
Together, we can build a stronger future for our club and community.

Please share and spread the word!

### 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](mailto: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

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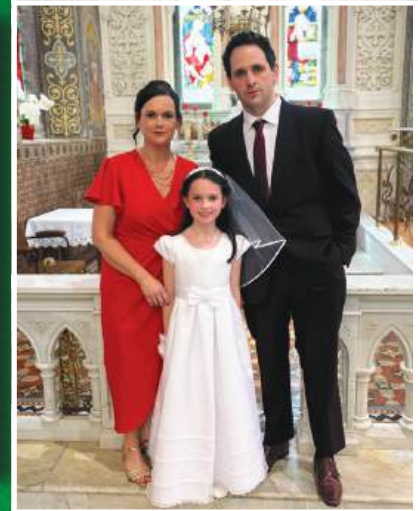
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The U8 Emmets ladies being put through their paces on Saturday morning in Frank Sheehy Park



Listowel Celtic players Aoife Dalton and Katelyn Joy who were selected for this year's Gaynor Cup squad. Aoife is also the team captain



Darcy Rose Barrett on her Communion Day in Listowel with parents Gráinne and Gerard Barrett



Congratulations to Listowel Emmets U16s who won The North Kerry League Final



Congratulations to Listowel Celtic U15 A team who beat Killarney Athletic 3-1 on Saturday to be crowned Premier League Champions



Congratulations to Duagh/Lyre Community Games U11 & U14 tag rugby teams last Sunday in MTU Tralee in the Kerry Community Games competition - both won bronze medals



Capturing that special moment when local friends of old Patsy O'Connor and Pat Curtin meet at a party in Brosnans Bar Listowel on Saturday afternoon. Photo Moss Joe Browne



U10 ladies from Listowel Emmets, Ballydonoghue, Shannonside Tarbert and Ballyduff took to the field for their first GoGame blitz in Coolard last Monday evening



Present at Gortaglanna, Knockanure on Saturday evening for the Annual Sinn Féin Commemoration were Donal Kelliher, Dara Mulvihill, Councillor Tom Barry and Jim Buckley. Photo Moss Joe Browne



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## LISTOWEL CELTIC

Draw 11/05/26 - Numbers drawn 4-14-24-27

Jackpot not won - Lucky Dip Winners

€40 Declan Mawe -Online  
 €20 James Halpin, Dromin Green  
 €20 John Barrett, Ballygrennan  
 €20 Shauna Carey, Willowbrook  
 €20 Niall Keane Stack-Online  
 Next Draw 18/05/26 at Mikes - Jackpot €2,950

## LISTOWEL EMMETS

### Coiste na nóg

Saturday Morning Club

Our popular Saturday Morning Club continues to thrive, with ABCs and U8s training each Saturday at 10.30am in Frank Sheehy Park. The sessions are full of energy and fun, and new players are always very welcome to come along and join in.

The U10s train on Thursday evenings at 6.30pm in the Boys School Field, and it's great to see new faces joining each week. The boys have begun their Go Games matches and are thoroughly enjoying their football, showing great enthusiasm and skill week after week. Last week they enjoyed a game away to Ballyduff. Well done to all involved.

The U12 team is preparing for Phase 2 of the County League. Training continues each Thursday at 6.30pm in the Boys School Field, with league matches taking place on Sunday evenings. The boys had a very successful campaign in Phase 1. Well done to the players and management.

The U14s are busy preparing for a County League Final. They overcame Northern Gaels in a very competitive semi-final in Frank Sheehy Park, Listowel. They will play Legion in the final in Austin Stack Park on Tuesday, 12th May at 7.30pm. We wish all the boys and management the very best of luck.

Congratulations to our U16 team, who are North Kerry League champions. They overcame Duagh in Finuge last Thursday evening. There was a huge crowd in attendance, it was a fantastic win for all involved. The boys are enjoying a well-earned rest this week and will begin preparing for the County League in the coming weeks. Best of luck to all those doing exams.

Well done to all our players involved with Kerry teams. It's great to see all your hard work paying off, you are a great inspiration to our young players.

Congratulations to all our players who received the Sacrament of Communion last weekend. We hope you had a wonderful day.

For all the latest club news, fixtures, and updates, download the ClubZap app and follow 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 €240 for 11 games in week 34 next Monday evening. Starting time remains at 8.30 sharp and all are welcome.

Winners from Week 33:

1st: Shared: Eamon Kennelly and Paudie Keane; Seán Healy and Mike Donoghue; Tom Holly and Eddie Flaherty; Denis Curtin and Tom Murphy

Table Prizes: Michael Dowling and Tom Sullivan; Mike Scannell and Loreta McCarthy; Toddy Toss O'Connor and John McNamara; John Joe Flavin and Mike Cox

## LISTOWEL EMMETS LADIES

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 Cows Lawn

- Minor & Senior: Wednesdays & Fridays 7pm, Sundays 10.30am (if no matches) in 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.

Fixtures

U10 Go Games Blitz - Monday 11th May 6.30pm

Coolard, Ballydonoghue GAA

U14 County League - Amber Team

Listowel Emmets vs. Killarney Legion

Monday 11th May 7pm - Lyrecrumpane Community Pitch

Minor County League Division 2 Shield Final

Listowel Emmets vs. Legion

Friday 15th May 7pm - Legion GAA, Killarney

Donal Curtin Senior County League

Listowel Emmets vs. Inbhear Scéine Gaels

Sunday 17th May 12pm - Frank Sheehy Park, Listowel

Results

Senior County League - Listowel Emmets vs. Firies

Postponed to 22nd May

U16 North Kerry League Division 2 Final

Listowel Emmets vs. Churchill

A tough night for our U16 girls in their North Kerry Final as they came up against a strong Churchill side who delivered an excellent performance. Unfortunately, things just never got going for Listowel on the night. Thanks to all the supporters who travelled out to Churchill to see the game!

Final score: Churchill 3-13 | Listowel 2-2

The girls now get a well-earned break for a few weeks before attention turns to the County League. Plenty more to come from this group.

U12 Go Games vs. Austin Stacks

Our U12s took to the field for the first time this season yesterday in Frank Sheehy Park against Austin Stacks.

Great football on display from both teams — plenty of skill, effort, and teamwork all round. A brilliant start to the season.

## LISTOWEL COMMUNITY GAMES

Well done to Robert Enright who won a silver medal in the Community Games U14 boys cycling on grass county final last Saturday.

Robert now goes on to represent Kerry in the National Finals on the 24th of May. Thanks to Kerry Community Games and all the volunteers for a well run event.

We will be holding trials for Community Games relay teams in the next week or two.

If your child is interested in trying out for the relay teams

U10 over 8 | U12 over 10 | U14 over 12 | U16 over 14

Boys and girls please text your child's name and DOB to Geraldine

on 087 971 9194 by Saturday 16th of May.

If you have qualified in an individual event you are still eligible to participate in a relay.

To participate in a relay you must be available on June 20th/21st.

All participants must reside in the Listowel parish.

Don't forget to check out our facebook page to keep up to date on more events and results.

## BALLYBUNION GOLF CLUB

Captain's Charity Day Mr Frank Dore — Sunday 3rd May Old & Cashen Courses

Old Course:

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|-----|---|
| 1st | Waterville Golf Club<br>Ciaran Heavey (16) Callum Buchan (17) Matthew Taaffe (10)<br>Conor Hickey (31) 97 pts         |
| 2nd | Enniscrone Golf Club<br>Robert Holland (21) Daire Dennehy (10) James Holland (15)<br>Joe Barry (11) 95 pts B9 50pts   |
| 3rd | Palmerstown Golf Club<br>Patrick B Murrighy (16) Ger Galvin (15) Eamon Nagle (15)<br>Ben Murrighy (30) 95pts B9 46pts |
| 4th | Shannon Golf Club<br>Eoin O'Shaughnessy (21) Des Adams (14) Brendan<br>McKeon (17) Tony Barbour (18) 94 pts           |
| 5th | Dun Laoghaire Golf Club<br>Ben Cosgrove (14) Peter King (6) Aaron Cosgrove (14)<br>John Harty (10) 93 pts B9 50pts    |

Cashen Course:

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| 1st Prize | Fourball at Druids Glen Golf Club<br>Miley Costello (11) Pat Costello (12) Jerry Costello (15)<br>Mike Jones (12) 49pts                                |
| 2nd Prize | Fourball at Killarney Golf Club (Mahony's Point)<br>Paul Collins (3) Patrick Ryan (13) Gearoid Costello (7)<br>Mike Ryan (16) 48pts B6 31pts           |
| 3rd Prize | Fourball at Newcastle West Golf Club<br>Jim O'Flynn (5) Jamie O'Flynn (10) Colette O'Flynn (22)<br>Philip Byrne (6) 48pts B6 28pts                     |
| 4th Prize | Fourball at Ballybunion Golf Club (Cashen Course)<br>Stephen O'Byrne (9) Michael O'Brien (14)<br>Hermon O'Farrell (9) Heber O'Farrell (11) 46 B6 27pts |

The Tom Corridan Senior Scratch Cup Sponsored by Ardfert Pharmacy — Saturday 9th May Old Course

Ballybunion Old - Par 71

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|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 1st | Adam Partington (Wrexham)           | 147 |
| 2nd | Senan Carroll (Ballybunion)         | 149 |
| 3rd | Eoghan O'Donnell (Tralee Golf Club) | 149 |
| 4th | Stephen Egan Jr. (Tullamore)        | 150 |
| 5th | Donal McDonnell Jnr.                | 152 |

Men's Tralee Exchange Day — Sunday 10th May

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|-----|--|
| 1st | Padraig Brosnan (11) & Brian Mulvihill (21) 43pts (B9 23pts) |
| 2nd | Fionnan Toomey (18) & Mark Hennessy (14) 43pts (B9 21pts)    |
| 3rd | Pat Lucid (17) & Patrick Costello (24) 41pts                 |
| 4th | Tom Curtin (19) & Pat Neville (20) 40 pts (B9 19pts)         |

Fixtures: Junior Scratch Cup Sponsored by MCG Financial Services — Sunday 17th May Old Course

Ladies Tuesday 9 Hole Competition — Tuesday 5th May Cashen Course

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|-----|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1st | Martina Rohan (17)      | 21 pts           |
| 2nd | Deirdre Dillane (6)     | 20 pts (bk 6-12) |
| 3rd | Jeanelle Griffin (14)   | 20 pts (bk 6-11) |
| 4th | Eleanor O'Sullivan (16) | 19 pts           |

Ladies Voucher Competition — Sunday 10th May

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| Old Course |  |
| 1st        | Stephanie O'Reilly (17) 22pts            |
| 2nd        | Betty Doolan (12) 20pts (Back 6-12pts)   |
| 3rd        | Maura Hanrahan (19) 20pts (Back 6-11pts) |
| 4th        | Josephine Larkin (7) 19pts (Back 3-6pts) |

Fixtures:

Ladies Medal II Competition GOY3 Sponsored by Christy Walsh the Well Bar Listowel — Saturday 16th May Old Course

Ladies Tuesday Competition — Tuesday 19th May Cashen Course

Senior Men's Competition - Thursday 7th May Cashen Course

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|--------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1st.   | Joe J. O'Connor (12)   | 24pts.               |
| 2nd.   | Finbar O'Keefe (13)    | 22pts. B6-15.        |
| 3rd.   | Michael Jones (10)     | 22pts. B6-14.        |
| Gross. | Michael K. Barrett     | 14pts.               |
| 4th.   | John Maguire (12)      | 21pts. B6-16. B3-10. |
| 5th.   | Pat Costello (10)      | 21pts B6-16. B3-9.   |
| 6th.   | Noel Morkan (12)       | 21pts. B6-15. B3-8.  |
| 7th.   | Jerry McAuliffe (11)   | 21pts. B6-15. B3-7.  |
| 8th.   | John Kinsella (7)      | 21pts. B6-14.        |
| 9th.   | Pat McLoughlin (10)    | 21pts. B6-13.        |
| 10th.  | Pat Shanahan (10)      | 20pts. B6-15. B3-9.  |
| V.     | Tomas P O'Donnell (13) | 20pts. B6-15. B3-7.  |
| S.V.   | Aidan Daly (9)         | 19pts. B6-13. B3-7.  |
| S.S.V. | Declan Lovett (13)     | 19pts. B6-13. B3-6   |

Fixtures: Senior Men's Competition - Thursday 14th May Cashen Course

Senior Ladies 9 Hole Competition — Friday 8th May Cashen Course

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|-----|----------------------|------------------|
| 1st | Marjorie Morkan (12) | 20pts            |
| 2nd | Peg O'Malley (18)    | 19pts -back 6-13 |
| 3rd | Ann O'Riordan (16)   | 19pts -back 6-11 |

Fixtures: Senior Ladies 9 Hole Competition — Friday 15th May Cashen Course

## FINUGE GAA

FINUGE 500: Congratulations to our April €500 winner Paul Breen. 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](http://www.finugegaa.com) or from any club officer. May draw will contain a special bonus of Munster Hurling Final tickets - make sure your in!

SENIOR: Round six of the Kerry county league took place last Sunday week when the team played host to Laune Rangers B. County league sponsored by McCarthy Insurance Group round 6 result; Finuge 0-15, Laune Rangers B 0-05. A comprehensive win for our senior team that gives the team back to back wins and keeps them in the top half of the table. With only four points between first and sixth place and five rounds yet to be played, this is not finished yet! Last week was a break with the long trip to Kenmare Shamrocks this Sunday the 17th.

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: No games for the team for a while due to the exams break.

U17: The club has entered the U17 which is 11 aside aimed at the non-exam age group - awaiting details of games.

U16: Next up for the team will be the county league commencing the end of June.

**U14:** This year our U14 players will be playing with St Senans and both the A & B teams have qualified for their respective county finals. Both teams accounted for Dr Crokes in the county league semifinals last week and the A team final are up against Kilcummin this Tuesday the 12th of May. We wish the teams the very best in the finals and hope they come away with the silverware.

**ACADAMEY:** Our youngest members are in full summer action and having an absolute ball! Training for U6, U8, U10 is on Sunday mornings. 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.

**U12:** Our U12 team were on the road last Friday week to nearby Ballydonoghue in their latest round of the Kerry Coiste Na nÓg Go Games. Well done to everybody and keep on the development path

**U10:** Massive well done to our U10 boys on a fantastic game against Ballydonoghue two weeks ago. An incredible display of effort, teamwork, and spirit from start to finish - you should all be very proud! Thanks to our loyal supporters Tadhg and Conall who stood in for the photo

**U8:** Well done to all our U8 stars who played their first game of the year at home in James O'Sullivan Park two weeks ago. They showed great skill and teamwork against Ballyduff on a perfect evening for football. Thanks to Ballyduff for travelling over. Training continues - new day and time - Sunday mornings, 10:00am in Finuge - all new recruits are most welcome. This week the team travel to play Ballydonoghue - enjoy the games everyone!

**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](http://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 season in full swing 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](http://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 MINORS:** Last Monday night week we were delighted to have Daithí Laide line out for the Kerry minors. It was great to see Daithí come on at half time and within 10 minutes he had bagged 1-01 in what was one of the few encouraging performances on the night. Then on Monday night of this week Daithí secured a starting position at wing back against Clare following his im-

pressive performance against Cork the previous week. As usual Daithí put in his hard working display with no shortage of football skills in the mix.

**CÚL CAMPS:** Its that time of the year again to book your Finuge Cúl Camp places. This year the camp takes place the last week of July from the 27th - 31st. A fantastic week of fun and activity as always, so don't miss out and book today!

**HOSPICE SWIM:** On June 14th JJ Liston, Cathal Slattery and their friends are doing a charity swim for Kerry hospice. They will swim the equivalent of a half marathon (21.1km) at Ballyunion Leisure Centre, starting at 1pm. Cathal, Ewan, Noah, JJ, and Adam have come together to raise vital funds for Kerry Hospice, supporting the development of five new palliative care rooms in Tralee. Every donation, big or small, will make a real difference.

**CONDOLENCES:** All at Finuge GAA are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Margaret Conway of Lixnaw - always a lovely lady to deal with and a brilliant supporter of the GAA. Our deepest condolences to the Conway family and all related to Margaret. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hannam dílis.

## MOYVANE GAA

Results: U16 North Kerry League Div 2 Final  
Thursday May 7th  
Moyvane 3-14 -v- Beale 4-10

Congratulations to our u16s who were crowned North Kerry League Division 2 Champions with a nailbiting 1 point win over Beale played in Coolard last Thursday. A game that had everything, our boys showed great determination to get over the line. Well done to all involved!

MIG County League Div 7A - Saturday May 9th  
Moyvane B 0-6 -v- Kerins O'Rahillys B 1-10

Fixture:  
MIG County League Div 4 - Sunday May 17th  
Dromid Peares v Moyvane  
Venue: Dromid - Throw in: 2pm

Lotto Result 10/5/2026 - Numbers Drawn: 1, 6, 24, 30  
No Winner - Lucky Dips:  
Ella O'Sullivan - Coilbee, Listowel  
Padraig Fitzmaurice - Online  
Vaughan Woodcraft - Moyvane  
Esther O'Flaherty - Tubbertoureen  
Yvonne Corcoran - Ashgrove  
Next Week's Jackpot: €8,400  
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## ASDEE GAA

Golden Goal winners for Sunday 10th May, Kerry v Cork:  
Mila Doran, Thomas Carmody, Anthony Sheehan

Congratulations to our girls in Asdee National School, who won the North Kerry Cumann na mbunscoil this week. The girls won both their matches in Knockanure pitch with fantastic performances against Murhur NS and Knockaclarig NS. They will progress now onto the county quarter final. Well done on a fantastic achievement and wishing you the best of luck in the county quarter final on Wednesday.

## DUAGH / LYRE COMM GAMES

Annual sports evening  
Our annual sports evening is Fri 15th at Duagh GAA pitch at 6pm. Competitions for u8-16 years.

Tag Rugby

Well done to both tag rugby teams in u11 & u14 in the Kerry Community Games tag rugby competition at MTU Tralee last Saturday who both won bronze medals. Both teams played three games and did well. Thanks to team manager Derry Buckley assisted by our youth volunteers Fiona O'Brien and Lisa McMahon, thanks to David Walsh for assisting with the u11 team. Thanks to Kerry Community Games for a well-run competition and Neilus for coordinating the competition. U11 team: Padraig Kelly, Conor Walsh, Charles Daly, Saoirse Lane, Fiachra Walsh, Aodhán Musgrave, Sophie McKenna, Louise Dillon, Ronan Sheeran, Odhran O'Hanlon, Roisin Sheehy and Matthew Ryan. U14 team: Siún Kelly, Senan Brosnan, Ben Bambury Lawson, Clara Danagher, Sean Musgrave, Shonagh Walsh, Fionn Buckley, Jamie Doran and Molly Dennehy. Thanks to parents Annemarie and David for photos

Cycling on grass

Four cyclists from Duagh/Lyre Community Games have qualified for National finals and a host of medals have been won by our area this morning in cycling on grass.

Results: U12 girls 2nd Marga Daly, U12 boys 1st Padraig Kelly, 2nd Senan Brosnan, 3rd Charles Daly. U14 boys 3rd Jeremiah Buckley just missing out on National finals by 1 point. U14 girls: 1st Clara Danagher, 2nd Siún Kelly, 3rd Julia Quilter. Those who have finished 1st & 2nd now qualify for National finals. Training continues see WhatsApp. Thanks to parents Lisa, Susan and Annemarie for the lovely photos. Thanks to parents for supporting and encouraging our participants. Thanks to John Bunyan for the training and having our participants ready for the competition. Thanks to Kerry Community Games and our own Neilus Collins for a well run competition. Well done everyone and good luck to those who have qualified for National finals.

# Lios Tuathail AC athletes at Day 3 of The Kerry Athletics County Championships along with the U9-U15 relay teams



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O dear St. Joseph, all our confidence is in thee. Let it not be said that we would invoke thee in vain; and since thou art so powerful with Jesus and Mary. Show that thy goodness equals thy power.

St. Joseph, to whom God entrusted the care of the holiest family that has ever been, grant, we ask of you, the father and protector of ours, and let the grace be brought to us to live and die in the love of Jesus and Mary.

St. Joseph, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Many thanks. **M.B.**

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Blessed Mother of the Son of God; Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me you are my Mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity (Mention your request here)

There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Amen

*This prayer is never known to fail. It is to be said for 3 consecutive days. Publication on granting of the favour must be promised and done. **M.B.***

## MEANING OF LIFE

*"Is it very complex being a Christian? I mean does it involve a lot intricate, complicated doctrines? That stuff hurts my head!! I like the simple life myself."*

*"You and me both"* I said to my friend. I treasure the uncomplicated, straightforward, clear cut, honest and simple life that the One, True and Living God offers us. I can't do complex!!

Our chat got me thinking. We clutter and complicate our lives and minds daily with distractions, with frustrating and fearful imaginings concerning goings on here at home and in the world. And in doing so, we risk missing the real meaning of life! In the Gospel of Luke 10-41-42 Jesus says: **"You are worried and upset about many things but only one thing is needed."**

What one thing is He speaking of? God wants you! And me! It's not complicated. God wants a loving relationship with us and He sent His Beloved Son Jesus to die for our sins to obtain our love. It's simple. We complicate the message of the truth which is found only in the Word of God. Psalm 19:7 reminds us that: **"The law of the Lord is perfect, it gives new strength. The commands of the Lord are perfect, giving wisdom to those who lack it."** When we accept the truth, that: **"We have been saved by grace through faith and that is not of ourselves, it is the gift of God, lest anyone should boast."** Ephesians 2:8-9, then something amazing happens: ... **"anyone who is**

**in Christ** (that means anyone who accepts His sacrifice for their sin) **is a new creation, old things have passed away, behold! all things have become new."** 2 Corinthians 5:17.

It's that simple. It's amazing, incredible, unexplainable, outrageously complicated, out of this world, at times impossible to understand but it's still simple and true. Our job is not to concern ourselves with the **hows** or the **whys** or **what ifs** or **is it all too good to be true?** Our job is to concern ourselves with the fact that the God who created the world, and all that exists in it, **loves us with an everlasting love.** 1 Timothy 2: 4 says ... **"God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."** We can read all we need to know about the salvation Jesus has provided for us in His Word.

His Word tells me this in Romans 10:9: **"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."**

Jesus was willingly killed for our sins. We need to believe that and receive His gift of forgiveness and salvation. We don't deserve it, neither can we earn it. It is a gift from God. It's not complicated.

If you require any further information or would like a free Bible please contact LCF at 085 7387594 or email [lcfkerry@gmail.com](mailto:lcfkerry@gmail.com)

Le Grá, Bridie

## ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO

Dear St. Joseph of Cupertino,  
 who while on earth did obtain from God the grace to be asked at your examination only the questions you knew,  
 obtain for me a like favor in the examinations for which I am now preparing,  
 and in all the trials I face in life.  
 In return, I promise to make you known and cause you to be invoked. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 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. **M.B.**

## PRECIOUS MOTHER OF JESUS

Mother of Divine Grace, You can find a way where there is no way, please hear my prayer and grant my request. Amen. Say 6 times a day for 3 days. **M.B.**

## SAINT CARLOS ACUTIS

Dear Father,  
 Who has given us the ardent testimony of the young Servant of God, Carlo Acutis, who made the Eucharist the core of his life and strength of his daily commitments so that everybody may love You above all else, let him soon be counted among the Blessed and Saints in Your Church.

Confirm my Faith nurture my Hope, strengthen my Charity in the image of young Carlo, who, growing in these virtues, now lives with You.

(Mention your request here...)

I trust in you, Father, and your Beloved Son Jesus, in the Virgin Mary, our Dearest Mother, and in the intervention of Your Servant, Carlo Acutis. "To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan". "The Sacrament of the Eucharist: My Highway to Heaven."

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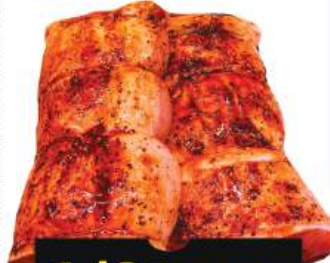
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