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Attending a charity fundraising launch while remembering the late James Russell at Ballyheigue Beach Car Park on Wednesday evening last week were Kenneth Allen, Darren Lawlor, Sonny Murphy and Eoin Casey.
Photo Moss Joe Browne



Congratulations to Listowel Celtic U15 Premier who won the league, winning all their games this season



Lios Tutahail AC athletes with a total of 11 Munster medals between the 5 girls in Turbo Javelin and Long Jump. Well done: Molly, Grace, Isabel, Evelina and Martyna



Powerful running by Lios Tuathail AC U9 boys who secured a fantastic silver medal at the Munster Finals. Well done to Micheal Lynch, Finn Prendiville, John Patrick O Halloran, Bobby Weir and Alex Nagle Fennell



Lios Tuathail AC athletes Grace Guiney and Martyna Drej Munster Champions in Turbo Javelin



Sam Maguire paying a very welcome visit to the U10 Emmets girls last week!



Great evening in Ballyduff on Monday of last week as the U8s hurlers hosted a blitz with Crotta and Firies



Listowel Celtic Under 15B who defeated Ballyhar A 3-2 in Pat Kennedy Park in The Healy Family Trophy Final on Wednesday 13th May.
Photo by Ashling Kelly



Ronan Kelly from Irremore receiving his award at The Osprey Hotel Naas last Saturday evening at The Basketball Ireland Awards Function. Ronan picked up the award for Most Improved Referee in Ireland on the evening. Ronan had already been voted Best Young Referee in Kerry earlier in the season

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Ballyduff U10 footballers took on Bally/Tarbert last weekend. Strong performances all around with some lovely scores taken, solid defending, and excellent teamwork on display throughout the game



Well done to Robert who represented Kerry last Sunday in Gormanstown in the U14 Cycling On Grass National Final. Robert finished fifth, just outside the medals. A fantastic achievement



Lios Tuathail AC athlete John Patrick O'Halloran Munster Champion 300m and silver in 60m



Mike Holly O'Connells Avenue who celebrated his 70th Birthday with a party in Brosnans Bar last Saturday night pictured with Mary Holly Young (Sister), Pa Holly (Brother), Katelyn Holly (Niece), Martin Young (Brother in Law) and Sarah Jane Allen (Mikes Nephew Johns Fiancée). Photo by Liam Kelly Photography



Listowel Emmets U12 boys who started phase 2 of the County League against John Mitchels and Furies last week



Congratulations to the Listowel Community Games U15 girls badminton team who became "ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS" last Sunday in Gormanstown at the Community Games National Finals. It's three in a row for the girls. A huge well done to Alexia, Margaret, Emily, Freya, Nadia and Anna. Also a special thanks to Roly Chute, team coach and Listowel Community Games. The team received a warm welcome home from some of the Listowel Community Games participants on Monday during their training session



Emmets Ladies U14 Amber team following their County League victory over Milltown/Castlemaine



Emmets Ladies U12 girls taking on Abbeydorney in their GoGames competition

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HORIZON FESTIVAL BALLYBUNION 2026 SET FOR HUGE SUMMER WEEKEND AS TICKET DEMAND CONTINUES TO SURGE

Anticipation is continuing to build for Horizon Festival Ballybunion 2026, with organisers confirming that ticket sales are now rapidly approaching sell-out levels across the festival weekend.

The three-day event, which takes place from Friday July 10th to Sunday July 12th, is expected to attract thousands of people to Ballybunion this summer for what is shaping up to be one of the largest music and entertainment events ever staged in the region. Organisers have revealed that Friday night tickets are now over 65% sold out, Saturday ticket sales are nearing the 80% mark, while Sunday has now reached approximately 75% sold out, with availability becoming increasingly limited. Festival organisers say demand has accelerated significantly in recent weeks as the lineup and festival experience continue to expand.

"We're seeing huge momentum now across all three days," organisers said this week. "The response has been incredible and there's a real sense of excitement building around the festival both locally and nationally. All ticket categories are now moving quickly and availability is becoming increasingly limited as we get closer to the summer."

The festival site will feature the Horizon Big Top Arena alongside the outdoor Horizon Stage and the Heineken Chill Zone, creating a full-scale festival atmosphere overlooking the Atlantic coastline. Friday night will officially open the weekend with headline performances from The Highstool Prophets, alongside Super Céilí and The Rising, promising a huge opening night of live music and energy inside the Big Top.

Saturday is expected to deliver one of the standout nights of the summer festival season, with Jenny Greene headlining a packed lineup that also includes Electrad and The Circus Ponies. Organisers have also confirmed that both Vocal Ponies and Riffshop will perform on the Horizon Stage throughout the evening, while well-known DJ JJ Hartigan will take over the Heineken Chill Zone.

Sunday's programme will bring a completely different festival atmosphere as the hugely popular Bingo Loco arrives in Ballybunion before one of Ireland's top DJs, Marty Guilfoyle, closes out the weekend with a major late-night afterparty performance inside the Big Top.

Due to exceptional demand for Sunday night entertainment, organisers have now released a brand-new standalone Afterparty Ticket priced at just €15, giving attendees access to the Marty Guilfoyle afterparty experience later that evening.

Festival organisers say the additional ticket option is expected to prove hugely popular with younger crowds and visitors travelling to Ballybunion specifically for the Sunday night entertainment.

Alongside the music lineup, Horizon Festival will feature premium food vendors, bars, immersive lighting and production, outdoor social spaces and large-scale festival infrastructure designed to create a major summer event experience in the heart of Ballybunion. The event is also expected to provide a significant boost to the local economy, with accommodation providers, restaurants, bars and local businesses already seeing strong demand around the festival weekend.

Organisers confirmed that planning and operational preparations continue in conjunction with event safety teams, emergency services and local stakeholders ahead of the July event. "We're putting a huge amount of work into making this something special for Ballybunion," organisers added.

"The support from the public has been unbelievable and there's a real feeling now that this is becoming one of the must-attend events of the summer."

With ticket availability becoming increasingly limited across the weekend, festival organisers are advising anyone intending to attend to secure tickets as soon as possible. Tickets are available now through Eventbrite and the official Horizon Festival social media channels.



PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS RECOGNISED AT FEXCO FEMALE EMPOWERMENT AWARDS

Transition Year students' smart waste innovation 'Bright Bin' earns praise from FEXCO CEO at RDI Hub, Killorglin

Presentation Secondary School, Listowel is delighted to congratulate five talented Transition Year students — Scarlett Ball, Caoimhe Lenihan, Orla O'Regan, Gia Ajay, and Emily O'Leary — who were invited to attend the FEXCO Female Empowerment Award at the RDI Hub in Killorglin on Wednesday, 6th May. It was a truly memorable day for all involved, and the entire school community is enormously proud of their achievement.

Bright Bin: A Smart Solution to an Everyday Problem

The students' project, Bright Bin, tackles a problem familiar to communities everywhere: overflowing bins that create unnecessary mess, unpleasant smells, and extra work for waste collectors. Rather than simply identifying the issue, the team set about designing a practical, technology-driven solution.

Bright Bin is a smart waste management system that combines LED lighting, internal sensors, and a GPS notification system fitted to a standard waste bin. The concept is simple and effective: when a bin has space remaining, an LED strip around its exterior glows green, giving a clear visual signal to the public. Once the bin reaches capacity, the internal sensor automatically detects the waste level and triggers the light to switch to red — alerting both the public and waste collectors that the bin requires attention.

The project cleverly blends technology with sustainability and practical problem-solving, aiming to make bin collection more efficient while helping to keep public spaces cleaner for everyone.

A Day to Remember at the RDI Hub

The girls were invited to present their work at the FEXCO Female Empowerment Award, held at the RDI Hub in Killorglin — a fitting venue that champions innovation and enterprise in Kerry. Their project drew particular praise from Neil Hosty, CEO of FEXCO, who commended the students on the quality and ambition of their work.

The experience gave the students a wonderful opportunity to present their ideas to business leaders and innovators, and to be recognised for the initiative, creativity, and problem-solving skills they have shown throughout the project.



Members of Listowel Bridge Club enjoying a recent Sunday lunch in the Listowel Arms Hotel.

Prizes were presented at the meal for the recent Kevin Sheehy Memorial Tournament.

Pictured in front L-R: Nora Carey 2nd session winner, Norma Leahy Tournament winner & Kathleen Nolan tournament winner.



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Celebrating Excellence at Causeway Comprehensive School Annual Student Awards 2025/26

On May 19th, Causeway Comprehensive School marked one of the highlights of its academic calendar with the hosting of its Annual Student Awards ceremony for the 2025/26 school year. The event celebrated the outstanding achievements, dedication, and spirit of students across all year groups, recognising excellence in attendance, academic effort, extra-curricular involvement, and contribution to school life. The ceremony opened with a musical introduction, setting a celebratory tone for an occasion that reflects the strong ethos and vibrant community at Causeway CS.

Academic achievement was a major focus of the evening. Award recipients included Milo Cronin (Canon Willie O'Connor Award for Leaving Certificate Irish for 2025), Daryna Khrystiuk (John O'Regan Award for highest Leaving Certificate results in 2025), and Aisling Gaynor (Lucille O'Sullivan Award). Top-performing students in Junior and Senior Cycle subjects were also acknowledged, with students such as Niamh O'Connor, Ashling Dwyer, Mia Hunt, Rian O'Carroll, Ella Mahony, Ava Fitzgerald, and Dominick Regan receiving subject awards. The prestigious Principal's Awards for Student of the Year, Mia Hunt was named Junior Student of the Year, while Jake Segal received the Senior Student of the Year Award, in recognition of their outstanding contribution, leadership, dedication and academic achievement throughout the year. Special recognition was given to Mary Reidy, who received the Ethos & Spirit of the School Award (in memory of Eileen Sheehan), highlighting her exceptional contribution to the positive culture of the school.

The Diligence Awards recognised students who consistently demonstrated hard work, dedication, and a positive attitude towards their studies. A wide cohort of students from 1st through to 6th Year received this award, reflecting the school's emphasis on effort and perseverance as key drivers of success. Transition Year students were particularly recognised for their participation and growth across a broad range of activities. Recipients of the TY Award included Danielle Roche, Abbie Lynch, Max Fitzgerald, Cathal Slattery, Clodagh Carroll, and Davina Galway. Students' involvement beyond the classroom was also celebrated through awards for extracurricular engagement. From Book Club participation to the ever-popular Xbox Club, students such as Anastasia Kovalenko and Ethan Kelly were acknowledged for contributing to school life during lunchtime activities.

Sport continues to play a central role in school life at Causeway CS, with students achieving success across football, hurling, basketball, soccer, badminton, athletics, camogie, and girls' football. Notable award winners included William Duggan, Dean O'Leary, Billy Moriarty, and John Curtin in football, while athletes such as Katie Bulter and Hannah Sheehy, Conor Slattery, Evan Diggins, and Sean Ross were recognised in hurling. In girls' sport, students including Emma Diggins, Sinéad Flynn, Sarah Slattery, Gráinne Maher, Joanne Cauty, Paige Murphy, and Sarah Diggins were honoured for their contributions and performance. Students like Carrie Cunningham and Oliwia Doboszynska were acknowledged for their success in Badminton, illustrating the breadth of talent within the school. It was also recognised that the school had secured 13 trophies this year in a variety of sports and at county, regional and national level.

Each Year head awarded students who embodied the values of their cohort with the Year Head Award, among those honoured were Liam Houlihan and Willow Molloy, Gary O'Mahony, Saoirse O'Rourke and Ryan Murphy, Cathal Slattery and Emily Fealy, and Daniel Nolan and Katelyn O'Mahony.

Another key highlight of the evening was the recognition of students who achieved an exceptional 100% attendance record throughout the year. Among those honoured were Pdraig O'Sullivan, Fiada Houlihan, Fionán Maunsell, and Nora O'Carroll, alongside Chelsea Daley and a strong group of Transition Year students including Carla Enright, Des O'Carroll, Steve Reidy, Cathal Slattery, Maria O'Connell, and Abigail Egan.

Senior students were also acknowledged for their commitment, with Liam Maunsell and Katie Egan receiving awards for perfect attendance. In addition, a large number of students across all year groups were commended for excellent attendance, having missed only one or two days, demonstrating a strong culture of engagement and responsibility among the student body.

The Annual Student Awards at Causeway Comprehensive School once again highlighted the extraordinary talent, dedication, and spirit of its students. Special mention was given to Grace Diggins who also recently won Young Economist of the Year 2026 and James McLernon who was recognised for his success in the Law Society of Ireland's National Essay Competition. The ceremony not only celebrated individual success but also reflected the strong sense of community and shared values that define Causeway Comprehensive School.



ARAS MUIRE NOMINATED AS A FINALIST IN THE IRISH HEALTHCARE AWARDS

Aras Mhuire Nursing Home was nominated as a finalist in the Irish Healthcare Awards. Staff attended an awards ceremony at the Burlington hotel on Friday night.

This nomination reflects our longstanding commitment to a rights-based, person-centred culture built around one simple belief - it is never, ever okay for one adult to say no to another. Instead, we challenge everybody who walks through our doors to find a better way to support residents to live their lives as they wish.

Our staff continuously go to extraordinary lengths to support residents to live life on their own terms, whether that means heading off for a pint, attending a concert, drenching staff during a water fight in the day room, or having snowball fights in the dining room. Maintaining fun, laughter, dignity and individuality within the home - even during challenging times - is central to who we are.

A huge thank you to our local suppliers who have sponsored 10 members of the Aras Mhuire family to travel to Dublin for the black-tie awards ceremony. John Griffin at first stop food sales, Conor Keane, Electrician, Karol O Connor, MHS, Homecare medical, Seamus Lynch, Lynches oil. While Aras Mhuire didn't win on the night, as the lowest funded nursing home in Ireland the members were ecstatic with the nomination.



2 MUSIC VENUES IN KERRY TO RECEIVE UP TO €20,000 - SENATOR MIKE KENNELLY

Mike the Pies receive €20,000 in funding as part of the Grassroots music venues support scheme, an increase from the €15,000 received last year.

The Green Room Dingle to receive €15,000 this year.

Both warmly welcomed by Senator Mike Kennelly

Music venues in Kerry will receive funding as part of the Grassroots Music Venues Support Scheme to support emerging local musicians, said Fine Gael Senator Mike Kennelly.

Following a pilot scheme in 2025, an increased fund of €1 million has been provided in funding in 2026 to both support grassroots music venues and to showcase the talent of emerging artists across Ireland.

Sixty venues around the country have been offered funding of up to €20,000 from the Scheme, an increase from the 34 venues supported in 2025. In addition, grant recipients include venues platforming Irish comedy and comedians.

Fine Gael Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan said: "Our grassroots venues are central to nurturing emerging artists and providing them with an opportunity to hone their talent, and it is very important that we recognise their contribution to the live performance industry, particularly given the challenges these venues face.

"I look forward to seeing the diversity of genre and talent that will reach new audiences as a result of this funding over the months ahead. I'd also encourage audiences from across the country to embrace the resource of their local venue and support artists in the early stages of their careers."

Senator Mike Kennelly said. "This increased funding will continue to support small, established grassroots music venues to showcase the talent of emerging musicians from Kerry and across the country. "This is a great opportunity for musicians who are starting out in Kerry in their playing careers to get the exposure and experience of performing in their local venue."

"In particular, I'm pleased to see so many venues in rural towns and villages are being supported, with funding awarded to a number of venues outside of our major cities. We have a rich talent base and it's wonderful to see them being encouraged to develop their craft through this funding, Senator Mike Kennelly concluded.



LOCAL BUSINESSES SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE FESTIVAL INITIATIVE AT LISTOWEL WRITERS' WEEK

Listowel Business and Community Alliance is supporting a sustainable festival initiative at this year's Listowel Writers' Week, encouraging visitors to explore the town while supporting local businesses throughout the festival week.

Official Listowel Writers'Week keep cups and festival merchandise are now available from the festival box office. Visitors who purchase and use a festival keep cup in participating cafés and businesses across Listowel will receive a free gift from participating Alliance members, including handmade truffles or specially selected bookmarks.

The initiative reflects the longstanding connection between the festival and the wider business community in Listowel, where cafés, shops, pubs and public spaces have long formed part of the atmosphere and social life of Writers'Week.

During the festival, conversations often continue well beyond formal events, carried through the streets of the town and into cafés and gathering places where writers, readers and visitors meet throughout the day.

Christy Walsh, Director and Treasurer of Listowel Writers'Week, said: "There has always been a strong connection between Writers'Week and the businesses and people of Listowel. The festival brings visitors into the town each year, and local businesses play an important part in creating the welcome and atmosphere that people associate with Listowel. This initiative is a simple way of encouraging people to support local cafés and businesses while also promoting sustainable practices during the festival.

"We would also like to sincerely thank the people and businesses of Listowel for the support they continue to show the festival year after year. Writers'Week has always been deeply rooted in the town itself, and that sense of welcome and community remains central to the experience of the festival."

Founded in 1970, Listowel Writers'Week remains Ireland's oldest literary and arts festival and continues to attract audiences from across Ireland and overseas to a town closely associated with storytelling, literature and hospitality.

As visitors move between readings, theatre events, workshops and conversations across the five-day programme, the collaboration offers another way to experience the character of Listowel itself and the wider sense of community that surrounds the festival each year.

Supported by the Arts Council of Ireland and Fáilte Ireland.



WRITER'S WEEK AT LISTOWEL LIBRARY

Listowel Library is delighted to host events as part of the Listowel Writers' Week 2026 programme. On Friday 29th May at 12.00 pm, Barbara Byar will launch her new book, *In the Desert*. It will be launched by Kerry author Noel O'Regan. All are welcome to attend this free event and tea & coffee will be served.

On Saturday morning 30th May, we will host 2 Science Workshops for children (young scientists!). Dr Shane Bergin will facilitate the workshops which will be based on his book *The Experimenters*. The first workshop takes place at 10.30 am and is for ages 5 - 7 years; the second workshop starts at 11.30 am and is for 8 - 10 year olds. These workshops are free but booking is essential. Places can be booked through the website www.writersweek.ie

On Saturday afternoon we will host Cúirt Filíochta with poet Matt Mooney - this event is a celebration of Irish language poetry and is free of charge. Tea & Coffee will be served. If you require any further details, please contact Listowel Library on 068-23044 or email listowel@kerrylibrary.ie

We also have the current books by authors visiting Listowel for the festival - why not visit the library to borrow your copy in advance of their events. The 5 titles nominated for the Kerry Group Fiction Prize are also in stock so call in if you think we can get 5 of them read before Opening Night! Which will be your favourite for the big prize?

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For me, this time of year is when I lean heavily on three of my favourite oils — **Lemon, Peppermint, and Lavender**.

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They also have other benefits that make them particularly useful at this time of year.

Lemon is refreshing and uplifting and makes drinking water much more enjoyable. Staying hydrated is essential during warm weather and especially important for students spending long hours studying.

Peppermint is fantastic for supporting alertness and focus. Its fresh aroma can help revive tired minds and provide a natural boost during long revision sessions.

Lavender brings calm and balance, helping to ease tension and support relaxation when the day is done.

For mild sun exposure, Lavender is also a lovely oil to have on hand to help soothe and comfort the skin.

Supporting Students Naturally

One of my favourite ways to use these oils during exam season is as a **roller blend**. When combined with fractionated coconut oil and applied to pulse points, behind the ears, and along the neck, they create a simple routine that helps students stay focused, calm, and supported throughout the day.

Many parents are looking for natural ways to help their children navigate exam stress, and this trio is one I often recommend.

Roller bottles are available from me for €20, ready blended and convenient to carry in a school bag or pocket.

Evening Calm After a Busy Day

While focus is important, rest is equally important.

In the evenings, I love diffusing oils such as **Adaptive, Serenity, Balance, Lemongrass, and Geranium** to create a calm atmosphere around the home. These beautiful oils help signal to the body and mind that it's time to slow down, switch off, and prepare for a good night's sleep.

Caroline's Top Tip – Sleep is Your Secret Superpower

To all our Junior Cert and Leaving Cert students: try not to sacrifice sleep for extra study hours.

A well-rested brain absorbs and recalls information far more effectively than a tired one. Aim for an earlier bedtime, stay hydrated, eat nourishing meals, and remember to take short breaks during study sessions. Looking after your wellbeing is just as important as opening the books.

Supporting Families with Essential Oils

Whether you're looking for support during exam season, help with seasonal allergies, or simply want to bring more natural wellness into your home, I'm always happy to help.

I support individuals and families across North Kerry and West Limerick and can guide you in choosing the right oils, opening your own dÓTERRA account, or getting started with one of the Family Essentials or Home Essentials Kits.

Thought for the Week

"The sunshine reminds us that brighter days always come. To every student facing exams: trust your preparation, do your best, and remember that your worth is far greater than any result on a page."

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THE OPTICAL SUITE IS DELIGHTED TO WELCOME OPTOMETRIST JOE O'CONNOR TO ITS GROWING TEAM

Formerly known as O'Connor Opticians, The Optical Suite has been providing highly personalised eye care in Listowel for generations. Owner and optometrist Diarmuid O'Sullivan is pleased to introduce Joe O'Connor as the newest member of the practice.

Joe brings a wealth of experience, having begun his career in Dun Laoghaire after qualifying from DIT. His warmth and professionalism have already made him a favourite among patients. "Joe is passionate about eye care and is a fantastic addition to our established team here on William Street," says Diarmuid.

Joe emphasises the importance of regular eye examinations: "Our eyes are amazing, complex, and precious - they deserve the best possible care. A sight test is a vital health check. It can detect early signs of eye conditions before symptoms appear, many of which can be successfully treated if caught early."

Common conditions that can affect eye health include glaucoma, macular degeneration, and complications related to diabetes. At The Optical Suite, investment in state-of-the-art equipment allows for comprehensive eye health assessments. Advanced sight tests include OCT scanning, which can detect even subtle changes in eye health & help guide next steps in care.

As an independent optician, The Optical Suite offers a wide range of frames to suit every style and budget. Collections include leading designer brands such as Tommy Hilfiger, Kate Spade, Victoria Beckham, Mulberry, and Nike.

The knowledgeable team is always available to guide patients through their options and provide expert, impartial advice.

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Pictured on the left are Diarmuid O'Sullivan and Joe O'Connor and on the right are staff members L to R Michelle Buckley, Sarah Mulvihill and. Breda Furlong



MAINTAINING BALANCE TO REDUCE THE STRESS

By James Kenny is a retired Guidance Counsellor

This final week before the Leaving Cert is usually when stress levels increase; this is normal. The goal this week is not "perfect preparation." It's staying calm enough to use what you already know. It's less about learning brand new material and more about mental and physical preparation and tactical revision. I have covered some of this material previously. This includes some revision.

Here are some approaches that might help you cope & manage pressure in these final few days:

Keep revision simple and keep to your plan

Trying to "cover everything" often increases panic. Instead:

- Finish each day with a short "done list" instead of thinking about what's not done.
- Instead of writing full essays, spend 15 minutes bullet-pointing how you would structure an answer from past exam papers.
- Use short revision blocks 40 minutes with proper breaks.
- Finish each day with a short "done list" instead of thinking about what's not done.

Fix your Sleep Cycle now: You brain is a muscle: it won't perform if you're tired.

Late-night cramming usually harms memory, concentration, and mood.

- Aim for consistent sleep and wake times. If you've been a night owl, start waking up at the time when getting ready for the exam (e.g. 7 to 7.30 AM)
- Avoid scrolling in bed after studying. Put phone away an hour before bedtime.
- Even one or two good nights can noticeably improve focus.

Reduce comparison with classmates: This week can become difficult if students constantly discuss: "What's coming up" - how many hours everyone is studying. Most students are more anxious than they appear. Quiet, steady preparation is usually more effective than futile comparisons.

Use exercise to lower stress levels: A walk, gym session, cycle, football kickabout, or even 20 minutes outside can reset concentration better than another hour staring at notes. Exercise this week is not "wasted study time." It helps memory and sleep.

Eat regularly even when anxious: Stress can suppress appetite, but skipping meals worsens concentration and irritability. Simple foods, hydration, and coffee in moderation will help more than energy drinks

Avoid thinking about the results and points - Focus on the task on hand
And finally, a few suggestions for parents.

The most helpful thing parents can do this week is create a calm atmosphere at home

- encourage breaks and meals and proper sleep and some exercise
- reassure but do acknowledge the children's stress and anxiety.
- focus on their effort and wellbeing, and not predicting points.

Students remember emotional support more than advice during this week.

Good luck to both students and parents next week.

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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.

Over the past few years the food pyramid has changed in comparison to when we were growing up. Previously it was recommended to include 3 to 5 portions of fruit and veg a day, now the recommendations are that we include between 5 and 7 a day.

Do you feel that you are getting in the recommended daily allowance? There are many different ways to include more fruit and veg daily.

Here are some ideas that may help you to get in variety in your meals.

Breakfast

Add chopped fruit into your bowl of cereal to bulk it up.
Try added some stewed apple into your porridge.
Fresh fruit chopped up with yogurt and half a weetabix crumbled over it.
Add mushrooms and tomatoes alongside your eggs.

Lunch

Soups are always a great way to get in your vegetables.
Bulk up your sandwich or wrap with lots of salad ingredients.
Fill your omelette with mushrooms, peppers and tomatoes.
Add some chopped veg through cooked pasta.

Dinner

Frozen or fresh they all count towards your 5 to 7 a day.
Ensure to have at least 2 kinds of veg on your dinner plate.
Curries are also a great way to get in your vegetables.
Half of your dinner plate should be vegetables

Snacks

Fruit and veg chopped up make a great healthy alternative snack.
You can use a yogurt dip or a salsa dip if you like a bit of a kick.
Fruit is very portable so pop an apple or a banana in your bag for when you are out & about.
Mashed banana on toast is also a very filling snack.

Some people love to set their own little garden, but today we would love for you to come into our garden of positivity.

Instant Garden of Success

Plant 5 rows of Peas

Patience
Perseverance
Preparation
Planning
Positiveness

Include 2 rows of Squash

Squash negative thoughts
Squash deprivation

Add 4 rows of Lettuce

Let us be positive
Let us take responsibility
Let us be in control
Let us reward our efforts

No Garden is complete without Turnips

Turn up with a positive attitude
Turn up with a smile
Turn up with a new idea
Turn up with real determination
Turn up with success

May your garden flourish

Our final thought for this week is "5 P's"
Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance

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

Give us a call on Sandra 087 6718377 | Rita 087 1012174
Until next week Sandra and Rita



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James Ryan and the Development of Independent Ireland, 1872-1970

By Michael Loughman



Few figures in twentieth-century Ireland remained at the centre of Irish public life as long as James Ryan. First coming to prominence as the GPO's medical officer during the Easter Rising, Ryan, alongside his wife, Máirín Cregan, continued to play an active part in the struggle for independence that followed. His strident republicanism ensured he was on the losing side in the Civil War, but out of this defeat, he emerged as a founder of Fianna Fáil and one of Éamon de Valera's most trusted lieutenants.

As one of the longest-serving ministers in the state's history, Ryan presided over momentous periods of crisis and change not only for the departments he managed but also for the country itself. As Minister for Agriculture, Ryan steered the pillar of the Irish economy through the turbulence of the 1930s and 1940s. He later became the first minister in the newly established Departments of Health and Social Welfare, implementing substantial legislative reforms in the face of powerful vested interests. Finally, upon his appointment as Minister for Finance in 1957, Ryan worked closely with Seán Lemass to lift Ireland out of its economic malaise.

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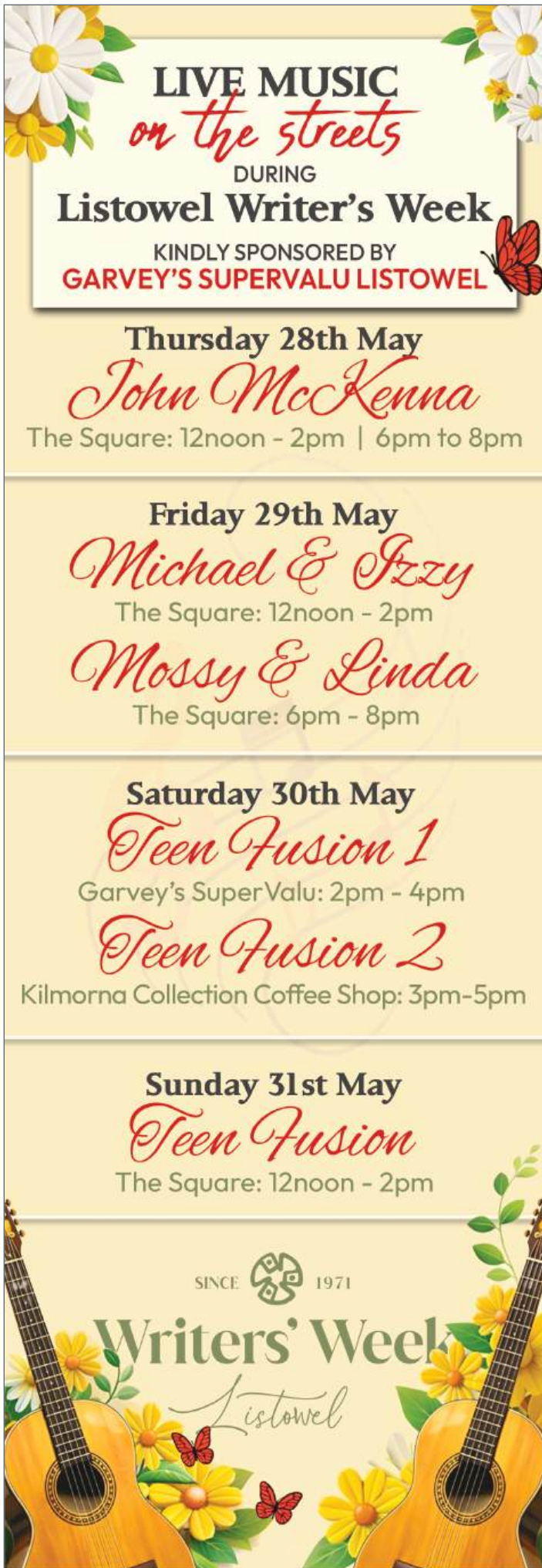
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Mossy & Linda
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TOP TIPS FOR HEALTHY EYES

WEAR PRESCRIBED GLASSES
Many eye and vision problems develop or increase as we get older. Contrary to the myth, wearing will not make your eyesight worse – they help your eyes work more efficiently.

WEAR SUNGLASSES
As well as making your vision more comfortable in the sun, sunglasses protect your eyes from UV light. When choosing sunglasses, you should always make sure that they carry the CE or British Standard marks.


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HAVE REGULAR SIGHT TESTS
As well as an eye health check, a sight test might help detect signs of underlying general health conditions, such as diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure. Everyone should have a sight test every two years.

EAT HEALTHILY
Eating a healthy, balanced diet reduces your risk of eye disease. Include lots of omega-3 fats, found in oily fish, and lutein, found in dark-green, leafy vegetables such as spinach and kale.

STOP SMOKING
Many people are unaware of the link between smoking and eye disease. If you smoke, stop. Smoking significantly increases the risk of developing eye diseases, such as cataracts and age-related macular degeneration.

TAKE REGULAR BREAKS
When you work on something close up, such as a computer, tablet or smartphone, your eye muscles are active. This may cause tiredness and headaches, even in those with normal sight. Follow the 20/20/20 rule – every 20 minutes, look at something 20 feet away, for 20 seconds.



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Oisín Hannon, 6th Year School Ethos Winner



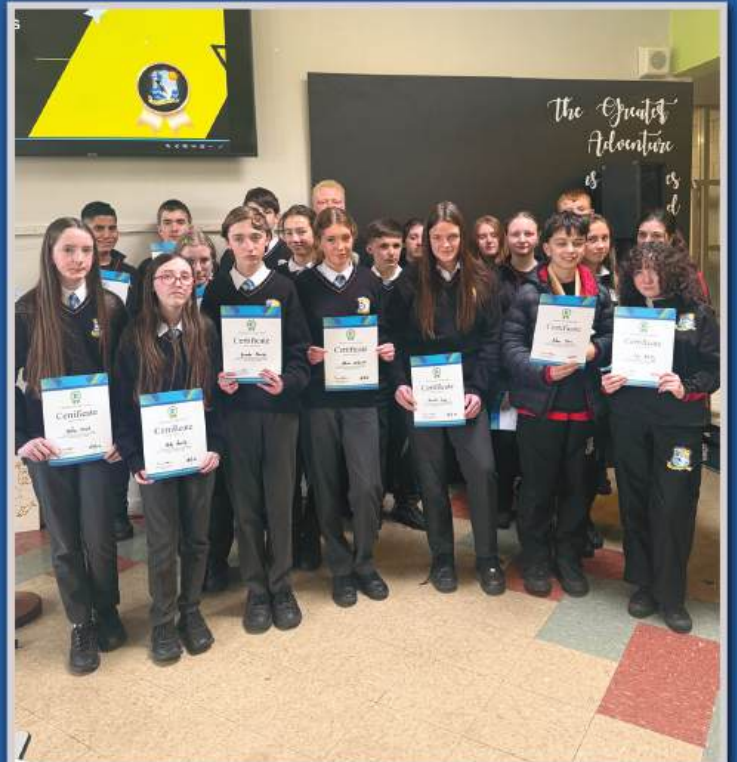
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BALLYBUNION

CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Nuala O'Connor (née Culhane) of Derrylea, Oakpark, Tralee and formerly East End. May she Rest in Peace.

BALLYBUNION BEAN FESTIVAL

Ballybunion Bean Festival invites you to their first event in the Bean Series as we grow together towards the Ballybunion Bean Festival 2026. Friday 5th June, 7pm to 9pm, the Olde Attic, Main St, Ballybunion. The evening will begin with Billy Jo O'Connor of Leagh Farm, Ballyduff who will lead us in Bean Survival Training! Learn everything you ever wanted to know about growing beans.

After that we will be joined by James de Burca of deBurca Tempeh who will inspire us with a delicious bean cooking demo.

The evening will close with music from singer-songwriter Sailhymn, from Ballybunion. Their reflective music weaves together themes of nature, community, and everyday wonder. Alongside these amazing guests, there will be beany snacks for everyone to enjoy. Tickets are €20.

What If We Were Brilliant? Books will be available for sale on the evening for €20 or purchase admission + book for €30. Plant a Bean, Grow a Dream...

Link to share: https://FromPodToPlate_BeanFestivalSeries1.eventbrite.ie

ROSARY AT AHAFONA

Join us for May Devotions to Our Lady with the Rosary each evening at 7:00pm throughout the month of May at Our Lady's Grotto, Ahafona. All are warmly welcome to attend and take part in this special time of prayer and reflection. Mass will be on This Thursday at 7pm at the Grotto.

BALLYBUNION TIDY TOWNS

2026 GARDEN AWARDS are now open. You can get your entry form from the Tourist Office. Also we are launching ADOPT A PATCH where basically you look after what is on your doorstep...watering especially during the summer months. All info on our FB page [ballybuniontidytowns](https://www.facebook.com/ballybuniontidytowns)

BALLYBUNION SUMMER MARKETS

Ballybunion Summer Markets will return this Sunday May 31st and running every Sunday until August 30th. Come along each week to enjoy local vendors, food, and community spirit — all while supporting a fantastic cause. Like last year, all money raised will be donated to Ballybunion Sea & Cliff Rescue. We can't wait to see you all there for another wonderful summer in Ballybunion!

CEMETERY MASSES

St. John's Cemetery, Ballybunion, Friday 5th June at 7p.m.
Lisselton Cemetery Monday 22nd June at 7.30pm.
Gale Cemetery Thursday 25th June at 7.30pm.
Killehenry Cemetery, Friday 26th June 7p.m.
Kilconly Cemetery, Friday 3rd July at 7p.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.

Timeless & Irish concert, presented by Radio Kerry, will be held on Wednesday, 17th June. Gearóid McCarthy will perform in concert on Friday, 16th October at 8PM. Tickets are available from the tinteán website. For details on these and all upcoming events, visit www.tinteán.ie

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 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

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

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

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

BALLYBUNION COMMUNITY CENTRE

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SAN RITA WELLNESS

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

GROW SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

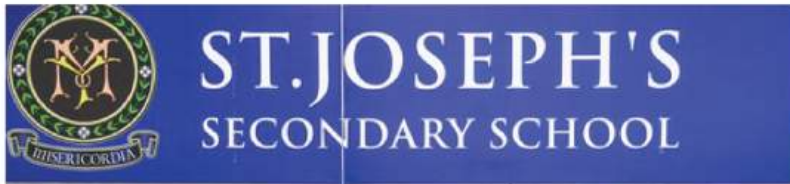
Grow support meetings on Wednesdays from 7:30pm to 9:30pm in the Seanchai centre, Kerry writers museum the square Listowel, All men and women welcome, for more information either attend or ring Jerry Cronin 0860271990 or www.grow.ie

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"DASHING SMILES & DAZZLING AWARDS AT ST JOSEPHS, BALLYBUNION"

Written By Shannon Martin



AWARDS NIGHT AT ST. JOSEPHS SECONDARY SCHOOL, BALLYBUNION, TOOK PLACE IN THE SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, THE 19TH OF MAY. THE AWARDS WERE PRESENTED BY OUR PRINCIPAL MR. JOHN O' DONOVAN AND SPECIAL GUESTS RACHEL ADAMS, OWNER OF RACHEL'S CAFE IN GLIN, AND BAND MEMBERS OF AINM AN BHAILE - DANNY AND JOE FINCH AND CONNOR HENNESSY - ALL PAST PUPILS OF THE SCHOOL.



OVER 30 AWARDS WERE PRESENTED ON THE NIGHT! IT WAS A NIGHT FILLED WITH JOY, LOTS OF NERVES AND MANY BEAMING FACES. THIS NIGHT WAS A CULMINATION OF THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION SHOWN BY THE STUDENTS OF ST JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL ALL YEAR.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENTS, STAFF, STUDENTS, SPONSORS AND MUSICIANS WHO MADE THIS AN AMAZING AND UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT.



TARBERT

TARBERT NEWS

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

DEATHS

The death took place of Eileen O'Connor (née Healy) of Sallowglen, Tarbert and formerly of Creagh Street, Glin County Limerick. Eileen died at home in her 91st. year. She reposed at St. Mary's Funeral Home, Tarbert on Sunday 17 May and despite the inclement weather large crowds of mourners queued to pay their respects, testifying to the esteem in which she and her family are held.

Her Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Tarbert on Monday 18 May by Fr. Sean Hanafin, assisted by Fr. Francis Nolan and Fr. Brendan Carmody. Hymns were sung by chanteuse Claire Keane. Members of Eileen's family brought symbols of her life to the altar and these included - A Fr. Cullen medal symbolising her life long membership of the Pioneer Association, a Certificate from the Chernobyl Association in recognition of all the knitting she sent over the years, her passport symbolising her travel with her husband to many places, a book denoting her love of reading, her rosary beads symbolising her dedication to her faith. Gospel reading were by members of her family and a Eulogy and Reflection were by Pat and Darren O'Connor.

Eileen was born in Glin in 1934 and trained to be a Hairdresser. She later met and married Jerry O'Connor, a farmer from Sallowglen, Tarbert. They were blessed with 7 children, 5 girls and two boys. Jeremiah died in 2007 and she was also predeceased by her grandson Conor, her parents Paddy and Mary and her brother Paddy. Eileen was remembered as a woman of great style and elegance and a life-long supporter of Limerick hurling. After her Requiem Mass her remains were removed to St. Mary's New Cemetery where she was laid to rest beside her husband Jeremiah.

Members of the family cast red roses into the grave and excerpts from her favourite poet Paddy Kavanagh were recited.

Sympathy of the community to her sons Michael and Pat, to her daughters Sarah, Miriam, Geraldine, Noelle, Helene, to her brothers Tom and John, sisters Mary and Annie, sons-in-law, Tom (Prendiville), John (O'Connor) James (Shine), James (Cox) Ronan (Kavanagh) daughters in law Mary and Annie, 20 grandchildren 13 great-grandchildren.

Solas na bhFlaitheas agus leaba i measc na naomh agus na n-aingeal go raibh aici. Sympathy also to the Stackpoole family Lixnaw on the death of Michael Stackpoole, Lixnaw. He was brother of the late Jim who was married to the late Kit Wren, Tarmons, Tarbert.

BEST WISHES

Continued good health and best wishes to Joe and Mary Langan, Tarmons who celebrated 57 years of married life together. They were married on 17 May 1969 in the Church of St. Michael the Archangel, Ballylongford and the wedding reception was held at the Cliff House, Ballybunion and cost £17. 7s 6d. and Joe still has the receipt. Joe suffered a stroke four years ago but is very capably looked after by his anam cara Mary and he has no shortage of visitors to reminisce about games won and lost. Gura fada buan síad.

WEDDING BELLS

The Wedding took place of Patrick O'Connor, son of Tom Pa and Christina O'Connor, Saleen, Tarbert and Margaret O'Meara, Toomevara, County Tipperary, daughter of Seamus and Catherine O'Meara. The happy couple were married on Friday 22 May at the Holy Trinity Abbey Church, Adare, County Limerick. The Celebrant was Fr. Maurice Brick and the Reception was at the Woodlands House Hotel, Adare. The Maid of Honour was Laura O'Meara and the Bridesmaid was Breda O'Meara. The Reflection was by Helen Cormack and the Musician was Mary Meagher.

Guimis gach rath ar an mbeirt a posadh agus go neiri go geal leo le céile as seo amach.

KNOCK TRIP

The annual pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Wednesday 1 July. The bus pick ups are in Listowel, Knockanure, Moyvane, Tarbert and Glin. For full details and booking you can contact Margaret Carmody in Knockanure on 087/ 2976304 or Nuala Carmody, Tarbert on 068 / 36166. Enjoy the day.

MARIAN SHRINE

Praying the Rosary at the Marian Shrine concludes on Friday 29 May at 7pm. This portico style Shrine designed by Church architect the late P. J. Sheehan of Limerick was dedicated on 21 October 1958 to coincide with the same day consecration of the new Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary.

The statue to Our Lady was originally purchased in and shipped from Paris by Fr. Foley, Tarbert's first Parish Priest of the new single parish and had previously stood in the old 1833 Church. For the record the altar boys on the historic day with Bishop Moynihan and Fr. Supple, P. P. were Michael and Pierce Wall, Michael McNamara, James and Patrick Lynch - all still go beo, breá, briomhar, buíochas le Dia. In recent years John Joe Histon, Kilpadogue with his artistic talents enhanced the beauty of the Statue as seen in the Square to-day.

BALLYBUNION REQUEST

Ballybunion Summer Markets will return on Sunday 31 May and will run every Sunday until Sunday 30 August. All monies raised will be donated to the Ballybunion Sea and Cliff Rescue and they appeal for your support.



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BALLYLONGFORD

YAHÚ MUSIC FESTIVAL

Don't forget the latest addition to the Ballylongford calendar, the inaugural Yáhu Traditional Music Festival, taking place from 5th to 7th June 2026.

The festival promises a lively weekend of music, song and community spirit, bringing together talented musicians, singers and performers from Kerry and beyond. Organisers hope the event will become a welcome addition to the village calendar, while also showcasing Ballylongford's rich musical heritage and warm hospitality.

Across the weekend, visitors can expect a vibrant atmosphere with traditional music sessions, workshops, concerts and plenty of opportunities for musicians of all ages and abilities to take part. Local venues throughout the village will come alive with the sound of reels, jigs and songs, creating what is hoped will be a memorable weekend for both locals and visitors alike.

The festival committee has been working hard behind the scenes to bring the new event to life and is looking forward to welcoming supporters from near and far to Ballylongford for what promises to be a fantastic celebration of traditional Irish culture, music and craic.

Check local Facebook pages and outlets for a full programme of events.

BALLYBUNION SUMMER MARKETS

Ballybunion Summer Markets will return on Saturday, May 31st and will continue every Sunday until August 30th. Locals and visitors alike are invited to come along each week to enjoy a great selection of local vendors, delicious food and a wonderful community atmosphere.

As in previous years, all proceeds raised will go towards supporting the invaluable work of Ballybunion Sea & Cliff Rescue, making it a great opportunity to support both local businesses and a very worthy cause.

We can't wait to see you all there for another wonderful summer in Ballybunion!

BALLYLONGFORD TIDY TOWNS

A gentle reminder from Ballylongford Tidy Towns that judging for the 2026 competition is fast approaching. The volunteers are continuing their hard work around the village and would really appreciate the support of the wider community over the coming weeks.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to tidy up their own areas, keep paths and public spaces clear, and where possible add a splash of colour with flowers, planters or hanging baskets. Even small efforts like picking up litter while out walking or helping to maintain a local spot can make a big difference.

We also ask people to be mindful of signage and adver-

tising, and to avoid placing posters on poles, green areas or derelict buildings.

Thanks to everyone who has already lent a hand - your support helps keep Ballylongford looking its very best.

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, if you would like to arrange a time and date to visit the school and meet the staff.

BALLYLONGFORD GAA

McCarthy Insurance Div 6 County League Round 8
We remain unbeaten in the Co League after a draw with Fires -16 points apiece -at the local sports field on Sunday. Fires ability to kick 2 pointers was a key factor in the game - of their 16 points 12 were from 2 pointers. Where we finish in this division is still in our own hands - our trip to Glenflesk this Sun is now of paramount importance - your support would be greatly appreciated.

U10 Go Game v Ballyduff

The U10s had a great outing away to Ballyduff on Wednesday evening. Huge progress is being shown by this super bunch of kids. Excellent skills, passing, shooting, tacking and teamwork was on display. Thanks to Ballyduff for hosting and best of luck to them for the rest of the year

U14 County League

Northern Gaels B 5-8 Milltown/Castlemaine B 3-7
Well done to everyone involved, a mighty effort by a great bunch of players

Weekly Lotto Draw: Saturday 16th May

Jackpot €4300. Numbers Drawn: 5, 15, 20, 32. There was no winner.

Lucky Dips: €20 Jackie Walsh Main Street, €20 Mike Brassil Lislaughtin, €20 Noreen Collins Clounamon, €20 online Patrick Scanlon Yonkers New York
Free tickets x 3 Geraldine O Connor Main Street.
Next week's Lotto €4350. Bally Abú
Thanks for your continued support

MOVE WITH MARTINA

Martina is 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.



Pictured here are members of the **Tarbert Comprehensive Parents' Association** presenting a very generous cheque to Tarbert Comprehensive School following a series of hugely successful fundraising initiatives undertaken over recent months in support of the School's planned Astroturf development. The photograph is taken on the site where the new Astroturf facility is expected to be commissioned over the summer months.

While some additional donations continue to come in, approximately €12,000 has now been raised through the Parents' Association fundraising campaign, GoFundMe page and direct donations to the School.

The School and Parents' Association are hugely appreciative of the generosity and support shown by the wider community. All funds raised will go directly towards the Astroturf project which will benefit not only the current student population but also students of Tarbert Comprehensive School for many years to come.

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Listowel Business and Community Alliance will also be sponsoring a live music event this Saturday 30th May from 12noon-2pm...

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LIXNAW

PARISH MASS TIMES

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH: Friday 29th May, Mass at 7.30pm for John Scanlon, Ahabeg (Month's Mind) Saturday 30th May, Mass at 7.30pm for Mary Touhy, Kilaragh; Mary & Pat McCarthy, Ahabeg.

RATHEA CHURCH: Sunday 31st May, Mass at 9.30am.

IRREMORE CHURCH: Saturday 31st May, Mass at 11.00am for Bridie & Paud Trant; May & Denis Flaherty; Nora & Jack Trant and deceased members of the Trant family.

FR. MAURICE BRICK'S RETIREMENT

Fr. Maurice Brick is retiring in July 2026. He served in the parish of Lixnaw (Lixnaw, Iremore & Rathea) as a curate from 1993 – 1998 and as a parish priest from 2006 – 2019. The Brick family are compiling a book which he can read and enjoy in his retirement. People who knew him might like to write an anecdote or a memory of their time with him and include any photographs they may have. This information can be forwarded by email or post to the following addresses: email carolinebrick27@gmail.com or post to Caroline Redmond, Radharc an Chuain, The Spa, Tralee. It is hoped to have this personalised book ready to print by the 20th June 2026.

SPLIT THE BUCKET DRAW

Congratulations to Padraig McCarthy on winning €82 in this week's Split the Bucket Draw.

LIXNAW GAA LOTTO DRAW

Jackpot €18,450. Numbers drawn were 2, 6, 24, 32. No jackpot winner. €30 winners: J.P. O'Connell, Gortadrislig; Nicola O'Brien (online); Nuala Horgan, Finuge. Next week's Jackpot will be €18,500. Thank you for your continued support.

ST SENAN'S GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

18/05/2026 Jackpot €2,500. Numbers drawn were 7, 10, 24, 32. No jackpot winner. €30 winners: Michelle Moran (online); Annemarie McGrath, Tullig. €20 winners: Mary Prendergast (online), Joe Curtin, Furfane; Joan Larkin, Dublin. Next week's Jackpot will be €2,600. Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets are available at Kelly's Six Crosses, The Halfway Bar, Parker's Bar, Kilflynn, or play online.

FINUGE GAA CLUB

Congratulations to our April €500 Draw winner Paul Breen. Entry tickets for each month are available at McCarthy's Bar, Finuge, Foley's Your Stop Shop; Stack's Londis; JJ Walsh Bar & Butchers; Gibbon's Filling Station and Lixnaw Post Office. Tickets are also available online www.finugegaa.com or from any club officer. The May draw will contain a special bonus of Munster Hurling Final Tickets for Cork v Limerick as well as €500. Draw will take place on Monday 1st June.

Finuge Club Membership: For any members that are playing, registration must be completed through Foireann - see www.foireann.ie. Non-playing membership is also available through Foireann or through any club officer. The club would like to thank everyone for their support. Rates are as follows - Juvenile €40; Juvenile x 2 €70; Juvenile x 3 €90; Senior player €50; Non-playing Adult €50; Family (2 juveniles & 2 adults) €120. A registration night will be held this Sunday the 31st of May from 7-8pm at the clubrooms - this is for non-playing members only.

BALLYBUNION SUMMER MARKETS

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CONTACT

To include items in the Lixnaw notes, please email: 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 19th are as follows: The numbers drawn were 7, 8, 21 and the Bonus Number was 9. There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot of €15,200 or Match 3 prize of €400. The €20 consolation prize winners were Stefan Carrig, Laccá; Nickie/Noreen Leen, Tower Drive and Samantha Stackpoole, Lixnaw. The Lotto Draw takes place on each Tuesday night at the GAA Clubrooms.

BALLYDUFF GAA

U16 hurlers:

Our u16 hurlers travelled to Tom Healy Park Abbeydorney on Sunday morning last for a County u16 Hurling League game against the table toppers Abbeydorney. A bright opening by the home side was quickly overturned by the visitors who notched up some well taken scores to lead by eight points at half time. Abbeydorney hit a purple patch and there was the bare minimum between the sides with ten minutes left. However, the "Boys in Green" dug deep to finish the stronger on the day on a scoreline of 3 – 19 to 1 – 15. Thanks to Eugene Stack for officiating.

U10 Football:

Another great evening for our U10 boys as they took on Bally/Tarbert Strong performances all around with some lovely scores taken, solid defending, and excellent teamwork on display throughout the game. Huge credit to both teams for the great effort and sportsmanship shown on the evening. Well done lads, keep up the great work!

U8 Football:

Great evening in Ballyduff on Monday of last week as our U8s hosted a blitz with Crotta and Furies. Brilliant skill, effort and enthusiasm on show from all the young players, with plenty of great hurling throughout the evening. Thanks to Crotta and Furies for making the trip and to all the coaches, parents and volunteers who lent a hand on the night. Keep up the great work lads

Croke Park Double Header:

A brilliant day ahead for Kerry hurling and football supporters as both our Senior Hurlers and U20 footballers take to the field in Finals on the very same day this Saturday May 30th at Páirc an Chrócaigh. At 3.00pm, the Kerry hurlers face Derry in the Christy Ring Cup Final, before our U20 footballers take on Tyrone in the U20 All-Ireland Final Football final at 5.00pm.

A massive occasion for the county and a special day for all involved. Hopefully there will be a huge travelling support roaring on both teams and creating a fantastic atmosphere in Croke Park.

ALL IRELAND GLORY

Fantastic news for Ballyduff's young athletes last weekend! Huge congratulations to Ballyduff boys Jack & James Sheehy along with Brandon Scanlon who were part of the Kerry U12 Community Games relay team that captured All-Ireland Gold on Sunday last!

A brilliant achievement for the lads, their families, coaches and school community. We are all incredibly proud to see Ballyduff represented on the national stage in such a special way.

Well done boys — a fantastic accomplishment and a day to remember!

CHURCH NEWS

Anniversaries: Michael Slattery; Karen Harrington; Paddy O'Connor, Ardculen; Kathleen Leahy, Ballinobeg.

Deaths: Agnes Julia Thornton; Eileen O'Connor, Tarbert, mother of Michael O'Connor, Clounlougher

Masses for the week:

Friday May 29th 7.00pm: For Students sitting examinations

Saturday May 30th 6.30pm: Mass in Causeway

Sunday May 31st 11am: Jerry Lawlor; Jer-James O'Neill; Noranne Dowling Ballybunion Sea & Cliff Rescue: Charity No. 19312 - Collection this weekend 30th/31st May

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RAMBLERS GOLF SOCIETY

The Ramblers Golf Society travelled to Mount Juliet Golf Club, Co. Kilkenny on Friday May 15th for Cianán Ferris's Captain's Prize. A fantastic day of golf was had on the beautiful course and the prize winners are as follows:

Overall Winner: Paddy Healy

Category A

Winner – Cianán Ferris | Runner Up – David O'Grady

Category B

Winner – Kevin McGrath | Runner Up – Nathan McGrath

Category C

Winner – Ed Barry | Runner Up – Pakie Quinlan

Longest Drive – Cathal Laide

Nearest the Pin – Luke Donnellan

Guest Prize - Denis Moriarty

Next Outing: Is to Ballyneety Golf Club in Co. Limerick where Mike O'Connor President's Prize will be up for grabs on the day.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGES

Our annual diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday August 22nd, the Feast Day of the Queenship of Mary. Many people look forward to this day each year, a day of faith, community, and friendship. The month of May is a good time to begin advertising it in newsletters. Many parishes choose to combine and arrange a bus as a pastoral area. If any parish wishes to supply a choir, or solo singers it will be much appreciated. Otherwise Knock will supply the music. Thank you to the choir from Killorglin who were with us last year. If you have parish flags, bring them along.

Our diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on June 10th to 15th is almost three months earlier than usual. It will involve assisted pilgrims and their support team, the youth section and ordinary pilgrims, almost 200 in all.

BINGO

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

BALLYDUFF SUMMER FESTIVAL

Ballyduff Summer Festival will take place from Friday May 29th to Monday June 1st at different venues throughout Ballyduff. Come along and enjoy the many events that the Committee has organised for your enjoyment.

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 May 31st:

At The Square Ballyduff:

Craft Fair from 12.00pm; Face Painting from 12.00pm; Bouncy Castles from 12.00pm; Bonny Baby competition from 1.00pm; Dog Show competition from 2.00pm; Line Dancing from 3.00pm; Medal presentation from 4.00pm; Novelty Fun in the Square after medal presentation; Mike Condon Busking Competition from 2.00pm – 4.00pm; Chip Van in The Square all day & all night; Music at Walsh's/Your man's Bar – Seán Tierney from 6.00pm – 8.00pm; Music at O'Connor's/Hawthorn Bar - Seanie Regan/DJ Diesel from 8.00pm – 10.00pm; Music at Purcell's Bar – Spailpín from 9.30pm to Close: Music at Lowe's Bar – DJ Martin Behan from 10.00pm to Close

Monday June 1st:

Music at Purcell's Bar – Kevin Goggin & Joe Lynch from 6.00pm to 8.30pm to finish off our weekend.

PICTURES FROM KERRY PARENTS & FRIENDS GARDEN FÊTE WESTERN THEMED DAY ON SUNDAY 24TH MAY

Photo by Liam Kelly Photography



KILFLYNN

CROTTA LOTTO RESULTS

Parker's Pub in Kilflynn hosted the Crotta Hurling Club's weekly lotto draw on Monday 25th May. The four numbers drawn from the drum by the independent observer, Sonny Egan, Garrynagore, Lixnaw were 12, 25, 26, and 28. No one won the €7,700 Jackpot.

Congratulations to the following who won €35 in the lucky dip draw:

Michelle O'Donoghue, Guadalajara, Spain & Garrynagore, David Power, Abbeydorney and Brian Mulvihill, Stacksmountain, Kilflynn

The next draw will take place in Herbert's Bar, Kilflynn on Monday, 1st June at 10:30 p.m. with a €7,800 Jackpot.

Tickets are available: 3 for €5 online at www.crottagaa.club or this link: <https://tinyurl.com/crotta-club-lotto> or Herbert's Bar/Village Store, Parker's Pub, Zam Zam Kabab, Foley Shop Lixnaw, Abbeydorney Post Office or from Club ticket sellers. Many thanks to all who contribute to our weekly Club Lotto. The Club cannot overemphasize the importance of our members promoting the Club Lotto among family, friends, and work colleagues. Your continued support is greatly appreciated

ABBEYDORNEY/KILFLYNN COMMUNITY GAMES

The annual community games athletics will take place on Sunday May 31st in Abbeydorney Hurling Club from 2-4pm. Tiny Tots Race: U-8 60 M & 80 M, U-10 100 M & 200 M; U-12 100 M/200M/600M; U-14 100 M/200M/800M. Long Puck: U-12 Boys, U-14-Girls
The cost is €3 for the 1st child and €2 for each additional child.

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.

ACTIVE RETIRED

The Abbeydorney/Kilflynn Active Retired Group will be going on their day trip to Limerick on Wednesday 27th May, visiting Thomond Park and The Hunt Museum, with lunch at the Greenhills Hotel. We will meet at the Abbeydorney Parish Hall at 8:45 a.m.; a deposit is required to book your seat. Any enquiries please contact Marie Williams at 066 7135831 or 085 2524028.

BAKE SALE

Relay for Life Kerry in Aid of the Irish Cancer Society are hosting a Bake Sale on Friday 29th May from 6-8pm at St Senan's GAA Club Mountcoal. There will be delicious homemade treats for all ages. We would appreciate your support. Teas & Coffees available on the day. If anybody would like to do some baking, we would greatly appreciate it.
Contact number: 0874191546

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 Intentions for the week in St. Mary's Church: Mass will be celebrated on Friday 29th May at 10.00a.m and Saturday 30th May at 6:00 p.m.

Kilflynn Altar Society for May: Claire Walsh, Carmel Walsh

If anyone would like a call, please contact the Parish Office 066 4018996 or Fr. Jerry Keane 087 2844649.
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament Kilflynn: Monday 7.00p.m. — 8.00 p.m.

Exam Mass Cards and a selection of other Mass cards available from the Parish Office. Parish Office Closed until Tues 2nd June.

Check www.dioceseofkerry.ie go to Abbeydorney parish and check the newsletter.

CROTTA GAA

It's a brilliant day ahead for Kerry football and hurling supporters as both our U20 Footballers and Senior Hurlers take to the field for Finals on the very same day in Croke Park on Saturday 30th May.

At 3pm, the Kerry hurlers face Derry in the Christy Ring Cup Final, before our U20 footballers take on Tyrone in the All-Ireland Final at 5pm.

A massive occasion for the county and a special day for all involved. Hopefully, huge travelling support will roar on both teams, creating a fantastic atmosphere in Croke Park. Best of luck to all the players, management and especially our own Crotta representatives involved: Sean McGrath and Jordan Conway.

All Ireland Intermediate Camogie Championship Round 1 in Austin Stack Park on Sunday 24th May
Full Time: Kerry 0-10 -v- Down 1-6. Congratulations to the Kerry players and mentors, especially the Crotta ladies Aoife Behan, Jackie Hogan, Amy O'Sullivan and Róisín Quinn.

Great evening of fun and hurling in Ballyduff on Monday, 18th May as our U8's played a blitz with hosts Ballyduff and Furies. Thanks to all players, coaches, parents for a great evening of hurling.

Well done to all the boys and girls who took part in Tuesday evening's U6 training session in Crotta on Tuesday 19th May. Congratulations, Senan and Ella who were this week's U6 players of the week.

See you all again next Tuesday @6:15
Unfortunately the Keane's SuperValu Minor Hurling County League Division 1 Semi-Final game scheduled for Wednesday, May 20th has been cancelled

Crotta have conceded the Game due to injuries & Ballyheigue has been awarded the game. Ballyheigue plays Ballyduff in the final.

Lee Strand Kerry Coiste na nÓg Under 16 hurling leagues Round 5 results Sunday, 24 May
Division 1 -
Kilmoyley 3-11 Crotta O'Neill's 1-17
Ballyduff 3-19 Abbeydorney1-14

County League Senior Hurling Division 1 - Semi Finals
Friday, 22 May
Lixnaw 1-19 St. Brendan's 0-17
Crotta O'Neill's 0-21 defeated Ballyheigue 1-13 in the sports-field, Dromakee, on Friday evening 22nd May.

Lee Strand Kerry Coiste na nÓg Under 14 Hurling League Round 5 result - Friday, 22 May
Crotta O'Neill's 5-17 St. Brendan's 1-12

Kerry was crowned TG4 Munster SFC champions for the third consecutive year after a hard-fought one-point victory over a spirited Waterford at Kilmallock GAA grounds by 2-9 to 1-11 on Sunday 24th May. Congratulations to the Kerry players and their mentors, especially Niamh Quinn who was a member of the victorious side.

Well done to our Kerry Camogie U15 team and management who played Dublin in Round 1 of the U15 Development Blitz on Sunday 17th May in Crotta GAA

A great occasion for all involved, with plenty of skill and determination on display throughout the game.
A big thank you to Dublin Camogie for making the journey to Kerry, and to Crotta GAA for the use of their excellent facilities.

CAMOGIE

On Wednesday evening, 20th May, Abbeykillix Camogie hosted a fantastic U8 blitz at Crotta GAA, with Tralee Parnells U8 in attendance. A great display of skill, teamwork and enthusiasm was on show throughout the evening.

Well done to both teams on taking part and making it such an enjoyable occasion for everyone involved.
Thanks to Crotta GAA for providing their excellent facilities and to Tralee Parnells for making the journey and for a great game.
Abbeykillix Academy training takes place every Wednesday evening in Crotta GAA from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
All new girls are very welcome to come along and join in!

MOYVANE

Contact: moyvanenotes@gmail.com

BLOTTO

There was no winner of last Thursday night's Jackpot. Numbers drawn were 3 18 24 25. Lucky Dips: €100: Eileen Hanrahan, Kilbaha, Moyvane. €50: Muiris O'Connell, Glenalappa, Moyvane. €20 each: Timmie Keane, Clounbrane, Moyvane. Mary Buston, Madigan's Bus. Karina O'Donoghue, Beale, Asdee. Aisling O'Connor, Aughrim, Moyvane. Margaret O'Donoghue, Courthouse Lawn, Listowel. Free Tickets: Mary Brosnan, Ballyduff. Marie McEnerly, Tubbertoureen, Moyvane. Tony Kiely, Woodgrove, Moyvane. Joe Mulvihill, Moyvane. Gerard Mulvihill, Ardagh. Next draw will be held this Thursday night, May 27 at Bingo in The Marian Hall. Jackpot: €15,500. Bingo starts at 8.00pm.

SPIN THE WHEEL

Congratulations to Ann Normoyle 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

Ann Moriarty, Ballyduff won €355 in the last draw. This week it could be you. Envelopes are available in all the usual outlets locally, Holly's Gala, Mike Kennelly's HomeValue Hardware, Noel Stack Butchers, Enright's Bar, The Village Grill, Speedy's Bar, Moyvane. Newtownsandes Co-op Curl up and Dye (Anna Enright Fogarty) and at Bingo in the Marian Hall. €2.00 per entry or 3 for €5.00. Thank you all for supporting this very important fundraiser for your local school.

MOYVANE GAA LOTTO

Lotto Result 24/05/2025 Numbers 05, 13, 20, 22.
There was no winner. Lucky Dips: Sean Shine, Kilbaha. MI Fitzgibbon, Moyvane. Stevie Brosnan, Barragougeen. Martin J. Kennelly, Leitrim East. Trisha Fitzgerald, On-line. Next Week's Jackpot: €8,600. Draw will be held in Enright's Bar on Sunday, May 31 at 8:30pm.

CHIROPODIST

Will attend Marian Hall Friday, June 05 at 10.00am.
Call Noreen for appointment at 068-49238

BALLYGUILTENANE NATIONAL SCHOOL

Is holding a Celebration Raffle as part of the Schools' celebration of 150 years. Prizes include a 2 night break at the Woodlands House Hotel, restaurant vouchers for The Bunnratty Manor Hotel and Ballyunion Golf Club. Tickets €5.00 each are available from Maria in the Parish Office. Draw takes place at the School on Sunday, June 14. THE DEATH has taken place of

BALLYBUNION SUMMER MARKET

Is back for 2026 each Sunday from May 31st to August 30th. 11.00am to 3.00pm. Join us this summer in McMunn's Garden for a vibrant, community-driven market in support of Ballyunion Sea & Cliff Rescue. This exciting event showcases local artisans, craftspeople, vendors, and live entertainment, all coming together to raise vital funds for our life-saving rescue services. The summer market offers something for everyone, from unique goods to delicious local treats, all set against the beautiful backdrop of Ballyunion's stunning coastline. Whether you're a local resident or visiting for the summer, your participation directly supports the brave volunteers who ensure our safety on land and at sea. So, come out, shop local, enjoy the festive atmosphere, and be part of something truly special that helps keep Ballyunion safe!

DEATH

The death has taken place of Peggy O'Connell, nee Scanlon in Altrincham, Cheshire, UK and late of Moher, Moyvane, on Wednesday, May 13 in her 98th year. Peggy was the wife of the late Eddie O'Connell whose brother was Michael O'Connell, Ahalahanna, Moyvane. Her parents were the late Matthew Scanlon and Margaret Fennell Scanlon. She is also predeceased by her brother, Daniel and sister, Catherine. Peggy is sadly missed by her daughter, Margaret, nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbours and friends. Requiem Mass for Peggy will be celebrated at 11.00am at St. Hugh and St. John RC Church, West Timperley and will be laid to rest afterwards in Dunham Lawn Cemetery, Altrincham. May her gentle soul rest in peace.
Mass will be livestreamed: <https://rcparishtimperley.org/live-streamed-services/>

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:
Saturday, May 30 Mass at 7.30pm: Anniversaries of James Duggan, Nora & Thomas Fitzgerald, Lenamore & deceased members of the Fitzgerald & Aherne Families. Michael Flaherty, Glenalappa.

KNOCKANURE: Sunday, May 31 Sixteenth anniversary Mass at 9.30am for Eileen Goulding, Knockanure Village and also the anniversary of Kathleen O'Dwyer, Shrone, Listowel.

EXCITEMENT BUILDS AS GIRLS CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL COMPETITIONS DRAW TO A CLOSE

Knocknagoshel N.S., Asdee N.S. and Sliabh a' Mhadra N.S. remain in contention for county titles

More than 1,000 girls represented their schools in the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Girls football leagues in the last few weeks at multiple venues where all thrived on the experience of playing for their schools.

There were some tremendous games at all levels with many decided by the slenderest of margins as players and mentors were left pondering the close misses, the excellent chances saved on the line and the possessions lost.

This coming week, Knocknagoshel N.S. will play Ballyfinane N.S. in the 2-Teacher County Final, while Asdee N.S. will face the winners of Knockanes N.S. and Filemore N.S. in the 3-Teacher County Final at Austin Stack Park.

Meanwhile, Sliabh a' Mhadra remain firmly in contention for the 4/5-Teacher title as they prepare for a semi-final clash with Lispole N.S. this coming week, with the final also set to take place at Austin Stack Park.

North Kerry 2 Teacher

The North Kerry 2 Teacher Girls Competition took place at Stack Park, Ballybunion, where four schools battled it out for this year's title. Ballincrossig N.S., Drumnacurra N.S., Kilconly N.S. and Lenamore N.S. all took part. After a number of closely fought encounters, Kilconly N.S. emerged as deserving winners. Among the standout performers for the victors were Neala Woulfe, Doireann Foley and Aoibheann Foley.

Castleisland 2 Teacher

Three teams contested this year's Castleisland District 2 Teacher title in picturesque Páirc na Féile Brosna. Brosna N.S., Knocknagoshel N.S. and Lyreacompane N.S. all took part in an excellent morning of football, with all three schools contributing to a highly enjoyable tournament. It was Brosna and Knocknagoshel who advanced to the final and, after an evenly fought opening period, Knocknagoshel struck for a couple of key scores before half-time to seize control and they never relinquished their grip on the contest thereafter. Leading the way for Knocknagoshel were Emma Brosnan, Izzy O'Connor and Ella Maria Roche, all of whom delivered standout performances throughout the competition. For Brosna, Niamh Curtin, Mikala McAuliffe and Emma Downey battled bravely and were among their side's top performers despite the defeat.

North Kerry 3 Teacher

The North Kerry 3 Teacher Competition took place in Knockanure, with Asdee N.S., Murhur N.S. and Knockclarig N.S. battling it out for this year's title. It was Asdee N.S. who emerged victorious when the final whistle sounded, claiming this year's title following a number of impressive performances. Among Asdee's standout performers were Alison Hayes, Saoirse Hayes, Caragh Keane, Shauna Keane, Lucy Scanlon and Orlaith Mulvihill.

North Kerry 4/5 Teacher

The 4/5 Teacher North Kerry Competition took place in extremely challenging conditions at Ballyduff Sportsfield. Seven schools from across North Kerry took part in what proved to be a fantastic day of football despite the torrential rain. Coolard, Knockanure, Kilflyn, Ballyduff, Sliabh a' Mhadra, Kilmoyley and Gaelscoil Lios Tuathail all went in search of this year's title. Coolard booked their place in the final after overcoming Scoil Naomh Eirc, Kilmoyley in the opening semi-final, while Sliabh a' Mhadra secured their spot in the decider with victory over Knockanure in the second semi-final. In a fiercely contested final, Sliabh a' Mhadra emerged victorious thanks to some excellent build-up play and accurate scoring throughout. Coolard battled bravely until the very end and produced some fine scores of their own, but they were unable to close the gap as Sliabh a' Mhadra ran out deserving winners on a scoreline of 2-07 to 0-05. Players displayed great skill, determination, and teamwork throughout the day, with some exceptional performances from Eimear Lily O'Sullivan (Kilmoyley NS), Lily May Scanlon (Sliabh a' Mhadra NS), Grace McGuckin (Kilflyn NS) and Siún Kennelly (Coolard NS).



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Listowel/North Kerry branch of the MS Society held its Annual Busking Day on Friday last, May 22nd. The branch thank the numerous volunteers, including Colm Cooper, who turn up every year to help. It is much appreciated by the committee



Lios Tuathail AC athlete Isabella McEnery pictured here with mom who came 3rd in the Munster U16 combined events



Listowel Bridge Club Chairperson Marie Brosnan (centre) presenting the Kevin Sheehy Memorial Cup to the tournament winners Kathleen Nolan (left) and Norma Leahy (right)



Looking cheerful at the charity fundraising launch at Ballyheigue Beach Car Park on Wednesday evening last week were Jo Jo Whyte, Michael O'Regan and Risteárd Ó Fuaráin. Photo Moss Joe Browne



Congrats to Lios Tuathail AC athletes Grace Guiney and Molly Gyulai Munster Champions in Long Jump



Lios Tuathail AC U11 Girls relay fourth at the Munster Championships Molly, Grace, Isabel and Cara. Well done girls



Listowel Celtic recent last man standing competition winners, Daisy Griffin & Willie Guiney, collecting their winnings. Mags O'Donoghue was also a finalist. Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser



Congratulations to Listowel Celtic players Aoife Dalton and Katelyn Joy who have been selected for the Kerry soccer team for the upcoming prestigious Gaynor Cup Tournament, which takes place in UL over 5 days next week. Aoife also has earned the huge honour of being chosen as captain to lead the team in the tournament



Congratulations to Duagh/Lyre Community Games athletes who participated at National Finals in Gormanstown last Sunday. Clara silver, Padraig bronze, Siún bronze, Marga pewter and Senan 5th

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Department Teams in Piers Fitzgibbon supporting Kerry GAA while enjoying a welcome visit from Sam last week



LISTOWEL CELTIC

Draw 25/05/26 - Numbers Drawn 16-24-25-26
 Jackpot not won - Lucky Dip Winners:
 €40 James Stack c/o Shebeen
 €20 Nix Riordan c/o Mike's
 €20 Breda Hannon, Luachra Road
 €20 Linda Scully c/o Shebeen
 €20 Castleinch V31TF09
 Next Draw 02/06/26 at Christy's - Jackpot €3,050

LISTOWEL EMMETS

Following next Monday's night 41 Card game organised by Emmets GAA Club in the Clubhouse at Frank Sheehy Park, Listowel, the club will take a break until after the Races.

Next Monday's night is week 35 and the Jackpot is a whopping €250 for 11 games. Starting time remains at 8.30 sharp and all are welcome.

Winners from Week 34:

1st: John McNamara and Seán Galvin

2nd: John Quirke and Con Kirby

Table Prizes: Tom Holly and Eddie Flaherty; Jim Buckley and Mick Naughton; Seán Egan and Pat Shaughnessy; Eamon Canty and Pat Costello.

Coiste na nÓg

Our much-loved Saturday Morning Club keeps growing from strength to strength, with our ABCs and U8s taking to Frank Sheehy Park every Saturday at 10.30am. It's brilliant to see the energy, enthusiasm, and smiles on display each week as the young players enjoy their training. New members always welcome.

Well done to our U8s, who continue to make fantastic progress each week. Their skills, confidence, and teamwork are improving all the time, and it's great to see their hard work paying off. Most importantly, they are having great fun and really enjoying their Go Games, showing huge enthusiasm every time they take to the pitch.

The U10s continue their training each Thursday evening at 6.30pm in the Boys School Field. Best of luck to the team as they take on Beale this week in Ballybunion.

Well done to our U12s who made the trip to Furies last Sunday. They played two fantastic games on a beautiful sunny evening. The boys are showing great progress and are now looking ahead to an away match against Ballymac next Sunday.

The U14s return to training this Thursday, 28th May, on the St Michael's College pitch as they begin preparations for their upcoming North Kerry competitions. Best of luck to Tommy Daly, Aidan Lynch, Darragh Hanrahan, Ogie Scanlan, Jack Heffernan, and Luí Ó Shaughnessy, who will be representing North Kerry Rangers in the County Championship. They get their campaign underway on Tuesday the 26th of May with a game against the Castleisland District.

U16 Training recommences this week. The lads will train Tuesday and Thursday 6-7.15pm in the cow's lawn.

Best of luck to Pa Walsh as he lines out with Kerry in this weekend's U20 All-Ireland Final. It's a fantastic achievement to represent his county on such a big stage, and a proud moment for both himself, his family and the club. We wish Pa every success and hope to see him play a starring role as Kerry go in search of All-Ireland glory.

For all the latest club news, fixtures, results, and updates, be sure to download the ClubZap app and follow Listowel Emmets.

LISTOWEL EMMETS LADIES

A huge congratulations to our U14 players Orla Lyons and Aisling O'Connor as they have qualified for the All Ireland Gold Final after a great win against Sligo last Saturday. Kerry 2-15 Sligo 2-07.

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

Senior Development League

Listowel Emmets B vs. Southern Gaels B - Friday 29th May - Time & Venue TBC

U12 GoGames Vs. Finuge/St. Senans
 Thursday 28th May in Finuge GAA

Results

U14 Premier County League Division 3

Listowel Emmets vs. Milltown/Castlemaine

Emmets: 2-10 Milltown/Castlemaine 2-07

Senior County League Division 3

Listowel Emmets vs. Furies

Furies opened the game with a wide, and from the resulting knockout Eire O'Hanlon immediately got Listowel moving. Aoife Sweeney set the tone defensively early on with some strong defending, while Nora Keane made some fantastic clearances throughout the game. Geraldine Walsh and Aoife Shyne keeping the defence solid throughout.

It was Laura Foley who opened the scoring for Listowel, brilliantly finishing over the goalkeeper's head to raise the first green flag of the evening.

The game slowed after that with both sides guilty of missed chances. Emma Cotter won a Furies kickoff but the chance went astray, before Laura Foley teed up Sarah Lynch who made no mistake and rattled the net again.

Furies finally got off the mark with a point in the 10th minute, but Listowel responded immediately. Hannah Healy pointed from play in the 11th minute as the Listowel girls began to settle into the game.

Ciona Piersie started to pick up serious pace around the middle third, along with Eire O'Hanlon driving forward at every opportunity and setting the tone with energy and work rate.

Furies added another point to leave it 2-1 to 0-2, but the Listowel girls began to wake up. Emma Cotter landed a lovely score, Hannah Healy followed with a great point and Emma with another.

Furies struck for a goal to stay in touch, but Listowel kept the scoreboard ticking. Emma Cotter, Ciona Piersie, and Sarah Lynch all adding as the Listowel forwards completely dominated kickouts and possession. A huge part of that dominance came from Taylor in goals, whose kickouts were excellent all evening, constantly finding her teammates.

Just before half-time, Emilie Browne raised the green flag.

The second half started with another point straight from the throw-in. Furies responded with a goal of their own. In midfield, Rebecca Stapelton and Caoimhe O'Sullivan were immense, covering every blade of grass and driving at Furies time and time again. Caoimhe O'Sullivan blasted home a goal to make it 4-8 to 2-5, before Laura Foley tagged on a point. Then came one of the moves of the night—Sinead Lyons into Caoimhe O'Sullivan, across to Sarah Lynch for a goal.

Not even 60 seconds later, Emma Cotter buried another goal from a kickoff. The forwards of Laura Foley, Emilie Browne, Sarah Lynch, Emma Cotter, Hannah Healy, and Sinead Lyons caused chaos all evening with their movement, energy, and constant pressure. The link-up play between Caoimhe, Laura, Sinead and Emma Cotter was outstanding throughout, producing score after score. Hannah Healy then provided the moment of the night—burying the ball with the left leg off the outside of her boot.

Furies added a late point, while substitutes Jessica, Daisy, Aoife, Caitlin, Brid, and Niamh all entered and kept the tempo high to finish out the game.

Scorers: Emma Cotter (1-5), Sarah Lynch (2-1), Laura Foley (1-1), Hannah Healy (1-2), Caoimhe O'Sullivan (1-0), Emilie Browne (1-0), Ciona Piersie (0-1). Listowel Emmets 7-10 | Furies 2-8

Finally, a sincere thank you to Knockanure for facilitating the game and all our supporters who came out!

LISTOWEL ATHLETIC CLUB

Lios Tuathail AC athletes represented the club proudly at the recent juvenile Munster athletics championship with a fantastic turnout across a range of track and field events. The club continues to go from strength to strength, with young athletes competing in sprinting, middle-distance races, relays, long jump, turbo javelin and combined events.

Among those competing for the club were Molly Gyulai, Isabel Belova Flanagan, Martyna Drej, Evelina Kolomenska, Grace Guiney, Cara Keane, Dylan O'Connell, Ben Stack, Daryl Mongey, Finn Prendiville, Micheál Lynch, John Patrick O'Halloran, Bobby Weir, Alex Nagle Fennell, Thady Quirke and Isabella McEnery.

The Under 11 girls had strong representation in both long jump and turbo javelin, while the boys competed well in sprint and 600m events. The club also fielded relay teams across several age categories, highlighting the excellent teamwork and depth developing within the juvenile section.

U9 Boys secured a fantastic Silver medal in the 4*100m relay. John Patrick O'Halloran Munster Champion in the 300m adding to his silver in 60m, a great all round display.

Molly won a silver in the Long Jump Individual and partnered with Grace for Gold in the Team event. The Girls excelled in the Turbo Javelin with Individual success to Grace winning Gold and Martyna Drej winning Bronze. We had 2 teams that place in the top 3 with Grace and Martyna winning Gold with Evelina and Isabel winning Bronze. This is an excellent result for girls. Molly,

Grace, Isabel and Cara just missed out on the medals in the 4*100m relay finishing fourth.

Isabella McEnery won an excellent Bronze medal in the U16 combined events. A tough day of competition that included the 80m Hurdles, Long Jump, Shot Put, High Jump and a gruelling 800m run to finish.

A special mention goes to all athletes who travelled, competed and represented the club with pride. The continued commitment from coaches, parents and volunteers is helping create a thriving athletics community in North Kerry.

Congratulations to every athlete who took part — your hard work at training is paying off and the future looks very bright for Lios Tuathail AC.

LISTOWEL COMMUNITY GAMES

Well done to Robert Enright who represented Kerry last Sunday in Gormans town in the U14 Cycling On Grass National Final.

Robert gave it his all with some very stiff competition. He finished fifth, just outside the medals. You should be so proud of yourself Robert having reached the Nationals. A great achievement in itself.

Thanks you to Cairn Community Games for hosting the event and thanks to all the volunteers. Thanks to Roberts parents for their support and for travelling.

National Winners...

Our girls U15 badminton team have only gone and done it "ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS" while representing Kerry.

They won GOLD in the National Finals last Sunday in Gormanstown. It's three in a row for the girls.

A massive congratulations to Alexia, Margaret, Emily, Freya, Nadia and Anna, what an achievement. You should all be so proud of yourselves. The time, hard work and dedication that each girl has put in over the course of the whole Badminton tournament has really paid off.

Thanks to coach Roly Chute for all his hard work and time.

Thanks to all the parents and families for all their support and for travelling to each event.

Thanks to Cairn Community Games for hosting and to all the volunteers.

Don't forget to keep an eye on our facebook page for upcoming events and results.

BEALE GAA

The sun shone on both Beale senior teams on Sunday as our ladies and lads secured two important County League victories. Beale Ladies set the tone earlier in the day with a good win over Furies in the County League, Division 3, while Beale senior lads had a comprehensive win over Waterville in the County League, Division 4.

Beale Ladies laid down a marker with a goal in the opening minutes and, despite our opponents' efforts, we never relinquished the lead throughout. The final score read 5.11 to 1.8. Beale lined out as: Nancy Dee, Emma Kennelly, Aisling Hennessy, Rachael Moriarty, Clodhna Buckley, Kate Horgan, Roisin Fogarty, Sarah Griffin, Orla Mulvihill (1.1), Katie Joy, Norah Kennedy, Caoimhe O'Connor (0.4), Gracie O'Sullivan (2.0), Millie Byrne (2.6) and Katie Dunworth. Substitute, Kayleigh Sheehy for Gracie O'Sullivan.

In the afternoon, our senior lads continued winning ways, securing the points over Waterville in sun-drenched Páirc de Staic, and keeping us right in the thick of the promotion race. Despite a competitive first half, the game was over as a contest as our opponents managed just one point in the second half. Final score: Beale 0.17, Waterville 1.4.

Beale lined out as: Brian Dinneen, Dara O'Connor, Seamie O'Sullivan, Joe Finch, Fionnán Toomey, Daithí Toomey (0.1), Fiachra Buckley, Phillie Blake, Diarmuid O'Mahony, Owen Tydings, Conor Toomey (c) (0.1), Callum McSweeney (0.1), Ian Mannix (0.2), Eric Daly (0.2) and Daithí Keane Tyrell (0.10 1*2pt). Substitutes: Barry O'Neill for Callum McSweeney, Jack Mallon for Phillie Blake, Jack O'Connor for Fiachra Buckley, Chris Kiely for Daithí Keane Tyrell, Rory Mulvihill for Eric Daly, Shane O'Connor, Tom Joy, Seán Maloney, Archie Walsh, Con Fitzsimmons, Con Carmody, Darragh Kissane, Charlie Ryan, and Osin Buckley.

Having won all but one game we are very much in the mix at the top of the table. With 14 points apiece, we remain neck and neck with Renard, and three games yet to be played. Our next game is on June 6th, when we're off to Kilmarnock to play Dr Crokes B. Then we host Dromid Peares a fortnight later in Páirc de Staic and make the trip to St Michael's Foilmore for our final round game at the beginning of July.

Earlier in the week little separated the teams throughout when Beale Ladies travelled to Keel to play MKL B on Monday evening. It proved to be a great contest, with our opponents edging ahead by just a point at half-time. A great second-half contest ensued, and the teams were level going into the final quarter. However, our ladies finished three points adrift at the final whistle on a scoreline of 2.10 to 2.13.

Our u12 girls played host to Scartaglen on Wednesday in Asdee. A great performance by all players. Our u12 boys and girls made the trip to Castlemaine on Sunday evening to play Milltown Castlemaine in a thrilling encounter.

Upcoming fixtures!

Beale u8s welcome Moyvane to Páirc de Staic on Monday evening for Go Games, while u10 boys and girls host Emmetts on Wednesday evening.

Beale minor lads take a short break from competitive action as we turn our attention to the u17 County 'Super 10s' competition. We contest Group 5 with St Pats/Castlegregory and Currow. The first round is on Monday evening, hosted by St Pats/Castlegregory, with the competition runs over three weeks.

Beale u16 girls play Knock Brosna in North Kerry League, Division 4A, semifinal on Tuesday.

North Kerry u14 boys play Castleisland District on Tuesday at 7 o'clock in Ballylongford in the County Championship. Luke Scanlan, Elliot Tarkhani, Jack Browne, Jake Bennett and Aidan Spillane represent Beale on the North Kerry U14 squad.

Beale juniors contest the North Kerry League, Division 4, with our first round against Tarbert B on Tuesday, 09th June. The following Tuesday we travel to Duagh. At the end of June, we host Ballyduff B, while we play our final round game in Clounmacon at the beginning of July.

To keep up to date with fixtures, results and the action as it happens, our club WhatsApp group is the place to be. And for photos, action and a real flavour of club activity, be sure to follow Beale GAA across Facebook, X and Instagram.

An exciting week to start the summer holidays for our younger players!! Beale Cúl Camp will be on in Páirc de Staic from June 29th to July 3rd. Cúl Camps are perfect for boys and girls aged 6-13, offering a fun, energetic week of Gaelic football during the summer holidays. With a strong focus on skill development, teamwork and well-being, every activity is age-appropriate and designed to keep kids active, learning and making friends. Each child will receive a Cúl Camp kit.

Well done to Jeremy King, Denis Kennelly and the Kerry Masters on a 2-point victory over Cork on Friday evening. Next up, they play Limerick on June 6th.

Well done to Asdee NS girls who are through to the County Cumann na mBunscol final, with a thrilling semifinal win on Friday last. Beale girls u-12 team was proudly represented on the squad. Best of luck to the girls and management as they now prepare for the County final on Tuesday. Congratulations too to u14 player, Emer O'Sullivan, and her Coolard NS teammates who came second place in the County Girls Primary Skills Competition during the past week.

A proud and positive time for Beale GAA this week as Dan Ahern of Beale Hill Wind Farm presented a cheque for this year's sponsorship. As our main sponsor, Dan's continued support is hugely appreciated and plays a vital role in all that we do. The Ahern family's deep-rooted connection to our club spans generations, and their unwavering backing has long been a vital part of Beale GAA. Mile buíochas to Dan and all our sponsors for their valued support and patronage of our club.

The Beale Lotto draw took place in Courtney's Bar, with the weekly draw continuing to rotate between our local host venues, keeping a familiar presence in the community. Numbers drawn were 3, 13, 16, 22. There was no jackpot winner and Match-3 winners, Emma Carr and Tomas Allen, win €50 each. 6 Free tickets: Ogie Quinn. Full results are available on our regular outlets, with details shared as they come in.

The next draw will be held in The Bunker Bar on Bank Holiday Monday, with a jackpot of €4,700. Match all 4 numbers to win or share the Jackpot, and match 3 numbers to win or share €100! Beale Lotto tickets, €2 each or three for a fiver, are available in Cahill's SuperValu, local pubs and online. A huge mile buíochas to all who support and promote the lotto.

BALLYBUNION GOLF CLUB

Men's Lahinch Exchange Day – Saturday 23rd May

1st	Padraig Harrington (7) & Gerard Condon (17)	44pts
2nd	Gearoid Costello (14) & Noel Kneafsey (22)	43pts
3rd	Padraig Brosnan (10) & Brian Mulvihill (19)	43pts

Men's Singles 9 Hole Competition Stableford – Sunday 24th May Old Course

1st	Eoghan Ferris (11)	21pts
2nd	Colm O'Halloran (9)	20pts (B6 15)
3rd	Jack C Buckley (3)	20pts (B6 14)
4th	Dan Sheehan (9)	20pts (B6 13)

Fixtures: President's Prize Mr Frank Fenn – Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st May

Ladies Tuesday Voucher Competition – Tuesday 19th May Cashen Course

1st	Mary McGrath(20)	19pts BK6 -15
2nd	Mary Horgan(9)	19pts BK6 -13
3rd	Marjorie Morkan(11)	18pts BK6 -14

Ladies (G0Y 4) Old Course Sponsored by MCG Financial Services – Sunday 24th May Old Course

1st	Rose Fitzgerald (21)	42 pts
2nd	Eithne O'Halloran (20)	39 pts
Best Gross	Joan Scanlan (11)	28 gross

Division 1

1st	Mary O'Donoghue (15)	37 pts (b9-19)
2nd	Ann O'Connor (15)	37 pts (b9-17)

Division 2

1st	Siobhan Walsh (22)	35 pts
2nd	Catherine Morrissey (22)	34 pts

Division 3

1st	Mary O'Grady (26)	35 pts (b9-20)
2nd	Janet Horan (28)	35 pts (b9-19)

Division 4

1st	Caroline Horgan (40)	32 pts
2nd	Helen Dineen (40)	30 pts
Seniors	Mary Hickey Keane (32)	35 pts
Vintage	Nora Quaid (15)	30 pts

9 Hole Stableford Competition

1st	Marie Benn (19)	18 pts
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Fixtures: Ladies Tuesday Competition – Tuesday 2nd June Cashen Course

Senior Ladies 9 Hole Competition – Friday 22nd May Cashen Course

1st	Toni Quilter (9)	19pts [Bk 1:3]
2nd	Marjorie Morkan (11)	19pts [Bk 1:1]
3rd	Marie Benn (17)	18pts

Fixtures: Senior Ladies 9 Hole Competition – Friday 29th 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, Foley's Your Stop Shop Lixnaw, Stacks Londis Lixnaw, JJ Walsh Bar & Butchers Lixnaw, Gibbons Filling Station Lixnaw and the Post Office Lixnaw. Tickets also available online at www.finugegaa.com or from any club officer. The May draw will contain a special bonus of Munster Hurling Final tickets for Cork V Limerick as well as €500 - draw will be Monday 1st June.

SENIOR: Round eight of the Kerry county league took place last Sunday when the team played host to St Pats of Blennerville, with the game played in Lixnaw GAA. Played in high summer heat, this was a close affair throughout. Halftime the score read Finuge 1-03; St Pats 0-04 but our lads would hold their advantage to secure the win and the two league points - final score Finuge 1-13; St Pats 1-10. The previous round the team had gone down to Kenmare on the scoreline Kenmare 2-14; Finuge 1-10. The team now sit in fifth place on the table with three games to play. Ballyduff will provide the opposition this Friday evening at home in James O'Sullivan Park.

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. Cronis Cider are also sponsoring the team and recently helped provide training gear. 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. Games are this Monday the 25th of May.

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

U14: This year our U14 players are playing with St Senans and both the A & B teams have qualified for their respective county finals. The A team won their division three final against Kilcummin last week while we await details of the B team final.

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: Well done to Finuge u12's on a great display v St.Marys of Caheriveen. Great kicking, defensive tackling and tracking back with super teamwork on display. Previously the team had played Currow. Next up will be a game with Skeilg Rangers at 11.30am this Sunday morning in Finuge.

U10: Our U10 team will play Cordal at home this Wednesday evening at 7pm

U8: Our U8s put in a fantastic display of football over 3 games in challenging conditions a week ago against Ballydonoghue. Great teamwork and skill on display by everyone. Thanks to Ballydonoghue for organising. Next up will be games with Duagh this Friday evening - keep up the practice at home!

CLUB MEMBERSHIP: Its that time of the year again and club membership is open to all those wishing to join. For any members that are playing, registration must be completed through Foireann - see www.foireann.ie It is important for all playing members to register through Foireann as it is an insurance requirement. Non-playing membership is also available through Foireann or through any club officer. The club wishes to thank everyone for their support. Rates are as follows - Juvenile €40; Juvenile x 2 €70; Juvenile x 3 €90; Senior player €50; Non-playing Adult €50; Family (2 juveniles & 2 adults) €120. A registration night will be held this Sunday the 31st of May from 7-8pm at the clubrooms - this is for non-playing members only.

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, 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: Well done to Daithí Laide on his recent appearances with the Kerry minors. The team reached the Munster Final and were very unlucky not to take the honours after extra time against a strong Cork side. The team now progress into the All Ireland series.

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 Ballybunion 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.

BALLYLONGFORD GAA

McCarthy Insurance Div 6 County League Round 8

We remain unbeaten in the Co League after a draw with Fires -16 points apiece -at the local sports field on Sunday. Furies ability to kick 2 pointners was a key factor in the game - of their 16 points 12 were from 2 pointners. Where we finish in this division is still in our own hands - our trip to Glenfesk this Sun is now of paramount importance - your support would be greatly appreciated.

Ballylongford Senior Team:

Team - Paudie Moroney, Liam Hanrahan, Sean Carmody, Pa Carmody, James O' Connor, Tadgh McEllistrem, Paudie O'Neill, Sean Hanrahan, Paddy O'Neill, Jack Mulvihill, Ciaran O'Connor, Michael Holly, Brendan Keane, Oisín Healy, Cathal Byrne, Subs used - Conor Carmody, Jeremiah Tydings and Matt O'Connor.

Management Team:

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

U10 Go Game v Ballyduff

The U10s had a great outing away to Ballyduff on Wednesday evening. Huge progress is being shown by this super bunch of kids. Excellent skills, passing, shooting, tackling and teamwork was on display. Thanks to Ballyduff for hosting and best of luck to them for the rest of the year

U14 County League

Northern Gaels B 5-8 Milltown/Castlemaine B 3-7

Well done to everyone involved, a mighty effort by a great bunch of players

DUAGH / LYRE COMM GAMES

National Finals

Last Sunday in the beautiful sunshine at Gormanstown five participants made the long journey to participate at National finals in cycling on grass and cross country. That trip went off well with four National medals returning to our area.

Cycling on grass

Congratulations to our U12 cyclists on grass. In the boys Padraig finished 3rd and won the National bronze medal and Senan who finished 5th overall. There was tough opposition in the competition and belting sunshine to add to the test of National finals. Two very determined boys who put in the hard work to get them to National finals. In the U12 girls a first-time competitor at National finals Marga Daly. Marga only took up the event a few weeks ago. She put in the hard work at training and it paid off. Marga got out in front from the start and was in second position but what happened next was not for the faint hearted Marga got a fall and came off the bike, this didn't deter this young lady she got back up and kept on trying in the end Marga finished fourth and came away with a National pewter medal.

In the U14 girls : Huge congratulations to Clara in what was an absolutely beautiful day but tough heat for cycling but it didn't affect Clara. Clara cycled like a champion, the hard work was done and she knew from last year what was in store for her. Pure determination and drive saw her finish second overall and take her well-earned place on the podium. Huge congratulations Clara, enjoy the celebrations.

U13 Cross Country

Huge congratulations to Siún Kelly who was part of the U13 Kerry Community Games National bronze winning cross country team today in Gormanstown. Siún put in the hard graft at training and was a valuable member of the Kerry team.

We are delighted for all our participants, their families, supporters and coach John Bunyan and assisted by Angharad Cudlipp. Thanks to Neilus for all his hard work with Kerry Community Games over the weekend. Thanks to parents Annmarie and Sean for the lovely photos over the weekend.

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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."

Saint Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

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.

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Her words got me thinking.

The Word of God is very real in it's description of the brevity of life. James 4:14: "What is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes."

Psalms 144:4 says: "Man is like a breath. His days are like a passing shadow."

We look for all kinds of things to stuff time with, to slow it down, to speed it up, to kill it, to live it to the hilt. But it just marches on regardless. Scripture tells us in Psalm 90:12 to ask the Lord to: "Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

The Word wisely tells us to shift our minds from worldly distractions (and there are plenty) to eternal priorities. The Gospel of Matthew 6:33 directs us to: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things (food, drink and clothing) will be given unto you." The Lord

promises that if we put Him first in our lives He will look after us. And He is faithful. He says to all who choose to follow Him how we can use our time on earth to build up treasures in Heaven. Matthew 6:39: "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven...for where your treasure is there your heart will be also."

The One, True and Living God wants us to know how greatly He loves us. We can trust Him completely. It's very sad if we waste our time on earth: "Be careful then how you live, not as fools, but as those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity for doing good in these evil days." Ephesians 5:15

How then should we live?

Micah 6:8 is so clear: "But He's (God) already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple_ do what is fair and just to your neighbour, be compassionate and loyal in love and don't take yourself too seriously. Take God seriously."

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