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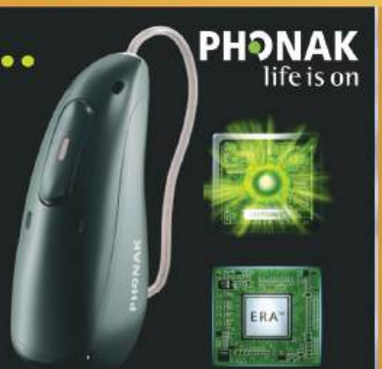



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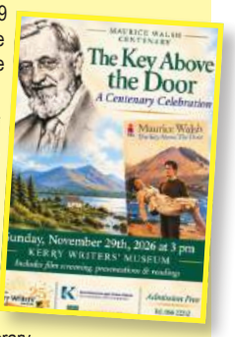
Our amazing results included:
Ages 14–17: 1st, 2nd & 3rd place | Ages 11–13: 1st place
Ages 11–13 Additional Needs: 1st | Ages 14–17 Additional Needs: 1st

All four first-place winners now progress to the Munster Finals in Tralee on 28th November! Wishing them the very best of luck!

A special thank you to Listowel Credit Union for visiting our school and presenting the beautiful trophies and certificates. Well done also to their Art teacher, Ms. Marian Sugrue.



A CENTURY OF STORIES: KERRY CELEBRATES LITERARY SON MAURICE WALSH



Kerry Writers' Museum in Listowel will host a special event on Sunday, 29 November 2026, at 3pm to celebrate the centenary of the publication of The Key Above the Door, the first novel by acclaimed Kerry-born writer Maurice Walsh.

First published in 1926, The Key Above the Door marked the beginning of a distinguished literary career for Walsh, whose novels and short stories captured the character, traditions and landscapes of Ireland and Scotland. Best remembered by many for his short story The Quiet Man, which was adapted into the celebrated John Ford film starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara, Walsh remains an important figure in Ireland's literary heritage.

The centenary celebration will bring together film, literature and local artistic talent in a programme reflecting on Walsh's life, work and enduring literary legacy. A highlight of the afternoon will be a screening of Rivers of Words, a documentary exploring the life and literary contribution of Maurice Walsh. The film's producer, Jimmy Deenihan, will give a presentation offering further insights into the making of the documentary and Walsh's significance as a writer.

Poet and author Gabriel Fitzmaurice will also contribute to the programme, while local artists will bring Walsh's writing to life through readings from his novels and short stories. The event will provide an opportunity to rediscover the work of a writer whose literary imagination reached far beyond his native Kerry. Of particular interest is The Key Above the Door, which is set in the Scottish Highlands around Grantown-on-Spey, creating a fascinating literary connection between Walsh's native county and the landscape of Scotland.

Speaking ahead of the event, Cara Trant, Executive Director of Kerry Writers' Museum, said: "Maurice Walsh is one of Kerry's most distinguished literary figures, and the centenary of his first novel provides a wonderful opportunity to revisit his work and celebrate his contribution to Irish literature."

The event forms part of Kerry Writers' Museum's ongoing commitment to celebrating, preserving and promoting the literary heritage of County Kerry and ensuring that the work of its writers continues to be discovered and appreciated by new generations. The Maurice Walsh Centenary Celebration is supported by Kerry Education & Training Board and Kerry County Council. Admission is free and all are welcome.

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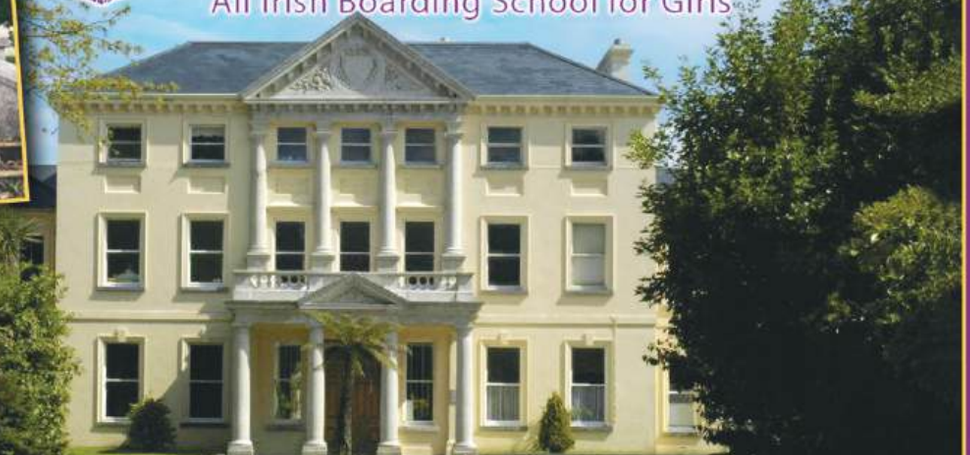

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Keeping Your Energy Up – Little Steps Towards Everyday Wellbeing

As we move towards the end of November, many of us are beginning to feel the tiredness that comes with this time of year. Shorter days, busy schedules and the run-up to Christmas can all take their toll, both physically and mentally.

This is a time when looking after our overall wellbeing becomes even more important. Sometimes it is the simplest little changes to our daily routines that can make a real difference.
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Lemon and Wild Orange – A Fresh Start to the Day

Both of these oils have beautiful, fresh citrus aromas that I absolutely love. Diffusing Lemon or Wild Orange first thing in the morning can help create a bright, uplifting atmosphere in the home. I also love adding one or two drops of Lemon to my daily water for a refreshing twist and it also helps give the body a gentle detox.

Peppermint – Your Morning Pick-Me-Up

Peppermint is one of my go-to oils when I need a little freshness and motivation. Its crisp, invigorating aroma makes it a wonderful choice for morning diffusing.
Another way to enjoy it is by making your own roller bottle using doTerras Peppermint diluted with a carrier oil. My favorite carrier oil is fractionated coconut oil as it is colorless, odorless and long lasting. Apply a small amount to your wrists or pulse points for a refreshing aromatic experience.
And of course, my own personal tip for keeping those energy levels up is...One drop of Peppermint in my morning coffee or put a drop under the tongue.

Deep Blue – A Little TLC for Tired Muscles

For those days when our muscles are feeling tired after a busy day, a workout or simply being on our feet, dóTerras Deep Blue Stick is a handy addition to the wellness cupboard.
I particularly like having it available to apply to areas such as the back of the neck and the lower back. It is a lovely way to incorporate a little self-care into your routine after a long day.

Don't Forget the Fresh Air!

Although we are approaching the end of November, we have been fortunate to enjoy some lovely weather. So, make the most of it!

Get outside for a walk in the park, along a country road or perhaps a stroll by the beach. If walking isn't your thing, even a simple workout in the gym can help lift your mood and get the body moving. Fresh air, movement, hydration and a little time for ourselves all play an important role in maintaining our overall wellbeing.
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A Thought for the Week Ahead

Never underestimate the power of the little things. A walk in the fresh air, a few moments to yourself and taking time to look after your body and mind can make all the difference.

Make your wellbeing a priority, even on the busiest of days.

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FÍS NA HÓIGE FILM NIGHT

There was a celebration of youth film and animation in St. John's Theatre, Listowel on November 15th as Fís na hÓige teenage filmmakers had their Premiere Night. These young creatives showcased some of their work in front of a packed-out audience, including their award-winning 2025 documentary "Life in Listowel", as well as their films from 2026. A great night was had by all!

If you or someone you know is a teenager interested in filmmaking and animation, you can join this great young group by ringing St. John's on 068 22566 or Conor on 089 425 2896.



ATHEA DRAMA GROUP PRESENT STOLEN CHILD

Athea Drama Group is busy rehearsing for this year's production, Stolen Child, and looking forward to bringing this powerful production to our audiences.

Speaking ahead of the showings director Theresa O'Halloran: "We recognise that this is a difficult and sensitive story to tell, and one that deserves to be approached with great care, honesty and respect. We are committed to doing everything we can to do this important story justice."



Performance Dates: February 11th, 13th, 14th, 18th, 20th & 21st 2027.
Booking lines open Monday, February 1st 2027.
We look forward to welcoming you all and sincerely thank you for your continued support of Athea Drama Group.

Director: Theresa O'Halloran.
Cast: Julie Moloney, Margaret Ahern, Damien Ahern & Adam Reidy.

TOYS FOR TRACY APPEAL

It is now the 6th year of the "Toys for Tracy" toy appeal in aid of Saint Vincent de Paul. The late Tracy Long from Asdee was an amazingly kind and selfless person, who did amazing work for charity over the years. However her fondest legacy is the collection of toys for St Vincent de Paul, that she organised, with others, each Christmas. Tom Kennedy, Tracy's husband and her family have been continuing on the tradition in her honour, since her passing.
"Last year the response from you all was incredible again, and we filled a van full of toys and delivered them to SVP in Tralee. We are back again appealing to your generosity. Anyone who wants to donate new toys, books, vouchers or money can do so to Tom, any members of Tracy's family or the Kennedy family."

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SAN RITA WELLNESS

Welcome to San Rita Wellness weekly column… We hope you are safe and well.

With Christmas approaching it can become easier to focus on our weight loss and wellness goals. But this time of year there will always be something that will throw a spanner in the works and trigger us to lose sight of what we really want to achieve overall.

What is a trigger?
A trigger is any person, place, thing, situation or food that has a tendency to cause you to overeat.
This has an impact on our motivation and our self-esteem. Very often we can pull the trigger ourselves, especially in the situation that we all find ourselves in. For example, Fitting into that "Little Black Dress " may not be as appealing now as we may not have as many events on our calendar this Christmas. But that is no reason to leave everything fall apart at the seams!!

Weight Loss and Wellness is a gift that only "YOU" can give yourself as nobody else can wrap it up and hand it to you. So you need to recognise your own triggers in order to do something now while you still have the time. We all have triggers so ask yourself what are your triggers.

When is that "Trigger time" in your day?
Is it the 3pm slump in the afternoon when you are feeling a bit weary?
Is it when you are sitting down at night watching TV?
Is it when you are on your own and you are bored?
Or is it when you are shopping and see the great offers in store?

What triggers you to want to eat at this time?
Sugar levels may be low
Tv ads influence you to eat or drink something
Eating something because you know that there is nobody watching you
Because maybe you are tired , bored or stressed after the day

What trigger foods do you tend to reach for?
The kind of foods that you think will give you an energy boost (usually high in sugar)
Eating sweets and biscuits because they are in the house.
Something that is quick and convenient

These kind of triggers can lead us into a vicious circle which can be hard to break out of, but not impossible.

Take Steps!!
- Recognise your trigger, they may be some of the above.
- React differently, choose healthier options treats rather than denying yourself.
- Reap the rewards of self achievement by feeling great and in control of your own destiny.

Remember, a spanner in the works can work both ways, it can also help us to tighten things up. As we are now facing into December San Rita Wellness can help you to still fit into that "Little Black dress" for Christmas.

Why not join San Rita Wellness "In Person Meetings" or our "At Home Service" and you can still make a difference.
Our San Rita Wellness ethos is ***"Eat well, Feel well, Live well".***

For extra support and for weekly accountability check us out on Facebook San Rita Wellness or sanritawellness.com 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. Everyone welcome to come along and join our friendly group.

Give us a call on Sandra 087 6718377 | Rita 087 1012174



At the Lixnaw Coursing field on Thursday as they look forward to their upcoming meeting were Martin Galvin, Stephen Edwards, Johnny O'Keeffe, Jimmy Galvin and Patrick O'Keeffe. Photo Moss Joe Browne

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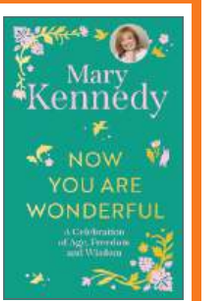

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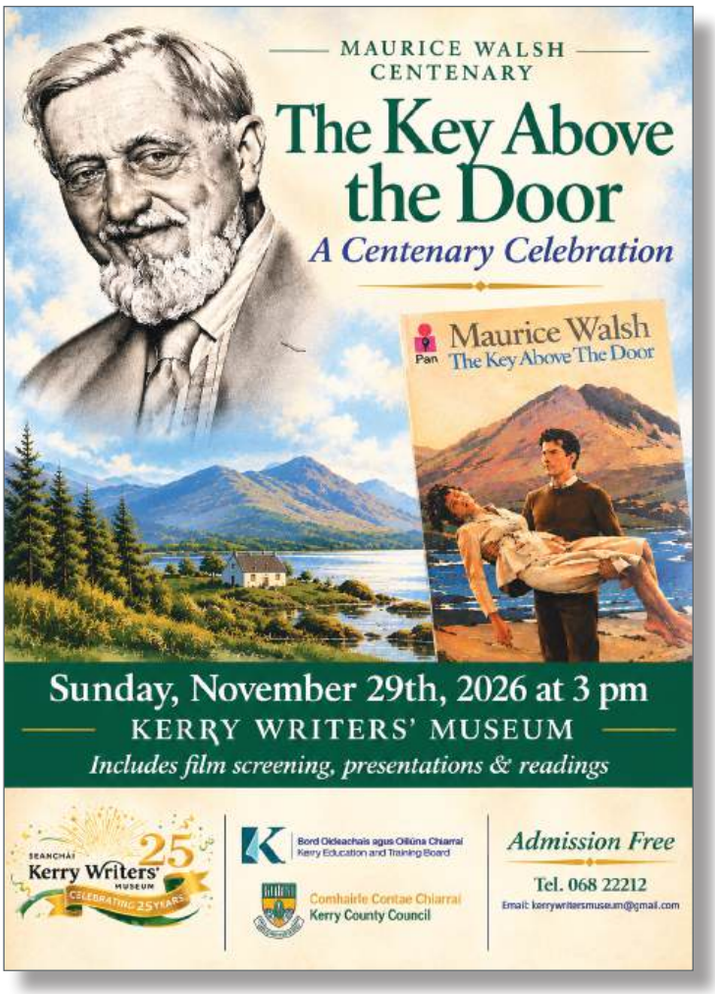
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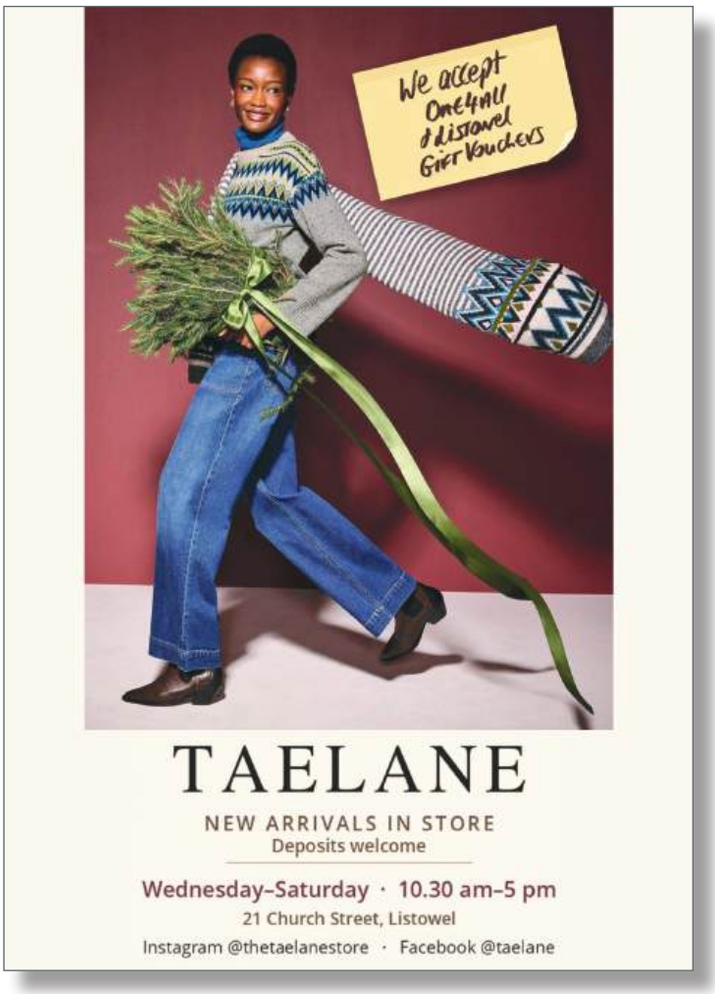
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- Understand the importance of play for ALL ages
- The power of connection and felt safety
- Tips on setting up special playtimes
- The value of everyday little moments with your child

BUILDING HEALTHY FOOD HABITS TOGETHER - 1ST DEC
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- Tips for setting up healthy routines and rituals around food
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- Involving adolescents in the decision making with food

UNDERSTANDING THE POWER OF PLAY - 7TH DEC - 7-9PM - PARENTS OF ALL AGES

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- The power of connection and felt safety
- Tips on setting up special playtimes
- The value of everyday little moments with your child

ALL WORKSHOPS HELD IN-HOUSE IN LISTOWEL CFRC

Contact us on 06823584 to register for a place on these workshops.

A **€5 contribution** is recommended to provide towards the costs of these workshops.

For more information on each workshop, please see posters on our social media pages:

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BALLYBUNION TIDY TOWNS
We are delighted to announce our new website. We have a dedicated page for Tidy Towns. Also, funded by The Heritage Council, we have a page for Herstory. On this page you will find podcast, video, art and some amazing photos. https://brilliantballybunion.com/

BALLYBUNION SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY
Thursday 10th December at Ballybunion Golf Club House. Mass at 7pm, Music by Stevie Donegan.
Ticket Prices, €10 per ticket for Senior Citizens, €35 for anyone else wishing to come. Spot Prizes & Raffle Tickets & Santa will be there! Ticket Sales We will be at Cahill's SuperValu giving out tickets on the following dates: Friday 20th November – 10:30am to 11:30am. Friday 27th November – 10:30am to 11:30am. Friday 4th December – 10:30am to 11:30am. Looking Forward to Seeing You All!
Contact: Eileen: 086 223 4965, Con: 087 418 4241 Maire: 087 954 2102

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON
Ballybunion will be turning on the Christmas lights on Saturday Dec 5th at the new time of 5.30pm in McMunns Garden. All welcome.

DOON ROAD BALLYBUNION CHRISTMAS LIGHT UP
Join us on Saturday 12th December at 4.45pm sharp for our Christmas Light Up! Meeting at Josephine Mahony's house before parading up Doon Road. Live Nativity. Santa will be there on the night! Come along and enjoy a fantastic festive atmosphere. Everyone is very welcome! Let's get Doon Road lit up for Christmas!

DANCE GET-TOGETHERS
Fancy a few dance lessons and a bit of fun and laughter, free dance classes every Wednesday night in the back bar of the exchange inn ballybunion weekly until Christmas. 7.30pm -9pm. FREE Just bring your dancing shoes.

BALLYBUNION MEN'S SHED
Are looking for new members for shed. A great place for tea and a chat any day. Also handymen for small jobs in the shed and community. Follow us on Facebook. Contact Francis Bennett manager 087 246 0491.

BALLYBUNION NATURE GROUP
Just to say thank you to everyone that attended the first of this year's Winter Series with Ballybunion Nature Group. It was a fascinating talk all about the Shearwaters with 26 people in attendance.

A huge thank you to Richard Creagh for the education about this amazing bird and the journeys it takes. Richard took us through the history and studies of the birds, their lifespan and gave us such an insight into this incredible little bird that can fly as much as 40,000 miles a year and has been recorded as living over 50 years! He also explained the work that he and other volunteers do to help protect the fledglings down around the Dingle peninsula. When they fledge from the Blaskets and other islands, they follow the stars, so artificial light can confuse them and often they end up flying onto land where they are in danger of getting struck by vehicles or threatened by predation. They are exemplary seabirds, but they lack mobility on land, so cannot take off again by themselves. So Richard and others collect and release them at night over Slea Head.

One of them ended up in the back garden of a house in Ballybunion this past September, but luckily members of the Nature Group were able to identify and release it safely.
Richard is also an author and photographer. We got to see his amazing photographs. If you would like to see more of his photos or purchase any of his books, you can find them at https://www.richardcreagh.com/books Thanks also to St Joseph's Secondary school and Gavin for facilitating our meetups.

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP WITH MADDY MADE
Get into the festive spirit and join us for two lovely Christmas evenings of creativity, fun and festive cheer! Wreath Making Workshop, December 5th at The Marine Hotel 7pm – 9pm.
Christmas Table Centrepiece Workshop, December 12th, the Marine Hotel 7pm – 9pm.
€60 per workshop. A €20 deposit is required to secure your place. Everything you need will be provided, with plenty of beautiful materials to create your own stunning Christmas decoration to bring home. And of course, there'll be festive refreshments, great company, plenty of chats and lots of laughter! It's sure to be a wonderful evening, and we can't wait to see you there! To book your place, text 085 145 4656. Spaces are limited, so get booking!

CANCER CARE PACKS
Normally during the month of October Miriam Costello runs a campaign to raise awareness of cancer and the importance of checking things out if in doubt while also offering the opportunity to sponsor care packs to donate locally. This year I've decided to run the campaign during November. Behind every statistic is someone's loved one, a parent, a sibling, a child, a friend. I am delighted to have helped so many people in the past who have been delighted to receive a pack. All sponsored packs will be donated to Kerry Cancer Support Group or you can of course buy a pack to gift to a loved one yourself. Each pack contains four natural products which can be purchased this month for €25. The packs are unisex and everything that is included in the pack are safe and beneficial to those going through or recovering from treatment. Please contact Miriam on 087 698 2711 to purchase a pack.

BALLYBUNION ACTIVE RETIREMENT
The Room of light - Ballybunion Community Centre. Weekly Meetings: Every Wednesday, 11.30am - 1.30pm. New members are always welcome. Come along and enjoy a wide range of activities, including: Creative writing, Theatre visits, Day trips, Guest speakers, Yoga and most importantly, great company. For more information, contact Pat Buckley at 086 356 1615.

BALLYBUNION LIBRARY
Radon Detectors Available to Borrow from Kerry Library.
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BABY & TODDLER GROUP TÍR NA NÓG BALLYBUNION
Just a little update for all parents and carers, our Baby & Toddler Group will now take place every Wednesday only from 9:30am to 11am. Please note that there will be no Monday classes going forward. We look forward to welcoming all our little ones and their grown-ups every Wednesday.
If you have any questions, please get in touch with Ballybunion Community Centre.
Email: ballybcomcentre@gmail.com or phone 068 27799

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

BALLYDUFF CRAFT FAIR
Will be held on Sunday 29th November in community centre from 11am to 4pm.



Robert Ryan, winner of the Murt Scanlon Single Matchplay sponsored by Pat Treacy at Ballybunion Golf Club with Captain Frank Dore. Photo by Francis Bennett



David Walsh winner of Golfer of the Year at Ballybunion Golf Club with Captain Frank Dore. David was also the winner of the Members Cup Singles Matchplay sponsored by Gary O' Driscoll. Photo by Francis Bennett



James O' Callaghan winner of the Scratch Cup Singles Matchplay at Ballybunion Golf Club with Captain Frank Dore. Photo by Francis Bennett



Ballybunion Men's Club Foursomes Matchplay winners sponsored by Atlantic Golf Construction were Maurice McEllistrem and Brendan M. Keane. Brendan with Captain Frank Dore. Photo by Francis Bennett

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PARISH MASS TIMES
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH: Friday 27th November, Mass at 7.30pm for the Deceased. Saturday 28th November Mass at 7.30pm for deceased members of the Dowling Family, Kiltomey; Margaret Galvin, The Village; Frank O'Donoghue, Garrynagore & his son-in-law Julián Chichrarro and deceased family members; Bob & Betty McElligott, The Village & the O'Sullivan & the McElligott Families; Owen Horgan, Ballintogher; Rita & Edmund Griffin & Thomas Leonard, Lixnaw.

IRREMORE CHURCH: Sunday 29th November, Mass at 11.00am for Gerard O'Sullivan, Banemore: Annie & Timmy Quilter, Mountcoal

DEATHS
Bill Kennelly, Rathea. Sympathy to his wife Peggy, sons Denis, Michael, Tim and Liam, daughters Mary and Margaret, his sisters Noreen and Teresa and all the extended Kennelly family. May he rest in peace.

Diarmuid (Dero) O'Connell, Ballyhennessy. Sympathy to his wife Ena, daughters Carmel and Evelyn, sons Aidan, Kenneth, Dermot, Shane and Rickie, his sister Sr. Regina and all the extended O'Connell family. May he rest in peace.

Jim O'Connor, Cragg, Castleisland and formerly of Ballinclogher, Lixnaw. Sympathy to son Tommy, daughters Jane, Noreen, Eileen and Siobhán and all the extended O'Connor family. May he rest in peace.

CONFIRMATION
The boys and girls of Dromclough National School who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next April are invited with their parents and families to a Rite of Enrolment Ceremony in Irremore Church at the 11.00am Mass on Saturday 29th November.

SPLIT THE BUCKET DRAW
Congratulations to Ruby Kate Walsh on winning €65 in this week's Split the Bucket Draw.

LIXNAW CLUB LOTTO DRAW
16/11/2026 Jackpot €2,300. Numbers drawn were 7, 8, 15, 16. No winner. €30 winners: Tom Bowler, Co. Meath (online); Nuala Horgan, Finuge; John Flynn, Tarbert. Next draw on Monday 23rd November at Walsh's Bar. Next week's jackpot will be €2,350. Thank you for your continued support.

ST SENAN'S GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW
16/11/2026 Jackpot €5,100. Numbers drawn were 02, 13, 21, 23. No Jackpot winner. €30 winners: Paudie Dillon, Gortacloghane; Jeremiah Murphy, Lyre. €20 winners: John Linehan, Kilcummin: Sharon Hickey (online); Marie Hennessy (online). Next week's Jackpot will be €5,200. 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.

BALLYDUFF CRAFT FAIR
A craft fair will be held in the Ballyduff Community Centre on 29th Nov from 11-4pm.

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



Listowel Emmets Split the Bucket winner on 17th November was Noreen Healy collecting her cheque of €1,388 from Breda McVeigh and Nora Browne. Next draw Tuesday 1st December

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 November 17th are as follows: The numbers drawn were 2, 3, 14 and the Bonus Number was 4. There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot of €17,800 or Match 3 prize of €400.The €20 consolation prizes were won by Mary Grace, The Cashen; Paul/Isobel, C/o Purcell's Bar & Lorraine Slattery, Glounerdalive. The Lotto Draw takes place on each Tuesday night at the Ballyduff GAA Clubrooms.

CHURCH NEWS
Anniversaries: Nora McKenna; Noreen Slattery; Brendan O'Carroll; Eddie & Rita Griffin & Thomas Leonard.

Deaths: John Sheehan; Margaret Field (née White), Birmingham & Clahane, Ballyduff

Masses for the week:
Friday November 27th 10.00am: November Lists
Saturday November 28th 6.30pm: Mass in Causeway
Sunday November 29th 11.00am: Tom Burke
Reader Sunday November 29th: Paul McCarthy
Ministers of the Eucharist November 29th: Catherine O'Driscoll/Carmel Costello/Helen Dowling
Mass Servers November 29th: Elliott, Aodhán, Aaron
Eucharistic Adoration: Every Sunday in Ballyduff Church at 3.00pm
Divine Mercy Devotion: every Thursday in SS Peter's & Paul's Church, Ballyduff at 10.30am.

November Lists: Please note All those on November Lists will be remembered at all Masses during November
Private Confessions: First Saturday in Ballyduff from 11.00am – 11.45am; in Causeway 12noon -12.45pm
Follow our Facebook Page: For more information and announcements

Padre Pio Devotions: First Tuesday of the Month in Ballyduff at 7.30pm. Next Devotion will be on December 1st.

Relic of St. Faustina: Fr. Sean Jones will celebrate Holy Mass on Saturday November 28th at 7.30pm in The Church of the Assumption, Moyvane. Individual Blessings with Relic available after Mass
Ballyduff Summer Festival: Quiz Night on November 27th at 8.00pm at O'Connor's Bar Ballyduff. Raffle & Spot prizes on the night.
Hospice Cards: Now available in the Post Offices & Local Shops. Your support would be greatly appreciated

Coach to Knock Shrine Night Vigil: Feast of the Immaculate Conception Monday December 7th. Tralee Bus Station at 4.30pm & The Bridge, Listowel at 5.00pm. the cost is €45. Contact O'Shea's on (066)7180123
An Enchanted Christmas: The O'Neill Sisters & Rebecca Winckworth Saturday, 19th December 2026 8.00pm at the Tinteán Theatre, Ballybunion. Admission is €32

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat: 11th-13th December 2026 Calling all young people 16–35 to the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College. Donation-only event. To register visit youth2000.ie

CHRISTMAS FAIR
The Ballyduff Christmas Craft Fair will be held in the Community Centre, Ballyduff on this Sunday November 29th from 11.00am to 4.00pm. Homemade Gifts, Local Crafts, Festive Treats and much more on offer on the day. Please support local Businesses. Contact Betty on (087)6403152 to book a table.

RAMBLERS GOLF SOCIETY
The final outing for 2026 of the Ramblers Golf Society was at Newcastlewest Golf Club and the following are the results.

Category A:
1st: Jimmy O'Sullivan
2nd: Mike Mulcahy

Category B:
1st: David O'Grady
2nd: Kevin McGrath

Category C:
1st: Vincent Linnane
2nd: Johnny Quinlan

Front Nine: Brian McGrath
Back Nine: Paddy Healy
Golfer of the Year: Brian McGrath

Thanks to all those who played on the day and to Brendáin Purcell & Vincent Linnane for their kind sponsorship of the outing. We will have our Annual General Meeting in the next few weeks, and we are looking for a few lads to take positions on the Committee for next year if there are a few of you interested.

QUIZ NIGHT
A Quiz Night will be held at O'Connor's bar, Ballyduff on this Friday November 27th commencing at 8.00pm sharp. This Quiz is in aid of the Ballyduff Summer Festival 2027. There will be a raffle and spot prizes on the night. Looking forward to seeing you there.

MOVEMBER NIGHT
"Shave it Off" with AM Barber R&R for our inaugural "Movember Night" on this Saturday November 28th commencing at 5.00pm at Purcell's Bar, Ballyduff. There will be a Rodeo Bull Game, Live Music and DJ until late into the night. It's all in aid of Palliative Care and Oncology Unit. Let's come together for a good cause.

CHRISTMAS CARDS
Kerry Hospice Christmas Cards are now on sale at Ballyduff and Causeway Post Offices and all local shops. Your continued support for this worthy cause is much appreciated.

CHRISTMAS EVENT
Sliabh a'Mhadra N.S Christmas Event will take place on Wednesday December 16th at 6.00pm in St. Peter and Paul's Church Ballyduff. It will be a lovely night with 'Christmas Hymns' and excellent music accompanying. Junior & Senior Infants will be performing 'The Nativity' and 1st to 6th classes will perform "A Little Light at Christmas" a prayer service with Christmas hymns & music. Special Guests are Aodhán & Caoimhe O'Connor. This year, we are fundraising for Kerry Palliative Care Service and donation boxes will be available on the night. All are welcome. Free admission. Donations to Kerry Palliative Care.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY WALK
The 15th Annual St. Stephen's Day Walk & Run in aid of the Irish Cancer Society will get underway on Saturday December 26th, 2026, at 11.00am from the Square, Ballyduff. Bring your pet, family friendly, walk and run. Let's get moving for a great cause. Every step makes a difference.

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

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Thursday
Sewing classes 3.30pm to 6.30pm

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

Monday:
Baby massage classes 10.30am to 12.00pm
Active Retirement Group 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Joe Burkett theatre from 5.00pm to 6.30pm

Tuesday:
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TARBERT

TARBERT NEWS
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DEATHS
The death took place of Carmel (Polly) O'Sullivan (Née O'Connell) of Elton, Knocklong, County Limerick and formerly of Tarbert. Polly died on Wednesday 11 November in her 97th. year. She was predeceased by her husband Michael, son David, her sisters Esther and Kathleen and brothers Denis and Fr. Philip. She reposed at O'Leary's Funeral Home, Hospital, Co. Limerick on Friday. Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. John the Baptist Church, Hospital on Saturday 14 November at 11.30am. followed by interment in adjoining cemetery. Polly was born to Jeremiah and May O'Connell (née O'Connor) in Tarbert on 20 August 1929. She attended Tarbert Girls National School and St. Ita's Secondary School. She won a scholarship to University College, Galway which specialised in teacher training through Irish. She taught in Hospital Vocational School, Croom, Dromcollogher, Kilfinane, Kilmallock and Cappamore. She married Michael O'Sullivan in 1954 and they reared two boys and five girls.
Sympathy of the community is extended to her two sons and five daughters, to her brothers Wim and Jerry (Derry) in Tarbert, sister Anne (McCarthy) in Ballylongford, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.
Beannacht Dé lena h-anam uasal dilis agus leaba i measc na naoimh go raibh aici.

The death took place of Fr. John O'Connor, the Square, Tarbert and the Archdiocese of Southwark, London. Fr. John who was 93 years died on Thursday 12 November at Our Lady of Fatima Nursing Home Tralee. He was predeceased by his parents Maurice and Catherine (née Faley), sister Mary Hennessy, brothers P.J. and Dermot and niece Angela. Fr. John was born in Main Street, Tarbert to grocer Maurice O'Connor and his wife Catherine. He attended Tarbert Boy's National School, St. Ita's Secondary School, Tarbert, St. Flannan's College, Ennis, Carlow Seminary. He completed his priestly studies in Kilkenny and was ordained there on 2 June 1957. He was one of the officiating clergy when the newly renovated St. Mary's Church was consecrated in October 1958. He served in four different parishes all in south London. He was appointed parish priest of St. Thomas More Church in Dulwich in 1974 and Vicar Forane in 1992. He was a founder member of the London/Tarbert Society and helped to look after the spiritual and temporal welfare of Tarbert exiles. He celebrated his Golden Jubilee of Ordination in 2007.

On his retirement to Tarbert fifteen years ago, he continued to help the pastoral diocesan clergy in the new Ballylongford Parish Pastoral area covering the parishes of Tarbert, Ballylongford, Asdee, Ballydonoghue and Ballybunion in celebrating daily and Sunday Masses, officiating at funerals as and when required. This in spite of mobility and age issues obliging him to use two walking sticks and driving his own car. He prepared his own Mass homilies which were both thought provoking, original and inspirational. He visited the sick at home and in Nursing Homes and Hospitals. His determination and can do attitude was an example to us all.
Fr. John reposed at St. Mary's Church, Tarbert on Friday 13 November. Sacristan James who was his driver gave him his final drive when he drove the hearse carrying his remains to Church. His Requiem Mass was celebrated on Saturday 14 November. Bishop Ray Browne and some 10 priests officiated. Fr. John had selected the Mass readings to be said at his passing. The chief celebrant was Fr. Padraig Kennelly, former parish Moderator of Tarbert and friend of Fr. John, Fr. Danny Broderick the last parish priest of Tarbert as a single parish, Fr. Francis Nolan, former parish priest of Tarbert, Fr. John Buckley, current Moderator of Tarbert, Fr. Donough O'Malley, Limerick who served with Fr. John in England. St. Mary's Choir rendered hymns in Latin and English both in Church and at the grave-side and here again Bishop Ray spoke on the sterling qualities of Fr. John. His niece Catherine thanked all the neighbours who had been so good to him over the years. Clergy from some of the parishes in England where Fr. John ministered attended the funeral and there were a number of condolences and tributes from parishioners in England.
Sympathy of the community is extended to the O'Connor and Hennessey families, to Bishop Ray and his fellow priests in the Diocese of Kerry, to his former parishioners relatives, neighbours and friends. As he would say himself, "He has finished the race and kept the faith"

BIRTHDAY WISHES
Belated congratulations and best wishes to Wim O'Connell, Chapel Street who celebrated his 95th. Birthday on 4 November 2026, making Wim the oldest male parishioner. Comhghairdeas dó agus go maire sé an Chéad.

MUSIC NIGHT
A great night of singing, Irish Music, song, ceol agus craic will be held at Carmody's Bar on Saturday 28 November starting at 9pm. Fáilte roimh gach éinne agus Nollaig shona do gach duine idir og agus shean.

CHRISTMAS CARDS
Christmas Cards in aid of Kerry Hospice are on sale in the Bridewell and Tarbert Post Office costing €7 for a pack of 10. The cards depict scenes painted by Kerry artists supported by Kerry Group. Please support.

ENROLMENT MASSES
Enrolment Mass for the First Holy Communion Class will be held on Wednesday 2 December at 7pm. Enrolment Mass for the Confirmation Class will be held on Wednesday 16 December at 7pm.

SANTA CLAUS
Santa Claus came early to Teresa Kennelly, Shanaway when she had two wins in the Moyvane Split the Bucket draw, a fund-raiser in aid of the local school. On 5 November she spun the wheel and won €600 and last week she won €330. Comhghairdeas and beir bua.

KEEN GOLFER
Congratulations to Josette O'Donnell, Chapel Street on winning the Golf Ireland Bronze medal in the Ballybunion Golf Club competition held recently. Beir bua

NEW BOOK
Tarbert native and Cork Historian Christopher Keane launched his new book 'The Spring Rices and the Crosbies' at the meeting of Tarbert Historical Society held at the Bridewell on Friday 20 November. There was a large gathering at the meeting and all available books were sold out. This is the 5th. historical publication by Christopher and is a very comprehensive history of two notable families from Limerick and Kerry. The book also features detail on the murder of the Coleen Bawn, the Shannon Drowning of 1893, the transplantation of the Seven Septs of Laois to Kerry including Tarbert. The book is well bound and illustrated. It would make an ideal Christmas present and is available while stocks last at Tarbert Bridewell and Woulfe's Bookshop in Listowel.

DOG FOULING
Dog fouling continues to be a problem and more so on these dark evenings when people are out walking. If your dog does his business then you as the responsible dog owner has to do your business and clean up the mess. The fine for such an offence is increased to 250 euro since September, 2026.

BALLYLONGFORD

NORTH KERRY SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2026
Well done to our own Ballylongford GAA Club on hosting today's North Kerry Senior Football Final, a major undertaking and a wonderful occasion for the club and the wider community. An event of this scale takes tremendous preparation and coordination, from getting the grounds and facilities in ship-shape condition to organising parking, stewards and the many club members and volunteers who worked behind the scenes to ensure everything ran smoothly. The large attendance was a wonderful reflection of the place that football holds in North Kerry life.

A word of thanks also to the North Kerry Football Board, whose work keeps the show on the road. Around the time of the Listowel Races, the draws are made for the Senior, Junior, Novice and Minor competitions, giving everyone plenty to discuss, debate and speculate about during the grey winter days. There's no shortage of opinions once those draws are out, and thankfully the Board keeps it all moving along!
Well done to both Listowel Emmets and Duagh for bringing the 2026 North Kerry Senior Championship to a sporting conclusion, and congratulations to Listowel Emmets on taking home the silverware.

LENAMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL
Discover everything this growing, progressive school has to offer at its Open Day on Saturday, 28th November, from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon. Meet the dedicated staff, current parents, and pupils, and take a guided tour of a thriving school community.
Can't make it on the day? Call the school on 068-43941 or email info@lenamorenskerry.ie to arrange an individual visit at a time that suits.

DJ PAT
DJ Pat is available for parties, celebrations and events throughout the area, catering for all occasions at reasonable rates. For further information, bookings or to see more, contact DJ Pat on 086 160 7364

BALLYDUFF CRAFT FAIR
The Ballyduff Craft Fair will take place on Sunday, 29th November, at Ballyduff Community Centre, from 11am to 4pm. A wide variety of stalls will be available on the day, offering something of interest for everyone. The fair is a great opportunity to browse the stalls, support local craftspeople and businesses, and perhaps pick up a few early Christmas gifts. All are welcome.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY
The annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, 13th December, at 1pm. Admission is €15 per person. Everyone is very welcome to attend.
For further information or to book, please contact:
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BALLYLONGFORD ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION AGM
(Sub-Committee Ballylongford Oyster Festival)
Date: Thursday, 4th February 2027 - Time: 8:00 PM
Location: Ballylongford Parish Hall
The annual general meeting for the Ballylongford Enterprise Association takes place this evening, Thursday 4th February 2027, at 8:00 PM in the Parish Hall. All committee members, local volunteers, and members of the community interested in helping shape and support the upcoming 2027 festival and more are warmly encouraged to attend. New faces and fresh ideas are always welcome as planning gets underway for the community's much-loved annual summer event and other activities throughout the year.

BALLYLONGFORD NOTES
The notes are entirely free to use for all and are for the benefit of the community to highlight notices, events, services, etc. If you would like to include something in our weekly notes, please email ballylongfordnotes@gmail.com or phone/WhatsApp 087 930 8223. If you have trouble with electronic submissions, please call me on the above number.
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Listowel Celtic U14 Girls who beat Castleisland 6-0 last weekend

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WINTER EYE HEALTH

Here are some of the ways winter can affect your vision, or worsen an eye condition, and tips for prevention.

Driving in winter
In winter you may have more difficulty seeing clearly because of darker evenings .When it is dark your pupils become larger to let in more light. However this can results in your vision becoming more blurred. This is why you may be more reliant on your glasses at night.

The glare of a low-lying sun can also make it more difficult to see, so make sure your windscreen is clean, both inside and out. It is useful to have a pair of polarised sunglasses in the car to help with the glare from the sun, even in winter.

Dry eyes
If you already have dry eyes, central heating may make them worse. Here are some simple steps you can take to minimise the discomfort caused by dry eyes in winter:

- Lower the temperature in rooms when possible.
- Blink more often.
- Use a humidifier. Opening windows for a few minutes on cold days will also help.
- Lubricants. Certain lubricating eye drops may be helpful for you.

Increased screen time
People tend to stay in and watch more television and spend more time using computers during the winter. Using a screen will not damage your eyes but prolonged use can make your eyes tired and dry.

Remember to take breaks and operate the 20:20:20 rule; every 20 minutes, take a 20-second break and focus your eyes on something at least 20 feet away.

Watery eyes
In cold and windy conditions, many people complain that their eyes water more than normal. Wearing glasses will provide protection against the wind, even if you don't usually wear them outdoors.

Winter sun
Snow and ice are reflective, so the sun's damaging UV rays can reach your eyes from below as well as above. UV exposure is cumulative, so although you may not feel any immediate effects, you could be putting yourself at risk of long-term damage and risk cataracts and age-related macular degeneration (AMD) if you don't wear good quality sunglasses or goggles.

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KILFLYNN

CROTTA LOTTO RESULTS
There was great demand for Crotta hurling club weekly lottery tickets at the weekend with everyone striving to win the Big Jackpot of 10,300.

Parker's in Kilflynn hosted the Crotta Hurling Club's weekly lotto draw on Monday 23rd November. The four numbers drawn from the drum by the independent observer,
Graham Harris, Clounsillagh, Lixnaw were 4, 14, 16, and 29. No one won the €10,300 Jackpot.

Congratulations to the following who won €35 in the lucky dip draw: Liam O'Reilly, Lixnaw, Carmel Chawke, Lismore, Tralee; and Sean Beirne, Fahavane, Kilflynn.

The next draw will take place in Herbert's Bar, Kilflynn, on Monday, 30th November, at 10:30 p.m. The next draw has a €10,400 jackpot. Tickets are available: €2 each, 3 for €5 or play online at this link: https://tinyurl.com/crotta-club-lotto or at 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.

DATE FOR THE DIARY
Kilflynn Church Choir Christmas Carol Service Sunday 13th December at 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church,Kilflynn. All are welcome.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, KILFLYNN
Mass Intentions for the week in St. Mary's Church: Mass will be celebrated on Friday, 27th November at 10:00 a.m. ; and Saturday, 28th November at 6:00 p.m. Brendan Murphy, Fahavane (Anniversary) November List

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

Christmas Mass Bouquet and a selection of other Mass Cards available from the Parish Office.

CARE GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY
The Abbeydorney/Kilflynn Care Group Christmas Party is at the Listowel Arms Hotel on Sunday, December 13th—more details nearer the date.

CROTTA GAA
The Kilflynn Community Walkway Lights at the sportsfield, Dromakee, Kilflynn will be switched on from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Monday to Friday.
So get your walking shoes ready and stay well and healthy. The walkway is open to the public at any time during daylight hours, you can now use the floodlighting from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., five days a week. This truly is a fantastic facility for all in our community to use.

North Kerry Hurling Board 2026 Awards
Date: Friday, 27 November
Venue: Ballyroe Lodge, Tralee V92 HT91
Time: Commencing at 7:30pm
Guest of Honour will be the 6 time All-Ireland winning Limerick hurler Aaron Gillane

North Kerry Under 21 Hurling Championship
Quarter Finals
Crotta O'Neill's has conceded to St. Brendan's
Abbeydorney has conceded to Kilmoyley

NKC Shield Minor Final Result
St Senans 3-13 -v- Moyvane 1-10
Congratulations to St. Senan's minor footballers who won the North Kerry Shield Final on Saturday afternoon 21st November in Coolard. Conditions were ideal for football, with a dry ball and little or no breeze. Moyvane started the strongest and went into a 1-4 to 0-2 lead. Daryl Dalton scored a goal for Senans to bring them into the game. Senans trailed 1-5 to 1-4 at halftime.
Despite missing several players through injury the boys put in a strong 2nd half to claim victory. Well done to all the U16s who stepped up.
Scorers - Mikey Somers 0-5 (1 two pointer), Daryl Dalton 1-2, Cian Slemon 1-1, Fionn Hannon 1-1, Tadhg Doran 0-2 (1 two-pointer), Cillian Hurley 0-1, Paddy Larkin 0-1
This is the 3rd final for this team. They won the NK league in the Spring followed by defeat in the County league final in the summer and finished the season with a North Kerry championship final win. A fantastic year for all the players and coaches

The victorious Kerry Camogie Senior panel received their 2026 National League Div 1 medals on Saturday night 21st November at The Tankard Bar & Restaurant in Kilfenora, Fenit. Congratulations to the players, especially the Crotta ladies Amy O'Sullivan, Jackie Hogan, Roisin Quinn and Aoife Behan on the panel. The mentors were also recognised with tokens of appreciation for their guidance and commitment.

TUS Munster GAA Post Primary Schools Dr Harty Cup Round 3 (U19A Hurling) Result on Wednesday, 18th November at Feenagh:
Thurles CBS 4-20 (32) -v- Tralee CBS 1-17 (20)
Well done to CBS The Green, Tralee who battled until the final whistle

Our club representatives on the CBS Senior Hurling Team: Adam Corkey, John Donovan, Alex Reihan, Stephen Shanahan, Matt Cronin, Fionn Hannon, Darren McElligott, Paddy Cronin, Daniel Diggins, and Aidan Beirne (inj)

Coach to Knock Shrine Night Vigil The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Monday 7th December. Coach Departs: Tralee…. 4:30pm.
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information or to register your interest, please phone us on 066 7192122



Therese Keane from Knocknagoshel who was out and about at Tralee on Saturday. Photo Moss Joe Browne



Lorraine Slattery from nearby Glounerdalive attending a sporting event last week in Ballyduff with her sons Callum and Ben. Photo Moss Joe Browne

MOYVANE

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BLOTTO
There was no winner of last Thursday night's Jackpot. Numbers drawn were 8 18 29 31. Lucky Dips: €100: Marcella Hannon, Listowel. €50: Lisa McCarthy, Listowel. €20 each: Agnes Gay, Kilshannig West. Betty Heaphy, Dirha East, Listowel. Catriona Mulvihill, Moyvane. Teresa Lynch, Newcastlewest. Marcella Hannon, Listowel. Free Tickets: Mary Brosnan, Ballyduff. Eileen Roche, Glin Road, Moyvane. Eleanor Moynihan, Feale Drive, Listowel. Margaret O'Connor, "Old Forge", Glin Road, Moyvane. Jonathon O'Gorman, Tarbert. This week's draw will be held Thursday night, November 26 at Bingo in The Marian Hall. Jackpot: €18,500.

SPIN THE WHEEL
Congratulations to Margaret Stack, Rockchapel who won €300 last Thursday night. The minimum you can win on the wheel is €300 and the top prize is €2,000.

SPLIT THE BUCKET
It's that time of the month again. This Thursday night, November 26 the draw will be held at Bingo as usual. Make sure you are in to win. Envelopes are available in all the usual outlets locally, Holly's Gala, Mike Kennelly's Home-Value 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 our local school.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY
Will be held in the Marian Hall on Sunday, November 29. Mass at 12.30 followed by lunch, music, dance and evening tea. Book with Ita on 087-7533027/068-49134, before Friday, November 21.

MOYVANE PARENT & TODDLER GROUP
Started Friday, November 13 in the Marian Hall, Moyvane V31 Y431, 10.00am-12 noon and every Friday. Details 085-1924 353.

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VISUAL ARTISTS LISTOWEL
Fine Art & Craft Fair featuring unique locally hand-crafted items; artwork, prints, bespoke jewellery, textiles, sculpture and festive decorations. All available in St. Johns Theatre & Arts Centre, Listowel, Sunday November 29 10.00am to 4.00pm. Tea, coffee, mulled wine and more. Everyone welcome.

BALLYDUFF CRAFT FAIR
Make a trip to Ballyduff Community Centre next Sunday, November 29. Think local and pick up some Christmas gifts. Time 11.00am to 4.00pm.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES
Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24.
Corpus Christi Church, Knockanure 5.00pm.
Church of the Assumption, Moyvane 6.00pm.
Christmas Day, Friday, December 25
Corpus Christi Church, Knockanure 9.30am.
Church of the Assumption, Moyvane 11.00am.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
MOYVANE:
Wednesday, November 25 Anniversary Mass at 7.00pm for Dan Ryan, Firies.
Thursday, November 26 Mass at 7.00pm for the repose of the souls of Fr. John Shine, Connie & Bridie Shine and deceased of the Shine & Conroy families.
Saturday, November 28 Anniversary Mass at 7.30pm for the following Margaret & Johnny Meade Lower Aughrim & Kit & Edward Fitzmaurice, Leitrim Middle.

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Sunday, November 29 Mass at 9.30am

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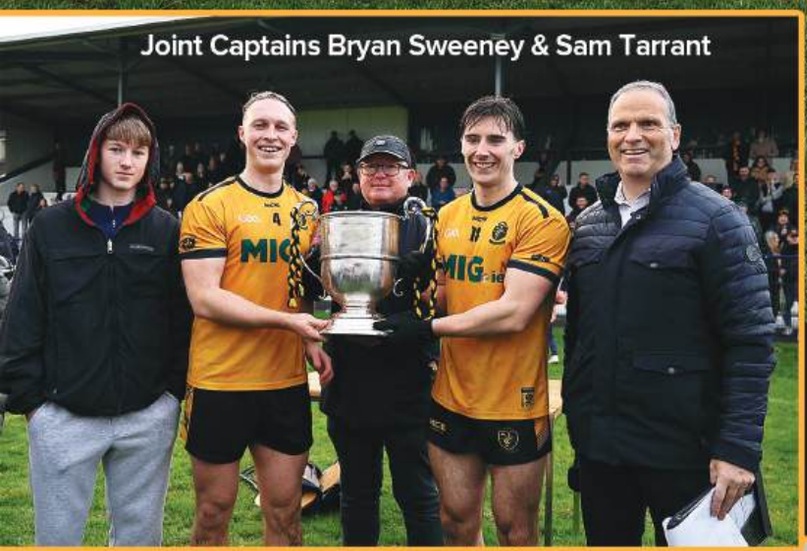

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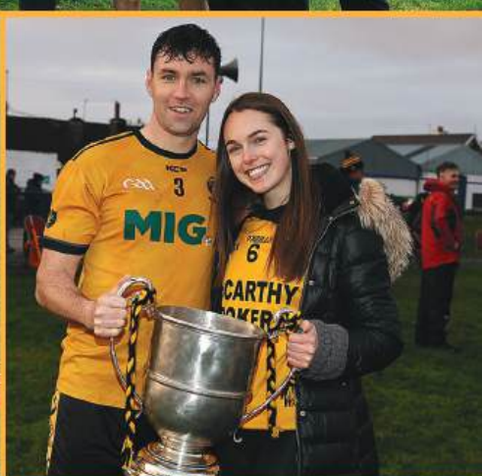







Listowel Celtic U15 A team who beat Castleisland 6-5 last weekend



Listowel Celtic U13 B team who played last Saturday



Winners of the Men's Club Fourball sponsored by Lee Strand, Patrick O' Sullivan & James O' Callaghan with Captain Frank Dore at Ballybunion Golf Club. Photo by Francis Bennett



Dan Sheehan, winner of the Men's Eric Browne Singles sponsored by Mikey Joes Bar with Captain Frank Dore at Ballybunion Golf Club. Photo by Francis Bennett



Listowel Celtic U13 Boys who beat Corbally 1-0 on Sat in the National Trophy



Duagh children showing their support for the Senior Men's Football team before last Sunday's North Kerry Championship Final



St Michael's College Listowel "Class Reunion 1976 to 2026 had a get together in Christy's bar Listowel recently.

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

MEANING OF LIFE

"She's a lifestyle creator on Instagram. I follow her all the time... He has a following of 680 million... unrivalled! You should see all the likes I got on my post on X... I'm really popular..."

One of the benefits of getting older, perhaps, is that we begin to realise that not everything we see on social media is quite what it seems. It's easy to be drawn into believing that everyone else is living the high life, in a constant state of celebration.

And sure, there must be a certain satisfaction in receiving so many ***likes***, ***hits*** and ***followers***. I read that receiving a like on social media can stimulate the release of dopamine, a chemical involved in the brain's reward system.

That little feeling of pleasure can encourage us to keep coming back for more. But it can also become addictive, this constant craving for praise and reassurance, that someone, out there likes who we are or what we do.

It's astonishing that we can spend years looking for love, acceptance and satisfaction in all the wrong places, while overlooking the only True Source of the greatest love of all.

In John 5:40, Jesus said to some people:

"And here I am, standing right before you, and you aren't willing to receive from Me the life you say you want."

Jesus offers us something far deeper and more lasting than a ***thumbs-up*** or an ***emoji***. When we come to Him, in faith, we discover the truth of Psalm 107:9:

"He satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul He fills with good things."

And listen to the wonderful promise Jesus makes in John 4:14:
"Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never thirst again."

Jesus is real. He doesn't want to complicate our lives. He invites us to recognise and accept the truth of who He is. He goes on to say:
"The water that I will give (you) will become in you a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

He's talking about something that no amount of popularity or public approval can ever provide—His presence, His outrageous love, His free gift of salvation, His life-giving grace and the gift of His Holy Spirit to those who put their trust in Him.

We don't need to spend our lives craving approval and satisfaction from faceless sources on social media, hoping that the next like or encouraging comment will somehow make us feel more valued.

Read the Word of God. Listen to the invitation of Jesus Himself:

"Come to Me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest... I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28–29)

Perhaps the next time we find ourselves looking for another like, another follower or another word of approval, we might stop and ask ourselves: Whose approval really matters?

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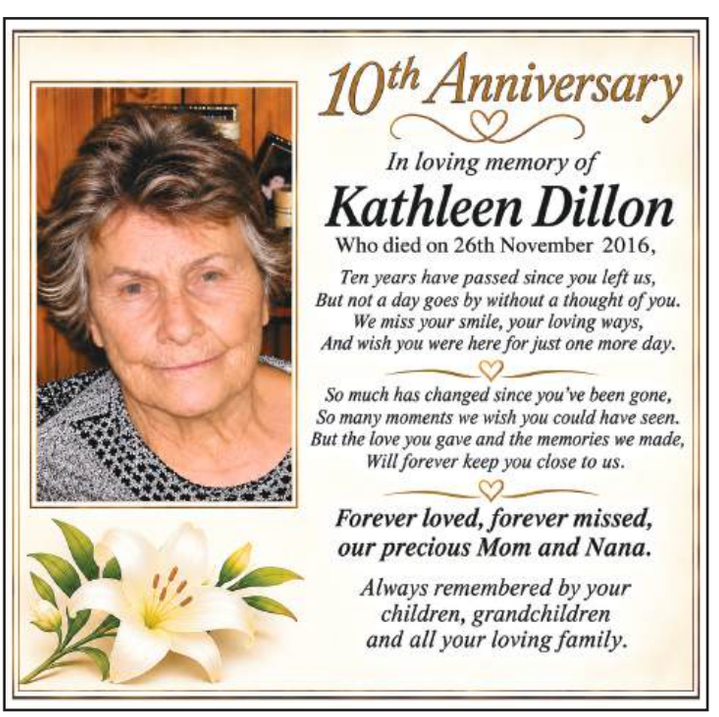
Le Grá,
Bridie





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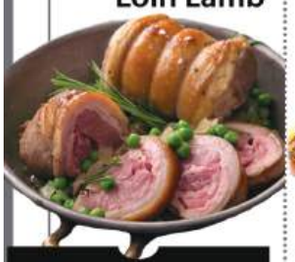

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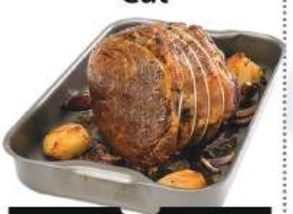

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