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**HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM CLONEGAL KILDAVIN VETERAN
PLAYERS**

2025

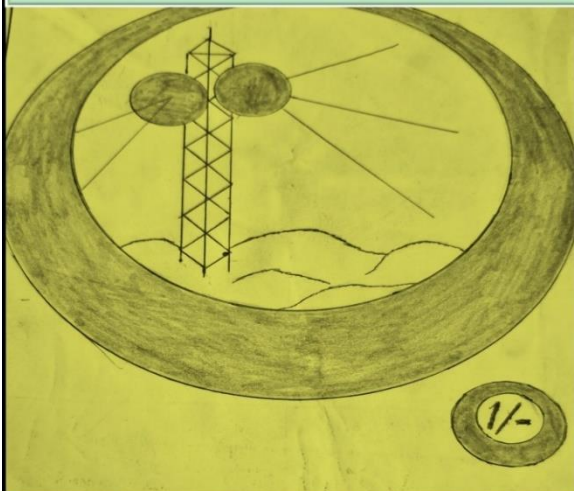
**And now we welcome the new year. Full
of things that have never been.**

We would like to thank all our friends and supporters and look forward to your further involvement in 2025. Community is important and we aim to continue providing community-based activities and items at minimum cost. Your support and participation greatly increases our chances of securing grant aid and supplementing it where necessary. In the words of Helen Keller "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much" We are truly grateful for your ongoing support.

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Recall

Volume 1



*A Reproduction of the first four issues of
"The Call"*

*A community Magazine produced
from 1969 to 1974*

Exciting New Publication

The Veteran Players Publication Recall is now on sale for €10. It is a reproduction of the first four editions of the Clonegal Parish Magazine, "The Call" published in 1969 and 1970. There is a good chance you will recognise friends, neighbours, relatives and their stories. You will be transported back to a different time. This is a valuable reproduction of primary source

material for historians even without a connection to Clonegal. You may know someone with an interest in history. Bring this publication to their attention.

If you wish to purchase the book you can ring or text 0878380018, with your name and eircode and we can deliver free of charge within 15km approximately of Clonegal/Kildavin. A postage charge of €10 will apply if you want it sent further away. You can purchase a copy at Plunketts Clonegal, McAsseys Ballon and Steamers O Leary Bunclody. Remember there are a limited number left.

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Podcast: Clonegal Kildavin Veteran Players Podcast ChatterboxY21 is as always available. You can listen wherever you get your podcasts or on Clonegal Kildavin Veteran Players Facebook Page, Clonegal Kildavin Community Website Facebook Page and Clonegal Kildavin Website. The Current edition features a discussion of the time that produced the Parish Magazine "The Call" reproduced and published in Recall. The changing times are mused over by Luke Hayden, Dan Murphy and Mgt Doyle under the expert guidance of Podcast host Carmel Gibson.

Pickleball resumes in the Spellman Hall on Wednesday January 8th at 8pm. For new players who wish to join there is an upfront cost of €20. Contact Tom @0879110555 Mgt @0878380018 or any member of the Veteran Players Committee.

Exercise Classes resume on Thursday January 16th at 8pm in Spellman Hall Kildavin. Classes are free and are suitable for those who have had limited involvement in physical exercise. Attendees have been from 19 to 90.

Bicentenary of St Brigids Church Clonegal:

St Brigids Church Clonegal was built between 1824 and 1827. The Bicentenary celebrations commenced on Sunday December 15th with a well-attended carol service. Further events will occur over the course of the bicentenary years.

It is hoped to carry out extensive refurbishment and repairs to the church also during this period. Attendees at the carol service were generous in their donations. It remains possible to contribute to this refurbishment by placing an appropriately marked envelope in the Church Donation box.

Blood Transfusion Service will attend Spellman Hall Kildavin on Monday January 13th. Anyone wishing to give blood should contact the service. Please note the Spellman Hall will not be available to any users that day.

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**KILDAVIN / CLONEGAL G.A.A./BEN MULHALL PAR
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Lotto 22nd December 2024

Winning Numbers 01-08 -16 -17

No Winner Next Jackpot €10000 No Match 3 Winners 3 Luck Dip Winners

Sellers Prize: PBoy Murphy

Next Draw 5/01/25 @9.30pm Dunnes Clonegal

Full Results: [kildavinclonegal/benmulhallottery](https://www.facebook.com/kildavinclonegal/benmulhallottery) Facebook page

€2 per entry or 3 for €5

Draw Envelopes Available at [Supervalu Bunclody](#), [Gala Bunclody](#), [Steamers O Leary's Bunclody](#), [Ken Rothwell Bunclody](#), [Conways Kildavin](#), [Dunnes Clonegal](#), [Plunketts Clonegal](#), [Osbornes Clonegal](#)

Interesting Facts: Some Welfare Changes for 2025: The maximum weekly rate of Maternity Benefit, Adoptive Benefit, Paternity Benefit and Parent's Benefit will increase by €15 . All other weekly social welfare payments will increase by €12 with proportional increases for qualified adults and people on reduced rates of payment. The Working Family Payment income limits will increase by €60 a week for all family sizes . The Carer's Allowance income disregard will increase to €625 for a single person and €1,250 for a couple (July 2025). Carer's Allowance will become a qualifying payment for Fuel Allowance (January 2025). Carer's Benefit will be extended to people who are self-employed (January 2025).The Carer's Support Grant will increase by €150 from €1,850 to €2,000 (June 2025). Domiciliary Care Allowance will increase by €20 from €340 to €360 per month (January 2025).

January is named after Janus, the Roman god of beginnings and endings. Janus presided over doors and gates, which feels appropriate for the new year. He is often depicted with two faces – one looking forward and the other looking backward. January, is one of two months added to the Roman Calendar by Julius Ceaser the second being February. This "Julian" Calendar had 365 Days and was later modified to include a leap year. Early Calendars had been based on various lunar (moon) cycles. The Julien Calendar aligned the Calendar to the earths Journey around the sun which dictated the seasons. There was little understanding at the time however of the relationship between the earth, the sun and the seasons. The Calendar was devised merely from the observation of its designer.

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