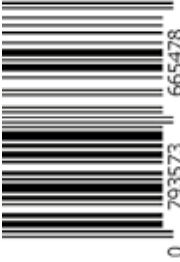


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Fanad Covid scare closes soccer academy

As concerns grow over the increased levels of coronavirus in a number of communities including the Fanad Peninsula, a local soccer academy for underage players has suspended all activities for seven days.

By John McAteer

While the HSE did not address queries in relation to positive test numbers or clusters in Fanad, the Tribune has been told by sources involved that at least seven of those tested were either positive or asymptomatic.

The Tribune understands from specific sources that numbers of people presented with symptoms from Tuesday of last week and it is believed that as many as twenty people resident in Fanad sought appointments for Covid tests on Saturday morn-

ing. There is no official confirmation that all of those honoured their appointments.

At the same time there is a public awareness of the seriousness of the incidences of cases in the peninsula. There is also a widespread belief that numbers of visitors who may have had contact with those returning positive results, quickly left the county and returned home to the North or the UK.

As a consequence of the developing situation, one premises closed voluntarily as a precautionary measure on last Thursday afternoon. We are informed that the proprietors have not been contacted by any relevant health sources.

In response to queries from the Tribune in relation to public concerns and contact tracing, the HSE issued a

statement saying: "The Dept. of Public Health is currently managing a Covid incident in North Donegal. The close contacts have been identified and are being managed as per national contract tracing procedures. People who have been identified as casual contacts have been sent a text informing them of this. Casual contacts do not need to be offered Covid testing but it is important that if anyone develops Covid symptoms they should contact their GP for assessment and the GP can arrange testing if required."

A spokesperson for the Mulroy Soccer Academy confirmed that while no member was directly involved, there were 'circumstances obtaining' that suggested that it was in their best interests to take the decision to suspend all ac-

tivities. The situation is being monitored and a directive will issue over the weekend as to when training will resume.

All other sports clubs in the area have clarified that they have not been subject to any closure measures since none of their members have presented with any symptoms of the virus and no such threat had arisen. This, we are informed, came as a Fanad Gaels member was allegedly sent home from their workplace, outside of the parish.

In relation to our queries the HSE statement added: "Anyone with symptoms should self isolate for 14 days as should their close/family contacts."

Further information for casual contacts is available on the HSE website. <https://www2.hse.ie/coronavirus/>

What is a casual con-

tact? A casual contact is someone who has had limited contact with a confirmed case of Covid 19. This could be any individual who has spent less than 15 minutes, face-to-face, within two meters of a person with coronavirus in any setting or who has shared a closed space with a case for less than two hours. What do I need to do if I am a casual contact? You need to follow the general public health guidance about staying safe and protecting yourself and others from Covid 19. You do not need to self-isolate or quarantine from others unless you develop symptoms. If you have any common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), you should self-isolate and phone your GP straight away to arrange a coronavirus test."

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Ring returns to Rathmullan 'Gaffer'



Dara Patton with his wife Laura.

Rathmullan Celtic joint player-manager Dara Patton has had plenty of headaches in steering his side to a stab at promotion to the Premier Division.

By Declan Kerr

But, the former Fanad Utd striker had an even bigger headache on Sunday evening when he lost his wedding ring. He was substituted late in the game after playing a blinder (allegedly) and was replaced late in the match against Ballybofey Utd at the Flagpole Field.

But as Dara trotted off the pitch he discovered that his wedding ring was missing. Some of his footballing friends were saying rather unkindly that he had already missed enough chances and now there was the mystery of the ring that also got away.

However, the club spirit is strong in Rathmullan and a full scale search of the pitch was conducted immediately after the game but to no avail. It wasn't looking good until loyal club volunteer Seamus Gavaghan brought in his metal detector and the precious wedding ring was located much to the

relief of the Rathmullan gaffer. A post on the Rathmullan F.C. Facebook page said: "If you like it, put a ring on it..." as the song goes! Our gaffer Dara Patton was ruthlessly subbed off late in the game yesterday by his assistant Terry McCauley. As he came off Dara realised the wedding ring was missing. In true RCFC fashion, an ensemble of volunteers took to the pitch to locate it, but it wasn't for finding. Step in Seamus Gavaghan and the metal detector and, soon after, the boss had his ring back where it belongs!

Great club spirit from everyone and, I'm sure, relief for Dara to be going home without having to explain to Laura how he missed all them half chances and lost his wedding ring!

The club is in great debt to Dara and Terry for the job they've stepped in and done either side of lockdown. Four wins from four games playing some lovely football. Excellent work, gents; your management skills are clear for all to see!"

For the record Rathmullan won the game 4-1.



John Mandy Gallagher Creeslough celebrating his 92nd birthday with family and friends this week.

Dunfanaghy to Downings Walk for Beirut

There will be a 25K Sponsored Walk to help raise funds for Beirut this Friday. An active member of Donegal Intercultural Platform, Siobhan McLaughlin's birthday falls this Friday 14th August. For Siobhan's birthday she has made an extraordinary birthday request. Alongside her daughter Katie McLaughlin Robinson (pictured right) she has organised a 25km walk from Dunfanaghy to Downings.



The walk is an act of solidarity to raise money to help grassroots organisations and the Lebanese Red Cross provide aid and support for the injured and homeless in the wake of the devastating explosion in Beirut.

The Donegal Intercultural Platform is supporting her walk by asking people in Donegal to support this act of solidarity by one, any or all of the following actions:

1. Like and share the event and GoFundMe link
2. Join the walk
3. Donate if you can via GoFundMe or in cash on the day

The walk will kick off from Dunfanaghy square at 8am this Friday 14th August. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Caoimhe.bicproject@gmail.com or call 0868580298 if you require more details. To make a donation please see the below link: <https://gf.me/u/ypkks7>

Search ongoing for missing Omagh man

As the search continues for a 34 years man, missing from the family holiday home in Fanad since last Friday, leaflets with his description were being distributed on Wednesday in local towns and villages.

been seen since last Friday.

He is reported to have been last seen at Illistrin on the N56 road between Letterkenny and West Donegal on Friday evening.

He was earlier seen in Milford and spoke with residents of a house in Ramelton around 3.30pm.

He is described as being 5'9", with short brown hair and a beard, of medi-

um build with brown eyes. When last seen Seamus was wearing black track-suit bottoms, black tracksuit top, black shoes and a black nike peaked cap.

Anyone who knows of Seamus's whereabouts or can assist Gardaí in locating him are asked to contact Milford Garda Station on (074) 9153060, the Garda Confidential Line on 1800 666 111 or any Garda Station.



Gardaí in Milford, family members and neighbours are seeking the public's assistance in locating Seamus McCarney, (pictured right) who has not



Work Beginning on the Demolition of Senior Citizens Houses on the Chapel Road in Dunfanaghy. The houses were built in the 1970's and were in use until a few years ago and are now to be replaced by more modern buildings. This work has been welcomed by local Cllr Michael McClafferty who says "there is much need in the local area for housing needs and good luck to the appointed contractor".

New scheme for creation of native woodland

Minister of State for Forestry, Senator Pippa Hackett, along with Dara Calleary, Minister for Agriculture, announced a new scheme to fund the creation of native woodland on public land.

This scheme meets one of the main biodiversity commitments in the Programme for Government and will be funded by the Minister's Dept. which will cover the cost of establishing such forests on suitable land in public ownership.

The scheme is aimed at all public bodies, including Government Depts, State Sponsored Organisations, Higher Education Authorities, and Local Authorities. It was approved by the Government at the end of last month and will commence with a landbank analysis by all public bodies to assess whether they have land suitable for planting.

Minister Hackett said "Native woodlands are an important part of Ireland's natural heritage, history and culture, and are unique in terms of their biodiversity and habitat creation. This scheme demonstrates this Government's commitment to improving biodiversity while also putting in place permanent woodland that will capture carbon, can protect water, and will add to our landscapes for many years into the future."

Iarnród Éireann have stepped forward as the first public body to express an interest in the scheme, with Jim Meade, CEO of Iarnród Éireann saying "As one of the country's largest public land custodians, Iarnród Éireann recognises the important role it can play in developing and enhancing our country's natural capital."

Donegal Green Party chairman Michael White said "I am hopeful that public bodies in Donegal will avail of this new scheme to create native woodlands on their land. The biodiversity crisis is getting worse and worse by the day, and Donegal is no exception to this. It is up to us to ensure that inhabitants of our native woodlands are accommodated, and this new scheme provides the opportunity for public bodies to contribute to that conservation effort."

"The Donegal Green Party are currently looking into the possibility of having a continuous line of native woodland - Sliabh Iora Rua - from the top of the country to the bottom to preserve biodiversity right through Donegal, and to provide a safe network for biodiversity to spread throughout the county. The new native woodland scheme has the potential to benefit this initiative, as it does for all parts of the country."

Discover and explore during Heritage Week

National Heritage Week takes place from Saturday, August 15th until Sunday, August 23rd and people are being encouraged to discover and explore Donegal's natural, built and cultural heritage.

Rather than a large number of events, The Heritage Council encouraged people, heritage organisations and community groups to develop projects around this year's theme of 'Heritage and Education: Learning from Our Heritage'. The theme is designed to promote the sharing of experience and knowledge, while ensuring heritage is more inclusive than



Morning train to Derry from Burtonport Station by photographer HC Casserley taken in 1937.

ever in these restricted times.

Projects encourage people to investigate the heritage on their doorstep, to learn a traditional skill or to explore the heritage of education. Full details of all projects are available on the Heritage Week website (www.heritageweek.ie) and all registered will be considered for a National Heritage Week Award.

"National Heritage Week will be different this year but has lots to offer" said Joseph Gallagher, County Donegal Heritage Officer. "This year's heritage projects have embraced a variety of digital and on-line formats, providing innovative ways to explore Ireland's diverse heritage and include on-line talks, exhibitions, virtual tours, podcasts, videos, blogs as well as small, socially-distanced events. People can explore their local heritage or discover some national heritage treasures from their own homes. Projects will be updated regularly so check out the Heritage Week website www.heritageweek.ie for more details."

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Ramelton Heritage Walking Tour

A Heritage Walking Tour of Ramelton will take place on Thursday 13th August and Tuesday 18th August. During the month of August there will be a tour each Tuesday and Thursday morning at 11am. The tours are a great way of discovering the fascinating history of Ramelton during a relaxed stroll around the town.

The tours are led by Deirdra Friel an approved Fáilte Ireland guide and last approx. 1hr 30mins. Cost €7.00 per person (accompanied children under 12 years are free)

Advance booking is required. Tours will depart from the Visitor Information sign, Gamble's Sq. Ramelton. To book call Deirdra on 086 2421008

Lennon Vintage Club Charity Run

Lennon Vintage Club are holding a Charity Run on Saturday the 22nd of August in Ramelton. Tractors old and new Cars Vintage and Classic are invited to come along and its only €20 per tractor or car to enter.

Registration at 12noon at the Quay with refreshments afterwards.

All proceeds are in aid of the Ramelton Care of the Aged and other local charities.

Contact Billy on 086 3235302 for tractor details or PJ on 087 2899232 for car details.

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by Pat McCarry

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On a lighter note - - -

He often told the story of being in his Constituency Office and asking people "Do you want to see me?"

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Death of Geraldine Breen

The death occurred on Tuesday at Letterkenny University Hospital, of Geraldine Breen, Solomons Manor, Glencar, Letterkenny. A well known member of the local community, Geraldine was formerly a member of the Larkin family from the town. She



was a Catering Manager at Letterkenny University Hospital. In compliance with current Government and HSE guidelines, Wake, Funeral and Burial is strictly private to immediate family and close friends only. Funeral will be from her home in Solomons Manor on this Thursday morning going to St Eunan's Cathedral for Requiem Mass at 11am. Interment will take place afterwards in Conwal Cemetery.

The Funeral Mass can be viewed from the St. Eunan's Cathedral online streaming service by using the following link <https://www.churchservices.tv/letterkenny>.

Geraldine is survived by her husband Sean formerly Kilmallock, Co. Limerick; children Zak and Libby, father Frank, mother Brighdin McLaughlin, sisters Linda Fogarty (Sallins, Co. Kildare), Sharon McLaughlin, Louise Moriarty and Olga Larkin (Letterkenny), brothers Paul (Letterkenny) and Gareth (Palm Beach Florida), mother-in-law Eileen Breen (Gotoon Kilmallock), in-laws, relatives and friends. Deepest sympathies are extended to Geraldine's family and friends.

Death of Noleen Kelly

The death occurred on Tuesday at her home in Upper Woodlands, Letterkenny of Noleen Kelly. Noleen was formerly a member of the Martin family from Newtowncunningham. She was predeceased by her father Charlie. Noleen is survived by her husband Shaun; sons



Jonathan, Paul and Shane; grandchildren Grace, Sarah and Josie; her mother Eileen; brothers Seamus and Patrick; sisters Marian McGavigan and Caroline Lyons, relatives, neighbours and many friends to whom deepest sympathy is extended. Wake and funeral are private to immediate family and friends. Funeral will be in All Saints Church, Newtowncunningham with 11am Requiem Mass on Thursday morning, followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery. Funeral can be viewed on www.newtownkilleparish.com/

Death of

Kathleen Teresa Brown

The death took place on Monday at the Donegal Hospice of Kathleen Teresa Brown of Crieve-Smith Park, Letterkenny. Kathleen was formerly a member of the McCarry family from St Eunan's Terrace, Letterkenny. Funeral will take place in St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny with 1pm Requiem Mass on this Thursday afternoon with burial afterwards in the family plot in Conwal Cemetery. In accordance with HSE and government guidelines, the funeral and interment are private to family only. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Portnablagh Property fetches €395,000



The high value of property in the Dunfanaghy and Portnablagh area was further outlined on Saturday last when a House Delavista 1 on the Pier Road in Portnablagh was sold at Public Auction by Boyd Robinson from Charlie Robinson Auctioneers in Dunfanaghy and Letterkenny and Lanigan Clarke Solicitors.

Bidding was brisk for the property which had a Guide Price of €270,000 before the gravel eventually fell at €395,000.

This is the second-high value property transaction in the area recently as the sale agreed sign went up on a nearby property with a guide price of €700,000 in June.

Ards meetings for planning future

The Capuchins Brother at Ards Friary in Creeslough are seeking the views of young people in helping secure the future of Ard Mhuire for future generations.

Brother Philip Baxter, the current Guardian of Ards, said they are inviting young people between the ages of 18-25 to a meeting in the friary, to explore with them their views on how best to develop the resources of Ard Mhuire from their point of view.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday the 19th of August at 7.30 p.m.

He added that the friars also invite parents of young children to a similar meeting on Thursday August 20th at 7.30 p.m. to illicit their views on developments at Ard Mhuire that would be beneficial to them and their children.

A Rathmullan woman in exile

My job changed radically on the 31st of July. The company I have worked with for 14 years withdrew from the contract I had been working on and I made the decision to remain with the company rather than go with the client and the new service provider. I also took a big step and asked to be re deployed to Co Donegal from Cavan, at least on a trial basis. I think the time has come to divide my life between Mountnugent and Rathmullan. It's a weird feeling to walk out of a place I have worked in for years and know that I will never walk in that door again as an employee.

I had to deliver a horse from Cavan to Co Derry the next day and it was just what I needed to make the mental break between one job and the next. Transporting livestock demands all your concentration, especially on a bank holiday weekend. All the people who got their driving licences in a lucky bag without the inconvenience of having to do a test seem to be let loose on the roads at holiday weekends and they haven't grasped the simple concept of "take your time and arrive alive".

I left one client in Cavan on Friday and met the new one in Donegal on Sunday. I had hoped to have August off work to take a breather between jobs but man plans and the gods laugh heartily. No break in sight for a while. To add to the surreal feeling my son Mark is also moving from Cavan to Letterkenny in August. So everyone with accommodation to rent at a reasonable rate in Letterkenny, please form an orderly queue!

Himself has been wonderful about the whole thing. Truth to tell, I think he's probably secretly relieved that I won't be unemployed and hanging around the house for the foreseeable future. Much as we love each other there is only so much time we can spend in each other's pockets without resorting to thoughts of violence so it suits well that I will be away three nights a week.

As I write I am sitting in my parents garden, listening to Christina Perri in the headphones while I have a beer and plonk away on the keys. A family group of us went for a great hike in the Knockalla mountains this afternoon. Six adults, twin kids, two ponies and four dogs. The twins are still a bit short of leg so we pulled a couple of ponies out of retirement and threw them in the trailer for the boys. Needless to say, the heavens opened just as the motley crew started into the foothills but then the sun came out and the steam arose. It was a really brilliant hike, all off road and up in the rugged, heather covered hills. The freedom to breathe and squelch in bog holes and just enjoy this beautiful country was glorious. It was showers, hot tea, beers and fruit cake all round on our return. Sunday is my father's day to cook the dinner and it's roast beef and all the extras tonight. Yum! Great hike, great company, great food, great drink... what more could anyone want on a bank holiday Sunday.

I have to have the jeep back in Cavan on Monday for the week's mart work. Cattle trading goes on regardless of holidays and helps to keep my feet

firmly on the ground. All the jobs I do seem to be 365 days of the year, whether it's farming, working as a carer or working as a cook in the hospitality industry. It must be quite nice to know that you're going to have weekends and holidays off to plan what you want to do. Unfortunately people with disabilities don't just take up their beds and walk at weekends, nor do livestock suddenly fend for themselves nor holidaymakers decide to self cater from Friday to Monday. Am I a goshite or what!

The old range nearly gave up the ghost last week, a heap of the fire bricks fell out and the smoke was a dread. God was as black as an engine driver in the sacred heart picture that hangs in every old Irish home. The solid fuel range is the only source of hot water in this house so it's lit all the time regardless of the weather. Every few years we have to get the little whiskery fella over to replace the grate and sundry other parts which warp and drop out. Cleaning out the range and the flue is my job because Himself doesn't like dust and it has to be done on a Tuesday when he's at the mart and in no danger of getting cold while the fire is out for a few hours. I'd safely say this house probably single handedly created the hole in the ozone layer. There must be a rainforest of trees and a bog of turf gone up the chimney during it's lifetime.

Stephen (the little whiskery fella), is a true Cavan man and is notoriously careful of his money. He could squeeze an egg out of the hen on a



Kate Carton

penny. I remember a few years ago he had a casualty cow and had to get the knackery to collect her. When she was safely winched into the truck, paperwork done and money had to change hands... down he went! He literally collapsed and help had to be summoned. It subsequently transpired that he had pneumonia or something but as Barry the knacker later said, if he'd known how Stephen would react to parting with the few quid he'd have brought the fekn cow for nothing. As some unknown person once said... "The real measure of your wealth is how much you'd be worth if you lost all your money" and the little whiskery fella would be worth his weight in gold even if he hadn't a rex.

At this point I must clarify that Millie is male

This must be a column in praise of cats. Let us forget the troubles of the wider world for a week and celebrate people – furry people – close to me. We'll celebrate, also, those many furry people close to readers. Without the company of cats, the last months of lockdown would have been hard to get through. That's because I don't share my house with another human.

Over the time my two cats have been marvellous company. They have also, of course, been very glad that I've been in the house nearly all the time since St Patrick's Day. Forget about cats' reputation for being loners. Millie and Nusch (pronounced Noosh) are very sociable. They like getting as much attention as possible. When I'm about, they will come over every few minutes to be petted. Often they will jump up on my lap to be fussed – and, of course, to fuss me.

Sometimes the need for attention goes as far as sitting on the computer keyboard when I'm working. They then refuse to move until fussed over for 10 minutes or so. From personal experience, I know that cats lick as a sign of affection just as much as dogs do. They are a bit less messy, but that's only because they are smaller. They also rub their noses in your face to let you know how fond of you they are. Mine have developed their own personalities. In my case, Millie is the more outgoing of the two. He meows very loudly to make sure I pay attention to him. He has been like that since he moved in here as a tiny kitten.

Last week, he climbed a tree in the back garden. I got a running commentary for about 20 minutes. This started when he looked at the tree. It continued as he climbed it, then made his way round the branches. He kept up the commentary as he climbed back down. I don't have a clue what he said, but he clearly had something very important to communicate. At this point, I have to clarify that Millie is male. He may even be, in modern terminology, non-binary. However, I can't get round to talking of him as 'they'. His being Millie is an accident of naming. A neighbour gave me he and Nusch as kittens a couple of months old. I was told they were very definitely female. While not an expert kitten-sexer, I had my doubts when I turned them over.

A neighbour's grand-daughter suggested Millie as a name. So I had to oblige. As weeks went by, my doubts grew. I could not, though, see their mother's owner as being completely wrong. If she were wrong, then not the neighbour: she had been raised on a farm, so I assumed she could sex kittens with her eyes closed. Then, when I brought them to the vet, my doubts were confirmed. However, at this point Millie was answering to Millie. I wasn't going



By Anton McCabe

to confuse him any further. Millie is very comfortable with being Millie. He is good at introducing himself to neighbours.

The nicest occasion was to neighbours' wee three-year old. She is mad about cats. Being a small person, not all cats are mad about her. For a long time, when she approached Millie and Nusch, they ran away. Then, when I was talking to her and her daddy at my gate, Millie went up. He rubbed against her legs and let her stroke him. This, for her, was as great as Christmas.

A great advantage is that cats use a litter tray. Thus you don't have to get up in the middle of the night to let them out to do their business. (I have to admit that I'm at an age myself when I usually have to get up at least once in the night). Otherwise, you have to clean up a mess. (The dogs, not mine).

They are lower-maintenance than dogs, too. Cats don't have to be taken for walks: they develop their own bit of territory. They will also expend a great deal of energy on scratching posts. I am not anti-dog. I know this from looking after dogs. I once had a friend's dogs for several months. I got on very well with them.

When the older dog wanted to go out for a pee in the middle of the night, she got the younger one to wake me up. I don't know how she communicated this, but she did – very effectively. I have to say, though, that these two dogs would never mess.

Some aspects of cats might not just be everyone's taste. Sometimes I have been presented with a dead mouse. This is a Very Important Present. I have to fuss over whichever cat brings it in, though it is usually Millie. Some people might get very squeamish about this. I can understand the squeamishness. However, years ago I remember looking out the kitchen window and seeing a rat stroll down the garden. Since there has been a cat in the house, there has never been a rat about.

Cats can have the very human trait of claiming credit for what they haven't done. My next door neighbour killed a mouse in a trap. He gave it to Millie, who brought it in and presented it as if he had done all the killing himself. The dramatic way he attacked that dead mouse brought a whole new meaning to the old Belfast expression of 'killing dead things'.

There are, I'll admit, the odd disadvantages to cats. There tend to be birdie eruptions. Sometimes I've been alert enough to rescue the unfortunate bird before it's killed. Then it gets out the window. Unfortunately, sometimes I have to clear up dead bodies.

Killing birds is, unfortunately, part of what being a cat is. As in all aspects of life, you just have to take the rough with the smooth.

Kavanagh welcomes Housing Adaptation funding

Fine Gael Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh has welcomed the news that Donegal County Council to receive funding of almost €1.7M for Housing Adaptation Grants. The funding will support home adaptations for older people and those living with a disability in private houses Cllr Kavanagh said.

"Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O'Brien has announced allocations to local authorities worth a total of €73.75 million in 2020 for Housing Adaptation Grants. These grants are vital as they enable older people and those with disabilities and mobility issues in Donegal to remain living independently in their own homes for longer should they wish and will also facilitate early return from hospital" he said.

These grants are 80% funded from the exchequer by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, with 20%

funding from the relevant local authority.

"I am delighted that Donegal County Council has a combined total of €1,675,125 to support vulnerable people in the county with the necessary requirements they need to live in their homes. Grants of up to €30,000 are available to assist people with a disability in carrying out necessary works to make a house more suitable for their needs, up to €8,000 to assist older people living in poor housing conditions to have necessary repairs or improvements carried out and up to €6,000 for mobility aids to address mobility problems for a member of the household" Cllr Kavanagh said.

The Fine Gael Cllr says the Government remains committed to supporting older people to live in their own home with dignity and independence, for as long as possible.

"We also want to empower and give those with a disability the

ability to choose the supports that most meet their needs. Today's funding announcement is in line with the commitments contained in the Programme for Government. These grants are so important as they also create employment opportunities for builders and businesses in Donegal and help reduce the dependency on our health services by supporting independent living for as long as possible" he said.

Cllr Kavanagh said he was delighted to that all local authorities have received an increase in 2020 on the 2019 allocation. "These grants have a huge impact on the quality of life of the many beneficiaries and play a vitally important role in helping people with a disability and older people, to continue to live independently in their own homes" Cllr. Kavanagh concluded.

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161 Toyota Rav 4 Luna Sold
161 Skoda Yeti
161 Toyota Rav 4 Luna Sold
161 Ford CMax 7 Seater
151 Peugeot 308 1.6D
151 Citroen Picasso
151 Peugeot Partner Sold
151 Hyundai I20
151 Hyundai IX35
142 Audi A6 Avant Sold
141 Renault Capture 1.5 Dci
141 Hyundai IX35
141 Suzuki Swift 1.3 Ddis Sold
131 Hyundai I30
161 Ford Focus Zetec Sold
131 Ford Focus Tdci 5Dr Sold
131 Peugeot 208 1.6Hdi
131 Subaru XV
131 Subaru Outback Sold
2012 Nissan Juke 1.5 Dci
2012 Ford Focus 1.6 Tdci Zetec Sold
2011 Peugeot 508 1.6 Hdi
2011 Peugeot 3008 1.6 Hdi Sold

Petrol

192 Suzuki Vitara Szt
192 Suzuki Scross Demo
191 Suzuki Swift Szt
181 Suzuki Celerio
181 Suzuki Vitara Auto Sold
171 Suzuki Baleno Szt
171 Nissan Juke 1.6 5Dr
151 Suzuki Swift
151 Suzuki Swift Glx
151 Suzuki Swift Gl
151 Suzuki SX4 S Cross
2013 Suzuki SX4
2011 Toyota Auris Hybrid
2011 Renault Clio

Commercials

2017 Ford Transit Connect
2017 Peugeot Expert
2017 Mitsubishi L200
2015 Hyundai IX35
2016 Citroen Berlingo
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2016 Peugeot Partner Auto
2012 Mitsubishi L200 Sold
2009 Nissan Navara Crewcab

Letterkenny Rovers

A busy time on the pitch at the moment with the schoolboys season in full swing. Our U16s Rovers defeated Ballyraine 2-0 with goals from Sam Harvey and Aaron Temple and they host Bonagee Arcade this Saturday at 2.15pm at Leckview Park. The 14s Rovers lost out in a thriller to Ballyraine 3-2 with goals from Bart Wozniack and Troy Preston-Holder and they make the trip to play Illistrin this Saturday at 12 noon while the U14s Crusaders lost out 2-0 to Illistrin Utd and they are free this weekend.

Our U12s get back into action with the Rovers at Bonagee and the Crusaders hosting Lagan Harps at Aura with both games at 10am on Saturday. The U12s Utd travel to face Illistrin Utd on Sunday at 10am having lost out to Bonagee Athletic last weekend. The Seniors finished their league campaign with a 1-0 defeat to Finn Harps Reserves and now have the two finals to look forward too with times and dates to be confirmed while the Youths were get their season up and running on this Thursday night at Swilly Rovers before hosting Lagan Harps next Wednesday night at 7pm at Leckview Park.

Bonagee United

The USL team defeated Cockhill last Sunday away 2-0 with goals from Ryan Rainey and Michael Funston which leaves them runners up in the league. The Donegal league team are away to Milford this Sunday. The u16 Premier team we're defeated by Lagan 6-1 with Dylan Deveney scoring for Bonagee. The u12 Division 1 team were defeated 4-0 by Glen Rovers. The u12 were defeated 2-1 by Ballyraine. The u14 Premier team drew 2-2 with Illistrin with goals from Sean Lafferty and Noah De Plessis. The u12 premier side defeated Glen Rovers 2-1 Eoghan Doherty and Josh Patton. The u12 Division 1 team defeated Letterkenny Utd 7-0 goals by Shay McCauley (3) Eoghan Callaghan (3) and Eoghan McHugh.

The club has started Monday night Drive In Bingo in the rear car park of the Clanree Hotels ever Monday evening at 7.30.

There are a few hours available for hire for the community hall and astro pitches for details phone 9178787.

Lagan Harps FC

It was another busy week for our Schoolboys teams. Our u16s had a 6-1 win over Bonagee Arcade with Shane Mc Nulty, Shea Whyte (2), Stuart Mc Crabbe, Dean Rodgers, and Charlie Shovlin scoring. Our u14s had a 7-0 win over Glen Rovers with goals from Ronan Buchanan (2), Eoin Doherty (2), Matthew Doran, Shea O'Leary and Damien Mc Fadden scoring. Our u12As list 5-2 to Illistrin with Ronan Lynch and Orlaith Doherty scoring. Our u12B' had a 2-1 win over Glen Rovers with Justin Carolan and Lukas Doherty scoring. Our u12C' s lost 7-0 to a strong Glen Rovers side.

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Double in Downpatrick for Orr



Dylan Browne McMonagle gets the Joseph O'Brien-trained Tonkinese up to win the finale at Leopardstown on Thursday. Photo: Patrick McCann/Racing Post

Conor Orr landed a couple of winners at Downpatrick on Sunday. The Ballyare jockey partnered the Gary McGill-trained Dollys Destination to a one and three-parts of a length success in the 2m3f rated hurdle. The 17/2 chance came from off the pace to beat John McConnell's Construct and certainly won with more in hand than the winning margin suggests. Orr followed up when giving County Meath trainer Kevin Michael Smith his first winner when It Takes Time landed the 2m6f maiden hurdle. The 40/1 shot came home two and three-parts of a length clear of the Gordon Elliott-trained Golden Nomad in the colours of the trainer's father, Kevin. Last Wednesday Conor had an easy time of it as he landed a winner at Wexford. He partnered the Shark Hanlon-trained Woodbrook Boy to an all-the-way success in the opportunity handicap chase. The six-year-old ran out a six-length win-

ner from the James Nash-trained My Manekineko to complete a double for Hanlon who had earlier won the second division of the 3m handicap hurdle with the Rachael Blackmore-ridden Balinaboola Steel.

On Saturday Conor's brother Oisín was a double winner for trainer Dermot Weld in Cork. Orr was on board 11/2 shot Emaniya who had a length and a half to spare over April Showers at the finish line. The second success came in the Irish Stallion Farms EBF Give Thanks Stakes with the Ballyare man taking the 8/1 shot Tarnawa to victory ahead of favourite Cayenne Pepper. Oisín landed a second Group 3 winner in the space of as many days when taking the Rathasker Stud Phoenix Stakes on the Archie Watson-trained Glen Shiel at the Curragh on Sunday. He had to work a little harder this time as the 12/1 chance only got up in the dying strides to pip Sonaiyla



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by a neck with the Aidan Fogarty-trained Forever In Dreams a head away in third place.

Orr has now chalked up 18 wins this year.

Dylan Browne McMonagle was back in the winners enclosure on Friday afternoon when he rode

9/4 favourite Earls to victory for trainer Edward Lynam. That was the Letterkenny jockey's second win in as many days.

On Thursday, he rode the Joseph O'Brien's 14/1 shot Tonkinese to victory at Leopardstown.

Lakeview Montessori & Music School

Class of 2019 - 2020



The Graduating Class of 2019 /2020 from Lakeview Montessori School morning and afternoon sessions, pictured with their teachers Ms Bradley and Mrs Curran, who is the Montessori Teacher and owner, and Class Assistants Mrs McDaid and Mrs McFadden.



Project to Investigate 'Superbugs' in ocean users

A team of researchers at NUI Galway is calling on swimmers and surfers to take part in a project to find out if recreational water users are more at risk of picking up superbugs.

The Antimicrobial Resistance and Microbial Ecology Research Group at the University is launching the PIER study (Public Health Impact of Exposure to antibiotic Resistance in recreational waters), funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Researchers are hoping to recruit 300 people to take part - one group of 150 sea swimmers, surfers and people who regularly use the sea, lakes or rivers for recreation, along with a sec-

ond group of 150 people who rarely take to the water.

Anyone aged 18 or over who lives on the island of Ireland can take part.

A key part of the project will be understanding how superbugs get into human populations, particularly to help scientists learn how to control the spread of antibiotic resistant bacteria.

It is hoped that the findings of this study will contribute to improving policy regarding environmental

monitoring of antibiotic resistance and the release of waste containing superbugs to recreational waters.

Professor Dearbháile Morris, Principal Investigator on the PIER project says: "In healthy people antibiotic resistant bacteria behave very similarly to other common bugs, they live harmlessly on the skin, in the nose or in the bowel.

This is called colonisation. As long as a bug stays on the skin or in the bowel, it usually does not cause a problem.

Fifth place for Kerr in Donington



Kilmacrennan's Richard Kerr had a great start to the new season after it finally got going at the weekend at Donington Park. Kerr riding the Campbell Motorsport triumph had a disappointing qualifying and started from the sixth row of the grid for Saturday's sprint race. Richard made steady progress throughout the race and finished in 8th position.

Race two and Richard started this time from Row 4 and was in seventh position on the opening laps. He soon got involved in a scrap with fellow Irish riders Ross Patterson and Alastair Seeley. Patterson would eventually retire from action and Kerr got past Seeley on the penultimate lap to take a superb 5th place in the Supersport Class.

Richard finds himself in fifth position in the championship as the next round takes place in Snetterton in two weeks time.



Main Street, Ramelton.



Above - The Main Street, The River Mall and below The Brae in Ramelton with right the Rathmullan Road from The Monreagh Heritage Centre.



Ramelton

Country Market

Our market is open as usual in the Town Hall on Saturday morning, don't forget that the wearing of face coverings is now mandatory and we would also like you to respect the other requirements such as social distancing, hand sanitising, contact tracing details etc. We know it is difficult to adhere strictly to the requirements but your safety and that of your fellow citizens is at stake here so please make the effort, it will be appreciated greatly. Stay safe.

Whoriskey's Diner

The Oak Leaf Diner in Whoriskey's Eurospar has reopened for sit in meals under the Government and HSE Guidelines for social distancing etc.

Second Encounter Sale

The Second Encounter Charity shop in Ramelton is open with new opening hours - Wednesday to Friday 10am-4pm. In line with Government guidelines the number of customers entering the shop is limited to two at a time. Clear signage will be in place. A hand sanitiser station will be available as you enter the

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Catching the Worm

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Ramelton SVP conference

Anyone requiring help especially in the current climate due to Covid 19, can contact St Vincent De Paul Ramelton on 087 143 6640, and your details will be dealt with in a confidential manner.

A piece of Ramelton history

The Monreagh Heritage Centre recently posted historical images of Ramelton reflecting the town's development from the early 1600s.

"Once a thriving industrial port, Ramelton today is a very picturesque riverside town. Following the Flight of the Earls in 1607, the town and its hinterland were granted to Sir William Stewart, an Ayrshire soldier, who immediately built a new castle, a church and 45 houses. Ramelton's "Golden Age" was undoubtedly the Georgian period when the Stewarts and other Ulster Scots families, such as the Watts and the Scotts, became prosperous businessmen. Ships regularly traded between Ramelton, New York, and Kingston, Ja-

maica. The 1835 Ordnance Survey Memoirs record, "Good slates are bought from Dooish Hill in the Laggan across Lough Swilly, timber from Norway and America and lime from Oughterlin. Flax was widely grown by the local Ulster Scots farmers and Ramelton was the most important linen market in the county. Six tons of flax per week were sent to the shirt factories in Derry. Ramelton's quayside warehouses, along with its unique layout, where the main street runs alongside the River Lennon, give the town a distinctive quality quite unlike most small Irish towns. The riverside promenade was flanked by a terrace of Georgian townhouses.



Here and Now - Again with Brian Smeaton

You never count your money when you're sitting at the table



Coronavirus - Covid 19 is still with us. Laois, Offaly and Kildare are our new hotspots, we are 'not out of the woods yet!'. There is this element in the universe that can be called the downward trend that humanity accommodates. Like the business of eating bats, or the development of nuclear weapons with the capacity to destroy our global home. Laois-Rathdowney - is currently dealing with an outbreak of Covid 19, and is also the place where grandfather Smeaton came from Glasgow to work in Perry's Brewery, after getting injured in the Boer War in South Africa. Later my mother got the job of teaching in Charleville National School, Tullamore, another place currently afflicted with Covid 19. And my father, after his service in the British Army, got a job as a clerk in Salts (Ireland) Ltd., a branch of the Yorkshire firm in Tullamore that specialised in sl...ubbing, dyeing and finishing cotton and woollen materials. Slubbing is an interesting word, from - slub - perhaps, says one dictionary - from the word - slab - a roll of wool drawn out and slightly twisted by spinning machinery. There is also an element in the universe which can be termed the upward trend that allows for the rational, joyful goodness of humanity to flourish. Music and creativity of all kinds come to mind. Though these two aforementioned elements, or trends, can appear to be in direct opposition to

Later we left Ramelton and took to the air to experience life in the Antipodes and how religion still tries to make sense of love. And don't we meet Ken Baxter in Ian Gallagher's budding supermarket in Churchill, and him doing his bit for PTSD on Facebook, which challenges the very essence of our life and death struggle

each other - actually the downward trend is part of the upward trend. For without the one, the other would not be able to operate. In this sense resurrection is a key to understanding how our universe operates. Religion develops this idea of resurrection, this element, this trend, in a particular manner focussing on death. Religions of all shapes and sizes, including Christianity, have operated on the basis that there is an after-life accommodation for humanity which is happy, joyful, creative, rational and good in all aspects, which is available to those of us who, because of exemplary human lives deserve to be there. And only those who are judged to be worthy are welcome. Now the problem with this is, who is to judge who is worthy? This is where we seem to run into a dead-end. Who is to judge? And further, even if we agree on some kind of ultimate arbiter, which those who have been taught that religion has the final say, we are still left with the problem that each strand of religion maintains that only itself, and its particular approach, has the final say. Which appears to me to be a circular argument, ending up with whichever branch of religious

persuasion one belongs to is brought up in. In essence has the right to tell God what to do! At this point I wonder how is it that religion, in general, has developed this notion that God is only available to whichever brand of religion one personally follows. The Pauline idea, as set out in 1 Corinthians 13, ends with verse 13 - So faith, hope and love abide; these three, but the greatest of these is love - seems to me to be the best direction I can find. And I am still left with the challenge of making sense of love! Religion can claim, at the very least, to try to deal with the ultimate - that whatever is ahead of us after we die has some connection to the present. But still the question of who or what has the final say lingers. Hitler wanted his to appropriate the answer to that question by blaming the Jews for the problem. This we know led to desperate measures. The Covid 19 news from Australia makes strange reading and reminds me of our sojourn there at the invitation of Father Tony Doherty. Tony is still doing his religious bit on the Internet plugging away at Love in Australia, and in the face of this contradiction

between where we are, and where we are going. And our Tony traced his own family tree back as far as Donegal and Derryveagh. Those were heady days when we gathered around the ruins of ancestral hovels and remembered sea journeys in sailing ships to the far side of our global home. Later we left Ramelton and took to the air to experience life in the Antipodes and how religion still tries to make sense of love. And don't we meet Ken Baxter in Ian Gallagher's budding supermarket in Churchill, and him doing his bit for PTSD on Facebook, which challenges the very essence of our life and death struggle - to be or not to be - remembering Old Wagga-Lance Shakespeare! Nothing is easy - you gotta know when to hold them, know when to fold them, know when to walk away - know when to run. You never count your money when you're sitting at the table - there'll be time enough to count it when the dealing's done - Or will there? Someone else sees the 'For Sale' sign and comes in to enquire!

Thought for the Day

by Rev. Andrew Watson

Minister for the Presbyterian congregations in Dunfanaghy and Carrigart

Samaritan

How embarrassing! A foreigner with dodgy religious beliefs puts the supposedly chosen and enlightened locals to shame with his conscience, courage and compassion.

We know this Parable of the Good Samaritan. It's woven into the fabric of our Western way of thinking. The uncaring institution, the un-

likely hero, the non-judgemental love conquering all, these have become our clichés and stereotypes. We get it. We should acknowledge goodness and appreciate kindness from whatever source and seek to practise these things, right? Like the slogan of the Hard Rock Café - 'Love all, serve all'. Do we real-

ly need to study Jesus words here in Luke's Gospel ch10 v 25-37 any further? Well, let's look and see.

Recently in church we were thinking about the Parable of the Sower and how on occasions Jesus seemed to be partly concealing truth from critics and shallow listeners. This one seems more of a 'tale of the (socially and spiritually) unexpected' to make us rethink our opinions and prejudices and most important our practices in the light of Jesus and His radical love.

It appears to have been told in a public setting in response to a question. Let's note that in terms of theological orthodoxy Jesus and this 'expert in the law' are in agreement. In theory they're on the same page. If we want to know God's blessing of eternal life we should love and revere our Maker and other human beings made in His image with the greatest devotion. But what should that be like in practice? 'Who is my neighbour?'

By way of response Jesus kicks the definition of love way out of our narrow little stadium and up several hundred levels with a simply outrageous story.

This was guaranteed to offend His listeners and arouse opposition from all those merely 'nice' people who had no intention of changing! This was like wearing a Celtic shirt to the Rangers Supporters Club AGM! This wasn't concealing the message, this was putting it in every-



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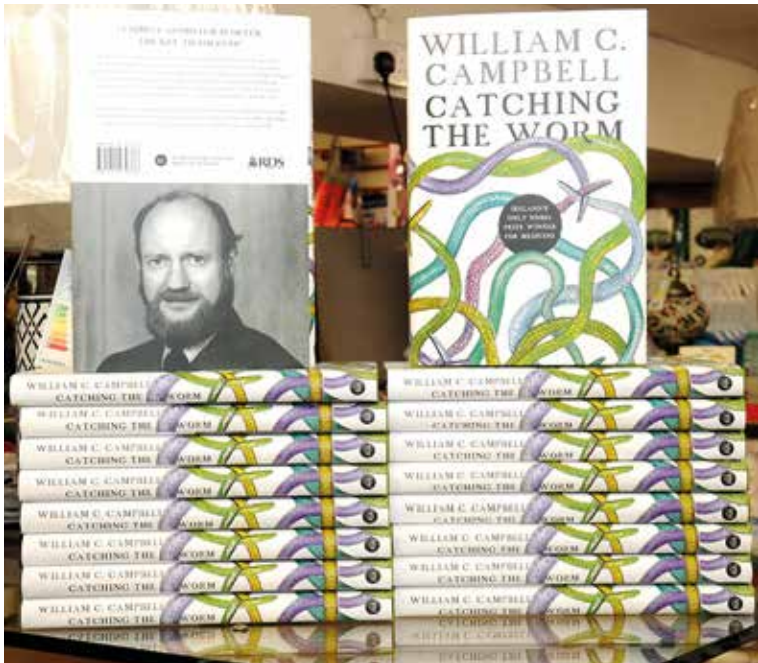
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Lunch with a view A couple of walkers enjoying a well deserved break overlooking Dunlewy lake after scaling the summit of Mount Errigal on Tuesday afternoon.

one's face, a shock tactic to make us sit up and really pay attention!

His listeners were Jewish, many, like this expert in the law, already deeply religious, attending worship and praying. The Samaritans lived nearby and were distantly related but their history as neighbours had been a complex one of religious difference and jealous rivalry. They didn't agree theologically. They distrusted each other politically. Frankly they hated each other. How insensitive, how politically incorrect, how apparently unpatriotic then of Jesus to tell a story in which Jewish religious leaders prove disappointing and the hero is one of their enemies whose compassion in action teaches an out-

standing principle for all mankind!

But Jesus wasn't about being patriotic here. He was concerned to establish the Kingdom of God which would begin within Judaism but spread to include people of every race and background. His Parable has never been forgotten and to this day challenges people everywhere to let compassion move us out of our comfort zones. Love should not be bound by our fears, our borders, our skin colour, creed or history. It is to be so much more than a religious formality, a modest subscription to a distant charity or a sentimental post on social media!

Love that gives and asks nothing in return is inspiring. We pray for such goodness to spread and prove infectious, for kindness is a powerful universal language that can overcome barriers!

Followers of Jesus should be particularly motivated to show extraordinary compassion to all kinds of people in this often painful and confusing world. Why?

Because there's something else in this Parable that many in the world miss.

This Samaritan gives us a picture of our Master Jesus Who for our sakes became poor, Who didn't pass by on the other side but showed compassion. He didn't just cross the road, He crossed heaven and earth to come to our aid. Like the Samaritan pausing on the notorious Jericho road, Jesus risked, indeed surrendered His life in this dangerous, brutal world to rescue us.

When we were broken, helpless and penniless like the victim of mugging in the story, He carried our burdens and sorrows. He paid for us to be restored. Our sinful disobedience to God makes us strangers and enemies but He became an outcast, despised and rejected on the cross that we might be forgiven, lifted up and brought home safe to God as our Father in Heaven!

'By His wounds we are healed!'

This is the radical, gracious, ridiculously generous love a sinner receives when they come to Jesus in penitence and faith. It is also the quality of love Christians are called to reflect and demonstrate to the world.

Not that charity is an alternative to preaching the 'Good News' message of Jesus. We must still urge people everywhere to turn from sin and believe in Him to receive the joy of forgiveness and new life. We pray they will but we must show them His love and kindness anyway, even if they don't. In so doing the Church glorifies our Master and becomes a kind of 'living Parable', illustrating the kingdom of heaven. We say, 'Welcome to our Father's place. Grace is here, and love in abundance. Plenty for everyone, whatever our background. All Jesus asks is that we 'Repent and believe the Good news!'

Water, water everywhere...

As I sit down to write this, a large glass of water sits before me. Several of these glasses are drunk in the course of a day. Every now and then one gets knocked over and there is a mad panic to get papers, books and keyboards dried off.

Have you ever stopped to think what amazing stuff water is? I hadn't, until recently. I swim in it, I drink it, I shower in it; it is everywhere, but I hadn't given much thought to it. Yet even in something as basic and fundamental as water I believe we see the fingerprints of God's design.

Despite its simple atomic structure, water has some amazing properties that are essential for life on earth. To be of use to life on earth, water must be a liquid at normal (room) temperature. However, all other substances chemically similar to water are not liquid at room temperature.

The fact that water is liquid at room temperature is a mystery to scientists.

Like air, water is completely odourless. This fact makes it possible to use water for washing and cooking. Water is also a solvent and can dissolve more substances than any other liquid. This property is extremely important in the life processes of organisms. Water has a high surface tension which means that it is better suited for transporting nutrients through the soil to plants.

Water is also the only known substance that becomes lighter as it freezes. This is tremendously important for life. Because of this, ice floats instead of sinking to the bottom of lakes and rivers. It then forms a layer of insulation on the surface to keep the water below at a temperature above freezing. Fish and other marine life are

Food for thought



Jonny McCollum

preserved. If water behaved like other materials, freezing from the bottom up, there

would be no water in many lakes and seas in winter and a very large proportion of life in lakes and seas would be killed off. The fact that water expands on freezing is another mystery to scientists.

All these special physical properties look to me like water has been designed, carefully and thoughtfully, by an all-wise Creator.

"And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place" ... and the gathered waters he called 'seas'. And God saw that it was good." - Genesis 1:9,10

And more than that - given how essential to life water is, it is no surprise that when God came to

this world, he identified himself as the giver of an even more essential water.

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:13,14

We need to go the giver of water to find something that will quench the thirst of our souls.

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An Taisce National 5km Dog Walk

An Taisce, Ireland's national trust charity, is delighted to announce its inaugural National Dog Walk, taking place across the country throughout August 2020.

Take your dog on a 5 km walk in any place and on any day of your choice in the month of August and support the aims and work of An Taisce. An Taisce is a registered charity and is dedicated to protecting Ireland's natural and built heritage and advocating for climate change and biodiversity, as well as running programmes such as National Spring Clean, Clean Coasts and Green Schools.

Each participant is asked to register and make a small donation to support this work. As a little 'thank you' to participants, all donors will be entered in a draw for a chance to win some fantastic prizes. In addition, the dog who raises the most money on their sponsorship card will earn a very special reward for their humans: a family weekend break for four! Please don't forget to bring your biodegradable poop bags with you and to dispose of your dog's waste responsibly

Registration for the event is now open via the An Taisce website, antaisce.org, and Facebook page.

Ray Community Group

RAY GROTTO MASS

Mass at Ray Grotto for Feast of the Assumption on Friday 14th August at 7pm. Please stay safe and follow all Covid-19 guidelines with distancing and stay with your families

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Congratulations to one of our committee members Dympna and her husband Pat Barrett Drumacloaghan Milford as they recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary from all at Ray

RAY DRIVE-IN MOVIE

Friday 28th & Saturday 29th Aug Ray Community Centre car park will turned into a Drive-in Cinema. One ticket price per car, movies to suit families/ friends/ couples. We will be selling all the regular refreshments you get at the cinema and much more. Movies starting off Friday at 9pm will be Grease. Movies on Saturday are Toy Story at 4pm, Lion King at 6.45pm and The Greatest Showman at 9pm. To book follow the link on Ray Fb page or go to The Big Drive - In fb page.

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A moment in time at Termon NS



The search is on to see if the public can help identify more information about the teachers and pupils pictured in this rare historic image of Termon National School taken in 1914.

The picture was recently discovered by a niece of one of the teachers, Master Hugh Deeny, who can be seen on the extreme right.

Born and reared at Currin, Termon, he was the son of Brian and Nuala (nee 'Dominic Beag' Kelly from Stragraddy). The Deenys, a native Irish speaking family, was somewhat unique in that all but two of Brian and Nuala's seven children became school teachers. They were Dan, Dominic, Hugh, Mary and Brian. John remained on the family farm while James became a policeman. After graduating from

University College Galway, Dan took up his first teaching position at a school near Drumkeen.

According to a brief history of the family, written by his son, Dr Brian (Bernard) Deeny, in the 1970s, Dan was one of a small band of National School teachers who pioneered the teaching of Irish to other teachers on the inception of the Irish Free State in 1922.

He was transferred to Draperstown, County Derry, where he taught for a number of years.

Dan's youngest brother, Brian, taught on Owey Island off Kincasslagh, then Meencarrigagh, Ballybofey, before being appointed principal of Knock NS, Ballybofey, and later at the new Glencovitt NS, nearby.

Master Hugh Deeny (pictured) married Rosie Murray (sister of Croher) from Drumdeevin and they had three children, Brian, Nuala and Nellie.

Hugh passed away in 1957 and is buried in the old Kilmacrennan Abbey graveyard alongside his parents, Brian and Nuala, sister Mary and brothers John, James and Brian.

The Deeny homestead was sold in 1996 by the then owner Brian Deeny, Hugh's son.

Brian, a bachelor, passed away in January 2005, bringing to an end more than 300 years of the Deeny name in the townland of Currin.

If any readers know anything of the Deenys of Currin, or can identify any of the other faces in the picture, they can email cronans@gmail.com

€260k for Rathmullan Battery

Rathmullan The Way Forward Group has secured funding of approximately €260,000 for restoration and conservation works on the Napoleonic Battery in the village with 75% granted by LEADER and 25% by the Tomar Trust. It is envisaged that the necessary work will commence before the end of August and be completed by March 2021.

The news has been welcomed by the community in Rathmullan and is the first step in developing the site as a community hub, education centre, sports centre and major tourist attraction.

Rathmullan The Way Forward is working closely with Donegal Co. Coun-

cil and the Tomar Trust in order to fund the next 4 Stages of Development as decided by the general public and local community in a recent Feasibility Study conducted by Ronan Friel of Pasparakis Friel in 2019.

Local TD, Joe McHugh has welcomed the funding and said that it is a vote of confidence in the people of Rathmullan and the Way Forward Group.

The Battery is a solid stone structure, which was built in 1810 as one of six on the shores of Lough Swilly and is located in the centre of Rathmullan. It is one of many defensive structures built by the British in the wake of the French invasion of 1798 in support of



the United Irishmen's rebellion. The €260,000 will be used to restore loose block work, secure masonry walls, repair the chimney and cast iron rainwater system to help dry out the

building, remove a large obsolete concrete water tank to allow beach access while all the while using conservation grade materials.

Rathmullan The Way Forward

is now working with Donegal County Council and the Tomar Trust to hopefully raise the necessary funds so that the 4 Stage Development Work can begin in Summer 2021.

Thoughts While Weeding

By Olive Borland

As I began to weed my garden where weeds weren't hard to find Thoughts of satisfaction soon started coming to my mind. As bucket after bucket was filled and cleared soil I began to see I now saw space for flowers where weeds used to be. I found flowers that were hidden from the eye of passers by Because they had been encroached by weeds that caused some to die

Some looked weak and feeble; some were flat upon the ground They had been deprived of sunlight to keep them healthy, strong and sound. Our lives, like my garden need the "light" of God's own SON Shining in recesses and corners that we keep hidden from everyone! God our heavenly gardener is better able to weed than you or me I know it gives Him great satisfaction to leave lives clean where sin used to be He's not worried whether the sins are many or whether they're big or small Whether they are few or far between but He grieves that we sin at all God's Word tells us sin is banned from His heavenly garden and home If we're wise, we'll allow Him to weed while on this earth we live and roam.

More camp spaces needed : cllr.

Donegal's ability to cater for the large influx of visitors camping in unofficial areas in camper vans, caravans and tents has been called into question prompting a local area councillor to ask tourism chiefs to "be careful what they wish for".

By Eamonn McFadden

Concerns over the environment and social impact of the large number of campervans and tents camping unofficially throughout the county has been called into question by Cllr. Michael Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig who says Donegal County Council and tourism bosses need to urgently look at how they deal with the growing numbers.

The Glenties Electoral Area representative stated: "I have a number of concerns and have written to the Council asking for a meeting on it. I think it is important as we need to look and analyse what has been happening this year. The stakeholders need to be at the table as well. My main concern is that we, as a Council - along with Fáilte Éireann and others, have been asking strongly



Rubbish bins full and overflowing at Killyhoey Beach in Dunfanaghy.

for people to visit the Wild Atlantic Way and many parts of Donegal, but the reality is, and this year shows it, that there has been no extra infrastructure for it. There are people now saying that if you are asking people to come here then you have to have the services for them." He claims not enough is being done by senior government, council and tourism chiefs in addressing the issue and the private sector is, unfairly, being left to deal with the problem. He added: "The State consistently looks toward the private market at providing that service and, from my position politically, I don't think that is right. I think we as a State need to provide these services as well. We are inundated at the moment with campervans and tents. You can break them down into different categories - those who are experienced campers in both vans and tents; then there are others with limited experience and there are those who have just taken a tent and

jumped in the car and are winging it. That has an impact on us socially and environmentally in terms of where does their personal waste go? Where does the rubbish go? Bring banks are limited to recycling cans and bottles and we need places for plastic and paper. Our Recycling Centres are extremely badly advertised and no tourists would even know where to start looking for them, and if they did they would find that they are not open seven days a week like they should be." He added: "We are being exposed this summer, granted Covid has been unprecedented, but the attitude of the small minority of senior management within the council, past and present, say 'It doesn't matter, just keep advertising it and we will see how we get on'. That has left us very exposed. That is unfortunate and there is the old saying 'be careful what you wish for'. Their wish has landed here now and we are not capable of dealing with it."

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Death of Fiona McLaughlin

The death took place at her home, on Tuesday of Fiona McLaughlin, Glenwood Park, Letterkenney. Aged 49, Fiona was a very well known member of the local community. She was a native of nearby Ard Colmcille. Fiona was a former employee at the Oatfield Sweet Factory in the town and in recent years worked in the childminding service.

In compliance with current government and HSE guidelines. Wake, Funeral and Burial are strictly private to immediate family and close friends only. Funeral is from her home in Glenwood on this Friday morning for Requiem Mass at 11am in St Eunan's Cathedral. Funeral Mass can be viewed from the chapel's online streaming service. Fiona will be laid afterwards in Conwal Cemetery. She was predeceased by her mother Patricia in 1997.

Fiona is survived by her father George McLaughlin, sister Charlotte Duffy, brothers John and Paul, aunts, uncles and the wider family circle to deepest condolences are extended.

€240K for Senators during lockdown

Senators including Donegal and Derry have been awarded attendance and subsistence payments for April and May this year, despite the Upper House being closed during that period. The Seanad elections took place from March 30-31 but there were no sitting days for the Seanad while the nation was in the midst of lockdown, until a Taoiseach was elected in June and the Oireachtas got to work.

But 48 Seanad members elected in late March and early April still received expenses, as if it was fully functioning, for the months of April and May.

Senators shared €120,000 between them each month, or an average of more than €4,000 apiece. The Parliamentary Standard Allowance

is on top of an annual salary of €68,111.

The amounts paid out in salaries and expenses contrast with the €350 a week received by hundreds of thousands of workers in the Pandemic Unemployment Payment. However, political sources told the Tribune that the politicians did not qualify for the €350 Covid payment.

Senator Niall Blaney was paid €6,626.50 while Senator Elisha McCallion from Derry received €6,345.66 and Senator Robbie Gallagher from Termon and based in Monaghan got €6,232.34. The name of Independent Senator Eileen Flynn from Ardara does not appear on the list while Ivana Bacik did not accept any payment for that period. She said her decision was based on principle.

The Irish Independent wrote to all senators via their Oireachtas email addresses to ask them if they would surrender or gift back their expenses for the period when the country was in Covid-19 lockdown.

Two responses had been received as of Tuesday night. Fianna Fáil senator Malcolm Byrne, who is based in Co Wexford, said he "waived all claims for travel, accommodation and subsistence in May". He's shown as being paid a lower sum for that month, having missed the April deadline.

"It should be pointed out that I was working on both policy issues and dealing with representations during this period," he said, adding that he travelled to Dublin on occasion.

Senator Alice Mary Higgins, daughter of the President, said: "When that attendance is added up at the end of this year, if there are any days short due to either the coronavirus crisis or the late convening of the Seanad, I will certainly be making sure the allowance for those days goes back to the Oireachtas."

Senators are paid the Parliamentary Standard Allowance (PSA) to defray constituency costs, expected mileage, vehicle wear and tear, subsistence and hotel bills - because the system operates automatically. They are allocated to different bands based on their geographical distance from Dublin and monthly instalments are paid that should be reconciled at the end of the year.

The Senate is due to return on September 16th

Fanad Covid scare closes soccer academy

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Meanwhile the Covid tracing app is showing that in the two week period up to last Sunday, numbers diagnosed in the county rose by a figure of over twenty. On Sunday alone, the app reveals that five new cases were diagnosed in the county. Prior to the recent surge of increased positive tests in Donegal, there were no new cases at all in more than three weeks with almost all of July being free of the virus.

By Tuesday night the Covid tracker was recording 492 positive tests in Donegal which is 2% of the nation's total numbers.

In their statement in relation to their seven day suspension of activities, Mulroy Academy said: "Due to a reported Covid 19 incident in our community, Mulroy Academy has taken the decision to temporarily suspend all Club activities for a period of 7 days. This course of action is taken as a precautionary measure in the best interests of the community. Mulroy Academy has a duty of care and responsibility to its players, parents coaching staff, volunteers and the wider community. The Club will monitor the situation in the week ahead and a further update will be provided after the 7 day suspension period."

Ever since mid July, Donegal's beaches,

holiday resorts and accommodation units have seen an unprecedented level of demand. And with the ongoing restrictions many have been unable to book tables for a meal with facilities all taken up. Hundreds of visitors in tents and camper vans have been parked all over the place illegally because every available space is already full. And with a series of midnight barbecues coupled with joyriding jousts and ropey house party sessions, social distancing, and just about all else went out the window as sand dunes became trampled and overrun with thousands of day trippers adding to the huge numbers already in residence. This has been reflected all over the country and here in Donegal the scenes of traffic chaos at 'The Murderhole' on the Atlantic Drive at Melmore tells its own story...

Serious concerns have been voiced about a lack of toilets and sanitation as thousands rushed to enjoy the sunshine on beaches where there no facilities whatever are in place... other than the sand dunes!

Meanwhile, Tanaiste Leo Varadkar has told RTE that he cannot give an "absolute guarantee" that schools will reopen at the end of this month. He told RTE's Open For Business. "I can guarantee you that in a few weeks time we're going to see clusters occur

in schools. It's almost inevitable that if schools open that there will be clusters in some schools, does that mean that that school did something wrong or the principal is somehow negligent? Probably not.

So I just think we need to, raise the understanding among people that this is a highly infectious virus and everyone doing the right thing still means that some people may get the virus or there may be clusters in different places," he added.

And as the statistics continue to give cause for concern, Ireland and other European countries experiencing a resurgence in Covid-19 cases should consider reinstating selected restrictions to avoid further increases in cases and deaths, according to a new risk assessment by the European Centre for Disease Control.

The Centre says there is a "true resurgence" in cases in several countries as a result of physical distancing measures being relaxed. The assessment comes as the Government plans to roll out a national testing scheme in food processing plants with more than 50 employees. The plans will involve weekly testing in all plants in Kildare, Laois and Offaly for an initial period of four weeks.

Phase 3 of the roadmap for reopening

up from lockdown saw all travel restrictions within the country lifted but with face coverings to be worn at all times. The social distancing guidelines remained in place: however numbers at indoor events were increased to 50 while outdoor events could accommodate 200. And the promise of the 3,500 pubs under closure failed to materialise resulting in an angry reaction from the vintners groups.

A number of business enterprises were also allowed to reopen along with recreational and sports activities including creches, childminding facilities and pre-schools, summer camps and all indoor and outdoor amenities for children. Hotels, hostels, caravan parks and holiday parks were also given the green light to open as were gastro pubs while those not serving food were expected to reopen on August 10th. Pubs and hotel bars operating as restaurants. However there is no evidence that Phase 3 impacted on the increasing levels of the virus in most counties including Donegal. But it is pointed out that the county was never going to be able to cope with the 'Staycation' promotion that made the county a magnet, especially for visitors coming here through our open border with the UK. The 14-day incidence of the disease has increased sevenfold in the State in

the space of three weeks, to reach 16.9 cases per 100,000 of population, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control said in an update on Monday. This compares to a figure of 16.5 in the UK, which a month ago had an incidence almost eight times that of Ireland. Since then, case numbers in the UK have been steady, although on Sunday they exceeded 1,000 for the first time since June.

The spike in cases in the State has largely been driven by clusters involving staff working in meat processing factories in Kildare and Offaly and has prompted the introduction of local movement restrictions in the counties as well as in Laois. On Monday the 14-day instance provided officially showed Kildare with 138.4 cases per 100,000 of population, almost eight times the national average. The rates in Offaly and Laois stood at 109 and 83.8 respectively while the national rate for the period was 17.5 cases per 100,000 people, the department said.

Dr Ronan Glynn, acting chief medical officer said: "While the rate of infection in Ireland was set to pass that of the UK, Dr Glynn said if counties Kildare, Laois and Offaly were removed from the national figures, Ireland's rate was less than 10 per 100,000" over the previous 14 days."

Milford Amber pens new FC Köln deal

Death of Kathleen McCann

The death took place of Kathleen McCann, Glasgow and formerly Kilmacrennan Road, Milford on 1st August peacefully at her home. Her remains will arrive at the residence of her son John McCann, Kilmacrennan Road, Milford on Thursday, August 13th with Funeral Mass on Friday August 14th at 11am in St Peter's Church, Milford. Burial afterwards in Milford Cemetery.

In accordance with H.S.E. and Government guidelines wake and funeral are private to family and close friends. Funeral Mass and rosary can be viewed on Church Services TV (www.churchservices.tv/milford)

Deepest sympathy is extended to John McCann and his family, Kilmacrennan Road, sons Daniel and Thomas, daughters Sarah, Ellen and Kathleen, grandchildren and all other family and relatives.

Engagement

Congratulations to Gary Merritt and Grainne Heraghty on their engagement this week. Gary is the son of Paddy and Mary Angela Merritt, Moyle Hill, Milford and Grainne is the daughter of Michael and Kathleen Heraghty, Clooney, Ramelton.

Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society Captain Denis McBride will hold his Captain's Day on Saturday 22nd August in Portsalon, first tee 12 o'clock. Those wishing to play must contact Denis before Monday 17th August on 087 2961179. No entries will be taken after that date. A time sheet will be drawn up and tee times will be allocated before Saturday 22nd, in line with Covid guidelines.

Donegal League

Milford United senior team will host Bonagee United on Sunday 16th August in the Donegal Premier Division at 2.00pm.

GAA Championship

Milford GAA Seniors travel to Bundoran on Sunday 16th August in the County Senior Championship with a 2pm throw in time.

Mass in St Peter's Church

Mass Times at St. Peter's Church are Thursday 13th August at 10.00am and Friday 14th August at 11am and Saturday 15th August 10.00am and 7.30pm. and Sunday at 11.00am. Mass can be viewed on Parish Webcam mrparishes.ie or on

Milford woman Amber Barrett has signed a contract extension with German Bundesliga outfit FC Köln. The deal will keep the 24-year-old Republic of Ireland striker with Köln for the 2020/2021 season. Barrett, who previously played with Peamount Utd in the Women's League of Ireland scored three goals in 15 games after moving to the German club in the summer of 2019. As a prolific forward, Barrett was the WNL Player of the Season in 2017, The former NUI Maynooth student was also top goalscorer in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

The step up to the higher level of club football has been challenging but it is one that the Milford woman has embraced wholeheartedly. Disappointingly however the west-German club was relegated at the end of the season and it was an immediate return to the second tier of Frauen-Bundesliga.

Barrett was one of five players to agree terms including fellow forward Sonja Giraud. "It was important for us to put together a team that

churchservices.tv. The frequency to access the radio during Mass times is 105.70 FM.

50/50 Draw

Milford United will hold their next 50/50 Draw on Saturday 29th August. Tickets are on sale at €2 each and 3 for €5.

Drive In Cinema

Ray Community Group are organising a Drive In Cinema on the weekend of Friday 28th and Saturday 29th August. Bookings essential with shows on Friday and three shows on Saturday. Visit the Ray Community Centre facebook page for further details and for bookings.

Rags to Riches

Rags to Riches remains closed until further notice but the management are working on a refurbishment of the building and shop. When it re-opens it will be with a much better customer experience. They are hoping to reopen some time in September and look forward to seeing you then.

Drive in Bingo

CLG Baile na nGalloglach drive-in bingo continues every Sunday at 7pm weekly at the Milford Mart. Books are €10 and doubles for €15 including jackpot sheets.



is in the position to be promoted back to the Bundesliga," said Head coach Sascha Glass. "Amber and Sonja give us more options in attack and are different types of strikers. Amber is quick and can finish well, Sonja is physical, can hold the ball up well and is a force up front. It's nice to be able to keep both here."

CE Project

Milford/Kerrykeel CE Project require General Workers for both Kerrykeel & Milford Tidy Towns in the area of Grass Cutting, Strimming and General Maintenance. Usual Eligibility applies i.e. Over 21yrs and in receipt of a Department of Social Protection Payment for a year or more and be registered with Intreo. For further information contact James on 086 8212778.

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Black brothers at Irish U19 trials



Kilmacrennan brothers and Finn Harps players Conor and Stephen Black who were in Abbotstown, Dublin on Sunday for Irish International Assessments.

Kilmacrennan twin brothers Conor and Stephen Black were at the Republic of Ireland U19 International Assessments in Abbotstown on Sunday. Central defender Stephen and attacking midfielder Conor are both currently members of Tommy Canning's Finn Harps U19 squad. Conor and Stephen have been with Harps for the past four years featuring at U15 and U17 level.

The brothers were members of the Harps U17s who did an historic national double in the autumn of 2018. First of all it was winning the Mark Farren Cup at Finn Park. And that was followed in October with the U17 National League title at Maginn Park thanks to a stunning 3-0 win over Shamrock Rovers. After taking a decent 2-0 lead into half-time, it was Conor Black who stepped up with a super third goal to secure the silverware. As well as the Blacks three other Finn Harps U19s players Nathan Logue, Dylan Woods and goalkeeper Patrick McGarvey were in Dublin on Sunday for the International Assessments.

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Donegal Club Football Championship

Seaside trip for Milford on Sunday

Sean Paul Barrett will be aiming to make it third time lucky in the 2020 Donegal Senior Football Championship when he takes his Milford side to Bundoran on this Sunday afternoon for a third round clash with the Seaside (throw-in 2.00). Milford go into the game on the back of two defeats against Naomh Conaill and St. Michael's respectively. Bundoran will go into the game as slight favourites after winning in Termon last Saturday. Barrett's men performed quite well against St. Michael's but it wasn't good enough to secure a victory. Realistically now Milford are looking at preserving their senior championship status for the 2021 season.

The first senior game is on Friday night where Naomh Conaill will be expected to easily overcome Termon at Davy Brennan Park (throw-in 7.30). On Sunday, it should be an interesting clash between St. Michael's and Ardara at 'The Bridge' with Gary O'Neill's outfit looking to make it three wins in a row and a definite place in the quarter-finals (throw-in 3.00). Later in the evening at 6.00 St. Eunan's should be too strong for Killybegs in Fintra. At the O'Donnell Park on Friday night, Eunan's and Kilcar drew. It finished 1-9 each. Kilcar were much the better side in the first half and led by seven points at one stage with Paddy McBreaty converting a penalty. But, Eunan's stepped up to the plate after the interval with man with Milford links Padraig McGettigan getting the goal. One downside was the late straight red card issued to County player Niall O'Donnell.

Senior Football Championship Round 3
Fri, 14 Aug, Naomh Conaill V Termon 19:30,
Sat, 15 Aug, Four Masters V Dungloe 14:00,
St Naul's V Gaoth Dobhair 16:00,
Sean Mac Cumhaill V Glenfin 19:30,
Sun, 16 Aug, Bundoran V Milford 14:00,
St Michael's V Ardara 15:00,
Kilcar V Glenswilly 16:00,
Killybegs V St Eunan's 18:00,

Intermediate A Championship
Fri, 14 Aug, Nh Muire Rosses V Nh Colmcille
Sat, 15 Aug, Buncrana V Naomh Ultan 19:30,
Sun, 16 Aug, Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon V Cloughaneely 15:00,
Nh Columba V Fanad Gaels 15:00,
Naomh Brid V Burt 15:00,
Red Hughs V Malin 15:00,

Junior A football Championship
Sat, 15 Aug, Na Rossa V Downings 17:00,
Robert Emmets V Lkenny Gaels 19:30,
Sun, 16 Aug, Nh Pádraig Muff V Urris 15:00,
Convoy V Pettigo 15:00,

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RESULTS
U12 PREMIER
Ballyrairie FC 2-1 Bonagee United
Glen Rovers Celts 1-2 Lagan Harps Colts
Lagan Harps 2-5 Illistrin FC
Letterkenny Rovers 6-1 Letterkenny Crusaders
U12 1st DIVISION
Ballyrairie Celtic 4-6 Illistrin United
Bonagee Arcade 0-4 Glen Rovers United
Glen Rovers Athletic 6-0 Lagan Harps Colts
Letterkenny United 0-6 Bonagee Athletic
U14 PREMIER
Bonagee United 2-2 Illistrin FC
Lagan Harps 6-0 Glen Rovers
Letterkenny Rovers 2-3 Ballyrairie FC
U14 1st DIVISION
Ballyrairie Harps 0-3 Ballyrairie Celtic
Letterkenny Crusaders 0-2 Illistrin United
U16 PREMIER
Ballyrairie FC 0-2 Letterkenny Rovers
Bonagee Arcade 1-6 Lagan Harps
Glen Rovers 1-2 Bonagee United
MILFORD AREA RESULTS
U12 PREMIER
Dunfanaghy Yths 1-4 Mulroy Academy
Glenree United 2-7 Swilly Rovers
Kilmacrennan Celtic 3-0 Kilmacrennan Utd
U12 1st DIVISION
Illistrin Celtic 3-1 Dunfanaghy Blues
Lurgy Celtic 1-6 Milford Blues
Milford Celtic 0-6 Swilly Ramblers
U14 PREMIER
Lurgy Celtic 0-5 Kilmacrennan Celtic
U14 1st DIVISION
Glenree United 1-0 Mulroy Celtic
Swilly Ramblers 2-2 Kilmacrennan United
U16 PREMIER

Milford United 5-0 Milford Blues
FIXTURES
THURS August 13th
U12 1st Division
Swilly Ramblers v Lurgy Celtic 730pm
being played at Kilmacrennan
SAT August 15th
U12 Premier - 10am
Bonagee v Letterkenny Rovers
Illistrin v Glen Rovers Celts
Letterkenny Crusaders v Lagan Harps
Kilmacrennan Utd v Dunfanaghy Youths
Milford Utd v Glenree Utd
Swilly Rovers v Kilmacrennan Celtic
U14 Premier - Noon
Kilmacrennan Celtic v Swilly Rovers
Ballyrairie FC v Lagan Harps
Glen Rovers v Bonagee Utd
Illistrin FC v Letterkenny Rovers
U16 Premier - 2.15pm
Bonagee Utd v Ballyrairie FC
Lagan Harps v Glen Rovers
Letterkenny Rovers v Bonagee Arcade
Lurgy Celtic v Milford Utd
Milford Blues v Dunfanaghy Youths
SUN August 16th
U12 1st Division - 10am
Dunfanaghy Blues v Milford Celtic
Milford Blues v Swilly Reds
Bonagee Athletic v Glen Rovers Athletic
Glen Rovers Utd v Ballyrairie Celtic
Illistrin Utd v Letterkenny Utd
Lagan Harps Cubs v Bonagee Arcade
U14 1st Division - Noon
Ballyrairie Celtic v Bonagee Arcade
Illistrin Utd v Ballyrairie Harps
Swilly Ramblers v Glenree Utd
TO BE PLAYED AT GLENREE
MON August 17th U16 Premier
Mulroy Academy v Kilmacrennan Celtic 7pm

Cowan signs new Glentoran contract

Ramelton man Keith Cowan signed a new contract with Glentoran on Wednesday ahead of the new 2020/21 Irish League season. The ex-Finn Harps central defender joined the Glens in January and earlier this month played a key role as the East Belfast outfit defeated Ballymena United in the Irish Cup Final after extra-time. It was the 34-year-old's first ever senior cup medal.





Above - Gerry McLaughlin winner of the Charlie McGettigan Memorial Angling Competition which was held at Lough Fern on Friday night last organised by Milford Fly Angling Club pictured with Anthony McGettigan, runner up Patsy Whoriskey and 3rd Declan Gilligan.



Double hole in one by Paul

Left - Milford Golfer Paul Shields who recorded his 2nd hole in one in sixteen days following his ace at Asbourne Golf Club on Bank Holiday Monday last. Paul 1st Hole in One was recorded at Headfort Golf Club, Kells, Co. Meath on 18th July.

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Death of John Murphy



The funeral cortege of the late Detective Garda John Murphy pauses at Milford Garda Station on Saturday.

The death took place on Thursday of retired Detective Garda John Murphy, Forquar, Milford after a short illness. John was originally from Blacksod on the Belmullet Peninsula and a fluent Irish speaker. He joined the Gardai in 1964 and was first stationed in Falcarragh for a number of years before coming to Milford. He spent the rest of his career in the Milford Division and was a Detective for much of that period.

John was also very much involved in the annual Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and in 2020 would have celebrated his 40th year.

John was predeceased by his wife Isobel on the 16th May of this year.

His funeral Mass took place on Saturday morning in St. Peter's Church, Milford followed by burial in Milford Cemetery, officiated by Fr. Stephen O'Gorman CC, Milford.

On his final journey from the Church, members of the Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes formed a guard of honour. His former colleagues and members of the Garda Siochana also held a guard of honour as the funeral procession passed the Milford Garda Station.

Deepest sympathy is extended to his daughters Mary and Dearbhla, son-in-law-Stephen, granddaughters Deirbhíle, Aoibhín and Luíseach, sister, Sr. Mary Kate, brother Paddy, brothers-in-law John and Phil, Falcarragh, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.



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1. What word can go before star, tide and prayer?

Answer :-

2. What type of verb is the opposite of 'active'?

Answer :-

3. True or false – Eton John once released an album entitled 'Goodbye Yellow Brick Street'?

Answer :-

4. How many different US presidents served in office in the 1960s?

Answer :-

5. Which metal is commonly used to manufacture pipes, coins and electric wire?

Answer :-

6. What is the opposite of alkaline?

Answer :-

7. 'May you live in interesting times' is a curse which originated in which country?

Answer :-

8. What is the traditional nickname of Chelsea football Club?

Answer :-

9. Which word can mean both a 'piece of wood' and 'to record'?

Answer :-

10. What were the Christian names of the three Bronte sisters?

Answer :-

11. In 1933 in Germany, the ruling Nazi party organised the mass burning of what?

Answer :-

12. What colour was the wrapping on a Cadbury Icebreaker Bar?

Answer :-

13. Where would you wear Galoshes?

Answer :-

14. What is the plural of Appendix?

Answer :-

15. In the 1970s, 'Punks' replaced buttons on their clothes with what?

Answer :-

16. "A table, a chair, a bowl of fruit and a violin; what else does a man need to be happy" is supposed to have been said by whom?

Answer :-

17. If you are in no state or place, where are you?

Answer :-

18. What beverage do Christians sometimes use in religious ceremonies?

Answer :-

19. In a manual transmission car, which pedal is on the left?

Answer :-

20. What shapes are attached to a line on a weather map to denote a warm front?

Answer :-

21. Only two countries in Asia have a population of over one billion, name them?

Answer :-

22. Who sang the theme song to the James Bond film 'The man with the golden gun'?

Answer :-

23. In the formation of the government this year, as they were called in alphabetical order, who was the first Fine Gael TD to respond Tá to support the nomination of a FF candidate for Taoiseach?

Answer :-

24. Your parents have six sons including you and each son has one sister. How many people are in the family?

Answer :-

25. Who provided the voice over for the genie in Disney's 'Aladdin'?

Answer :-

26. According to Scripture, what two spices were used to prepare the body of Jesus for burial?

Answer :-

27. "The production of too many useful things results in too many useless people" Who said this?

Answer :-

28. A purple stripe on a Roman tunic was a sign of what?

Answer :-

29. The Love Apple is the original name for what?

Answer :-

30. What does A stand for in UAE?

Answer :-

31. "Hey Jude don't make it bad, take a _ song and make it better". Insert the missing word?

Answer :-

32. If teams from the Brummies' and the Scousers were playing football, what two cities are involved?

Answer :-

33. Tripadvisor describe the Murderhole Beach as the sixth best of the top twenty places to visit in County Donegal. Where is it?

Answer :-

34. Who or what was former TD Jackie Healy-Rae referring to when he said "them that ask don't need to know, and them that know don't need to ask"?

Answer :-

35. What is the financial term used to describe in general terms, what a business owes?

Answer :-

36. What was the name of the toys that Meccano Ltd brought out in 1934?

Answer :-

37. IKEA originated in which European country?

Answer :-

38. What nationality was Nobel Prize winner Carl Bosh?

Answer :-

39. Which same vowel can fill the gaps in B.K.N. to describe something to wear?

Answer :-

40. How many claws does a domestic cat have?

Answer :-

41. In the 1940s, what was the US Government initiative 'The Manhattan Project'?

Answer :-

42. What are the cowboys of the South American Pampas called?

Answer :-

43. How many Musketeers did Alexander Dumas write about?

Answer :-

44. The late John Hume was first elected as an MP for the newly created Foyle constituency in 1983. Who did he succeed as MP for Londonderry (as constituency was named prior to re-naming)?

Answer :-

45. 'Air Jordan' is a brand of sports shoe made by which company?

Answer :-

46. What musical instrument did Sherlock Holmes play?

Answer :-

47. Lisbeth Salander is the central character in which novel?

Answer :-

48. Who is the youngest member of the current Irish cabinet?

Answer :-

49. Fill in the missing word "No river can return to its source, yet all rivers must have a _"?

Answer :-

50. Wetherspoon chain of outlets is primarily involved in what business?

Answer :-

Answers to Quiz No. 19

1. 1999; 2. T; 3. Cormac Breslin and Joe Brennan; 4. First female to be President of High Court; 5. Left handed; 6. Genesis, Exodus and Leviticus; 7. British; 8. Sleeplessness; 9. Peanut; 10. True; 11. Me; 12. March; 13. John F Kennedy; 14. Two; 15. Wyoming (*last four US states alphabetically*); 16. Dunfanaghy; 17. McGann; 18. Presbyterian Church in Ireland; 19. 90 degrees in a right angle; 20. Marianne Sheridan; 21. Beverly Hills Cop; 22. Religion; 23. Ed Milliband; 24. Fruitopia; 25. Power Rangers; 26. Jacqueline Jossa; 27. True (*Sheffield Wednesday FC can play football on Saturday*); 28. Yves Saint Laurent; 29. A Hazelnut; 30. John Delaney; 31. Acre; 32. Questioning or Queer; 33. A Scut; 34. A Baby; 35. Impressions; 36. Que Sera Sera; 37. A Chip Butty; 38. Ken; 39. A Nuclear Submarine; 40. 144; 41. Perfume or Fragrance; 42. Panama; 43. Matthew; 44. Lourdes; 45. Full House; 46. The Secret Garden; 47. August; 48. 6; 49. Wise; 50. Maine. Congratulations to who won Quiz No. 19 and wins €50. Congratulations to Billy Vance, Convoy who won Quiz No. 19 and receives €50.

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Pupils from Fanad and Kerrykeel schools who made their confirmations on Saturday in St. Columba's Church, Massmount with Fr. Pat McGarvey PP. and their teachers Photos by Danny Dougherty.



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Too many mixed messages from Govt. on Covid

Why Joe McHugh was taken out of Education is a mystery, given that he did an excellent job in managing the Leaving Cert and in the experience he'd gained during his short 20 months in the job proved to be a very valuable asset. I have no doubt whatever that he would have handled the reopening of the schools and colleges in a similar fashion that ensured the kind of clarity that would have reassured parents and their families. Constituency demands has always been the Achilles heel of Irish politics and location merely adds to the sense of cronyism and entitlement. McHugh's demotion, and that's exactly what it represented was a crazy political decision that made absolutely no sense.

There is no doubt that the country's future is becoming more uncertain with numbers of Covid cases fluctuating daily. But let's stay calm and confront the reality that the testing regime on crowded food production lines and in direct provision living was always going to be a double edged threat and blanket testing of these centres should have been a central tenet of ensuring these workplaces were safe for all employed or resident in direct provision.

attempts to reopen a country in shut down for four long and dreary months, the levels of activity right across the working spectrum would add to the risk factors involved. In the midst of all this we have the forthcoming return of over one million to education. That will challenge the government legislation, and indeed that of Nphet in the most strenuous manner if they're to get it right.

dance to the education sector. However questions need to be addressed as to why the reopening is not on a phased basis, if only to monitor the first fortnight back inside the classroom?

Catholic Ireland, how far behind the curve official thinking is on such matters.

But attempts to justify the decision to keep the pubs closed given what has happened in Kildare, Offaly and Laois is pathetically ridiculous and ignores the basic realities that food processing production lines, direct provision living and all the health concerns raised about such places were simply not addressed in time. There is no connection whatsoever between the licenced trade and what happened in these three counties and it is just disingenuous to link them to whether or not pubs are opened. For the record half our licensed premises are open, safely. And the new normal of 'wet' pubs must be dismissed out of hand as an inexcusable insult to the generations who've run these mainly rural premises.

They may well point to other countries where classrooms have reopened with no sign of coronavirus having an impact. Ireland does have among the most overcrowded classrooms in the EU and insofar as transport is concerned there huge numbers obliged to use it to access their classrooms. The reopening of schools in many EU countries has not led to significant increases in community transmission of Covid-19, according to a new report.

The weekend crisis whereby three counties were made go back into severe curtailment of movement and business once again is worrying and it poses a real dilemma for a relatively new government that has floundered in its first six weeks since being formed.

At such times of crisis I'd imagine that online sex or indeed anywhere else on the planet is on a very low scale thing to do as parents prepare Johnny and Marie for their first day back at school since March 12th last. The messaging coming from the Department of Education has confused parents to a level that when they next check their mailbox, they really do expect another Uturn on the regulations.

There are no clusters on licensed premises for starters, but the real problem has been caused by mayhem and madness at house parties, because drinkers have nowhere else to go for a pint. For any government Minister to suggest that in order that the schools could reopen, it was essential to keep the pubs closed... Does that kind of non-scientific opinion make any sense? When will the pubs reopen? Perhaps next year says the Taoiseach: Perhaps September says the Fine Gael leader! We hope that he is right!

Child-to-child transmission of the disease in schools is uncommon and not the primary cause of infection in children attending class, particularly in preschools and primary schools, the report by the European Centre for Disease Control suggests.

There has been that obvious lack of inexperience, unity of purpose and confidence in how the new government is handling the crisis... too many pretending to be Taoiseach and not enough direct control at the very heart of government.

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That three counties with a population bordering on 400,00 should be forced to observe what is tantamount to lockdown does seem like a knee jerk reaction by a government in panic mode... all because a handful of clusters are affected and blanket testing was not made available in time. For a fortnight before the imposition of the new regulations, the numbers testing positive in the three counties was twice that of the rest of the country... were alarm bells not ringing?

Some EU states require children to wear masks, particularly those under 12, while Belgium and Czechia require teachers and other staff to do the same. Norway, Sweden and Holland do not have this requirement for students or staff. This only serves to underline the lack of joined up thinking and advice coming from the medical advisers in individual countries. The report says less than 5% of overall Covid-19 cases in the EU and are among children.

Since Sunday night the residents of Kildare, Laois and Offaly have had limits on their movement for at least two weeks as part of a series of new restrictions in a bid to control a sharp spike in Covid-19 cases. All cafes, restaurants and pubs, cinemas, theatres, museums, sporting events, football matches and all gyms are closed once again.

Constituency politics has always been the Achilles heel of Irish politics and location merely adds to the sense of cronyism and entitlement.

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Will the schools reopen as planned, will people take time off when they get cold or flu symptoms, as they are scheduled and to what extent how will that affect productivity? Decisions on control measures in schools and school closures/openings should be consistent with decisions on other physical distancing and public health response measures within the community," it says.

Garda checkpoints are back in place once more. People in these areas are only allowed travel within their own county, unless it is for work or medical appointments, or for family reasons. Those who need to get to other destinations through those counties will be able to do so but will be asked not to stop while travelling through these counties.

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With the Government planning a full reopening of Irish schools in just over two weeks time, public health officials here have been waiting for the publication of this ECDC report before finalising their guidance

These new closures relate to reported clusters and positive test results and that is unfortunate for all concerned. It has emerged that those living in Direct Provision are among the high risk groups, yet what has the government been doing to end this practice?

But then again the whole notion of not retaining the existing Confidence and Supply Arrangement for another twelve months in the ongoing pandemic crisis was as unwise as it was overtly political. For so many months there was this assuredness in how Leo Varadkar, Tony Holohan and Simon Harris had handled a very difficult crisis ever since the dramatic early morning broadcast from the steps of the White House.

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The restrictions were met with a backlash from some business representatives, who described it as a "knee-jerk reaction" of the new restrictions "falls heaviest" on people in the three counties, but warned "the message needs to be heard by everyone across the country. There is nothing inevitable about progress in keeping this disease under control," he added and called for constant vigilance and said he wants everyone to continue putting the virus under pressure.

That assuredness remained as a bedrock of sense for public opinion until the new government came into office. Yet, for some inexplicable reason, that kind of confidence and support has dissipated. Managing the developing crisis now in our midst, should perhaps necessitate the recall of the Dail: if only to bring clarity and certainty to a very uncertain and most worrying period for the community most at risk... and that includes everyone of us.

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However while the government once again delayed the reopening of the nations' 3,500 pubs, their rationale for doing so is limp and indeed lacks any great clarity that there has been no reported clusters at all in those licensed premises already reopened for some time now.

But regardless of Covid and Brexit hurtling across the Irish Sea the only focus right now is on fighting coronavirus. So much can change with the virus in a matter of days. A measure of what is going on in the minds of the electorate is reflected in the latest Behaviour and Attitudes poll for the Sunday Times.

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At first the Government refused to release reasons for the pubs staying closed. When asked by reporters why the evidence of the links between pubs and Covid was not being published, Acting Chief Medical Officer Dr Ronan Glynn said: "There's nothing magic about this evidence. If you Google 'Covid... Pubs' you'll see this and what could easily happen. It's happened all over the world: Aberdeen, various States in America, Sydney..."

Support for Sinn Féin is up by five percentage points since the general election as they lead the field on 30%. At the same time Fine Gael is up by eight points since the February vote and they are on 29%. The other two government parties are both down since the general election, with Fianna Fáil dropping two points since that result and the Green Party declining by one point.

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After this rather astonishing revelation the Government then released the evidence it relied on to justify delaying the reopening of pubs beyond August 10th.

Significantly since the previous Behaviour and Attitudes poll in January, Fail Fail is down by 12%: FG has increased by 9% and Sinn Féin appears to have taken over the left of centre FF grassroots base as their share goes up by 11%. The Green Party is down 1% since the General Election and Labour is also doing OK.

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Their comment said: "The opening of pubs/bars represents a unique risk due to the consumption of alcohol and the challenge that represents when trying to encourage patrons to maintain social distancing and practice hand hygiene/respiratory etiquette," the guidance says, citing a New York Times article from June.

Yet, Martin and FF are not getting any leverage whatsoever from the public for being in government... if anything the opposite is closer to the reality. Perhaps the draft of opinion polls since before the general election are more than mere speculation and a sceptical electorate is demanding to know if in fact Fianna Fail should be in power in the first place!

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The advice goes on to cite a number of cases in Spain, Australia, the United States, Canada and Korea where clusters emerged in bars." So, are we now supposed to read the New York Times or the Guardian to look into what the Government is going to do?"

In terms of satisfaction among party leaders, Leo Varadkar holds the highest satisfaction rating at 63%, up a huge 28 points since a comparable poll in January. Sinn Féin's Mary Lou McDonald has the next most-popular satisfaction rating at 57%, also up by a significant 17 points since the previous poll. Taoiseach and Fianna Fáil leader Micheál Martin is at 44%, down two points and behind Labour leader Alan Kelly who is at 49%.

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Hardly not... one can only hope! The politicians are not back in the Dail until mid September and much is likely to happen in the meantime. It is very possible that after five months, the government must face the reality that it is no longer viable to get people into a lockdown mode given that free movement is such a vital part of democracy. But against that possibility lies a lack of trust and confidence in how the three party leaders have handled the running of the State since the formation of the 33rd Dail.

The signs don't look too good at the moment, rather disheartening here with virus levels rising, and seriously deteriorating elsewhere. How, as a Government, do you make plans with any sort of long-term economic outlook in these circumstances? But that is exactly what will have to happen, with budget preparations already under way and taxpayers look forward to Budget day with a high degree of scepticism that revenue increases are off the agenda. But where are we going to find the €30 billion to balance the black hole in the economy?

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Then there is the issue of the absence of any new decisive style of leadership (that nobody really expected). Instead we are left with this perception that Leo Varadkar is the man to be first out of the traps with all the relevant details. Witness his media comments last Wednesday on his way into a very important Cabinet meeting that led the main news channels to run with banner headlines that the country's 3,500 pubs would not be reopening before the end of August. It is pretty clear that Varadkar has not come to terms with being replaced as the number one heart throb of the nation by Micheál Martin.

On the evidence of these past six weeks the writing on the wall does seem quite obvious. Micheál Martin needs to get on with being the 'real' Taoiseach... like Jack Lynch. Leo Varadkar must learn that his place is at least a couple of paces behind Martin. As for Eamonn Ryan, perhaps it is time for the Greens to wake up and smell the coffee. They agreed to go into government, and therefore are involved in collaborative decision making and not voting against legislation as they might see fit.

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There is a really urgent need for the three-party coalition to get some decent strategic direction and purpose and the HSE advising couples not cohabiting to have sex online is hardly a really good starting point. In fact that sense of advice is light years out of date and it merely shows, even in

Being part of government is part of that greater concept of democracy.

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John Hume was a man of vision and peace McMEnamin

'You can't eat flags' the words of John Hume's father have always stuck in my mind. It's a very profound statement made back in the day by a nationalist in Derry when the city was a gerrymandered part of the northern statelet. The nationalist population was the majority in the north's second city but treated like second class citizens. This was the city where John Hume grew up, his dad disliked the traditional view of the division in Ireland on purely sectarian lines.

His grandfather had arrived in Donegal from a Scottish Presbyterian background, thus the observation, 'you can't eat flags'.

In his view the flag-waving at election time for a rich nationalist or unionist was pathetic. His views were through the lens of a socialist working-class perspective, the bread and butter issues of the day in housing, unemployment and poverty were paramount.

John Hume grew up within that environment and it created the man we all knew over the years, the school teacher, credit union organiser, civil rights activist, SDLP leader, MP, statesman, MEP, friend of America. A man who saw the way to peace was talking to the men who were making war, he was criticised from all quarters but he stuck to his principles, he sacrificed his political party to find a way out of the morass of conflict.

He brought Bill Clinton to Derry, and broke the special relationship that Britain had with America, it was the making of the Good Friday Agreement. He had advanced dementia and spent his last days in a nursing home.

His death was a sad ending to a life of courageous defiance of the British establishment and Unionist hegemony, when they made John Hume they threw away the mould, a man of the people, like Martin McGuinness, a man of the Bogside, RIP!

John Hume was a Derry man through and through, a troubled city that has produced a mix of great Derry 'wans' like Seamus Deane, Eamonn McCann and Nell McCafferty, Phil Coulter, Dana and Nadine, Joseph Locke, Fergal Sharkey, Martin McGuinness, Jobby Crossan, James McClean, Charlie Nash, Erin and Derry Girls, actors, writers, politicians, musicians, footballers, boxers, an eclectic mix of wonderful people who made the city proud and paradoxically they were proud to be from Derry, the town they loved so well! His early life was at St Columb's College, his alma mater, shared with Seamus Heaney and Martin O'Neill. His destiny was to be in the priesthood but Maynooth led him to the classroom rather than the altar



By Paddy McMEnamin

and teaching as a vocation. He might have led an uneventful but satisfying career bringing education to the nationalist youth of the Bogside but community issues were always in his mind. He set up the first Credit Union in the city and became the national President. He was heavily involved in trying to bring the new University to the city but the unionism beggars belief in placing it in a small rural town, loyalist Coleraine, the same happened with the M1 motorway. They brought it east instead of going west to the north's second city. These events made John Hume aware that there had to be change in the partitioned statelet, that the change he wanted was internal doesn't take away from what he achieved.

The Caledon protest in Dungannon sparked his interest in the new Civil Rights movement and he became active in the 'Derry Citizens Action', the march down Duke St in 1968 when the RUC attacked and baton-charged the marchers was a step too far and John Hume and northern nationalists were on a path to Armageddon for the next 30 years.

The eruption of conflict in August '69 would bring a change of direction to events in the 6 counties, John Hume's politics had evolved out of a passive civil rights approach adopted by Martin Luther King and the American movement of the 60's.

A constitutional nationalist

He was a nationalist but of the constitutional version, physical force republicanism was a step too far for him but events developed so quickly that it brought a new evaluation of the situation, while initially, it was all about civil rights for nationalists, it would morph radically into challenging partition and the whole concept of a northern statelet. The price of a loaf and getting a house over your head was essential but challenging the state's right to exist took precedence, John Hume might not have been on the barricades during the Battle of the Bogside like Bernadette Devlin and Eamonn McCann but he didn't need to be either, to paraphrase Bobby Sands, 'everyone has their part to play in the struggle'. Hume would challenge the right of the British presence in his own unique way!

During the introduction of Internment in '71 as the 6 counties imploded, John Hume, in a moment of unusual hyperbole, said it was 'a united Ireland or nothing', as he stood on a barricade in the Bogside. Within five months he shared the grief of his fellow Derry community as British Paras murdered 14 innocent civil rights marchers on Bloody Sunday, he had seen enough but while 'armed struggle' became the 'Lingua Franca' of a disaffected youth, he would challenge British intransigence for the rest of his life in his own inimitable way.

Hume and Gerry Fitt led the new SDLP, they represented different strands in constitutional nationalism. Fitt emerged from a Belfast working-class republican socialist ideal whereas Hume represented the more nationalist viewpoint and in between you had Seamus Mallon. They would cross swords many times! They shared power with Unionists after the Sunningdale Agreement in '74 but the power of the Ulster Workers strike and the ongoing 'armed struggle' led to its early demise, it would be another 25 years before peace was achieved.

Hume succeeded Gerry Fitt as Leader of the SDLP in '79, Fitt became a hated figure in Ireland as he morphed into a supporter of Thatcher during the Hunger Strikes and duly awarded a life peerage, the only Irishman to ever do so. Hume had no time for that nonsense and led the party through difficult times in the 80's while he also cultivated a friendship with certain American politicians which would prove vital in the years to come.

On a personal level, I had two close encounters with John Hume over the years. The first he wouldn't have known much about. It was back in '71 and I was on a bike at a bad corner near the Mountain Bar and stopped to chat to Paddy 'Doye'



John Hume with his wife Pat.

Kelly when this car came flying by at 90mph almost sending me into the ditch. It was John Hume racing to Gaoth Dobhair where they would have 'think tanks' involving certain individuals, some might even have been wearing masks long before COVID. At that stage Hume was a regular taking that road through Glenveagh and Errigal to Hudai Beag's and occasionally he would stop at the Mountain Bar for 'refreshments' as his passenger lamented his Donegal Rally driving skills!

The second occasion was a more recent vintage, about ten years ago Mary and I were in Derry one day strolling around and we called into 'Badger's' for lunch. As we enjoyed the best of Derry cuisine the proprietor, Hugh McDaid, former Chairman of Derry City, came over and enquired if 'everything was alright'. As we chatted a barman came over and said 'John's down the stairs'.

Hugh then said he had to go and meet John Hume, Mary was a bit awestruck, 'you don't mean 'thee' John Hume' to which Hugh answered in the affirmative and before we knew it he arrived back up with the great man in tow and introduced us.

John sat with us for half an hour and we had a lovely chat. At that stage he was just entering the early dementia stage and Hugh pre warned us but John Hume was everything you would expect of the humble man, the crumpled suit and tie half awry, but still alert and witty, a gentleman! Two other times I might have met up with him but a platoon of Paras prevented him and others making it to Magilligan Camp near Derry for a protest in January '72. We were interned within the barbed wire of the Camp and the Paras firing rubber bullets at the protestors on Magilligan strand as John Hume argued the piece with a Para commander, shown on tv recently. 'Who gave you the orders to do this?' 'the Govt', replied the hero of Arnhem, 'not our Govt' fired back Hume! Within a week the same Paras carried out the Bloody Sunday massacre, in time Lord Chief Justice John Passmore Widgery would exonerate the murderers.

John Hume was of course right, it wasn't our government! The next time was in the Cages in Long Kesh at the end of '74 after we burned the Camp to the ground, various politicians came in to see the situation for themselves.

Paisley and other unionists asked and were allowed into our Cage but when Fitt and Hume asked the Cage OC, they were refused, the battle within nationalism/republicanism was heating up, the dichotomy between constitutional nationalism and physical force republicanism as Rudyard Kipling would say, 'never the twain shall meet!' In 1988 the conflict had been ongoing for 20 years and over 3000 deaths, in March that year events took place which would prove to be a turning point. The SAS killed 3 IRA volunteers in Gibraltar, the UDA's Michael Stone killed three nationalists at Milltown during the funerals, and at another funeral the IRA killed two British undercover soldiers. It was a horrific week and mostly witnessed live on television, something had to give.

Fr Alec Reid who prayed over the dead soldiers set in motion the process which brought republicanism and indeed Gerry Adams in from the cold, John Hume was then approached and we had the birth of the Hume/Adams talks. It was a risky business, both men had their respective constituencies to take into consideration, John Hume risked everything to embrace Adams and tried to take the gun out of politics. Gerry Adams risked just as much and indeed more as the 'armed struggle' hadn't run its course and many within republicanism believed they were speaking from a position of strength. A so-called 'Tet'

offensive and South Armagh - a virtual free area without British Army presence, as we know from republican historiography, there are risks which are more severe than losing the parliamentary Whip.

Gerry Adams thought the risks worth taking, so did John Hume!

Gerry Adams sought to bring republicanism with him, preventing a split in the movement was paramount, we had seen it all before in 1922, '26, '70 and '74.

John Hume took a serious gamble within constitutional nationalism. When word of the talks became public he was castigated by the British and Irish Governments, Unionists and the D4 media. The Sunday Independent had a field day with Eoghan Harris's disgusting anti republican diatribe pervading our Sunday morning reading! Adams had a view that all elements of Irish nationalism could come together to push for unity, Hume had a vision that his American contacts could deliver change.

Clinton became the man of the moment

Bill Clinton became the man of the moment, the first US President to break the special connection with Britain and challenge their perception that it was an internal matter. The British were livid and John Major had palpitations, indeed some like Nancy Sonderberg within the White House staff were infuriated. But Clinton took a chance where no-one went before in our contentious history. John Hume and Gerry Adams continued the talks and the first tangible results were the IRA ceasefire in '94.

It wouldn't herald the final 'shots' in a long and troubled history but it brought the realisation that there had to be a better way. Almost 4000 dead was a horrific price to pay but it was the beginning to the end of the conflict, it would be long and painstaking but the end result was the signing of the Good Friday Agreement.

No one contributed more than John Hume and Gerry Adams. Hume brought nationalist Ireland and Adams Republican Ireland, the British were convinced that it was time to embrace a new reality. Tony Blair made a move that no British PM had done before. To paraphrase former Irish Press editor, Tim Pat Coogan 'the conflict in our country is not worth another death, within a generation we will vote democratically to end the British presence'!

There was a strong Termon connection at John Hume's funeral. Among the group of clergy on the altar was Fr Dinny McGettigan whose father was from Meenreagh and related to John's wife Pat. That family lineage was from nearby Barnes, the Hume's would have been regular visitors over the years.

John Hume was a man of peace but then we all are, no one sets out in life to embrace conflict but sometimes conflict comes to you. He will always be remembered as a man who went the extra mile when others refused to do so, his actions to embrace those who took the path of physical force republicanism is in stark contrast to those hypocrites who refused to do so in London, Belfast and Dublin.

That the political landscape has shown John Hume to be correct at the expense of his own political base says more for the man than every political charlatan who denounced his philosophy of 'talk more to your enemy than your friend'!

When the true history of our beautiful country is written for posterity the name of John Hume will appear alongside Daniel O'Connell, Charles Stewart Parnell, Johnathan Swift, John Mitchel and Michael Davitt, but also with Wolfe Tone, Tom Clarke, James Connolly, Michael Collins, Bobby Sands and Martin McGuinness. All in their own way contributed to bringing a peaceful and undivided future to our country, to quote Martin Luther King, 'we are not makers of history, we are made by history'! John Hume RIP!



John Hume with Paddy's partner Mary.



John Hume with Gerry Adams, Bill Clinton and David Trimble.



John Hume being arrested in Derry.



A Sunset over Sheephaven Bay from Tra Mor beach with Horn Head on the horizon with Skye the Bengal/Springer in full flight Pic by Laura McGettigan Carrigart

Norfolk next for Irwin brothers

The Irwin brothers will be back in British Championship action on Saturday week at the Snetterton motorcycling race track in Norfolk. That's after Caolan and young brother Rhys enjoyed a good weekend at the first round of the British Superbike Championship in Donington Park at the weekend. Even without spectators the standard was at an all time high with every racer glad to get back to business following the longer than normal break.



Caolan Irwin on the winners podium at Donington Park

Kilmacrennan man Caolan Irwin had an outstanding first race of the season on his Astro Race Team Kawasaki. Setting the fastest lap of the race Irwin rocketed home to a podium finish. Caolan, the older and more experienced of the brothers, began his 2020 title challenge with an excellent second place and fastest lap of the race, while Rhys began his first full season in the championship with a brilliant recovery ride, from 18th on the grid, to finish eighth and take his best result in the British Championship so far.

Having tasted victory for the first time last year and run at the front at most events, Caolan Irwin started the Donington weekend as one of the favourites for the 2020 title. With limited testing due to Covid-19 restrictions the Kilmacrennan based rider used the Donington weekend to acclimatise himself to his new Astro Van Centre Team JJR Kawasaki and built up his speed across Friday's practice sessions.

Caolan's first run in Saturday's qualifying, on old tyres, was good enough for fourth place, but as he started his second run, on new tyres, his bike cut out, robbing him of the chance to go for pole. Despite not getting a run on new rubber, Caolan still lined his Principal Insurance, RK Racing and J&S Accessories machine up fourth for Sunday's race.

Riding in the same class Rhys Irwin was on-board the Irwin Racing Yamaha that he had used at the end of 2019 to dip his toe in the British Championship water. Continuing to get used to the Oasis Bar and Mondello Park sponsored Yamaha, Rhys was making steady progress up the time sheets until mechanical issues in qualifying halted his progress and left him further back than expected. At the start of Sunday's race, Caolan got a good getaway to lie fifth at the end of lap one. Lap two saw him up to fourth before he made it into the top

three on the next lap and stayed there till the closing stages of the race. Rhys too was making progress and by half distance he was into the top ten and running his fastest laps of the weekend. With five of the twenty laps left to run the youngster grabbed eight place and held on to that spot over the remaining laps, to finish just eleven seconds behind the winner.

Up front Caolan was running in third and he too was setting his fastest times of the weekend. With three to go the Irish rider set the fastest lap of the race, as he mounted a challenge for second and going into the final corner he grabbed the runner-up spot to get his season off to a flying start by taking his best ever finish at Donington.

Speaking after his second place result Caolan said "From Friday's practice we were working to get the bike just right as it was my first race weekend with the new team. When I was able to take fourth in qualifying on an old tyre, I knew we were going in the right direction and that I would have the pace when it mattered, on Sunday. My Astro JJR team did a great job and I have to thank everyone who helped us to get into a position to fight for the podium this weekend especially Wes, Jake, Army and my Dad. To finish second at Donington, where I have never gone as well before, is a great result and gives me real confidence for the year ahead."

Happy with his weekends work, Rhys said "to finish in the top ten on my first proper weekend in the series is brilliant, I didn't expect to be this competitive so soon. Having not had any testing due to the current restrictions we had to iron out a few problems in practice and qualifying, which slowed my progress, but I'm delighted to have made it so far up the order from such a low starting position. We've a long way to go but this weekend was a really positive start."

The Irwin brothers will be back in British Championship action in two weeks time at Snetterton, Norfolk.



Caolan in action in the British Superbike Championship, Donington Park.

€26,000 for Youth Services in Donegal

Green Party Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration, Roderic O'Gorman TD has today announced €26,099.82 in funding for youth projects and youth organisations in Donegal out a total allocation of €2.3million nationally. Donegal Youth Service will receive €23,297.06, and Involve Letterkenny will receive €2,802.76.

National youth organisations with branches in Donegal will also receive a funding boost. These organisations include Belong To-LGBT, Catholic Guides of Ireland, Foróige, Gaisce, Macra na Feirme, National Youth Council of Ireland, Order of Malta Cadets, SpunOut, and Scouting Ireland.

The grants provide for youth services to purchase and replace essential equipment to support the running of their services for young people and for national youth organisations to provide innovative models of safe online communication for staff and with young people.

Minister O'Gorman said "I am delighted to be announcing these capital grants. Throughout the COVID-19 restrictions, youth services adapted, moved online and continued supporting youth people's well-being and social connections. The role these services play in our communities cannot be overstated."

"These grants announced today are part of the Government's commitment to support and enhance youth services right across the country. Young people are facing unique and significant challenges this year, and helping them overcome these challenges is a key priority for the Government."

Donegal Green Party chairman Michael White welcomed the allocation. "Donegal Youth Service and Involve Letterkenny are two organisations at the heart of Letterkenny and Donegal as a whole. They do brilliant work with our young people in the county, and provide them with a space to thrive and develop. I am very much pleased to see that Minister O'Gorman has rewarded these vital services with increased funds."



Kilmacrennan man Martin McGeehan retained his National Skeet Irish Open Championship Title at Lispopple Clay Target Club in Swords, Dublin on Sunday. During his Round Martin broke 98 of his 100 Targets and that booked his place in a Shoot-Off for the title. In the decider he was up against Shay McCurdy from Lifford. It was a great achievement for the County to have two shooters battling it out for a National title having outshot all others during the Regulation Round of the competition. In the end it was McGeehan's experience that saw him through, winning the Shoot-Off by 25 to 23. Nonetheless it was a great effort from the Lifford man who is still a Junior and indeed won the Junior Category of the competition. Both shooters are regulars at the Mulroy Clay Pigeon Milford. Photo by Gary Foy



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Donegal swimmers go the distance for charity!

A group of 19 swimmers are taking on a unique swim challenge from 01-15 August. They are aiming to swim a total of 250 kilometres and will do this in the lakes and seas around Donegal.

This year due to the coronavirus the Lough Gill Hospice 10km Swim is not taking place – instead, it's a virtual event

with over 200 people signed up. Participants can swim anywhere while raising money for the Hospice.

This intrepid group of swimmers guided by the Gartan Open Water Swimmers group swim regularly in Portnablagh, Marble Hill, Downings and Gartan Lake – there is a unique bond among the

group with people taking on their own personal challenge. Some will train to swim the 10 kilometres in one go, others will break it up into smaller chunks, and one group are going to swim the distance over a 24 hour period. All of them will be taking on a significant personal challenge. You could see them anywhere and will always recognise them with their



Getting ready for the swim are Michael Boyle, Rea Doherty, Jack Brennan, Karen Crawford, Paddy Bond, Ryan Ward, Keith McClean and Louise Alcorn.



Karen Crawford and Mark Loughridge getting ready for the charity swim.

swim safety tow floats and orange hats!

their target of 250k by Saturday 15 August.

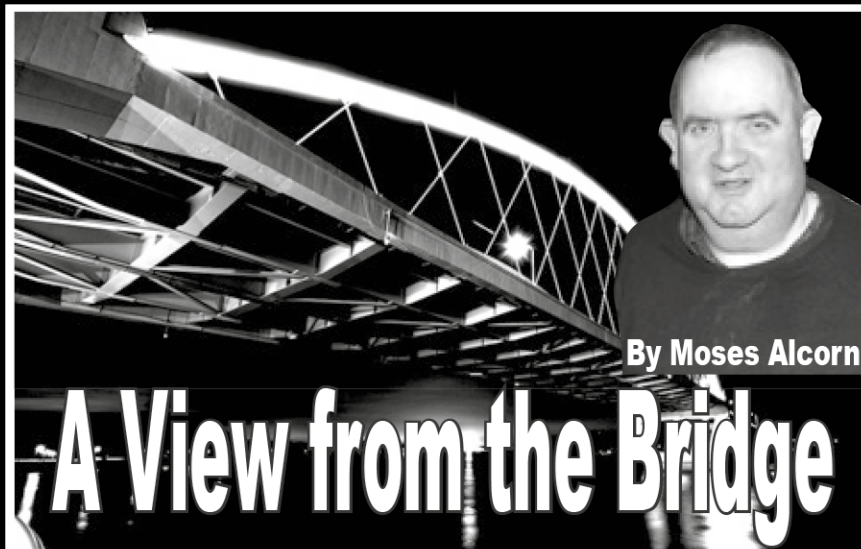
There have also been several fundraising events in Portnablagh. The Crab Crawl organised by Keith McClean is a fun swim over 1100m where swimmers predict their time for the distance. Those closest to their predicted times have earned themselves a prize. The fourth and final Crab Crawl will take place in Portnablagh on Wednesday 19 August – do come along it's a fun event for all swimmers.

After the first week of swimming, the group have swum almost 160km and will have to swim many times during the second week to reach

Please support these swimmers in their fundraising and raising money to support the work of the Hospice.

Members of this Lockdown 250k swim group raising money for the Hospice are:

Louise Alcorn, Paddy Bond, Jack Brennan, Siobhan Coyle, Karen Crawford, Sinead Diver, Rea Doherty, Mark Loughridge, Ronan Markey, Garvan McCann, Keith McClean, Lara McClean, Mark McCollum, Seamy McDermott, Michelle Healy McGee, Eamon McGee, Dan Ruddy, Ryan Ward and Amanda Witherow.



By Moses Alcorn

A View from the Bridge

Paddy's Milestone... Ailsa Craig

For many years the sight of the island of Ailsa Craig was a landmark for Irish emigrants as they made their way to Scotland by boat to work as labourers on the building sites or to Tattie Hoke on the farms of Scotland.

The island became known as "Paddy's Milestone", being approximately the halfway point of the sea journey from Belfast to Glasgow. It was a traditional route of emigration for many labourers going to Scotland to seek work. One can only speculate what their thoughts would have been on passing Ailsa Craig as they approached a new life in a foreign land.

Many of those who left went on to build successful lives and indeed further afield. But for others taking the emigrant boat from Derry or Belfast; their port of departure was often their last sight of Ireland as they never saw their homes or family again. Times were bad and the work was hard and there were no cheap air fares then and The Glasgow Bus was only available in the later years.

The money earned in the potato fields was used to feed and clothe families at home and this was an important income for families especially in west Donegal and was a tradition which continued until the early 1960's.

Unfortunately sometimes the trip to Scotland ended in tragedy such as when those returning from the Tattie Hoking perished in the Arranmore Disaster in November 1935. Then just two years later in 1937 when the commuter town of Kirkintilloch, situated 15 kilometres north of Glasgow, became ingrained in the history of Achill Island when ten young male members

of a 'tattie hoking' squad died when the bothy in which they were sleeping caught fire.

Ailsa Craig was also a haven for Catholics during the Scottish Reformation in the 16th century, but is today a bird sanctuary, providing a home for huge The island has a fresh-water spring but no electricity, gas, sewage or telephone connections.

Apart from 2 hectares (4.9 acres) sold to the Northern Lighthouse Board in 1883, the island currently belongs to The 9th Marquess of Ailsa. In May 2011 it was announced that the island was for sale; originally given an asking price of £2,500,000.

Four cottages, a shed and a small area of adjacent land are in the ownership of the Scottish Indian business tycoon Bobby Sandhu, purchased for £85,000 from the Northern Lighthouse Board. A five-star hotel was to be built; however, planning regulations prevented this development.

The island seems to have been a part of the Barony of Knockgarron that lay in the Parish of Dailly and the then holder, Duncan of Turnberry, Earl of Carrick established the abbey of Crossraguel and endowed it with the island of Ailsa Craig to "provide for their table".

The barony passed through several hands until it became the property of the third Earl of Cassilis in 1548. Nowadays the ferries still cross back and forth between Ireland and Scotland but those taking the Glasgow Boat to Scotland are more likely to be going to watch an old firm football match or to deliver or bring back freight rather than a new life but Paddy's Milestone

still continues to watch down on them as they near the coast of Scotland.

Pub closures devastating for many

Last weekend saw the reintroduction of covid restrictions in Kildare, Laois and Offaly as a reaction to a spike in cases. Here in Donegal infection rates have been slowly creeping up and deaths have increased nationally.

All sections of society have paid a very high price in the fight against Covid-19 and one sector that is still suffering are small rural pubs who remain closed whilst the majority of their city cousins are open. While the problems associated with the opening of these pubs must not be understated most publicans have taken measures to ensure that their premises are as safe for their clientele as they can.

It must be remembered that rural pubs play a very important part in the fabric of life in their local area as the locals use them not just for having a drink but also to socialise and meet their friends.

This is especially true in many small rural areas where the local country pub is the only place that locals especially those living alone can meet and have a chat and that is very important in these days when rural isolation is becoming such of a problem and it has only being exacerbated by the recent lockdowns which confined people to their homes for months and still does in certain areas. This problem was explained by a retired GP

on the news last week when he said that he went to his local each evening for two hours not to drink but to meet his friends.

To many local publicans their customers are also their friends and the last thing that they would want to do would be to make them sick and in any case their custom

would be just locals with little outside involvement. The reality is that if they are not allowed to open up soon many of these small family run bars will close down forever and they will disappear from their local villages and towns just like the Post Office, Banks, Garda Stations and local shops have disappeared in recent years.

Tribute to the 'Names on The Wall'

Falcarragh Poet and singer Owen Curran has paid a poignant tribute to Donegal's Tunnel Tigers in his latest song.

Owen was inspired to write the song after attending the unveiling of the new monument to Tunnellers who were killed in the course of their work which was erected in Dungloe in recent years. For years these men were largely forgotten by society except for their friends and family but thanks to hard work by a number of individuals a fitting memorial now stands at St. Crona's Church in the town.

The memorial has the names of these men from Donegal and beyond who died in the tunnels in the days before health and safety came in and when they were working in compressed air and decompression sickness and accidents were commonplace.

Before the miners started work, they would all go into a chamber to get compressed. It was a big, steel chamber and they went in there for a few minutes then the doors their shift on the other side and went to the small loco to carry them into the

mine. As the tunnel got longer you needed transport to take you into the face. When the miners finished their shift, they would come back into the chamber and get decompressed to get the compressed air out of their body. So they'd drop in a couple of buckets of coffee and the miners would sit in the chamber for an hour-and-a-half to get the air out of them. But some people went home and late at night, they might get the bends. The compressed air wouldn't be out of their system. So, miners had to wear a disc around your wrist on a band saying you were a miner working with compressed air so they would bring an ambulance and carry you straight back to the chamber for more decompression.

Owen's song 'Names on The Wall' remembers these men and the hardships that they faced as well the sorrow and grief that was felt by their families in homes which according to Owen "were never the same since the day that the funeral came over the lane" and this is very true. The monument is also a tribute to the many thousands of miners who died from illnesses caused by the harsh working conditions that went on to affect them later in life. Owen also remembers those lucky enough to have survived this work and whose names are not on the wall.

This is a poignant fitting tribute to the Tunnel Tigers and is the latest song from Owen who last year evoked memories for many when he wrote a song about the once thriving local dance hall, The Ray River Inn.



Jacqui Sharkey - The Donegal-Based Singer Is Back

Since her first album was released in 2011 Jacqui Sharkey has carved out a musical career that has stunned and amazed the Donegal-based singer's growing fanbase.

Now, after taking a short break Jacqui is once more set to enthral audiences with her new four-track EP Home.

A tour de force performance sees Jacqui wrench each emotion of Willie Nelson's Back To Earth, and cover versions of Home and Just An Illusion, as well as her own composition Until Then. It is the title track that touched Jacqui, as it will with audiences in these uncertain times.

The reflective and soulful version of Home echoes Jacqui's memories and emotions and is her first release since her 2017 version of The Whole of the Moon, made famous by The Waterboys, made a significant impact.

Jacqui sums up why the lyrics of Home resonated so much with her. "The concept of the song is something that hit me right away, as there is no doubt that I have always been a home bird, despite my extensive travelling over the years.

"No matter how much fun I have travelling or performing I love coming around that bend and seeing The Poisoned Glen, or seeing Carrickfinn Beach, if I am flying in. It always lifts my heart to be home." The EP features 4 of Jacqui's recently recorded tracks which mark a curve in direction for the Singer/ Songwriter, including the soulful HOME, the title track which was released last May, Just An Illusion, a powerful take on a former hit of 1980s Dutch band BZN, released on 1st July, and Back To Earth, a beautiful lament for the broken hearted, written by the legendary Willie Nelson.

"I just love Willie Nelson and I have wanted to record one of his songs for ages. Back To Earth is one



of my favourites and hasn't been heard enough, in my opinion. It is beautiful, reflective and pure. The man is a genius."

UNTIL THEN, one of Jacqui's original songs, is the fourth track on the EP, its release now highly anticipated, following a recent live video performance of the song by Jacqui and her friend, Ray McLoughlin which has already clocked up a significant number of views on Social Media. Jacqui wrote the song last year following the tragic death of her friend Dawn Croke in a tragic road accident. "I hope this song helps to heal the hearts of people who have lost a loved one and perhaps give them comfort and faith. I really believe that those we have lost are still with us, and we will meet again someday."

Jacqui's previous release The Waterboys The Whole of the Moon has to date nearly 120,000 views on Youtube. Since then she has taken a short break, to

consider her success and the emotions of being a musician. "I really needed to take some time out and just breathe," she explained. "Between one thing and another, life was overwhelmingly hectic, and not easy in a lot of ways."

The trained lawyer was originally from Scotland but has carved out Donegal as her home, and that very much touches on why he chose Home as the title track from the EP.

"I immediately found the chorus in particular very moving and uplifting," Jacqui explained. "The last verse reminds me of when my brother and I used to come home in the car from Scotland with my parents, when we lived there, and as we got near home, we used to open the windows to smell the turf with smiles on our faces.

"The line, 'The sweet scent of home in the breeze' sums it up. Ours was, and still is, turf.

"My heart is well and truly in The Rosses in West Donegal, and this song epitomises that for me. I always feel safe and peaceful there. Home is always a special place for a lot of people, wherever they may be, and while I know that it isn't necessarily that easy to be confined to home all the time, as people are at this crazy time, I think that at the same time, they feel safe and happiest at home, and are relieved to be there right now."

This will be her first solo effort since Whole of the Moon, although she did record a duet earlier this year with her close friend, Co. Down based Irish and Country singer, Caitlin Murtagh, a fresh acoustic version of Cork Singer/ Songwriter, Donagh Long, which was a hit for Dolores Keane in 1993.

"I can't go for long without writing or recording. Music is truly my sanity and my peace, and I can't imagine life without it. Music creates feelings and

feelings create music. I am blessed to be able to do it and am looking forward to sharing quite a few new songs in 2020."

The track Home was arranged by Jacqui and Tim Galloway from Nashville, who plays acoustic and electric guitars and mandolin on the recording. It was produced by Donegal Singer/ Songwriter Pat Gallagher of well-known Celtic Rock Band, 'Goats Don't Shave', and engineered by Country Music Artist Seamus McGee in Gweedore in West Donegal.

"I am blessed to have such incredible musicians on the track, including Sligo based Guitarist Francie Lenehan, formerly of bands like The Cotton Mill Boys and American Pie.

"James Blennerhassett from Sligo, who plays bass, needs no introduction, and the same applies to Donegal Drummer and Percussionist Liam Bradley. Danny Sheerin from Westmeath is singing harmony vocals, and my friend John Permenter from Texas, who plays fiddle on the recording."

Jacqui's ability to recruit and work with so many other renowned musicians is a tribute to her take on new country, folk and pop - as well as her musician journey from when she sang and played keyboards with rock act The Jury's Out.

In addition to that Jacqui took to the stage regularly as a singer and as a musical theatre star in productions such as Florence in Chess, Satine in Carry On Moulin Rouge and Nancy in Oliver.

Shortly after releasing her debut album A New Dawn Jacqui supported Billy Ocean at The National Concert Hall.

Now with the EP Home released and more new music coming, expect to hear Jacqui Sharkey's name a lot more in the future.

Find out more at jacquisharkey.com

Housing backlog at crisis point

The waiting list for local authority houses in Donegal has reached crisis point and the upward spiral is set to continue as demand far outstrips the current numbers being constructed by the County Council; that's according to Deputy Harry Blaney who has blamed Lifford for not achieving its targets. Numbers on the waiting list are now at an all time high of 1,784 applicants and this represents an increase of 521 in the past two years.

A spokesman for the housing dept in Lifford has defended the local authority record in the face of mounting criticism but Deputy Blaney has said the situation has reached an unacceptable level and some method must be established to ensure waiting lists are drastically reduced.

Blaney said last evening there can be no excuses for the list continuing to increase since the Dept of the Environment has funding available for Donegal but only if the Council can use up finances already provided in this year's budgetary estimates.

"Where is the point in Noel Dempsey making additional monies available for housing if Donegal County Council cannot meet its current targets. There is no point in having a four year schedule if we are not coping with demands and the situation must be examined more critically before it deteriorates any further" added the IFF Leader.

The latest figures from the Council shows that 676

families are waiting to be housed and lone parents make up a further 622. Single applicants account for 299 and elderly applicants account for a further 187.

A spokesman in Lifford has pointed out that they are now working to a four year schedule in an effort to address the housing backlog but he admitted that new applicants had shown a dramatic increase in the past twelve months.

New applications are exceeding expectations and they are reaching beyond supply and the Council says they were working to achieve 900 new houses in that programme and there was a possibility of a further 100 houses should the need arise.

The Council is also involved in a number of turn-key developments and a scheme at Newtowncunningham has already been officially opened. Council officials point to several other projects on the voluntary housing front which are due to come on stream in the next couple of years and they are actively promoting these initiatives.

Despite these initiatives the housing crisis is worsening and some of the increase is down to the affordability issue with many young couples now finding it beyond their means to purchase sites at over €30,000.

Deputy Harry Blaney says the Council continues to have a poor record in spending the current year allocations from the Department of the Environ-



Evelyn O'Donnell (nee Gallagher) leads the Envoys on stage at the Golden Grill on Friday night.

ment and the present record numbers on the waiting lists speaks for itself. He says that one of his main objectives over the past three years in his deal with the government has been the plank of social housing and he is disappointed at the fact the housing numbers should be increasing.

He contends the real problem lies with Lifford who have failed to come to terms with the additional cash flow into the county.

He has criticised the Council for failing to construct enough houses and says the reason for the alloca-

tions being low is due entirely to the failure of the local authority to take adequate steps to ensure that all monies are being spent within the current year of allocation.

Blaney points to the fact that over thirty years ago Donegal County Council was constructing over three hundred houses per year.

He also expressed criticism of the Council policy on land acquisition and says that for several years they were unable to purchase any land in his own Milford Electoral Area.

Island Roy: recognition at last

A sixteen-year battle to get island status for Island Roy in Mulroy Bay has finally ended this week with confirmation that the community has been asked to nominate a representative to sit on the islands committee on Donegal County Council.

The development will see co-funding of projects on the island and residents say they have lost out heavily in the past because the Council would not agree to give the community its proper status.

Earlier in the summer the Islands Minister Eamonn O'Cuiv had visited the area and said he saw

no reason whatever for denying it's proper status to those living there. It was then assumed that a councillor from the Milford area would have been nominated to the islands committee at the AGM in July but the outgoing committee was returned unopposed without any reference to Island Roy.

However the Council's implementation unit at Lifford has now invited the community to nominate a representative to participate in discussions for funding for a range of projects on Island Roy for next year.

A revised action plan is now being put together and this week the community says their battle of the past sixteen years has been fully justified. The island is linked to the mainland by a causeway stretching for over three hundred metres. At times the sixteen residents are marooned due to high tides and storms.

The causeway is now in poor condition and the safety rope supports are in a serious state of deterioration. There is no public water supply and electricity supplies tend to be erratic at times. It is now hoped that these problems will be addressed in a joint funding project between the County Council and agencies for small islands.

Coastal erosion has also been creating concerns and a project for addressing it is to be included in

the action plan.

Island Roy has over one hundred acres of land and today only five houses are occupied. At one time the island was home to 64 people. It is a mile and a half from the main Carrigart-Downings road to the entrance to the island and the roads structure is badly in need of repair.

The National Islands Council granted its official approval to the status of Island Roy over four years ago and it is also recognised as an island by Udaras na Gaeltachta, Comhairle na hOileann and Roinn na Gaeltachta.

Now that Donegal County Council has recognised its status the islanders are confident that a financial package of co-funding can be made available and that life on the island will be less difficult and that the infrastructure will be much improved.



The Milford Vocational School held their reunion for the years 1957 to 1959 on Bank holiday Monday at the new Mulroy College. Danny Barrett, Chris McClafferty, May McFadden, Nancy McClafferty and Francis McFadden. Below - Ted Flanagan, Michael Sandilands, John and Mary Ann McCreadie, Rita McConigley and Kathleen Flanagan.



Bishop Boyce announces Diocesan changes

His Lordship Most Rev. Philip Boyce, Bishop of Raphoe has announced the following clerical appointments with effect from 26th August 2000:

Very Rev. Patrick Gallagher, PP, Carrigart (Meevagh), is retiring from his position as PP after 50 years. Rev. Niall O'Neill SJ, formerly CC in Tory Island, is retiring after 10 years of priestly service on the Island. Very Rev. Peter McMahan, PP, Termon & Gartan, is retiring from his position as PP and is appointed as Assistant Priest in Glenvar.

The parish area of the Irish Martyrs, Letterkenny, is established as an independent Parish. Very Rev. Brian Quinn, Adm, is appointed as the first Parish Priest.

Rev. Charles Byrne, CC., Carrigart is appointed Parish Priest of Carrigart (Meevagh). Rev. Patrick McHugh, CC., Convoys, is appointed Parish Priest of Termon & Gartan. Rev. Patrick Dunne, Chaplain, St. Eunan's College, is appointed CC Carrigart.

Rev. Martin Cunningham, CC., Drumkeen, is appointed to Tory Island.

Rev. Patrick Boyle (who has completed a theological-catechetical Course in the USA) is appointed CC., Convoys and Diocesan Advisor with special responsibility for Primary Schools.

Rev. Michael McKeever, CC., Ballyshannon, is ap-

pointed Bishop's Secretary and will reside in Church Hill. Rev. Joseph Briody (who has finished his Licentiate Course on Sacred Scripture in the Biblicum, Rome) is appointed CC., Ballyshannon and Chaplain to the New Community School (Colaiste Cholmcille), Ballyshannon.

The Rev. Philip Daly, CC., Killybegs is appointed as CC in Kilclooney.

The Rev. Declan McCarron, CC., Donegal Town is appointed Chaplain, St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny.

The Rev. Paul McGeehan, CC., Mountcharles is appointed CC., Drumkeen and Chaplain to the Royal and Prior Comprehensive School, Raphoe.

The Rev. Padraig O'Baoill, CC., Gweedore is on a sabbatical to complete his doctoral thesis and will have pastoral responsibility for week-ends in Mountcharles. Rev. Liam McGroarty (who has completed his Licentiate in Spiritual Theology in Maynooth) is appointed CC., Gweedore and Chaplain to Pobalscoil Ghaioth Dobhair.

Rev. Adrian Gavigan, recently ordained, is appointed CC., Donegal Town. Rev. P.J. Bonner, recently ordained, returns to Rome to complete his Licentiate in Canon Law.



Hugh Whoriskey from Rameilton with Mrs. Tinney, Margaret McDaid and Kathleen Carr at the reunion.

The Pattersons ... not an echo from the past

It is a quarter of a century since the Pattersons of Letterkenny were guesting on all the major British television shows and appearing on the exclusive college campus circuit across the United States.

The Pattersons were hugely popular on the international scene and perhaps we got some of the answers to that fame when they returned to An Grianan Theatre on last Wednesday night to headline the Old Letterkenny Reunion concert.

In front of a packed house the Pattersons sang a range of diverse numbers and it was as if they had never gone away. Their freshness and vocal ability has not diminished with time. In fact as the years pass by their voices have matured and immediately onstage they fell into a rhythm which had the audience gasping with astonishment at the superb delivery of their songs.

It was twelve years since Billy, Christine and Ronnie had performed together on stage and obviously before they went on there were a few raw nerves, but not too many.

Would anyone remember them and would anyone identify with the hit songs and the television appearances all those years ago. They need not have worried and this was one of the really big moments in the short life of An Grianan.

Long before the show started the crowds were reminiscing about the careers of the group and Letterkenny is justifiably proud of them.

I suppose it is an irony in many ways that the man who has done so much to promote the Pattersons should also be the leading figure in the promotion of the new theatre. Danny McGlinchey was their



The Pattersons ... Billy, Christine and Ronnie pictured during the Old Letterkenny Reunion when they came back to perform for one more time.

manager and into the bargain he was the county's veterinary officer based over at the bovine TB office in Raphoe.

In the dressing rooms the Pattersons shared old memories with Bridie Gallagher and they remembered the difficult times on the road in the late sixties when marquees were two a penny at country cross roads. Groups and guests had to change in the car or behind a hedge and the money was just a pittance of what it is today.

Billy Patterson has no regrets at all about spending seven and a half years on the road. It was a great experience and getting on to so many prestigious shows was a huge bonus brought about by Danny McGlinchey.

John Ammond was one of the noted UK producers for the BBC and he loved nothing more than a good weekend's fishing. Danny got to know about this and so he invited the great man to Donegal. He stayed at Rathmullan House and caught a load of fish and he got to hear the Pattersons and literally fell in love with their unique brand of music. They were the resident group on two series of the Val Doonican show which in those days attracted audiences of 23 million.

But the Patterson home in Letterkenny always had music recalls Ronnie. They were taught in the old Robertson school by their uncle Archie who was one of the best know music teachers in the north-west. Dorothy was the fourth member of the family and from an early age they sang together. But the real commercial potential of the group came to the fore at the Kilkenny Beer Festival. They were spotted and selected to fill in for the Irish Rovers for



John Gerard Mc Gettigan pictured with his wife Nicola, children Niamh, Ciaran and Fioghna and niece Laura Doyle at Finn Park on Sunday evening during his testimonial against Derry City.

a six weeks stint in America. It was the beginning of a new life for the four songsters and for the following seven and a half years they toured extensively and widened the boundaries of folk music with their orchestrations and interpretations of some of the best loved songs around.

Versatility and magnificent harmony made the group different and this added to their international appeal. That versatility remains to this day and hearing them on stage once again is like a breath of fresh air. Originality and presentation were also among their strong suits and their singles and LPs are reminders of that golden era.

They toured America on three occasions and drew rave notices from the critics. This was at a time when publicity and media coverage was unknown in Ireland and getting airplays was virtually impossible. But the Pattersons were live on British television and on one night in particular they appeared on all three main channels. They were mega in Germany and they still remember their agent Klaus Kolnar with much affection.

Ronnie tells us about one night when it was pouring rain and they were on their way to a gig in Downings. He had just bought a brand new Bass fiddle and it was proudly stacked away on the roof rack on top of the car. Low and behold when the got to the venue the instrument was soaked and the strings packed in, one after the other.

They topped the bill at the Royal Albert Hall and the Festival Hall and they had the musical world

in the palms of their hands. But the travel and recording schedules were punishing. Billy had two young daughters and they must have presumed he was a stranger in his own home since he was more often in Chicago or New York. Then late in 1973 the group collectively agreed that there must be more in this life than living out of suitcase.

And so they decided to call it quits. It took a year to fulfil all the outstanding commitments and so on the Late Late Show in December of 1974 they played their final spot.

The Pattersons recalled those glorious years for us backstage on Wednesday night and strangely enough they have no regrets. They have been there and appeared alongside all the big stars and family life now is more important than all else. The gloss and glamour of showbusiness has it's own appeal for a time and the Pattersons say that they enjoyed every moment of their seven and a half years on the road.

They made one other return to the stage and that was a benefit night for the families of the Evelyn Marie trawler tragedy in Burtonport and ever since they have gone their separate ways.

Ronnie is based in Dublin and is a Unit Manager with RTE and he was a regular floor manager on the Late Late Show. For a time he was part of a group in RTE playing sixties rock numbers. The other luminaries included Verwyn Jones, Colm Connolly and Jimmy Grealley. They called themselves 'Pastimes'.

Creeslough Sports



Jimmy McCarry trying his hand at the junior throwing the horseshoe.



Erin Coyle, Massinass, Charlene McGee, Massinass, Maeve Sullivan, London and Tara Downey, Ards at the Creeslough Sports on Sunday.



Winners in the U1 Bony baby competition with their mothers, from left, Aidan McFadden, Creeslough 2nd with Linda, Ciara Murray, Termon 1st, with Mary and Lauren McFadden, Ramelton 3rd with Noleen.



U2 bony baby winners, Rachael Buckley, Derry and New York, 2nd with mother Orla, Eoghan Kelly, Creeslough winner with mother Patricia and Kerri Coyle Gallagher, Glen 3rd with Marie McElhinney.

The life at times of a missionary legend... Fr. Pat McGeever

Fr. Pat McGeever, a Capuchin and member of the Holy Ghost Order has roots deeply embedded in Donegal where is late father Charlie (Jimmy Harley) hailed from Derryconnor. At 82 years of aged and now retired in Tipperary, he is a priest with an intriguing life story and an unquestionable republican pedigree that dates back to the war of independence. He is a pioneering priest who enjoyed the coalface of jungle missionary work in Sierra Leone from 1968-1983. Papua New Guinea from 1984-1999 and in Australia with the native aborigines from 1999-2013...

Did the rosary save my father's life ?

"The Emergency' during WW2 here in Ireland and my father and his battalion was tasked with going around guarding the coast in case there was an invasion by the Brits, Americans or the Germans. Of course if any of the three wanted to invade there was nothing we could do but put up token resistance. At this stage my father was stationed in Wexford and would be away from home for three months at a time before getting leave. He was married at this time and my mother was home with four children, and me being the youngest possibility only weeks old. She was putting me to bed and started to say the rosary but half way through she saw a big flash of lights as she told me when I was old enough to remember along with a follow-up noise like thunder but there was no thunder or lightning. She continued with her rosary but with a feeling that something might have happened to my father and prayed for his safety.

The following day was normal with no word of anything untoward having happened, and in the weeks that followed with no word from my father my mother assumed he was safe.

About three months afterwards my mother said to my father did anything happen to you when you were away? Why, he asked? Well something strange happened on this particular night and she told him about the light and noise like thunder. Oh, I'll never forget that night he replied, what happened she asked? I was on patrol with my men and it was a very dark night when we heard the sound of an aircraft coming in our direction, of course we didn't know if it was American, British or German as you would hear them going out over the sea at times. We were coming up to a bridge and I ordered my men to hold back and take cover in the roadside ditch, as we did the bridge disappeared as it was blown to smithereens by bombs dropped from the plane.

It was found out later that it was a German plane that mistook the Wexford coast for Wales. As Pat earnestly puts it, there are things about the paranormal that cannot be explained and my mother believed that it was a sign from our Lady that she was protecting my father.

At the end of the war 1945 when Germany surrendered, my father was stationed with his battalion in the town of Cahir in Tipperary, which used to be a garrison town for the Brits. Orders came

through from Dublin or the Curragh that they were to celebrate the end of the war by erecting the flags of the allies alongside the Tricolour on the highest building in the town which happened to be a beautiful castle.

My father dutifully instructed one of his men to carry out the task, after completing the task the soldier came back to my father and said 'sir, I've done what you told me to do but one of those flags hurts my eyes. My father said it hurts my eyes too, well sir the soldier replies would you like your eyes to get better, I can do that tonight.

You go ahead then so, my father said and the Union Jack disappeared off its flag pole. That was okay but Cahir had been a garrison town and that sentiment to the British remained as did the West Brit element in Dublin. It was reported to headquarters and my father got a stern ticking off about it and as a result my father never really progressed in the army after that, he remained a commandant and progressed no further, my father always said this was because he went against the grain of commissioned officers who were IRB and strictly Collins men. Those are some of the things that you won't find in any book and cannot say today because it would be politically incorrect to do so

Unfulfilled promises

"Later on I was always trying to extract stories from my father that he would talk about and another one that I remember quite clearly was at the start of the "troubles" I was overseas but was home and I got onto my father because he would have been Fine Gael but started to turn, at the same time he had no time for Dev because he was so pro-Collins. So the Irish Press was never bought in our house. But anyway, I got onto him about Collins having promised to get the six counties back, which he didn't get and his followers didn't bother in the years that followed either. But it's taking those lads up north to struggle on their own trying to achieve that.

He was still in the army and in charge of FCA management in the Meath, Dublin area at this stage but was becoming disillusioned and frustrated that Collins' promises had not been fulfilled. He lived in Dublin and drove to Navan every day where he would meet his men stationed there, and there was one time when he met Jack Lynch" who was Taoiseach.

My father wasn't one bit impressed with him because there were men like Neil Blaney and some other lads who were very pro-IRA at the time especially after the pogroms and through the offices of government wanted to use the army to help, but that request was turned down.

Captain Kelly was in my father's division and they knew each other very well with both having the same understanding of the events taking place.

My father offered to lead a battalion across the border to protect Catholics and was refused, but that did not deter Captain Kelly who found alternative ways to help.

As a result Haughey, Blaney and others were sacked from government on the 6th may 1970. My father Charlie died in 1980 and my mother Josephine passed away in 1989 and both are buried in St. Fintan's graveyard in Sutton at the base of the hill of Howth. It looks so much like the hills of Donegal where my father would like to have been buried, but my mother could not be parted from him.

Discovering Propaganda

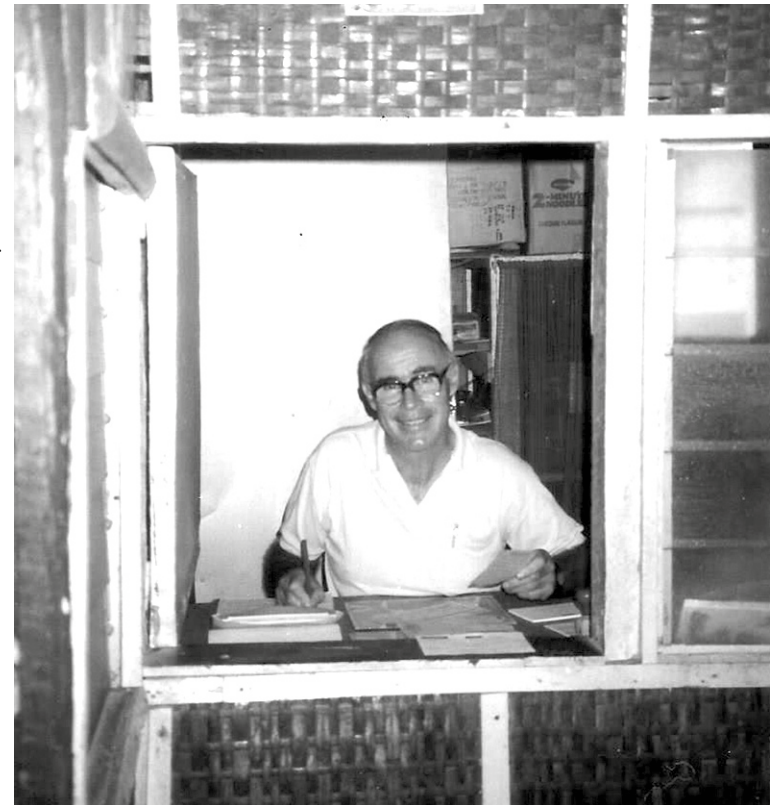
When I was posted out to Sierra Leone in west Africa a part of my job was to act as manager for the primary schools in my parish and part of that involved driving around all the villages in my rickety old Land Rover once a month with a bag of currency to pay the teachers their wages. My parish was the size of the whole of Tipperary, and I would sit in and have a chat with the teachers to see how they were getting on and so forth

On this particular occasion when the teacher was signing in the salary sheet with class sizes and all that, I saw a newsletter on his desk and it was the headline which was Britain's story of the Northern Ireland troubles that caught my eye.

This was early seventies and this was a catholic school in a country that was once colonial setting but it still retained commonwealth status this newsletter was sent out by the British Council which was an information bureau attached the British embassy for spreading their version of events to member commonwealth countries, Donald Trump would call it "fake news". This newsletter was sent to the department of education to be circulated throughout the schools which were run by native people, but as I said I was part of that system helping looking after their schools, it was clearly an attempt to skew the news as the British government were receiving bad press all over the world for what they their soldiers were doing in northern Ireland.

After having read the newsletter I was dumbfounded its content was make-believe stuff, it was so one sided it was unreal. I took a copy with me and when I came back to the headquarter town where my parish house was and the following day, I went up to the inspector of schools who was a local man and technically my boss.

He was a Muslim man and we were good friends even



Once a week the locals from all across the mountains came to Fatima Parish House to do a bit of banking. Fr. Pat was the bank manager and the post office clerk as well at the Fatima Bank in the 1990's.

though he was a bit of a rogue, but you couldn't dislike him. I said' officer Cano have you seen this leaflet.

Oh yes, I gave a copy to all the head teachers after a conference we had here a few weeks ago. I said did you read it, he said no' but it was given out by the British Commission in Freetown. I asked him to read it as it wouldn't take long to do so, after he did, he said that's very interesting what the Irish are getting up to in Northern Ireland! I literally started right there and then!! Going back as far as 1169 and explaining non-stop right up to what I had learned from Billy Hutchinson and company in the Creggan in Derry. Officer Cano said' I didn't know Fr that was the reason for the Troubles but don't worry, that's the last piece of their literature that will come into catholic schools from now on.

Colonialism in Sierra Leone

"When I first went out to Sierra Leone in September 1968, I was driving around the parish trying to find my bearings, I came to this little village and I knew there was some historical significance from the point of view of when the British were trying to establish their colony in the 1860s. They had trouble from rebel black tribes coming across the border from the neighbouring French controlled Guinea.

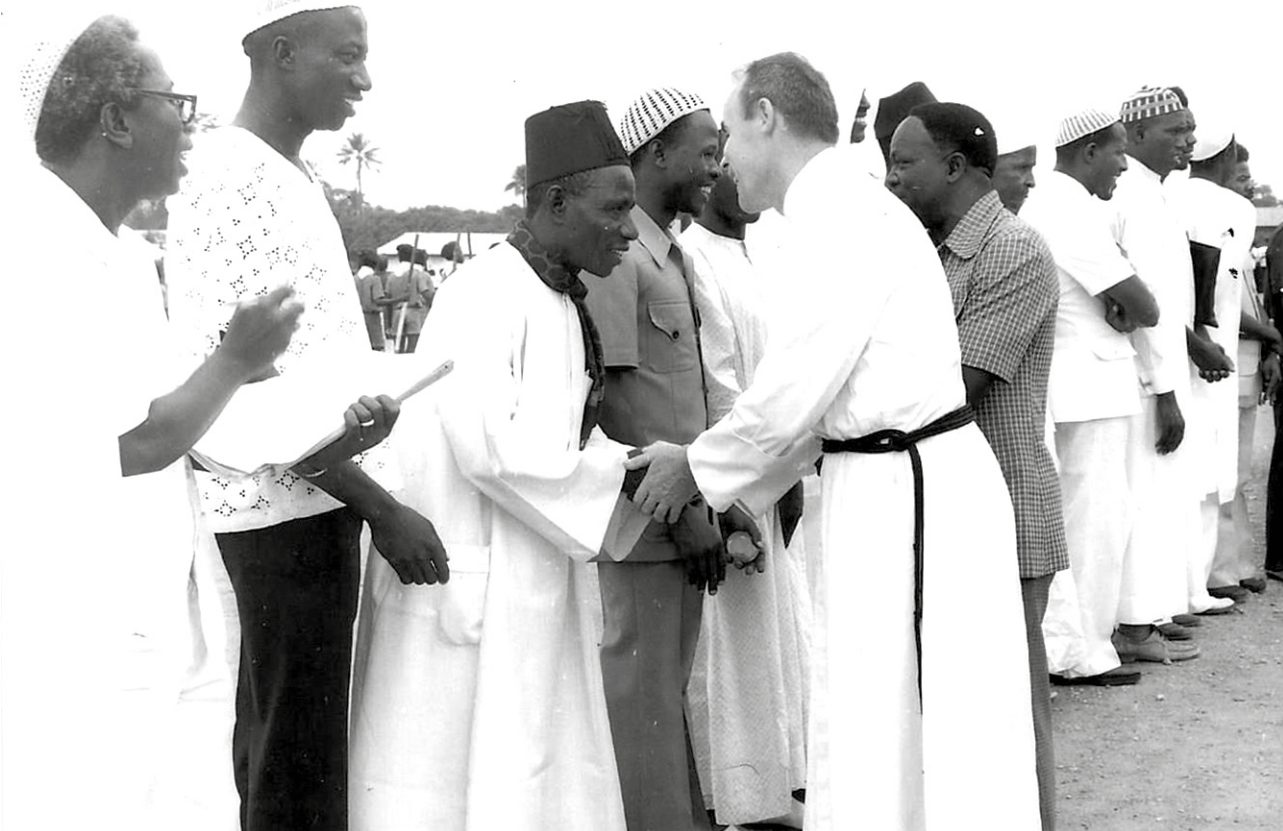
This particular tribe called Mandingo used to raid British controlled territory and soldiers would be sent to hunt them down, and the tribe I was associated with was a small group called Cono who were cousins of the larger tribe that would raid British controlled areas.

I could understand the Mandingo language which was close to the Cano language which I was fluent in. They were not in rebellion against the British, that said' but they would help the Mandingo in any way they could. On this occasion the Mandingo was preparing an ambush for the British but the French came from the Guinea side to try and wedge them in. unknown to the two colonial powers the Mandingo had planned for this and in the darkness of the night, the Brits and the French ended up attacking each other instead of the Mandingo.

In the following skirmish where the British lost well over twenty of their soldiers on a Christmas night 1822. It took a while for this embarrassing episode to calm but the British in revenge came up to my little tribe, the Cano's because they couldn't go into Guinea, and took the chief of my little village and cut his head off.

There is a monument in the village with all the soldier's names carved on it who were killed in the ambush, and would you believe the name of the regiment, Pat asks? The "Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers" all I can say is, good on you my Cano tribe for getting rid of those fellows," Pat adds.

(To be continued next week)



Fr. Pat greeting the Muslim leaders at their Ramadan Day for Muslims celebration together with the headmaster of the school in Koiou, Sierra Leone in 1970.

First Communion and Confirmations in Fanad

Photos by
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Pupils from Caiseal National School with their teachers Michelle Uí Dhochartaigh and Ailish Reilly after receiving their First Holy communion in St. Mary's Church, Fanavoly from Fr. Pat McGarvey PP.



Croaghross NS pupil who received his First Holy Communion from Fr. Pat McGarvey with school principal Helen Sweeney.



Pupils from Tamney NS who received his First Holy Communion from Fr. Pat McGarvey with teacher Ms. Harkin.



Doaghbeg NS pupils who received his First Holy Communion from Fr. Pat McGarvey with school principal Aideen McGettigan.



Students from the Fanad Schools who were confirmed by Fr. Pat McGarvey PP in St. Columba's Church, Massmount on Saturday with teacher Grainne Duffy.



A pupil from Educate Together NS, Letterkenny who received her First Holy Communion from Fr. Pat McGarvey in St. Mary's Church, Fanavoly.

Fanad News

Tamney Health Centre: Cervical Check
Phase 2 has now commenced for cervical screening. Women who have received a letter dated on or after July 6th 2020 inviting them for screening may attend Tamney Health Centre for their test. Please phone the surgery for an appointment. A cervical screening clinic will be run on Monday afternoons 17th and 24th August. There are still some appointments available if women wish to phone for an appointment (91 59060).

This is a phased return to services and women are being called in order of when they were due rescreening. Women who have just turned 25 and are eligible for their first cervical screening test must first register ASAP with Cervicalcheck.ie before attending for their appointment. **Pre-school Boosters:** Please make an appointment with the nurse prior to your child starting school for these important vaccinations.

Masks
Please be aware that it is important for the health and safety of everyone that patients attending the surgery wear a mask at all times. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Fanad SVP
Anyone seeking help or support can contact the local branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society on 0871411200. All matters will be dealt with in complete confidentiality.

Naíonra Fhánada agus Iarscoile
Beidh cruinniú tus bliana do Naíonra Fhánada agus an Iarscoile don bhliain nua 20/21 ar an 20ú Lúnsa 2020 ag 7pm. Beidh sé riachtanach go freastalaíonn ar laghad tuismitheoir amháin ó gach teaghlach ar an oíche seo nó beidh orthu freastal ar cruinniú eile sula dtig leis na páistí freastal ar an Naíonra. Scéim ECCE suas go dhá bhliain luathoideachais soar in aisce ar fáil do páistí atá 2bhliain 8mí ar an 1ú Méan Fómhair 2020. Tabhair teastas breithe agus uimhir PPS do pháiste ar an oíche.

A meeting will be held in the Naíonra on the 20th August at 7pm for the start of the new year 20/21 for Naíonra Fhánada and Afterschool. It is important for at least one parent from each family attend this meeting or attend another meeting before the children can attend the Naíonra. Two years free ECCE places are available for children who are 2 years 8 months on the 1st of September 2020. Please bring your child's birth Certificate and PPS number on the night.

Fanad Lighthouse reopened

The Fanad Lighthouse has reopened. They have re-imagined their tour and now offer an extended and enhanced self-guided tour with artefacts not previously on display and stories not previously told. Their guides will be at hand and happy to answer questions. Please maintain social distancing. We look forward to welcoming you. Fáilte romhaibh uilig. Opening Times: 7 days a week, 10.30am – 4.30pm. Entrance Fee: €4 per adult / €10 family (2+2)

Drive In Bingo

Drive in Bingo continues on Monday's in Traighalocha Community Centre car park at 7.30pm.

Fanad Community Bingo
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Drive in
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CE Scheme Vacancies
Milford and Kerrykeel CE Project has vacancies for CE participants in the Milford and Kerrykeel Tidy Towns projects. Normal eligibility rules apply, ie, be aged over 21 years and in receipt of a social welfare payment for a year or more. Contact James Gibbons on 086 821 2778.
Credit Union
The Credit Union have also introduced Lodgement Envelopes which can be collected in the local offices and returned through the letter boxes in the doors. The Credit Union offices in Kerrykeel, Milford and Rathmullan remain open for business at the usual hours and members are asked to be careful and observe the social distances.

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Open week at Rosapenna

Thurs 6th - Four Person Team Event Sandy Hills
1st - Micheal Bradley Jnr, Louis Boyce, Peter Smyth, & Mark Bradley with 89pts
2nd - Mickey McBride, Helena McBride, Mick Gallagher & Suzanne Gallagher with 88pts bot
3rd - John McNaught, Martin Healy, Ronan Leake & Anthony Faulkner with 88pts
Fri 7th - Ladies 18 Hole Singles Stableford Old Tom Morris Links
1st Claire Lenny (14) Rosapenna with 39 points
2nd Colette Ewings (29) Balmoral with 38 points.
Gross Sarah Nicholl (16) Portsalon with 23 points.
Visitor Brid McMenamin (23) B&S with 37 points.
Front 9 Anne McKeague (21) Rosapenna with 22 points.
Back 9 Maureen Boyle (36) B&S GC with 23 points.
Fri 7th - GENTS 18 HOLE SINGLES STABLEFORD SANDY HILLS LINKS
1st - John Doran Jnr (8), Rosapenna, 38pts bot
2nd - R McLaughlin (12), North-West, 38pts bot
Gross - M McColgan (5), Strabane, 32 gross pts
3rd - Thomas Cooney (8), Ardee, with 38pts
1st 9 - David Lapsley (8), Dunfanaghy, with 21pts
2nd 9 - Hugh McClafferty (13), Rosapenna, 21pts
Sat 8th - Ladies 18 Hole Singles Stableford Old Tom Morris Links
1st Claire Lenny (14), Rosapenna with 42 points
2nd Helena McBride (34), Rosapenna with 40 points bot
Gross V Houston(5), Royal Portrush 30 gross pts.
3rd Betty Feeney (33), Rosapenna with 40pts
Front 9 Anne McKeague (21), Rosapenna 23 pts
Back 9 Geraldine Hughes (15), Tralee 21 points.
Sat. 8th - GENTS 18 HOLE FOUR BALL BETTER BALL STROKE SANDY HILLS LINKS
1st - Peter McKeague (20) & Paddy McKeague

(24) with 58 nett
2nd - C Gavigan (11) & E McGettigan (16) with 62 nett bot
Gross - Daragh McMenamin & Brendan McGrath with 70 gross bot
3rd - Michael Kelly (10) & Brian Currie (23) with 62 nett
4th - Aidan Friel (10) & Brendan Roache (7) with 65 nett bot
Sun 9th GENTS 18-HOLE SINGLES STABLEFORD OLD TOM MORRIS LINKS
1st - Cian McGarvey (8), Cloughaneely, 40pts bot
2nd - Barry McMenamin Jnr (12), Rosapenna, with 40pts bot
Gross - Danny McGarvey (6), Rosapenna, with 34 gross pts
3rd - Brendan Roache Snr (23), Rosapenna, with 40pts
Front 9 - Stuart Nicholl (16), Portsalon, 23pts
Back 9 - Jack Fox (20), Rosapenna, with 23pts bot
Mon 10th - Drumderg Joinery Ladies Singles Stableford Old Tom Morris Links
1st Sheila Breen H/C 12 Rosapenna 41pts
2nd Pauline Hunter H/C 31 Dunfanaghy 38pts
GROSS Geraldine Hughes H/C 15 Tralee 37pts
Visitor Kathy Loughridge H/C 30 Malone 38pts
Front 9 Cecilia Doran H/C 28 Rosapenna 23pts
Back 9 Hilary Agnew H/C 18 Malone 21pts
Mon 10th - GENTS 18 HOLE FOUR BALL BETTER BALL STABLEFORD SANDY HILLS LINKS
1st - Kevin Gallagher (2) & Matthew Coyle (5) both Rosapenna with 47pts
2nd - Ryan Rainey (23) & Patrick McGowan (11) both Letterkenny with 46pts
Gross - Micheal Bradley Jnr (6) & Brendan Roache Jnr (7) both Rosapenna with 37 gross pts
3rd - Ian G Emerson, Malone (12) & Martin McDonald, St Annes (11) with 44pts bot
4th - Hugh McClafferty, Letterkenny (16) & Gary

McClafferty (10) both Rosapenna with 44pts bot
Tues 11th FOUR PERSON TEAM EVENT SANDY HILLS LINKS
1st - Anne McKeague, John Dolan, Sheila Breen & Chris Breen with 96pts
2nd - John Doran Jnr, Brendan O'Brien, Robbie McHugh, Ciaran Herron with 94pts
3rd - Adrian Bryne, Cathal Mullan, John Morgan & Brian Murphy with 93pts bot
4th - Liam Doherty, Hugo Duggan, Denis Brogan, Mickey Treanor with 93pts
Many thanks to our sponsors that kindly supported the week including -
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A great week was had by all and even the weather co-operated this year. Many thanks to the members that played and brought guests from other Donegal Clubs and further afield.
2020 Doubles Matchplay
The entry sheet for this years doubles matchplay is now available in The Pavilion Golf Shop, the entry fee is €15.00 per pair. The format is pick your own partner as in previous years. Members are encouraged to pair up with some of the newer members where possible.
Michael Bonner Singles Matchplay
All third round ties must be completed by Monday the 31st of August, any ties not completed will be tossed.
Golf Fees
All staged payments were to be completed in full

on July 1st, all members are kindly asked to settle their subscription in full as soon as possible.
Nine & Dine
The weekly Nine & Dine event will resume on FRIDAY the 14th of August over both the Strand Nine from 5pm. It is a mixed event played over 9 holes in a champagne scramble format to include a main course immediately after in the Golf Pavilion. The member entry fee is €15.00 per player to include prizes. All groups tee off between 5.00 & 5.40pm. Sign up via The Pavilion Golf Shop on 00353 (0)74 915 5000.
Upcoming Events
Friday 14th - Nine & Dine
Sunday 16th - Club competition
Sunday 23rd - Club competition
Sunday 30th - Seiko Series Day 2 (Golfer of the Year)
Rosapenna Ladies
Rosapenna Open Week for the ladies commenced on Friday 7th August with the annual Fundraiser for the Breast-care Unit at Letterkenny University Hospital, with the prizes sponsored by McBride Fishing, Downings. There was a huge turnout of ladies gallantly sporting pink in honour of the Charity and with the course in fabulous condition combined with good weather conditions, good scoring was almost expected. Claire Lenny (14) from the home club finished victorious with a great score of 39 points, with Colette Ewings (29) Balmoral GC in runner up position with 38 points. €1,820 was raised for the Charity and the Ladies club is very grateful to the sponsors for their continued support year on year and also to the Casey family of the Rosapenna Golf Resort for facilitating this annual fundraiser. On the Team news, every good wish to the ladies who travel this week to take on North West Golf Club in the away fixture of the second round of the Maire O'Donnell tournament.
This Saturday 15 August, the competition will be sponsored by Value Tiles and tee times can be booked on the Resort's BRS system.

Premier title race in final furlong

There are a number of permutations going into Sunday's Premier Division matches but it's safe to say that a Kilmacrennan Celtic win over Castlefin Celtic will be a giant step towards the league title. Castlefin, the reigning champions, cannot retain their crown after losing to Kildrum Tigers last Sunday. Cappry Rovers and the Tigers are the other sides in contention. Kildrum have four games remaining while both Kilmac and Cappry have just two matches left.

Kilmac lead by two points from Cappry while the Tigers are a further eight points adrift in fourth place but do have those extra game to play that could mathematically see them take the title. Kilmac host Castlefin at the Letterkeny Community Centre and the league organisers will be hoping that there is no repeat of last season's match at the Flagpole in Rathmullan where unsavoury scenes marred the fiercely contested top of the table clash. In the other big game Cappry travel to take on the Tigers in St. Johnston on Sunday. Elsewhere the bottom three Drumkeen Utd, Milford Utd and Cranford F.C. all on ten points will try to get themselves out of the automatic relegation places. There are just two matches left to achieve that. Milford are home to Bonagee Utd on Sunday and at the same time Cranford will take on Keadue Rovers at Central Park and Drumkeen host Donegal Town.

Temple Domestic Appliances Division One Rathmullan reach play-off spot

Rathmullan Celtic 4-1 Ballybofey United Rathmullan Celtic have given themselves a chance of returning to the Premier Division after securing a play-off place on Sunday by defeating Ballybofey Utd 4-1. That meant heartbreak for the Kerrykeel 71 Club who just a fortnight

Donegal Junior Football League Fixtures

Saturday 15th August K.O. 2p.m.

Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

Keadue Rovers Res v Arranmore Utd (1p.m.)
Donegal Town Res v Strand Rovers
Glencar Celtic v Glenea United Reserves
Kildrum Tigers Res v Oldtown Celtic
Milford United Res v Fintown Harps AFC

Old Orchard Sat Division Two K.O. 2p.m.

Copany Rovers v Ballybofey United Reserves
Cranford United Res v Castlefin Celtic Res
Drumbar F.C. v Kilmacrennan Celtic Res
Drumkeen Utd Res v Drumoghil F.C. Res
Dunlewy Celtic v Cappry Rovers Reserves

Sunday 16th August 2020

Brian Mc Cormick Sports Premier Division
Drumkeen United v Donegal Town
Keadue Rovers v Cranford United
Kildrum Tigers v Cappry Rovers
Kilmacrennan Celtic v Castlefin Celtic
Milford United v Bonagee United

Results

Saturday 8th August

Glencar Inn Saturday Division One
Arranmore United 7-1 Milford United Reserves
Oldtown Celtic 4-3 Donegal Town Reserves
Kildrum Tigers Res 6-0 Glenea Uyd Reserves
Fintown Harps AFC 1-8 Glencar Celtic

Old Orchard Saturday Division Two

Kilmacrennan Celtic Res 4-2 Ballybofey Utd Res
Cranford United Res 3-1 Drumbar F.C.
Drumoghil F.C. Res 3-1 Dunlewy Celtic
Cappry Rovers Res 5-0 Copany Rovers

Sunday 9th August 2020

Brian Mc Cormick Sports Premier Division
Castlefin Celtic 1-4 Kildrum Tigers
Cappry Rovers 7-0 Milford United
Bonagee United P-P Drumkeen United
Donegal Town 5-1 Keadue Rovers
Cranford United 2-3 Kilmacrennan Cel

ago had been favourites to clinch third spot in Division. But, after Rathmullan's win on Sunday, Hughie Walsh's side were missed out on goal difference (Rathmullan + 16 while Kerrykeel ended up on + 10). Rathmullan's opponents in the play-off is likely to be either Drumkeen Utd, Milford Utd or Cranford Utd. At this point Drumkeen would look to be favourites to finish third from bottom of the Premier as they have four games left. Milford and Cranford have only two matches remaining and Drumkeen has much better goal difference than these two sides.

On Sunday at the Flagpole against Ballybofey, Rathmullan went ahead through a Chris Kemp goal midway through the half when he converted following a corner. Ballybofey levelled five minutes later before Niall Carruthers aka Golfball was in the mood with a fantastic mazy run and finish to make it 2-1 before halftime.

Kevin Doran intercepted a back pass to make it 3-1 on 68 minutes before Jaydee Alawiye rounded off the scoring. Rathmullan Celtic - Shaun Gallagher; Eddie Moore, J.P. Doran, Chris Kemp, Adam Salhi; Kevin Doran, Eoin Sheridan, Reggie Miller, Dara Patton, Niall Carruthers; Jay Dee Alawiye. Subs: James Gallagher for Patton Gavin Donnell for K Doran, Matthew McNulty for Carruthers.

Kilmac lead Premier table

Kilmacrennan Celtic have a two-point lead in the Donegal Premier Division after defeating their hosts Cranford 3-2 on Sunday. Cranford went ahead on ten minutes from a Chris Carr penalty and that's the way it stayed until half-time. Ryan Shields made it 1-1 but the home desperately trying to stay in the top flight went back on front on 68 minutes through James Lee McBride. Fanad man Seimi Nani Friel levelled for the visitors with 14 minutes remaining before Chris Dillon got what proved to be the winner for Kilmac.

Earlier on Sunday Cappry Rovers had gone top briefly with a 7-1 win over Milford Utd 7-1. The visitors had gone down to ten men in the first half. The Cappry marksmen were Dean O'Donnell, Paddy McNulty, Aaron Kelly while Dean Murray and Alan Gethins both scored twice.

Kildrum Tigers put a big dent in the title bid of reigning champions. It was a 4-1 win for the St. Johnston outfit courtesy of a Kevin McHugh hat-trick and one from Brian Breslin.

Donegal Town defeated Keadue Rovers 5-1.

Oldtown defeat champions

Oldtown Celtic condemned new champions Donegal Town Reserves to their first league defeat of the season. Donegal Town went 2-0 in front through a brace of goals from Barry Mulligan. Oldtown got themselves back on level terms by half-time courtesy of Tommy McLaughlin and Luke Nelis. Mulligan completed his hat-trick with a second penalty. Sean Cleary made it 3-3 for Oldtown from the penalty spot. Sub Luke Friel grabbed the winner for Oldtown.

Milford Utd Res have been relegated back to League Two after a 7-1 defeat at Arranmore. Lee Burke was the scorer for Milford. It will be a play-off for Glenea Reserves against either Kilmacrennan Celtic Reserves or Drumkeen Reserves in order to avoid relegation from Division 1. Kilmac could still secure automatic promotion but also have the comfort of knowing that the play-off route is also available to them. Glencar Celtic had a 8-1 win away at Fintown Harps. Former Letterkeny Rovers striker Pajo Rafferty bagged four goals, Eddie McLaughlin hit the net twice while Odhran Barron and Paddy Collins were the other scorers for the visitors. Cranford Res defeated Drumbar 3-1 on Saturday in Div 1. Dara Morrison hit a double while Dylan McBride got the third.

The Div 2 title was won on Saturday by Cappry Rovers Reserves after defeating Copany Rovers 5-0. Kieran Neeson, Leo Gallagher, James Speight, Ryan McGhee and Kyle Lafferty were the marksmen for Cappry.

following works to Public House known as 'Nora's Bar': 1. Permission for construction of new kitchen to rear of premises. 2. Retention permission for existing covered areas to side and rear of premises. 3. Retention permission for existing basement store associated with existing business. 4. Retention permission for existing retaining walls to rear and side of premises and associated site works at Nora's Bar, Kilmacrennan, Co Donegal in the townland of Kilmacrennan. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application.

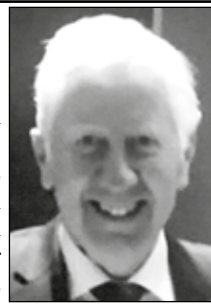
Donegal County Council

No. 6 The Gardens, Croaghross, Portsalon
I, Steven Baker, am applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission for retention of extension to existing dwelling and associated site works at No. 6 The Gardens, Croaghross, Portsalon, Co. Donegal in the townland of Cro-

Acknowledgement

McFadden

Andrew Milford



Dolores McFadden and family would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who sympathised with us on our loss of our beloved Andrew. Thanks to those who attended the wake and funeral and to everyone who sent Mass cards.

We would also like to thank Dr Mee and staff at Carrigart Health Centre. Sincere thanks to the staff at Oncology Ward, Letterkeny University Hospital and the wonderful nurses and doctors at ICU who looked after Andrew in his final days.

Thank you to Fr Martin Colum for such a beautiful funeral and to Sinead Black for her beautiful singing. Thanks also to Fr Stephen Gorman and Fr Brian Quinn for their spiritual support and kindness. Thanks to Phonsie McElwee undertakers for such compassion and professionalism in looking after the funeral arrangements.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our sincere appreciation.

Months Mind Mass will be held in St Peter's Church, Milford on Friday 28th August at 7pm.

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Donegal County Council Rinclevan, Dunfanaghy,

I, Joan Mc Shane intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect a dwelling house & domestic garage with connection to existing treatment system within existing housing estate Crocknageeha and all associated site works at Rinclevan, Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Rinclevan. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Don-

egal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council Craigmaddyroe Far, Rathmullan

We, Paucic McGarvey & Mari Claire McGarvey are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to demolish existing dwelling house and erect replace dwelling house and domestic garage at Craigmaddyroe Far, Rathmullan, County Donegal in the townland of Craigmaddyroe Far. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County



Boyce

Susan Lennon View, Ramelton 5th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, who died on 14th August 2015, everyday you are with us all and loved very dearly.

To our Mammy and wife

Those we love don't go away they walk beside us everyday Unseen, unheard but always near still loved still missed and very dear.

Love and miss you, John, Rita and Raymond xxx

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*Memories are the loveliest things they last from day to day They can't get lost, they can't wear out and they can't be given away So in our hearts they will always stay.*

Remembered always by all of your family x

**Anniversary Mass on Sunday 16th August at 9.30a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton. The Mass can also be viewed online through churchservices.tv/ramelton.**

### Grier

Patricia Rose 2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother, daughter and sister who died 14th August 2018.

*Just a prayer from the family who loved you Just a memory fond and true In our hearts you will live forever Because we thought the world of you.*

Loved and sadly missed, Mum, Dad and family.

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Quietly remembered every day No longer in our lives to share But in our hearts Mum you are always there Your presence we miss, your memory we treasure Loving you always, forgetting you never.

Always loved and sadly missed Ellie, Jennifer and Eunan.

Mass offered.



McElwaine

Michael Cooladerry, Fanad 1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grand father Michael who died on 13th August 2019

We sat beside your bedside Our hearts were crushed and sore We did our duty to the end 'til we could do no more In tears we watched you sinking We watched you fade away And though our hearts were breaking We knew you could not stay You left behind some aching hearts We never shall and never will Forget the one we loved so dear.

Always remembered and sadly missed by your wife Grace and all the family.

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*No matter how life changes, no matter what we do A special place within our hearts is always kept for you.*

Always remembered by all your grandchildren.

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Friday 14th August in St. Mary's Church, Fanavolty at 7pm.**



### Sterritt

Thomas Claggan, Milford 1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who died on 16th August 2019.

*Nothing can ever take away the love a heart holds dear Fond memories linger every day remembrance keeps Dad near*

Forever in our hearts and prayers Lorraine, Robert, Sharon, Heather and families.

House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours.

A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

## Planning Notice

Donegal County Council Kilmacrennan, Co Donegal

I, Daniel Gallagher am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission" for the

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# Memoriam



**Blaney Henry**  
Roskirk, Fanad  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle who died on the 11th August 2019.

*Deep in our hearts are treasured memories of a dear brother we love and never forget  
You always had a smile to share a laugh, a joke, and time to care  
A loving nature warm and true these are the memories we have of you  
The happy times we once enjoyed how sweet their memory still  
But death has left a vacant place this world can never fill.*

Always remembered and sadly missed rest in peace with Mom and Dad, William, Mary, Paul, Anna, Joanne, Jimmy John, Debbie and grandchildren.



**McGee Bella**  
Altaherine, Downings  
11th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother Bella, who died on the 14th August 2009.

*A million times I've needed you a million times I've cried  
If love alone could have saved you You never would have died  
In life I loved you dearly in death I love you still  
In my heart you hold a place no one else can ever fill  
It broke my heart to lose you but you did not go alone  
Part of me went with you the day God called you home.*

Dearly loved and fondly remembered every day by your sons, daughters, sons and daughters in-law and your grandchildren xxxx

**Anniversary Mass will be offered for Bella and Ned in St John the Baptist Church, Carrigart on Saturday 15th August at 6pm.**



**Boyce Julie Anne**  
12th Anniversary

In loving memory of a precious daughter, sister and aunty who died on 15th August 2008.

*The Broken Chain  
We little knew that morning that God was going to call you home  
In life we loved you dearly in death we do the same  
It broke our hearts to lose you but you did not go alone  
For part of us went with you the day God called you home  
You left us precious memories your love is still our guide  
And though we cannot see you you are always at our side*

*The family chain is broken and nothing seems the same  
But as God calls us one by one the chain will link again*

Loved dearly and sorely missed wee Julie, love you always Mammy and Daddy xxx.

*Of all the gifts in life however great or small  
To have you as our sister was the greatest gift of all  
A special time a special place  
A special sister we can't replace  
With aching hearts we whisper low we miss you sister and we love you so.*

Loved and missed Martin and Noreen xxx.

*We had a precious aunty one who never grows old  
Her smile was made of sunshine and her heart was solid gold.*

Hugs and kisses to our aunty in Heaven James, Kayden, Enda and Kelsey xxx.

**Anniversary Mass will be held on Saturday 15th August at 6pm in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart. (Mass can be viewed via the Mevagh Parish Facebook Page)**

## Planning Notices

**Donegal County Council Bellanascadden, Coolboy, Letterkenny** We, Lisa Russell & Chris McMillan are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for development at Bellanascadden, Cool-



**Conaghan Danny**  
Milford  
35th Anniversary

In loving memory of Danny who died on 17th August 1985.

*Those who mean the most to us are never really gone for in our hearts and in our thoughts fond memories live on"*

Always remembered by Jackie and family in Ullapool, Douglas and family in Sydney, Gary and family in Milford and Elizabeth in Milford.



**Kelly Kathleen**  
Anney, Rathmullan  
20th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother, Kathleen, who died on August 15th, 2000.

*Your memories are so precious,  
Your presence missed so much,  
You will always be remembered,  
And loved by all of us.*

Sadly missed by your husband John, sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and grandchildren.

## Acknowledgement

### McLaughlin Dan

Gortaway, Ramelton

We, the family of the late Dan McLaughlin, would like to sincerely thank all those who sympathised with us on the occasion of Dan's death. We would like to thank our dear neighbours, family and friends who visited and rang Dan during his illness, attended the wake or funeral and stood guard along the road as the funeral cortege passed. For those who telephoned, sent cards and letters and who sent donations in lieu of flowers to Friends of Letterkenny University Hospital, we are truly appreciative.

We would like to thank Dan's carers, Kathleen and Frances, Dr Cuffe and Rachel, Tom and the staff at Murray Pharmacy, Ramelton and Carmel Brown and the palliative care team. Their care and support allowed for Dan to be cared for at home.

Thank you to Fr Carney for his heartfelt and beautiful funeral mass and his support to Dan and our family. Thank you to Patrick Shields for the beautiful music at the funeral Mass. Thank you to Patrick Sweeney, Funeral Director for the dignified manner in which he carried out the funeral arrangements. Thank you to the grave diggers and especially Mark Martin who attended to the grave. A special word of thanks to Nuala O'Hagan and Nancy McNamee for their help on the day of the funeral.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, we hope that this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of our sincere appreciation. The Holy Sacrament of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

**Month's Mind Mass will be held in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton on Monday 17th August at 10.00am. Due to Covid restrictions Mass can be viewed on [www.churchservices/stmarysramelton](http://www.churchservices/stmarysramelton)**

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boy, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Bellanascadden. The development will consist of the construction of a part single storey, part one and a half storey dwelling house with detached domestic garage, a sewage treatment system and all associated site development works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority at the County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Planning Authority of the application.

# CSO to collect 'Census of Agriculture' in September

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) has announced that the Census of Agriculture 2020 will be collected in September.

The farm census had been due to take place in June but was postponed due to the initial disruption caused by the COVID-19 crisis.

About 140,000 farms will receive the Census of Agriculture questionnaire by post in the first week of September. The four-page form will ask about the farm situation on the first of September, with questions about land use, livestock and farm management.

Speaking about the Census of Agriculture, CSO statistician Cathal Doherty said: "The Census of Agriculture is collected every ten years, to provide benchmark statistics on the number of farms in Ireland and the structure in terms of farm enterprise. This is part of an EU-wide programme of farm censuses being conducted this year."

"During the COVID-19 lockdown, when we had to defer the census, we worked on simplifying the information we are requesting from farmers. The survey form has been reduced from eight to four pages. As well as a paper questionnaire, we will also be providing an online response option. We hope that these changes reduce the burden and make it easier for farmers to answer the census of agriculture."

"With fewer questions in the form being sent to all farms, the CSO will also conduct a sample survey at the end of 2020, on farm labour, animal housing and manure management."

As we get closer to Tuesday, 1st September, the CSO will provide more information on the forthcoming Census of Agriculture," he added.

# Rathmullan Notes

**Rathmullan Heritage Walking Tour.** A Heritage Walking Tour of Rathmullan will take place on Thursday 13th August and Tuesday 18th August. During the month of August there will be a tour each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at 3pm. The tours are a great way of discovering the fascinating history of Rathmullan during a relaxed stroll around the village.

The tours are led by Deirdra Friel an approved Fáilte Ireland guide and last approx. 1hr 30mins. Cost €7.00 per person (accompanied children under 12 years are free)

Advance booking is required. Tours will depart from the Putting Green Hut, Rathmullan. To book call Deirdra on 086 2421008

**Mass at Ray Grotto**  
The annual Mass at Ray Grotto will be celebrated at 7p.m. on Friday 14th August, Vigil Mass for the Feast day of the Assumption.

**Heritage Week**  
Heritage Week runs from 15th to 23rd August and many will miss attending the many Heritage events held here and throughout the county in other years.

There is however the chance to view part of the Rathmullan & District Local History Society's project online: Follow the link <https://www.facebook.com/Rathmullan-District-Local-History-Society-114318253641513> or google Facebook and find the Society's new Facebook page, recently set up.

Here the heritage of schooldays in Rathmullan and district from the early 1900s is explored, remembering the friendships formed and the shared heritage of songs sung, games played and life outside and inside the classroom, as depicted in the histories, stories and especially in the many photographs on the FB page.

The second part of the Heritage Week project is a video of schooldays remembered in St Garvan's N.S, thanks to local historian and videographer Arthur Lynch. The Society plans to share the video more widely when conditions permit.

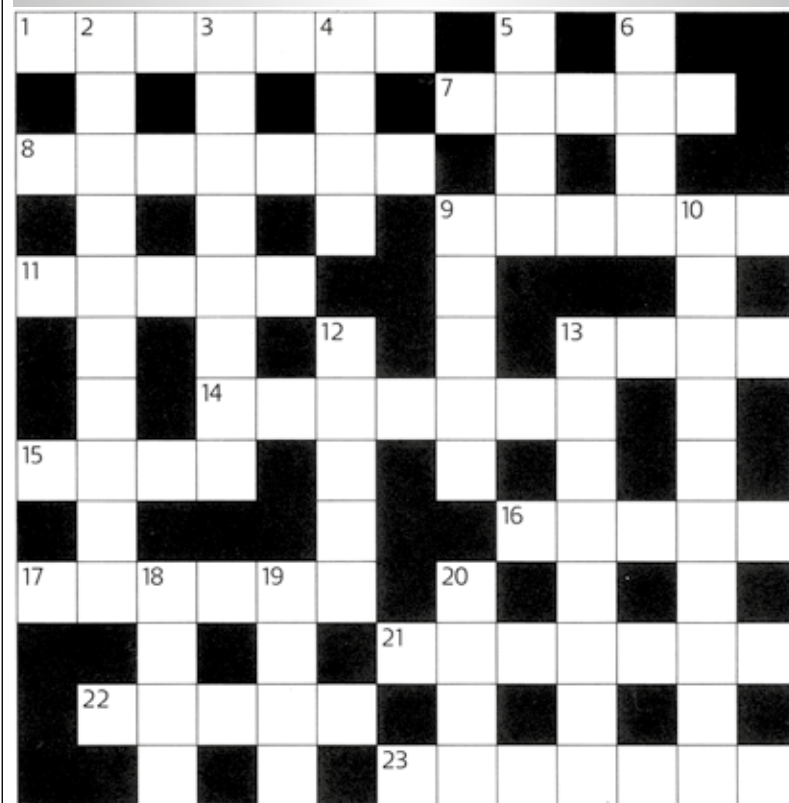
**Mini Lotto**  
The numbers drawn in the Enterprise Group's Mini Lotto last week were 5 7 2 4 6 1 and 3. The winner on 3 nos. was Aoife Maguire. The Jackpot is now €660.

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### Across

- 1. Rules of language (7)
- 7. Condiments set (5)
- 8. Morally correct (7)
- 9. Unexpected (6)
- 11. Adolescence (5)
- 13. Curve (4)
- 14. Inaccurate (7)
- 15. Actress, \_\_\_ Simmons (4)
- 16. Home of the San Marino Grad Prix (5)
- 17. Wanders (6)
- 21. On offer (3,4)
- 22. Comedy actress, \_\_\_ Mount (5)

### 23. Gland in the neck (7)

### Down

- 2. Hindsight (10)
- 3. Preserve (8)
- 4. Cry of regret (4)
- 5. Sea crustacean (4)
- 6. Indian ox (4)
- 9. Cricketer, \_\_\_ Border (5)
- 10. Pickled relish (10)
- 12. Twin brother of Romulus (5)
- 13. Spraying device (8)
- 18. The South American ostrich (4)
- 19. Hindu philosophy (4)
- 20. A. A. Milne's bear (4)

**The first correct entry opened on Tuesday 18th August will receive a Ball Point Pen. Send your entry to Crossword No. 881 Tirconail Tribune, Main Street, Milford.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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### Solutions to Crossword No. 880

**Across** 1. Chapter, 5. Jeer, 9. Alcove, 10. Overs, 12. Chaff, 13. Piranha, 14. Unsure, 16. Ostler, 19. Diagram, 21. Elfin, 23. Extol, 24. Zephyr, 25. Surf, 26. In front. **Down** 2. Hilda, 3. Proffer, 4. Exempt, 6. Eternal, 7. Restaurant, 8. Sour, 11. Scoundrels, 15. Scatter, 17. Sleeper, 18. Amazon, 20. Rolf, 22. Fly in.

**Congratulations to Marley MacGabhann, Ballylin, Ramelton who won Crossword No. 880.**

## Dunfanaghy

### Changemakers

Join ChangeMakers for this new online workshop in August and will be looking at water use and availability locally and globally. For further details visit the website to book your place. These seminars are online Wednesday 19th August from 11am until 12.30pm, Monday 24th August from 3-4.30pm and on Tuesday 25th August from 7-8.30pm. <https://changemakers.ie/online-events/>.

### Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50

Congratulations to this week's 50/50 Winner John Joe Ferry from Greenhill, Dunfanaghy who received a cheque for €759. Thanks again to all our local businesses for their continued support selling our tickets and to everyone who bought tickets. Tickets are now on sale in local outlets in Creelough and Dunfanaghy €2

per ticket or three for €5 and all support would be greatly appreciated.

### Christmas Lights

The fundraising for the Dunfanaghy Christmas Lights display would normally be up and running but due to the ongoing pandemic, the group would welcome any help or ideas anyone might have for the 2020 Christmas Lights Display. For more information contact Joy Evans in Cascada of Angie McLaughlin in An Chistin.

### Text Alert

There will be no calling door to door asking for this year's Text Alert fee of €10, instead Members please drop €10 in an envelope in to either of the 2 boxes placed at Centra. within the next 2 weeks please or gave to any Committee Members who are Bernice Alcorn, Tommy Mc Ginley, Charlie Ferry, Michael Mc Clafferty. Please note receipts will be available on request. We thank the members also who have already paid in recent weeks much

appreciated. Regards Text alert Committee.

### Dunfanaghy Workhouse

Facilities at the Workhouse is open Monday to Saturday from 10am until 5pm and on Sunday's from 11am until 5pm.

### Country Market

Dunfanaghy Country Market continues at the Market Square from 10 till 2 every Saturday. Pre ordering is available at the facebook page of Dunfanaghy Country Market. But a wide selection of jams, chutneys, sweet treats and savoury delights will be available every Saturday.

### Former Dunfanaghy Garda to Walk 200Km for Charity

A Former Dunfanaghy based Garda Benny Kelly from Carrigart is currently undertaking a 200Km for the month of August in aid of the Three Churches in the Carrigart area The Church of St. John The Baptist, Holy Trinity Church Carrigart and Carrigart Presbyterian Church.



Spotted Burnet pictured on a Yellow flower at Tramore beach in Dunfanaghy last weekend. Pic Tom Corrigan.

Benny is well known in the Dunfanaghy area having spent 27 years as a Garda in the town between 1969 and 1996. Benny spent 32 years in the Milford District as a Garda and has become and after walking the beat for all that time. its hardly surprising that he has become an avid walker since his retirement and has re-

cently taking up jogging.

He says that its intention to walk, jog or crawl 200Km in the Carrigart area in aid of the local Churches during the month of August. Benny has set up a go fund me page and anyone locally wishing to donate can search Benny Kelly on Go Fund Me or type in the following link: [www.gofundme.com/f/bennys200km-walk-for-carigarts-religious-amenities](http://www.gofundme.com/f/bennys200km-walk-for-carigarts-religious-amenities).

### St. Vincent De Paul

If you find yourself in need of help at this or any time of the year please contact us on 0862328791 or contact any of our members and assured of our confidentiality at all times.

## New holiday apartments granted for Dunfanaghy

Planning permission has been granted for four new self catering apartments in Dunfanaghy village. Donegal County Council has given the green light for the construction of a building to house the four new apartments associated with the existing Willows B&B at 16 Main Street. The planning includes all associated site works and connection to public services. The successful application was made by Sean McFaden.



Pictured is the scene at the bins at Killyhoey beach Dunfanaghy last weekend where visitors left their rubbish even though the bins were obviously full.

## Cloughaneely

### Coiste Pleanála Teanga Chloich Cheann Fhaola

Ta lúcháir ar 'Coiste Pleanála Teanga Chloich Cheann Fhaola' go mbeidh muid ag réachtáil an Scéim Gaelchara arís i mbliana. Is é cuspóir na scéime deis a thabhairt do fhoghlaimoirí Gaeilge feabhas a chur ar a c(h)uid scileanna teanga trí am a chaitheamh i gcomhlúadar cainteora dhúchais (an Gaelchara). Cuireann an foghlaimoir borradh faoina c(h)uid

Gaeilge trí a bheith páirteach i ngníomhaíocht nó caitheamh aimsire leis an chainteoir dúchais: bíodh sin imeacht sóisialta; ag cleachtadh spóirt; ag cleachtadh ceirde nó gníomhaíochta eile. I mbliana cuirfead deis ar fáil do dhaoine óga agus do dhaoine ag obair le chéile i láthair oibre. Tá deontas €350 an duine curtha ar fáil don fhoghlaimoir agus don chainteoir dúchais (an Gaelchara). Is an Aoine an 16 Deireadh Fómhair an spriocdháta. Má tá spéis agat a bheith páirteach tá tuilleadh eolais le fáin ón Oifigeach Pleanála

Teanga, Micheal Mac Aoidh ag [cptccf@gmail.com](mailto:cptccf@gmail.com) nó 087 2270722.

### 50/50

Congratulations to Brid Harkin who won the 50/50 on Monday, the prize this week was €904. The €100 voucher for The Gweedore Bar & Restaurant was won by Mary Carr.

### Mental Health Association

Cloughaneely MHA is a long-established voluntary association, set up to support mental health services, staff and service users in the area. During this unpreced-

## Scoil Fhionáin, An Fál Carrach, Uimhir Rolla 17704H

## Post páirtaimseartha 18 uair sa tseachtain - Rúnaí Scoile



Glacfar le hiarratais chomhlánaithe roimh 5in, 24/8/2020 .

Is bunscóil Ghaeltachta Chaitliceach í an scoil seo le 170 ar rollaí. Cuirfeadh tús leis an tumoideachas anuraidh mar chuid den Scéim Aitheantais Scoileanna Gaeltachta. Cuirfeadh tús le hAonad Uathachais sa scoil i Meán Fómhair 2020. Tá ardchaighdeán Gaeilge labhartha agus scríofa riachtanach don bhfoluntas seo. Caithfidh ardscoileanna idirphearsanta, cumarsáide, ríomhaireachta agus bainistíochta oifige a bheith ag iarratasóirí. Is post páirt-aimseartha é seo le linn na scoilbhliana, 18 uair sa tseachtain. Tá an ceapúchán seo ag brath ar ghrinnfhiosrúchán an Gharda Síochána.

Cuir isteach le d'iarratas- litir iarratais, CV agus liosta moltóirí agus a n-uimhreacha teagmhála, ag : An Cathaoirleach, Scoil Fhionáin, An Fál Carrach, Co Dhún na nGall, F92 FW44.

ented and difficult time, the group urge you all to look after your mental health as we now all adjust to current events. If you or someone you know needs help, we are here to support you. All calls and emails are treated in the strictest of confidence. Cloughaneely Mental Health Association is supported

by Mental Health Ireland. Contact Sally: 0833489749 or email [cloughaneelymha@mental-healthireland.ie](mailto:cloughaneelymha@mental-healthireland.ie).  
**Gortahork Whist Drive**  
Gortahork Whist Drive winner on Friday 31st July, was Bernard O'Donnell, Ardsmore. Sunday 2nd August, winner was Paddy McGeady, Meenaboy. Gortahork. Whist takes place every Friday at 8.30pm and Sunday at 8pm in the Old School, Gortahork.

**Falcarragh Medical Centre**  
Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, Falcarragh Medical Centre would ask that anyone attending the surgery should wear a facemask / covering. Please allow a minimum of 48hrs for processing prescriptions -these will be sent directly to the chemist of your choice. If patients are requesting private prescriptions and consultations online or by telephone please be aware there will be a charge for these services.

### Magheraroarty 50/50

The next 50/50 draw for Magheraroarty Community Centre will take place on 13th August. The group would be grateful to the community if you could buy a ticket. The monies collected is going towards the Play area and Car park that are to be developed below the community centre.

### Drive in Bingo

The drive in bingo continues on Monday evening at Ionad Naomh Fionnan at 8 o'clock. Snowball is €3,000 books €10 and €15.

### Lough Derg

Lough Derg lakeshore new pilgrimage Walk and Pray in the Lough Derg tradition on 16th, 18th, 22nd, 26th and 30th August. More information on [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org), or you can contact 071 9861518 or [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) for details. Numbers are limited. Advance booking essential.



Pupils from Scoil Naomh Dubhthach Machaire Ui Rabhartaigh who received their First Communion in The Church of Christ The King in Gortahork on Saturday last pictured with Fr. Sean O'Gallachoir and their teachers.



Pupils from Scoil Cnoc Na Naomh Derryconner who received their First Communion in The Church of Christ The King Gortahork on Saturday last pictured with Fr. Sean O'Gallachoir and their teachers.

## Creelough News

### Meals On Wheels

Creelough Community Day Centre urgently need volunteers to deliver their meals-on-wheels service. Due to Covid 19 restrictions Creelough Community Day Centre has been closed to daily attendees. An extended meals-on-wheels service has been operating since closure with 34 plus meals delivered daily. St. Michael's GAA volunteers are still delivering but some are returning to regular work. If you are in a position to help please contact Sally Gallagher at 087 1250015 or John F Friel at 087 6682589. All assistance appreciated.

### Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Mini Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were: 2,5,6,9,18,20. There were 2 winners, Tracey Kerr, Birch Hill, Creelough and Charlotte Gallagher, Purt, Dunfanaghy who won €50 each. This week's Jackpot will be €7500.

### Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50

Congratulations to this week's 50/50 winner John Joe Ferry, Greenhill, Dunfanaghy who received a cheque for €759. Thanks again to all our local businesses for their continued support selling our tickets and to everyone who bought tickets.

### Car Bingo

The €100 at the St. Michael's Car Drive in Bingo at the Bridge on Sunday was won by Margaret Breslin, Rooskey, Creelough. The €75 winners were Mary Langan, Massinass, Creelough and Bridie Durning, Main Street, Dunfanaghy.

### Confirmation

Confirmations for the children of the area will be in St. Michael's Church on Saturday August 15th.

### First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion Day will take place in St. Michael's Church on Saturday August 22nd. Strictly only parents in attendance due to restrictions from the Public Health Authorities.

### Coffee Dock and Shop

The Coffee Dock and Shop at Ards Friary is now open from Monday to Saturday from 12noon till 4pm and on Sunday from 1pm until 6pm.

### Mass on TV & Radio

Mass continues daily on TV via RTE (521) at 10.30 a.m. It is followed by a talk from other denominations afterwards. Also on EWTN06 (588) Mass is on a few times during the day and the Rosary as well. Mass from St. Michael's Church is on High-



John Joe Ferry, Purt Lake, Dunfanaghy who was the winner of the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 Draw last week receiving his prize of €759.

land Radio 106 at the weekend. Also on line <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church>.

### Creelough Community Enterprise

A number of places are now available on the next CE Scheme with Creelough Community Enterprise Ltd. These places consist of 5 x Day Care Assistants 2 x Office Administration, 2 x Gardeners/Outdoor Workers. Placements are in Kilmacrennan, Termon & Creelough. Further information is available on the "Jobs Ireland" website or contact the office on 0749138452

### Mass Times

The times of the Masses locally are as follows: Ards Friary Sunday 9am, 4.30pm and 6pm. Weekends at 8am. Confessions 11am to 1pm and 2.30 to

5.30pm. St. Michael's Church, Creelough. Monday to Thursday 10am, Friday 7.30pm Saturday 10am and 7.30pm Sunday 9am and 11am. Confessions available on request. Contact Ards 074 91 38005; Fr John Joe Duffy 074 91 38011.

### Creelough View

Creelough View is asking people from the local communities to consider submitting articles or photographs for this year's edition. People from the Creelough and Dunfanaghy areas may have some story or photograph to contribute. The email is [creeloughview@gmail.com](mailto:creeloughview@gmail.com). For more information see their facebook page or [www.creeloughview.com](http://www.creeloughview.com).

### Community Alert

Creelough Community Alert have a



Stars of the hit TV show, Mrs Browns Boys, husband and wife duo Danny O'Carroll and Amanda Woods showing their support for Dunfanaghy Youths FC weekly 50/50 draw as they purchased a ticket last weekend.

Text Alert Scheme is operational in the area. This is a means of immediate communication from An Garda Síochána to the public. This is a free service and if you would like to be included in the scheme, please ring Patrick on 086 1083488

## Dunfanaghy hosts The Celtic Wiseman challenge

The 2020 Celtic Wiseman Perpetual cycle challenge will start and finish in Dunfanaghy on Sunday 23rd August. The demanding and exhilarating series of routes for experienced amateur and professional road cyclists. The original Celtic Wiseman was established in Cornwall in 2010. This was followed by Celtic Wiseman (Cymru) and this year sees the inaugural Celtic Wiseman (Ulster) around the North West coast of Ireland. Future editions will include Celtic Wiseman (Caledonia), Celtic Wiseman (Brittany) and Celtic Wiseman (Isle of Mann).

The routes were set up to raise awareness of Martin Wiseman, who became bed bound with ME (Chronic Fatigue Syndrome) in 2008. For several years his muscle wastage was such that he could not even talk, and his parents were forced to rebuild their home to accommodate his needs. In order to highlight Martin's battle with this debilitating condition, a team of his friends will be riding the inaugural Celtic Wiseman (Ulster), a gruelling 127km cycle ride with +2,000 meters of climbing, from Dunfanaghy on August 23rd. The scenic route takes in Horn Head, An Fál Carragh, Muckish Mountain, Glenveagh National Park, Milford, Kerrykeel, Carraig Airt, High Glen, and

Marble Hill.

As well as raising the profile of Martin's case, in the hope of capturing additional interest from the medical community, we will be seeking to raise funds for ME Research UK so that additional research can be conducted in this area - [www.just-giving.com/CelticWiseman](http://www.just-giving.com/CelticWiseman).

Local cyclist s Paul Mcgee from Dunfanaghy has brought the race to the Donegal and explains his involvement in the race, "After a solo cycle around the original Celtic Wiseman loop 3 years ago, I found myself back in Cornwall a year later to take it on again with a team of Martin's friends. Last year we completed the inaugural CW(Cymru) in West Wales and with that I was challenged to host an event in Ulster. As my second home, Dunfanaghy was the natural choice given its remote location, spectacular landscape and lively village. I set about designing a



route to show off this very special part of Ireland, which includes rolling country lanes, dramatic cliffs, mountains, beaches, loughs and forest park. This year's going to be really exciting because the original team are being joined by a new group of riders keen to champion the cause. Many of these are players from the charity rugby team Perennials RFC including former Irish Captain Paddy Johns. The Celtic Wiseman concept is such that the extreme locations and the gruelling nature of rides



Bride Harkin who won the winner of the Falcaragh Development fund 50/50 Draw last weekend with here prize of €904.

goes some small way to highlighting the epic battle Martin had with 'the Beast' for over 11 years.. The perpetual concept means that donations from future riders will be helping those suffering from ME in their seemingly unrelenting battle against the condition. I'm delighted to say that in the past year Martin has made an extraordinary recovery. He is now walking again and is building up his strength on both the bicycle and surf board! So if there are any cycling enthusiasts out there who wish to join us on the route, we look forward to welcoming you along on Sunday 23rd August, departing from the anchor on the green opposite Arnolds Hotel, Dunfanaghy at 7:30am".

## Farming Column with Mark McConnell €50 million Beef Finisher Payment scheme

This is a significant support for up to 42,000 farmers impacted by the economic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Dara Calleary has announced details of the Beef Finishers Payment (BFP), an Exchequer funded scheme of €50 million to provide income support for up to 42,000 farmers with beef finishing enterprises, who have been impacted by the economic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Minister Calleary stated "I am fully aware of the difficulties caused by Covid-19 in the Irish beef sector and the consequences for those in beef farming and for the rural economy as a whole. Farmers with finished animals suffered from both reduced prices and other restrictions in getting animals to market. The closure of the food service market in Ireland, the UK and beyond has had a dramatic impact on the industry and in particular those who supply it to make their living."

Minister Calleary commented "This targeted

support for farmers who finished cattle during the period from 1 February to 12 June 2020 will help to mitigate the economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic for those farmers and provide a valuable additional income support this year. Beef farming is an important economic activity, with a significant multiplier effect in local rural communities, and thus is more important than ever in sustaining these communities as we work towards economic recovery."

This measure is targeted at farmers who finished animals and comes on top of a significant increase in targeted environmental and welfare supports for suckler production earlier this year, in the form of the BEEP-Sucklers scheme.

Minister Calleary noted that though the scheme will be funded by the Irish exchequer, details of the scheme have been notified to the European Commission in accordance with the Covid-19 Temporary State Aid Framework.

An estimated 42,000 farmers will be eligible to apply for the scheme, which will be based on the

number of cattle sent for slaughter in the period from 1 February to 12 June 2020, subject to a limit of 100 animals per herd. Based on estimates of eligible animals, a rate in the region of €100 per animal will be payable.

In the event of an over subscription, the rate of payment per animal will be subject to a linear cut in order to comply with the available budget of €50 million.

The opening date for applications will be 19 August 2020 and the closing date will be 9 September 2020. Detail of the measure including terms and conditions and how to apply will be made available in due course at [www.agriculture.gov.ie/farmerschemesandpayments/BFP](http://www.agriculture.gov.ie/farmerschemesandpayments/BFP)

Applications will be made online through the ag-food.ie portal.

**Eligible animals' slaughtered:** Slaughtered in the reference period of 1 February to 12 June 2020. Aged 8 months or more when slaughtered. Resident on the qualifying herd for at least 30 days prior to slaughter (if not the previous own-

er is eligible for payment if they are an applicant and have had the animal for over 30 days on their holding)

Animals identified on the Department systems as presented for slaughter by or on behalf of a factory will not be eligible.

Subject to a cap on payments in respect of 100 eligible animals per herd.

**Eligible applicants:** A farmer who has presented animals for slaughter in the reference period. The holder of an active herd number with Herd Owner Status. Farming a holding in respect of which a valid Basic Payment Scheme application has been submitted in 2020 to the Department. Agent or Dealer herd numbers are not eligible for payment

**Conditionality:** Applicant must be a member of the Bord Bia Beef and Lamb Quality Assurance Scheme at the time of application, or undertake to become a member of a quality scheme prior to 30 September 2020.



Donegal Senior Football Championship

## St. Michael's make it misery for Milford

Milford 0-14 St. Michael's 1-14

After losing heavily in Glenties the previous week, it was a much improved Milford performance on Saturday night at Moyleview but it still ended in defeat against a St. Michael's side who made it back-to-back championship wins. Manager Gary O'Neill would have been pleased to secure the points considering he was minus county player Michael Langan along with Oisín Langan and Michael Gallagher. Sean Paul Barrett had received a setback also with news that his son Luke was ruled out after pulling up in training on Thursday night.

Colm Anthony McFadden was the star man for St. Michael's finishing with a 1-9 personal tally which included a 10th minute goal that proved to be the difference between the sides at the final whistle. On a splendid August evening it turned out to be an entertaining contest but it was the visitors who finished the final quarter strongly registering five of the last six points to secure a victory that sets them up nicely for the final two games of the qualifier series.

Milford were impressive in the early stages and

led 0-4 to 0-1 after just five minutes thanks to an opener from Kane Barrett and three from the boot of Cathal McGettigan with McFadden replacing for the visitors. The fixture's defining moment came in the 10th minute when Christy Toye and Carlos O'Reilly combined for McFadden to palm the ball past Sean Gallagher. That brought the sides level and St. Michael's went in front for the first time when another former County player Martin McElhinney slotted over to make 1-2 to 0-4. Milford, to their credit came back well and went in front as McGettigan converted a free and Rory O'Donnell was on target from play while Matthew McLaughlin drilled a goal attempt wide at the town end.

The home team maintained that minimum advantage till the break with points from Kane Barrett and McGettigan who finished the match with a personal tally of 0-8. Barrett had a great battle with Liam Paul Ferry and managed three points over the hour. He also tested Oisín Cannon with a low shot on 27 minutes. McFadden registered twice for St. Michael's and that left the hosts ahead 0-8 to 1-4 at the interval. The visitors

had the upper hand in the opening ten minutes of the second half with McFadden (twice), Toye and Kane McGarvey splitting the posts but were only briefly in front as Milford responded through Matthew McLaughlin and another McGettigan free.

The home team took the next two points thanks to Kane Barrett and a free from McGettigan to take a 0-13 to 1-9 lead going into the final quarter. But, then St. Michael's hit a purple patch hitting four points without reply. McFadden was on the mark twice along with Toye and Carlos O'Reilly



Kyle McGarvey about to shoot a second half point for St Michael's on Saturday evening Carlos O'Reilly 0-1; Martin McElhinney 0-1, Colm Anthony McFadden 1-9 (4fs, 1m), Edward O'Reilly. Subs; Andrew Kelly for E O'Reilly 43 mins. Ref: Connie Doherty (Naomh Conaill).



Carlos O'Reilly on the ball for St. Michael's at Moyleview on Saturday evening

Donegal Senior Football Championship

## Bundoran win Burn Road battle

Termon 2-12 Bundoran 2-16

Despite an encouraging performance Termon were left with nothing to show for their efforts against Bundoran in the Donegal Senior Football Club Championship match played at the Burn Road on Saturday afternoon. Francie Friel's side trailed by five points at the break as the visitors banged in two goals courtesy of their two county players Jamie and Paul Brennan.

After the heavy defeat in Kilcar manager Francie Friel made seven changes for Saturday's match. In came Oisín Cassidy, former St. Eunan's player Barry McGeehin, James McSharry, Christy Conaghan, Steve McElwaine. Enda McCormick and Caolan McDaid. Out went Barry Gallagher,

Conor Cassidy, Shane Doherty, Bobby McGettigan, Anthony Grant along with the Black brothers Stephen and Conor. Friel has also been minus Sean O'Donnell for the two championship matches to date due to suspension.

The hosts led 1-4 to 0-3 near the end of the first quarter but had to thank keeper Emmett Maguire who got down to save a seventh minute Jamie Brennan penalty. Enda McCormick hit three of the points while Daire McDaid was also on the mark. The goal came in the 13th minute with Steve McElwaine palming the ball to the net after a fine move which started with the visitors losing the ball in their own defence. Jamie Bren-

nan closed the gap before McCormick conjured up another goal chance but a partial Bundoran block took the sting out of the drive making it an easy save for Ashley Mulhern. While Brennan ended up with a personal tally of 1-6 his marker Oisín Cassidy did quite well on the Donegal forward and made a number of well-timed tackles.

The visitors then swooped for a brace of goals which were arguably the defining moments of the game. First a great move ended with Paul Brennan blasting the ball high past Emmett Maguire. A Caolan McDaid free did make it 1-5 each but the Seasiders followed up with a second goal in the 23rd minute when Jamie Brennan reacted quickest from a high dropping ball to nip in behind the Termon cover and gave Maguire no chance from close range. A super Gary Clancy effort extended the visitors lead to four points. Daire McDaid was wide with a couple of attempts before coming close to a goal with four minutes of normal time remaining in the first half.

McDaid latched onto a McCormick pass but his stringing drive was just inches too high. However at least there was the consolation of a point. Bundoran got three of the last four points of the half through Paul Brennan, Cian McEniff and Jamie Brennan with McCormick responding with a free for the home side. That left Termon trailing by five points at the interval. Ciaran McCaughey extended that lead just after the restart while the hosts were guilty of shots landing short at a crucial time in the game. Clancy had a goal chance but in the end had to settle for a point.

Daire McDaid twice with white flags and a McCormick goal kept Termon in contention but two points from Clancy and another from Cian McEniff still left the visitors five points ahead entering the final quarter. The hosts tried to apply more pressure with McDaid converting a free that was brought forward and there was also a goal chance that went abegging. At the clubhouse end Jamie Brennan landed a point from play before his side went down to 14 men when Matthew Duffy was dismissed for a second yellow card offence. Daire McDaid converted another free before Paul Brennan received a straight red card.

Termon needed a goal to have any hope of salvaging something from the contest. Twice Daire Mc-



Caolan McDaid, Steve McElwaine Nathan McElwaine and Ryan McFadden defending as Bundoran's Cian McEniff tries to burst through the cover



Colin McFadden wins a free for St. Michael's after this tackle from Milford's Ryan McMahon



Termon's Daire McDaid on the attack against Bundoran at the Burn Road on Saturday afternoon

Dauid tried to find the back of the net from the close-in frees. The first low drive was blocked by a mass of Bundoran bodies. The second attempt cannoned back off the crossbar. Jamie Brennan had the Seasiders final point after a fine solo and home side sub Shane Doherty landed an excellent score but at that stage the Burn Road outfit were condemned to a second championship defeat.

Termon - Emmett Maguire - Oisín Cassidy, Kevin McDaid, Jamie Grant; Barry McGeehin, Caolan Gallagher, Ricky Gallagher; Ryan McFadden, James McSharry; Daire McDaid 0-6 (3fs), Christy Conaghan, Nathan McElwaine; Steve McElwaine 1-0, Enda McCormick 1-4 (2fs), Caolan McDaid 0-1. Subs: Johnny McCafferty for McElwaine 39 mins, Barry Gallagher for C Gallagher 48 mins, Shane Doherty 0-1 for Conaghan 53 mins.

Bundoran - Ashley Mulhern; Oisín Walsh, Johnny Boyle, Niall Carr; Paul Brennan 1-1, Matthew Duffy, Peter McGonigle; Ciaran McCaughey 0-1, Michael McEniff 0-1; Alan Russell, Jamie Brennan 1-6 (3fs), Timmy Govorov; Cian McEniff 0-3, Gary Clancy 0-4 (1f), Shane McGowan. Subs: Darragh Hoey and Diarmuid Spratt for Govorov and McGowan 45 mins.

Ref: Greg McGroary (Four Masters).



# Emerging Talent at Portsalon

The Covid-19 pandemic has ensured that 2020 is a year mostly devoid of positives but if there has been one; at least in golfing terms; then it is surely the welcome and much-needed influx of new young members that are keen to lap up this game. Without seeking to offend anyone, it's fair to say our membership in Portsalon is that of an aging profile. Youth has not been on our side but, this summer, we have seen upwards of 40 new members joining the club with many of them in the Under-30 bracket. This new blood is simply vital for our future and, indeed, the future of all golf clubs in Donegal and further afield. They are starting out their golfing careers and doing so in eager fashion, determined to score the best they can at any opportunity and get those handicaps falling down. These new members are noticeable by their continued presence on the course, on competition days and any other day aside as they hone their skills.

Sunday Members stableford was won by Rameilton's Kyle Burke (21) who carded a remarkable 53 points after playing the back-nine in one-under par gross. Two birdies on the card and 11 pars, living proof that a double-bogey start to a round shouldn't put anyone off! Congrats to Kyle, who took FIVE shots off his handicap in one afternoon. This is surely a testament to the hard work and practice being put in and Kyle looks well on his way to single-figure handicap. At Portsalon we are truly thrilled to have a new generation of golfer amongst us. We welcome them with open arms and will applaud every one of them as they find their levels in the game and thrive in the years to come. They are our club's future and their enthusiasm won't be dampened by sideswipes from an altogether more materialistic faction that attempts to move amongst us.

There's also a fair bit of bite left in some of the older dogs too, with Pascal Cullen (7) landing Sunday's gross prize with a fantastic one-over par round that yielded him 35 gross points.

Whatever stage your golfing life is at, get out on the course and enjoy it for what is, you'll still be going to work in the morning regardless. If Covid-19 hasn't taught you to enjoy the small mercies in life; you're playing the

wrong game.

## Team Results

A busy weekend of action for our teams just gone. First up on Friday evening was Conor McGettigan's Jimmy Bruen team as they face a tough looking clash with Cloughaneely. Portsalon came through in strong fashion, winning all matches at the away venue and taking care of business on home soil to move into the next round. It was a different story on Sunday as Daniel Shields' Pierce Purcell outfit came up just short again Letterkenny. The first four games were split and, with the remaining match level through 18; it was only via a playoff hole that Letterkenny advance. Commiseration to the Portsalon team. Better news on Sunday evening for Donal Callaghan Snr and his Ulster Cup selection, as they battled past Murvagh in their opening match in the competition, which has been regionalised for 2020 owing to the Covid-19 restrictions.

## Scratch Cup 2020

Saturday 29th August is the date for our Senior (0-9) and Intermediate (10-18) Scratch Cups at Portsalon, this year very kindly sponsored by Manor Motors Open, Manorcunningham. The time-sheet is now live and it's €10 members, €25 visitors with array of Gross and Nett prizes on offer on the day. Call the shop or register via BRS to play.

## Results

Wednesday Open - 5th August: Winner: Ultan McGettigan (33) - 46 pts; Runner-up: Joe Coyle (5) - 39 pts; Gross: Jamie Foley (5) - 33 pts; Third: David Deeney (12) - 38 pts. CSS: Men 72, Visitors 75, Ladies 75 RO.

Saturday Members - 8th August: Winner: Davitt Walsh (17) - 43 pts; Runner-up: Pascal Hull (25) - 39 pts BOT; Gross: David McCormick (5) - 31 gross pts; Third: Shane Sandilands (11) - 39 pts. CSS: 72.

Sunday Members - 9th August: Winner: Kyle Burke (21) - 53 pts; Runner-up: Paul Gallagher (13) - 44 pts; Gross: Pascal Cullen (7) - 35 gross pts; Third: Des Fegan (23) - 41 pts

## Portsalon Ladies

Congratulations to Marion O'Reilly (16) winner of the Sunday Members Competition with a clear five-point win over the nearest competitor. Recording seven pars and a birdie on the

18th for good measure, well done Marion.

## Winter Links Captains Day

Deferred from March due to the Covid restrictions this much anticipated event has been rescheduled for Thursday 27th August. All players are reminded that booking is essential and the timesheet will be available from Thursday 20th August.

## Competition Rules Amended

Due to the Covid restrictions competition rules have been revised and amended accord-

ingly, for further details of these, please check the notice board in the locker room and familiarise yourself with these.

Dates for your diaries: Book before you play, (timesheet is available to book one week in advance). Follow Club protocols before, during and after your game. 16th August (Sun) and 14th August, (Fri) alt: Members Competitions; 12th, 19th and 26th August: Wednesday Opens (Ladies and Gents) 12th September (Sat), Donegal Shield: Ballybofey & Stranorlar GC, Portsalon players are reminded to confirm their availability to play with Marie Gilligan, Competition Secretary; 19th September (Sat) Past Captains; 24th September, 29th October and 26th November (Thurs) Portsalon Ladies Winter Links 2020/21; 28th November (Sat) Ladies Christmas Hamper.

# Letterkenny

Competition Results - Sheridan Security Open 29th July - 1st Chris Duffy (5) with a magnificent level par round & 41 points BOT including birdies at the 1st, 7th & 18th. 2nd place went to Peter Kavanagh (23) also with 41 points. Gross prize was won by Cian Harkin (1) who also went around level par including birdies on the 4th, 5th, 7th & 18th. 3rd place Columba Crawford (27) with 40 points. 4th place Niall Diver (22) with 39 points.

Friday Open (31/07/2020) - Winner with a superb round of 1 under par 43 points that included birdies on the 8th, 10th & 11th & only included 2 bogeys was Seamus Patton (6).

Four Lanterns 4BBB Open (01/08/2020) - Winners of the Four lanterns sponsored better ball was the Carlin brothers Matthew & Daniel with a combined score of 46 points BOT; 2nd place when to Pat Bonnar & Brian McAleer also with 46 points; Gross prize went to the Darragh McMenamin & Brendan McGrath with 45 points; 3rd place also with 46 points was brothers Tommy & Karl Dempsey.

Global Tiles Men's Competition (02/08/2020) - Winner of the Global Tiles stroke play competition on BOT was Ciaran Haran (12) with nett score of 69.; 2nd Place went to big hitting Oisín McAviney (12) also with a nett score of 69.

Gross prize once again went to Cian Harkin (1) with a great round of two over par; 3rd place by BOT Sean McBride (17) with a nett score of 70; 4th place went to Mark Cohen (15) also with a nett score of 70; Cat 4 prize went to Robbie McHugh (21) with a nett score of 72.

Letterkenny Credit Union Open (03/08/2020) - Winner of the Letterkenny Credit Union Open was Oisín Randles (18) with a terrific 44 points in a round that included 10 pars; 2nd place by way of BOT went to John Gallagher (14) with a great score of 42 points; Gross went to Darragh McMenamin who went around in one over par including eleven pars & three birdies; 3rd place also with 42 points was Jack O'Brien (12); 4th place went to Conor Coady (14) also with 42 points.



Joe Coyle, winner of the Charlie Canning Memorial at Portsalon Golf Club receiving his prize from Sean and Cathal Canning with club captain Stephen Connolly.

Recent cat 4 prize winners 20th July winner Niall o'Donnell; 27th July winner Columba Crawford; 3rd August winner Hugh Herrity Senior cup

Sunday the 9th August, Letterkenny played Portstewart in 2nd round of Senior Cup. Cian Harkin leading the way with a fabulous 8 and 7 victory in Barnhill. In the first match in Portstewart Simon Stephens had an epic match going all the way to the 18th where a winning par was enough to win the match 2up. In the 2nd match Ryan Griffin was 4 down after 8 holes but battled back magnificently on the back 9 to take the match down the 19th. A 6-foot putt for par was enough to send Letterkenny through to the last 16 where they will play Rathmore for a place in the Ulster quarter final. Well played boys. Congratulations to Martin Kelly who had a hole in one at the 16th on the 3rd August.

## Captain's Day

This upcoming weekend the Club will host Men's Captain Ed Margey's Captains Day on Saturday 15th with a number of events & competitions throughout the week, full details on the club website. Best of luck to Ed and hope he has a great day.

## Letterkenny Ladies

Winners from the Arena 7 competition on Tuesday 28th July was Kate Gallagher 41pts, 2nd Ellen Russell 37pts, 3rd Anne Condon 34pts, 4th Maureen Haran 32pts, 2nd 9 Cliodhna Patton 20pts, 1st 9 Lady Captain Celine Markey 19pts. Thursday 30th July Catherine Cooke Harkin and Anne Flannery sponsored Competition - 1st Cliodhna Patton 36pts(bot), 2nd Sarah McBreaty 36pts, 3rd Katrina Rainey 35pts, 9s Ellen Russell and Lady Captain Celine Markey.

Gilroy Tiles Open on Sunday 2nd August - 1st Cliodhna Patton 40pts, 2nd Caoimhe Lafferty 38pts, 3rd Bridget McClafferty 33pts.(bot); 9's Sarah McBreaty and Lady Captain Celine.

Breast Cancer Fundraiser on Tuesday 4th August kindly sponsored by lady members Grainne Hines, Ronat O'Reilly, Anne Boyle and Katrina Rainey - 1st Ellen Russell 33pts, 2nd Anne Condon 31pts, 9's Mena Breslin and Caoimhe Lafferty with 19 and 16 pts respectively.

The Lady Captain's Scramble was played on Thursday 6th - 3rd place were Anne McGrath, Triona Daly and Sonya McClean, 2nd Marian O'Sullivan, Patricia O'Sullivan and Mary Fowley, 1st Kate Gallagher, Deirdre McCarron and Cliodhna Patton. Lady Captain's Mixed Foursomes on Friday - 1st Gerry O'Sullivan and Cliodhna Patton, 2nd Maureen Sweeney and Cian Harkin Full results Lady Captain's Day 8th August - Winner: Sandra McMonagle (22) 38pts; Runner-Up: Catherine Cooke-Harkin(27) 34pts; Gross: Marian O'Sullivan (10) 23 gross points; 3rd: Margo Birmingham (29) 34pts.(bot); 4th: Mary McGlynn (38) 32pts; Category 0-18 Anne McGrath (18) 32pts; Category 19-28 Jackie Ireland (25) 30pts; Category 29+ Carmel McGeady (32) 32pts; Student Prize: Anna Curley (29) 33pts; Front 9: Kay Kelly (28) 20pts; Back 9: Anne Cannon (11) 17pts; Committee: Monica McDonagh (18) 31pts; Past Captains: Susie Seeneey (30) 30pts; Longest Drive: Anne McGrath on 11th; Near-

est the Pin: Claire McGonagle on 5th; 9 Hole non-qualifier Shiela King 13pts; Guest Lady: Sorcha Begley (5) 32 pts; Guest Gent: Owen Sweeney Upcoming events AIB Open Tuesday 18th and Little Angels Club Competition Thursday 20th

# Dunfanaghy

Results for week ending 9th August: Centenary Cup (Golfer of the Year) Stroke on Sunday 9th August - 1st Paul Smyth (12) 62; 2nd Tony McGilloway (9) 63; Gross: Andrew Kelly (7) 74; 3rd Ken Armstrong (15) 65 BOT; Front Nine: Tony Diver (21) 30.5; Back Nine: M.J. Kerr (16) 30. CSS: 67.

Gents Open Saturday 8th August - 1st Tom McClintock (8) 43pts BOT; 2nd Seamus McCauley (11) 40 pts; Gross: Paul Grant (7) Lisburn 30 pts; 3rd Hugh Burke (26) 39 pts BOT; Front Nine: Eugene Gallagher (16) 22pts; Back Nine: James McBride (23) 21 pts BOT. CSS: 37 pts.

Gents Open Wednesday 5th August - 1st Frank Beatty (26) 46 pts; 2nd Rory Kelly (15) 45 pts; Gross: Michael O'Dwyer (5) 37 pts; 3rd David Daly (13) 43 pts; Front Nine: Kevin Ward (21) 23 pts BOT; Back Nine: Fergus Mullen (16) 21 pts BOT. CSS: 66.

## Dunfanaghy Ladies

The Centenary Cup took place on Saturday with lovely sunshine with Sadie Marie Curran winning with 69 nett BOT and 2nd place went to Deborah Moore 69nett. Third was Margaret Roarty 71 nett; 1st 9 Lady Captain Paula McCallion 36.5 nett and the 2nd 9 Heather Hamilton 34.5 nett.

The Maire O'Donnell Team travel to Portsalon on Sunday and hope to have the return leg in Dunfanaghy on Sunday 23rd.

The caravanners classic takes place this Saturday and it is great to see the timesheet almost full. Thank you to Natalie and Graham Cummings for organising this year's event.

A reminder to all past Lady Captain's to contact the immediate past Lady Captain Robyn confirming if you will or will not be attending the past Lady Captain's event on Friday the 28th August. The Monthly Seniors will soon be commencing more details to follow.

## Seniors Alliance

Donegal Senior's Golf Alliance held an outing at Ballybofey & Stranorlar on Thursday 6th August and the winners were: 1st J Mc Ginley 20 Portsalon 41; 2nd M Scanlon 15 Ballybofey & Stranorlar 40 BOT; 3rd J Mc Caughan 16 Donegal 40; 4th T Farrell 18 Ballybofey & Stranorlar 39 BOT; 5th J Blake 11 Letterkenny 39 BOT; GROSS M Gallagher 7 Letterkenny 29 GPs; 6th J Grant 11 Ballybofey & Stranorlar 39; 7th D Foy 13 Ballybofey & Stranorlar 38 BOT; 8th P Mc Garrigle 24 Letterkenny 38; 9th G Driver 12 Ballybofey & Stranorlar 37 BOT; 10th R Porter 16 Ballybofey & Stranorlar 37 BOT.

CAT A - 1st A Harkin 19 Narin & Portnoo 36; 2nd M P O'Donnell 13 Letterkenny 35 BOT. CAT B - 1st H Mc Cormack 18 Ballybofey & Stranorlar 37 BOT; 2nd B Mc Feely 13 Ballybofey & Stranorlar 37 BOT. CAT C - 1st T Wherity 26 Letterkenny 37; 2nd H Coll 12 Dunfanaghy 35 BOT. CAT D - 1st H Temple 20 Ballybofey & Stranorlar 37; 2nd D Foy 21 Ballybofey & Stranorlar 36 BOT.



Sandra McMonagle winner of Celine Markey's Captain's Day at Letterkenny Golf Club



Pictured are the prize winners from Celine Markey's Ladies Captain's Day at Letterkenny Golf Club on Saturday last.

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FAI Senior Cup

## Harps get a cup lift

Finn Harps 1-0 St. Patrick's Athletic



Aidy Delap who made his first full start for Finn Harps in Monday night's FAI Cup win over St. Pat's in Ballybofey.

After losing three league games on the trot, Finn Harps finally managed a win on Monday evening when an early Ryan Connolly goal saw Ollie Horgan's side overcome St. Patrick's Athletic in the first round of the FAI Senior Cup in Ballybofey. Horgan will hope that the victory will instill a new sense of self belief to start getting results in the league which is the priority for the club. Monday night's win was a measure of retribution for the disappointing defeat that Harps suffered against Pat's at Richmond Park on Friday night. The two sides made a combined total of nine personnel changes from that game. Horgan made four changes with Ruairi Harkin, Leon Donnellan, Raf Cretaro and Aidy Delap coming into the starting 11. It was the Ray man Delap's first full start after appearing as a sub in the recent league games. Out went Tony McNamee, Mark Coyle, Alexander Kolger and Shane McLeleney.

The last time Harps and Pat's met in the FAI Cup was a semi-final in 2014 which the Dubliners won and went onto claim the silverware at the Aviva.

After a dismal three defeats in seven days Harps needed a rub of the green and they got when a defensive mix-up between Rory Feely and goalkeeper Conor Kearns allowed Ryan Connolly to take advantage and slot the ball into an empty net in the fifth minute. Horgan's outfit came close to doubling their advantage when central defender Stephen Folan's bending free-kick saw Kearns get down to divert the ball around the upright for a corner.

Pat's began to threaten with striker Martin Rennie having an effort

that came to nothing while Mark Anthony McGinley failed to hold a free-kick but the danger was quickly averted. Veteran Cretaro was busy as usual and got in a dangerous cross but there was no Harps player in the danger area to take advantage. The impressive Darragh Markey came close with a well struck shot while a Folan header did cause a moment of anxiety for the visitors. Harps were brighter in the early stages after the break with Sam Todd and David Webster both having attempts as the hosts tried to give themselves a cushion. Pat's brought on Robbie Benson, Chris Forrester and Burnfoot man Georgie Kelly in a bid to get back on level terms at least. Former Dundalk star Benson came closest but McGinley was equal to the effort. Horgan will have been encouraged with the disciplined defending after conceding six goals in the previous three league games.

Finn Harps - Mark Anthony McGinley; David Webster, Kosovar Sadiki, Stephen Folan, Sam Todd; Adrian Delap, Ruairi Harkin (Mark Coyle 79 mins), Leo Donnellan, Ryan Connolly (Tony McNamee 88 mins); Raf Cretaro (Mark Russell 68 mins), Karl O'Sullivan. Not used: Patrick McGarvey (Gk), Stephen Doherty, Kieran Farren, Alexander Kolger. St Patrick's Athletic - Conor Kearns; David Titov (James Doona 74 mins), Rory Feely, Dan Ward (Robbie Benson 53 mins), Ian Bermingham; Jamie Lennon, Luke McNally, Jordan Gibson, Jason McClelland; Darragh Markey (Chris Forrester 53 mins); Martin Rennie (Georgie Kelly 53 mins). Ref: Neil Doyle

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## Bohs will cause Harps bother

While happy that Finn Harps finally got a win under their belts on Monday night in the FAI Cup game, manager Ollie Horgan didn't have any time to dwell on that success as he quickly turned his attention to the upcoming League of Ireland Premier Division against Bohemians. That match takes place this Saturday at Finn Park (kick-off 2.00). Bohs who defeated reigning champions Dundalk last weekend are 11 points ahead of Harps in the table. Keith Long's outfit are second behind leaders Shamrock Rovers who have a six point advantage.

Horgan's side has only four points from seven matches and are second from bottom but on only difference from Cork City. Harps have won just once this season, that was against Sligo Rovers way back in February before the lockdown. "Our priority is to get league points. Yes it was good to get the cup win and hopefully that will give a bit of confidence

to the lads. But, we have a hell of a job ahead of us on Saturday against Bohs. They have won five of their seven league games this season. They are coming to Finn Park on the back of beating Dundalk last Saturday. Keith Long will want to keep that run going to be sure of a place in Europe next season" Horgan said.

The Harps boss will assess the walking wounded after his side played three matches in eight days. "We will have four matches in a two-week period. That as I have said already goes against the whole player welfare protocols that is supposed to be FAI policy. Bohs are a club that have been developing gradually up the scale for the past four or five years both on and off the field. They are a team now that has the potential to win a league title. Keith Buckley, J.J. Lunney, Keith Ward and Danny Grants are excellent players and blend in well to a team effort that is paying off this season" Horgan said.

## Georgie's goals hurt Harps

St. Patrick's Athletic 2-0 Finn Harps

Two goals from Burnfoot man Georgie Kelly sent Finn Harps home pointless from Dublin on Friday night. St. Patrick's Athletic took advantage of some poor Harps defending and it was striker Kelly on loan from Dundalk in his first game who scored twice in the first half for the Saints at Richmond Park. Kelly broke the deadlock on 14 minutes and made it 2-0 just before the half-hour mark after an error by Kosovar Sadiki. Manager Ollie Horgan had made three personnel changes from the loss to Shelbourne with David Webster, Stephen Folan and Tony McNamee coming in for Mark Rus-

sell, Ruairi Harkin and Leo Donnellan. The Pat's defeat mens Harps have now lost all three games since the Premier Division resumed after the Covid-19 lockdown and remain third from bottom of the table.

Finn Harps - Mark Anthony McGinley; Dave Webster (Stephen Doherty 85), Stephen Folan, Kosovar Sadiki; Sam Todd, Shane McLeleney (Ruairi Harkin 70), Kosovar Sadiki; Mark Coyle (Adrian Delap 69), Tony McNamee, Ryan Connolly; Karl O'Sullivan (Mark Russell 70), Alexander Kogler (Raff Cretaro h-t). Not used: Leon Donnellan, Patrick McGarvey.

## Harps Super 4 Lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw on Thursday 6th August. The numbers drawn were 5, 10, 13, 20. The next draw takes place on Thursday 13th August and the jackpot climbs to €5,900. There were eight match 3 winners this week, with each winning €25: Anna Quigley Ard McCool Stranorlar. Bernadette Quigley Dooish, Ballybofey. Dean Russell Gartan. Kevin Harkin Convoy. Kara Duffy (Phone number supplied). Edel Ellis Finntown. Michael Reid Stranorlar. Edel Ellis Finntown (2).

FAI Senior Cup Second Round

## Bray FAI Cup trip for Harps

21 years ago Finn Harps lost the FAI Cup Final to Bray Wanderers after a second replay when Charlie McGeever was the manager. McGeever was on the coaching staff at St. Eunan's College at the time and now one of his colleagues Ollie Horgan will take Finn Harps to the Carlisle Grounds to play Bray in the second round of the 2020 FAI Senior Cup. The draw was made in Dublin on Wednesday. International Manager Stephen Kenny drew out Bray first giving the First Division side home advantage in the tie. Harps are the Premier outfit will go into the game as slight favourites. Bray is currently fifth in the First Division and seven points behind leaders Cabinteely. Meanwhile reigning title holders Shamrock Rovers will play Cork City at the Tallaght Stadium. Derry City will make the relatively short journey to play another First Division outfit Drogheda Utd.

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Donegal Girls U12 League

## Big win for Ballyraine

The Ballyraine U12 Girls had a big win over Bonagee going 3-0 up in the first half on Monday night. Bonagee fought back hard in the second half and pushed to get the ball up the field with Aoife Porter and Sophie Doherty breaking through several times. And it paid off with a lovely goal from Sophie. But in the end it was Ballyraine's night scoring a fantastic seven goals. All the Bonagee girls played their hearts out, with Susanagh Carr, Jennifer McElroy Kelly, Aoife Porter and Sophie Doherty put in outstanding performances.

## Patton plants Milford winner

Kilmacrennan 0-1 Milford

Monday saw Kilmacrennan take to the field with neighbours Milford on a beautiful evening in Lurgy Park. Milford got off to a strong start with an early goal in the second minute of the game from Amy Patton. Both teams fought a hard battle with both keepers pulling off some great saves. In a very entertaining game there was a strong team effort from both teams. The game finished 1-0 with Milford taking the points. Well done to all the girls on great performances.

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