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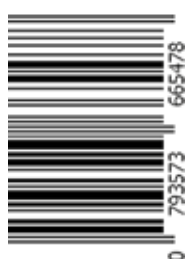
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€750,000 Cardiac Cath Lab lies idle as...

LUH facing loss of angiogram service

As concerns emerge over the future of the cardiology service for angiograms at Letterkenny University Hospital, it is understood that after June the weekly visit of the mobile cath lab will cease.

by **John McAteer**

The future service for Donegal patients is expected to be provided from Sligo University Hospital: that's according to sources.

At the same time a fixed Cardiac Radiology Unit that was donated by the Friends of LUH to the HSE in 2018 has never been commissioned.

This unit can also be used in angioplasty surgery and four years ago it was regarded as a major step forward for the hospital.

A spokesperson for the Friends of LUH has



confirmed that they provided the funding of €750,000 and as far as they are concerned this 'state of the art facility' is still lying idle after four years.

This money was raised by way of public donations by the Friends of LUH from the people of Donegal and they had to be reassured that handing over such a huge amount of the people's money was in keeping with their remit to serve the com-

munity and help to develop more services in Letterkenny.

What is of serious concern to 'The Friends' is that there appears to be no plans by the HSE to commission this unit in Letterkenny.

The failure to have the new facility up and running is now seen as being of the most urgent concern for the Friends of LUH and the countless thousands who've made donations to improve

facilities at the hospital.

The possible loss of the vital angiogram service in Letterkenny is seen as a further measure in removing services at the hospital leaving Donegal patients having to travel to Sligo or Galway. The current service has been available at LUH one day a week since 2011.

Currently the weekly visit of a mobile unit facilitates one of the

Consultant Cardiologists to carry out an interventional diagnostic procedure, coronary angiography to determine the viability of the coronary arteries. This mobile unit coincided with the appointment of the first cardiologist to LUH in 2009.

This unit also attends Sligo University Hospital once a week for the same purpose. However it is reported that the service is being taken off the road permanently.

A second cardiologist was appointed to LUH in 2016 with a split contract, with half to participate in the 24/7 STEMI acute response service at Altnagelvin Hospital. This service allows patients from across the north west to have direct access to the cardiac unit in

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Three generations of the Boyle family, Kinnalough, Fanad at the Kindrum monument on Easter Monday - Eileen, Aine and baby Aoife.

Fuel tanker facility refused planning

Planning permission for a bulk LPG storage tanker and tanker filling facility planned for Bunagee in Letterkenny has been refused by an Bord Pleannala.

The planned development by Flogas Ireland Ltd had previously been granted permission by Donegal County Council on September 2nd, 2021, but an appeal was lodged to An Bord Pleannala.

The Board recently ruled on the matter and refused permission

citing environmental factors of the proposed facility's location near Lough Swilly.

The Planning Board said: "The proposed development is located partly within Lough Swilly Special Area of Conservation (Site code 002287) and is in close proximity to Lough Swilly Special Protection Area (Site code 004075) to the east.

On the basis of the information

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Farmers facing 25% income decline

The Irish Natura & Hill Farmers Association has called for a clear plan to protect the lamb and cattle trade this autumn and they've warned about a serious decline in farm income in this sector as noted by Teagasc.

INHEA Vice-President Micheal McDonnell said there is real concern with regard to these sectors and is already becoming appar-

ent on the light store trade for cattle.

He stated: "We are seeing a significant fall in prices as concern grows amongst farmers around feed supplies for next winter. Those are the same farmers that Teagasc have noted in a recent report that their incomes are forecast to decline by between 16 and

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Five generations of the Boyce family Annie Boyce (Owen) Tullagh, Carrigart pictured with her daughter Margaret McDaid, Buncrana, her son Gerard, his son Caolan and his daughter Farragh.

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LUH facing loss of angiogram service

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Altnagelvin Hospital 24/7 for stenting and pulmonary embolectomy. This service is not affected.

A motion in relation to the Sligo University Hospital Cath Lab was recently raised at the Regional Health Forum in Galway by Cllrs. Declan Bree and Donal Gilroy.

Tony Canavan, Lead Executive, Saolta Group said that the members will be updated when a national review of the service is completed.

Further concerns about angiograms at LUH relates to 'speculation' that Sligo University Hospital is at an advanced stage in developing its own fixed cardiac catheterisation service which the HSE may fund despite a fully kitted out unit lying idle in LUH.

Letterkenny has had a consultant cardiologist for thirteen year and the mobile cardiac cath unit has been coming to the hospital since 2011.

We understand that a strong case was made to hospital management at LUH for a fixed unit that would allow the consultant to do diagnostic angioplasty and

some other interventional procedures.

We are told that hospital management accepted the proposal but since funding was not forthcoming from central sources, they approached the Friends who gladly agreed to fund the proposal as it met their terms of reference, i.e. to provide funding to kick start new service developments in the hospital and to develop a service locally to negate the need for patients from Donegal to travel outside the county for the service.

Previously, patients had to go to Galway University Hospital or St James' Hospital in Dublin or to one of the private hospitals if they had associated health insurance.

The Friends of LUH is now seeking to be informed about what plans the HSE/Saolta have for the development of cardiology services, with special reference to diagnostics and planned angioplasty in the Saolta regions?

A spokesperson for the Friends said: "If LUH is not part of the plan, what are their plans for the €750,000 worth of cardiac equipment that was funded by the people of Donegal through charitable

donations?"

We would also like to know whether patients from Donegal will have to revert to travelling outside the county again in order to access this life-saving service as they once had, prior to 2011."

The Friends will also want to know why is it necessary to withdraw and downgrade this vital component of the cardiology service in LUH given the population's peripherality and distance from secondary and tertiary services generally.

"We are calling on all of the Donegal based members of the Western Regional Health Forum to state our case for retention of this important service and to fund the fixed-based basic life-saving service that is there and ready to go in LUH."

There is one fully functional interventional cardiac catheterisation unit in the Saolta region based in UHG.

The National Cardiology Strategy states that an interventional unit must have a minimum of 250,000 people as a catchment area.

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Letterkenny Lawn Bowlers back

Saturday saw the official start of the Letterkenny Lawn Bowling season at their green in the Town Park at St. Conal's Hospital President Ian Tinney delivered the first bowl to start a great day with a big attendance. Some great bowls and even better

caic.

We now set our focus on our first Premier Division game of the season this Saturday at 2pm at home to Dunluce. Team is published in the clubhouse. Anybody wishing to watch the game please

come along. Also the green is now open and we are looking for new players and beginners to join our club. Everyone is welcome.

Please feel free to contact the Facebook page or any committee member



Members of the Letterkenny Lawn Bowling Club



President Ian Tinney delivering the first bowl of the new season

Donegal Historical Society AGM

The Donegal Historical Society are very pleased to announce that they are returning to business again after more than two years of lock-down, with the notable exception of the publication of the Donegal Annual throughout those two turbulent years. In fact, during that time the Society would have been celebrating an unbroken record of seventy-five years in existence, a proud achievement promoting the county's rich history and heritage.

However, this is a time to look forward and the first item is the AGM on Tuesday April 26th. This is for all fully paid-up members. New members are most welcome and details can be obtained from our website donegalhistory.com

One aspect of the pandemic was that many people discovered the wealth of history in their area and found it truly fascinating. Joining the Society will enhance your knowledge and understanding of our county's unrivalled historical treasures. The AGM will be in Jackson's Hotel, room 3 at 7.30 pm.

Mevagh Pier works discussed

Talks to discuss plans to "future-proof" the pier at Mevagh Boatyard took place between the Mulroy Coast Guard and local political representatives. Members of the Coastguard met with

Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Charlie McConalogue and Cllr Liam Blaney to discuss ongoing works on the pontoon project plans to future-proof the pier. They also met the

Mevagh Boatyard team who were working on the Arranmore Ferry to prepare it for the new season. Cllr Blaney said "It was good to meet with representatives of the Coastguard at their base

beside Mevagh and to see first hand the challenges they encounter. It reinforces the urgency in working on a new slipway which would also benefit leisure users."



Fisheries Minister Charlie McConalogue with Cllr. Liam Blaney on a visit to the Mevagh Coastguard and the Mevagh Boatyard.

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Monaghan rally driver killed in motorbike crash

A well-known Co. Monaghan Rally Driver has been named as the victim of a fatal road traffic collision in south Donegal on Easter Monday. Johnny Treanor was the driver of a motorcycle that collided with a car on the R231 at Killinangle More in Rosnowlough shortly before 5pm. The passengers in the car were uninjured.

He was treated by medical personnel at the scene but was pronounced dead a short time later. Mr Treanor, who was in his late 20's, was well-known in rally circles and the Donegal Rally community. Among those to pay tribute was Letterkenny area Cllr Donal Kelly, who said Johnny was a talented sportsman whom he competed against many times

and had a bright future ahead of him in the sport. Gardai in Ballyshannon continue to appeal for witnesses following a fatal road traffic collision Killinangle More, Rosnowlough on Monday, 18 April. The road was closed for some time to allow a forensic investigation to take place and has since reopened.



Ballyraire traffic control update

A review has been carried out by the Council regarding a call from Cllr Donal Coyle for the installation of a yellow box on Letterkenny's Ramelton Road at the junction leading to the Donegal ETB Centre at Ballyraire. At Thursday's MD meeting, Cllr Coyle was told that engineers had been determined that the appropriate solution would be to use a half box in front of the access land to the side road. This will allow traffic to access the side road when traffic is queued back from the creamery roundabout. That solution will be added to the road markings programme.

Cnoc Ard apartments to be allocated

Apartments at the Cnoc Ard estate in Lower Carnamuggagh, Letterkenny will be allocated shortly by the Council. Cllr Gerry McMonagle was told that subject to the repair works being completed it is hoped to allow the tenants allocated to Block A to take up their tenancies in the first week in May. Block B allocations will be issued in the last week of this month.

Churchill crash barriers call

At Thursday's Municipal District meeting, Cllr Donal Kelly sought an update on a previous motion calling for the erection of new crash barriers in Churchill outside Churchill Quarries and outside a private residence in the area. The earlier motion had been moved. Cllr. Kelly said the crash barrier was included on a priority list that was submitted by the Council. Currently there is no source of funding for new crash barriers on non-national roads. "We will continue to explore options to source funding for the erection of these crash barriers," the Council response said Kelly.



10k on Bank Holiday Monday. The three benefiting charities this year have done a huge amount of fundraising already and further events are planned this weekend. The benefiting charities this year are the No Barriers Foundation, the Donegal Diabetes Parents Support Group and Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Ireland Donegal Branch. Chairperson Neil Martin is asking runners and walkers to enter online now and avoid congestion on the morning of the event which starts at 11a.m. "We need to get as many people entered on-line as possible as there will only be a limited time for registration on the day. I would like to thank our five who are with us again this year Brian McCormick Intersport, Donegal Daily, Mount Errigal Hotel, Century Complex and the Value Centre. This is a big event and with the support of the five sponsors we can give so much more to the three charities" Martin said.

The 25th North West 10k takes place on Bank Holiday Monday, May 2nd at 11am in Letterkenny. Enter online at www.njuko.net/nw_10k_2022

Power proud of North West 10k successes

Seamus Power, the man who won the first North West 10k in 1997 still remembers that success with great pride ahead of the 25th anniversary event which takes place on the Bank Holiday Monday, May 2nd in Letterkenny at 11 a.m. He

came all the way from Clare to win the race on Saturday evening 10th of May 1997. He was also the winner the previous year of the last Rockhill 10k. "I have great memories of those years and to have the record of winning the last Rockhill

10k in 96' and then to win its successor the next year is special" Power said. He hasn't been back to Letterkenny since but over the last few months he has been taking an interest again in the North West 10k as it heads towards the special 25th anniversary run and walk. "I was delighted to be in touch with the committee over the last few months. It was nice to be remembered and being in the 25th anniversary book was an honour for me. I see that so many charities have benefitted with over 833,000 euros raised. That's great work by everyone involved over 25 years. I want to wish the committee and the charities every success next month. It's important people get out and support the North West 10k either running or walking" Power said

When he won the inaugural North West 10k in 1997 Seamus Power was a full-time athlete. He heard there was 1,000 pounds for the record time at the Rockhill 10k in 1996. "It was a long journey up from Clare, around about five hours on the roads which weren't great. I had to beat 30 minutes but I was going very well at the time. So I did it in 28.58. I know that the course changed for North West 10k the next year. It's a long time ago now but I think it was more hilly. I won ok but got a 'stitch' along the way. My time was 29.26 but it wasn't good enough to beat the record" said Power who would have earned himself a tidy 700 pounds prize sponsored by the late Frank Grimes of the 4 Lanterns. Power's brother Dermot who sadly passed since finished sixth in that Letterkenny race.

That was Saturday evening 10th of May 1997 and he wasn't to return again to the North West 10k. In national competition Seamus Power would have raced against former LAC man Gary Crossan and grew up watching the legendary Danny McDaid. Power is a man with an impressive athletics CV winning an amazing nine consecutive cross-country senior titles in a glittering career. He represented Ireland at 12 World Cross-Country championships with the highlight being a team bronze in 2000.

Seamus went to America on an athletics scholarship when he was 19 and was the most successful cross country runner in Southern Conference history. His achievements in the US were honoured in 2013 when he was inducted into the US University Hall of Fame. The countdown is now on in earnest to the North West

Friends of LUH easter hamper draw



John Watson of Watson Hire Letterkenny is pictured making the draw for the winners of the Friends of LUH Easter hamper draw. Also in the picture is Ivan Fuery, Ed Wickes and Peter Cutliffe, all from the Friends committee. The lucky winners were; 1st prize, Luxury Hamper - Selena McLaughlin, Creeslough 2nd prize, Hamper - Gwen Mooney, Ramelton 3rd prize, Shop

LK voucher - Nicole Gallagher, Mountain Top, Letterkenny 4th prize, Bottle of Whiskey - Aoibheann Douglas, Lifford 5th prize, Bottle of Wine - Mary Devine, Ballaghderg, Letterkenny. Many thanks to Watson Hire for sponsoring the main prize and to Cllr Donal Mandy Kelly for sponsoring 3rd & 4th prize and to all bought and sold tickets in supporting the draw.

A weekend of vigils

My weekend started and ended with vigils marking tragic events.

On Friday evening I attended a vigil for the victims of the Sligo murders. The murders of Aidan Moffitt and Michael Snee have rightly horrified the country. I was proud to stand at the Courthouse in Omagh to show solidarity to the LGBT community, and to the victims' families and friends and families.

On Monday morning, I attended a vigil on the third anniversary of the killing of journalist Lyra McKee. The vigil was in Derry's Guildhall Square. That is less than a mile from where she was killed. The Derry NW Ireland branch of the National Union of Journalists called the vigil.

At the same time the Belfast Branch of our union held a similar vigil. It also unveiled a new banner in her honour.

Monday was very personal for me. Lyra was a close friend. She was inspirational, both as a journalist and a human being. In her 29 years she had made an incredible impact. She was one of the finest journalists of her generation. She had the gift of illuminating the topics she covered. Every indication was that she would blossom further. She would have 40 or maybe 50 years at the top of her game. She did not write from an ivory tower, or from a hotel bar. Rather, she was a front-line worker.

She had a particular insight into Northern society. Her work is necessary to understand Northern society since 1998. It is particularly so in understanding the younger generation which has grown up since the 'peace process'. Lyra was a strong trade unionist. Like both Sligo victims, she was gay. She came from working-class North Belfast. Things have improved, but being a gay teenager there wasn't easy.

She was courageous and outspoken. From her early days she was noted for both. As she grew older, she became more courageous and outspoken.

She had the amazing ability to be so without offence. She had the gift of friendship. Her friends were a wonderful and mixed bunch. They stretched across the North's political and religious spectrum. Many could not stand one another, but could agree to be

Lyra McKee: A stray bullet killed her when she was working, covering a riot in Derry's Creggan estate. The rioters were young. Lyra would not have supported the rioting. She would, though, have felt sympathy for the rioters. She came from the same sort of background. She was only a few years older.

Lyra's friends.

Three years on I still find tears welling up when I think of her. Small things bring her to mind. Sometimes I have to submit Freedom of Information requests. When she was alive, that meant consulting Lyra. She was THE expert. I would send my draft to her, and it would always come back, tweaked to being precise as a scalpel.

A stray bullet killed her when she was working, covering a riot in Derry's Creggan estate. The rioters were young.

Lyra would not have supported the rioting. She would, though, have felt sympathy for the rioters. She came from the same sort of background. She was only a few years older. She wrote of her generation as the 'cease-fire babies': "We were the Good Friday Agreement generation, destined to never witness the horrors of war but to reap the spoils of peace... The spoils just never seemed to reach us. Peace, we were assured, would bring a thriving new economy. It never appeared. It didn't matter what qualifications you had, the most plentiful work was to be found in call centres, answering or making calls for a minimum wage. They were egalitarian shitholes; middle-class kids with PhDs mixed with kids with no GCSEs, and they all earned the same for doing the same grunt work. If you were lucky, the job didn't come with timed toilet breaks."

A number of people have been charged in connection with Lyra's death. Obviously, they have the right to be presumed innocent. That is how she would have insisted on dealing with it.

Along with Lyra I also think of another close friend, Martin O'Hagan. Martin was another journalist and another strong trade unionist. He was courageous. Twenty-one years ago he

was murdered on his way back from a Friday night drink in the centre of Lurgan. The Loyalist Volunteer Force killed him. There are well-founded allegations of collusion.

Risks to journalists in the North continue. Last month, graffiti was painted on a wall in a busy part of South Belfast. It suggested journalists be hung.

I'm not just being parochial. Russian troops killed Irish cameraman Pierre Zakrzewski and his Ukrainian colleague Olesksandra Kuvshynova near Kyiv on Monday.

To quote journalist and socialist Eamonn McCann: "All of this - and, sadly, there is much more - serves to remind us that finding and reporting the facts of our fractured world can be a deadly business. At a time when truth is trampled on by tyrants, it is more important than ever that we remember heroes of journalism like Lyra McKee."

The killings of Lyra and Martin both happened since the Good Friday Agreement of 1998. Certainly, much has improved in the North since then.

However, the two killings prove the much-praised 'Peace Process' has great flaws. It is not an example as to how the rest of the world should go.

Seven years ago, the (Southern) Irish people became the first anywhere to vote by referendum in favour of gay marriage. That was a great example of tolerance. Thus,

Ireland is right to be pleased at the progress made in recent years.

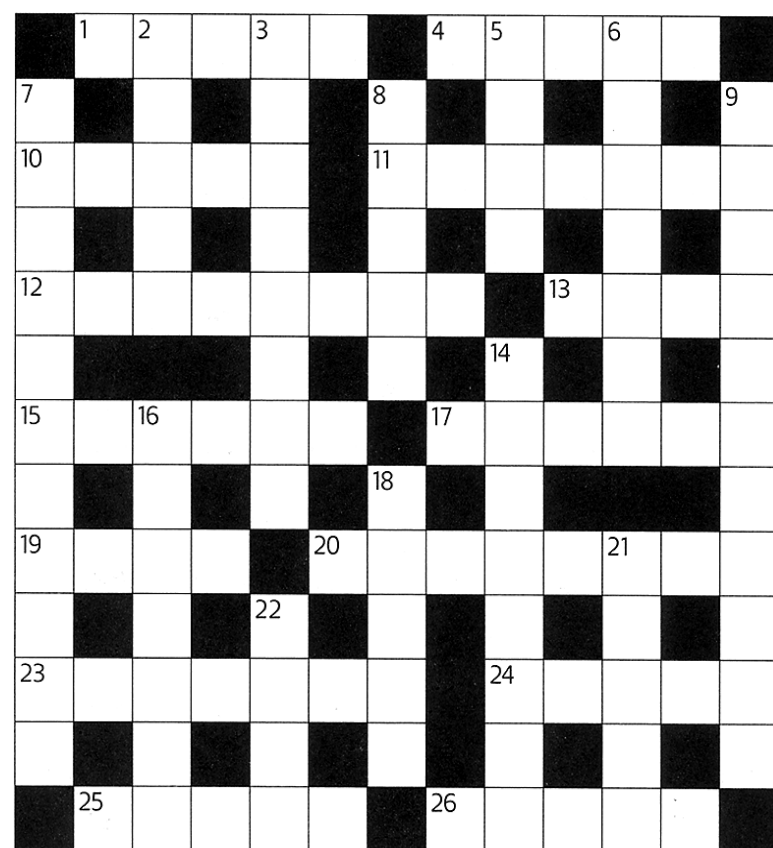
However, the Sligo killings show there are still threats against the LGBT community. As a man has been charged, comment has to be limited.

Unfortunately, the Sligo killings were not a one-off freak event. The previous week, there was a serious and unrelated assault on a gay man in Dublin. Let's face it. Many of us know of hate crimes committed against members of the LGBT community. Some were not reported at all. Some were reported, but not as such. We must face reality. Irish society still has a long way to go to stop such crimes occurring. Let's hope that, one day, they become part of the past.



By Anton McCabe

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 - 19. Amphibian (4)
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 - 24. Small dog (5)
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 - 2. Gas, symbol Ar (5)
 - 3. New Zealand's largest city (8)
 - 5. Weaving machine (4)
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 - 7. Change, variation (11)
 - 8. Politician, __ Ashdown (5)
 - 9. Subnormal body temperature (11)
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Geraldine retires from HSE

Geraldine Cullen has retired from the Donegal Mental Health Nursing Service after 39 years. A farewell function was held in her honour recently at Parkview House. Geraldine's starting and finishing dates are surely unique. She started as a student nurse at St. Conal's Hospital on Monday the 11th April 1982 and retired on Monday 11th April.

Also noteworthy is that her last day

was spent in the same building that she started her career. Parkview was formerly the School of Nursing back in 1982. After leaving St. Conal's in 1987, Geraldine spent a year in the Tyrone & Fermanagh Hospital in Omagh before moving to Gransha where she worked from 1988 to 2001. The final 21 years of her career was spent back at St. Conal's in the Day Hospital service.



Geraldine Cullen with Sarah Toye.



Geraldine with Noreen Gibson and Sandra Lockart



Geraldine with Sally McLaughlin, Kathleen Kelly and Patricia Kiely.



Geraldine Cullen seated centre with Louise Foy and Marie McGlynn. Back from left Eugene Duffy, Charlotte Browne, Lisa McNulty, Mary O'Donnell, Pauline Blaney and Ruairi O'Neill.

What people are saying about our Digital Hub....

“The Hub is very relaxed and informal. I felt that I could ask anything that I was unsure about. Clare had a very nice approachable manner.”

“It's a great addition to the Centre, especially for beginners like myself.”

“The hub was really useful and Clare was very accommodating and willing to help me with my queries.”

“I would never have made progress on my own, but with the help I got from Angela I grew in confidence.”

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Quiz Night

The Lennon Festival Quiz nights are being run every two weeks in the Lennon Lodge. The first one last week was a great success and the people who were at it really had a great nights craic and can't wait for the next quiz night on Friday the 29th of April.

Best of luck James

Good luck to James Corry who is hoping to complete a national hockey double with Lisnagarvey who are in the Irish Cup Final on Saturday against Monkstown in Dublin. James, who has strong family ties in Ramelton captained the Lisnagarvey men's team to the National EY Hockey League title earlier this month. James is the son of Drew and Christine Corry who reside at Market Cross, Ramelton.

Ramelton Bowling Club competitions

The Ramelton Bowling Club competitions are continuing at the Makemie Hall on Tuesday nights from 8pm. All welcome to join up and we will keep

going until April playing for the Hunter and John Murray Memorial Cups.

SVP Conference

The Ramelton St. Vincent de Paul are always here to help and Conference members can be contacted via their dedicated phone number 087 143 6640. All queries will be dealt with in a strictly confidential manner. The Ramelton SVP very much appreciates the community's continued support.

Swilly lotto

The numbers drawn in the Swilly Rovers lotto on Friday were 5, 13, 17 & 24. No jackpot winner. Two 3 number winners: Ava Gibson c/o John Diver & Joanne Coyle, online sale. This week's jackpot is

€4650. Thanks for your continued support. You can enter at the usual places or by using the Club force link.

RAMELTON MUMS & TOTS GROUP

are reopening on Thursday 28th April 10.30am-12noon in the Scott Rooms, Makemie Hall, Ramelton (behind Ramelton Presbyterian Church). All mums, dad's, granny's, grandads, carers, childminders more than welcome to come along with the little ones for play time & snacks with a cuppa for the adults. Any queries, give me a call on 087 6825387. Look forward to seeing everyone there, spread the word too please.

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this weekend in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.00noon. Order your requirements on 0879699715 for collection during market hours. Fresh flower bouquets, cakes, scones, treats, ready meals, all available.

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Care of the Aged help

The Ramelton Care Of The Aged Committee hope that all the seniors in our community are keeping safe and well. If there is anything or if you know anyone that might need help contact Chris and a half Paul will teach you 9151799 or Patricia 0861618687.



Ben McFadden - a man who made his mark on his community

The community of Creeslough came to a standstill on Easter Sunday as they gathered to say a final farewell to Ben McFadden, late of Ards. Ben passed away peacefully on Holy Thursday after his recent illness that he bore with great dignity and courage. He was 66.

He was remembered as a dedicated family man, musician, historian, and community activist who had a deep passion for enhancing his locality and lending a helping hand at every opportunity. Requiem Mass in St Michael's Church was celebrated by Fr. John Joe Duffy and concelebrated by Fr. Martin Doohan, Dunfanaghy, Fr. Pat McGarvey, Fanavolty, Fr. Philip Baxter, Guardian and Fr. Flann Lynch Ards Friary along Fr. Seamus Murphy, Creeslough. Fr Duffy stated Ben was "a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle. A loyal and faithful friend."

He added that Ben was a lifelong advocate of community development and that it was fitting that his death was announced on RTE's Nationwide programme on Good Friday when they aired an episode featuring Ben and other members of the Creeslough Community Association that was recorded back in March. The show featured all the great work that has been done by the community association that he spearheaded and local businesses in recent years to help make the area more vibrant for everyone, visitors and locals alike. Ben spoke of his wish to see the good work continue in the future and to make Creeslough "twice as good" in the next few years.

At the end of the segment, presenter Ann Cassin informed the viewers that since they recorded their episode, sadly Ben passed away and she offered her sympathies to his family.

Family
Family life was hugely important to Ben and he loved to make sure they were always in touch. He even spent extended visits to Australia to be close to his children and grandchildren, which he enjoyed very much. He met and married wife Bernadette, née Dorrian, from Fanad when she worked in the Portnablagh Hotel 49 years ago and Fr Duffy said "Both have given so much to our com-

munity". He added: "He was born in Ards and was the middle child of his family. He thought the world of his siblings. He enjoyed his early days in life, fishing with his uncle Joe, which was a big part of his life from a very early age. He enjoyed going to the Fair Days in Creeslough with his uncle. His love of music started at an early age

and won 1st place at the Feis in Creeslough Hall in 1968, organised by Sarah McCaffery and that gave him the confidence to continue on with it".

The cup formed part of the gifts brought to the altar to remember Ben's life and also included a family photograph, a picture of him on his boat reflecting the fact that Ben was very much at home on the sea, his guitar to symbolise his love for music, and the Appreciation Award that was presented to Ben by the Creeslough Community last year as a gesture of thanks for his great work within the community. He went to secondary school in the Tech in



Gorta-hork and went on to serve an electrical apprenticeship with the late Dom Johnston and among his first role was to wire the newly built St Michael's Church in Creeslough 50 years ago and like all the workers who took part his name is etched on the glass by the main church door, a fact of which he was very proud of. He added: "He also

worked in Ards Forest Park like his father before him and at Ards Friary. Ben could put his hand to anything be it plumbing, electrical, he was even a proud draft net fisherman, he was a beekeeper, he worked with machines. He was also an historian and led walks around his native Ards and gave talks, he sang at funerals in St. Michael's Church and he was a volunteer within his local community. "He was a familiar sight for those passing through Creeslough working around the town in his familiar Hi-Viz as he got ready for the Christmas Lights, clean-up or painting the railings on the bridge in Creeslough for the Tidy Towns. He was even involved as recent-

ly as last Christmas when he was helping fix lights at the church as he always wanted the job done correctly. "Ben was also instrumental in the committee that organised the Monument to the Owencarrow Viaduct Disaster on July 7th, 2021 and was delight-

ed that Cathy Doyle was present for that special day as it meant so much to him. Ben's work as a volunteer was recognised with an award from the Donegal Volunteer Centre last year. Ben was also a songwriter and among the songs that he composed was the Owencarrow song, which was recorded by Ailish McBride, as well as A Little Piece of Heaven and The Muckish song which he composed and recorded himself." Ben was a founding member of the

Creeslough Community Association in 2016 and led the committee in a host of projects that enhanced the area for everyone and he was very proud it included all parts of the locality.

Fr Duffy highlighted that it was impossible to pay Ben for any bit of work he did and he would even buy materials himself. "He was someone who so loved the place where he lived. It meant so much to see the development here in Creeslough. To see it being kept tidy. To see people getting on well. Ben was always delighted when he saw them getting on well in life, or in business, sport, family or in our community." Fr Duffy also urged the community to respond to Ben's call on RTE's nationwide to "make Creeslough twice as good" in the next three to four years as a lasting testament to the good he had done for everyone during his life. "He leaves a legacy of love for his family, he leaves a legacy of faith to inspire us but he also leaves a legacy of inspiration for each and every one of us," he added. During Mass his friends from his world of music added so much to the occasion - Johnnie Haughey, Margaret Rose, Ailish McBride, Bernadette's brother Patrick Dorrian and Brid Dolan. At the end of the Mass, Ben's daughter Majella read a poem which was a fitting tribute to her dad that was followed by a heartfelt round of applause from the congregation both inside and outside the church.

After the Mass, Ben was laid to rest in Doe Cemetery and Guards of Honour came from members of the Creeslough Community Association, The Creeslough First Responders and St Michael's GAA club, who also paid tribute to him for all the work he did. They stated: "Not only has the death of Ben McFadden been a huge loss to the community of Creeslough, we in CLG Naomh Micheál GAA have also lost a valued and loyal friend of our club. In the early 2000s when we embarked on our new Clubhouse facility at the Bridge, as usual, Ben was to the fore and

his input to the project was second to none. Many hours were spent at The Bridge and all at no cost and it was done with his forever remembered customary smile. Ben, we at CLG Naomh Micheál will forever be indebted to your generosity." He is survived by wife Bernadette,

daughter Majella and partner James, son Gerard and daughter in law Edel, son Peadar, son Liam and daughter in law Masayo, his grandchildren Ami, Louie, Naoise, Olivia and Sophia. Brothers Michael and wife Catherine, John and wife Debbie, Peter and wife Bridie, his sisters Evelyn and husband Michael, Mary and husband Kevin, Colette and husband Noel, his nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends to whom deepest sympathy is extended.



Ben McFadden with his award from the Creeslough Community Association in 2021 pictured with his wife Bernadette, son Peadar and daughter Majella.

The poem read out in tribute to Ben by his daughter Majella at the funeral

*I thought I had a few songs left to write,
I thought I had a few wrongs left to right,
I thought I had some stories left to tell,
I thought I had some flowers left to smell.*

*But I guess it really goes to show,
It isn't what you think it's what you know,
Just try to make a mark before you go.*

Greenlight for Cranford NS classroom

Planning permission has been granted for a replacement classroom at Cranford National School. Conditional planning was granted by Donegal county Council for the replacement of an existing portacabin classroom with new standalone unit, as well as a wastewater treatment system and installation of new sand polishing filter and all associated site works. The successful application was made by James Whoriskey, Principal Cranford National School at Carmony, Cranford.

Covid commemoration stone

At Thursday's MD meeting, Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh sought an update on any progress in relation to his proposal to provide an engraved stone in the Town Park to commemorate those who lost their lives to Covid-19 and to acknowledge those who worked through the pandemic providing essential services.

He was informed that over the next few weeks possible options and locations will be considered and presented to the members for consultation.

Tyres slashed

Letterkenny Gardaí are investigating a criminal damage incident that occurred at Fairgreen Park, Letterkenny on Wednesday, April 16th, sometime between 12.15am and 10am. They say a resident in that area woke to discover that three tires of their car had been slashed overnight and the car door had been forced open. Nothing was stolen from the car, they report. Gardaí stated: "We appeal to anybody who may have seen or heard anything between those times in that area that might help progress our investigation to contact Gardaí in Letterkenny on 9167100."

Arrests following Town Park incidents

Gardaí say they have arrested a number of people in connection to two separate alleged assault incidents in Letterkenny Town Park that occurred in recent weeks. They said an appeal was issued in relation to an assault on a man at the Town Park on March 23rd and since then two people were arrested and a file is being prepared for the DPP. In a separate incident an appeal was issued in relation to an assault on 3 youths who were playing football at the Town Park, on April 2nd. Gardaí say two people were arrested and interviewed in relation to these incidents. Further investigation will take place and a file is being prepared for the DPP, they added.

Digital publishing software success story

A uniquely innovative and creative company, 3D Issue specialising in digital publishing software, was set up in Donegal by entrepreneur and CEO Paul McNulty after returning to his roots in Letterkenny from the USA. After taking a role with a local advertising company, Paul realised that there was a more efficient, effective and innovative way of expediting the sales process through the application of flipbook generators and this Paul recalls was “essentially my road to Damascus. I spotted a service that I could deliver and 3D Issue was born”.



Since their formation, Paul discussed how fortunate they were that “the product we created was validated immediately by the market and sales came in thick and fast which allowed us to grow organically”. From humble beginnings of providing a single product to their clients, Paul has been able to expand their service and product offering to better address the needs of their target markets.

Local and regional support agencies were significantly influential for the growth and development of 3D Issue over the years as Paul states “Both Enterprise Ireland and the Local Enterprise Office were very supportive of us while we grew, they provided us with numerous grants and project funding that allowed us to develop our products and team”. Local collaboration and networking are also important to the 3D Issue ethos as they avail of the services of other local businesses to create their software.

As a company which specialises in creating software that helps publishers maximise the content experience readers have when consuming con-

tent, they are acutely aware of a challenge publishers come up against where material is not adapted or responsive to the mobile audience “readers may have to pinch and pan out just to read a sentence”. The newest offering 3D Issue have developed for their clients is called ‘Experios’. Paul describes the product as “the evolution of our service to clients. Experios addresses that need by creating a platform that allows publishers to convert their publications to responsive experiences without having any design or coding skills”.

Though physically based in Donegal, the business primarily deals with an international client base in regions including the USA, Canada, the UK and Australia. The geographic distance is a challenge that is easily overcome by Paul and his team at 3D Issue Paul discusses the primary challenge being “Time difference is the only hindrance to us”, a challenge easily overcome by the staff.

3D Issue was one of the early adopters regionally of remote working practices. Paul shares his thoughts



Michael Doherty of the Mica Action Group receives a cheque for €6,341 from the Ballyliffin Coastal Challenge. Included are Patsy McGonagle, Des Kemmy, Susan McGonagle and Conor McGonagle from the race organisers and Paul O'Donoghue and Maria McNulty from sponsors, Specsavers Letterkenny.

on how they have embraced the new method of working “We were always comfortable with remote working as many of our engineers have always been remote. From the start, we have always had remote workers”. Due to their established experience with remote working and leading remote teams, when the pandemic hit in 2020, 3D Issue were able to migrate to a fully remote environment seamlessly.

Similarly, 3D Issue have adopted a modern ‘4 Day Working Week’ model for their employees. Paul explains that this “was born out of a retention strategy. Prior to Covid-19, I could see that there would be an emerging shift in how people were working”. The aim was to build a better culture within the business and create an environment where their staff were more efficient, productive and invested. The results of this shift speak for themselves with across the board increases in productivity, development, sales and a more refreshed workforce.

The future for 3D Issue is ever expanding with plans to take on more sales and marketing staff, with the intention of as many based in Donegal as possible. An online expansion is also on the horizon with constant refreshing and redesigning of the new website to be launched soon. Paul explains how he believes that “constantly innovating, testing and altering the website and various calls to actions is always top of our agenda”.

Good as New Sale in Carrigart

A Good as New Sale will take place in the Hay Hall, Carrigart on Easter Saturday 16th April and Easter Monday 18th April from 11am – 5pm. All proceeds in aid of Holy Trinity Church, Carrigart.



The color party at the Joseph Doherty Commemoration in Carrigart on Easter Monday.

€300K for Donegal archaeological monuments



Bishop's Palace, Raphoe.

Eight archaeological monuments in County Donegal are set to benefit from over €300,000 in funding under the Community Monuments Fund.

“The Community Monuments Fund provides 100% funding for the conservation, maintenance, protection and presentation of archaeological monuments and historic sites by private owners, custodians, community groups or local authorities,” explained Joseph Gallagher, County Donegal Heritage Officer.

“All of the archaeological monuments funded under this scheme are protected under the National Monuments Acts. Most of the 3,400 known archaeological sites in County Donegal are in private own-

ership or guardianship so this scheme offers an ideal opportunity to landowners, community groups or local authorities to undertake conservation works to monuments, encourage greater access to them, improve their presentation or build resilience in monuments to enable them to withstand the effects of climate change.” Funding includes: Donegal GAP Heritage & History Group for restoration works to Doon Fort (€85,000); Malin Head Community Association for conservation works to Malin Well Old Church in Ballygorman: (€64,193) and to Killybegs History & Heritage Committee:

(€44,129) for the continued conservation of St. Catherine's Church, Killybegs.

Funding was also awarded to Raphoe Community in Action (€29,623) for a conservation report on the Bishop's Palace, Raphoe: the Ballyshannon Regeneration Group:

(€20,756) to commission a conservation report on Abbey Assaroo; to Dunkineely Community Ltd. (€18,692) for a conservation plan on McSwyne's Castle; Northburgh Castle Conservation Group (€30,000) for a detailed method statement and tender documentation to Northburgh Castle, Greencastle. Funding was also awarded to Fahan Community Development Partnership (€8,165) to develop an interactive virtual tour of St. Mura's Graveyard in Fahan and to continue to monitor the stability of St. Mura's Cross.

16 Easter drink and drug driving arrests

Gardaí were out across the Donegal Division over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend.

They say a total of 16 drivers were arrested for drink/drug driving offences.

This includes 11 drink driving related arrests and 5 drug driving arrests, over the course of the weekend, from Friday 15th to Monday 18th inclusive.

A number of Fixed Charge Penalty Notices were also issued in respect of Speeding offences, they added.



Foyle MLA Ciara Ferguson who delivered the oration in Carrigart on Easter Monday with local Sinn Féin Representative Maria Doherty.

Cullion Road traffic concerns

The Mayor of Letterkenny Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh raised concerns again at last week's Municipal District meeting over a dangerous junction on the Cullion Road in Letterkenny. Cllr Kavanagh sought an update on any plans the Council were pursuing for further safety measures at the Readymix Crossroads on the Cullion Road. He said that despite some safety works having been carried out it was still very dangerous with another accident there recently. Responding the Council said works were carried out at this junction at the end of March. These works involved removing the existing hedge line along the Cullion Road, new drainage and the erection of a new fence line 2m back from the original line. Some road markings are still to be completed as part of these works. "There is currently no further funding available for improvement works at this location but we will monitor the location and consider it for future funding applications" the Council said in a written response to Cllr Kavanagh.

Churchill concealed entrance signs

Independent Cllr Michael McBride sought an update at last week's Municipal District Committee meeting on when the Council expected the concealed entrance signs will be erected on each side of Byrne's Bar on the Churchill road. Cllr McBride was told that the works have been included in the Roads Maintenance Team Programme and will be completed as soon as resources are available.

Mayor's busy reception schedule

The Mayor of Letterkenny, Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh is planning four receptions in the next couple of months to honour two individuals, a sports team and a school. Singer Martin Orr has done a number of charity fundraisers over the years and it's a similar story for Letterkenny Pantomime Society chief Patrick Doherty. They will both be honoured with Mayoral Receptions along with Letterkenny's all-Irish speaking secondary school Coaliste Ailigh who are celebrating their 21st anniversary this year. Letterkenny Cricket Club will also be recognised for its history making achievement last year winning their first Cup Final.

Fuel tanker facility refused planning

From Page One provided with the application and appeal, and in light of the Stage 2 appropriate Assessment undertaken, the Board cannot be satisfied the proposed development, individually, or in combination with other plans or projects, would not be likely to have a significant effect on the Lough Swilly Special Area of Conservation or the Lough Swilly Special Protection Area,

in view of the sites' conservation objectives, by reason of the open nature of the east site boundary that allows for direct discharge of surface waters containing suspended solids and/or pollutants to the Special Area of Conservation.

In such circumstances, the Board is precluded from granting permission."

Farmers facing 25% income decline

From Page One 25%. With fertiliser prices at an all time high coupled with ongoing concern around supply many farmers are "not in the financial position to purchase enough fertiliser to ensure adequate silage supplies for next winter. While some of these farmers may carry their younger stock into and through the winter there are many more that depend

on a strong trade every autumn - a trade that could be undermined by the lack of fodder and meal. In recognising how the National Fodder and Food Security Committee has been established to try and address specific concerns around animal feed, McDonnell stressed the need for additional consideration around financial supports and scheme amendments which the Govern-

ment must now lead on, to ensure the work undertaken on this committee is not undermined. Urgent action is needed on the feasibility study on wool and where possible clear plans on the use of wool as a fertiliser or as a compost alternative for the mushroom industry when mixed with bracken. A viable plan for the use of wool will immediately deliver a significant price increase.

Death of Jim Shields



The death took place on Monday at Letterkenny University Hospital of Jim Shields, Ard Colmcille, Letterkenny. Aged 85 Jim was a well known and highly respected member of the local community in Letterkenny. He was a former ESB employee. Jim was predeceased by his wife Teresa in 2013, brothers Donal, Tommy, Eugene and Hugo and sisters Essie, Geraldine and Margo. He is survived by sons and daughters Carmel McMacken and husband Gabriel, Woodlands, Kieran and wife Muriel, Meadow Hill, Adrian, Ard Colmcille, Bernie Downey and husband Keith, Dublin, Kevin, Dublin, Michelle and partner Jordan, Letterkenny, grandchildren Shaun, Laura, Odhrán, Conor, Ronan, Aoihme and Ciara, great-grandchildren Darragh and Shay, sisters Aggie O'Neill, Sally Bogan, Rosenna O'Rourke and Kathleen

Bogan, brothers Sean, Martin and Declan, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and a wide circle of family, friends and neighbours. Jim's remains are reposing at the family residence in Ard Colmcille. Funeral is from there on this Friday at 10.30am going to St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny for 11am Requiem Mass which can be viewed live on www.churchservices.tv/letterkenny. Interment afterwards in New Leck Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to Jim's family and friends.

The late Patsy Gallagher



The death occurred on Saturday at Letterkenny University Hospital of Patsy Gallagher, Glasgow and formerly of Swilly Park, Ramelton. As a young man Patsy emigrated to Scotland and his first job was potato gathering in Ayrshire. That's where he met his wife to be Nan. The couple mar-

ried in April 1962. While Glasgow was to be his permanent home Patsy's heart was always in his native Ramelton. He was a frequent visitor back to his native town to visit family and friends. With the name Patsy Gallagher there was only one football team that he supported throughout his life and that was Glasgow Celtic. Above all else Patsy was a family man. His plan had been to retire back to Ramelton but there was always a family commitment in Scotland that just kept putting that on the long finger. Then his wife Nan whom he had cared for in her final years before she passed away. Patsy also had his cross to bear with ill-health but he always remained positive right up to the very end. He was delighted to be able to come home for his grandson Adrian's wedding last month. However, Patsy's health deteriorated further in the last few weeks requiring admission to Letterkenny University Hospital where he was very well cared for in his final journey before passing away on Saturday. Patsy is survived by his daughter Carol; sons David and James; son-in-law Lawrence, daughter-in-law Alexandra; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, extended family and friends. He was predeceased by his wife Nan. The remains of the late Mr Gallagher reposed at the residence of his daughter Carol and Lawrence Toland, Letterkenny Road, Ramelton from Sunday evening. Fr. Brendan Ward C.C. Church of the Irish Martyrs officiated at the Requiem Mass which took place on Tuesday morning in St Mary's Church, Ramelton. Readings and Prayers of the Faithful were by family members. Music and hymns were by Patrick Shields. Patsy was laid to rest afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Rebecca Spratt

The funeral took place on Friday of Rebecca Spratt (née Russell), Oaklands Park, Gortlee, Letterkenny. A well known member of the local



community, Rebecca had returned to Letterkenny some years ago after emigrating to Scotland as a young woman. There she worked for the famous Singer sewing company in Clydebank. Rebecca passed away on Wednesday of last week at Letterkenny University Hospital. She was predeceased by her parents James (1950) and Kathleen (1980), husband James (Jim 1980) sister Maisie Malseed (Newmills) and brother Jim (Dooen). Rebecca is survived by her son Billy and his wife Janet (Lilithgon, Scotland); grandson William, brother Tommy (Dooen), sister Isobel Sweeney (Tullygay), extended family members, neighbours and friends. Rebecca's remains reposed last Wednesday in The Eternal Light Chapel of Rest Mountain Top Letterkenny. Removal from there on Thursday evening to Conwal Parish Church to repose overnight. Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Rebecca took place on Friday morning followed by burial in Gortlee Cemetery. Reverends David and Heather Houlton officiated at both the Service and burial. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

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Deatho Dympna Mullan



The death took place at 24 Forest View, Boyle, Co. Roscommon of Dympna Mullan (née Gibbons) and formerly from Main Street, Milford in her 100th year. Dympna was predeceased by her loving husband Harry, the former Bank Manager at Northern Bank, Milford.

Her funeral took place on Tuesday in Saint Joseph's Parish Church, Boyle with interment afterwards in Strokestown Cemetery.

Sympathy is extended to her, daughters Geraldine, Helen (UK), Anne and son Harry (USA), son-in-law Andrew, grandsons Jordan, David and Aiden, grand-daughter-in-law Ellen, step great grand-daughter Ella, extended family of nieces,

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New dancing time

The Dancing in the Mulroy Woods Hotel on Thursday will now begin at the later time of 9pm for the summer season and this Thursday the 21st A Sprig of Heather will provide the music.

25 Card Drive

Milford Parish Community Games will hold a 25 Card Drive on Friday 22nd April in the Village Inn, Kerrykeel at 8p.m. Teams of 8 Partners - 4 from each table, prizes Half the Pot. All welcome - refreshments served, Tickets €50.

Milford Garda Headquarters query

Independent Cllr John O'Donnell has called on the Council to write to the Garda Commissioner and seek clarity that when Letterkenny becomes a Gaeltacht district it will not result in Milford losing its distinct headquarters status.

Last month it was announced that Letterkenny was going to be designated as a Gaeltacht Garda Station.

The Council will now write to the Garda Commissioner to seek clarification on the matter.

Mission Hall

Milford Mission Hall Re-opens on Sunday the 1st May at 8pm and the speakers will be Joe and Margaret Kerr. The speakers for the June 5th are Eric Borland and on the July 3rd it will be Audrey Chambers.

Milford United

Milford United FC senior team will travel away to Raphoe Town on Sunday 24th April in an important Donegal League match, kick off is 1.00pm and all support is welcome.

Milford Ju Jitsu

Milford Ju Jitsu will hold a Senior Class in Milford Hall on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm. New members welcome to come along and try the sport and learn self defence and fitness. Must be over 16 years of age.

Golf Society Outing

The Hi-da-way Golf Society will host a weekend away on the weekend 13th and 14th May in Cavan.

50/50 Draw

The next Milford United 50/50 draw will take place on Saturday 7th May with a minimum jackpot of €1000 to be won. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5.

The ticket office will be open at the old AIB on Main Street, Milford on Saturday 7th May from 10.00am.- 6.00pm. Your support is greatly appreciated. Tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder or by Revolut to Noel Gillespie 086 8224091 and

Martin Roarty on 087 9129691 and various outlets in the town.

Dancing

Dancing continues in the Milford Hall every Thursday night from 8pm. The cost is a mere €5 including refreshments. Everyone welcome.

GAA Boys

The Milford GAA Club Minor Boys are at home to Downings this Friday evening.

Kerrykeel Quiz for Ukraine

There will be a pub quiz in the Plough and Harrow, Kerrykeel on Saturday the 23rd of April. The quiz was cancelled due to an electricity outage on Easter Saturday the 16th of April but will take place this weekend.

All proceeds are in aid of the Irish Red Cross for Ukraine. The entry is €10 per person with a maximum of four people per table. There will be prizes, a raffle, bingo, an auction and refreshments on the night. All support is appreciated.

Masses in Milford

Mass times in St. Peter's Church, Milford this week are - Thursday 21st April 10.00am and 7.00pm; Friday 22nd April - 10.00am; Saturday 23rd April 7.30pm; Sunday 24th April 11.00am. Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 23rd April at 6.00pm.

School Uniforms Needed

There is an appeal looking for school uniforms for different schools in the wider Milford area for Ukrainian children and young people who have recently arrived in Donegal. Donations can be dropped off at Milford & District Resource Centre or Rags To Riches Thrift Shop.

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Social Dancing in Milford

Social Dancing continues in the Milford Hall, Kilmacrennan Road, Milford on Thursday nights from 8pm. Everyone welcome.

Graveyard Mass

The annual Graveyard Mass at Tully Cemetery will take place on Sunday 24th July at 3pm and the annual Graveyard Mass at Milford Cemetery will take place on Sunday 31st July at 3pm

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Hugh Gallagher Memorial 5k

The annual Hugh Gallagher Memorial 5k will take place this Friday evening at 7.30pm. Registrations are online or on the evening at the Clubhouse and it costs €10. The races is again sponsored by MOWI in Fanad and a large crowd is expected.



Liam Doherty from MOWI presenting the Milford AC with sponsorship for the Hugh Gallagher memorial 5km on this Friday the 22nd April at 7.30pm.

Mark and Paddy run Boston

Milford AC's Mark McPaul and training partner Paddy Ryan took in one of the worlds iconic marathons when both lined up on Easter Monday to run the Boston marathon.

Both had highs and lows as they raced with the elites and the made it to the finish as part of the 25,314 finishers.

Both had trained diligently over the past few months under the direction of coach, Hugh Coll. All was going to plan until Paddy Ryan developed a niggling back injury two weeks before the event. The day before the race Paddy felt he wouldn't be fit to run but on the morning of the race he had a change of heart and joined the other 30,000 eager participants. He was going well up until around 14km but then the back pain flared up and it was noticeable from the tracker that his pace was slowing considerably. 28 km left to run is not easy when the wheels come off but Paddy's mental and physical toughness got him to the finish line in 3.15.10.. a far cry from his pb of 2.48.20 from Belfast in October last.

Mark McPaul thankfully went into the race fighting fit and was comfortable on his target of a 2.29 finish as he went through the halfway point in 73.53, averaging 3.30/km.

The marathon can be unforgiving and as he past the 26km point the hills and the heat were beginning to take their toll. After getting through heart break hill at around the 35km point, he gathered himself again and stayed on track to run a superb pb of 2.38.47 in his first competitive marathon. On this showing he will have learned much on marathon racing and on a faster course with more conducive weather he will get close to



Mark McPaul and Paddy Ryan with their Boston Marathon Medals on Monday. Marty Lynch's club record of 2.33.18.

Only around 2% of the world's marathon runners break the magical 3 hour barrier for the marathon.. so that statistic alone is encouraging for Mark and Paddy and the many other club marathon runners who have broken 3 hours. Mark and Paddy will now take a well earned break as they enjoy the remainder of their time in Boston with their family and extended American cousins.



Groups at the Milford GAA Easter Camp at Moyle with their coaches.





Martin Roarty presenting Marie Whelan, Foxes Glen, Milford with a cheque for €1,000 for the Milford United Football Club March 50/50 Draw. The next draw will take place on Saturday 7th May.

Young musicians invited to 'Mulroy Soundwaves'

Young musicians and singers who'd like to get together to create and record a song or two are invited to a 'Mulroy Soundwaves' day at Mulroy College in Milford on Saturday 5th May. This is the latest in a series of Soundwaves sessions delivered by the highly-regarded Wall2Wall Music from Derry, and

organised by the Donegal Music Education Partnership. The day runs from 10.30am until 4.30pm. It's for anyone aged between 12 and 18 who can sing or play a bit, from beginner to expert, and it doesn't matter what sort of music. Two highly-experienced musicians from Wall2Wall, Seamus

Devenny (Carndonagh) and Cheylene Murphy (Derry), will lead the sessions during the day. Those taking part will put together original music with lyrics and solos. The day will finish with a group performance of the new pieces, which will be recorded.

Mulroy Soundwaves is supported by the DMEP and so the fee is €20. Places can be booked on the DMEP website, dmep.ie; by emailing musiceducation@donegaletb.ie; or by phoning DMEP manager Martin McGinley on 087 1677 699.

Students at the new Mulroy Music Academy can simply give their names to their tutor.

The most recent Soundwaves took place at the new Atlantic School of Rock at PCC An Fál Carrach on Saturday 11th December. Others have been held in Letterkenny and Ballybofey.

Martin McGinley of the DMEP said Soundwaves is a great opportunity for young musicians to get together and make new musical friends. "This is happening at Mulroy College but it's open to any young musician who'd like to spend a day playing music with



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Wendy Carr and Lynette Morgan and her dog Penny heading out on the walk.



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Anyone attending the Thursday evening Supper Club in the Mulroy Woods Hotel gets FREE Entry to the Social Dancing

like-minded people! It caters for all levels – you just need an interest in making music. Seamus and Cheylene are brilliant at what they do, friendly and relaxed, and they help create a great atmosphere for the day." Anyone interested in having guitar, drums, violin or piano lessons at the Mulroy Music Academy can enrol at dmep.ie or contact the DMEP by emailing musiceducation@donegaletb.ie. Group lessons are €10 for 30 minutes. An individual lesson on piano is €17 for 30 minutes.



Participants in the annual Good Friday Golan Pad walk in Milford in aid of the Milford Tidy Towns and the Ukrainian Refugees.



Enjoying Easter equestrian style

Sunshine and showers were the order of the days over Easter, with a pretty chilly wind accompanying both. With the right clothing almost any weather can be enjoyed and Donegal's equestrian community were certainly not put off by the bracing conditions.

By Rachel Carton

In show-jumping there were shows abounding and competitors were spoiled for choice of where to go. Muff's Kenneth Graham opted for the Grand Prix show at Connell Hill on Saturday, a choice that proved canny as he won the Grand Prix class on board his own Lancelot mare, Beir Bua. The 12yr old grey mare scorched around the jump-off course in a time that left the opposition trailing in the dust. Further south, at Cavan Equestrian Centre, Tara Brennan took the blue ribbon in the junior/COH class, riding her father's Annabelle. This was the pairs first class at the higher level and their good result bodes well for the future.

Members of Donegal's South and East pony clubs also had busy weekends as both clubs had a full schedule of fun lessons arranged. The South Donegal branch was under the tutelage of Ruth Stack at Deanes Farm Equestrian, where they mastered some tricky jumping exercises before getting in valuable practice in bandaging their patient mounts. You never know when the skill will be needed. The East Donegal branch enjoyed a two day camp at Castle Irvine, Necarne, where DC Sharon Kelly had arranged plenty of lessons as well as the opportunity to hack out around the 250 acre estate. Weekends like that are what great memories are made of.

The bigger kids of the riding club brigade were enjoying the cool sunshine at various venues. A lot of members spent the weekend exploring the fantastic countryside that local riders are blessed with, while the Donegal Gaeltacht riding club put their bursary to AIRC headquarters to good use by booking Moy Equestrian for some cross-country schooling under the watchful guidance of Victoria Teuton. The weather held up perfectly for their two hour session and all riders and horses came away feeling confident for the season of eventing ahead. Next weekend sees a good number of the Donegal club members take the long road to



Tara Brennan successful at her first Cavan COH championship



East Donegal pony club members at their Castle Irvine camp.

Annaharvey Farm for the national hunter-trial championships. With a bit of luck they'll bring some silverware north with them on the return journey.

100th delight for Dylan

Dylan Browne McMonagle reached another milestone in his burgeoning career as he rode his 100th winner at Cork on Saturday. The champion apprentice made all the running on the Joseph O'Brien-trained Ghasham to take the 10-furlong maiden, the 11/2 chance holding the late run of Fozzy Stack's Ruler Legend by half a length. The Letterkenny jockey, a former star of the pony racing circuit, was only 16 years of age when riding his first winner on the O'Brien-trained Jumellea at Navan on October 9, 2019. He rode his first Group-race winner when taking

the Group 3 Vintage Crop Stakes on the Joseph O'Brien-trained Baron Samedi at the same course in April of last year, his first ride in a Group race. Dylan was crowned champion apprentice at the end of the 2021 season. He rode 48 winners to win the title by 15 from Mikey Sheehy and was the winner of the Emerging Talent Award at the annual Horse Racing Ireland Awards at the end of last year. Dylan has 98 winners to his name in Ireland, one in Britain and one in Qatar.



Dylan Browne McMonagle pushes out Ghasham to win in Cork

Behold!

GK Chesterton famously observed that "the world will never starve for want of wonders; but only for want of wonder." If that carefully crafted maxim was true in the 1900s, it is certainly true today.

Just this morning I began reading a book in which the author (Justin Huffman) shares the story of the time he visited Niagara Falls. As he and his fellow tourists drew close to the majestic sight, they were staggered by the sheer immensity of power on display. Yet as they gazed at the glorious view, one member of the party was evidently unimpressed; in fact, he was positively bored. Why? Because he was the tour guide and he had seen the same incredible scene hundreds or even thousands of times before. In Huffman's words, "he had grown deaf to its roar, blind to its beauty, calloused to its glory."

This is surely something many of us have done, albeit on a smaller scale. How often have we caught a glimpse of Muckish or Errigal or seen Ballymaddock stretch out before our eyes and remained firmly unmoved? Familiarity really can breed contempt.

It is an undeniable fact that we live in an era when we can be more entertained than ever before. Those of us with Netflix accounts can access a dizzying array of films and shows with just a few taps of the finger. Wikipedia and YouTube allow us to descend into deep, practically unending mines to accumulated human knowledge. Barely a day goes by when there isn't some major sporting event to keep us on the edge of our seats. Yet it is also surely true that our generation is more easily bored than any to have gone before us. Deep down, we know that there

Food for thought



Jonny McCollum

is so much more to life. Our many entertainment options don't satisfy the hunger that is within us, they merely numb it momentarily. The irony is that all around us there is majesty and wonder to behold but we are far too busy distracting ourselves to see it.

As a pastor, one of my jobs is to help my fellow Christians to gaze and marvel at the majesty of Jesus Christ.

Of course it is important to understand what God says about himself in his word, but if that is all we do then we are no better than the bored tour guide bobbing around with a scowl on his face at one of the most awe inspiring places on Earth.

Perhaps that is why one of the most common words in the entire Bible is "behold". We have a tendency to mentally skip over that simple word, but it is designed to have the opposite effect. Each time it occurs we are given an invitation—to slow down, linger, and be amazed. When we do, we will find that hunger Chesterton described being satisfied as we encounter the one who is truly the God of wonder.



Members of the Donegal Gaeltacht and Letterkenny riding clubs at Moy Equestrian

Ray Community Group

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Every Tues & Thur evening 7pm there will be an organised walk from centre. Everyone should feel safe going for a walk and here at Ray we will be walking safely as a group in our community. All levels of fitness welcome. Just turn up any evening with your hi vis jackets and torches. Any enquiries call Syria 087 2877900

ROOMS TO RENT IN 2022

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Irish Unity... From Craigavon to Carrigart

Sinn Fein's Easter ceremonies drew bigger than normal crowds with many first time voters out in force despite the inclement weather there was a new enthusiasm evident as teenagers played a central role in many of the locations across the country.

John Finucane, MLA delivered the Drumboe oration on Sunday while Ciara Ferguson, MLA spoke at Carrigart and Fanad on Monday where she said inequality was at the heart of the two partition states and she hoped for Irish Unity from Craigavon to Carrigart.

Ciara Ferguson said "Easter is a time to remember those who died for Irish freedom and to look forward to a better future. We are the change makers and the generation that can deliver a new fairer and united Ireland which values all our

people. Let's seize the moment, together".
"On Easter Monday, the rebels of 1916 set out to liberate our country from British rule and to shape a nation that would thrive and prosper. They were change-makers. They believed in the new Ireland; the independent republic so poetically expressed in the proclamation read aloud by Pádraig Pearse.

Easter is a special time for republicans. We come together to remember, reflect, rededicate – but also to look forward towards the future. Towards a new and united Ireland – a fairer Ireland, a more equal Ireland, beyond the shackles of partition. Because the reality is, not only did partition divide us, but it also created a society – north and south – that favoured the elites over the interests of ordinary people.

But we are the generation who will deliver change. In a few short weeks, we will fight an Assembly election in the north. It is an election about the future and the type of Ireland we want to live in, and importantly is about delivering for people in the here and now.

It's about making politics work for people from Craigavon to Carrigart, from Fanad to Faughanvale.

To change people's everyday lives, to strengthen health services, build affordable homes and put money in the pockets of people who are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis.

Democracy must prevail on terms set by the people, not by the DUP or by anyone else. From day one after the election is over, we will be ready to go back to the Executive, to work with others and get to work for the people.

Ireland is changing and a new future is being written, a better, more prosperous and equal future. We are excited at the opportunities that lay ahead to build a united Ireland, a place that everyone can call home. That conversation is thriving and happening all around us. There is an onus on the Irish government to step up preparations and urgently establish a Citizens' Assembly to discuss, debate and plan for the immense possibilities the future holds."

John Finucane stated: "We have a peaceful process that facilitates a peaceful transition to a United Ireland that cherishes all of our people, whatever their background, tradition, religion or political affiliation.

A Unity referendum, explicitly provided for in the Good Friday Agreement, is not a threat to any section of our community. Sinn Féin understands that there are different traditions on this island, that there are people here who consider themselves British. That needs to be respected just as nationalists currently seek respect for their Irishness within the Six Counties.

A United Ireland will receive the support and goodwill of the international community. European Union leaders have guaranteed that the North



Foyle MLA Ciara Ferguson delivering the Fanad oration.



Pat Doherty, Carrigart with John Finucane, MLA at Drumboe on Easter Sunday.



Michael Shiels reading the Donegal Roll of Honour at Kindrum on Easter Monday.



John Downey with Seamus Rogers, Gortnabrade at Kindrum.



Sections of the crowd at Kindrum on Easter Monday.



Seamus Murphy, Kerrykeel laying a wreath at the Fanad Patriots Memorial.



will resume full membership of the EU as part of a United Ireland. The mechanism of an all-Ireland Citizens' Assembly can play a major positive role ahead of any referendum on Irish Unity.

Citizens Assemblies played a positive role in preparing the ground for previous important referendums. A Citizens Assembly can also be key to setting out a clear pathway for a new, United Ireland prior to any referendum. The Irish Government needs now to establish a Citizens Assembly to begin responsibly preparing the ground for such a referendum.

This year marks 50 years since the collapse of the old Stormont regime in 1972. It was built on foundations of discrimination, sectarianism and inequality. The state's treatment of the nationalist population, and the response of successive British governments ensured a cycle of conflict in which all sides of our community suffered grievously. Today, thankfully, we are in a different place. The political landscape has changed utterly. Republicans have been central to driving that change. Since we last gathered to pay tribute to our Patriot dead on Easter weekend over three years ago, there has been a seismic shift in the political landscape of this island, rocking the very foundations to their core.

More change is on the way. Next month sees elections to the Assembly. This election is about the future, the next generation and what people, from whatever background or tradition, can achieve if we work together.

People got a glimpse in recent months of what is possible from an Assembly and Executive that gets a chance to deliver.



Oisín O'Doherty laying a wreath at Kindrum. A full term of similar leadership could do much more. We wish to unite our people and our country and with the support of citizens, that is what we will do," he concluded.

Swilly secure three big points

Milford Utd 0-3 Swilly Rovers

It was only Swilly Rovers fourth win of the season but it secured three huge points for Kieran 'Freddie' Boyle's side in a local derby win over Milford Utd thanks to a Conor Gormley hat-trick in the opening half-hour of the Division 1 relegation zone clash on Sunday in Rathmullan.

The match had been switched from Moyleview Park which had been unplayable due to surface water. The victory moves the Ramelton outfit out of the bottom four for the first time this season and it couldn't come at a better time. The result leaves Milford fourth from bottom and in the relegation play-off place.

Ballybofey Utd and Drumoghill F.C. are both a point behind Noel Gillespie's side with the same number of games played while Cranford Utd are already relegated. Swilly are now two points ahead of Milford but have a game more played. On Sunday a more determined Swilly team were well on their way to victory by the half-hour mark as Milford were rocked by the Gormley show as the former

Derry City underage player certainly put a bit of variety into his hat-trick with a super strike, a header and a penalty to make it a special day for the Rectory Road man.

Milford will rue their lack lustre start and at 3-0 down there was no way back for them although they did improve a bit in the second half. Gillespie's side has three matches left - away against both Raphoe Town and Gweedore Celtic and home in the final game of the season against St. Catherine's who could potentially be going for the league title that day. Swilly have two fixtures remaining against Kerrykeel and Drumoghill F.C.

Cameron Gormley came close for Swilly but was denied by the advancing Caolan McGettigan just before the Ramelton broke the deadlock on 17 minutes. Conor Gormley was alert on the edge of the opposition penalty box to unleash a powerful shot high past a helpless McGettigan. The same player made it 2-0 just a couple of minutes later heading in the top corner from a Paddy Sheridan free-kick.

Gormley the opportunity to complete his hat-trick and he duly obliged with a clinical spot-kick.

Milford's best scoring opportunities came from a couple of Gary Merritt free-kicks that Barry Gallagher dealt with comfortably while Joey Cullen should have tested the keeper with another effort that blazed over the bar. Late on Gormley wasn't too far from a fourth goal but his attempt went wide with keeper McGettigan off his line. Milford are away to Raphoe Town this Sunday while Swilly will take on Kerrykeel 71 at Rabs Park in a reversed fixture as the Ramelton side's pitch is still closed following upgrading works.

Milford Utd - Caolan McGettigan; Daragh Kelly-Cullen, Pauric Curley, Lorcan Friel, Ciaran Gibbons; Cathal McGettigan, Joey Cullen, Killian McBride, Liam Donnelly; Gary Merritt, Mark Wilson. Subs used: Conor McHugh and Ciaran McGettigan for Wilson and Gibbons, Finn Coll for Merritt, Eoin McGettigan for McBride.

Swilly Rovers - Barry Gallagher; Shay Durning, Ciaran Kelly, Damien Friel, Paddy Sheridan; Cameron Gormley, James McCahill, Conor Gormley,



Gary Merritt and Joey Cullen, Milford United combine to keep James McCahill, Swilly Rovers off the ball during their game on Sunday.



Ciaran McGettigan, Milford and Conor Gormley, Swilly Rovers.



Ryan McDaid Swilly Rovers and Finn Coll, Milford United

Donegal Junior Football League

Big Cappry clash for Bonagee

Bonagee United's bid to win the Premier Division will come a step closer if they can overcome Cappry Rovers in a top of the table clash at the Dry Arch on Sunday. Damien McClafferty's men are the leaders and two points ahead of Cappry. Bonagee have three games remaining while the Twin Towns outfit have just two left. Kilmacrennan Celtic are still in the hunt but are four points behind the leaders while Kildrum Tigers have an outside chance of claiming the title. Kilmac are away to Donegal Town on Sunday while Kildrum host Keadue Rovers. All games start at 1pm.

Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

Penalty miss costly for Kilmac

Cappry Rovers Res 2-1 Kilmacrennan Celtic Res

In a game played in ideal conditions in Cappry Park it was the home side who created the first opportunity when Jamie Murray crossed for Paul Duncan but his effort went over the bar. Kilmacrennan were always dangerous on the break and took the lead when Gary Gorman lobbed Dylan Doherty in the Cappry nets.

Cappry pushed to get level but a combination of poor finishing and good Kilmacrennan defending kept the away side 1-0 ahead. Cappry did get level early in the 2nd half when Dean O'Donnell scored a penalty. In what was an open second half, both sides had chances, it was Cappry who took the lead when Odhran Quigley Doherty played Dean O'Donnell through who was taken down by the Kilmacrennan keeper and from the resulting penalty Dean O'Donnell slotted home. Kilmacrennan had a great chance to draw level but Dylan Doherty made a fine save from a penalty. He made another few fine saves late to keep Cappry's lead intact. Two team performances. Referee: Tony McNamee

Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

Islanders hold Glencar

Glencar Celtic 0-0 Arranmore Utd

Glencar had the better spells of play in the first period but didn't create any clear-cut chances and couldn't breach the Arranmore defence. The second half was much of the same, Glencar good in possession but to no avail. Brendan Proctor had a good opportunity to put the visitors on front late on but blazed over the bar. Honours even a fair result

Eight goal thriller in Glascherchoo

Glenea Utd Res 4-4 Oldtown Celtic

In fine conditions for football both sides had to settle for a point apiece in this high scoring hard fought game. Despite playing against the breeze the home side started well and forced the Oldtown keeper into two fine saves in the opening minutes from Calvin Murray and Luke McCarry. Oldtown took the lead on 10 minutes when Kevin McGrath picked up a loose ball and found the top corner from 25 yards out. Glenea equalised two minutes later when Cathal McGeever's effort from a direct free kick found the corner of the net.

Glenea continued their good play and took the lead on 20 minutes when Calvin Murray's through ball released Luke McCarry who rounded the goalkeeper and slotted home. Oldtown pushed hard for an equaliser and came close on a couple of occasions but eventually got an equalizer on 30 minutes when Luke Nelis was fouled in the box and Tommy Mc Laughlin converted the resultant penalty. Both sides had chances to take the lead again but failed to convert them until the 42nd minute when Kevin McGrath headed home a Nelis corner. Glenea equalised on the stroke of halftime when

Luke McCarry was fouled in the box and Cathal Mc Geever converted the penalty.

In the second half the away side started strongly and forced Oran Craig into a couple of fine saves. Glenea regained the lead again on 55 minutes when Cathal McGeever's long range free kick was misjudged by the away keeper and ended up in the net. Oldtown continued to look for an equaliser but were finding it hard to create any clear-cut chances though they came close on 65 minutes when Ciaran Gibson saw his free kick come back off the bar. Oldtown eventually equalised on 73 minutes when Gio Peoples got onto a Kevin McGrath's through ball and lobbed it over the home keeper. Oldtown pushed for a winner while the home side looked to play on the break and almost took all the points when Luke McCarry played in Calvin Murray but he saw his effort just go wide of the post. As full time approached Oldtown had one last effort which was well saved by Oran Craig.

Best for Glenea were Kevin Boyle, Remy Moran and Cathal McGeever, while Kevin McGrath and Luke Nelis impressed for Oldtown. Referee: George Montgomery.

Donegal Physiotherapy & Performance Centre Division Two

Strand lose in Carrickboyle

Gweedore Utd 1-0 Whitestrand Utd

This game, played on Friday night at Carrickboyle, saw the home side earn a hard fought 3 points to secure the 3rd place play-off promotion spot against a very strong Whitestrand. In the opening half defences were on top with neither side giving very little away. In the 10th minute Jordan Nugent latched onto a breaking ball for the visitors following a defensive mix up, however Ethan Harkin recovered well to prevent an opening goal. In the 11th minute Stephen Doyle McFadden shot just over for the home side. Aaron Curran hit an excellent shot from about 25 yards for the visitors and it just skimmed the top of Cian Gallagher's bar. Both sides had some half chances in the remainder of the half, however it remained 0-0 at half time. In the second half Gweedore began to take the ascendancy with Mark McFadden and Cathal Gilles-

Donegal League Fixtures

Saturday 23rd April 1pm

Glencar Inn Division

Arranmore Utd v Kilmacrennan Celtic FC Res
Fintown Harps AFC v Oldtown Celtic
Glenea Utd v Donegal Town FC

Old Orchard Inn Division 2

Ballybofey Utd FC v Swilly Rovers
Castlefin Celtic v Dunlewey Celtic
Copany Rovers FC v Drumoghill FC Res
Cranford FC Res v Drumbar FC
St Catherine's FC v Gweedore Celtic

Brian McCormick Premier Division

Sunday 24th April 1.00

Bonagee Utd FC v Cappry Rovers
Castlefin Celtic v Glenea Utd
Convoy Arsenal FC v Drumkeen Utd
Donegal Town FC v Kilmacrennan Celtic
Kildrum Tigers v Keadue Rovers FC

Temple Domestic Appliance Division 1

Drumoghill FC v Fanad Utd
Gweedore Celtic v Rathmullan Celtic
Raphoe Town v Milford Utd FC
St Catherine's FC v Ballybofey Utd FC
Swilly Rovers v Kerrykeel 71 FC

Donegal Physiotherapy & Performance Division 2

Curragh Athletic FC v Gweedore Utd
Dunkineely Celtic FC v Deele Harps FC
Lagan Harps FC v Letterbarrow Celtic
Letterkenny Rovers v Glenree Utd FC

Results

Friday 15th April

Glencar Inn Saturday Division One
Cappry Rovers Res 2-1 Kilmacrennan Celtic Res
Temple Domestic Appliances Division One
Raphoe Town 2-3 St. Catherine's

Saturday 16th April

Glencar Inn Saturday Division One
Glencar Celtic 0-0 Arranmore Utd
Glenea United Res 4-4 Oldtown Celtic
Keadue Rovers Res 3-1 Strand Rovers
Old Orchard Saturday Division Two
Swilly Rovers Res 1-5 St. Catherine's Res

Sunday 17th April

Temple Domestic Appliances Division One
Milford Utd 0-3 Swilly Rovers
Donegal Physiotherapy & Performance Centre Division Two
Gweedore Utd 1-0 Whitestrand Utd
Ulster Junior Cup
Aileach F.C. 3-1 Kildrum Tigers

pie controlling midfield and United pressed the Strand defence from the word go. The home side saw good early chances by Paul Doogan, Stephen Doyle McFadden and Ryan Kelly, however couldn't get the opener. It looked like it was going to be one of those games for the home side, however in the 57th minute they broke the deadlock when McFadden was pulled down in the box for a penalty. Ethan Harkin slotted the penalty into the top corner to the relief of a big home support. Whitestrand to their credit went in search of an equaliser and it was a good tight battle right until the end. Credit to both sides as they entertained the large turnout at Carrickboyle on the night. Jack Lafferty and Warren McGinley excelled for Whitestrand with a strong team performance for the home side. Referee: Dessie McLaughlin.

Rathmullan

Back on the Water
The Rathmullan Sailing and Watersports Club had their first Sail of the 2022 Season on Easter Sunday.

Tidy Towns & Clean Coasts

The weekly Pier area and beach cleans take place every Wednesday, with equipment available outside the White Harte from 10.00am... please note the new summer time. New Volunteers and support always welcome, and thanks to those who come out every week in all weathers to help keep our beaches and shorefront litter free.

Don't Mow Let it Grow

Once again, there will be many places in Rathmullan this year where the grass won't be cut for some considerable time, as we encourage participation in this wonderful 'no Mow May' project once again, when we hope small changes to selected grass sites should give big benefits to the biodiversity they support. By improving our natural environment, we will be making our area a better place to live. Like last year, we should see more native wildflowers emerge, more butterflies & bumblebees, hoverflies & beetles, as well as birds and mammals.

Pledge your garden for Pollinators

National Biodiversity Centre this month is asking us all to 'Pledge our gardens for Pollinators', to make them a healthy pit-stop for pollinators in the landscape. By taking some simple actions, we will help provide much needed food and shelter



Ramelton runners Liam McLaughlin, Nancy and Danielle McNamee and Hannah McCloy after they completed the Ballyliffin 10 Miler on Saturday. Photo by Tony Nee

for our pollinating insects, while creating a beautiful colourful garden. Download the 4 page guide at www.pollinators.ie and learn more about 'Let Dandelions Bee' or 'Pots for Pollinators' and much more. Then submit your plans & garden details

onto the All Ireland Pollinator Map on the website. A great idea to keep the children occupied and interested during the Easter Holidays.

Spring Cleaning

It's come to the time of year when we are all

Sinn Féin MEVAGH

Dance

Friday 22nd April 2022
Logues of Cranford

Doors open 9.30pm Táille €10

Music **Kevin Boyce**

thinking of giving tering. When recycling, discarded materials are our homes a good broken down and reused to create a product that spring clean' and is considered of less valuable than the original, getting ready for the longer brighter days of summer. Donegal Co. Council have reclaimed wood or pallets to make garden furniture, quite simply using old materials to make a household Greener new different item.

Upcycling supports the circular economy too, when goods are reused multiple times rather than being discarded after just one use, while also reducing waste ultimately going to landfill. This system is much more sustainable in the longer term and better for our environment, as it relies on using what we already have rather than constantly having to create a new products out of new materials.



Members of the Rathmullan Sailing and Watersports Club taking part in their first sail of the season on Sunday.

Minister visits Rathmullan pier



Fisheries Minister Charlie McConalogue on Rathmullan Pier with interested parties.

Minister Charlie McConalogue, recently met with community and County Council representatives at Rathmullan pier together with Senator Niall Blaney and Cllr Liam Blaney. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss substantial works needed for the future of the pier.

McConalogue said: "Rathmullan pier is a fantastic amenity and resource for Rathmullan town and its surrounding areas and is a key cultural and economic part of the community. It was great to bring together the local community representatives together to discuss in detail what works are

needed and how those works are best funded and supported for the benefit of the community."

Senator Blaney said that Rathmullan pier is of the utmost importance as one of the deepest in the country. It is important to get it repaired to serve the needs of this community into the future.

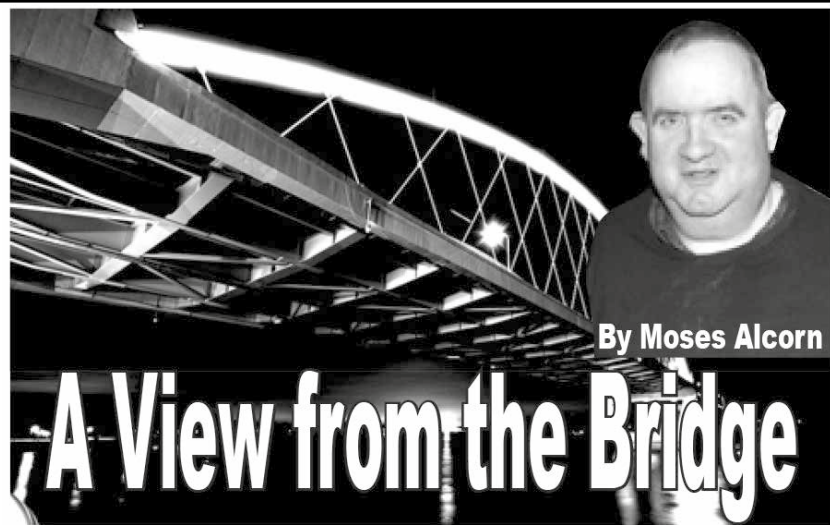
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This week's winner was Anna McGroddy, Lower Dundowan, Downings who found Shanagh in the Mulroy Woods Advert on Page 11 and wins a €50 voucher for Whoriskey's of Ramelton.



By Moses Alcorn

A View from the Bridge

Mayday Mile

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives not just here in Ireland but throughout Britain. Their volunteers are on call 24/7 seven days a week to answer emergency calls whatever the weather.

In Donegal, there are lifeboat stations at Bundoran, Aranmore Island and two at Lough Swilly Lifeboat Station in Buncrana and their familiar Orange and Blue Boats. These crews are selfless and they leave their friends and families behind when their pagers go off not knowing what dangers they will face. This is no more so the case than here in Donegal where crews have gone out in hurricane conditions to rescues and indeed the bravery of the Aranmore Crew was recognised when they received a Gold Medal for their rescue of the crew of the Dutch Steamer Stolwick in hurricane conditions in 1941. Unfortunately sometimes the crew does not return and some lifeboat crews have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of others.

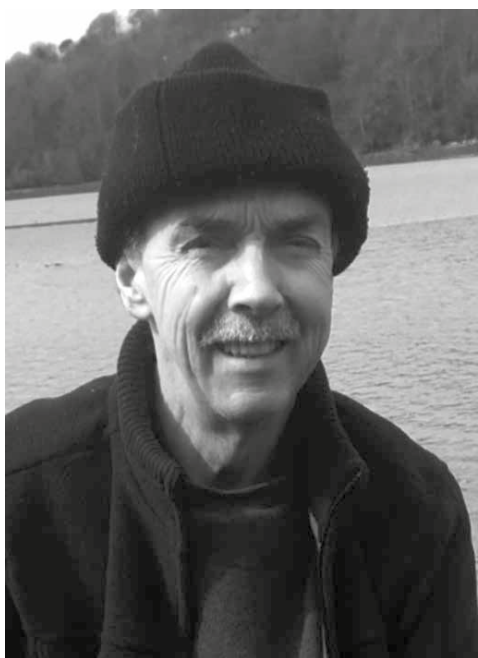
These lifeboat crew provide a vital service and are ready to go out and help those in distress no matter what the weather, whenever their pagers go off. The RNLI relies solely on voluntary contributions and over the past two years like all charities they have seen their fundraising efforts dwindle due to the pandemic.

As the beaches fill up this summer, their lifesavers will be at their busiest. With more people

drawn to the water, more people will get into danger. Crews need to be ready and that takes lifeboats, training, kit, lifeboat stations and fuel.

Can you help the RNLI get their lifesavers ready for rescue this summer? You can do your Mayday Mile anytime in May, wherever you want – on the beach, in the park, in the kitchen or your local swimming pool.

Widespread sadness on the passing of Ben McFadden



There was widespread regret in the

community on the death of Ben McFadden from Ards. A humble man Ben played a pivotal part in the life of the local community and was the driving force behind the Creeslough Development Association and always had the best interest of Creeslough at heart. He was also an historian and entertainer and a family man.

Deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Bernadette, daughter Majella, sons Gerard Liam and Peadar and to the entire family circle.

Susan O'Neill Plays The Workhouse

Since being built in the early 1840's the walls of the The Workhouse in Dunfanaghy in Dunfanaghy have echoed to many sounds and it was the setting on Good Friday evening last for the inaugural event organised by Riona McGrath and her new venture Wild Atlantic Waves Music. This new initiative is focused on bringing artists from all over to play in Donegal.

The McGrath family is known as the organisers of the Bluegrass and Nashville Dunfanaghy BAND Festival and the recent Bringing it back home Festivals in Dunfanaghy...

Friday evening featured Susan O'Neill from County Clare. This was a coup for Riona and the Workhouse as Susan is about to embark on a nationwide tour which will see her play some of the biggest venues in the country including the INEC in Killarney; but on Friday night she put on a virtuoso performance in the intimate surroundings of The Workhouse. Susan O'Neill is one of Ireland's brightest emerging talents. The basis of her first album 'Found Myself Lost' saw Susan find her voice amongst her peers, introducing her unique and otherworldly style.

The album was one of Hot Press magazine's 'Albums of the Year' and garnered her a number of opportunities, including joining Sharon Shannon on her sold-out tour of Australia and New Zealand. As of now she is Ireland's best kept secret, however with

the release of 'In The Game' that is guaranteed to change. Susan was nominated for 3 RTÉ Radio 1 Folk awards last year, including 'Best Female Artist.'

Susan was supported on the evening by Ruairi Friel and Sarah Cullen and the large crowd was treated to a great night's entertainment.

So... that's The Derry Girls

Last Tuesday night week it was Liam Neeson who was having trouble with the Derry Girls on Channel 4 but on Friday evening Ryan Tubridy found out that even off-screen the girls can get tough when answering questions. Ryan was interviewing Jamie Lee O'Donnell but he then asked her what age she was! O'Donnell refused to answer, saying the question was "misogynistic".

Tubridy began the exchange by saying to the actress "This might be a rude question, you don't have

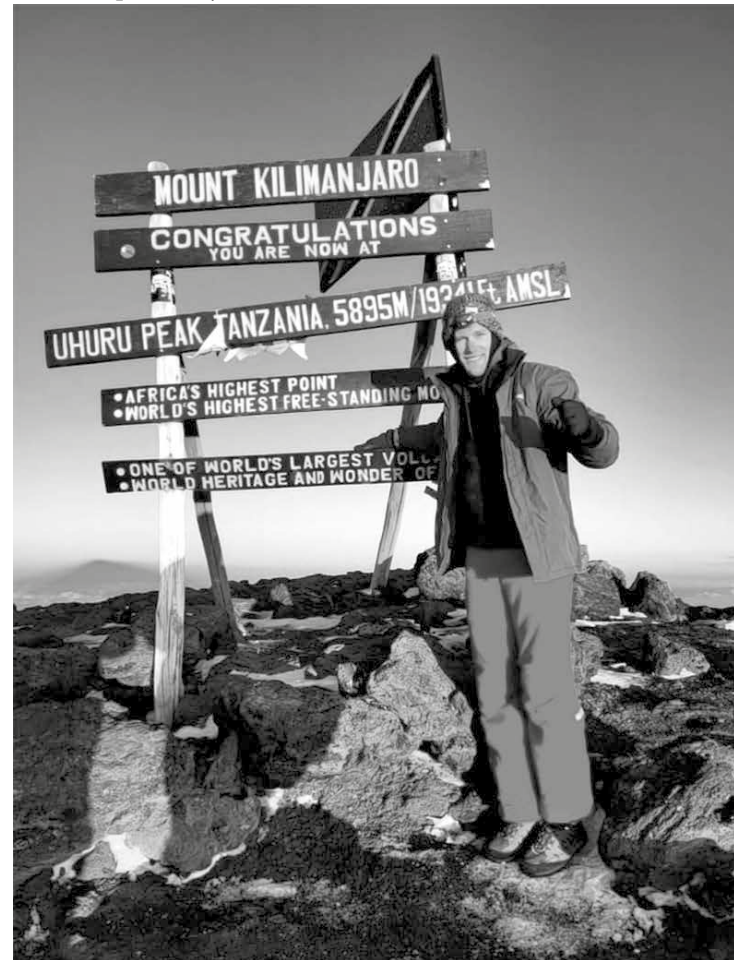
to answer," he said. "But can I ask you how old you are?"

Jamie-Lee replied: "I'm 117. I'm very, very wise."

However, Tubridy pursued the question: "Would you consider telling me what age you are?" Jamie Lee said, "This is the thing about it that gets on my nerves a wee bit, no disrespect... it's quite misogynistic even if its unintentionally because men don't get the same scrutiny in their career."

Congratulations Michael Cannon

Congratulations to Michael Cannon, from Creeslough, who reached the summit of Kilimanjaro, on the morning of Friday the 1st of April. Kilimanjaro is the world's tallest mountain. This is a great achievement and a personal milestone for Michael to climb the mountain which is 19,341ft and is one of the highest mountains in the world.



Michael Cannon, Creeslough, who reached the summit of Kilimanjaro, on the morning of Friday the 1st of April. Kilimanjaro, In Tanzania, is the world's tallest free-standing mountain.

Steady Silverstone start for Kerr

Richard Kerr and the AMD Motorsport team got their 2022 Pirelli National Superstock Championship campaign underway at Silverstone at the weekend and it proved to be a solid meeting with a best finish of tenth and points in both races.

Continuing with the Honda Fireblade for the new season, albeit with a few changes from 2021, Richard had a solid start to his weekend in Friday's free practice sessions but improved considerably in qualifying on Saturday. Indeed, improving his time by almost three quarters of a second, the Kilmacrennan rider posted the 12th quickest time to line up on the fourth row for the afternoon's race.

However, scheduled to be held over 22 laps of the 1.64-mile National circuit, a third corner crash saw no less than six riders go down and the race was duly stopped and re-started over the shorter distance of 16 laps. The 21-year old made the most of the re-start and slotted into ninth at the end of the opening lap. Two laps later he was up into eighth but the fiercely competitive racing saw him shuffled back to 12th at half race distance. There was drama on the 11th lap though when second placed Lewis Rollo crashed and took race leader Alex Olsen with him, the net result being Richard was promoted up the order to tenth where he duly finished for six hard-earned points.

Starting Sunday's race, held over the full 22 laps, from 12th and row four once more, Richard completed the opening lap in 14th place and although he briefly dropped back to 15th, he was back up



Richard Kerr in action at Silverstone.

to 13th by half race distance. More points were certainly on offer and although 16-time Isle of Man TT winner Ian Hutchinson overhauled him, Richard duly crossed the line in 14th place to add two more points to his early season haul.

Kerr acknowledged that he was a bit fortunate with his Saturday result. "I got a bit lucky with Saturday's result with a couple of riders ahead of me crashing and I've been struggling a bit with

the new shock we are running. We didn't get much testing done so we had to be doing it this weekend but we've been making improvements all the time and how the bike ended was totally different to the set up we started with. It's just a question of understanding it fully but we're moving in the right direction."

"I wouldn't say I'm happy with eight points from the two races but I'm not gutted either and there was just one part of the track that I was really struggling with. I just couldn't get the bike turned quickly enough to get on the power on corner exit and that meant I was losing a couple of bike lengths each time. It's been a solid weekend though and good to score points in both races and get our season up and running so a big thanks to all the team; we all worked really well together so once we get the bike dialed in more, I'm confident we'll be higher up the leaderboard."

Fraser Dykes, the Team owner was pleased to see steady progress over the weekend. "Considering where we started out on Friday, it's been a solid weekend and good to get two points-scoring finishes under our belt. Mixed weather in testing has meant it's taking a bit longer than we would have liked to get the bike set up but we're going in the right direction and we've got some good points on the board. Richard and new crew chief Simon (Bleasdale) are working really well together and we'll be looking to improve further at Oulton Park."

The next round of the series takes place at Oulton Park on 30th April-2nd May.

Govt. could revisit the Hearth Tax of 1662



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We were here before, three hundred and sixty years ago in fact. Back in 1622 a British Government imposed a Hearth Tax on Irish homes. This was based on legislation to raise money for the government; 2 shillings was levied on each hearth or fireplace. It created consternation because the impoverished peasants would have had two chimneys on their thatched their abodes. So Paddy did what Paddy does best, he took on the government and won.

"We talked about our country and how we were oppressed The men we sent to parliament have got our wrongs addressed I have no faith in members now or nothing else you see But led by bloomie' humbugs, said the Turfman from Ardee."

Nobody sang this great old ballad better than Dermot O'Brien, the last Louth man to lift the Sam Maguire Cup in 1957. He went on to make a career in music and his version of the famed ballad recalled the plight of Ireland's turfmen plying their wares from door to door across the countryside down the forgotten generations to earn an honest shilling. The topic is writ large on the political agenda having been given a new lease of life by Eamonn Ryan. It is most likely he never footed a sod of turf nor brought them home on the ass and cart. Picture a less modern Ireland where the turf stack was one of the most familiar sights in the country. It was the only fossil fuel of its day - no gas or electricity, the humble peat was the gold dust, the energy that drove rural Ireland and the right to own a bank of turf was the original version of CAP. Because the lives of our ancestors depended on turf to exist: to cook and heat their homes and for their very survival. Bogs have been harvested in Ireland for a thousand years or more. From the 17th century there was pressure to develop bogs for agriculture. In the 19th and early 20th centuries the emphasis changed to encouraging the development of Ireland's peatlands for fuel and improving its quality. The Government in the 1930s formed the Turf Development Board for these purposes: it later became Bord na Móna.

In the early 1930s Fianna Fáil had made electoral promises to develop Ireland's bogs. Frank Aiken developed a scheme for the expansion of turf production. The objectives of the scheme were to stimulate private turf production, establish standards for density and moisture content, fix prices and organise distribution. In 1934 the Turf Development Board was formed and in 1941 coal imports for domestic use fell drastically and a Dail Deputy became 'turf controller'. World War II saw major projects to encourage turf production and following the war, programmes were introduced for a substantial increase in mechanical peat production and the use of peat in the generation of electricity. Perhaps a bit hard to believe but back then a County Council scheme was established whereby each Council took responsibility for the production of turf. This scheme produced over three million tonnes of turf in the period to its termination in 1947. A crash expansion programme on the large bogs of Kildare and adjacent counties was entrusted to the Turf Development Board. This scheme involved the drainage of 24,000 acres of bog and the building of fourteen residential camps to house the workers. The scheme produced some 600,000 tonnes of turf in the period to its ending in 1947. As a result of these schemes, during the war no-one died of cold ... or had to eat raw food. The experience during the war saw the State's commitment to developing the country's bogs and 1946 Bord na Móna replaced the former Turf Board. This programme was supplemented in 1950 by a 'Second Development

Programme' which provided for four additional power stations, a further substantial increase in sod turf production. Following the oil shortages in 1979, the Turf Development Act 1981 provided for a scheme of State grants for private turf producers. Production under the Scheme reached a peak in 1990 of over 1.4 million tonnes per annum. During the period of the scheme, production rose from 350,000 tonnes in 1983 to 1.4 million tonnes. When the Electricity Supply Board announced a cutback in 1956 in its proposed building of peat-fired power stations, Bord na Móna decided to switch the output of some of the related bogs to briquette production and two additional briquette factories were commissioned. The possibilities of generating electricity from peat were first looked as far back as a hundred years ago. In 1937 the Department of Industry and Commerce decided that peat should be used for the generation of electricity and Sean Lemass said the Government was placing a brick wall around the country and Irish fuel had to be used. During the 1950's, as part of the 'Second Development Programme', the Electricity Supply Board was obliged by the Government to build four turf-fired power stations on the western seaboard to use turf produced by local farmers and entrepreneurs. These stations were commissioned in 1957 and were built for solely socio-economic reasons. In the mid-fifties, peat moss was still predominantly used as animal litter, while its use in mushroom casing was just developing, and other horticultural uses were at the experimental stage. Bord na Móna established a peat moss litter factory at Kilberry, Co. Kildare in 1947. The company further developed its markets for the use of moss peat in horticulture during the 1960s and was joined by a number of competitors. In 2003 it was estimated that Irish moss peat producers sold 2.6 million cubic meters of horticultural-grade peat. The development of peatlands in Ireland began as a crusade to clear barren wastelands and exploit them predominantly for agricultural land and fuel. It continued as a campaign predominantly aimed towards energy self-sufficiency and later towards maintaining indigenous energy. In reality peat became a primary source of the energy that drove industry and sustained millions of our kinfolk is part of Ireland's longest legacy that people hold very dear to their hearts.

Perhaps Eamonn Ryan has never heard about the Turfman from Ardee. But then the song comes from the heartland of rural Ireland because it is part of our ancient history and never should be forgotten. The quoted verses from 'The Turfman from Ardee' is as old as the wordsmiths who wrote such songs and the timeless lines echo across Ireland as a reminder that the more politics pretends to move one step forward, they move three steps backwards and that is why there is a new turf war on the horizon. And nobody does it better than Eamon Ryan who insists he's merely following the Programme for Government. Anybody remember that now? The announcement by Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications, Eamon Ryan, that a ban will be introduced on the sale of turf from September has caught many by surprise, especially Micheál Martin and Leo Varadkar and their respective party machines. Today's modern homes are no longer allowed to have chimneys, however we were there before: three hundred and sixty years ago. Back in 1622 a British Government imposed a Hearth Tax on Irish homes. This was based on legislation to raise money for the government; 2 shillings was levied on each hearth or fireplace. It created consternation because the impoverished peasants would have had two chimneys on their thatched abodes and no way could they afford to pay 4 shillings in tax. So Paddy did what Paddy does best, he took on the government and won. Paddy's family removed both chimneys and cooked the food outdoors. However this was not a barbecue but a battle for survival and soon the hearth tax, (like Eamon Ryan's plan to ban us from buying a clod of turf from a neighbour) was binned. While 1622 is far in the past, it is not forgotten and should not be since our history is our legacy of hope for future generations. The hearth tax, or chimney tax, was supposed to be a progressive property tax that would hit the rich hardest. Have we not heard the self-same old spin before and from the same thread bare thinking of Governments in Ireland? And that was not unexpected. Ryan's statement has fuelled much reaction and rejection from farm and rural-based organisations. Ryan stated that under solid fuel regulations, the cutting of turf by those with turbary rights for use in their own home would continue. However, they will not

be permitted to place it on the market for sale or distribution to others. Turbary refers to the right to cut turf, or peat, for fuel on a particular area of bog. In 1994, the Habitats Directive was introduced into Irish legislation. The initial aim of this directive was to encourage biodiversity within European Union member states and to ensure that natural habitats and fauna were protected. Every six years, the government would need to submit reports to the European Union on how they were performing. And as long as it's only a report, nobody does it better than Ireland. While the directive had many positive aspects to it, one factor within the directive that people opposed was the ban on turf cutting. This was introduced as certain raised and blanket bogs were nearly depleted in areas that were considered Special Areas of Conservation and National Heritage Sites. By 1997, the government had started to implement some of the measures required by the European Union to help protect these Special Areas of Conservation and National Heritage Sites. Yet another report published in 2017 again confirmed that raised and blanket bogs were still continuing to decline. It also reported that there had been no further improvement made in any of these areas. This meant that the future of these bogs was in serious trouble... especially under the Habitats Directive with rural communities complaining that the EU was intent on saving these ecosystems but not the people who reside there. For so many, it is their home and to see the difficulties in continuing to reside here, just ask any young couple battling to get planning permission for a new house on the family plot. Much of what we hear is crazy stuff... the nightmare of bureaucracy and that is only the beginning. All because Ireland is a member of the European Union and bound by the requirements of the Habitats Directive and the Birds Directive.

"We chatted very freely as we jogged along the road, He said my ass is tired and I'd like to sell his load, For I got no refreshments since I left home you see, And I'm wearied out with travelling said the turfman from Ardee. Your cart is wracked and worn friend, your ass is very old, It must be twenty summers since that animal was foaled Yoked to a cart where I was born, September 'forty three And carried for the midwife says the turfman from Ardee I own my cart now, has been made out of the best of wood, I do believe it was in use in the time of Noah's flood Its axle never wanted grease save one year out of three. It's a real old Carrick axle, said the turfman from Ardee. Just then a female voice called out, which I knew very well, Politely asking this old man the load of turf to sell I shook that stately hand of his and bowed respectfully In hope to meet some future day, the turfman from Ardee."

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Council responds to Members Queries on Mica

Donegal County Council has completed their response to a series of questions raised by the Members in relation to Mica. The questions were raised at Special Council Mica Meeting held on the 24th February. The responses are published on the Council's website and this page includes a synopsis.

The media has also been given copy of the responses: the names of Cllrs who raised the original questions are not included. The copy sent to the media has 23 pages and runs to 8,815 words.

The queries ranged from FAQs: to a dedicated helpline: in-person meetings: Payment of Engineer's Fees – New Regulations: Recouping Engineer's Fees where they haven't yet got Stage 1 approval?

The response says there are 293 homeowners in this category, all of which have been contacted by the Council. 250 of these have sent in the relevant bank documentation. 238 have been paid and a further 12 will be paid this week. The remainder will be paid as soon as the relevant bank documentation is received.

For clarification, the recoupment is 90% of approved costs subject to a maximum of €6,300.00. There are no provisions in the new Regulations to refund the 10% balance to existing approved applicants.

Questions also relate to the need for clarity on emergency payments and in particular to the applicant needing Stage 1 approval

Yes, says the Council: – In accordance with the regulations, costs are only recoupable once a homeowner has received a Stage 1 - Confirmation of Eligibility.

Is there any flexibility to access the emergency fund for applications that are not Stage 1 approved?

No – In accordance with the regulations, costs are only recoupable once.

Is the Council now accepting applications for the emergency payment?

The initial priority was to get fees paid to applicants awaiting Stage 1 approval. In relation to the Essential Immediate Repairs Works payment, the Council is currently finalising changes to our IT System that will enable homeowners to make application online for same. This system update will be finalised by Monday 25th April.

Can we receive assurance that emergency funding will not be subjected to additional bureaucracy?

In relation to the "additional bureaucracy or red tape", the Council only seeks information that is relevant and necessary in the processing of the application.

Is DCC currently receiving new applications under the current '90/10' Scheme at the moment? Yes, applications are still being accepted under the existing '90/10' scheme.

When can people book tests with Engineers in confidence and in the knowledge that the costs incurred by them will be covered?

The older 2020 Regulations require that a homeowner must have received a Stage 1 confirmation of eligibility before the cost of the Engineer's fees for their I.S. 465 report can be recouped.

The recent 2022 Regulations waives the requirement for a Stage 1 confirmation of eligibility to be in place prior to recoupment of the cost of the Engineer's fees, for homeowners whose applications were received by the local authority before the 24 February 2022.

Therefore, if you applied prior to 24th February 2022, and you have a valid application, you can get your Stage 1 fees recouped. If you applied on or after 24th February 2022, you will have to wait until you are Stage 1 approved.

Can the contractors be paid directly from the Council rather than the homeowner under the current Scheme?

No – The Council must issue grant payments directly to the applicant.

When will details of the new Scheme be announced? Are foundations going to be covered under the Enhanced Scheme?

The Council is awaiting further details in this regard.

Will the Mica office be adequately resourced when there is an upsurge in applications?

The Government announced the new Enhanced DCB Grant Scheme in November 2021, and the County Council was notified regarding the outline.

The Enhanced Scheme introduces a new method of processing applications and it is understood that the Housing Agency will take on a very sig-



nificant role in the processing of applications. The role of the Council will be greatly reduced on the Enhanced Scheme and the specific role being asked of the Council has not been clearly set.

Will remediation works be carried out by the DCC and what input will there be from tenants?

Yes – The Council will arrange for remediation works in respect of Council owned houses.

Is a four year programme for the remediation of houses realistic?

The Council has sought approval to set up a Special Project Delivery Team, with resources at a scale that would enable a Programme to be completed within an estimated 4 year period.

How will the social houses be remediated... When and how will they be done?

This will be determined by the Special Project Delivery Team

Has the Council any idea when they can expect an update on the social housing scheme?

It is expected that the Department will be announcing a Scheme for Social Houses around the same time as the Enhanced Scheme for private Homeowners.

Current controls Standards and Planning

What testing is being carried out on blocks at present and what are the Regulatory bodies doing to ensure that mica infested blocks are not entering the market place now?

Ireland's National Market Surveillance programme for 2021 includes for market surveillance of construction products generated from quarries and pits, specifically products from Area Code 24 (aggregates) with a particular focus on: a. Aggregates for concrete (EN 12620): b. Bituminous mixtures (EN13043): c. Aggregate for mortar (EN13139): d. Unbound and hydraulically bound materials (EN 13242).

Market Surveillance Authorities such as Donegal County Council do not have obligations for the quality and compliance with standards and specifications for products but are part of a chain of enforcement for investigating and prosecuting incidences of non-compliance.

Regulation of quarries?

Is there any update on the regulation of quarries?

An audit of quarries in Donegal is currently being carried out by the National Building Control and Market Surveillance office, in partnership with the Council as the local Market Surveillance Authority, for compliance with the requirements of the Construction Product Regulations.

With regard to the planning review and regulation of all quarries in the county the below is the position as of the 11th March 2022:

There were 187 individual quarries on the initial register from 2012, with 162 quarries / associated cases inspected, 96 quarry cases were closed out following inspection / negotiation (no further action necessary at this time),

- 31 additional quarry cases opened (in addition to original 187) with an extra 5 new associated cases i.e. infilling and block yards / concrete yards investigated
- 56 quarries remain on the original register not inspected to date
- 36 Enforcement Notices served, 8 Warning Letters issued and 10 cases of general correspondence only
- 23 quarry cases are currently at prosecution stage and / or in Court
- 25 quarry operators actively working with the Council at various phases regarding regulation
- 2 Leave to apply for Substitute Consent applica-

tions to an Bord Pleanála granted and in process

- 3 Section 5 Referrals taken by DCC to an Bord Pleanála
- 2 cases under 3 – 6 month review awaiting information from the operator.

Clarification if houses being rebuilt have to be built in accordance with the 2007 building standards or the current standards?

The Building Regulations are frequently being reviewed and updated. In general, any new buildings are required to be constructed in compliance with the regulations in place at the time. To date, the Government have not published details of the new Enhanced Defective Concrete Block Grant Scheme and it is therefore not clear if there will be any provision in that scheme dealing with building regulations.

Quality rests with manufacturer

How can we make sure that the issue of defective blocks does not happen again?

Responsibility for the quality of any construction product rests with the manufacturer. The Council is not in a position, nor does it have a responsibility to provide assurance about the quality of construction products, including concrete blocks. There are a number of new measures in place now that were not in place when the defective blocks issue was developing.

What are the alternative materials that can be used in housing construction other than blocks, e.g. bricks, timber frame houses, etc?

Building Regulations are made for specific purposes, e.g. to provide, in relation to buildings, for the health, safety and welfare of persons, the conservation of energy and access for people with disabilities. Technical specifications are relevant to the extent that they relate to these considerations.

In general, Building Regulations apply to the construction of new buildings and to extensions and material alterations to buildings. In addition, certain parts of the Regulations apply to existing buildings where a material change of use takes place.

Can we have clarity that defective blocks came from more than one quarry in the County?

The Council does not have access to a system of traceability for concrete blocks used in the county and has not compiled data on the sources of defective concrete blocks. As such the Council is not in a position to say if the source of defective blocks is limited to a single supplier or if there are potentially multiple suppliers involved.

Have we enough skilled workers to carry out the works?

There are acknowledged shortages of skilled workers in some areas of the construction sector and it is expected that this will have an impact of the capacity of the sector to respond to the reconstruction demands for the remediation of properties under the Enhanced Scheme.

The issuing of Enforcement Notices to affected homeowners who are providing temporary accommodation beside their homes needs to be addressed.

To date only one case has been investigated on foot of a complaint made to the Council which involved temporary accommodation related to a MICA home.

Landfill for waste materials

Do we have enough landfill areas to safely dispose of waste materials?

There are no sites currently in Donegal where un-segregated demolition material can be disposed of, however, there are waste collectors and

waste facilities in the county who are authorised to collect or accept the material, segregate it and transport it to authorised sites elsewhere. It is recommended however, that a segregated approach is taken to demolition materials in order to achieve greater value for money and optimise the possibility of reuse of materials.

How can funding be accessed for the "Community Based Hub" that has been proposed by the homeowners?

The Council will explore any potential funding opportunities with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Housing Agency.

Purchase of 5 houses in Buncrana

While the Council has already dealt with this matter publicly on a number of occasions, we have also indicated that we will have the file reviewed by an external audit firm and this is being arranged.

In addition, it was noted at the Special Council Meeting on the 24th February that the matter had been addressed again at the Housing & Corporate Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 10th February and it was agreed that the minutes from same for this item would be attached.

Have Modular homes and sites been identified for social housing tenants and private homeowners?

Some work commenced in identifying sites and suppliers of modular homes and this work will be continued by the Special Project Delivery Team for the remediation of social housing.

Essential Immediate Repair Works

The responsibility for health and safety issues in and around the home rests with the homeowner. Any concerns which a homeowner has regarding health and safety or structural stability of a home impacted by defective concrete blocks should be investigated by the homeowners competent engineer who will be able to advise on the severity of the issue and the appropriate action that should be taken to mitigate any health and safety risk.

Appended from SPC online February 10th

Purchase of Council Houses

Cllrs asked for clarity on the acquisition of the 5 houses in Buncrana at An Cranlra: that the key question was whether there was collusion between the owner and the Council?

An Acting Senior Engineer provided the following details.

"That the houses had been leased under the Social Housing Leasing Scheme for 10 years, and that the leases had been coming to an end

- The Council had to find alternative accommodation for the five families who had been living in the houses
- The Council explored alternative options, which were limited
- The Council was aware of the presence of mica, but the judgement at the time, after obtaining independent geologist advice was that it was deemed to have been at acceptable levels.
- He advised that mica is a naturally occurring mineral and added that not every house that is affected by mica needs to be demolished. He added that the Council was presented with a scenario where the levels of mica had to be considered, and that geologist advice was obtained in this regard. He added that the Council also had to consider the fact that the houses had been tenanted for 10 years, and the tenants were anxious to remain and the technical judgment at the time was such that there was no requirement to relocate the tenants.
- He added that he was happy with the condition of the houses at the time the decision was made, and the position still remains today. He confirmed that the houses will in his view remain structurally stable for many years.
- He wanted to reassure members that there was absolutely no collusion involved and would rebuke any such contention. He advised that it was a genuine case of endeavouring to provide tenancies for the five families that could be sustained."

Easter Dawn Mass in Glenvar



Fr. Martin Collum PP Rathmullan celebrated the Dawn Easter Sunday Mass at the Way of the Cross in Glenvar.



New RTÉ RnaG Music Show

RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta have announced that renowned Donegal musician Ciarán Ó Maonaigh is to present a new music series on the station, starting on Thursday the 28th of April. The programme, Ceol a'Ghleanna, will be broadcast every Thursday at 7 pm, featuring Ciarán's own choice of music, including archive material from some of the giants of the tradition, as well as contemporary albums, with a particular Don-

egal interest. Ciarán Ó Maonaigh said "It's a great honour for me to present this new programme from north-west Donegal, particularly in this special 50th year of broadcasting for Raidió na Gaeltachta. I'm looking forward to sharing some of the music that has had the greatest impact on me since I began listening to the radio as a young boy many years ago."

Ciarán Ó Maonaigh is an award-winning fiddle player and TV director from Gaoth Dobhair. He grew up immersed in a musical family, and was heavily influenced in particular by his grandfather and teacher Francie Mooney, and Altan members Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh and Frankie Kennedy. A recipient of TG4's Young Musician of the Year in 2003, Ciarán works as a solo performer, and also playing in duet with his wife Caitlín Nic Gabhann, a dancer and concertina player, as Caitlín & Ciarán. He's also a member of several bands including The High Seas, with Caitlín and Cathal Ó Curráin, and

Fidil, alongside Aidan O'Donnell and Damien McGeehan, with whom he has released four albums. In the television industry, Ciarán works mostly in the field of music documentary. He has directed the last five series of 'Sé Mo Laoch documentaries on heroes of Irish traditional music for Aniar TV, Sibéal Teo & TG4. Other director credits of his include an acclaimed documentary on his late grandfather entitled Francie Mooney - Áit i Mo Chroí. Ceol a'Ghleanna will be broadcast every Thursday evening at 7 pm on RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta, starting on the 28th April.

Concerns grow over rural GP cover

As concerns grow over the level of general practitioner cover available to rural areas of the north west the McHugh family of Kill Carrigart said this week that their father's life might have been saved if medical care was more easily accessible when his illness first occurred.

Frances McHugh, whose husband died a month ago at the early age of 52 has spoken publicly about the death and her concerns over the lack of what she says is adequate GP cover in the parish of Mevagh.

A special public meeting has now been called for next Tuesday night at eight o'clock in Carrigart parochial hall to confront this issue and to demand a level of service that allays the fears and concerns of the community. The politicians and all members of the public interested in being afforded a higher level of medical cover are invited to attend this meeting. The

McHugh family and the local community say they are traumatised at the death and claim that the NWHB must take immediate steps to ensure that those needing urgent medical care do not have to travel a distance of 12-15 miles to find a doctor.

Frances McHugh explains that her husband Eddie took ill with severe pains in his chest on the morning of March 9th and subsequently died at Letterkenny general hospital. She says the family has come to the conclusion that the delays with having her husband admitted to coronary care may have been a contributory factor in his death.

As a result of no local GP cover being available on the morning she says that the family was forced to bring Eddie on a journey of 12 miles to get the services of a doctor and as a result they believe that vital time was lost in getting him into hospital.

Health cuts row deepens in Letterkenny

As a new controversy arises over a proposed 20% cut in non-nursing working hours at the two Letterkenny hospitals speculation has arisen that Board officials in negotiations with SIPTU members on Wednesday were unable to give any assurances that additional funding had been made known to them.

It has also been suggested that management has not withdrawn the threat of cuts during talks with the Union this week.

It was expected the threat would have receded on foot of a news to the workers at a meeting on Monday night by Tourism Minister Dr. James McDaid that funding of €750,000 was



Members of the Kerrykeel Boys Brigade who celebrate their 25th anniversary this year pictured at their annual display on Friday night in Kerrykeel with their leaders from left, Miss Karen Graham, Miss Helen Graham, Mrs. Jean Kearney, Mr. Also Simms, Mr. Lexie Diver, Mr. Samuel Anderson and Mr. Alastair Stewart.

being made available to eliminate the difficulties and shortfalls that have arisen.

It is now claimed from sources within the service that officials involved in the negotiations on Wednesday were unable to produce evidence of any extra funding and in that context the threat of cuts are more relevant than ever.

FG Cllr. Sean Maloney has sailed into the center of the row once again accusing Tourism Minister Dr. James McDaid of 'misleading the health workers' earlier in the week with his announcement at the Mount Errigal Hotel that funding of €750,000 was being made available to ease the crisis.

As confusion arises over the funding the

threat of industrial action has now intensified and SIPTU has already voted to take action to protect the livelihoods of these 65 workers. The action was suspended on Monday night pending further negotiations with Board officials. We understand those negotiations proved to be unsatisfactory with no agenda for spending any new funding under discussion. In fact Sean Maloney says that there is no such funding and it is the stuff of a political dream machine and he has angrily hit out accusing Fianna Fail of attempting to steal the limelight at the workers meeting on Monday night.

Maloney called on McDaid to "deliver

the money and show where it is coming from or else apologise to the health board workers."

"There is no new money coming down from the Dept of Health and the NWHB officials have no knowledge of where this 7750,000 is coming from," said Maloney. A meeting between health board officials and union representatives on Wednesday afternoon failed to resolve the cuts crisis and it is believed that union representatives were offered a new set of proposals to facilitate savings as previously outlined ten day ago. Afterwards political sources claimed that no evidence of additional funding was forthcoming.

Angry health workers confront politicians

More than two and fifty hundred non-nursing personnel at the two Letterkenny hospitals have vowed to continue with the threat of strike action unless the current proposals to cut working hours by 20% for 65 of their members is immediately withdrawn.

An overwhelming vote for industrial action remains in place until cast iron guarantees are brought forward to scrap any cuts in working hours for the sector of the workforce.

"Why penalise the lower paid?" was the most asked question and there were no satisfactory answers. Management was accused of inaction in the face of mounting criticisms from politicians and workers.

Against this background the general hospital budget for 2002 sees expenditure of €59 million and non-nursing staff say the allocations for their departments are well within the framework and they are mystified as to how the Board could come to the conclusion that this area should be hardest hit in any cost cutting measures.

The meeting was told that in recent years the NWHB had employed an extra 2000 personnel and that the service was not seen as being overstuffed.

Despite promises of €750,000 to address the funding shortfall the SIPTU union members told the politicians on Monday night that unless the money was ring fenced to prevent layoffs or cuts in hours they would go ahead with industrial action.

While it was hoped the funding announcement might have deflated the anger of the hospital workers the exact opposite was the case with many of those present telling the media afterwards they feared the €750,000 was only a stop gap measure to get over the

rump of a general election crisis for the politicians.

The funding, explained the Tourism Minister Dr. James McDaid was coming from the allocations for the services budget and it was money that might not all be taken up later in the year.

Like many of those present the Minister said he was flabbergasted that such a shortfall should be signalled so early in the first quarter of the year. During the evening workers accused management of mismanagement and this, they said, had put their livelihood at risk. Brendan O'Donnell who is a union rep said the paltry attitude of management saw them come forward with proposals that would impact on 65 people and the savings was only €6,000 a week.

The meeting saw SIPTU Union representatives Sean Reilly and Fidelma Carron and their members meet with the health board members and the general election candidates.

In attendance were Dr. James McDaid along with Deputy Cecilia Keaveney; Cllrs. Niall Blaney; Sean Maloney; Bernard McGuinness and Bernard McGlinchey. Pdraig McLochlainn of SF and Jackie McNair of Labour were also on the platform.

This was an angry meeting and that was evident in the questions: the comments about travel and expenses and administration numbers among the 1,200 work staff of the Board in Letterkenny.

Dr. McDaid said that in the past two years staffing levels at the Letterkenny hospitals had increased by 252 and the budget for the current year was running at €59 million. Responding to criticisms the Minister said that if he gave the Board another five million now he was certain they would be back looking for

more in twelve months time. These comments angered the audience who claimed they were being made to pay for weak management decisions. In a number of instances supervisors and managers in the domestic and portering services said their departments were running well under budget and they could not understand why they were being targeted for the cuts. The mood of anger and suspicion continued throughout the night and later as the workers came together in small groups it was also plainly evident they have a healthy disrespect for political statements and comments.

This was not a pleasant meeting and it never promised to be so. However the reality is that young men and women in attendance have found themselves with plans that cannot be realised due to the consequences of the proposed cuts in working hours and the loss of earnings.

Terry McDonald instanced cases where non-nursing personnel could not now get a mortgage on account of the decision to cut hours.

We saw and heard demands as to why the Board was seeking to fill 23 permanent posts with queries as to how this could be allowed in such times of scarce resources. And the meeting heard calls for the Board to provide a complete breakdown of all travelling expenses: subsistence and costs for the Letterkenny Hospitals over the past year.

The Board Members present were called on to account for not taking action if expenditure was signalled at over run as far back as last October. And again there was confusion as to what the extent of this shortfall was at that time. There were several dif-

ferent figures quoted and Cllr. Bernard McGlinchey provided data to the Union reps that it was in the order of £1.7 million at the end of last year. "But how do we know if that figure was right?" queried workers in the body of the hall.

The blame for overspending was very firmly laid with the management and while several of the Health Board Members attempted to remove the higher echelons of management from the criticism the unanimous view of the meeting was that administration and the overall management of the service starts 'right at the top' and it was a pointless exercise to engage in the culture of blaming those down the line who were only carrying out their duties as determined by management and Board policy.

As the meeting developed into something of a political football Cllr. Bernard McGlinchey told Labour candidate Jackie McNair that the main stumbling block in making progress with funding for Letterkenny lay with the former Labour Leader: at the same time Sean Maloney said he had never heard such "bull" in all his life. He blamed the reign of the former FF leader and health minister in the eighties Charlie Haughey for the cuts and he claimed they were so severe that the service has never properly recovered since that era.

Dr. McDaid clashed with SF Buncrana Town Councillor Pdraig MacLochlainn: the Minister rejected claims that the policies of running the country generally were being overdriven by bureaucracy and that the extravagance of administration was now being paid for by the lowest categories of workers in the service.

McDaid said it was all fine and well for those who would never sit in government or decision making to make such outlandish claims.

Cllr. Bernard McGuinness who is Member of the NWHB Executive Committee defended their role as public representatives and called for a clear intent on funding and on prevention of any loss of working hours.

Cllr. Niall Blaney and Cllr. McGlinchey raised queries over the purchase of property and houses in Letterkenny at high prices at a time when money was not available for essential cleaning and portering services.

The health board staff listened with some degree of scepticism as the politicians outlined their roles and why the Board over run had been allowed to happen. Many were not convinced and despite assurances that the problems would be dealt with further in meetings between union and health board management there were renewed concerns in midweek that the problems were far from resolved.



Memories of the Builders' Concrete Cup

This is the story of the original Builders Concrete Cup and central to its execution is Kilmacrennan man Tony Duffy. It is an unusual piece of sculpture even in sporting parlance and the story has many twists and turns. Tony was employed away back in 1954 with the firm of JW Cunningham where he was general foreman. The Clerk of Works was Packie Maguire who hailed from Glenties. Tony and Packie would meet for a chat every Monday morning and always the talk was about gaelic football.



Dr. James McDaid congratulates Kilmacrennan man Tony Duffy after he created the second edition of the Builders Cup. Photo by Monica McGettigan.

Eventually a GAA match was organised since there was a big number of workers employed. Enda Cunningham who was a son of the JW Cunningham rounded up the players and the first challenge game was played on June 5th in 1955. The Cunningham team took on the Malachy Burke gang and so began a legend in football. After that first chapter a game was played each and every Tuesday evening and large crowds came along to view the proceedings. One particular game attracted a massive crowd between the Gardai and the local pubs. A bucket for donations was passed around the field and it yielded an astonishing sum of £6000. Plans were put in place to do something charitable with this money and at this time Tony was working on the construction of the new Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal. It was proposed to purchase a

statue of the Blessed Virgin and it was brought from Italy at a cost of £3000 and located behind the school. It was at this juncture that a new plan was hatched... since the workers on the team were engaged in the construction business, why not make a concrete cup? Why not indeed and so Tony got down to making a few moulds. The idea of a concrete cup was new and there were no templates or plans in existence. Finally the cup was made and it was a proud piece of work for Tony Duffy and all those associated with the team. At that time Letterkenny had a total of sixteen Gaelic teams and a ladies committee was then formed to provide cups to tea in the old Literary Institute after the games. The Builders Cup was kept in the Institute and during renovations it was broken. And so it stayed for many years. Then recently Enda Cunningham approached Tony once again. He asked him if it might be possible to mould another concrete cup and once again Tony set to work. By now he had acquired sufficient experience and so the cup has been crafted and hopefully it might go on display at the Museum. Teams included: Donegal Railways versus Swilly Railways; Charles Kelly's and James Johnston's: The Creamery and Oatfield; Kilcolley of Sligo versus Con Harvey Construction of Letterkenny; The Bacon Factory and IAWS; St. Conal's versus the District Hospital and the Gardai versus the local Public Houses.

Letterkenny's own Tour de France



The St. Eunan's College Challenge Team back row, from left to right: Stephen O'Donnell, Brendan Breslin, Gerard Giblin. Front row Oisín Gibson, David O'Brien.

In the sweltering heat of mid-July, five students from St. Eunan's College in Letterkenny will take to the sheer slopes of France's Pyrenees. Their aim: to cycle the peaks that span almost 350 km from Lourdes to the Mediterranean city of Perpignan. The students, Oisín Gibson, Gerard Giblin, Stephen O'Donnell, David O'Brien and Brendan Breslin, all currently in fifth year are studying for their Leaving Cert. and with the aid of their teacher Mrs. Margaret McCollum, are in the process of achieving the Gold President's Award; an award given by the President of Ireland to the young people of Ire-

land upon completion of rigorous training, persistence and consistent effort. The venture section of the award requires candidates to survive independently, a four day expedition which will include covering a distance of 350km by bike. And to accomplish this section, these daring students are determined to cycle the mountain range in the southwest of France amidst soaring summer temperatures. The five must fend for themselves throughout the expedition by cooking all meals themselves, by planning all routes and by lodging in only hostel or camping accommodation.

Swilly celebrates 1962 cup success



Swilly Rovers 1962 FAI Junior Cup winning team pictured at the making of a video in the Ramelton Heritage Centre on Monday with committee members Sam McCloy, Leo McDermott, Seamus Norry and Paddy Sweeney. Included are team members Joe Duffy, Liam Blake, Mickey Doherty, Fr. Willie McMenamin, Johnny Moran, Mickey McGuinness, Gerry Bradley, Ian McGarvey and Fr. Dan Doherty.

It was during the 6.30 Radio Eireann sports news on Sunday, 13th May, 1962 that long serving Swilly Rovers committee member Sam McCloy heard the news that the Ramelton club had become the first Donegal club to win the FAI Junior Cup. It was a case of third time lucky after losing two previous finals. In a tough, competitive final, goals from Mickey Doherty (Buncrana), Gerry Bradley (Derry) and Liam Blake (Letterkenny) clinched a famous victory before an attendance of over 20,000. In fact it was a game that the Donegal side never looked like losing. Veteran of the side Ian McGarvey, a member of the 1953 losing team, climbed the steps to lift the cup. It was indeed the icing on the cake for the Swilly committee who had worked tirelessly for well over a decade to reach this landmark occasion. People like Leo McDermott, Sam McCloy, Seamus Norry and Paddy Sweeney helped keep the club focused on winning the Junior title after the 1953 and 1958 final defeats. Following those disappointments, club officials and players were determined that the 1962 final would see the FAI Junior Cup make its way over Lifford Bridge for the first time. Local man Paddy Sweeney was manager of the side and with the help of the Swilly committee he had set about the task of putting a side together, capable of winning the prestigious Junior Cup.

In contrast to the popular present day playing formation of 4-4-2 back in the 1960s the usual line up was 2-3-2-3. In fact it's a tactic that Paddy would like the current Swilly manager Tony McNamee to employ providing that Tony doesn't select himself in goals! There was no collective training in Ramelton for the cup campaign but players looked after themselves and individually kept fit. To this day there is a consensus among players and officials that the third round replay win over St. Joseph's, Sligo (3-1) in Ramelton gave the team a belief that Junior Cup success was achievable. In relation to the rest of the campaign, the match that stood out most was the semi-final home win over Dublin side Glenmore Celtic. Joe Duffy gave the Ramelton men an early lead before the visitors equalised but striker Mickey Doherty popped up to snatch the crucial winning goal. Swilly had a bye in the first round, followed by wins over Carndonagh Rangers, Westport Utd, St. Joseph's, Glenside Utd (Monaghan), Hammond Lane (Dublin), Ierne (Dublin) and Glenmore in the semi-final. Statistics from their respective cup runs show amazingly identical records - goals for 21 with goals conceded 7. The 1962 winning side saw Bobby Toland (Killea) in goals, Johnny Moran (Derry) and Fr Dan Doherty (Fanad) were the two full-backs. The two wing-halves were Mick McGuinness (Derry) and Ian McGarvey

(Ramelton) with Fr Willie McMenamin (Rathmullan) in the centre. The late Brendan Duffy (Ramelton), sadly the only member of the team not with us, and Gerry Bradley (Derry) were the inside forwards. While up front were the two wingers Joe Duffy (Ramelton), and Liam Blake (Letterkenny) with Mickey Doherty (Buncrana) at centre-forward. In those days one knew little about the opposition in national competitions and when they were from the other end of the country getting the name of the club was about as good as it got. Like any campaign there were occasions when major difficulties arose. One such incident led to Derry man Gerry Bradley joining the team for the first time at the 3rd round stage after what can only be described as a late call up even if it was early in the morning. Fellow Derry man Mick McGuinness, a right-half on the Swilly side, received word that the side was short a player for the trip to Westport United. He called to the Bradley home at 5am telling him to get his gear together and the duo set off for the game where Gerry grabbed two of the goals in a 4-1 victory. The winning team of 1962 created history and their exploits are still fondly remembered as we approach the anniversary date on May 13th which will be marked by a special evening of celebration in the Silver Tassie Hotel.



Columba Boyce of the Carrigart Tidy Towns committee cutting the tape to officially open Catriona's Ladies and Gents Hair Salon at the Strand, Carrigart on Saturday. Also included are Fr. Charlie Byrne and Catriona Friel.

Donegal awaits Coulter decision

Phil Coulter is to make a final decision on his participation in the general election campaign as a candidate for Save the Swilly this weekend. He explained last night that a number of contractual agreements and business commitments in the music industry are taking time to reconcile with the proposal that he should contest the election. Save the Swilly campaigners said last night they hoped the decision by Dana Rosemary Scallan to throw her bonnet into the ring in Galway West would encourage Coulter to follow suit in this constituency. Dana will bid to win the fifth seat in Galway West where Bobby Molloy of the PD's has pulled the pin after 37 glorious years in politics. Commenting to the Tribune last night Phil Coulter said "The matter is not really in my hands right now and I will not be able to make a decision until the weekend when the examination of contracts and obligations over the next year are finally completed," he added. Coulter says he is a

passionate campaigner and supporter of the Save the Swilly campaign due to his associations with the Lough and he would love to represent them in the election and will do so if the rest of his commitments can be ironed out. However he does not know as yet if his schedules will allow this to happen.



Catriona and James Friel with Anne Toye and Mary McBride at the opening.



At the opening of the salon were Mary Harkin, Anne Brogan and Carmel McFadden.

John's "Undaunted Light" of hope shines

While the world closed down for many during the global lockdown ushered in by the unrelenting coronavirus, but for one Irish-American it was his chance to pick up the pen and publish his first collection of original poetry, much of it inspired by his Donegal ancestry.

John Gallagher was born and raised in the Bryn Mawr area of Philadelphia but has deep Donegal roots thanks to his parents hailing from Creeslough and Ardara. He is the son of Willie Gallagher of Loughros



by Eamonn McFadden

Point, Ardara and Kathleen (née McClafferty) from Ards. John has been working within the Human Resources field as a recruitment specialist and, like many people, found that the Covid lockdown left him with more free-time as the world struggled to get to grips with the pandemic. This allowed him the opportunity to turn his attention to the literary world and he began writing

poetry, with much of it inspired by his memories of Donegal and his Irish heritage. The result is a collection of his original works called "Undaunted Light".

The Tribune recently caught up with John at his home in Pennsylvania where he said his strong ties to Donegal have provided plenty of inspiration for his poetry and he even has a novel in mind that begins in the area his mother grew up before immigrating stateside.

John says his trips to Donegal as a boy, as a young man, and now with his own family, have left an indelible mark on him and he recalls fun days playing in Ards as a boy visiting his grandparents Pat and Bridget 'Biddy' McClafferty, as well as his aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and neighbours.

The McClafferty clan are a well-known and highly respected family in their community and include John's mother Kathleen and aunt Maureen in Phil-

adelphia, Anne Boyce in Glen, and uncle John in Creeslough, while uncles Paddy, Denis, Bill and aunt Rose have since passed away. He also recalls fun nights out visiting the now defunct Pier Hotel in Portnablagh and The Corncutters Rest with his buddies when he brought them to Ireland to show them the area he grew to love.

Writing

While he admits to having little experience in poetry or creative writing prior to the pandemic, John previously enjoyed singing with a group in the US in his younger days and he wrote and sang a number of original songs he composed with them. They even went on to



John pictured on a trip to Glenveagh with his wife Erin and children Sean and Maura.

record an album before he laid down the pen for another few years. He explained: "I've done a little bit of writing over the years but not a lot. I'm a self-employed recruiter and headhunter for firms in the software sector. It's a great business and I got into it straight out of college when I worked for a couple of companies and now I've been doing it on my own for 22 years. Before the virus I was flat out for six years straight, so it was almost like a welcome break because it is a feast or famine where you get busy for a bunch of years and then there might be a recession or the like. Then when the lockdown came I just threw myself into the writing. I went on long walks everyday and enjoyed Mother nature. It has been great." John lives with his family in Phoenixville, a former steel production town, near Philadelphia and it is there



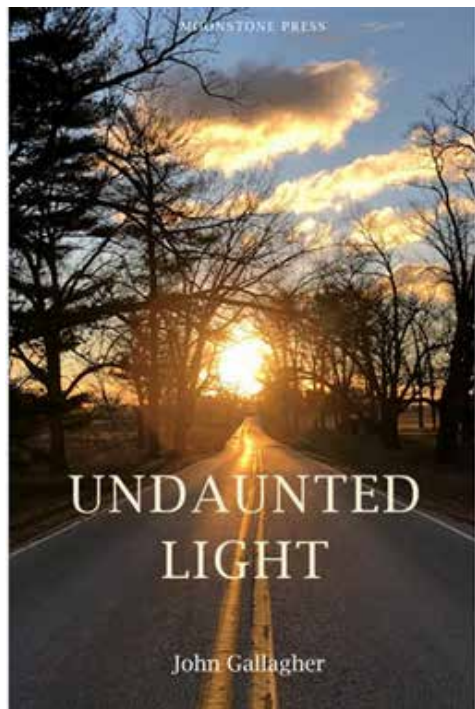
A young John in Donegal aged 18 year old.

his book was launched recently. The cover of his new release details: "Not wishing to be idle this past year, the Executive Recruiter put down his phone and picked up his pen. From that are these poignant reflections on the universal feelings of love, loss and redemption. With a hopeful Irish heart, he weaves skillful narrative verse, meditating on family, faith, loss and our collective American experience. With the longing of a train, he rode into the darkness of this past year in search of light. It is there he found, Undaunted Light." John adds: "The book has been very well received over here and I'm just really shocked by it really. I dabbled in a bit of writing and created maybe a dozen poems over the years in total. I like to sing for a group as well. Myself and some buddies who are musicians got together about 15 years ago and I wrote a bunch of songs and then we went and recorded an album. I wrote eight of the songs and we also recorded 'Destination Donegal' and 'Go Lassie Go'. That was the most writing I had done in my life at that point but it was one of the funnest things I have done in my life." John says while life then took over with career and family commitments he still had hoped to write again, but thought it may be something to do when he retired. Fate, of course, had other plans and the forced lockdown saw him explore his creative side once again. His book describes his journey

in search of the light of hope amid the darkness of covid.

Donegal inspiration

John is also working on building a house for his family in the Loughros Point area where he plans to come for extended periods in future and enjoy his family connection to Donegal, and also develop his writing. "There is just so much inspiration there. Those trips when we were very young were great memories and we even spent a year living in Donegal and we went to school there in Loughros, but we probably spent more of the time in Ards with my granny and grandpa when we stayed with them." Many of those memories inspired his poems in Undaunted Light. One particular hair raising experience related directly to his year long trip to Donegal captured in the poem "The Summer of 1976". "That year in 1976 when my grandfather Pat was alive, I went out to get the eggs out to the hen house one morning. I was all excited about it but when I went in the rooster jumped on me and started pecking at my eyes. I got him off and ran out and told granddad. He came out and I describe this in the poem, he went in and came out with the rooster and went straight to the chopping block and picked up the axe and beheaded the son of a bitch right in front of me. That was swift justice man," John said, adding this was a different era in rural Ireland.



Undaunted Light by John Gallagher.



Seamus Sweeney, Creeslough with John Gallagher at the launch of his new book Undaunted Light.



John's mother Kathleen with members of her family the McClafferty family from Ards, Creeslough.

on Creeslough



John Gallagher grandparents Bridget and Pat.

His book devotes an entire section to his Irish roots called "Home of Soul" and pays homage to the people and places that helped shape who he is, including his parents, relatives and the local landmarks. One poem "Donegal Rose" pays tribute to his late aunt Rose, who tragically lost her life in a car crash. Dedicating his verses to her one reads: *"Just seventeen, peak of bloom Foul fate storm took our Rose Loughs fill with tears of gloom Eternal garden repose"* As John grew older he began to introduce his American friends to Donegal and says they spent many happy days touring the countryside, enjoying the local hostels and making memories that they still enjoy to this day. "One of the funnest trips I've taken was when I was 18 and just graduated High school here when myself and three friends from school went over for two weeks and spent about eight of those days up in Creeslough with my uncle

John. We drove around the country roads and one memory was when we walked into the Pier bar. There was a guy passed out on the bar and the guy next to him with a glass of whiskey hitting him trying to wake him up said 'Seamus, wake up and take your medicine'. My friends still talk about that to this day," he laughed. Donegal, and its US Diaspora, went to play a significant role in John's family life when a chance role with the Donegal Association in Philadelphia resulted in him meeting a young woman who had previously represented the association at the iconic Mary From Dungloe Festival. Erin took part in the festival in 1999 and the couple now have two children, Sean and Maura, and they regularly enjoy trips back to Creeslough and Loughros.

Undaunted Light is now available from <https://moonstoneartscenter.org/>

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Letterkenny AC news

Athletes get ready for marathons

Most Letterkenny AC runners used the Easter holiday to get in valuable training runs for the busy few months ahead. Several runners are building up the miles for the Edinburgh Marathon, which will take place at the end of May. Many others are getting ready for the plethora of Donegal road races that are almost upon us. Donegal was traditionally known as Ireland's 'road race capital' during the summer. However, the busy calendar suggests that this year will see normal service resumed. On the previous weekend, Eoin Hughes made a stunning 10,000m track debut. The highly promising young talent ran for LYIT in the Irish Universities Athletics Association Outdoor Track Championships. Eoin had an excellent time of 32.36, which saw him finish in a highly creditable 6th place. The winner was Thomas Devenney (University of Limerick), in 30.36. Eoin Kelly, running for UCD, had a fine performance in the 400m, completing the 1 lap course in 50.82 seconds. Several LAC runners travelled to Inishowen on Saturday to take part in the scenic, but also,

tough, stamina sapping Ballyliffin 10 Mile Race. The course features many tough climbs and a beach finish. On the plus side, the race features some of Europe's most majestic scenery. Paul Lee and Noel Lynch both used the race as part of their preparation towards the Edinburgh Marathon. Paul clocked 1.21.47 and Noel 1.22.15. Fin Begley also had a fine run and crossed the line in 1.28.10. The race, which had 654 finishers, was won by Aaron Doherty, Sparta AC, in 56.04. The Ballyliffin 7 Mile Race had 318 finishers. On Easter Monday, several LAC runners took part in the Tirconail AC Easter 5K. Conor Gallagher finished in 17.28, closely followed by Paul Caulfield in 17.34. John Hughes was 3rd in the hotly contested M60 category in 21.52. The race was won by Finn Valley AC's Sean McGinley, in 15.55. Margaret Shiels was the leading LAC finisher in Saturday morning's Letterkenny parkrun. Margaret was the first woman across the line. Parkrun regular, John Doherty, finished in 26.03. James McBride's time was 27.02; he was 3rd in the M65 category. The first runner to finish was teenager, Sean Behan in 18.47.

Head of Innovation for Alpha Innovation Project

Inishowen native Kevin Sexton has been appointed as Head of Innovation for the new Alpha Innovation Centre in Letterkenny. This new Innovation Centre will see the development of a seven-storey purpose built, high tech workspace facility in the town centre capable of hosting 200 people and with pre-accelerator programmes for early idea owners and start ups at the heart of its operations. This development is expected to transform not only Letterkenny town centre but the innovation capability and competitiveness of businesses right across the region. Kevin Sexton is currently employed as an innovation evangelist with BearingPoint, a multinational management and technology consultancy firm headquartered in The Netherlands, and is looking forward to this new role as Head of Innovation

saying "it's a tremendously exciting project to be involved in. Having worked in the innovation space internationally, and to have the opportunity to lead a project such as this within Donegal, is something I will relish. I've experienced first-hand the potential innovation and collaboration provides a region. This is a timely project for the region with so much progress and development taking place right now". Kevin's role as Head of Innovation will see him lead the development of the centre providing strategic direction and oversight on the operation, management and delivery of the new facility as well as working with strategic partners to create an environment that embraces innovation through design thinking and an entrepreneurial mindset. It is expected that Kevin will take up the role in early May.

Thought for the Day

by Rev. Andrew Watson
Minister in Cairncastle Presbyterian Church in the Glens of Antrim

One Word



One of the most moving things I find Jesus saying in the Gospels is just one word.

It's a woman's name, 'Mary'.

He says it to Mary Magdalene who is beside herself, weeping fresh tears of anguish at an open tomb. It was bad enough when they killed Him on Friday. It's only Sunday morning and it looks like someone has robbed His grave and carried off His body. It feels beyond hopeless. It seems horribly true that nothing is sacred.

Then He speaks. One word. Her name. She blinks and recognises the Speaker. And in that instant everything has changed.

The Son of God is no longer dead but defiantly, triumphantly alive. Evil and death are beaten. Her Saviour has won and won forever! She is immediately and completely comforted. She is known and valued, forgiven, redeemed, saved and assured of nothing less than eternal life for body and soul. For her and for Peter and John and for whosoever else will repent and trust and follow.

She has loved Him since He first de-

livered her. She will follow Him her whole life and adore Him in glory long after this broken world has passed away and been made new.

And I'm thinking,

'Mary'

Someone in heaven knows our name.

More, He knows our life, every detail. Nothing is hidden from Him. The Gospels record Him preaching repentance and challenging individuals to forsake worldly idols and 'leave their life of sin.'

He knows as does no other the cost of it for He bore its weight on the cross a couple of days before this. All that ugly guilt and condemnation and penalty. He felt its crushing heaviness, thought of us and prayed, 'Father, forgive...'

And on this bright dawn He knows the resurrection glory that now awaits both Him and His followers, His Bride, His beloved Church. At the Last Supper He had promised them He was going to prepare a heav-

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enly dwelling and will return to bring us there. He is the first to taste resurrection unto eternal life. Many more will be granted to share it for such is the grace and generosity of God.

Are you listening, listening with your heart? Can you hear the Saviour of the world speaking your name? Don't turn a deaf ear. Like Mary, welcome this most precious call. Embrace Him in faith today and share resurrection with Him for eternity!

Irwin brothers on track at Silverstone

Irwin Racing travelled to Silverstone race track for the maiden British Superbikes round at Silverstone over the Easter weekend.

Rhys Irwin has secured a contract with Astor JJR Triumph team for the 2022 season in the Premier Supersport class. The Triumph 765 is to be developed over the 2022 season and is not expected to be a Championship-contending bike in the early part of the season. However, Rhys took the bike to its limit from testing on Friday qualifying on the third row of the grid to take fifth place in its maiden race of the season.

Race 2 saw Rhys again set the pace with the front runners moving up to fourth place when another rider error caused him to crash out. When asked, the team manager said 'Rhys and the team have exceeded any expectation this weekend. Due to difficulties with getting the bike race ready we have had only minimal testing

but we know we have made the right choice in Rhys and he will make the best of the bike.'

Brother Caolán has signed for R&R racing also in the Premier Supersport class riding a Yamaha. This is his first year in this class and took his bike home in an incredible 10th place in Sunday's race. 'I have a really good set up this year with R&R Racing. At the minute we still have some set up issues with the bike but I really enjoyed racing this weekend and am really happy with my performance on Sunday, Caolán said.' Both brothers have been delighted with all the support they have received and would like to thank everyone else that has supported them in any way.



Caolán Irwin on the starting grid at Silverstone.



Rhys Irwin in action at Silverstone.

Golf News

Rosapenna

Gents Competition Results

The Gents Fourball Better Ball competition played over the Old Tom Morris Links on Saturday the 16th of April resulted as follows -
 1st - Kevin McCrystal & Mickey Treanor with 41pts bot
 2nd - Brendan Roache Jnr & Micheal Bradley Jnr with 41pts bot
 3rd - Chris Breen & Matthew Coyle with 41pts bot

The Gents Singles competition played over the Old Tom Morris Links on Sunday the 17th of April resulted (Entries - 27 Pax) -
 1st - Barry McMenamin Snr (9*) with 42pts
 2nd - Micheal McQuaid (12*) with 40pts
 3rd - Liam McConigley (19*) with 39pts bot

(this competition was reverted to traditional format due to insufficient entries within categories)
 Two's - Micheal Bradley Snr (x2)

The Gents Singles competition played over the Old Tom Morris Links on Monday the 18th of April resulted as follows (Entries - 46 Pax)
 Category A (13 & below) - Peter Griggs 11* with 34pts
 Category B (14 to 21) - Charlie McBride 20 with 40pts
 Category D (22+) - Seamus Devine 22* with 38pts
 Gross - Chris Breen 5* with 29 gross pts.

Two's - Patrick McClafferty 2 @ the 7th hole.

2022 Golfer of the Year

The next Golfer of the Year event, The Bevan Cup, is scheduled for this coming Sunday 24th of April. A full points table is posted on the members noticeboard in the front foyer of the Golf Pavilion.

Club Matchplay Events

Entries are now open for the Michael Bonner Singles Scratch Matchplay, Seamus Mallon Singles Matchplay & Doubles Matchplay. Entries are to be made at the Pavilion Golf Shop. Deadline for entries is Saturday 30th April, with the draw being made the following day.

Team Golf

Upcoming matches -

All Ireland Barton Shield, Sunday 24th

Rosapenna vs North-West @ 4.30pm

Irish Senior Cup, Monday 25th

Rosapenna vs Whitehead @ 3.30pm

All Ireland Jimmy Bruen, Sunday 8th May

Rosapenna vs Portsalon @ 3.30pm

Course Notice

Six inch placing on fairways only is now in effect. Any member that still has a mat is asked to return same to the pro shop. All members are kindly asked to repair all pitch marks, replace divots in the semi rough and rake all bunkers after use. Please keep all trollies & drive buggies off tee boxes and away from green surroundings.

If you are on the course you must be on the tee sheet, all tee times are bookable via the BRS App. Booking enquiries over the phone will be offered the same tee times as showing via the BRS App, no additional times will be available.

Rosapenna Ladies

There was a huge turn out on Easter Saturday for the Hamper competition in fairly windy conditions. Well done to Mary Devlin (23) who won first place with a magnificent 41 points, while Kit Boyce (21) was runner up, 3 points behind with 38 points BOT. The first nine winner was Past Lady Captain Clíodhna Murphy (32) with 19 points BOT

and Lisa McGee (33) was the 2nd nine winner with 21 points also on Break of Tie. Category A winner was Celine Bradley (24) on 38 points with Category B winner Vanessa Cunningham (53) on 38 points.

There is also a 9 hole competition running Monday to Friday each week and competitors may play as often as they like. Computer is not in operation, so entries into the Competition Book only. Ladies are encouraged, but not obliged to enter names individually on the BRS system to encourage a mixture of handicaps and playing partners, with emphasis very much on 'Ready Golf', so as to discourage slow play.

Next Saturday, 18th April, is a Stableford competition with the Nial McManus Memorial Competition taking place on Saturday 30th April, kindly sponsored by Pauline McManus. Booking for these competitions are all on BRS system on the allocated slots only. On Monday 2nd May, there will be a 3 ball waltz and intending players should sign up on the Notice Board if they wish

to be included in the draw. The Club Mixed Foursomes Draw and Rules are currently on the Notice Board with first round matches due to be played by 22nd May.

Upcoming Fixtures - April

Saturday 23rd - Gents Four Ball Better Ball - Old Tom Morris Links

Sunday 24th - The Bevan Cup (Golfer of the Year) - Old Tom Morris Links

Saturday 30th - Gents Greensomes - Old Tom Morris Links

Sunday 1st May - Nial McManus Memorial - Old Tom Morris Links

Dunfanaghy Ladies

The Jean Meyer Ringer was played on Tuesday the 12th April, the first stroke competition of 2022. Some great scores were returned. Results were 1st Olivia Moore (14) 66nett; 2nd Cathleen Boyle (21) 70 nett; 3rd Sadie Marie Curran (20) 71 nett; 1st 9 Paula Sweet (52) 33nett; 2nd9 Una Diver (35) 34.5 nett BOT.

Nice to see assistant Competition Secretary Paula sweet featuring. Plenty more to follow Paula.

The Easter Hamper was played on Easter Saturday the 16th April. Once again Olivia Moore took the top spot. 1st Olivia Moore (13) 38pts BOT; 2nd Natalie Cummings (19) 38pts; Gross AMG Barnes (5) 23 Gross pts; 3rd Miriam Finn (36) 36pts; 1st 9 Pauline Smyth (29) 20pts; 2nd9 Eilish Walsh (29) 20Pts

Great scores Ladies well done to all the prize winners. Thank you, Lady Captain, for the beautiful array of prizes and for the refreshments in the club house after.

We're all off to Cloughaneely this Saturday for an away day organising by Lady Captain Jill. Let's hope for good weather and an enjoyable day for all. Well done to the Ladies who came 5th in the Donegal Shield in Murvagh.

Condolences to Pauline Smyth on the death of her father.

The Clarence Shield takes place on Saturday the 30th April another of our GOY competitions

Hospital Society

The Letterkenny Hospital Society held it's opening outing of what hopefully will be the first full calendar of events in three years at Rosapenna Golf Club last Monday week. In dry but very windy conditions the scoring was of a high standard with John McCloskey just pipping Cecilia Doran to the top spot, both shooting excellent 39 points, with John's better back-nine giving him the win. There were also fine returns by the Sections winners, Eunan McGlynn, Noel Duggan and Charlie McHugh, all in the mid to high 30's on a tough day for scoring. Results - 1st Nett John McCloskey 39pts BOT; 2nd Nett Cecilia Doran 39pts. Section One; Eunan McGlynn 37pts, Mickey Ferry 33pts, John Doherty 32pts.

Section Two; Noel Duggan 36 pts, Ciaran Williamson 31pts, Cynthia Furey Sweeney 30pts, Christine Johnstone 28pts. 1st Nine - Dessie



There was Irish Junior Open success for Portsalon Golf Club member Michael Campbell who won his section at the Flogas Irish Junior Open event held in Dungannon last Thursday. Michael's round of 79 gross was tied best-of-the-day alongside Rory Browne and was enough to give him a 68 nett - winning by two from Oran Dunne.

Ferry 17 pts. 2nd Nine - John James McBride 19pts.

The Society's next outing will take place at Letterkenny Golf Club on Monday 9th May.

Senior Alliance

The Donegal Seniors Alliance held an outing at Portsalon golf Club on Thursday 14th April and the winners were: 1st M Scanlan 22 B & S 43; 2nd Russell Porter 18 B & S 42; 3rd S Coll 27 Portsalon 41 BOT; 4th B O Reilly 28 Portsalon 41; 5th T Doherty 25 Letterkenny 40 BOT; GROSS J Blake 10 Letterkenny 27 GP's; 6th S Lafferty 18 B & S 40 BOT; 7th E Margey 14 Letterkenny 40; 8th G Mc Daid 27 North West 39 BOT; 9th P Devlin 19 Greencastle 39 BOT; 10th E Mc Donnell 25 B & S 39

CAT A - 1st T Forbes 20 Strabane 38; 2nd P Callaghan 29 B & S 37 BOT. CAT B - 1st S Gilroy 29 Letterkenny 36 BOT; 2nd MP O Donnell 17 Letterkenny 36 BOT. CAT C - 1st J Mc Hugh 26 B & S 37; 2nd T Gilcreest 29 Letterkenny 36 BOT.

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DunfanaghyLady Captain Jill McCorkell pictured with winners in the Easter Hamper last weekend.



Rosapenna Lady Captain Betty Feeny (left) presenting Mary Devlin with the Easter Hamper.



Recent prize winners at Letterkenny Golf Club Front, Conall MacAbhaird and captain Ian Ireland; Back row, left to right, Kevin Collins, Brian Hegarty, Hugh Gallagher, Kevin Kiely, Kenny King, Hugo Daly and Dominic Deeny



Recent prizes winners from the Rosapenna Ladies section, presented on Monday April 18th in the Golf Pavilion



CAT D - 1st D Mc Bride 24 Portsalon 38 BOT; 2nd P Callaghan 24 B & S 38.

Letterkenny

Barnhill was a busy place over the Bank Holiday weekend with a host of competitions taking place and some quality golf on display.

Coming in just two over par for his back nine helped George Onofrei (12) to an impressive win in the Wednesday Open on April 13.

His 42 points was two better than Don Ponsonby, Joe Blake and Ryan Tyrell who were separated into second, third and fourth places by break of tie.

Kevin Kiely, already among the prizes in the early weeks of competition, produced another steady round to win the gross prize with 38 pts.

The busy Bank Holiday weekend got up and running with an Open competition on Good Friday.

Paul Carlin (23) was first with 37 points with Adrian McClafferty (35 pts) taking second place ahead of Patrick O'Kane on a break of tie.

A packed timesheet on Saturday ensured there was some fine scoring among the players and it took 39 points from Marty McMullan (11) to get him over the line in first place. Marty was helped by a super birdie on the last, and nine pars during a steady round. Four players finished just a point behind on 38 points with Mark Doherty taking second spot on break of tie.

The other players to card 38 points were Kevin Roche (3rd), Clifford Malone (Cat 1 winner) and Adrian Daly (Cat 2).

Simon Stephens (0) won the gross prize with 33 points and the other category prize winners were Peter Kavanagh (Cat 3) with 35 points and Michael McDaid (Cat 3), 33 pts.

The Category 4 competition continues each Monday night and Cat 4 members are encouraged to get their name down on the time-sheet and get out and enjoy the weekly competition.

Up until now, the Monday night competitions have been over 9 holes, but

co-ordinator Gerry O'Sullivan will be running 13-hole competitions from Monday, April 25. Meanwhile, well done to Damien McGlynn who was the winner of the competition on Monday, April 11. Damien (19) carded a fine score of 21 points.

Letterkenny Ladies

The Letterkenny Driving range competition took place on 29th March with Maureen Sweeney (32) bringing in a fabulous score of 44 pts. Runner up was our own Lady Captain, Triona Daly (26) with another high score of 38 pts BOT with Margaret Harvey (36) finishing 3rd with 38pts and Mary Fowley (45) claimed 4th prize with 37 pts. Front 9 went to Cecilia Doran (29) with an impressive 22pts and back 9 went to Sarah Buchanan (37) with 19 pts.

Gerry O Sullivan presented the prizes on behalf of the driving range and a huge thank you is extended to Letterkenny Driving Range for sponsoring the competition

Medal Competition

The first medal competition got underway on alternate days 3rd and 5th April with Eileen Williamson (24) bringing home the winning score of Nett 70. Runner up was Anne McGrath (17) with Nett 75 and Marian O Sullivan (10) finished 3rd with Nett 76. Celine Bradley (24) claimed the front 9 with Net 34 and the back 9 went to Lady Captain Triona Daly (26) with Nett 37.

Easter Hamper Competition

The Easter Hamper competition sponsored by the Counter Deli was won by our Junior Girls Captain, Clíodhna Patton (24) with an impressive score of 37 pts. Runner up was



Winners of the Medal Competition at Letterkenny Golf Club with Lady Captain Triona Daly.



Winners of the Easter Hamper Competition at Letterkenny Golf Club with Lady Captain Triona Daly



Winners of the Letterkenny Ladies Golf Club 'Driving Range competition' with Lady Captain Triona Daly with Gerry O Sullivan representing Letterkenny Driving Range

Celine Bradley (24) with 36pts with Maureen Sweeney (31) finishing in 3rd place with 34pts. Front 9 went to Mary Murray (13) with a score of 20pts and back 9 went to Sarah Buchanan (37) with 19 pts.

Advance Notice:

Get into Golf Programme

The Get into Golf Programme at Letterkenny Golf Club will be starting on Monday evening 16th May. If you are interested, please give Ruth a ring in the shop on 91 21150 and leave your name and number and we will be in touch.

Mevagh Family Resource Centre

Áras Ros Goill, Downings - Call 074 9155055 or text 087 9228944. Email: info@mevaghfrcc.com. Check out our Facebook Page - Mevagh FRC or Website - www.mevaghfrcc.org

TÚS Community Employment Scheme Vacancy (19½ hrs) A part-time vacancy exists in Mevagh Family Resource Centre for an Administrative Assistant. Candidates must be in receipt of Job-seekers Allowance for at least one year. To confirm eligibility or for further details, contact: Áine Uí Rabhartaigh on 087 2366912 or email a.uirabhartaigh@udaras.ie

Mevagh FRC - are seeking new members for our voluntary board of Management. Ideal candidates will have a passion for community development, experience in the community/voluntary sector and an understanding of community needs in the Downings area. Expressions of interest, comprised of a cover letter can be sent to Leona McMenamin, email: coordinator@mevaghfrcc.com by 6th May.

Mevagh FRC AGM - Will be held in the centre on Monday 9th May at 6pm. If you would like to attend could you please register your place with Leona, email: coordinator@mevaghfrcc.com or Tel: 074 9155055.

Mevagh Strollers Walking Group - Our walking group meet every Tuesday at 10:30am, at the Boardwalk Car Park. Why not come along and join us, you can walk at your own pace, meet new people and increase your fitness! For more information on our group call Pauline on 085 7371247 / 074 9155055.

Swilly & Mulroy Wellness Café - will be in The Mulroy Woods Hotel, Milford on Thursday 28th April at 10:30am - 12pm. These Cafes alternate each week between Milford and Downings. Everyone welcome, just turn up for a cuppa and a chat.

Senior Alert Scheme is available from Mevagh FRC. This is a personal monitored alarm for people aged 65+, of limited means. It enables older people to live securely and independently in their homes. Funded by Pobal. The installation and equipment is free and if you connect to a landline, the monitoring is free for the first year. Charges apply to alarms set up via GSM (sim card). Please contact the centre for more information. Tel: 9155055.

Busy Bees Parent & Toddler group - This group is aimed at parents and children under 5 years old. We meet every Friday 10am - 12pm. €3 per family.

The Gap Within

By Olive Borland

People are trying everything
To fill the gap within
Things like alcohol, drugs and sex
Hoping to fill the gap with fun
But God, the one who made us
Knows that nothing can satisfy
But His love within our hearts
And I'll tell you the reason why.

It's because that is the way He made us
With a vacuum only He can fill

So, He sent Jesus; His divine Son
To carry out His will.
You see we chose to do our thing
And go our stubborn way
But our God couldn't look on sin
And someone had to pay.

So, Jesus died on Calvary's Cross
To break the bonds of sin
He took our sin upon Himself
To give us peace within
God asks us to put our trust in Jesus,
Turn our backs on sin and shame
Then He will send the Comforter,
The Holy Spirit is His name.

Letter to Editor

Scales of justice have turned in the Six Counties

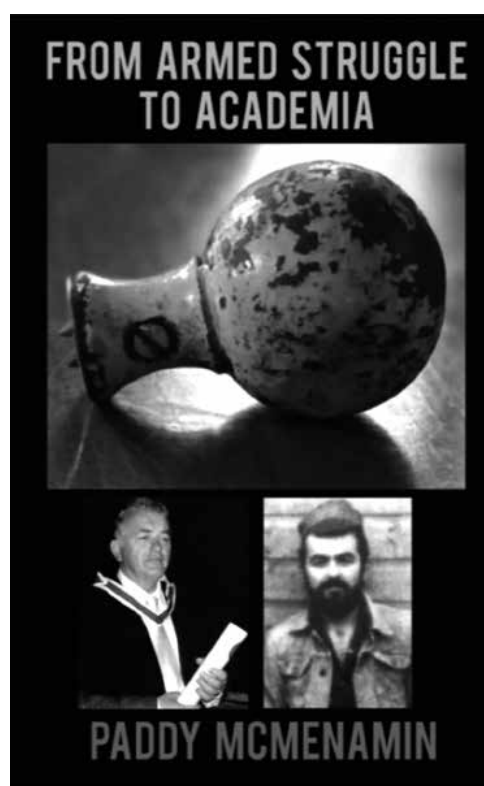
Some good things have come out of the Covid 19 lockdowns and Paddy McMenamin's Memoir 'From Armed Struggle To Academia' is one of them.

If you're into fiction or revisionism this book is not for you. But if you're interested in recent Irish history, or a pacifist trying to piece together why people have killed and maimed in the name of queen and country, then pull in a chair for a captivating read.

If people are denied access to basic human rights at the point of a suppressive government pen, it will at some stage evolve into war. Paddy's story is told through the prism of an innocent child being treated differently to other children, witnessing naked sectarianism in his early teens. Then joining the Na Fianna and evolving into the IRA intent on defending communities under siege night and day by marauding loyalist gangs.

It is so easy to judge when you're living in an ivory tower and denounce people who took part in a defensive struggle of their communities, against forces that had the full backing of the British State.

Paddy describes how his life could have been so different had he been born in leafy Ballsbridge



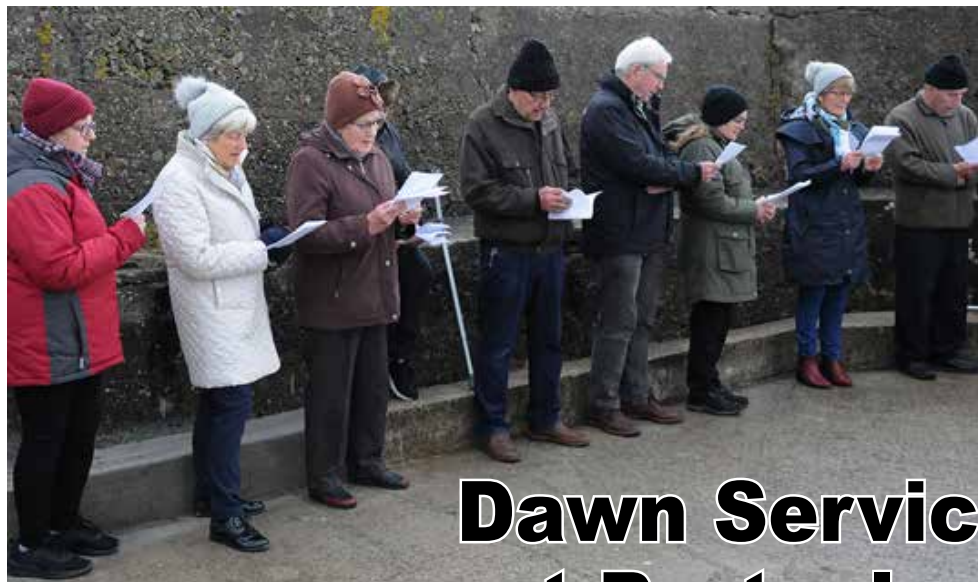
instead of the British claimed territory of the six county statelet. In recent times we have seen people being praised and described as heroes for arming themselves with guns and Molotov cocktails (Ukraine) in defence of their country and people.

Yet Paddy and all his comrades who did the exact same thing are described as terrorists by those who should know better, and his predecessors in the "good old IRA" are glorified for their stance in confronting the enemy in the same way.

Paddy believes that the image of guns and barricades on the streets of the Six Counties which led him to prison cells where men died on hunger-strike for their basic

rights are no longer needed because the scales of justice have slowly but surely turned full circle. The pen which Paddy is gifted in using is the tool that will tell the stories of why the truth was suppressed for so long, and lift the lid on what went on in this artificially created statelet described as "Northern Ireland". In a life stalled by violence, Paddy got the ultimate retribution when he returned as a mature student and graduated as a secondary school teacher from NUI Galway.

James Woods, Gortahork



Dawn Service at Portsalon

Scenes from the Dawn Service at Portsalon on Easter Sunday conducted by Rev. Stanley Johnson.



Tús Scheme

Gaeil Fhánada have positions available within the club for those interested in participating in a Tús Scheme. If you are interested in working for 19.5 hours per week and are in receipt of a Jobseekers payment for a year or more, please call Aine Ní Rabhartaigh on 087-2366912 with an expression of interest. We have morning and evening hours available for eligible candidates.

Tony McCarry. With everything getting back to normal it will be great to have Fanad well represented in as many sports as possible. So come on board and join our team, if you have an interest in sport contact Tony McCarry on 089 6028093.

Community Games
Any one interested in working with Community Games in Fanad this year, please make sure your Garda vetting is up-to-date. Anyone wishing to manage teams from basketball, badminton, rounders, GAA or soccer. Contact Danny Logue, Damien O'Doherty, Una Sweeney or

The Fanad Utd player is 60



Groups attending the vigil and Rosary at St Davadog's Holy Well in Fanad on Holy Thursday night. €420 was raised for the Fanad Branch of St Vincent de Paul



Fanad

Kerrykeel Quiz for Ukraine

There will be a pub quiz in the Plough and Harrow, Kerrykeel on Saturday the 23rd of April. The quiz was cancelled due to an electricity outage on Easter Saturday the 16th of April but will take place this weekend.

All proceeds are in aid of the Irish Red Cross for Ukraine.

The entry is €10 per person with a maximum of four people per table. There will be prizes, a raffle, bingo, an auction and refreshments on the night. All support is appreciated.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated in St. Columba's Church, Massmount on Sunday the 24th of April. It will begin with Confessions at 2.30pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet recited during the Confessions. Incensing and Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image will take place before the Holy Mass at 3.15pm. The priest will bless all present with First Class Relic of St. Sr. Faustina and there will be Confessions available also after the Mass.

Fanad SVP

The Society of St Vincent de Paul in Fanad is always willing to help any members of our Community who may be experiencing financial difficulties at any time. Is the cost of upcoming First Holy Communion or Confirmation a worry for you? Contact the Society on 0871411200, all matters will be dealt with confidentially. The Society is recruiting at the moment, if you would like to join please ring the above number. New members would be most welcome. As always, the Society is very grateful for the public's continued support.

Milford Dancing

Social dancing continues in the Milford Hall every Thursday night at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and give it a go. It's good fun and great exercise. Refreshments served and all for a mere €5.

Steps

Steps Parent & Toddler Group will meet on the

New path to Great Arch



Easter weekend saw the new pathway to the Great Arch at Fanad opened to the public and it proved to be hugely popular.



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in the Schools in the Parish on: Scoil Cholmcille, Kerrykeel on Saturday 30th April; Scoil Cholmcille, Drumman on Saturday 30th April; Scoil Mhuire, Milford on Saturday 7th May.

Rosnaskill Tourism / Activity Centre Irish Grinds

Caroline Gallagher will be teaching Junior / Leaving Cert grinds in hall on Saturday mornings, (dates / times TBC). More info / Bookings contact Caroline on : 0879467815

Bootcamp

NRGise Fitness are running Bootcamp in Hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 6.30 - 7.30am. For more info / bookings via Packie on 0862240321 or via Facebook page NRGise Fitness.

Circuit Classes

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Monday and Wednesday 7-8pm. For more info / Bookings via Packie on 0862240321 or via Facebook page NRGise Fitness.



Lucia Gibbons presenting the John McGinley Memorial Cup to Marty McAteer captain of the Kerrykeel single men who defeated the Married men. Also included are Jack Gibbons and Davitt Walsh.

Clenaghan on Irish U18 rugby side



Letterkenny Rugby Club players Kate Farrell, Eimear Gallagher, Isabelle McNally-Grant and Sophie Speer who will feature for Ulster in the Inter-pro series games over the next two weekends

Letterkenny Rugby Club's Maebh Clenaghan made a bit of history recently being part of the first Irish Rugby U18 Women's team to play a full international match. The game was against Wales. Meanwhile, Letterkenny Rugby Club will have four female players featuring on Ulster U16 and U18 Sevens squads for an inter-pro series that takes place over the next two weekends. Kate Farrell and Eimear Gallagher are in the U16 panel while Isabelle McNally-Grant and Sophie Speer will be part of the U18 squad.

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The Kerrykeel Single Men who defeated the Married Men (below) to win the John McGinley Memorial game on Sunday, the game returned after a two year absence due to Covid and has been running since 1994.



first Friday of every month starting Friday 1st April. From 10.30 to 12.00 preschool children are welcome. Call for a cuppa and a chat to the Rosnaskill Hall.

Little Rascals Community Playschool Rosnaskill Registration is now open for September '22. Free ECCE places available. Contact Eileen 086-8513870 for more information.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be celebrated

Letterkenny Rovers

Our Donegal League side play their final game of the season at home at Glenree Utd this Sunday at Leckview at 1pm. A win would see us win the league with promotion already achieved. Best of luck to Stephen and his side and all support would be appreciated. A busy day ahead on Sunday as our Junior Rovers resumes after the Easter break. Session runs from 10am-11am and new members are always welcome and this follows a successful Easter camp held by the club.

The schoolboys season is in full swing and our 16s Rovers defeated Kilmacrennan Celtic 3-1 on Tuesday evening with goals from Ryan Mcgee, Odhran Kelly and DJ McCauley. They are back in action when making the trip to play Bonagee Utd on Saturday at 3.30pm. The 16s Crusaders lost out narrowly 1-0 to Kilmacrennan Utd and they are due back in action on Thursday night when making the trip to play Gweedore Utd at 7.30pm.

The 14s Rovers are back in action on Thursday night when meeting Kilmacrennan Celtic at 6.30pm at Leckview before making the trip to play Gweedore Utd next Tuesday night with kick-off time to be confirmed. Our 14s Crusaders host Illistrin Utd this Sunday at 11.30am while our 14s Utd make the trip to Ballyraine Celtic for a Sunday noon start.

A busy time for our 12s Rovers hosting Keadue Rovers on Saturday morning at 10am before welcoming Illistrin next Tuesday at 7pm. The 12s Crusaders travel to play illistrin Rovers on Saturday morning at 11.30am while the 12s Utd travel to play Gaoth Dobhair Aontaithe next Monday at 6.30pm before hosting Mulroy on Thursday week at 6.30pm.

Our Youths lost out 3-2 to Kilmacrennan Celtic with goals from Shea White and Sam Harvey. This week's mini lotto numbers drawn were 8-17-24-27. Three people matched three numbers and received €35 each with the lucky winners Gary Logan, Jim Ferry and James Malseed. Next week's jackpot is €6000. Club bingo continues on Thursday nights at the Station House Hotel. Snowball is €1575 on 45 numbers or less. Eyes down at 8.30pm and all support appreciated.

The club extends its sympathies to the Shields family, Ard Colmcille on the sad passing of Jim. May He Rest in Peace.

Lagan Harps FC

We only had a few teams in action late last week. Our u16 girls had a 3-1 win over Cappry Rovers with Niamh Ryan (2) and Sarah Conaghan the scorers.

Our u14As had a 3-1 win over Glenea Utd with Lukas Doherty (2) and Aedin Devir scoring. Our U12As had a 4-1 win over Illistrin with Aogsn Rodgers (2), Zach Nesbitt and Mark Geraghty scoring. In our weekly lotto there was no jackpot winner. Brid McGinty was the weekly winner. Next week's jackpot is €1075. You can enter by using the link in our Facebook page or on our website laganharpsfc.com.

The club extends condolences to the family and friends of Mrs Evelyn Mc Daid on her passing. May she rest in peace.

Planning Notices

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Calhame, Letterkenny, County Donegal.

I, Frank McDermott am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank and all other associated site development works at Calhame, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Calhame. 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 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 Notices

Donegal County Council

Drumbrick, Termon, Letterkenny

I, Roisin McCafferty, are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank and all other associated site development works at Drumbrick, Termon, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Drumbrick. 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 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.

Donegal County Council

Beltany Upper, Gortahork

I, Ciaran Gallagher am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to (1). Retain existing concrete base previously granted under permission 11/30216. (2). Permission to complete the proposed dwelling house. (3). All other associated site development works at Beltany Upper, Gortahork, County Donegal in the townland of Beltany Upper. 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 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.

Donegal County Council

Glasserchoo, Meenlaragh, Gortahork

I, Daniel Boyle am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission to retain as built alterations made during construction to my existing dwelling house at Glasserchoo, Meenlaragh, Gortahork, County Donegal in the townland of Glasserchoo. 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 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.

Donegal County Council

Cloncarney, Trentagh, Letterkenny

I, Paul Sweeney am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect an agricultural slatted shed with all associated site development works at Cloncarney, Trentagh, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Cloncarney. 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 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.

Donegal County Council

Ballyboe, Creeslough, Letterkenny

I, Thomas Hunter am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with wastewater treatment system and all other associated site development works at Ballyboe, Creeslough, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Ballyboe. 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 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.

Acknowledgement

Sweeney

Rosemary

Derryart, Creeslough/Iona Road, Letterkenny.

The family of the late Rosemary Sweeney wish to express their sincere thanks to all who offered sympathy and support at Rosemary's sad passing on 29th November 2021. We offer our heartfelt thanks to Aras Uí Dhomhnaill Nursing Home who provided the most wonderful care to Rosemary, we are forever grateful. A special word of thanks to Fr. Pat McGarvey for his support and comfort to Rosemary, it is much appreciated. A sincere thanks to Fr. John Joe Duffy for celebrating the beautiful funeral Mass and to Brigid Sweeney for her lovely singing.

Sincere thanks to James Harkin Undertakers for your support and guidance throughout. We would also like to thank Rosemary's many friends and relatives who called to visit her and wrote to her down through the years. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions. Donations in lieu of flowers have been given to St. Vincent de Paul.



ty 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.

Donegal County Council

105 Ashlawn, Letterkenny

We, WRE Premier Developments Limited are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to refurbish and erect an extension to the side of our existing dwelling house with all other associated site development works at 105 Ashlawn, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Ballyraine. 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 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.

Donegal County Council

Ballylin, Ramelton,

Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal.

I, Tamaisiar Love, am applying to Donegal County Council for Retention Permission for Material Alterations to Existing Dwelling House; 1) Demolition of Small Front Porch and Rear Out-shot, 2) Construction of new front porch, 3) Construction of New ground floor extension to rear of existing dwelling house, 4) Conversion from single storey bungalow to storey and half dwelling house and associated increased roof height with dormer windows and to include living accommodation to first floor area above new ground floor extension to rear of existing dwelling house, 5) multiple elevation changes to facilitate additional doors and windows and connection to existing septic tank and percolation area at Ballylin, Ramelton, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. 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, County House, Lifford 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 by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant Permission.

DONEGAL Co. COUNCIL

Carrygalley, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

I, Charles Sweeney, intend to apply for Planning Permission for development at Carrygalley, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the townland of Carrygalley. The development will consist of planning permission to construct a container yard for secure storage as part of a farm diversification plan with 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 €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by

In Memoriam

Toye



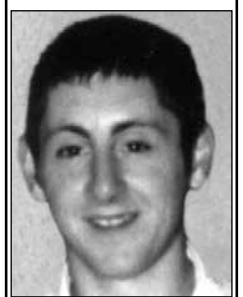
Margaret

14th Anniversary

22nd April 2008

Your life was love and labour
Your love your family true
You did your best for all of us
We will always remember you.
Quietly today your memory is kept
No need for words we will never forget.

Always loved and missed by Tara, Seamus, Amy, Brandon, Corey and Daithí.



Darren

24th Anniversary

28th April 1998

Of all the special gifts in life however great or small
To have you as my brother was the greatest gift of all
A special time, a special face
A special brother I can't replace
With an aching heart I whisper low
I miss you Darren and love you so.

Always loved and missed by Tara, Seamus, Amy, Brandon, Corey and Daithí.

Conaghan

Maureen

In loving memory of a dear sister
The fact that you're no longer here
Will always cause me pain
But you're forever in my heart until we meet again.
Always remembered and sadly missed by Kathleen.



Scanlon

Michael J. Gortcally,

Kerrykeel

3rd Anniversary

Who died 18th

April 2019

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven Hallowed

be Thy name

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in

Heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil. Amen

Remembered by your brother Eamon.

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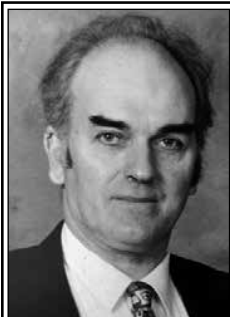
Grave Digging and Refurbishing

- Grave - Repair, Clean up & Maintenance Service for all Graveyard Masses this Summer
- Add or subtract of soil
- Wooden/Concrete surrounds and tops
- Mulch/Chippings of choice
- Headstone Refurbishing
- Re-lettering of headstones

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In Memoriam



O'Brien
Ronnie
Kilmacrennan
2nd Anniversary

In memory of my beloved husband who died on the 25th April 2020.

To lose you Ronnie brought pain beyond belief I have lost one so precious, so wonderful and dear But although you have left this world You will stay within my heart Guiding like an angel even though we are apart For love is everlasting so are all my memories. Your legacy is always there to light the way for me So until we meet again in Heaven I will keep you in my heart.

Sadly missed and always treasured by your loving wife Rosemary.

There is always something missing No matter what I do A constant sadness in my heart What is missing Dad is you Your presence I miss Your memory I treasure Loving you always Forgetting you never.

Missed and loved by daughter Laura, son in law Connor and grandchildren Alfie and Holly.

Your life was a blessing your memory a treasure You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

Always remembered and sadly missed by sisters Maureen and Brenda and all their families.

Anniversary Mass will take place in St Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan on Monday 25th April at 9.30am. Mass can be viewed on the Parish Facebook Page.

Memoriam Cards & Thank You Cards



Contact
Tirconail Tribune
074 91 53600



McLaughlin
Kathleen
High Glen,
Carrigart
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother Kathleen who died on the 20th April 2019.

I wish so much that life could be the way it was before That you'd be in your favourite chair when I walk in the door. I miss your smile your joking way I miss the things you used to say And when old times I do recall it's when I miss you most of all Those special years will not return when we were all together But with all the love that is in my heart you will stay with me forever.

Sadly missed and forever in my heart love your husband Bernie xx.

I remember your laugh and the things you would say I treasured the hours that we shared every day Your resting place I visit and put flowers there with care But no one knows the heartache as I turn and leave you there.

Loved always and missed every day your daughter Maritta.

The moment that you died our hearts were torn in two One side filled with heartache the other died with you Remembering you is easy we do it every day but missing you is the heartache that will never go away.

Always remembered and loved for the wonderful mother and Granny you were by your son Seamus, Amanda, Shannon, Amy and Caoimhe.

We talk of the memories one by one, words that you've said, things that you've done They bring a smile, often a tear with a constant wish that you were here.

Sadly missed by your loving daughter Yvonne, Peter, Terri, Nicole, Peter and Anthony xx

Tel. 074 91 53600



Friel
Maurice
Drumhalla,
Rathmullan
20th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who passed away on the 24th April 2002.

We think about you often We talk about you still You have not been forgotten And by us you never will

Always remembered and sadly missed by all the family.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Catherine's Church, Oughterlin on Sunday 1st May.



Toye
Darren
24th Anniversary

Loving memory of a dear Dad who died on 28th April 1998.

Remembering you is easy I do it every day Missing you is heartache That never goes away.

Your loving son Steven, Tracy and family.

Quietly today your memory is kept No need for words I will never forget.

Roisin.



Toye
Margaret
14th Anniversary

Cherished memories of a Granny who died on 22nd April 2008.

Your presence I miss Your memory I treasure Loving you always forgetting you never.

Your grandson Steven, Tracy and family.

Silent memories keep you near As time unfolds another year.

Roisin.



Friel
May
Ladden, Fanad
8th Anniversary

Treasured memories of a wonderful sister-in-law and aunt, who passed away on 21st April 2014.

Your life was one of kindly deeds sincere in heart and mind, beautiful memories you left behind. A whisper on an April day, you heard a gentle call You took the hand of Jesus and quietly left us all As it is your anniversary you would not want a fuss just to be remembered by every one of us. Every day in some small way thoughts of you will come my way, and when old times I do recall it's then I miss you most of all.

Always remembered and sadly missed by Maureen, Joe and all the Friel and Reilly families.

Friel
May
Ladden, Fanad
8th Anniversary

Treasured memories of a wonderful wife, mother, grand mother, sister, and sister-in-law, May who sadly passed away on 21st April 2014.

Special memories hold you near silent thoughts bring many a tear, Tears in my eyes I can wipe away, but the loss in my heart will always stay.

Always remembered and sadly missed by your loving husband John.

Our lives go on without you, but nothing is the same We have to hide our heartache when someone speaks your name. Sad are the hearts that loved you, silent are the tears that fall, living life without you is the hardest part of all. You did so many things for us, your heart was so kind and true and when we needed someone we could always count on you.

Sadly missed by your sons John Edward, Martin, Hugh and Fergal along with their families and grand children.

Anniversary Mass on Saturday 23rd April at 7pm in St. Mary's Church, Fanavolty.

Acknowledgement

McBride

The family of the late Susan McBride, Duntinney, Fanad wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone who sympathised and supported us in our recent sad loss.



Thanks to everyone who attended the wake and funeral, those who stood along the funeral route, those who sent Mass and sympathy cards and all messages of condolences.

Thanks to the gravediggers and to everyone who helped out in any way at the wake. Thanks to everyone who participated in the funeral Mass, especially Fr. Pat McGarvey and for all his support. To McAteer Funeral Directors for their professionalism throughout.

Finally thank you to Dr. Margaret Gilligan, nurse Annie Sheils and all the staff at Tamney Health Centre.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Months Mind Mass for Susan will be celebrated in St. Columba's Church, Massmount on Saturday 23rd April at 6pm.

Sharkey

Michael
Shroughan, Falcarragh



The family of the late Michael Sharkey would like to sincerely thank all those who sympathised and offered support to us on our recent bereavement. A sincere thanks to our extended family, friends and neighbours who attended the wake and funeral, those who stood along the roadside and who watched the funeral ceremony online.

Thanks to Dr. Nelson, Falcarragh and to the staff at A&E, Dr. Steele and the Orthopedic Ward at Letterkenny University Hospital who showed us such kindness and support.

Thank you to all who sent Mass and sympathy cards, who phoned and sent kind messages of condolences it is very much appreciated by all of us. Thank you to those who helped in so many ways during the wake and funeral.

Special thanks to Fr. Sean O'Gallachoir, Fr. James Gillespie and Fr. Martin Doohan who officiated at the funeral Mass. Thanks to granddaughter Hannah who sang beautifully and to Simon McGinley for providing the music at the funeral.

A sincere thank you to Kieran Roarty Funeral Directors for the kind respectful manner in which you carried out Dad's funeral arrangements.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere gratitude.

Michael's Month Mind Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 24th April at 11am in Christ the King Church, Gortahork.

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council Legmuckduff, Milford

We, Danielle Friel & Andy Horsman, are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with connection to public sewer and all other associated site development works at Legmuckduff, Milford, County Donegal in the townland of Legmuckduff. 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 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.

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Roarty
Dominic
Creeslough



Dominic's wife Peggy, his daughter Marian, his son Dominic and all his family wish to express their sincere thanks to everyone who offered sympathy & support at Dominic's sad passing, and in the time since.

Thank you to all those who visited our home, attended the wake, funeral Mass, burial and those who travelled long distances. A special thanks to Dominic's Council colleagues who formed a guard of honour and to those who stood by the roadside, to all those who phoned, wrote or shared kind messages on line, sent Mass and Sympathy cards, letters, flowers and those who donated generously to the Oncology ward of the LUH in Dominic's Memory. Thank you to friends, neighbours and relatives who provided food and helped out during the wake and to the staff at Rose's Kitchen for the catering after the Funeral.

Our sincere thanks to the Creeslough Medical Centre Staff, Doctors, Nurses, for their care over the years and in more recent times, to the Palliative Care Team, Public Health Nurses and Home Care Assistants, who's help was greatly appreciated by Dominic and the family. Special thanks to Fr John Joe Duffy for saying prayers at the wake and for the lovely funeral Mass he concelebrated with Fr Murphy, Fr Flan and Fr Pat McGarvey.

Thanks to Bridget Sweeny for the beautiful music, to Harkin Funeral Directors and grave diggers who carried out their work in a professional, sensitive and respectful manner and to the Garda for helping with the traffic.

As it would be impossible to thank everybody individually, we hope that this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of our sincere thanks to everyone.

Dominic's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 24th April at 11.00 am in St. Michaels Church, Creeslough.

McFadden
Mirriam
Devlinreagh, Carrigart



The family of the late Mirriam McFadden would like to thank all those who sympathised and offered support to them on their recent sad and sudden bereavement. A sincere thanks to friends and neighbours who attended the wake and funeral and those who stood at the roadside and who watched the funeral ceremony online.

A special thanks to all those who travelled long distances to be with us. Thank you to Dr. Mee, the Ambulance service and the Gardai for their quick response support and guidance. Thank you to all who sent Mass and sympathy cards, who phoned and those who sent heartfelt messages of condolences.

To those who helped at the wake. Thanks to the Carrigart Fire Brigade for their assistance during the wake. Special thanks to Fr. Charlie Byrne P.P. who officiated at the funeral Mass and the burial. Thanks to Susan Gallagher for providing the music at the funeral

A Sincere thank you to Seamus Gallagher Funeral Directors for the compassion, professionalism and respectful manner in which you carried out Mirriam's funeral arrangements. As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere gratitude.

Mirriam's Month Mind Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 23rd April at 6pm in St John the Baptist Church, Carrigart.

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Creeslough

Sympathy

The deepest sympathy of the community is extended to Brian and Margaret Ann Dolan and family Ards Creeslough on the death of Brian's aunt Carmel O'Donoghue (nee Harrington), Claran, Headford Co. Galway and formerly of Eyeries, Castletownbere Co. Cork. Sympathy is also extended to her husband Gerald, daughter Geraldine (Clane), son Declan (Ballinrobe), son-in-law Paul McCormack, daughter-in-law Eavan Hennelly, grandchildren Emma and Cathal, sisters Mary, Evelyn, Peggy and Frances, brothers John, Raymond, Fr Terence and Aidan, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and the entire family circle.

Climb with Charlie

The Climb with Charlie along the Railway Walk at Muckish recently raised a total of €506.90 for Pieta House and the Motor Neurone Society. The organisers wish to thank everyone who took part and contributed.

Memorial Walk

The Patrick McIntyre Memorial Walk is back again this year

after an absence of two years due to the pandemic. It will take place on Saturday the 20th of August from Muckish Sand and Gravel and go along with the Railway Walk. More details later but just save the date!

St. Michael's Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Mini Lotto on Sunday evening last. The numbers drawn were: 1,3,6,7,9,15. There were three Match 5 Winners Marie McClafferty, Calhame, Falcarragh, Derek Wilkinson, Creeslough and Margaret Ferry, Kildarragh who won €35 each. This week's Jackpot will be €6100. Lotto Tickets are on sale in the usual outlets and also online from Clubforce.

Bingo

The €200 on the House on Game 9 at The St. Michael's Bingo on Sunday was Mary Doherty the winner of the €100 on Game 5 was Frances Ferry.

Dunfanaghy Youths

Training for DYFC U10s continues every Friday evening. All new players welcome. The U10s are playing their first match of the season in Glenree at 2.15pm on Saturday 23rd April. All donations are for Ellie McHugh. Please come out and support.

50/50

Congratulations to Marty McGarvey who won last week's Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 jackpot of €465. Our hut will be in Creeslough every Friday 10am-2pm and Dunfanaghy every Saturday, 10am - 2pm, you can also go onto the Dunfanaghy Youth football club Facebook page, click on the PayPal link, and buy your tickets online. Thanks to all local businesses for supporting our draw, also those who buy and sell our tickets.

Divine Mercy Feast

The Feast of the Divine Mercy in on Sunday April 24th. The Feast will be celebrated in St. Michael's Church on Sunday 24th at 2.30 p.m.

Doe Graveyard Mass

Doe Graveyard ceremony of blessing will take place on Sunday 31st July at 1pm.

Creative Writing Group

The Creative writing group meet in the Workhouse Heritage Centre in Dunfanaghy on the first Friday of each month from 10.30am to 1pm. Bring writing materials, a Writing Pad/Journal and Pen. All welcome including beginners. Price is €5 including Tea or Coffee and a Homemade Scone. Look forward to seeing you then. For



A beautiful picture of Lackagh Bridge, Creeslough taken by Maria Moore recently.

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COISTE FORBARTHA AN FHAL CARRAIGH CUIDEACHTA FAOI THEORAINN RATHAIOCHTA invites applications for the below post for their Community Service Programme at their Multipurpose Centre Ionad Naomh Fionnán, Station Road, Falcarragh, Co. Donegal.

CENTRE MANAGER

Responsible for ensuring the development, management, and smooth running of Ionad Naomh Fionnán and report directly to the Board of Directors. He or she will work to ensure that Ionad Naomh Fionnán is a vibrant, well managed facility for local residents and the wider community.

Working hours: 39 hours per week and will include some weekend and evening work.

A good working knowledge of the Irish language will be a distinct advantage for the position but not a necessity.

All positions are subject to Garda Vetting and full reference checks

Email ionadnf@gmail.com for Job Description

Closing date for applications: 29th April @ 5pm

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Members of community supporting The Yellow walk on Easter Sunday for Grow Mental Health. Raising awareness off Mental Health and bringing the GROW message of hope and recovery. For more info www.grow.ie or info line 0818 474 474

Cloughaneely

Daffodil Day

Mary Barrett and the Irish Cancer Society would like to thank all the Volunteers that helped out in Falcarragh on Daffodil Day and thanks to all those who made contributions and bought stuff on the day. The sum raised was €2180.

Streetscape Enhancement Scheme

The Tourist and Traders Association would like to remind all

those that got an allocation for the Streetscape Enhancement Scheme, that the works have to be completed by the 22nd of this month. All paperwork has to be in with the Council no later than the 29th April.

Bereavement Support Group

The next meeting of the new Bereavement Support Group will be held in Ionad Naomh Pádraig, Dore on Monday, April 25th from 7-8:30pm. The group is facilitated by Imelda O'Donnell Counsellor/Phys-

iotherapist. This is a closed group, with emphasis on confidentiality. To register your attendance for the next group meeting please call Mary on 086 1720610. Group welcome members from Cloughaneely, Gweedore and the Rosses.

Plant Sale

Tá an Díolachain Plandaí anois ar siúl i gCill Ulta. Glasraí, Síolgaí, Luibheanna srl. Potáí móra €4, potáí beaga €3. Trátaí €2.90 agus 6pk €3. Bailiúchán ar an Déardaoin idir 10 a'chlog

ar maidin agus 4 a'chlog san tráthnóna NÓ ar an Aoine idir 10 a'chlog ar maidin agus Meán Lae. Tá muid faichilleach faoin Covid go fáill. Le bhur dtoil fánaigí sa charr agus cur scairt ar an oifig agus beidh muid libh láithreach.

Pobal Eascarrach

Ballina Resource Centre annual general meeting will take place on Monday 9th May at 7pm in The Resource Centre. Everyone welcome.

Seaweed Foraging Course. Subject to demand this course will be starting soon. Further information call Caitlín at 9180571

Acting Workshop

A full one day workshop, with light lunch provided - Full Bodied Acting workshop with

Margaret Hannon (Sadie from Ros na Rún) on April 30th 10am - 6.30pm, No acting experience necessary, it will be a fun and interactive day in the beautiful location of The Song House. €45 50% offered to Cloughaneely residents.

Pobáil Le Chéile

Paistí Le Chéile Group will resume on Thursday 28th April

The Parent and Family Support Service are offering a FREE 6 week early years parenting course. Course starts on Wednesday 6th May at Garradh Cholm Cille Centre from 10am to 12noon. For more information or to book a space on the course call Chloe 086 067 5186 Óige Le Chéile- Free Teen Trip to Arena 7 on Friday 22nd April.

This trip is part-funded by the Donegal Youth Service. Places limited/Booking essential: Call/text Edel 086 455 7519

Cumann Cairdeas- Arts and crafts Workshop with artist Leanne McLaughlin at Garradh Cholm Cille on Tuesday 26th April 11am-1pm.

Siopa Pobail - Donations accepted Tuesday - Saturday. Opening times are as follows: Tuesday 10am-2pm. Wednesday 10am-1pm Thursday and Friday 10am-5pm Sat 11am-5pm.

Beidh Cruinniú Cinn Bliana ag Coiste Pobal Eascarrach ar an Luain 9ú Bealtaine, san Ionad Acmhainne i mBéal an Átha, ag tosnú ar 7.00 i.n. Tá fáilte roimhe an pobail uilig. Bigé Linn



Noreen Coll singing the National Anthem in Gweedore on Easter Sunday.



Dinny Ferry reading the proclamation at the Pádraig Micheal Airt Commemoration in Gaoth Dobhair on Easter Sunday.



The Gaoth Dobhair Band at the Pádraig Micheal Airt Commemoration in Gaoth Dobhair on Easter Sunday

League of Ireland Premier Division

Pat's test will be tough: Horgan

Ollie Horgan will get his patched up side up to the road to Dublin this Friday to take on St. Patrick's Athletic (kick-off 7.45). It's going to be a tough ask to get anything out of the trip to Inchicore with mounting injuries a worry for the Harps boss.

"Look Pat's is going to be a tough test for us especially after the hectic schedule with the games against Bohs and Sligo so close together. It has taken a toll on us injury wise and we'll just have to see how things are at training. We will have lads back from suspension so that is badly needed. Pat's might have struggled a bit but they still beat UCD on Monday. They are 10 points ahead of us in the table for the reason that they are a quality side." Ryan Rainey and Elie N'Zeyi Kibonge should return from suspension but Harps will be waiting to see whether Eric

McWoods gets more than the one-match ban that he served on Monday evening by sitting out the Sligo game. McWoods was sent-off for a straight red card offence in the Bohs match last Friday night. Horgan is also awaiting a report on the extent of skipper Dave Webster's injury. He also has concerns over Conor Tourish who did not feature at all on Monday evening and Ryan Connolly who had to come off after only 19 minutes.

When the two sides met at Finn Park on Friday 11th March second half goals from Jack Scott and Eoin Doyle saw Finn Harps suffer their first home defeat of the season on Friday against high flying St. Patrick's Athletic going down 2-0. That result left Ollie Horgan's men bottom of the table with two points from four matches going into the clash the following Monday against Sligo Rovers at the Showgrounds.

McNamee features in all games

Barry McNamee has started all 10 Finn Harps games this season. He has also captained the side twice when Dave Webster missed the Drogheda game and then when the defender had to come off injured against Bohs on Friday night. The Ramelton man has played full games against UCD away (0-0), Bohs home (1-1), Pat's home (0-2), Derry home (1-2) and Sligo (home).

The midfielder has been replaced against Dundalk away (3-0) 61 minutes; Sligo (3-1) away 80 minutes; Shelbourne (0-3) away 91 minutes; Shamrock Rovers (0-2) home 82 minutes; Drogheda (2-2) home 91 minutes and Bohemians (2-2) away 88 minutes. In all McNamee has played 969 minutes of football in 11 games so far this season.



Ethan Boyle defends the ball from Sligo's Max Mata with Barry McNamee in support on Monday.

Sligo win Northwest derby

Finn Harps 0-1 Sligo Rovers
With 11 games gone in the League of Ireland Premier Division Finn Harps have won once and the wait for a victory in Ballybofey continues after their former player Karl O'Sullivan's 25th minute goal gave Sligo Rovers victory in the North West derby on Monday evening. The result keeps Ollie Horgan's side second from bottom of the table and five points behind Shelbourne. An under-strength Harps side really struggled in the first half on Monday night and only for keeper Mark Anthony McGinley the hosts would have been further behind.

Horgan's men were much better after the break and would have deserved a share of the spoils for their efforts with the hero on Friday night at Dalymount Mark Tim-

lin missing the best equalising chance with five minutes of normal time remaining. The Buncrana man was denied by a combination of Colm Horgan and Adam McDonnell after being set up by Filip Mihaljevic.

In late injury time, Sligo keeper Ed McGinty had to make a save while the visitors were relieved to clear the ball from a Harps corner just before the final whistle. Horgan was really short going into the game with Eric McWoods, Ryan Rainey and Elie N'Zeyi Kibonge all suspended while injury ruled out captain Dave Webster and two other defenders Conor Tourish and Jose Carrillo who picked a knock in the warm-up. It got worse on the injury front as youngster Luke Rudden had to replace Ryan Connolly after just 19 minutes.

It was a welcome win for Liam Buckley's team Sligo who had n't won since the time the two sides last met five weeks ago. Mark Anthony McGinley was busy early on as visitors attacked with serious intent. First the Creeslough man stopped David Cawley's shot, denying Mark Byrne and Max Mata in quick succession. Sligo took the lead on 25 minutes when the veteran Cawley executed a lob over the advancing McGinley but while it was on target it lacked sufficient power. The retreating Regan Donelon was unfortunate in that his clearance rebounded kindly for O'Sullivan to tap into the net. Former Harps player Shane Blaney came close to making it 2-0 but his header went into the side-netting. The hosts did get better as the match went on. Paddy Kirk blocked an Ethan Boyle shot while McGinty and Blaney both put their bodies on the line to deny Rudden. Rovers substitute Jordan Hamilton forced McGinley to go full length to divert his effort around the post. Horgan's men kept probing for an equaliser but it didn't come.

Finn Harps - Mark Anthony McGinley; Ethan Boyle, Erol Alkan, Rob Slevin, Regan Donelon; Bastien Hery, Ryan Connolly (Luke Rudden 19); Barry McNamee,

Filip Mihaljevic, Mark Timlin; Yoyo Mahdy (Jesse Devers 70). Not used: Gavin Mulreany (Gk), Damian Duffy, Nathan Logue, Dylan Woods, Gerard Doherty (Gk), Shaun McDermott.

Sligo Rovers - Ed McGinty; Paddy Kirk, Shane Blaney, Nando Pijnaker, Colm Horgan; Karl O'Sullivan, Niall Morahan, David Cawley (Greg Bolger 87), Adam McDonnell; Max Mata (Jordan Hamilton 60), Mark Byrne (Will Fitzgerald 76). Ref: Paul McLaughlin.



Harps Filip Mihaljevic in action against Sligo on Monday night.



Sligo goalscorer and former Harps player Karl O'Sullivan in action against Regan Donelon on Monday night.

Super subs secure Harps point

Bohemians 2-2 Finn Harps
Nine-men Finn Harps grabbed a dramatic last ditch equaliser against Bohemians with a goal involving three substitutes sent on by Ollie Horgan at Dalymount Park on Friday night.

Bastien Hery and Yoyo Maldy created the chance for Mark Timlin who showed all his experience to roll the ball low past James Talbot. Harps had Eric McWoods sent-off in only the seventh minute of the match and Ryan Rainey received his marching orders in early injury time while in another blow captain Dave Webster was stretchered from the field before the half-hour mark.

Despite being down to 10 men so early the visi-

tors took the lead in the 20th minute when Filip Mihaljevic was taken down in the penalty area by Rory Feely after the Croatian had latched onto a Barry McNamee pass. Mihaljevic got up to convert his second spot-kick in successive games. Harps also had a chance earlier when Ryan Rainey got a head to a Ryan Connolly free-kick but it was a comfortable save for Talbot. Bohs really struggled to make the extra man work to their advantage and Mark Anthony McGinley didn't have a save of note to make in the first half. However, it was different after the break as Bohs shot into a higher gear and seconds after the restart Junior should have put the hosts on level terms from an Ali Coote cross. However, Junior

did make a major contribution to the 50th minute equaliser as he was taken down by Jose Carrillo. Dawson Devoy made no mistake from the resultant spot-kick. Harps just couldn't get into the game and Coote made it 2-1 with a super strike from just outside the penalty following a Bohs corner.

A key moment in the game was the spreadeagled McGinley getting his foot to a low 71st minute Promise shot to divert the ball onto the butt of the upright and Carrillo was on hand to complete the clearance. After retaining possession well for a couple of minutes a piece of sloppy play from Promise gifted the ball to McGinley. The Creeslough man waved everyone forward. The ball dropped to Hery and he found Maldy who slipped a clever pass to Timlin and this time the Buncrana man made no mistake steering his low effort perfectly into the corner of the Bohs net.

It was a game that had 12 minutes of injury. Seven was added at the end of the first half due to the Webster injury.



The Loreto Community School Milford First Year squad celebrate their Ulster title triumph



Hat-trick hero Shea Cannon with his father Aidan

Dunfanaghy

Sympathy

The deepest sympathy of the Dunfanaghy Community is extended to the McFadden family, Ards on the death last week of Ben. Ben was very well known in the area and a great community man. Sympathy is extended to his wife Bernadette, daughter Majella and partner James, sons Gerard and daughter-in-law Edel, Peadar, Liam and daughter-in-law Masayo, grandchildren, brothers and sisters, extended family circle and friends.

Easter

There was a large number of tourists in Dunfanaghy to celebrate the first Easter without restrictions for two years. Most of the tourists were from Northern Ireland and Britain, but there are signs that the American and European tourists are beginning to come back again.

Country Markets

The Dunfanaghy Country Market will be in the Market Square from 10am to 1pm every Saturday with a wide selection of home baking, chocolates, jams, chutneys, veg, salad, hand crafts, knitting, crochet, candles and cards. Treat yourself or your friends to some beautiful fresh local produce and crafts.

Family Resource Centre

Thanks to a small grant from Donegal Changemakers, The centre will be holding a series of events in conjunction with some of the local community groups and businesses in Dunfanaghy throughout April. In doing so we aim to showcase the range of clothing available in the amazing sustainable 2nd hand fashion outlets locally and bring the communities focus on a variety of ways that we can increase our ability to live more sustainably. Thursday 28th April: 4pm – 5.15pm: Family fun. Launch of "TAKE 3 FOR THE SEA" Campaign in conjunction with Dunfanaghy Tidy towns. Family fun on Killahoey beach with storytelling and group sculpture challenge. The Playstation toddler group at Trinity hall has now finished its indoor sessions and will recommence on Monday April 25th after the Easter break outdoors at the playground at The Workhouse from

10.30am – 12noon.

The Baby Group which takes place on Tuesdays at 10am at the Resource Centre will continue indoors. This group is open to all new mothers and their babies – breastfeeding support is available at this group and provided by Labhaoise Maguire

Creeslough baby and toddler – The 7 week session of baby massage has just finished and will now begin regular baby and toddler sessions starting Friday 6th May.

Donegal ETB Funded Classes: Craft classes- Mondays at 2 at the Resource Centre, spaces available. Art class- Running weekly at the Ozanam centre on Tuesdays 2 – 4.

Yoga – With Victoria Toye, running weekly at the Ozanam centre 5.15 – 6.15. Gardening – Weekly on Mondays at 10 with Joanne Butler at Dunfanaghy community garden

Dunkers Walking Group: Meet at Dunfanaghy FRC (or pre-arranged meeting point) at 10.45 weekly on Wednesdays. Please contact Bernie at the Family Resource Centre and let her know that you will be coming.

The Dunfanaghy Wellness Café has reopened meeting on the first and fourth Monday of the month at the workhouse Dunfanaghy.

The Derryveagh Social prescribing service is based at Dunfanaghy Resource Centre and is there to help individuals over the age of 18 to link up and connect with social groups, educational classes, exercise groups etc in your community. Call Bernadette Mc Fadden on 0860766670 or call into the centre.

Ozanam Defibrillator

A new Automated External Defibrillator has been installed outside the Ozanam Community Centre. The AED is available to anyone who may need it as there is no key or code required to open the cabinet.

The Workhouse Cinema

The Cinema is available for bookings for screening films and for private events. The cost is €25 for 1 Hour, €40 for 2 Hours and €5 per hour after that. To book or any other enquires email us at dunfanaghyworkhousetours@gmail.com or call us on 0749136540.

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Carol O'Callaghan, author of Good Morning Glenveagh, Pictured after her reading of the Book in The Workhouse in Dunfanaghy on Easter Saturday morning

Ballymore NS

The clothes bank outside the school has finally been replaced - all clothes, placed in support numerous initiatives and activities organised for the school has finally been re- es much needed funds used to children.



Groups enjoying the concert in The Workhouse and Heritage Venue, Dunfanaghy on Friday night



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The talented singer and songwriter Susan O'Neill performing at The Workhouse and Heritage Venue, Dunfanaghy on Friday night. The event was organised by Wild Atlantic Waves Music.



Ruairi Friel and Sarah Cullen performing at the Workhouse and Heritage Venue, Dunfanaghy on Friday night.

Ulster Football Championship Preview by Declan Kerr

Mission Armagh for Donegal

Declan Bonner and his backroom team have been exclusively focusing on their Ulster Senior Football Championship quarter-final against Armagh over the past three weeks and now it's all down to delivering on Sunday in Ballybofey (throw-in 2.00). There were positives and negatives from the meeting of the two sides in Letterkenny at the end of last month. The first half display was impressive although Armagh did start minus some first team regulars. Shaun Patton's wrong option at the end of the first half led to a goal that Armagh scarcely deserved. But other defenders would have to shoulder some of the blame for not clearing the danger when the keeper did fist the ball out. It wasn't a great day for Patton as three short kick-outs went array in the early stages of the final quarter and that's when the visitors popped over a couple of points that gave them important momentum. Clearly, Michael Murphy's penalty miss was a key moment in the game but at the same time Donegal still looked like they could cope with that setback. That was until the Patton kick-outs went wrong. Bonner would have been worried about the performance in the final quarter which is such a vital time of the game. Thankfully, on this occasion Armagh's poor finishing allowed Paddy McBrearty to pop over the winner.

On the positive side again Michael Langan and Niall O'Donnell got a bit of game time. Bonner is also hoping to have Ciaran Thompson and Caolan McGonagle back in contention for the Armagh championship game after missing the latter stages of the league campaign due to injury. Oisín Gallen will not be available for Sunday as he continues rehab from a muscular problem. Odhrán McFadden-Ferry and Neil McGee won't be involved either due to suspensions handed down after the last game between the two sides. The Armagh County Board has successfully appealed Rian O'Neill's one game ban on a technicality meaning the star forward will be available for the Orchard County's Ulster Senior Football Championship quarter-final. O'Neill had received the ban as a result of incidents that had occurred immediately after the final whistle of the league game at the O'Donnell Park last month. However, three other Armagh players Ciaran Mackin, Stefan Campbell and Aidan Nugent had similar bans upheld at a Central Hearings Committee last week. However, the three players do have a couple of other appeal avenues open to them should their County Board decide to go

down that road. Five players were initially hit with proposed one-match bans including the Orchard trio of Mackin, Nugent and Stefan Campbell, plus Gweedore club men Odhrán McFadden-Ferry and Neil McGee. Donegal accepted the McFadden and McGee suspension sanctions. On home turf Donegal will be favourites to advance to the last four but it will be interesting to see how Armagh perform in the championship after a decent league campaign.

Deegan to ref Ballybofey clash
Laois man Maurice Deegan has been appointed to referee Sunday's Ulster Championship quarter-final between Donegal and Armagh in Ballybofey. With the recent hostilities between the two sides at the final whistle in the O'Donnell Park, GA chiefs will be looking to the experienced Deegan to assert his control and stamp out any ill-discipline from the throw-in. Deegan refereed Donegal's 2021 All-Ireland Final triumph over Armagh.

Armagh player bans overturned

There was good news for Armagh on Tuesday night with the news that Stefan Campbell, Aidan Nugent and Ciaran Mackin will all be available for Sunday's Ulster SFC quarter-final against Donegal after the GAA's Central Appeals Committee overturned their one-match bans. The trio had been banned initially for their part in the melee at the end of the league game against Donegal at the O'Donnell Park last month. Their initial appeal last week had been unsuccessful. However, it's understood that Mackin is an injury doubt for the game in Ballybofey on Sunday.

Bookies favour Bonner's men

Paddy Power Bookmakers have made Donegal the favourites to win Sunday's provincial quarter-final against Armagh. Declan Bonner's men were 5/6 on to advance to the semi-finals earlier in the week while for Armagh the odds were 5/4 to win the game with 7/1 the draw. Donegal are 4/6 on with BoyleSports to win on Sunday. It's 15/2 the draw while there were odds of 6/4 on an Armagh victory.

GAA Club News

CLG Naomh Ádhamhnáin

The Brian McCormick Sports Division 1 league for the Senior A team continued this weekend in O'Donnell Park and Ardara left with a drawn game. A goal from James Kelly helped the team along but it finished with a score line of 1-04 to 0-07. The Senior B game did not go ahead. Our U17 Div 1 team had a good win away to Glenswilly winning 2-17 to 2-09. Well done. The Div 3 team also had a good win beating Robert Emmetts by 2-09 to 0-06. Well done to the Senior hurlers who won against Dungleue at the weekend. They had an 8-point victory at the

end with a score line of 1-12 to 0-23. Well done to all involved. Well done to the Feile under 15 Div 3 winners who beat Glenfin in Downings, Thanks to Pauric, Aidy and the team. Well done to the Ladies team who won against Glenties with a score line of 2-15 to 3-06. Well done to the u12 girls who travelled to Fanad at the weekend. Thanks to Fanad for hosting. The Club wishes to pass on their condolences to Adrian Shields on the death of his father, Jim. We would like to send our condolences to Carmel, Bernie, Michelle, Kieran, Kevin and all the Shield's family, He is prede-

ceased by his loving wife Teresa. Our new club website is up and running. All members and players can now use our new registration system to register for 2022. The Hurling Academy will be on every Friday from 6.30 to 7.30. The Century Complex Sunday Morning Academy is on each Sunday morning from 11 to 12. Everyone is welcome and you can register online. Thanks to everyone who helps and gives their time each week. The clubhouse is now open for bookings. Please see social media for details.

Defeat for McElwaine and McCormick



Former Termon player Nathan McElwaine in action for Londr against Leitrim at Ruislip on Sunday

There was big disappointment for two former Termon players Nathan McElwaine and Enda McCormick on Sunday who were members of the London squad that came close to causing a Connacht Championship quarter-final upset at Ruislip against visitors Leitrim. Leitrim were relieved to get a goal in the fifth minute of injury time to make sure of a victory with the game ending 3-10 to 2-11. The visitors did play with 14 players in the closing stages following a red card. McElwaine slotted into his usual corner-back role while McCormick came off the bench before half-time. Leitrim were eight points ahead at a stage in the second half. The hosts mounted a great comeback trail by just a point but Andy Moran's side responded with a white flag and then that late goal to win by four in the end.



The Termon GAA team who defeated Milford in their Go Gasta Challenge to be shown on TG4 and below the Whoriskey and Harkin Families with the cup.



Cloughaneely Sraith Faoi 15 an Tuaiscirt Roinn a 2

CCF: 3-13 Baile na nGallóglach: 2-10
Lotto
Uimhreacha na seachtaine 3,5,6,9,15,19
Níor bhain aon duine an pota óir. Bhí beirt ann le cúig uimhir. Comhghairdeas le Jacqui Ferry agus Mickey McFadden a bhaineann €50 an duine. Tá €6,600 sa phota óir anois. The numbers drawn were 3,5,6,9,15,19! No jackpot winner.. we had 2 match 5s; Congratulations to Jacqui Ferry and Mickey McFadden who win €50 each. Our jackpot is now €6,600.

Cailíní Faoi 14

D'imir na cailíní Faoi 14 cluiche dúshláin in éadan ár gcomharsana, Gaoth Dobhair i Machaire Gathlán oíche Chéadaoin seo caite. Our U14 girls played a challenge match against our neighbours, Gaoth Dobhair in Machaire Gathlán last Wednesday night.

Sraith Faoi 17 an Tuaiscirt Roinn a 1

CCF: 1-4 Seán Mac Cumhaill: 4-12
An tSraith Roinn a 1
Cloich Cheann Fhaola: 1-12(15) Réalt na Mara, Bun Dobhráin: 0-15(15)
Scóráilte CCF: Cillian Ó Gallachóir (0-2), Michael Mac Gearailt (0-1), Seán Mac Gearailt (1-4, 1-2f), Conor Mac Giolla Chomhaill (0-2), Blake Mac Gair-

Ulster GAA Bursary for Finn

The versatile St Eunan's player Cormac Finn is one of Higher Education students from the province who are recipients of the 2021/22 Ulster GAA Student Bursary Scheme. Finn, a student at NUI Maynooth, was involved with five championship winning sides last year. He played on the victorious senior and U21A hurling sides and was also a winner with the reserve and U21A football teams. He was also member of St Eunan's senior championship winning squad. To be eligible for the bursary scheme students must be attending a full-time undergraduate course at a university or third level college. They must also be involved with the Higher Education club. Other Donegal students getting the bursary are Joey Gillespie (Naomh Muire) and Glenfin Ross Marley who are both at Dublin City University. The judging panel looked at criteria, including the candidate's playing, coaching and administration in the GAA Higher Education level. 256 applications were received in total. The 47 successful students get a bursary of €635 each

bheith (0-2), Ciarán Mac Géidigh (0-1)
23/04/2022 Cloich Cheann Fhaola v An Tearmainn ar an Tearmainn
Foireann Tacaíochta @ 3:30i.n. Sinsir @ 5:00i.n.
Gasúirí Faoi 13
D'imir an fhoireann Faoi 13 cluiche dúshláin in éadan A

GAA Club News

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Clochán Liath ansin maidin Dé hAoine. Buíochas do George Montgomery agus Patrick Doohan as réiteoireacht a dhéanamh ar na cluichí. The U13s played a challenge match against An Clochán Liath on Friday morning. We would like to thank George Montgomery and Patrick Doohan for refereeing the matches.

Féile Faoi 15 Dhún na nGall

Thaisteal na gasúirí Faoi 15 go Carn Domhnach ar Luan Cása le páirt a ghlacadh sna babhtá ceannais d'Fhéile Faoi 15 Dhún na nGall i Roinn a 2. Déirigh go hiontach leo agus déirigh leo an bua a fháil ar an Tearmainn sa chluiche leathceannais agus i ndiaidh cluiche ceannais thar a bheith teannta idir iad féin agus Naomh Pádraig Uisce Chaoin, bhí bua de dhá phointe ag cuid gasúirí Uisce Chaoin.

Our U15 boys travelled to Carndonagh on Easter Monday to participate in the Division 2 County Finals of the U15 Féile. They played very well and made it through to the semi final on the day where they beat An Tearmainn and after a tight encounter in the final between themselves and Naomh Pádraig, Uisce Chaoin, the lads from Uisce Chaoin won by two points.

Gaeil Fhánada

Lotto Results 17/04/2022

Numbers: 10, 11, 13, 15, 23. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Miah Carr. This week's Jackpot: €2850.

Cluichí na Seachtaine

Dé hAoine, 22ú Aibreán Buachaillí Faoi 17 - Roinn 2

Gleann Fhinne v Gaeil Fhánada @ 6:30

Dé Sathairn, 23ú Aibreán

Sraith an Chontae - Roinn 2 (Sinsir)

Nh Mhuire Conmhaigh v Gaeil Fhánada @ 5:30

Sraith an Chontae - Roinn 2 (Reserve)

Nh Mhuire Conmhaigh v Gaeil Fhánada @ 7:00

Dé Domhnaigh, 24ú Aibreán

Peil na mBan - Sraith an Chontae (Roinn 2)

Na Cealla Beaga v Gaeil Fhánada @ 10:30

Senior Men

Gaeil Fhánada 2:08 Downings 0:12

Gaeil Fhánada ground out a third win in Division 2 on Saturday, seeing off a challenge from Downings in Portsalon. The home side led 1:05 to 0:03 at a stage, with the goal coming as early as the 12th minute when Alan McAteer was alive to an unpredictable dropping ball from Bernard McGettigan to punch home. Gaeil Fhánada were running the ball well and Paddy Heraghty rounded off two fine moves, with Michael Sweeney also on the mark. The other two Gaels points came from Seamie Friel and Mark Mc Ateer while Johnny Mc Groddy x2, Patrick Mc Elwee, Oisín Boyce and Eric Roberts were on target for the Downings men in the opening period.

Gaeil Fhánada were quite wasteful in the opening exchanges after the break, and the visitors reduced the gap to three courtesy of Mc Elwee. However, a second Gaeil Fhánada goal from Mark McAteer made it 2:05 to 0:07 in the 35th minute, and this perhaps was the key moment of the game. Downings hit three on the bounce, from Mc Groddy x2 and Lorcan Connor, but a fine James Kerr effort halted their momentum. Connor struck once more, but points from Seamie Friel and Bernard McGettigan were to prove enough for Gaeil Fhánada, despite a late consolation point from the boot of Johnny McGroddy. Gaeil Fhánada: Mark McConigley; Odhran Shiels, James Coyle, Liam Sweeney; Ryan McGonigle, Matthew Gallagher, Eoghan Carr; Bernard McGettigan (0:01), Brandon McClafferty; Mark McAteer (1:01), Patrick Heraghty (0:02), Alan McAteer (1:00), James Kerr (0:01), Seamie Friel (0:02), Michael Sweeney (0:01). Subs Oisín Shiels for L Sweeney, Oisín McFadden for Heraghty, Liam McGrenaghan for A McAteer, Jonny Friel for Odhrán Shiels,

Share of the spoils in Reserve fixture

Gaeil Fhánada 1:05 Na Dúnaibh 1:05

It was honours even on Saturday afternoon in Portsalon in the reserve fixture between Gaeil Fhánada and Na Dúnaibh.

It was a game that never really caught fire, but remained competitive throughout. Gaeil Fhánada played with the benefit of the wind in the opening period, and Charlie Crerand was the first to trouble the scoreboard in the eighth minute. Downings had the upper-hand for the next period, firing three points on the bounce, one free, and two from play to move into the ascendancy. Crerand struck again, to reduced the gap, before Gaeil Fhánada struck for goal. Eoin Mc Gonigle and Seán Friel combined to release Patsy Friel, who steered the ball to the net. The visitors finished the half the stronger however, firing a goal

and a point to lead by two at the break.

The second half was much more of a contest all over the field, but with fewer scores. The Gaels found their way back to level terms ten minutes in, courtesy of Charlie Crerand and Patsy Friel scores. Both sides were wasteful from that point on, with the defences on top. There was to be only one other point apiece, before the end, the Gaeil Fhánada score coming from Eoin Mc Gonigle. Each side missed a late chance to secure victory and a share of the spoils was how it finished.

Shaun Friel, Aidan Heraghty, Jonny Gallagher, Michael Heraghty, Michael McDevitt, Fergus Friel, Darren McAteer, Christy Sweeney, Rudi Feenstra, Aaron McConigley, Patsy Friel (1:01), Declan Coyle, Eoin Mc Gonigle (0:01), Seán Friel, Charlie Crerand (0:03). Patrick Shiels, Brandon Friel, Conor Heraghty, Conor McFadden, Ronan McAteer, Joshua McAteer, Conor McConigley, Neil Crerand, Ryan McAteer, Eamonn Carr.

U17 Boys

Well done to our U17 team who gave a very good team performance and secured victory over Milford on Friday evening.

Brian Gallagher, Ciarán Sweeney, Jamie McAteer, Cormac Dunleavy, Cormac Sweeney, Cormac Shovelin, Shane Carr, Callum McAteer (0-1), Seán Carr, Keelan Kerr, Daibhid Lynch (0-2), Darragh ODoherty (0-1), Cian Friel, Charlie McAteer (2-5) Declan Brougham (0-2).

Subs Gavin McAteer (0-1) for Cian Friel, Eoghan Logue for Darragh O'Doherty, Killian Friel for Brian Gallagher.

U16 Girls

Gleann tSúilí 7:13 Gaeil Fhánada 6:04

The u16 girls made the trip to Glenswilly on Thursday, and took part in a great contest with the hosts. Gaeil Fhánada played exceptionally well. In the closing stages of the game Gaeil Fhánada made some great interceptions in their defence and were also unlucky with 3 shots coming back off the woodwork. Both keepers were kept busy throughout the day and both have to be commended for their fantastic saves over the course of the 60 minutes.

Niamh Nic Phóidín, Caoimhe Ní Fhríl, Chloe Ní Mhairtín, Blathnaid Nic an tSaoir, Anna Ní Frighil, Orlaith Nic Reannacháin, Rachael Ní Fhríl (0-3), Méabh Nic an tSaoir (1-1), Méabh Nic Suibhne (1-0), Emma Nic Reannacháin, Kaylagh Nic Suibhne, Clodagh Nic Giolla Chearáin (1-0), Grainne Ní Bheaglaioich, (2-0), Eva Ní Mhairtín (1-0). Olivia Ní Fhrighil.

U15 Boys

Hard luck to our u15 side who were defeated by Letterkenny Gaels despite a spirited performance with some great passages of play. Killian Friel, Conor Callaghan, Adam Ward, Íosaf McAteer, Niall Toland, Shane Carr (c), Ronan McVeigh, Daibhid Lynch (1:03), Cormac Dunleavy (0:05), Mark McAduo, Mark Hunter, Eoghan McLaughlin, Ronan Sweeney, Zack Martin, Dan Martin.

All Ireland U14 Series

Kaylagh Sweeney and the u14 County team were in action in the u14 All Ireland Championship Series. Donegal played 3 games, winning against Carlow and Roscommon and picking up a draw against Kilkenny. They now play Wexford in the All Ireland Quarter Final on Saturday.

St. Michael's

All County League

The seniors and reserves are away to Ardara on this Saturday evening the 23rd April, with the Reserves throwing in at 3.30pm and the Seniors throwing in at 5pm. Good luck to both teams on Saturday evening.

The late Ben McFadden

Not only has the death of Ben McFadden been a huge loss to the community of Creeslough; we in Club Naomh Micheál GAA have also lost a valid and loyal friend to our club. In the early 2000's when we embarked on our new club house facility at the Bridge, as usual Ben was to the fore his input to the project was second to none. Many hours were spent at the Bridge and all at no cost and it was done with his forever remembered customary smile. Ben, we at Club Naomh Micheál will forever be inundated to your generosity. Extended sympathy to his wife Bernadette, daughter Majella, sons Gerard Liam and Peadar. Suaimhneas siorai do Chara Ben. Foireann Naomh Micheál

Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the Mini Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were:1,3,6,7,9,15. There were three Match 5 Winners Marie McClafferty Calhame Falcarragh, Derek Wilkinson Creeslough and Margaret Ferry Kildarragh. Who won €35 each. This week's Jackpot will be €6100.

Lotto Tickets are on sale in the usual outlets and also online from Clubforce.

Bingo

The €200 on the House on Game 9 at The St. Michael's Bingo on Sunday night last was Mary Doherty the winner of the €100 on Game 5 was Frances Ferry. Anyone who has any trouble accessing a book should contact Ann Marie Kelly or Suzi Roarty and we will sort you out.

Club Draw

Tickets for the annual GAA Club Draw are on sale at the moment and this is a great way to support your club whilst being in with a chance of winning some great prizes including a Dacia Car. Tickets can be bought from club members. Give any of the committee members a call if you want to buy a ticket

This Week's Fixtures

Saturday 23rd

U13 boys Tournament in Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon @ 10.00 away

Reserves Ardara v St. Michaels @ 3.30 away

Seniors Ardara v St. Michaels @ 5.00 away.

CLG An Tearmainn

Numbers drawn in Friday's lotto were 1, 5, 10 and 17. Jackpot €2500 - no winner. Match 3 - three winners of €30 each - Eoin Doherty (yearly); Shane Callaghan (yearly) and Nancy Nelis (Mandy's). Open Draw winner €10 -Eileen Connolly Letterkenny (bingo). Next week's Jackpot €2,550. The weekly bingo continues each Friday night online, drive in and indoors at the Craoibhin, Termon.

The club were delighted to have renowned sports writer, coach and teacher, Stephen Poacher call in at the weekend and give our coaches some tips on coaching.

The senior men were away to Kilcar on Saturday, where the hosts took control of the game early on and the youthful Termon side found it difficult to claw their way back, with Kilcars Mark McHugh getting most of the scores. A fine penalty taken by Bobby McGettigan was the last kick of the ball for Termon, Kilcar took the win on the day.

Termon - Darragh Russell; Shane Callaghan, James McSharry, Caolan Gallagher; Oisín Cassidy, Evan Coleman, Kevin McDaid; Jack Alcorn, Kevin McGettigan; Patrick McDaid, Oisín Harkin, Rory McGrenra, Anthony Grant, Bobby McGettigan, Steve McElwaine. Subs: Cormac Gallagher and Steve McDaid for S. McEwaine and C. Gallagher (49); Conor Black and Ciaran Black for S. Callaghan and K. McDaid (51).

Next up is a home game against Cloughaneely at home with a throw in time of 5pm. There was no reserve game at the weekend, it was called off at short notice. As with the senior men they also play Cloughaneely next Saturday at home with a throw in time of 3pm. All support welcome.

No match for the thirds this week.

The U17's had a free week from competition this week, but enjoyed a challenge match with Letterkenny Gaels. The U15 boys had a busy few days, firstly taking on a well drilled Glenswilly side, in the NRB division 1 league, the termon lads battled hard, but were unable to keep up with the visitors who took the win. They then travelled to Carndonagh on Monday morning to take part in the all county Feile qualifiers. Termon were drawn against, Milford, Killybegs, Naomh Mhuire and Cloughaneely in the semi final stages, that's where they unfortunately bowed out of the competition. A hard days playing, but did well to get to the semi final stages.

The U11 and 9's continues with their spring league games and are all doing very well. The senior ladies travelled to "The Banks" on Sunday morning

to play Naomh muire in the second game of the league and after a strong team performance came away with a good victory.

Team - Orla Corry, Jamie Leigh Murray, Lauren Gallagher, Niamh Friel, Maria Carr, Aine Boyle, Jenny McGettigan, Aibhe McDaid. Jill McGettigan, Chelsea Gorman, Sophie Curran, Ciara McGarvey, Laura McGarvey, Joycelyn Diver, Ella McGettigan.

The junior ladies travelled to Glenswilly on Sunday morning last and well done to Brid McGettigan on her adult football debut and giving her absolute best, which was much appreciated by the team. Lauren Mullen Russell, Katherine Black, Aine Devlin all making it on to the score card. Anna Gallagher unbelievable work effort in midfield. And Ava Friel for her tireless and exceptional work, a young player leading the way. Katherine Black showing her class stepping in for the placed balls, and Chloe Callaghan for going on and fighting until the end. A fantastic display by the ladies, next is an away game on Sunday morning at 10.30am with the Letterkenny Gaels in Pair na Gael, all support welcome.

The U16 girls battled hard against a very well drilled Naomh Conaill at the Burn Road on Thursday. The visitors taking the win on the final whistle.

The u13 girls played Glenswilly on Monday and played very well.

CLG Baile na nGalloglach

Lotto: 17/4/22

NUMBERS: 2-10-11-12 Numbers drawn by Rory in Maple, No Jackpot winner. Lucky Dip winner: Martina Grier, Tully, Ramelton, gets €50, Jackpot Next Week: €5,650.

Easter Camp

The Club ran a very successful Easter Camp last week with over 125 children participating. A huge thank you to all the club members who helped coach the children, to John Ward and Manus Friel (County Board Coaches) and especially to Chippie Barrett who organised the event. Maith sibh go léir!

Disability and Social Inclusion Training.

The Club are starting 'GAA For All' training for children and adults with Intellectual and Physical Disabilities on Saturday 30th April at 10.30am at Milford GAA pitch. For more information contact Darragh on 0868862016 or Christopher on 0863307427.

Results/Fixtures

Senior Men

Our Senior men's team had a good three point victory at home to Naomh Columba last Saturday. Kane Barrett excelled once again. Our Senior Reserves also had a great two point victory against N Columba. Dylan McGarry, Odhran McGee and Paul Ryan were outstanding for Milford.

Both teams are away to Red Hughs, Killygordon this Saturday (23rd).

Senior Ladies

Our Senior ladies were beaten by Glenfin at home last Sunday and they host our neighbours, Termon, this Sunday (24th) - throw in is at 10.30am.

Minor Boys

The boys suffered a defeat at the hands of our neighbours in Fanad Gaels last Friday.

U11 Boys

Our U11s hosted our neighbours, Fanad Gaels on Friday evening last as part of the Go Games.

U13 Girls

Our U13 girls were defeated in their first match on Saturday morning last against Downings. There were some fine displays, especially from Sarah Black in the Milford defence.



One of the groups at the Milford GAA Club Easter Camp.



Recent Prize Winners; Kenny Macpherson, Club Captain Stephen McCafferty, John McDermott & Roisin McGee

Cumann Gaif Chloich Cheann Fhaola

The golf season officially got underway in Ballyconnell at the weekend with the Easter Hamper



Fraser Morris with Club Captain Stephen McCafferty

up for grabs. Dean Gallagher maintained his pre-season form



Joseph Mangan with Club Captain Stephen McCafferty

GAA Club Notes

CLG Na nDúnaibh

Duine ar bith a bhfuil ticéidí ordaithe acu do chluiche Dhún na nGall in éadan Ard Mhacha thig iad a phiocadh suas sa chlubtheach idir 8.30pm agus 9.30pm oíche Déardaoin. Bí cinnte go bhfuil an méid ceart airgid leat do na ticéidí. Tá muid ar ais in Ionad CLG oíche Shathairn agus tá súil againn go mbeidh sibh linn, tosaíonn an Bingo ag 8.30. Thig na leabhartai Bingo a fháil ar líne ag: nadunaibh.ie/bingo go dtí a 1 a chlog Dé Sathairn. Thig leabhartai a cheannacht fosta ag Boyce's Centra, Micky Joe's Country Store agus Siopa na nDúnaibh. Beifear a ndíol go dtí a 1pm Dé Sathairn.

If anyone is interested in helping out with the Bingo nights please contact Richard Conneely for more information.

Ed Sheeran ticket raffle. Win a set of tickets for just €10! We are raffling two sets of tickets for Ed Sheeran for Saturday 23rd April in Croke Park. There will be a live raffle on Monday 18th April.

1st Prize 2 Premium Tickets. 2nd Prize 2 Premium Tickets. Entries are €10 each. Payments can be made via Revolut to 0879392396 (include your full name). There will also be lines available to purchase locally over the next few days.

Sceideal na gcluichí don tseachtain seo: Cluichí ceannais Roinn 3 Féile na nGael. Dé Luain 11rn.

Dé Céadaoin 20ú Aibreán. 6.30pm Faoi—15 Naomh Adhamhnán v Na Dúnaibh.

Dé hAoine 22ú Aibreán. 6.30in Gasúraí Faoi -17 Baile na nGallóglach v Na Dúnaibh.

An Satharn 23ú Aibreán. 5 i.n. Fir Sinsear: Na Dúnaibh v Na Ceithre Máistrí.

Dé Domhnaigh 24ú Aibreán. 10.30 r.n. Peile na mBan: Naomh Naill v Na Dúnaibh.

Dún na nGall Faoi -14. Peil na mBan. Bhí Caoimhe Nic Giolla Chomhaill, Caoimhe Nic Lochlainn agus Leah Ní Ghallchóir ag imirt Dé Sathairn i sraith craoibhe uile Éireann Faoi - 14. D'imir Dún na nGall trí chluiche, bhí an bhuaidh acu in éadan Ceatharlach agus Ros Comáin agus chríochnaigh siad ar chomhscór in éadan Chill Choinnigh. Imreoidh siad in éadan Loch Garman sa chluiche ceathrú ceannais, Dé Sathairn seo chugainn, Aibreán 23ú.

Bhí an bhuaidh ag girseachaí faoi -13 Dé Sathairn ina gcluiche in éadan Bhaile na nGallóglach. Chríochnaigh na Dúnaibh an cluiche go láidir.

Bhí buaidh mhaith ag an fhoireann Faoi -15 ina gcluiche in éadan

Ghleann Fhinne leis an scór: Na Dúnaibh 4-11 le 3-6

Sinsir: Fuair Gaeil Fhánada an bhuaidh ar na Dúnaibh ina gcluiche sraithe tráthnóna Dé Sathairn ar Pháirc Uí Shiaill leis an scór Gaeil Fhánada 2 -8 Na

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Club Captain Stephen McCafferty with Chris McCallion

to claim victory on 37 points and take an early lead in the Golfer of the Year. He finished strongly by playing the last 6 in level par as those around him couldn't keep their momentum going. Dean just pipped Joe McGarvey into 2nd place by one shot. Full results; 1st: Dean Gallagher (8) 37pts; 2nd: Joe McGarvey GAA (18) 36pts; Gross: Cian McGarvey (2) 32pts; CAT 1: Dermot McCallion 33pts; CAT 2: Fraser Morris (14) 35pts; CAT 3: Kenny MacPherson (27) 35pts. Thank you to Ciaran Gallagher from Errigal Motors & Donegal Bouncy Castles for his Golfer of the Year Sponsorship again in 2022. It's Singles Stroke next weekend, play Saturday or Sunday. The Winter



Easter Hamper Winner Dean Gallagher

League matches must be played as soon as possible. Cumann Gaif Chloich Cheann Fhaola would like to send our condolences to Lady Member Mary Barrett on the death of her brother Ben McFadden in Creeslough. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam. Our Golf Membership is open to new members. Cuireann Cumann Gaif Chloich

U16 Womens Soccer League

Lagan win in Twin Towns

Cappry Rovers 1-2 Lagan Harps
In game played in ideal conditions in Cappry Park it was Lagan who started the better and pressed for an early goal. Cappry had their keeper Chloe Moy to thank on a number of occasions early in the half when she made a few fine saves. Lagan finally got the goal their attacking play deserved when Niamh Ryan crossed for Sarah Conaghan to finish at the back post. Niamh Ryan should have doubled the visitors lead but failed to hit the target. Cappry defended well and got to halftime 1-0 down. Lagan double their lead early in the second half when Niamh Ryan finished off a good Lagan move. Chloe Moy in the Cappry nets made a couple more fine saves to keep score at 2-0. Niamh Ryan added a 3rd for Lagan mid way through the second half. The Cappry girls to their credit never gave in and got a late goal when Alexis Campbell scored from an Abaigh McMenamin corner.

Big win for Bonagee

Bonagee 10-3 Raphoe
Both teams were looking to get the first 3 points of the season on the board and it was Bonagee who came out the happier. Bonagee started sharp with Aimee Hegarty scoring two minutes into the game. It was 1 minute later when Raphoe equalised with Samara McBrearty scoring. Both teams were playing well but Chloe Creevey got on the end of a Hannah Hopkins corner on 17 minutes and put it away nicely. Three minutes later Caitlin

Fletcher put Bonagee 3-1 ahead with a nice finish. Bonagee were playing really well and with the back four being well marshalled by captain Katherine Hopkins it was hard for Raphoe to get through them. Fletcher made a darting run down the wing only to be fouled and it was Hannah Hopkins who put and excellent free into the top corner of the net, her first of the night. Bonagee started to pull away from Raphoe and were dictating the play all over the pitch. On the 39th minute Fletcher made an excellent run into the box and fired it into the back of the net. The second half started really well for Bonagee and substitute Kirsten Stewart scored just 2mins into it. It was on the 48th minute when player of the match Caitlin Fletcher got her hat-trick when another one of her runs down the wing resulted in her scoring a cracker from the left side. An O.G from Raphoe and a lovely run from H.Hopkins down the wing and into the top corner resulted in two more goals for Bonagee. On the 73rd and 75th minute Bonagee took the foot of the peddle and were caught out on both occasions with Samara McBrearty and Molly McGroarty compensating. On a night when Bonagee ran out deserved winners it was the turn of young Sophie Doherty. This time cutting in from the right hand side and putting her strike over the keeper and into the top corner of the net. Best for Bonagee - Caitlin Fletcher and Ava Kelly. Raphoe - Molly McGroarty

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Play Lotto **Lotto** & Off Licence FREE home delivery & Car Park

BIODEGRADABLE
PLASTIC FREE REUSABLE TEABAGS

LYONS
ORIGINAL BLEND

160 TEA BAGS

ONLY €5

Lyons Tea Bags 160 pack

FROM €3

Kellogg's
Coco Pops
Corn Flakes
Cheerios
Weetabix
Crunchy Nut Honey & Nut Flakes
Crunchy Nut

Kellogg's Coco Pops 480g €6.25 per kg €3
Cornflakes 720g €4.86 per kg €3.50
Crunchy Nut Honey & Nut Flakes 500g €7.58 per kg €3.79
Cheerios Multigrain 540g €5.02 per kg €3.25
Weetabix Biscuits 24 Pack 430g €7.65 per kg €3.29

SUPEREASY REWARDS
Exclusive Members Only Offers

Bold
Liquid 2 In 1 Spring Awakening
24 Wash 840ml €3.57 per lit

Members pay €3
Regular Price €8.65

ONLY €2

SPAR
Chilled Juice - Not From Concentrate Range
1lt €2 per lit

PURE PRESSED APPLE JUICE
PURE ORANGE JUICE
ORANGE JUICE with Bits

ONLY €3

Actimel
immune support

Actimel Drinks Range 8 Pack 8x100g €3.75 per kg

Members pay €3
Regular Price €5.49

SPAR
Morning Fresh Eggs
20 Large

Fresh Large Eggs 20 Pack. See Shelf for Information.

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ONLY 79c

Fresh Choice
Mushrooms 250g €3.16 per kg
Broccoli Crown 350g €2.26 per kg
Carrot Bag 750g €1.05 per kg

ONLY 49c

Keogh's
EASY COOK...
BABY New Potatoes
400g €1.23 per kg

Onions Net 750g 65c per kg

Members pay €6
Regular Price €9.97
€49.85 per kg

Kenco
Smooth/Rich Instant Coffee Jar 200g

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Whoriskey's Ice Cream

Visit our Ice Cream Parlour

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Arto
Angelito

ONLY €22

Cork Dry Gin
700ml

ONLY €7.99

Santa Helena Wine Range
750ml €7.99 per 75cl

ONLY €10

Druids Celtic
Cider Cans - 6 pack

