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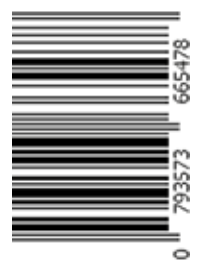
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## New €3.5m visitors centre for Lighthouse

Six years after a local community group took over the Lighthouse at Fanad Head as a tourism project, they have now set out plans to build a new visitors experience centre at an estimated cost of €3.5 million.

by John McAteer

The design plans have been created by Vincent Hannon Architects, Galway and the outline of the project reflects the flow of the landscape blending into the nautical environment surrounding the Lighthouse. With a grass roof and a design concept that is as much a part of the past as the future, the 7800+ square footage has been a work in progress since last Autumn and it will add immensely to the range of facilities that continue to be developed as the location grows. The plans will go to



an open public consultation session next Wednesday afternoon at Fanavolty Hall where the details of the 725.2 sq. metres project can be viewed. Subject to planning permission, the development will go to tender next Spring followed by the construction phase in early 2204.

Finance will be sourced from a range of funding agencies and there is quiet confidence and enthusiasm in making the project a reality given the extent of the progress made in a few brief years. The proposed new development is seen by

the community group, Forbairt Fhánada Teoranta as a vital part of the future development of the Lighthouse project as demand for facilities have quickly outgrown all the existing spaces.

Since the very first day, the Fanad Lighthouse community company set out to develop the tourism potential of the location in tandem with the creation of jobs here in this remote Gaeltacht: it has been a big success story.

Fanad now has a thriving piece of history to show off to the public, to visitors and locals alike and first impressions are quite stun-

ning and its status as a Signature Point on the Wild Atlantic Way speaks volumes as the waves break on the rocky headlands, here on the edge of Europe. The new visitors centre will include a cafe of 126.5sq metres: a kitchen with 54.7sq. metres: a shop of 103sq. metres: art/workshop space and meeting room that can extend to 182.6sq. metres: a large meeting room of 59.3sq. metres: store rooms: rest rooms and a space for ticketing and orientation of 23.5sq. metres. One of the spaces of 49.1sq. metres is for a project that is for the

future: "Keeper of the Light". The kind of vision for such projects shows the inner depth of thinking within this small committee and many other ideas are being processed.

The plan includes a children's play area and the parking facility will be upgraded. The project will be in keeping with the latest application of environmental laws being built into the design and ev points will be included. The new building can be adapted for functions: events: weddings: gatherings of big crowds and much original thinking has gone into producing the design concept that has been envisaged. The new building will also include a range of ancillary spaces.

In its six years, the Lighthouse tourism project and accommodation has been a huge success with bed

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Henry and Aoife McGarvey with the club trophies during the Celtic Minded 5 book launch in the Station House Hotel on Tuesday. Photo by Declan Kerr.

### 'I'm in the dark over Council actions' McGarvey

Cllr Ian McGarvey has said he is in the dark about whether the Council has exhausted all avenues of engagement regarding Cllr Frank McBrearty. He told the Tribune that he was "very much in the dark about the issue and there was a serious lack of information for Members in the Chamber: he felt likewise about the houses the Council had purchased in Buncrana." He said in those circumstances

he could not support the Council vote on Monday.

He also added that he has not been made aware of any attempts at a mediation process in the case.

On Monday the Council indicated that it is set to issue legal proceedings against Cllr. McBrearty over what it describes as his wholly improper campaign of harassment and intimidation

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### Council: revenue deficit of €6 million

Donegal County Council's Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ending 31st December 2021 shows an accumulated revenue deficit of €6,092,540. The figure is an improvement of €790,099 on the overall deficit of €6,882,639 in 2020. The details are included in the Local Government Auditor's report for last year. The Council said that every effort has been made to maximise sources of mainstream and non-mainstream income to pre-

serve their capacity to provide a wide range of services. Whilst acknowledging an improving reduction, the Auditor pointed out that the Council has a cumulative deficit of €6.1m (2020: €6.9m) which continues to be a significant matter to address.

In response Chief Executive John McLaughlin said there was improvement on the Revenue Account for 2021 of €790,099. The revenue deficit has therefore,

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Barry Nellis, Gartan with his dog Sam taking part in the Sheep Show Trials in Churchill on Sunday. Photo by Francis Diver.

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## New €3.5m visitors centre for Lighthouse



Ray Moore, chairperson Cumann Forbairt Fhánada and Bainisteoir Eimear Ni Mhathuna with an artistic impression of the new Visitors Experience Centre at Fanad Lighthouse.

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nights sold out beyond Halloween. The former lightkeepers' houses have been converted into three accommodation units for letting. Each one is named after another lighthouse visible from it, namely, Tory, Inishtrahull and Dunree.

The Bainisteoir Eimear Ni Mhathuna and Ray Moore, Chairperson of the committee said the concept for the project has been underway since last Autumn and it will add immensely to the potential in creating more facilities in keeping pace with the increasing demand, not only in catering for growing numbers of visitors, but also as a facility that will have a very positive return for Fanad.

In April 2018 the new visitors centre was opened and a group of funding bodies provided €470,000 for the work. The craft shop with a focus on quality and local craftwork has been a huge success

to the extent that it has long since needed a major extension. It is now an imperative that it's time to move towards wider and more ambitious horizons.

And while this remote Gaeltacht outpost on the edge of the Atlantic has to fight hard to attract tourists, Forbairt Fhánada Teoranta has proved that by providing a quality product and a unique trademark in the craft sector, there is the potential to grow and the records of return business is a very positive sign for the future.

And with that growth, the local economy and the entire community gets a spin-off. There are precious jobs being created and once again, this Gaeltacht community can look forward to the growth generated from the tourism revenue that is generated at the Lighthouse. And the other bonus is the special place for the preservation of the Irish language and already there is evidence with

numbers increasing substantially at the local national school.

Fanad Lighthouse offers visitors breath-taking views and a truly memorable experience. Identified as a Signature Discovery Point along the Wild Atlantic Way, the refurbished lighthouse opened to the public in 2016.

The light is 39 metres above sea level and there are 76 steps in the tower – 59 spiral granite steps and 17 ladder steps. In former times the staff included a Principal Keeper and an Assistant Keeper who resided in the building along with their families.

Fanad Head remains a functioning facility and is one of many lighthouses operated by the Commissioners of Irish Lights around the coast.

For visitors, there is the unique facet to life as experienced long ago: there are no mobile phone signals to disturb the experience when spending a night

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### Open consultation

The committee is holding an open consultation session from 4pm till 8pm in Fanavolty Hall on Wednesday the 27th of July to discuss the proposed new visitors centre. The design team will be present along with the project sponsors and your input will be appreciated. The proposed designs will be on view between 4pm and 8pm.

The Lighthouse will feature on RTE's weather forecasts for two weeks in September and it continues to have huge photographic appeal in all weathers and in all seasons.

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## Council - Revenue deficit of €6m

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he said, been reduced by €3.624m from year-end 2016 (€9.717m) to year-end 2021 (€6.093m). "The objective of continuing to reduce the revenue deficit remains a priority and will be aided by the ongoing approach to budgetary control across the Council."

Local Government Auditor Seamus Leonard said that in his opinion the annual financial statement presented fairly the financial position of the Council at 31 December 2021.

The targeted waiving of Commercial Rates liabilities in 2021 was an important initiative that provided support to many Donegal businesses. In Donegal, 2,895 businesses were granted Commercial Rates waivers totalling €11,967,683. The cost of applying the waiver was fully compensated by central government.

The Auditor said that COVID-19 and the emergency measures taken to mitigate it have continued to have a significant impact on the finances of local authorities during 2021. This has resulted in a reduction in income from some sources, an

increased level of COVID-19 related expenditure and related government subvention for the local authority.

The Government continued its support for the local government sector, with the provision of an amended commercial rates waiver in 2021. This waiver, funded by Government, at a cost of €542m supported local businesses in payment of their rates bills, and ensured continuity of services at local authority level.

The total amount received by the Council for 2021 was €11.97m. The Council had net current assets of €50m in 2021 (2020: €44.6m). The increase of just over €5m is in the main due to: An increase in bank investments of almost €12m, and a reduction in trade debtors & prepayments of €7m.

It is acknowledged that rates arrears reduced from €16.1m in 2020 to €14.6m in 2021, and, the amount collected increased from €14.8m in 2020 to €19.8m in 2021.

## Restoration project at Massmount church and graveyard

Massmount Parish Community is looking to develop and upgrade amenities around the Chapel and Graveyard at St. Columba's Church to include the provision of a space in the cemetery for a Grotto which will incorporate an area for an outside altar and garden of remembrance. It also includes the development of visual plans

of all the graves in both Massmount and Fanavolty Cemeteries. There will also be an upgrade of the current facilities in St. Columba's Church, Massmount and to develop a wheelchair accessible toilet. In order to carry out the above projects, the parish is seeking donations. The estimated cost is around €50,000. An account has

been opened in the Swilly-Mulroy Credit Union, details as follows: BIC: SWCUIE21; IBAN: IE45SWCU99215310199025.

Cheques can be made payable to: St. Columba's Massmount Project Fund. For further information please phone Caitriona on 087-2802427 or John on 087-6056558.

## Three awards for Patrick Gildea Hairdressing

Patrick Gildea Hairdressing has been awarded "The Best Hair Salon in Ulster" by Ireland's leading Celebrity Magazine RSVP. Along with the title of Best Salon in Ulster; the talented Patrick Gildea Hairdressing Team were also awarded Best Stylist and Best Colourist in Ulster.

Patrick Gildea; was awarded Best Stylist in Ulster and his passion for hairdressing has escalated over the last 34 years. He now leads a team of 30 talented and passionate individuals and his appointment diary is fully booked 12 weeks in advance with guests travelling from all over Ireland and locally. His specialised cutting technique means that his guests get a signature look during every visit. He has a natural passion for all aspects of Hairdressing; his creative vision and belief for personal development for everyone around him means that the salon is constantly at the fore of the industry nationally; delivering a unique guest experience and highest quality hair care on every visit.

Style Director Anita Lynch was named Best Colourist in Ulster. Anita is a talented and experienced Stylist, she



Patrick Gildea and Anita Lynch Best Colourist in Ulster.

has an amazing, genuine connection with her guests. With a Master Colour Expert qualification; Anita's Colouring skill and personalised consultations ensure that she is fully booked weeks in advance.

Her commitment to education ensures that she embraces and flourishes with new techniques, while staying current.

Commenting on the success Patrick said "We are so proud to be selected as RSVP's Best Salon in Ulster; this is great team achievement once again. I am delighted that Anita has been recognised

for her incredible colouring talents, she is a wonderful stylist with an amazing connection with her guests and she truly deserves this award. I would like to thank RSVP for choosing us as Best Stylist, Best Colourist and Best Salon".

When asked on why the salon continues to be so successful; Patrick said "We have an incredible team that want to be the best and focus on improving a little every day".

For more information see www.patrickgildea.ie or facebook.com/patrickgildeahairdressing

## McGarvey in dark over Council actions

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against members of the Local Authority and its administrative staff.

Cllr McGarvey said while he did not condone some of the behaviour of Cllr McBrearty, he asked whether all opportunities had been explored to reach a satisfactory before heading to the courts.

Cllr McGarvey also expressed concern that Cllr McBrearty was being isolated and likened it to being treated as the bad school pupil. The Ramelton based Cllr felt that there should have been further negotiations before heading down the legal route.

However, Cathaoirleach Liam Blaney said he believed ample time had been given to the issues surrounding Cllr McBrearty and things hadn't got better but were in fact getting worse.

At Monday's meeting, Chief Executive John McLaughlin said that the Council Solicitors, VP McMullin had written to Cllr Frank McBrearty on 12th July regarding his wholly improper campaign of harassment and intimidation against members of the Council and its administrative staff.

The letter referenced several serious matters and sought a number of undertakings by last Monday. The letter made it clear that the Council intended to issue legal proceedings if they didn't receive a satisfactory response by that deadline.

In order to be ready to commence the legal proceedings Cllrs were asked to record their support for the resolution. 32 Cllrs backed the proposal to proceed with the legal proceedings against McBrearty.

Independent Cllrs Michael McBride and Ian McGarvey did not vote, while Cllr McBrearty, Cllr Michael Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig and Cllr Nicholas Crossan were absent.

## Damage in Letterkenny

Letterkenny Gardaí are investigating a criminal damage incident that occurred at Fortwell Court, Lower Main Street, Letterkenny in the early hours of Thursday the 14th of July (between midnight and 7am). Damage was caused to the door of an apartment there between those hours. It would appear to have been kicked and the lock on the door was damaged as a result. No entry was gained to the apartment. They are also investigating a criminal damage incident that happened at Isle View Apartments, Letterkenny between Tuesday the 12th of July at 6pm and Wednesday the 13th of July at midday. A resident of one of the apartments returned home to discover a brick and glass on the footpath outside. A small window had been smashed. No entry had been gained. Contact the Gardaí in Letterkenny on 9167100 if you have any information on either of these incidents.

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## Letterkenny Memories

Letterkenny memories in the Station House will be held next Monday night the 25th of July. A fun nights entertainment once again including performances from Malcolm Patton, Mickey Duffy, Barney McDaid & Martin Mullen, The Station House Band, Sean Bonner, Chris Duffy, James O'Meara Gerry O'Sullivan, James Kenney, Donal McMenamin and Donal Kavanagh's Ukulele group. Everyone welcome and the more the merrier.

## Historical Field Day

Donegal Historical Society's next field day will be in Dungloe and district on Sunday July 24th. Our guide is local solicitor Seán Boner and this event is open to everyone, all welcome. Meet at the public car park at 3 pm. The following one on August 7th will be in Glencolmille.

## Angling club objects to quarry planning request

A planning application by a Falcarragh quarry is being objected to by a local angling club. The application by Moyle Plant Limited is seeking permission for the extraction of rock and gravel through mechanical excavation for a period of 20 years and the construction of on-site settlement ponds, wheel wash and all associated site development works at Derryreel, Falcarragh. One objection submission is listed on the Donegal County Council website from the Cloughaneely Angling Association who raised a number of environmental and water management concerns about the development.

## RNLI Fundraising

The Downings Annual 40th Windsurfing event last weekend was a huge success taking place in brilliant sunshine despite the lack of windy conditions. Many thanks to Nick Fletcher and team who as usual, pulled out all the stops to ensure the safety and enjoyment of competitors was foremost. **Sea to Summit Challenge 31st July 2022** Once again, the Sea to Summit Fundraising Challenge in aid of the RNLI is back after the Covid lay off, and plans are well advanced, with a few tweaks and changes this year. Many thanks to main sponsors, MOWI and also to Eco Atlantic and Teach Solais Fhánada who have also come on board to support this exciting Run/Walk which takes place over beaches and roads up to the Summit of Murren Hill (Cnoc na Boirne) at a height of 227 metres. Registration available online or entries taken on the Sunday Morning too at the Fanad Community Centre from 8.30am, Entry Fee of €20, and the 15k race/walk starting at 10 am. No dogs allowed. For further information, contact Fin 086 3826328 or Evelyn 086 8062579.

### Dunfanaghy Flag Day

The annual flag day collection will take place on Saturday 30th July when Volunteers will be out and about with buckets that day in and around the town.

### Mulroy Bay Angling

The annual fishing event from Kerrykeel pier will be taking place on Saturday 20th August and further details on this can be obtained by contacting Tommy Logue 087 4103292.

## Kilmacreanan & District Sheep Show & Dog Trials

The Kilmacreanan and District Sheep Show and Dog Trials are making their long awaited return this year. It's being decided that we will be running the show on the weekend of the 31st of July at the GAA grounds in Termon. The Dance and Presentations will take place in the Glenveagh Inn on Sunday night the 31st July. Music by Josie Cannon on the night. Follow us on Facebook for more details.

# Celebration of Church Lane Historic Towns Initiative

There will be a celebration of the Church Lane Historic Towns Initiative on Church Lane in Letterkenny this Friday, July 22 at 5 p.m. The project involved conservation repair works to seven historic buildings along Church Lane and the initiative has served as a blueprint for similar projects in Ramelton and Ballyshannon. Entertainment will be provided by Letterkenny Comhaltas, Elusive Theatre and Maria McCormack and food and light refreshments will be provided by Wholegreen restaurant from 4:30 p.m. The event is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Church Lane Historic Towns Initiative represents the culmination of a partnership between Donegal County Council, the Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter Committee, local property owners, The Heritage Council and the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage. The project involved conservation repair works to seven historic buildings that included roof and chimney repairs, structural works, installation of cast-iron rainwater goods, reinstatement of timber sash windows and doors, and the repair of a historic shopfront. The works were supervised by conservation architect Duncan McLaren from Dedalus Architecture and the works were undertaken by John Doherty Construction and John O'Loughlin Construction. The works employed traditional materials that were informed by best conservation practice. The initiative was managed by Collette Beattie & Joanne McMenamin, Conservation Office and Joseph Gallagher, Heritage Officer with the Council. The Church Lane Historic Towns Initiative saw the investment of €200,000 by The Heritage Council, €40,000 by Donegal County Council as well as private investment by property owners on Church Lane.

"The programme highlights the importance and potential of heritage-led regeneration. These are



challenging times for our town centres and villages and the Historic Towns Initiative programme provides an opportunity to demonstrate the contribution that the conservation and reuse of our historic buildings can make to the character of our historic streetscapes and to highlight how historic preservation can help create more attractive places in which to live and work. It builds on the success of the Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter Committee over the past eight years in its determination to regenerate the historic heart of the town. Indeed, the Committee and Letterkenny Tidy Towns will be hosting a free conference entitled 'Derelict in Donegal' in Dillon's Hotel, Main Street, Letterkenny earlier on Friday starting at 11 a.m. and you can book your free place on [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)" said Mr. Gallagher.

The Initiative has been featured in national workshops organised by The Heritage Council

and, in February 2020, the Church Lane Historic Towns Initiative won the President's Highly-Commended Project Award at the Irish Planning Institute Awards. A plaque on Church Lane commemorates that achievement and was launched on Culture Night last year.

Every local authority can submit one application to the Historic Towns Initiative each year for a historic town with an indicative population of more than 1,500 inhabitants. The proposed works must be based on a conservation planned approach and demonstrate strong community engagement. Funding of up to

€250,000 is available under the scheme. If you think that your town meets or is working towards meeting the criteria for the Historic Towns Initiative, contact the County Donegal Heritage Office on (074) 917 2576 or by e-mail at [heritage@donegalco.ie](mailto:heritage@donegalco.ie)

### Church Lane works postponed

Irish Water has postponed works due to start on the Church Lane this week following consultations with local businesses and the Council. Businesses had made the very strong case that there would be a serious loss of revenue in the midst of the summer period. The works had been scheduled to last for five weeks at Church Lane. The Road was to be closed with limited access and a diversion route was to be in place via Lower Main Street, R250, Convent Road and Castle Street.

## Letterkenny band lands spot on Scandinavian heavy metal tour

Letterkenny Viking Metal band Ren Marabou and the Berserkers have just landed a spot on tour with metal legends Vader who will also be supported by Hate and Thy Disease. The Letterkenny boys will be providing support on a leg of the 'Final Declaration' tour in Denmark, Sweden and Norway from the 8th to the 16th of September. "Then, the reinforcement will come from Viking metal warriors from Ireland - Ren Marabou and The Berserkers," Vader stated on their official website. Band leader Ren said they are honoured to be sharing the stage with

these legendary bands. "Saying we are excited is an understatement," he said. "Thank you to everyone over at Creative Music and Massive Music for believing in us - you rule. "Also, thanks to our management at Split Screen Management, our label United Music Mafia and everyone who has been supporting us so far. The band has also landed a headline show in the Balor Theatre, Ballybofey, on the 27th of August. They have released four albums to date, their most recent, 'Tales of Rune', is out now.



# A quiet '12th' in the North

The '12th' this year in the North was quiet. There was not a single contentious parade. That has rarely happened over the years. There were no deaths from violence. There was some very low-level violence. Stones and bottles were thrown at a Catholic area of Portadown. Eggs were thrown at a young bandswoman in Coalisland. There were a few incidents of sectarian vandalism.

So, before we get too depressed, let's think of the '12th' week 50 years ago. Thirty-seven died in that week in 1972. In one night, an estimated 6,000 rounds were fired in gun battles across West and North Belfast. The IRA were taking on the British Army and Loyalists. In Portadown, the British Army forced an Orange march through the Catholic 'Tunnel' area. That followed a gun battle between the IRA on one side and the UDA and British Army on the other.

There was a warning, though, that there is still a nasty underside to the North. Effigies of Michelle O'Neill, Mary Lou McDonald and Naomi Long were hung from a bonfire in Carrickfergus.

Most Unionist leaders condemned the burning. Doug Beattie of the Ulster Unionists was strong. Loyalists once produced an effigy of him with a noose round his neck. Jeffery Donaldson also condemned, with no ifs or buts. Orange Order Grand Secretary Mervyn Gibson might have been quicker. That said, he "totally condemned" the action, with no equivocation.

Only Jim Allister managed to mess things up.

He did condemn the incident. As well, though, he queried whether the Alliance Party would use the incidents to political advantage. (As a political party, they have every right to do so. And Allister himself would, rightly, do the same. That's what politics is about). The appalling event happened in one of the North's most Protestant towns.

*During the '12th' preparations an unfortunate man fell from a bonfire in Larne. He was killed, leaving two small children. That tragedy produced some vile tweets.*

*All these events have left a bad taste in the mouths of many.*

*We must first of all be realistic. The North has come a long way. The Orange Order has been willing to compromise with residents – and residents with the Orange.*

There are no Sinn Féin councillors nearby. Over the years Carrickfergus only suffered a handful of IRA attacks. There is, though, a frightening underbelly of sectarianism mixed with social disintegration.

There are serious problems in parts of the North. Carrickfergus is one of those. Once it was a heavily industrial town, but most major factories have closed. Several estates are dominated by the South East Antrim UDA. That devotes its energies to drug dealing. It has largely turned its back on sectarian violence. That is bad for business. The business is poisoning its own community. Those it poisons and kills are not necessarily all young.

It has taken to devouring its own community, and itself. Mark Gourley was the most recent of the North's 'Disappeared'. He was a 'foot soldier' in the South East Antrim UDA. He suffered schizophrenia, other mental health problems, and was a drug addict. Drug use led him to run up sizeable debts. He lived in one of Carrickfergus' more deprived estates. He was last seen in March 2009. His body has never been recovered. Both his parents died without knowing where his body is.

Gourley's many issues meant he crossed the South-East Antrim UDA. They killed him and dumped his body at sea. No-one has been charged in connection with the murder.

What was done on those whom the IRA 'disappeared' was appalling. There has been some spotlight on their cases. Political parties have taken them up. The effect has been to embarrass Sinn

Féin. Unfortunately, there is no great political advantage in championing Gourley's case. That's why so few have heard of the tragedy.

Glenn Quinn also crossed the South East Antrim UDA. Thus they broke into his flat two years ago and beat him to death. The 47-year old was terminally ill. He was unable to resist the attack. His family are campaigning for justice.

In both cases, witnesses fear coming forward. The South East Antrim UDA rules parts of Carrickfergus. Why the security forces don't act has never been properly explained.

The South East Antrim UDA has itself split. The former leader Geordie Gilmore was killed in a feud in 2017. He was returning from the trial of other members of his faction. They were accused of attacking a pub doorman because he had barred them.

These events on their own are enough to make us concerned at where the North is. Then there was the infamous song about Michaela Harte, sung in Dundonald Orange Hall. It is frightening that the crowd knew the words. It is so frightening that someone thought it fit to be streamed live on the internet.

Then there is the trolling of SDLP Assembly Member Cara Hunter. A pornographic clip, wrongly purporting to be her, was circulated online. She received numerous nasty messages.

DUP Assembly member Diane Forsythe received similar treatment. She is the mother of three small children. She is also seen as on the DUP's more lib-

eral and secular wing. Evidence points to more darkly conservative elements in Unionism.

Alliance Assembly member Kellie Armstrong represents Strangford. She is pro-choice. During the Assembly election she was bombarded with pictures of aborted fetuses. They were accompanied by some very unpleasant messages. She is a Catholic, who represents one of the North's most Protestant constituencies. The messages clearly came from fringe right-wing Catholics.

Earlier this year, there was a vile post about the late son of DUP Minister Diane Dodds. Evidence points to the culprit coming from a Nationalist background. A Queen's University professor has reported receiving online threats online he would be beheaded. During the '12th' preparations an unfortunate man fell from a bonfire in Larne. He was killed, leaving two small



**By Anton McCabe**

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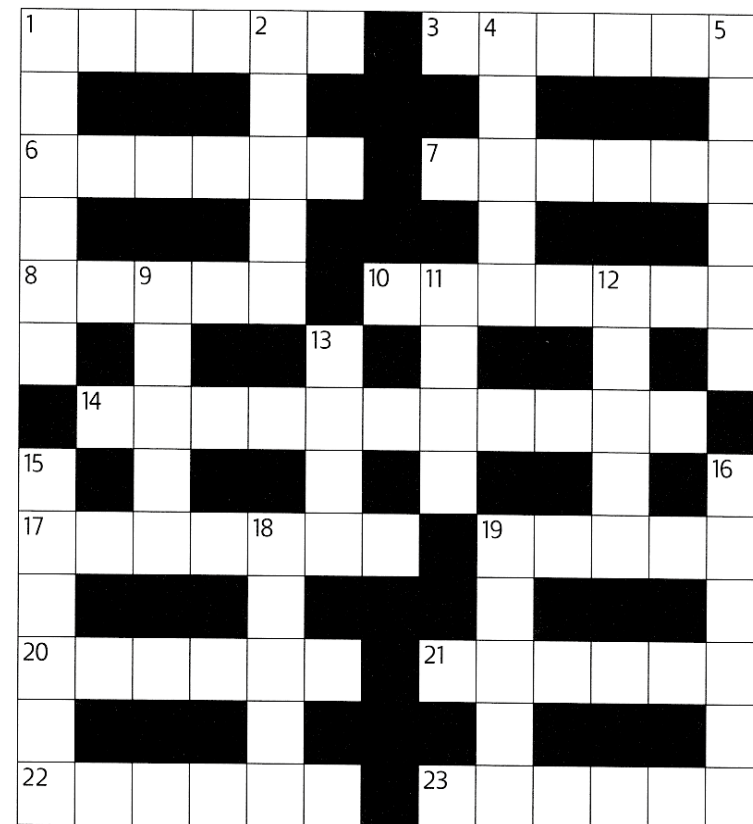
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We must first of all be realistic. The North has come a long way.

The Orange Order has been willing to compromise with residents – and residents with the Orange.

However, events remind us there is still much nastiness lying about. The much-praised 'Peace Process' has left too many unresolved problems. That must cause worry.

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- 3. Variety of silica (6)
- 6. Form of self-defence (6)
- 7. Stimulus (6)
- 8. Author of Robinson Crusoe (5)
- 10. Singer known as 'The King' (7)
- 14. Downtown singer (6,5)
- 17. Spiny ant-eater (7)
- 19. Wait in line (5)
- 20. Reason (6)
- 21. Flushing \_\_\_\_, US tennis stadium (6)
- 22. Capital of Albania (6)

**Down**

- 23. Channel of water (6)
- 1. Japanese emperor (6)
- 2. Heading (5)
- 4. Join forces (5)
- 5. Gentle breeze (6)
- 9. Meat (5)
- 11. Loose scrum (4)
- 12. Bulky (5)
- 13. Open pie (4)
- 15. Former German Chancellor, \_\_\_\_ Kohl (6)
- 16. Lapwing (6)
- 18. Long couch (5)
- 19. Mission (5)

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- 18 Nissan Qashqai Acenta Premium (Blue)
- 181 Renault Kadjar Navigation (Wine)
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- 18 Nissan Qashqai SV Acenta X2
- 181 Ford Focus ST-Line (Grey)
- 181 Toyota Corolla 1.4 Terra (Gold)
- 181 Hyundai Tucson 1.7 (White)
- 171 Ford Kuga Zetec (Black)
- 17 Audi A3 S-Line 1.6 (White)
- 171 Suzuki Vitara SZ5 (White)
- 162 Suzuki Vitara GLX AllGrip (White)
- 161 Suzuki Vitara Allgrip (Red/Black)
- 161 Ford Focus Zetec (White)
- 161 Nissan X-Trail 5 Seater 4x4 (Black)
- 161 Skoda Superb 2.0 Business (Black)
- 161 Peugeot 3008 Active Blue (Silver)
- 151 Ford Focus Zetec (Red)
- 151 BMW 420 Gran Coupe Auto (White)
- 151 Opel Astra 1.7 SRI (White)
- 151 Suzuki Scross GL+ (Grey) **Sold**
- 141 Peugeot 3008 Auto (Wine)
- 131 Ford Galaxy 7 seater (Black) **Sold**
- 12 Audi Q3 **Sold**
- 12 Suzuki SX4 2.0L 4x4 (Red)
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- 182 Swift SZT Boosterjet (Blue) **Sold**
- 181 Suzuki Scross SZT Boosterjet (Blue)
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Whilst visiting Cork last week Fr. John Joe Duffy, CC Creeslough (right) attention was alerted to a house named "Shannagh". On enquiry he discovered the owner to be Emmet Martin, Ballynaskelleghs. Emmet has been a regular visitor to Fanad over the years where his late father Dan Neddy Og was born and reared.



Margo and Paul Doherty were lucky enough to be in New Zealand for Ireland's two very special Saturday night rugby games. The Dohertys' were in Eden Park for Ireland's win last week and watched Saturday's historic series winning game in Wellington from their base in the North Island city of Hamilton. Loyal Termon GAA supporters Margo and Paul are in New Zealand to visit their daughter Grace who is a doctor based in Hamilton.



Rachel Hannigan, Magheranan, Letterkenny who recently graduated from Queen's University Belfast with a First Class Honours Degree in Software Engineering. Rachel is a former student of Gaelscoil Adhamhnáin and Loreto Convent Letterkenny.

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**Simon Community Church Gate Collection**  
The North West Simon Community will hold its Church Gate Collection in Letterkenny this coming weekend, 23rd and 24th July. Your support would be extremely grateful as money is needed now more than ever!

**'Afternoon for the Holy Souls'**  
On this Saturday 23rd July, there will be an 'Afternoon for the Holy Souls' at Knock Shrine - commencing with Stations of the Cross at 2pm followed by Mass at 3pm.

**Mary's Meals fundraiser walk**  
Step by Step to Feed the Next Child ~ Mary's Meals began feeding 200 children in Malawi in 2002 and is now feeding 2,279,941 children daily in places of education. Our vision is that every hungry child receives a daily meal and that all who have more than they need, share with those who are in need. With our no frills policy, it costs Mary's Meals €18.30, to give a child a meal every day for a full school year. To raise funds and awareness of Mary's Meals, we are walking throughout Ireland starting on the 7th August from: Thurles, Kilkenny, Malin, Derry, Armagh, Dublin and Limerick with all arriving in Knock on the 15th August.

Maybe you could get involved in Step by Step to Feed the Next Child. Perhaps you would be willing to undertake the challenge yourself? You could take a sponsorship card and get sponsorship for one of our walkers. If you would like to organise a local walk in your area contact us. Sponsor cards and t-shirts are available. [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or for information or contact Fr. Eamonn Kelly on 0879077985.

**Baptism bookings**

To book a Baptism phone the St. Eunan's Cathedral Parochial House on 9121021. Please remember: Godparents: (1 male and 1 female over the age of 16). A number of videos have been uploaded under 'Featured Videos' for Parents, in preparation for their child's Baptism on the website: [www.steunanscathedral.ie](http://www.steunanscathedral.ie)

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County IFA Chairman Brendan McLaughlin pictured at a Forum Meeting with EU Commissioner Mairead McGuinness in Brussels recently.

# Ramelton

Council marks McGarvey's 92nd birthday

At Monday's plenary meeting of the Council, Cathaoirleach Cllr Liam Blaney extended birthday wishes to his colleague Cllr Ian McGarvey who turned 92 last Thursday.

Cllr Blaney noted that Ian was the oldest Cllr currently serving in the country and that if the records were delved into he could also have that distinction in Europe and maybe even the world.

Cllr McGarvey thanked the Cathaoirleach for his kind words and said it had been and is a pleasure to be representing the people on the Council. **Country Market offers Take Aways** Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.00noon this Saturday 23rd July. All fresh home baking, breads, scones, cakes tray bakes. Ready

meals including vegetarian, vegan & meat dishes. Lasagne, soups, nut roasts & much more. Jams, jellies, chutneys, fresh seasonal fruit & vegetables. Crafts including handmade toys, crocheted goods, cushions, bags, wood craft, cards & natural soaps/body/hand balms.

This week we will be offering Take-Away lunches in the Tearoom. Ideal for busy Saturday afternoon, having visitors around or heading to the beach. Teas/coffee, scones & treats as usual available. Preorders for any produce on 087 9699715.

### Yoga with Jane

Yoga with Jane in the Ray Community Centre on Saturdays from 10-11. €10 and BRING OWN MATS /PROPS if possible. ALL levels welcome include beginners. 086 8367776 to book or for more info.

### Swilly Rovers AGM

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The AGM of Swilly Rovers F.C. will take place in the Red Room, Swilly Park on next Tuesday July 26th at 8pm. All are welcome.

### Man Utd/Aston Villa trip

A coach will leave Ramelton and Letterkenny on Friday April 28th, 2023 for the Man Utd v Aston Villa the following day. Always an excellent two night stay in Manchester. Christmas vouchers for the trip are very popular. More details at 9151043 or 086-2456746.

### 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

# Top award for Johnny's Ranch



After having a very busy Lennon Festival in Ramelton Johnny Patterson is celebrating last week on hearing his business has been voted the best takeaway burger in Ireland. Fintan Heffernan, Kepak Food Services is pictured presenting Johnny with his award.

The award is to mark national burger day in June and Ramelton food truck Johnny's Ranch was voted best takeaway burger in Ireland with 500 outlets participating and over 38,000 public votes.

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, 9, 15 and 24. No jackpot winners. There were two 3 number winners Jim McCahill, Ramelton and Dessie Kelly, Letterkenny. This week's jackpot is €4,975.

### 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 of anyone that might need help contact Chris 9151799 or Patricia 0861618687.

### Charity Shop

The Second Encounter Charity Shop has reopened and will have the following opening hours - closed Monday, Tuesday-Friday 10am-4pm, Saturday 11am-4pm. The management would appreciate if everyone visiting the shop would adhere to the Covid 19 guidelines to keep our staff and customers safe.

## Revved in Ramelton Town Hall



Glenswilly actor, Patrick Quinn who wrote and performed Revved, in Ramelton Town Hall on Thursday as part of the Earagail Arts Festival.



Claire Russell, Yasmin Sparks and Emma Russell at Revved.



Fadh and Aoife Mustapha, Letterkenny.



Sheila Melaugh, Anne McFeely, Caitlin Gallagher, Mike Gallagher, Tara Gallagher and Lily Gallagher.



Barbara O'Donnell, Vladamir Morales, Joanna McGreevy and Jessica McGreevy at Revved.



Patricia McGinley, Lara McGinley, Amy McGinley, Noel Mailey, Anne McLaughlin and Breda Mulgrew.

# From lockdown to landscapes for Martin Coyle

A series of stunning paintings inspired by the scenic backdrop of the Falcarragh area and memories of his home land form the basis of an new exhibition by Martin Coyle.

London-based Martin began to develop his artistic interests when the lockdown hit and allowed him more time away from his day job working in maintenance.

He said he used this time to start painting for the simple enjoyment of exploring his creative side. From there he began to share his work via Facebook for fun and soon grew a following as he developed his talent for painting in various styles.

Now An t-Sean Bheairic will host an exhibition featuring up to 50 original works that launches Friday, July 29th at 7.30pm.

Hailing from the well-known Coyle family who ran the popular Coyle's Café on the town's Main Street he is the son of Seamus and Margaret Coyle (née Hanlon) he grew up with his nine siblings and went to school locally.

He played GAA for Cloughaneelly and soccer for Glenea United and was also a former All-Ireland winner with PCC.



However, he left for London where he works and went on to raise his family.

Speaking of his interest in art he said he probably has always been an artist at heart but never got the time or space to develop his interest until the forced lock down saw him fill the long winter evenings with painting.

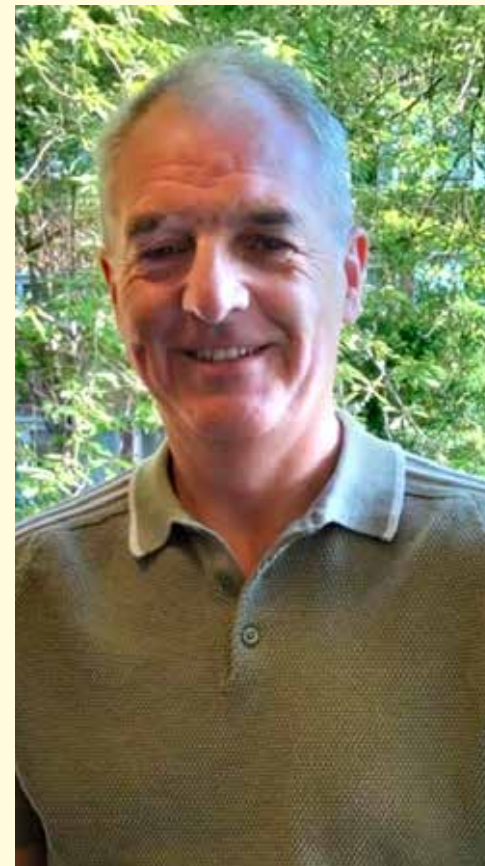
Speaking of his first exhibition on home soil he stated: "It has all happened very quickly. I started this two years ago. I went to London when I was 22 and I never had the space to do it but then when I had the time and space during the long the winter evenings and would then post them up on Facebook and people reacted to that. I'd do a painting on a Sunday and one on a Wednesday. I got addicted to doing them and the more I did the better they got I felt and thats when people started to say I should have

an exhibition. Really I was just doing it for enjoyment and then sharing it and people began to look forward to seeing them during Covid. When people reacted to it I was quite humbled by their responses".

From there he spoke with Charlie 'The Yank' Boyle and Noelle Smullen who along with the staff of An t-Sean Bheairic helped arrange the Falcarragh event that runs throughout August and another smaller exhibition in Gaoth Dobhair.

Martin says his childhood and the landscape of his youth growing up in Falcarragh inspires much of his work.

"I just enjoy it and paint whatever comes into my head. It's mostly the things I was brought up with at home, going through the fields, or in the fish and chip shop we ran in Falcarragh.



Dad had a boat and we spent so much time looking out to sea - these are the things I remember through my own eyes and that's just where the paintings came out of".

Entitled "Thall Agus Abus - Here, there and everywhere" the exhibition is in An t-Sean Bheairic on Friday July 29th and runs until August 13th. To find out more see Martin Coyle Art on Facebook.

## Foyle Cup win for Swilly U12s



The Swilly Rovers U12s who defeated Strabane in the Foyle Cup on Tuesday in Artigarvan

### Swilly Rovers 3-2 Strabane Athletic

The U12s picked up their first win of the Foyle Cup with a win against Strabane in Artigarvan on Tuesday in Group D. Swilly went one down from a corner in the 12th minute and quickly started to assert themselves on the game. Ryan McFadden equalised from a trademark free-kick in

the 20th minute and Daithi Wilkie then had a goal disallowed for offside after a Jamie O'Donnell through ball. Swilly went 2-1 up when another free kick from Ryan McFadden found the net early in the second half. James Stevenson put Swilly 3-1 up shortly after and there were numerous opportunities for more but they found



John McFeeters, getting the nettles and thistles under control on his farm in Fanad on Monday. Photo by Clive Wasson

the young Strabane keeper in fine form. Strabane did pull a goal back in the last kick from another corner. A superb performance in the middle earned Senan Faulkner man of the match and he was well assisted by Harry Stevenson, Sam Morton and Jamie O'Donnell.

## Setup of All-Island Wool Council - INHFA

Following the publication of the feasibility study on the Irish wool sector the Irish Natura & Hill Farmers Association (INHFA) are calling on the Minister and his De-

partment, to immediately convene a meeting of all stakeholders in the Woollen Industry, in order to establish a Wool Council for the whole Island of Ireland

INHFA Vice President Pheilim Molloy outlined how one of the key recommendations in the report was the establishment of an All-Island Wool Council to help develop an Irish grown wool brand. This he stated "is something the INHFA supports and are certain that farmers throughout the country will back, on the understanding that it can deliver an improved price for their wool."

Currently across the island there are, he added "almost 6 million sheep which can provide a substantial volume of wool. This wool can be utilized in many different ways such as bed clothing and clothing including personal safety clothing, insulation, carpets, furniture coverings, natural air filtration, composting and pelleting as a natural fertilizer. In addition to these Lanolin which is used extensively in the cosmetics industry is a very valuable by-product of the wool scouring process. With regard to further research and critical infrastructure Molloy stressed the "need for Third Level Institutions to be involved in ongoing research so that other products can be identified which will further strengthen the demand, and price for wool. Beyond this we also need to see the establishment of a wool scouring facility within the Island of Ireland as soon as possible so that the true value of wool can be achieved."



Gerry Rock & Roll's Girls Night Out..... back on the road. After the Covid break Gerry hosted his annual dinner for the ladies in the Bridge Bar returned on Saturday night. Included with Gerry are from left - Carmel Nugent, Regina Gibson, Noleen Lowry, Mary Gallagher, Nollaig Crombie, Shelia Gallagher, Michelle McCarroll, Ann Gallagher and Victoria Bradley

# Warnings about currents in Rathmullan as three rescued

Cllr. Donal Kelly has welcomed news that additional safety signage has been erected at Rathmullan Pier following an incident on Sunday when three young girls from Strabane got into difficulty while swimming near the slipway.

The local community has consistently reminded the public that swimming close to the pier and other structures should be avoided in Rathmullan because of the strength of the currents.

There have been many incidents and a number of rescues in the waters around the pier over the years.

The girls were rescued by Ruairi Crealey, Letterkenny who was at the beach with his family when he became aware of the incident: one of the girls was completely submerged.

Ruairi swam out and got hold of two of the girls, while the



One of the signs at the pier.

third gripped onto the leg of one of the others. He battled the current and deep water with difficulty but eventually managed to bring the girls to shore on his own.

Mayor Kelly also praised the actions of the man who rescued the girls.

## Rathmullan News

### Tidy Towns

Rathmullan is looking great at the moment, and thanks to all the Volunteers, residents and businesses who are supporting our endeavours. Now during the holiday season especially with huge numbers flocking to take advantage of our golden beaches, local establishments and enjoy this fabulous weather, it is more important now than ever that we are litter aware. First impressions are key, so if everyone just lifted the litter on the streets in their own area, then that would be a great help to us all. Our volunteers are out many times during the day trying to keep our area presentable, but if our bins are full, then please just take your litter home. Every little helps.

### Parking

During the busy season, the one way traffic system is in place and we appeal to all road users and locals to adhere to this system, to avoid congestion. Be mindful of where you park, to give due consideration to businesses and residents and especially to not block the Pier Area or Slipway in case of necessary use of Emergency Services, and also traffic using the Ferry Service.

### Rathmullan Community Festival

“This was a situation that could have been a lot worse only for Ruairi Crealey’s intervention as he was able to swim out and managed to bring all three girls to the shore. It happened out from the slipway where the Swilly Ferry berths.”

The Mayor was in contact with the Council’s coastal staff earlier this week and he has welcomed the news that additional safety signage has been erected warning of the dangers and di-

Plans are well advanced for the annual Rathmullan Community Festival which is always a fun packed weekend of entertainment for all the family, so be sure to take note of the date 29 – 31st July.

### Scruffs Dog Show

After a Covid break, the famous Scruffs Dog Show returns to The Battery Grounds on Sunday 31st July at 2pm. All pedigree, crossbreed and mongrels welcome, any size, shape or age. Judge this year will be Professional Kennel Club Judge & Dog Trainer Marty Potts. Further enquiries 086 4405757.

### Donegal Water Safety Week - Rathmullan

Water Safety and Swimming week will take place from Monday July 18th at 10am until July 23rd at 5pm. Suitable for all ages from 5+. All lessons must be prebooked to contact rathmullanwatersafety@gmail.com for further information.

### Intermediate Sewing Class

After the success of the Beginners Sewing Class, it is hoped to commence an Intermediate class part funded by Donegal ETB with a commencement date of 23rd August for 6 weeks. If interested in joining this group, then please contact Hazel 086 2804555.

recting swimmers to safer areas of water to use. He said he welcomes the news that more signage was erected on Tuesday and hopefully that will reduce the risks of incidents like the one that happened in Rathmullan on Sunday.

“I have also been told that the person in charge of beaches in this area is carrying out an assessment to see if any other measures are necessary to make the beach safer for the public,” he added.

## Equestrian News by Rachel Carton

# Warm?? This lot are smokin’ hot!

As Ireland basked (briefly) in the recent heat-wave, England became rather toasty and the continent was beyond a joke, with temperatures in the low to mid forties. Many equestrian competitions were impacted by the heat, partly due to travel restrictions being placed on livestock transporters on welfare grounds and partly due to venues being unable to water ground enough to make it a safe surface for competing on. Racetracks pulled out all the stops to keep ground safe and the sport has kept going through the heat. Donegal’s jockeys have been on fire recently, helped in part by Letterkenny trainer Charlie Moore, who produced Beer With The Boys in fine fettle to win under Dylan Browne McMonagle at Ballinrobe. The horse’s confident owners had backed him into being favourite and were well rewarded by the three quarter length win. Dylan had also had a recent win aboard the aptly named Pretty Smart for trainer Pat Martin at Fairyhouse. Luke McAteer justified favouritism on the P. McKenna trained Ampesand when he cruised home a comfortable two and a half length winner at Leopardstown. This was Luke’s fifteenth win of the current season as the Rathmullan native goes from strength to strength. Conor Orr scored an excellent win on the Nigel Slevin trained Diamondinthemud in the 2mile 3furlong mares maiden hurdle at Downpatrick, beating the favourite, Trendy Lady, with Rachael Blackmore in the saddle. Seeking to bag a second win in rapid succession Conor rode the outsider Kruijers Girl at Kilbeggan in the 2m 3f handicap chase but ran into some interference as he made his challenge. The stewards found in his favour and his horse was awarded the race in the stewards room, leaving trainer Thomas Coyle a happy man as his 22 to 1 shot bagged the winners purse. Conor’s brother Oisín has been



Tara Brennan rides Pallas Lad to win the 1.0m class at The Meadows cashback show

a busy man since making the move to Richard Fahey’s stable in England. He is rapidly making his way around the network of English and Scottish tracks, notching up wins at York, Beverly, Redcar and Ayr in the last fortnight. With almost 100 rides since moving across to England Oisín has a healthy strike rate of 14% and is building a successful partnership with his new boss. Ayr also saw Brandon Wilkie battle hard to get up for second in the mile and five on board Well Planted. With the winner well clear Brandon fought hard to keep his mount up to its task and held on for the runner-up purse. Pony clubbers in Donegal are enjoying the heaven that is a long summer holiday with a pony to ride. East Donegal branch recently enjoyed their summer camp at Gordon’s Bay Equestrian, where riders enjoyed plenty of expert tuition as well as the all-important fun and games. One highlight of the camp was the opportunity to get a dentist’s-eye-view of their pony’s teeth as equine dental technician, and BHS qualified coach, Niamh McDaid introduced the young riders to the importance of caring for their mounts teeth. Senior members Ellie Simms and Tara Brennan put their lessons to good use when they attended the Cashback show at The Meadows Equestrian, with Tara winning the 1.0m class on her pony Pallas Lad, while Ellie took second in both the 1.10m and the 1.20m on her chesnut mare Carnone Diamond Beach, her first time competing at the higher height. South Donegal branch have been enjoying a varied programme, which included a fantastic road-trip to visit the truly awe-inspiring Karlswald Stables, the base for multiple Olympian Kian O’Connor. The club is also running a raffle for a E100 token for the luxurious Harvey’s Point, so if any of you readers feel lucky and want to support this great club you can pick up a ticket on [www.itspainsailing.com/org/sdpc#merchandise-1048](http://www.itspainsailing.com/org/sdpc#merchandise-1048). If you’re not in you can’t win!



East Donegal members get acquainted with equine dentistry under the watchful eye of Niamh McDaid.

# Nottingham double for Martin Harley

There was a double for Trentagh jockey Martin Harley at Nottingham on Friday. The first was on 10/11 favourite Thundershower for John and Thady Gosden. In the very next race, Harley won again for the Gosdens’ on 9/4 shot Operating. Rathmullan man Conor Orr rode the first of his winners last week when landing the mares’ maiden hurdle on Diamondinthemud for County Meath trainer Nigel Slevin at Downpatrick on Wednesday. The Seven Chasers Syndicate-owned 9/2 chance got up on the line to pip Henry de Bromhead’s 2/1 favourite Trendy Lady and Rachael Blackmore by a shorthead.

Luke McAteer (right) was among the winners at Leopardstown on Thursday where he won the seven-furlong handicap on the five-year-old Ampeson. Trained by Patrick McKenna, the strong 2/1 favourite made most of the running to beat the Eoin McDonagh-trained Shamrock Sprig by two and a half-lengths to give McAteer his tenth winner of the season.

The intervention of the stewards saw Conor Orr-ridden Kruijers Girl win the two-mile three-furlong handicap chase at odds of 22/1. Trained by Thomas Coyle, the 10-year-old lost out by a head to the Dermot McLough-



lin-trained The Great White but she had been short of room when bypassing the final fence and was awarded the race after a protracted enquiry. Dylan Browne McMonagle had a winner at Ballinrobe on Monday. The Letterkenny jockey was on board the 11/4 favourite Beer With The Boys for trainer Charlie Moore.

# If Your Bed Could Talk

If your bed could talk, what would it say about you? When we get dressed in the morning we can put on our masks but when we slip under the covers at night we inevitably take them off again. More than almost anyone else, your bed probably knows the real you.

There are some people who appear to be cool and calm in the face of a crisis. As friends and colleagues watch them, they see people who are resolutely unflappable. Yet one wonders how many of those who appear cool in the daytime are bundles of nerves at night as they toss and turn in search of ever elusive sleep.

I’ve been thinking about this over the last few days because I was preaching on Psalm 3 on Sunday evening. This psalm comes from a time of crisis: rebellion was in full swing and peril was in the air. King David, the author of the song, had to leave his throne behind and desperately flee for safety. Worst of all, the man who lit the blue touch paper of conspiracy was none other than Absalom, David’s very own son.

As David wrote this song, he had no idea whom he could

trust. Could he trust his friends? Could he trust his bodyguards? Not if he couldn’t even trust his own son. The stab in the back could have come from anyone at any time; you could hardly fault David if he spent the night with one eye open.

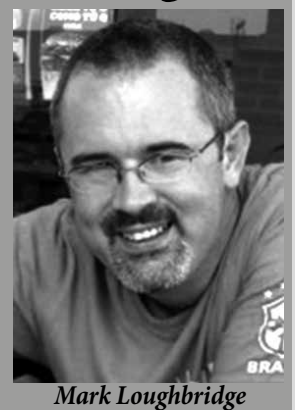
That makes what David says in verse 5 absolutely baffling: “I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.”

So what allowed David to sleep like a log in the midst of such a cataclysmic storm? His confidence in God: in verse 3 he describes God as his shield and in in verse 4 he outlines his confidence in the fact that God will answer his prayer.

Of course, none of us are in exactly the same position as David. None of us have received the sort of specific promises from God that this man did. Yet surely all of us who are followers of God can share in something of this experience as we pass through the storms of life.

Don’t get me wrong, I’m not saying that every single Christian should fall asleep the second the light goes out. What I am saying is that even in the crisis we can entrust ourselves into God’s hands and enjoy the

# Food for thought



Mark Loughbridge

same peace and confidence that David did.

Becoming a Christian won’t make you immune from hard times. We still have to wrestle with shrinking budgets and expanding waiting lists. We still get caught in the crossfire of feuding family members. Yet this psalm tells us a wonderful truth: even if the winds don’t ease, followers of Jesus can trust their heavenly father to uphold them as they pass through the storm.

If we could just take that to heart, it might just transform the way we spend our nights. Perhaps our beds would see the difference.



# Bonner informs players of departure plan

Declan Bonner's five year reign as Donegal senior football team manager is set to end after he informed the players via a text message on Tuesday evening of his departure plan.

Bonner's future in the post has been the subject of intense speculation since Donegal's 10-point defeat to Armagh in an All-Ireland Qualifier last month. The Na Rossa man still had a year left on his present arrangement with the County Board but the loss to Derry in the Ulster Final followed by the very

disappointing All-Ireland exit at the hands of Armagh has left him in a very precarious position.

Bonner won back-to-back Ulster titles in 2018 and 2019 but since then the team's fortunes have regressed in the province. He also managed county teams at underage level and was a playing member of the historic All-Ireland winning team of 1992.

The Leitrimacaward man took over from Rory Gallagher at the end of 2017 for a

second spell as Donegal manager having previously been in charge from 1997 to 2000. He just missed out on guiding Donegal to an Ulster title to Derry in 1998 when Joe Brolly got a crucial late goal in Clones.

In his second term as boss Bonner got off to the best possible start with back-to-back Ulster titles in 2018 and 2019. However, that was followed by defeats in the Ulster Final of 2020 against Cavan and the 2021 semi-final loss to Tyrone.



## The late Fintan Houston

The death occurred on Tuesday of Fintan Houston, Hillview Grove, Lismonaghan Letterkenny. Aged 72, Fintan was a native of Sentry Hill. He was a well known member of the local community where he was very active in a range of charity fundraising initiatives over many years.



Fintan's remains are reposing at the family residence in Hillview Grove. Funeral is from there on this Thursday morning 21st July going to St. Eunan's Cathedral for 11am Requiem Mass can be viewed online at [www.churchservices.tv/letterkenny](http://www.churchservices.tv/letterkenny). Cremation will take place afterwards in Lakelands Crematorium Cavan. Fintan is survived by his wife Marie née Maguire (Castlefin), son Kenneth and wife Emma and grandson Max (Carn High Ramelton), daughter Annette Houston Bonner and husband Gareth and granddaughter Cassie (Hazelwood Drive Letterkenny), relatives, neighbours and friends. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

## The late Anne O'Donnell

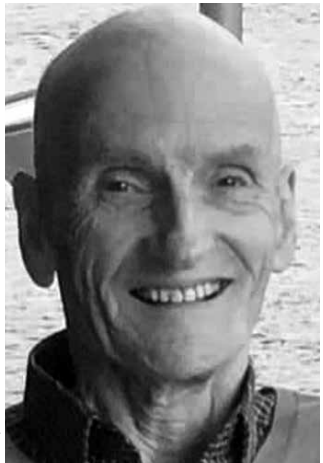
The death took place on Saturday at the Lake House Nursing Unit, Portnablagh of Anne O'Donnell (nee Downey), formerly Enniskillen and laterally Killut, Falcarragh. The remains of the late Mrs O'Donnell



reposed at the family residence in Killut from Sunday evening. Funeral Mass was on Tuesday in Christ the King Church, Gortahork with burial afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Anne was predeceased by her parents Sheila and Charlie, brothers Cathal and Gerard. She is survived by her husband Colm, children Claire, Paul, Julie, Joan and Ultan, 11 grandchildren, brother Seamus and in-laws to whom deepest condolences are extended.

## Funeral of Anthony Boyle (Tony)

The funeral took place on Sunday of Anthony Boyle (Tony) of Killylavin, Letterkenny. Aged 78, Tony was a native of the Glebe, Stranorlar. He was a plasterer by trade and he loved to travel with his wife Alice. He was also a man of great faith and



family was first and foremost with him.

He is survived by his wife Alice née Connolly (Castlederg), son Barry and wife Jenny (Cashelshanagan Letterkenny), daughters Richella (Dublin) and Siobhan O'Keefe and husband Shane (Dublin), grandchildren Mia, Fionn, Nessa, Ava and Ollie, sisters Roisin Boyle (twin) and Ann Kee (Castlefin), in-laws, relatives and friends.

The remains of the late Mr Boyle reposed at the family residence in Killylavin. Funeral was from there on Sunday afternoon going to St. Eunan's Cathedral for Requiem Mass where the celebrant was Fr. Kevin Gillespie C.C. Readings, Prayers of the Faithful, Gifts to the Altar, music and hymns were by family members and friends. After Holy Communion a eulogy and a word of thanks was read by Tony's daughter Richella.

Interment took place afterwards in New Leck Cemetery where the graveside prayers were said by Fr. Gillespie. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

## Death of Dan Bradley

The death occurred on Saturday at Letterkenny University Hospital of Dan Bradley, Drimacadoo, Churchill. Dan was a very well known member of the local community where he was a farmer. Aged 86, he was a familiar figure on his tractor working the land and looking after his livestock. The remains of the late Mr Bradley were removed on Sunday afternoon from Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Letterkenny to his late residence at Drimacadoo. Funeral was from there on Tuesday morning for Requiem Mass in St. Columba's Church Glenswilly where the celebrant was Fr. Liam Boyle.



Interment took place afterwards in Tempeldouglas Cemetery where Fr. Boyle also officiated. Dan was predeceased by parents John (August 1974) and wife Hannah (March 1981), sister Winnie (2008) and brother Con (2016). John is survived by his nieces and nephews John and Lisa Kilcoyne (England), John Bradley (Drumacadoo), Kathleen Elliot (Letterkenny), Noreen Kellett (Leeds), Mary Doherty (Leeds) and sister in-law Bridget Bradley (Letterkenny), extended family members, neighbours and friends to whom deepest condolences are extended.

## Death of Enda Barrett

The death occurred on Monday at the Donegal Hospice of Enda Barrett, Ballyconnell, Falcarragh. Enda is survived by his wife Kathleen, son Aiden, his partner Julie and grandson Robin, his mum Evelyn, brothers Barry, Kevin and Brendan, sisters Aisling and Ena, in-laws and a wide circle of family and friends. Enda's remains reposed at the family residence in Ballyconnell. Funeral Mass took place on Wednesday afternoon in St Finian's Church, Falcarragh, with burial afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.



## New stand planned for community centre

Planning permission has been granted for the erection of a new spectator stand at Letterkenny Community Centre Ltd, as well as other new facilities Conditional planning was granted by Donegal County Council for the construction of new changing room facilities, new community/committee room and new spectator stand, as well as connection to existing services and all associated site works. The successful application was made by Letterkenny Community Centre Ltd, Pearse Road, Letterkenny.

## Letterkenny Rovers

The Club have this week launched the annual draw with proceeds going to continue further development work at Leckview Park. Top prize is €3000 with a total prize fund of €5250. Tickets cost €10 or three for €20 and are available from any club member and will be available online.

Monday sees coaches from Everton commence a week long summer school and there are still limited places available and you can book online with link on our social media pages.

The schoolboys season is continuing apace although there are no games this week due to the Foyle Cup. Our 12s and 17s made it a good start to Foyle Cup week with both sides winning their opening two games. Our 12s defeated Portstewart 2-1 and Tummery 4-0 with Sean Gallagher, Colm Og Breathnach, Denzel Taku and Marcin Pirch all netting while the 17s topped their group with a 4-0 win over Trojans with goals from Max Johnston, Luke Parke, Mark McGlynn and Aaron Temple while they had a cracking 1-0 win against Altrincham with Sam Harvey scoring late.

Last week was a busy one as our 12s Rovers defeated Mulroy 6-1 with goals from Colm Og Breathnach and Sean Gallagher both with a brace while Josh McHugh and Denzel Taku also scored. The 12s Crusaders defeated Mulroy Celtic 5-0 with goals from Matthew Odedokun (3), Asme Ayres and James McCabe while the 12s Utd drew 3-3 with Illistrin Rovers. Goals there from Jack McLaughlin (2) and Aki Alleyne.

Our 14s Rovers lost out 4-1 to Bonagee Utd with the goal from Padraig Murphy while there were defeats for both Crusaders and Utd at 14s. Our 16s Crusaders had two good wins defeating

Mulroy Celtic 3-0 with goals from Jack Risely (2) and Ciaran Lloyd before they defeated Illistrin Utd 4-1 with Cameron Murphy, Lloyd, Ronan O'Donnell and Risely on the scoresheet there while the 16s Rovers lost 4-2 at Gweedore Celtic. Goals there for Jack Price and Dj McCauley.

Our Seniors defeated Finn Harps u21s 7-1 in the Community Centre Summer cup with goals from Johnny Robb (3), Adam Murphy (2), Simon McGlynn and Gareth Doherty and they meet Illies Celtic this Sunday at 2.30pm in the quarter finals.

Junior Rovers continues every Sunday between 10 and 11am at the Leck astro. New members always welcome.

This weeks mini lotto numbers drawn were 5-12-18 and 22. Five people who matched three numbers receive €20 each with lucky winners Bridie Mehan, Louise McLaughlin, Carmel Doherty, Noel McGinley and Eugene Duffy. Next weeks jackpot is €6000.

## Bonagee United

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.00noon this Saturday 23rd July. All fresh home baking, breads, scones, cakes tray bakes. Ready meals including vegetarian, vegan & meat dishes. Lasagne, soups, nut roasts & much more. Jams, jellies, chutneys, fresh seasonal fruit & vegetables. Crafts including handmade toys, crocheted goods, cushions, bags, wood craft, cards & natural soaps/body/hand balms. This week we will be offering Take-Away lunches in the Tearoom. Ideal for busy Saturday afternoon, having visitors around or heading to the beach. Teas/coffee, scones & treats as usual available. Preorders for any produce on 087 9699715. Thank you.

## Clark makes Sheffield move

Ciaran Clark who has strong family links in Moylehill, Milford has left Newcastle to join Sheffield United on a season long loan deal. The Republic of Ireland international's father Michael was born in Edinburgh but also spent time in Moylehill and was a pupil at Drumman National School for a period and played for Milford United under Fr Michael Herrity. Ciaran is the grandson of Vera Clark who was formerly a member of the McGinley family from Moylehill.

Ciaran's dad Michael moved to England with his

wife Peggy a native Drumshambo, Co Leitrim, who trained as a nurse in Letterkenny General Hospital.

Ciaran who was born in Harrow, London was with Aston Villa in the early part of his professional career before moving to Newcastle. The 32-year-old played for England at U-17, 18 and 19 level. He has been capped 36 times for the Republic of Ireland at senior level. A versatile footballer he can play at centre-half his most regular position but he has also featured at left-back and in midfield.



Letterkenny AC's Nina Nwankio competing in her first National B Championship in the U12 60m in Tullamore taking 4th place.



Congratulations to Kathryn Davison who won gold in the National B Championship U13 High Jump in Tullamore.

# US Scholarship for Milford 'keeper

Milford United Football Club goalkeeper Eoin McGettigan has won a Soccer Scholarship to Kansas Christian College and will play in the Men's Soccer team who attached to the NC-CAA Programme.

Eoin has been a high performance athlete for many years, beginning playing underage football with Milford United before moving to Finn Harps Underage teams in the FAI National League and also was on Donegal GAA U16 and Minor panels representing his club Milford GAA. Eoin aged 18 years has played this season with Milford Youth Team, Reserve team and made his senior team debut in the Donegal League.

An extremely dedicated and talented goalkeeper who worked hard over the years and his desire to pursue the American dream of an USA Soccer Scholarship proved successful following 3 trials around the country over the last few months.

Eoin was offered the scholarship through Stephen Murray USA Scholarships and the company broke the news on their facebook page last week, "We are delighted to confirm our latest client commitment from Eoin McGettigan who will become a student-athlete at Kansas Christian College. Eoin, who is a goalkeeper with Milford United FC in Donegal, Republic of Ireland, will make the move across the pond and play with the Falcons men's soccer team, who are an NCCAA program. Everyone at SMUSA wishes Eoin the very best of luck and can't wait to follow his journey".

Stephen Murray USA Scholarships (SMUSA) have worked incredibly hard to build up an impeccable reputation over almost a decade to become Ireland's leading US soccer scholarship agency. With over eight years of experience in assisting players gain soccer scholarships at all levels, our



passion and drive in the industry is to ensure our clients achieve their maximum potential. Eoin is the son of John and Lucy McGettigan, Rosgarrow, Milford and completed his

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Leaving Certificate in June and is looking forward to his move across the Atlantic to further his football career and pursue an academic career. Eoin is wished every success on his journey as he joins Kansas Christian College where he will be based in Overland Park, Kansas City in Midwest USA.

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**Please Contact Box No: 903, Tirconail Tribune, Main Street, Milford.**

## 50/50 Draw on Saturday

The next Milford United 50/50 draw will take place on Saturday 23rd July with a minimum jackpot of €1000 to be won. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5. 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.

## County Community Games Swimming Finals

The County Community Games Swimming Finals were held in Ballyshannon on Sunday. Among the local winners were -  
 U10 Boys Freestyle  
 Cormac Anderson Milford  
 U16 Girls Freestyle  
 Ita Magee Glenswilly/Churchill

U12 Boys Breaststroke  
 Cian Anderson Milford  
 U16 Girls Breaststroke  
 Meave McClean Milford  
 U14 Girls Breaststroke  
 Orlagh Faul Glenswilly  
 U12 Girls Backstroke  
 Silver - Roisin Faul Glenswilly



Milford swimmers Cormac Anderson, Maeve McClean and Cian Anderson who were gold medal winners at the County Community Games Swimming Finals in Ballyshannon on Sunday

## Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society next outing is on Saturday 13th August at Foyle Golf Club, Derry. For more details contact Eugene on 087 7704149 or Captain Gary Sheehan on 086 1904632.

## Tennis Club

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## Milford and Kerrykeel CE Project Ltd Vacancies

Vacancies Available in the following locations.

- General Worker: Kerrykeel Tidy Towns
- Caretaker: Kerrykeel Presbyterian Church
- Caretaker: Kerrykeel Chapel
- Catetaker: Rossakill Activity Centre

Potential applicants must be aged 21 or over and be in receipt of qualifying Social Welfare payment for a year or more and also be registered with INTREO.

For further information, contact James Gibbons, 0868212778, email: milfordce94@gmail.com

Monday evening from 7pm.

## English and Boyce in World action



Brendan at the World Champs with 100m ladies champion Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce.

Brendan Boyce and Mark English are set to take part in the World Championships in Oregon, USA. First up is English who will be involved on Day 6 of the championships, as he runs in the heats of the 800m at around 1 am on this Thursday morning (Irish time).

Meanwhile Brendan Boyce will go in the 35k walk on the final day in Oregon, on Sunday with 2.15 pm start (Irish time).

St. Johnston shot-putter John Kelly made his debut at the World Athletics Championships on Saturday morning. The Finn Valley AC member made his exit after a best throw of 17.92m.

## Masses in Milford

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

## 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.

## Ju Jitsu for Beginners

Milford Ju Jitsu Club are welcoming new members to their Senior Class over the age of 16 in the Milford Hall on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7.30 - 8.45pm.

## TUS Workers

There is a vacancy in the TUS Scheme at the Old School Glenvar for person

to carry out cleaning duties in the Old School and Glenvar Chapel. Applicants must be in receipt of Social welfare payment for more than one year. Contract is for one year. If interested please contact Teresa 086 3342346.

## Football Summer Camp

There are still a few places available in the Milford United M32 Soccer Academy Camp which runs from 25th - 28th of July from 10am - 2.00pm at the Moyle View Park, Milford.

The fun filled camp is open to Boys and Girls 6-13yrs old. Cost is €60 per child and €50 for additional family members. Contact 0862163761 if you require further information.

Please find link for registration: <https://bit.ly/M32SoccerAcademy-Milford>

## Yoga with Jane

Yoga with Jane in the Ray Community Centre every Saturday from 10-11am. €10. BRING OWN MATS /PROPS if possible.

ALL levels welcome include beginners. 086 8367776 to book or for more info.

## MDRC Opening Hours

Milford & District Resource Centre's new opening hours are Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm and Fridays 9am to 4pm. Now open all day including during lunchtime.

## Nuacht CLG Baile na nGalloglach

### Lotto: 17/7/22

Numbers: 22-25-28-31. Numbers drawn by Luke at Maple, Milford. One Jackpot winner - congratulations to Sean McBride, Aghanursan, Milford who wins our jackpot of €1,550. Jackpot Next Week: €1,000.

### Scór

The Donegal finals of Scór Sinsir will take place in September. If you are hoping to participate, please express your interest before 2nd August. The 7 disciplines are Indi-

vidual Singing, Ballad Group, Instrumental, Novelty Act, Quiz, Recitation and Dance. This is open to Club members 17years+.

### Irish Language Classes

The Club will be providing Irish language classes in co-operation with Ray Sports and Activities Hub Summer Camp later this month.

### Ciorcal Comhrá

Beidh an Ciorcal Comhrá ar siúl sa Coffee Doc, Travellers Inn, Baile na nGalloglach ar an Aoine ag a 4pm.

Buail isteach. Fáilte is fiche.

We will also be travelling to an Irish language and Culture trip to Belfast, organised by Lónra Leitir Ceanainn on Tuesday 16th August. Contact any committee member if interested.

### Traditional Music Sessions

Traditional music sessions in the Clubhouse at Moyle Park, on Monday evenings. 7 to 8pm for Children and 8 to 10pm for adults. Some experience of playing an instrument is

necessary.

### Results/Fixtures

#### Senior Men

Our Senior Men's teams play their final games of the league this Saturday away to Malin with the Reserves throwing in at 5.30pm and Seniors at 7pm.

#### Senior Ladies

Our Senior Ladies have been drawn in a group with St. Mary's Convo, Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon and Ardara in this year's Intermediate Championship, with the first match to be played away to Ardara on Sunday 7th August.

#### Minor Girls

Our Minor girls were defeated by a very

strong Glenfin team at home on Thursday last. Training continues on Tuesdays at 6pm - all welcome. They play St Mary's, Convo away next Tuesday at 7pm.

#### U11 Boys

Our U11 boys welcomed N Michael to Moyle Park on Saturday morning.

#### U13 Boys

Training continues on Mondays and Wednesdays 5.45 to 6.45.

U5 training continues at pitch in Ray at 5.45pm on Friday evenings, followed by U7 training at 6.45pm.

#### U8/10 Girls

There will be no training/matches for U8/ U10 girls until weekend of 5th of August.

# John Kilmartin 5km in Milford

The 18th running of the popular John Kilmartin Memorial 5km will take place in Milford on Friday evening 29th July, starting at 7.30pm. The accurate, fast course starts at the traditional start line at Greyrocks and finishes at the en-

trance to the Council offices. Entry online or on the night at the Clubhouse at Moyle from 6pm. Thanks to Barry Browne, Brownes cars Milford for continued sponsorship of this years event. New Mills 10k

## Social Dancing at the Mulroy Woods Hotel

Every Thursday from 9 to 11pm



Thurs. 21st July - Fanadian & Tory Sound Adm. €8

Thurs. 28th July - A. J. Country Adm. €8

Thurs. 4th Aug - Hugo Duncan & Brian Kerrigan Adm. €10  
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### ROADS ACT 1993 SECTION 75, ARTICLE 12, ROADS REGULATIONS 1994 TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS MILFORD

From 8am on Saturday 27th August 2022 to 5pm on Sunday 28th August 2022.

Notice is hereby given that Donegal County Council intends to make an Order to have the following road closed to traffic on the dates and times indicated to facilitate the North West Truck Fest at Milford Mart.

**Roads to be closed:**

L5582/2 in the townland of Glenkeen from its junction with the R246/12 Milford Ramelton road to its junction with LP1372/1.

**Proposed diversions:**

Traffic to be diverted via R246/12 and the LP1372/1.

Persons wishing to object to the closure should submit objections in writing to the Roads & Transportation Section, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford before **before 4:30pm on 26th July 2022.**

In the event of objections to the granting of any of the proposed roads closures, the Council reserves the right to make details of the objections available to the licence applicant where it considers this necessary in order to fully consider the validity of any of the objections received.

**Bryan Cannon, A/Director of Service, Roads and Transportation**

Letterkenny AC held the New Mills 10k last Sunday with 137 finishers. First home was John Paul Williamson from Derry with Natasha Adams LAC the first lady.

John Whoriskey was the first Club athlete home in 37minutes 58 seconds in 19th place overall while Marty Lynch was next in 38.07, Anthony Doherty 38.41, George Grier 38.55, Barry Coyle 42.30, Danny McLaughlin 43.09, Frank McTaggart 44.02.

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Letter to Editor

## Why are we using weedkiller to cause such damage?

This really puzzles me, it annual occurrence: Brown road margins, brown gateways, brown along fences, hedges, ditches, even waterways; brown and dead.

**Why?**

For aesthetic reasons, for visual enhancement it cannot be, because brown and dead is just that - ugly. Even so-called weeds look better alive than dead, like everything else in na-

ture (of which we are part). And it's not just the weeds that are killed.

I am talking about the use of weedkiller of course. There are so many things living in and around our environment which we can't see but they are there, they live, they fulfill very important tasks hugely beneficial to us and our existence within this world.

Ordinary soil we take for granted, calling it dirt even. I am not a scien-

tist, not in a position to tell you what exactly soil is. But I do know that a healthy soil is a living something, producing and sustaining ever more lives of a truly astonishing variety and quantity and quality. Just think of all the crops and foods feeding not just us but many other fellow beings.

Back to the invisible part, so called microorganisms without which no healthy soil can be, breaking down organic matter, turning all that has ever lived into soil, keeping the eternal cycle going. Then there are the creatures which we can see, and they all play their part: worms and grubs, snails and slugs, a countless number of beetle species and critters of all kinds, insects some of which we know to be pollinators crucial for our crops and flowers; and lots of others: frogs, toads, mice, hedgehogs, the birds, and many more. And all and everything play their important role.

And then: Bang! Weedkiller. Not killing just a few weeds. Turning parts of our otherwise beautiful landscape into areas of "brown death". Microorganisms, insects, life itself: No more. All dead, and it looks like death: brown and ugly. And I keep wondering: Why? What is the benefit? Is there a benefit? Someone tell me please if there is.

One thing I know there is: Glyphosate, the killer known and proven to be a carcinogenic. Court cases are won around the globe by numerous cancer sufferers, who had to handle Glyphosate as part of their paid jobs.

Not everybody who uses this substance will contract cancer, but some will. And it is maybe not this chemical alone that is responsible for this horrible disease that's affecting everyone, one way or other, (also your cats and dogs for instance, a cancer cell is not choosy), but it is at least partly to blame, as scientists, courts, judges are acknowledging and confirming.

And again I ask: Why are we using this stuff? Is it simply the suspicion of its unsavory qualities not enough to leave it alone, to never touch it? And it costs money too, and the pharmaceutical top dogs of this world are rubbing their hands, counting their money. What do they care?

I appeal to all of you and us: Leave it alone! We reap what we sow. If we sow death we will get death.

*Yours sincerely  
Eckhardt Schmidt, Milford*

## Ka raises €4000 from birthday



Ka Marley Gortmacall Milford raised €4,000 at her recent birthday party in the Travellers Inn Milford and she presented the proceeds to the Mulroy Coast and Cliff Rescue Group and the Donegal Mountain Rescue Group on Monday evening. Hannah Dennison, Eoghan Moore and David Love attended from the Mulroy Group while Laura McFadden represented the Mountain Rescue. Also seated is Jimmy Doran and at back are Ka's family and friends who helped with the fundraising.

# The fisherman, the paperman, and the steel men

It started with a WhatsApp voice message at the end of June as he prepared to fly back from Dubai for the summer holidays. Letterkenny man, Sean McFadden, was keen to take on a challenge and had secured an entry for the Mizen2Malin 570K Cycle over Friday, July 16th and Saturday, July 17th. In its first year, the event was the brainchild of mountaineer and endurance athlete, Jason Black.

To cut to the chase, Sean put together a support crew of Ciaran Doherty from Burtonport and this columnist. Ciaran is the operations manager and skipper with the Aine Fishing Company and also knows a thing or two about life in the fast lane of sport, having posted a personal best of 14.20 for 5K. The trip up and down the country was, not surprisingly, a 48-hour stint like no other. Having been part of the support crew for a team in The Rás, Ireland's international stage race held over eight days, back in 2017, one had a fair idea of what the gig was about.

For the 19 hours and 36 minutes it took Sean to cycle from Mizen Head to Malin Head, he was off the bike just four times. He changed from a time trial bike to a road bike a few hours in, stopped in Athlone to stretch his back, took a ten-minute nap on the outskirts of Enniskillen around 1am, and dismounted to change a wheel in Derry City after picking up a puncture.

Our vehicle was a feeding station on wheels. He drank litres upon litres of plain water, water with a carbohydrate, water with a hydration supplement, several bottles of freshly brewed coffee, various selections of sandwiches, dozens of gels, several packets of wine gums, loads of nutrition bars, a few croissants, and a plain Papa John's chicken burger.

Three of the first four competitors over the finish line were from Donegal. Rory Devlin from Buncrana won the event in a quite incredible time of 18 hours, one minute and 52 seconds. He was, literally, in a different parish,

when the race settled after the first few hours. He was a full 20 minutes ahead of the runner-up, Sean Hernon from the Galway Bay Cycling Club who set the record of 17 hours and 20 minutes for Mizen to Malin in September, 2021

After a fascinating, unforgettable, honest, respectful and good-spirited ding-dong with fellow Errigal Cycling Club member, Colm Richardson, Sean McFadden finished third in 19:36:38. Colm, who had the solid pair of Martin Temple and Seamus Wilkinson as

his support team, placed fourth in 19:52:55. Sean and Colm started out with the aim of breaking 20 hours and both did so with plenty to spare, but only after taking the best out of each other. Their competitive qualities simply know no bounds. Dipping under the 20-hour mark would have been a much bigger ask had they not gone toe-to-toe over the final 150km. Despite the privilege of having had an up-close and personal view of proceedings, the mindset of those who push themselves to the absolute limits is difficult to explain. The will and desire to continue when the body is having completely different notions is a truly unique tool. Their ability to ignore the pain and overcome the urge to sleep is what sets them apart. The 16 riders that left between the flapping flags at Ireland's most southerly point on Friday were all that bit wiser when they reached the iconic landmark of Banba's Crown on the northernmost tip of Malin Head. Ditto the support crews.

## The late Vinny McLaughlin

Bumped into Eddie Harvey outside Mac's Deli on the High Road earlier in the week. He told me he had just learned of the death of Vincent (Vinny) McLaughlin who had been a student at St. Eunan's College from 1966 to 1971.

Eddie recalled in detail how Vinny, a native of the Isle of Doagh, Clonmany, made a name for himself on the front pitch of the Letterkenny school.

For those old enough to remember, the biggest sporting occasion at St. Eunan's was the annual football game played between "Fifth Years" and "The Rest". Hundreds would gather for what was always a high-octane affair. The rivalry was fierce and the games were always played on the edge.

Eddie recalled "Fifth Years" trailing by two points as the game entered the final moments when Vinny fisted the ball to the net from close range inside a crowded area. The final whistle sounded soon after, and the goal scorer was immediately granted hero status.

Eddie Harvey taught at St. Eunan's College for



by Ciaran O'Donnell

almost all of his working life and is held in the highest regard by the thousands who passed through the famous gates. He was always so supportive and encouraging of all of his students and continued to have an interest in their life paths long after they left.

There were countless times when he went above and beyond the call of duty to help keep those who needed an extra bit of tuition to keep up to speed.

## And finally...

Have always admired the work of the award-winning journalist, Susan McKay, and her appointment as the Press Ombudsman last week makes her the first woman to fill the position.

Commenting on her appointment, the Derry woman rightly acknowledged that in print and online, public interest journalism is experiencing profound challenges in Ireland.

"We need, and we have, superb journalists - people have a right to insist that our media uphold the highest standards," she said. Never has there been a bigger need for a free and independent press than in these current times.

Both are crucial to a functioning and democratic society.



Local cyclists Sean McFadden and Colm Richardson in good spirits before the start of the Mizen to Malin Cycle last Friday morning.

## Ray Group launches Development Draw



Ray Community Group Committee Members including Treasurer Fiona Boyle, Gerard McFadden, Bridgena McFadden, Chairperson Declan Meehan, Shaun McFadden, PRO Layla Kuyper at the launch of the draw.

The Ray Community Group have launched a Development Draw as the latest fundraising activity for the new Astro Pitch and Walking Track at Ray Community Centre. Tickets are on sale now for the six weekly draws that will take place starting on October 1st, giving everyone something to look forward to over the coming months.

Tickets are €50 each, and there will be a total of €10,000 up for grabs, with weekly prizes of €500, €400, €300 and €200, and additional bonus prizes worth €1,600 in Week 1.

Fiona Boyle, Treasurer of Ray Community Group commented "Our aim is to increase the facilities at the Centre to allow members of the local and surrounding communities to benefit from

activities that can support both their physical and mental health. The Astro Pitch and Walking track will complement the existing facilities that include a woodland playground, tennis court and large Community Centre with numerous meeting rooms, a digital hub and industrial kitchen."

"We would like to thank everyone for their support so far with our fundraising efforts. The new Astro Pitch and Walking Track will be a fantastic resource for the wider community," said Declan Meehan, Chairperson of the Group "We also have a number of other fundraising events coming up over the next few months, including a Come Dine With Me style event at the centre in October. We look forward to sharing

more about this soon.

To buy tickets for the development draw go to [www.bit.ly/raydevelopmentdraw](http://www.bit.ly/raydevelopmentdraw), find the link on the Centre Facebook page or speak with any committee member.

They have been allocated funding from the Sports Capital Fund for a state of the art new Astro Pitch. However, due to the cost of building materials increasing the final cost of the project is now coming in at around €70,000 above the allocated grant.

The group have been running a number of different fundraising events over the summer to help make up the funding shortfall, from a walk and BBQ day, to a camping weekend, with many more events planned.



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### HOUSING (TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION) ACT 1998 TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME 2019 - 2024

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 17(1)(a) of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act 1998, that Donegal County Council intends to complete a mid-term review of their Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 - 2024.

Submissions are invited to inform the review and these can be made in writing to the Traveller Accommodation Unit, Milford PSC, Milford, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on or before **Friday 12th August 2022**.

A copy of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 - 2024 can be viewed on the Council's website ([www.donegalcoco.ie](http://www.donegalcoco.ie)).

A copy of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 - 2024 may be purchased on payment of a €5 fee.

## Ray Community Group

### Camping fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who came to our camping weekend fundraiser and helped to make it so memorable! A total of €2800 was raised for our Astro Pitch & Walking Track Fund. Stay tuned, it might happen again in August.

### Yoga Classes

Yoga classes at Ray Community Centre on Saturday mornings from 10am to 11am. Start your weekend off right. Beginners welcome. Contact Jane Watt for more information on 086-8367776.

### Kickboxing

Kickboxing classes at Ray Community Centre on Saturdays. Kids/adults classes running at the same time in different rooms. Spaces still available. For information contact

Mayhem Martial Arts on Facebook or on +44 7843 883722

### Rooms to Rent

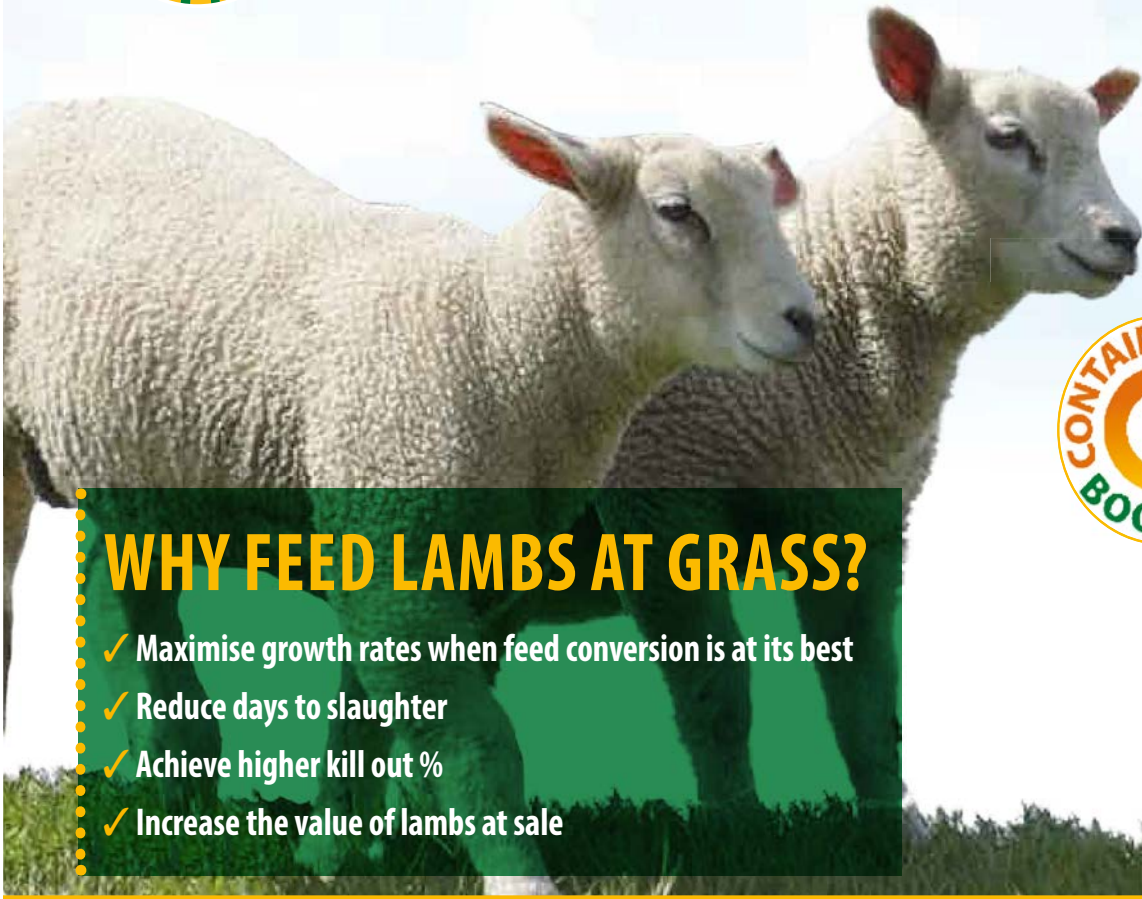
Ray Community Centre has great indoor and outdoor spaces available to rent. Including a football pitch, large covered outdoor area with picnic tables, forest play area for children.

The Digital Hub has had a recent makeover. The hub has high speed broadband, and Mobile Smart Presentation TV screens. We have many other rooms for rent including a fully fitted industrial kitchen, three different sizes of rooms and a large sports hall (exercise classes, summer camps, birthday parties, confirmation, first communion bookings). Contact Syria on 087 2877900



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### Kathleen McCusker retires from Naionra An Tearmainn



Adh Mor Kathleen McCusker on her retirement from Naionra An Tearmainn after 19 years of service looking after the youth of the Parish. The current, past pupils and parents wish Kathleen a happy retirement. **Pictured above left** - Kathleen with some of the 2022 graduating class; **Right** - Kathleen pictured with the Gallagher family. **Below left** - Kathleen with past parents and friends Madeline McDaid, Nicola Harkin, Kath McSharry, Ann Timney and **below right** Kathleen with current co worker Siobhan fellow retiree Nora Murray & Suzanne Nic Géidi from CNNG.



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## A Rathmullan Woman in exile...

# A beard that Billy Connolly would envy

I'm just back from the weekend in Rathmullan and it's very hard to settle back into Mounthugent. The journey was hot and uncomfortable in the heat but I listened to the hurling final to pass the time... well all I could hear of it anyway with the windows wide open and me hoppin' along at top speed. Himself knows at this stage to leave me alone for a while and not ask questions or talk to me for a couple of hours after I return to this world or he'll get the head snapped off him.

He was happily rooting around in the old milking parlour with Peter and the kids when I returned, locating the source of a big water leak which was causing havoc with the pump in the well. There was a patch-up plumbing job done to tide us over till Monday morning when the professionals can get at it. Our regular professional who can fix and improve just about anything made by mankind is the little whiskery fella.

The poor devil got a touch of cancer a few years ago and put it over him but the fekn thing is back and he's off to the Mater for a bit of poking and prodding this week. I sincerely hope he can be repaired because apart from being one of the best handymen in the country he's also a damn good friend and life is better with him in it.

It was the Earagail Arts Week while I was in Rathmullan and there were a few bands playing at Rick and Libby's brewery, the K2 in Letterkenny. They always make a great effort to support the arts and contribute to the community in any way they can. I went in on Saturday afternoon for a nosey and despite the rain there was a nice crowd there in the tent enjoying the jazz, the beer and the pizzas.

I heard one smartarse wondering where the wine and cheese were and then going on to say that of course you only serve crisps with beer. He must be several shades of thick if he thought wine was made in a brewery; I'd say the nearest he

*I was doing a bit of meditating in the sun when I got a waft of buck goat on the breeze and there was the whole flock splattered out in the sun a hundred or so feet below me. Moll was on her best behaviour and there wasn't a squeak out of her as we moved quietly round them. We stayed down wind of them so they didn't hear or scent us coming till we were just a few feet above them...*

ever got to wine growing up was the vinegar on his chips! It was my first time to see the new bar, the Tap Room in the brewery; it's a great job and a marvellous asset for visitors to be able to sample the wares on site. I wish them the best of good luck with it.

Mark was working all day, every day while I was up so I headed over to Kerrykeel on Sunday morning at 7am and had the brekkie with him before he sailed off to yet another 12 hour shift in Letterkenny.

It was very hot on Sunday morning and while everything was generally lovely in the apartment there was a faint underlying whiff of something dodgy. I had a rummage round while he was in the jax and found the food bin was full to the brim and growing a crop of blue fur fit to take a prize at a show.

It was practically bubbling with a life of its own. I transferred the entire heaving mass into a couple of bin bags and pegged it into the back of the Cad-dy for dumping in the dirty bin in Mounthugent. Big mistake! The stench almost choked me on the return journey, hence the wide open windows (the cursing and swearing) and the nearly inaudible hurling final on the radio. Never ever again will I do a good turn for anyone in my entire life, it's just not worth the hassle.

Work is unsettled and feels very insecure at the moment. The whole vaccination programme is quiet while people are away on holidays and folk seem to just be tired of the endless variants and vaccinations. We've been running pop-up clinics around the county and bringing the service to the people to make it more accessible for them. That's grand for the three days a week that the clinics are open but the other four days are very quiet. I think that it's coming to the time for me to look for some other work until things hopefully ramp up again in the autumn. Does anyone feel like employing a middle aged ould wan who hasn't yet decided what she wants to do when she grows up?

(Thought not!).

I met Brian and Mary at the clinic in Gowna during the week and I thought that Brian was somehow familiar and further exploration revealed that we all knew each other from Rathmullan. Mark had been to school with one of their gossons in Cavan and they attend Mass in Oughterlin when they're in Rathmullan. Small world.

We've been up and down the country with sheep and lambs to the slaughter and mares to stud this last week or so. It's fabulous driving round the country these lovely long, warm evenings but it's dear bought the next morning when you have to crawl off the nest and get to work after not enough hours sleep.

My cousin Auriel was staying with Garrett and Margaret in Rathmullan while I was up and it was lovely to see her and spend a bit of time nattering. She was going for a swim each day at the Kinnegar and I went with her for the walk on the Saturday. She invited me to swim with her but I'm not a water baby; I can't stand water in my ears... not in the shower, not in the hair dressers and definitely not in the sea. I said I'd go along to offer immoral support and tell how it happened in the event of a mishap.

Needless to say all went perfectly, as long as you don't count the yelps and screeches as the very cold water reached higher and higher! I'm sure it was very invigorating and healthy but not for a pensioner will I risk getting cold water into the nooks and crannies in my head although I don't mind it in any of the other ones. Fair play to Auriel, she's a tougher wan than me.

On Sunday I went for my first ramble in the hills since I did in my leg at Easter. Myself and Moll (Garrett's dog) drove up to the three crosses at Glenvar and headed off across the hills towards Ballymastrocker. We went as far as the wee lake and spent a bit of time exploring around it before re tracing our steps because I had lost my T-shirt along the way.



Kate Carton

It was very warm so I had taken off the top layer and was walking just in jeans and a bikini top but because my left leg is still very weak I had fallen several times and left the T behind me in the heather at some stage. I found it alright and proceeded up to a high rock to sit down and congratulate myself on surviving thus far. I was doing a bit of meditating in the sun when I got a waft of buck goat on the breeze and there was the whole flock splattered out in the sun a hundred or so feet below me.

Moll was on her best behaviour and there wasn't a squeak out of her as we moved quietly round them. We kept the hill between us and them and stayed down wind of them so they didn't hear or scent us coming till we were just a few feet above them. They're an interesting and varied group of about 25+ made up of several females of all makes and shapes and their kids, a few juveniles and the old band master himself (the source of the pungent fragrance!).

He has a fantastic pair of horns which must be about two feet long and a beard which Billy Connolly would envy. There were loads of frogs on the hills too; more than I had ever seen there before, probably as a result of the rain the previous day. Everything was humid and damp and perfect for froggy outings. It looks as though there will be a good crop of fraochans this summer if the plants and buds on them are anything to go by. They're gorgeous little berries but it's a bit of a race to get a few of them before the goats and the deer Hoover them up. I thoroughly enjoyed my weekend in Rathmullan and I really look forward to the next one; indeed, if I'm made redundant in the meantime I'll look forward to a very, very long weekend next time!

## Irish Superbike trophy for Kerr

Richard Kerr and the AMD Motorsport team enjoyed a successful foray into the Irish Superbike Championship at the weekend with the Kilmacrennan rider winning Sunday's second race at Bishopscourt and with it the highly prestigious Neil Robinson Memorial Trophy.

Competing at the venue for the first time in three years and for the first time on the CBR1000RR Honda Fireblade, the 22-year old quickly got dialled in to the 1.824-mile circuit despite limited track time and qualified in third place behind championship leader Alastair Seeley and Jason Lynn.

Saturday saw two races take place with the first, held over the shortened distance of six laps, seeing Seeley and his Yamaha R1 Superbike lead from start to finish but Richard lapped more than a second quicker than what he'd done in qualifying and was only 4.4s adrift at the chequered flag.

The second encounter later in the day, held over eight laps, followed a similar pattern although Richard led in the early stages on this occasion. He upped his pace further to 1'07.094s and although former double British Champion and record North West 200 race winner Seeley managed to overhaul him, Richard claimed another fine second place.

The Co. Down venue again enjoyed perfect conditions on Sunday and although Seeley completed his hat-trick in the first Superbike race, Richard

again led in the early stages and set yet another personal best, 1'06.389s, on his way to a third successive runner's up position.

That just left the feature 12-lap Neil Robinson Memorial Superbike race and Richard saved the best until last, leading from start to finish to win the highly prestigious trophy that has been

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won in the past by some of the sport's finest riders including Joey Dunlop OBE MBE and Carl Fogarty MBE. Seeley crashed out on lap four.

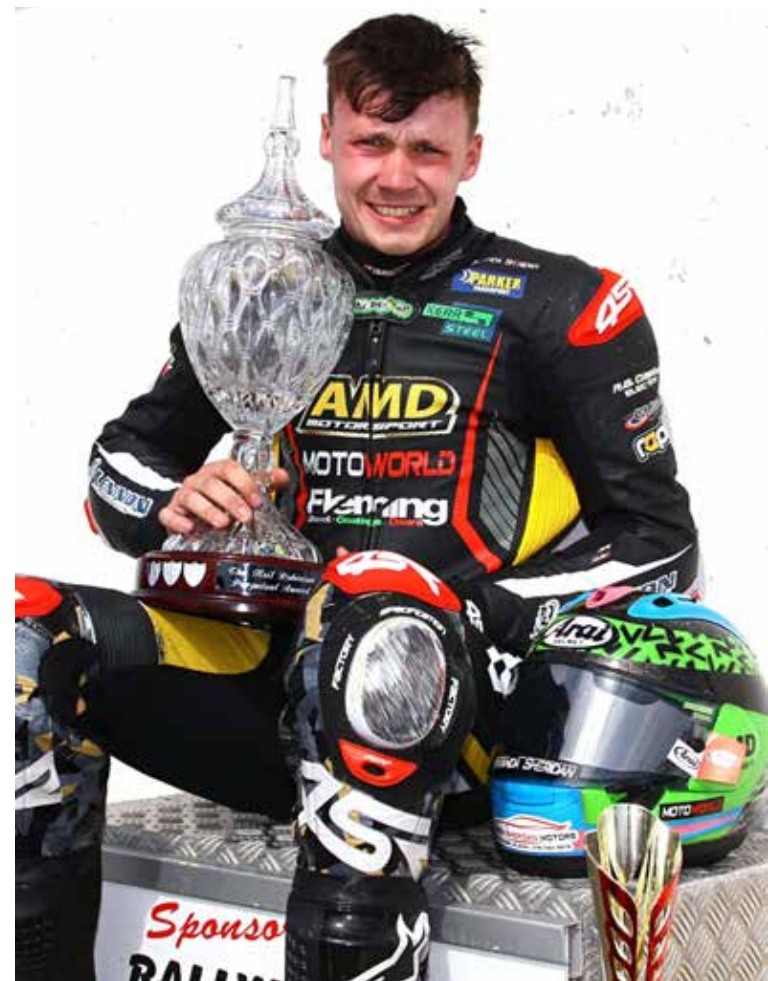
Kerr was very happy with the way the weekend went. "I really enjoyed the weekend and ending it with a win and the Neil Robinson Memorial Trophy was the obvious highlight. It was my first time at the circuit in three years and my first on the big bike and there was no time to settle as it was straight into full attack mode for qualifying! I got quicker and quicker with each outing though and I was pleased with my times on the Stock bike."

"Alastair was on a Superbike with slick

tyres, so he had the edge and he was strong getting out of the corners, particularly coming onto the start and finish straight. He got the better of me in the first three races but then tucked the front in the last when just behind me, so it was nice to get the win and a big trophy! It was good to get a run out ahead of Brands and the Sunflower meeting

being held here later in the year so a big thanks to the AMD Motorsport team and all my sponsors."

AMD owner Fraser Dykes was pleased with the performances at Bishopscourt. "It was AMD's first time at Bishopscourt and Richard's first on the big bike and it was great to see improvements made all weekend culminating in the win in race four and a trophy to take home! After Knockhill and a four-week gap in the BSB calendar we were keen to keep the momentum going with track time on the bike for Richard, hence the Honda test at Donington a fortnight ago and Bishopscourt USBK this weekend. It's been great to give Richard that wee bit



Richard Kerr with the Neil Robinson trophy at Bishopstown. Picture by Stephen Davison - Pacemaker Press International

extra time on the bike so we can't wait for Brands Hatch this coming weekend to see what we can do there."

Richard and the team head to

Brands Hatch, Kent this weekend for round five of the Pirelli National Superstock Championship where he'll be looking to add to the win achieved last time out at Knockhill.

# Ballyare charity vehicle run this Sunday



## Ciste Rochtanna 2022 Gairm Oscailte ar Mhaoiniú

Tá gairm oscailte ar mhaoiniú seolta ag Seirbhís Breisoideachais agus Oiliúna (FET) ETB Dhún na nGall, i gcomhar le SOLAS; tá sé mar aidhm ag an mhaoiniú tacaíocht a thabhairt do Sholáthraithe/Ghrúpaí áitiúla Oideachais Pobail.

Tógann Ciste Rochtanna 2022 ar rath na cistí roimhe sin (MAEDF) agus tá sé mar aidhm aige aghaidh a thabhairt ar mhíbhuntáiste oideachasúil a d'fhéadfadh a bheith amhlaidh i gcás foghlaimoirí fásta áirithe. Tá an ciste dírithe go háirithe ar thacú le spéis na ndaoine san fhoghlaim a mhúscailt nó a athmhúscailt. Tá sé mar aidhm ag an gairm seo bacainní ar rannpháirtíocht i FET a laghdú, go háirithe trí rochtain níos mó ar theicneolaíochtaí digiteacha, ar threalamh agus ar acmhainní eile a éascú.

**Cuireadh catagóirí maoinithe nua le Reach 2022 fosta-tionscadail ghlasa nuálacha agus imeachtaí/feachtais feasachta a chuireann le beartas agus reachtaíocht comhionannais ina measc.**

Tuilleadh eolais gus páca iarratais ar fáil ó Breda Mc Andrew, bredamcandrew7553@donegaletb.ie Teil: 074 9725520, nó, ó Aidan Mc Closkey, aidanmcloskey@donegaletb.ie

**Dé hAoine, 19 Lúnasa 2022 is ea an dáta deiridh le hiarratais a chur isteach.**

## Reach Fund 2022 Open Call for Funding

Donegal ETB's Further Education and Training (FET) Service, in conjunction with SOLAS, has launched an open call for funding aimed at providing support for local Community Education Providers/Groups.

The Reach Fund 2022 (formerly MAEDF) builds on the success of the previous funds and is intended to go towards addressing educational disadvantage which may be experienced by adult learners. It is particularly focused on supporting the engagement and re-engagement of learners in the community. This call aims to reduce barriers to participation in FET, in particular by facilitating greater access to digital technologies, equipment, and other resources.

**New funding categories have also been added to Reach 2022, including innovative green projects and events/awareness campaigns that contribute to equality policy and legislation.**

Further information and an application pack are available from Breda Mc Andrew, bredamcandrew7553@donegaletb.ie  
Tel: 074 9725520, or, from Aidan Mc Closkey, aidanmcloskey@donegaletb.ie

**The closing date for submission of applications is 12.00 noon on Friday, 19th August 2022.**

Motorbikes, tractors and cars are all welcome to a charity run on this Sunday the 24th of July in association with the Ballyare 10k.

Two charities Cancer Northwest and the Donegal Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society will benefit from the fundraiser. Registrations will take place at Carr's of Diamond from 1pm. The vehicles will commence the charity run at 2pm sharp and will head to Ramelton, Milford, Kilmacrennan and back to Carr's of the Diamond where light refreshments will be served. Entry fee is €20 per vehicle. One of the organisers Tommy Doherty says that after three years when such fundraisers couldn't take place due to Covid he is hoping a big turnout to support two very worthy causes.

Already interest is building and there is a confirmation that the iconic Honda 50 will be making an appearance.

The organisers are asking all those in the local vintage car scene to be part of the run along with the tractors and of course as many motorbikes as possible.



Jackie Prendergast, Main Street Carrigart, with his daughter Kate McGrath who graduated on the 1st of July 2022 from the Ulster University Coleraine having received First Class Honours in a BA Honours in History with Education. Kate also received two awards, the John Springhall Prize and the Thompson Memorial History Award. The John Springhall prize is awarded to the student with the best undergraduate History dissertation in modern British and/or British imperial history and the Thompson Memorial History Award for the best overall performance in the final examinations. Kate is continuing her studies in September at Ulster where she has secured a place on the History PGCE course. She is a past pupil of the Loreto Community School Milford.

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## Confirm school transport requirements

Following the Government announcement that the school transport scheme will be free to families in 2022/2023, Bus Éireann has reconfigured its online family portal and is advising families that it has now reopened. Bus Éireann operates the school transport scheme on behalf of the Department of Education.

"We have emailed all registered families this morning advising them of their next steps. The first thing they should do is to check their in-box. The email has a link to bring them directly to the new confirmation page on the website," said Miriam Flynn, Chief Schools Officer, Bus Éireann. "It is fantastic to be able to offer free school transport for this coming school year. The system is a little different but very simple – it just requires people to click a button to request their ticket. We are urging them to log in to the portal as quickly as possible and get that confirmation in as tickets cannot issue without this request on the system." People who have already made a payment for school transport do not need to take any further action and will be refunded around the start of the school year. Free school transport is a temporary measure introduced by the Government to provide assistance to families for the current year.

**Win a €50 Voucher**

## Where's Shanagh?!



If you can spot Shanagh hiding in one of our Adverts this week text us on 086 2147088. You could win a €50 voucher for Whoriskey's of Ramelton She can be hiding in any advert on any page.... just txt us your name and address and the advert she's in before Monday 25th July at 6pm to be in with a chance to win...

This week's winner was Margaret Owens, Mulroy Woods Hotel, Milford who found Shanagh in the Carr's of the Diamond Ballyare Advert on Page 35 and wins a €50 voucher for Whoriskey's of Ramelton.



# TCS donates laptops to Ukrainian community

TCS Global Delivery Centre, Letterkenny responded to a county-wide appeal from the Donegal Intercultural Platform to help establish an education and communication support hub in Letterkenny, which will be dedicated to assisting families from Ukraine. They are donating to the Donegal Intercultural Platform, and the Red Cross who will distribute them to Ukrainian families living in Donegal.

The Donegal Intercultural Platform plans to refurbish a vacant office space in Letterkenny to create a drop-in hub with internet access allowing people to contact friends and family which will also be used as a place to work and study. The Hub will also include private interview rooms for counselling and meetings as well as a place to get signposting and assistance about employment, existing services, and entitlements.

Commenting on the initiative Brian Kelly, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility at TCS Letterkenny said, "In times like this, it's important for us to all come together to support those most impacted by this conflict. We are delighted to support this initiative to help those who have sought shelter in the northwest of Ireland. TCS globally, is assisting in several ways, and this dona-



Anupam Singhal, TCS Vice President and Head of BFSI US East and members of the TCS Letterkenny team photographed with representatives from Irish Red Cross, Donegal branch and the Donegal Intercultural Platform as TCS Letterkenny donate 121 laptops and office equipment to the Donegal Intercultural Platform and the Red Cross. From left are Charles O'Donnell, Jonathan Bradley, TCS, Carmel Clingain Irish Red Cross, Victoria Clingain, Con Ferry, Irish Red Cross, Donegal branch, Anupam Singhal, TCS, Nolunga Shologu, Donegal Intercultural Platform, (DIP) Kathryn Daily, DIP, and Thobia Ahmed DIP, Yatin Pawar, TCS, and Pooja Chopra, TCS. Back row (l-r) are Anil Kumar, Orla Bourke, Jane Doyle, Chris Lynch, Andrea McBride, Tim Kelley, and Brian Kelly, TCS Letterkenny.



Some of the crowd including Margart Carton, right, enjoying La Pompe who performed at Kinnegar Brewery as part of the Earagail Arts Festival on Saturday.

tion of laptops is TCS Letterkenny's way of playing our part."

Ray Mackey, at the Irish Red Cross Society, said, "It is initiatives like this to support local refugees that make their situation, and the roles of all parties supporting them, much easier. We could not continue our work without such vital contributions and generosity. We are very grateful to TCS Letterkenny for their hard work in bringing this to fruition. The impact this donation of laptops will have on the lives of so many refugees in Donegal is huge."

Donegal Intercultural Project Co-ordinator Paul Kernan said the laptops would be distributed to key locations to enable internet access for those who needed it most and to places where people were without suitable technology, many hav-

ing left home with one bag and a mobile phone. "Many people are working through mobile phones which are very limited in functionality and ease-of-use. The generous donation of office equipment will allow us to furnish the vacant office space which is next door to our Letterkenny base at Academy Court."

He added, "We have secured some funds for the employment of a part-time development worker but had no resources for the office equipment or furniture needed to equip this service. We are delighted with the assistance and laptop donation from TCS Global Delivery Centre, Letterkenny."

Globally, TCS has joined an initiative called The Sunflower Project by The Tent Partnership For Refugees, an international non-profit organisation. The project

will support Ukrainian refugee women in Europe by hiring them directly into their workforces; training, upskilling, or mentoring them; connecting them to remote freelance work opportunities, and more. As part of this project, TCS provides in-kind donations as well as pro-bono services to refugee-focused organizations.

### The Donegal Intercultural Platform

The Donegal Intercultural Platform is a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) that supports members of Black Minority Ethnic communities, refugees and people seeking asylum and migrants across the county through a community work approach. The Donegal Intercultural Platform is part-funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, TUSLA, HSE and CYPSC.

## Kinnegar - Follow the Hops day as part of the Earagail Arts Festival



Teresa McGinley and Charlie Clarke



Niamh Hughes and Adrian Boyle



Thomas Carroll, Sean McCarthy and Libby Carton, Kinnegar Brewery for the Earagail Arts Festival - Follow the Hops day on Saturday.



Sarah Hartin, Karen Hewitt and Patrick Harris



Sarah Brennan and Stephen Gallagher



Ash Haynes and Barry Dineen



# Rebels in Fianna Fail: but that's okay

## Comment

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The huge slew of opinion polls putting SF into top spot with the electorate has been pretty well this way since the General Election of February 2020 when the country voted for change... which was not delivered. Ever since, the electorate has been waiting in the long grass of the next general election when the outcome may well be more marked. However, the next general election is some way off and nobody can begin to predict the result. For any party to be in a position of winning overall power, they will need to win second and third seats right across the country to reach the magic figure of 85 deputies. No party, so far, has emerged with a poll rating into a mid 40% figure so it is all to play for over these next two years. The one thing that is certain is the government is ignoring the big ticket issues at the risk of further falls in their popularity. Cost of living is by far and away the top priority and the demand for a mini-budget is clearly evident. Housing and Healthcare are the next two major concerns with Government corruption/incompetence slightly ahead of climate action in the public mind. The notion that the government can sail off into their holidays and do nothing about the effects that inflation is now having on those who can cope the least will come back to bite them when the Dail returns. Because the prospect of a budget with record increases in pensions and social welfare will have been overtaken by inflation and no amount of posturing will excuse that kind of political

opportunism. The cost of living crisis is impacting nearly every person in the country and inflation is at the highest point in 38 years: yet the Government sees no need to intervene. The Irish Times poll ranged across 17 different choices and the findings are quite stark for the government. The Dail adjourned last Thursday evening with those findings already well publicised and debated across the country's media platforms. But was anyone in the Cabinet listening? Perhaps they were otherwise busy. But wait for it: over the weekend the term FF rebels caught the attention of the media... perhaps rebels without a cause would have been more appropriate since those named are all backbenchers who will be expected to vote for Leo Varadkar as Taoiseach come December. I don't recall that agenda being part of De Valera's thinking in the formation of his new party to deliver a United Ireland. But that's another beaten docket in Irish politics. The mind boggles! What is also most startling are the findings from the opinion poll figures with 70% saying the country is going in the wrong direction and a further 70% predicting the economy will worsen in the coming year. The government has ignored the fact that almost 50% of those polled about the effect of the cost of living increases saying that life is a lot more difficult. Almost three quarters being polled are saying that the financial position of

their household will get worse in the next year. And there are very strong public indications (45%) suggesting that the cost of living crisis will last for more than two years. All the poll figures reveal that support for the Government, at 31% is a slump of 12 points while Leo Varadkar's rating is at 36%: down 12: with Micheál Martin down 11 to 40%. And as inflation digs deeper into the political landscape, there is a 56% figure in favour of an increase in public sector pay. Last week's Ipsos MRBI poll for the Irish Times shows that support for the coalition has slumped as cost of living pressures mount. Earlier in the week, the Sunday Independent poll indicated that 78% think there will be a recession in the next twelve months. Perhaps, more significantly 39% of respondents said there should be an emergency budget. These figures indicate why the polls are playing out in a certain manner and the public believes the Government is simply not listening to their pleas for help. In these past two years things have changed dramatically, but that applies to all parties and not Sinn Fein alone. The polls of the past ten days are quite dismal for the Government, much to nobody's surprise. Listen only to the FF and FG spin about how they are delivering for those most in need as food and fuel prices have already raced miles ahead of wages and we all know that worse is to come. Come September 14th when the Dail returns, Micheál Martin will be on the last lap of his legacy tour of the three green fields attempting to massage our egos in the hope that he can convince people to look away from Sinn Fein and back to the Republican Party as their only hope for the future... The main issue there is that people have been putting their trust in the Eff and Efficers for close to a hundred years. After that time, patience is running against the party with the new younger generation showing scant interest in what Martin's party represents. Insofar as Fine Gael is concerned, they're now into their 12th year in continuous office aided and abetted all the way by Fianna Fail: yet they have this unique ability forget their own

failures and they want to shine a light on Mary Lou who said it would take SF ten years to resolve the crises now increasing with every passing day. There is no point in ignoring the reality of Ireland's failed politics: failed policies and a whole new raft of oven-ready plans that are not going anywhere because they are loaded with the failed twaddle of the last twelve years. At the same time it would be premature for SF to start talking up being in Government. They should have been at the Cabinet table in 2020: but the politics of exclusion dealt a hand. We've already witnessed this in Northern Ireland and even in this year's Assembly Elections, the basic fault lines of the Good Friday Agreement were laid bare when Naomi Long and the Alliance Party got 17 seats and never a hope of getting one of the Province's top table posts at Stormont. However, both FF and FG have form on these issues. They do not want a border poll. That is a very basic reality. The time has come when swatting away any demand for a border poll with the feeble excuse of 'now is not the time for a poll'. We all know that there will be a time for a border poll but we are lagging away behind in making the essential preparations for this plebiscite. That is a democratic reality but the preparation for a poll will take at least five to ten years. Offering only denial is no longer an option because the electorate of this island deserves better. Can you just even begin to imagine what the political landscape might look like in an all island assembly? Would it promote the demise of FF and FG: is that their biggest fear and their one-dimensional response to a Border Poll? Most certainly, it would see the end of the current two-party agenda in the Republic and it would create a whole new dynamic that will challenge all those elected representatives to deliver a better life for those now left behind in the tailspin of Government Ministers reciting a handful of points joined together by the party marketing machines merely to make the public accept the kind of unambitious bluster that is used to talk down the clock on interviews. This is an insult to our intelligence. Here in Donegal, we've been forced to listen to this twaddle

on the Mica Redress Scheme as Government spokesmen try to convince us that this deal is the end of the rainbow and the good fairy is waiting with a trowel full of money to pay off our mica rebuilding... Nothing could be further from the truth: yet we heard the Taoiseach with this same repetitive old line last Friday. So how does Micheál Martin and Charlie McConalogue square the circle that saw the redress bill railroaded through the Dail and 80 hard-worked amendments were tossed in the dustbin of political failure? How do they square the circle where hundreds of families are lining up to join Colman Legal in a High Court action to recover the losses that these families expect as the redress payment from this legislation falls well short of meeting the overall cost? People and particularly, the Mica Action Group with their forensic insight into the failures of the redress legislation are no fools. But why has the legislation fallen woefully short of expectations and why has the Mica campaign been left with no other option, apart from forming a new political party? Then, of course the FF backbenchers are now tied into voting for Leo Varadkar as Taoiseach on December 14th! For the first time in the history of the Dail, Fianna Fail will have to back a FG Taoiseach. So where did it all go wrong after FF and FG basked in the glory of defeating SF's no confidence motion in the House. Their parliamentary party meetings were beside themselves with the excitement of it all. But roll forward a couple of hours when the worst opinion poll result for this government came rolling off the Irish Times presses. Leo Varadkar hit out at Sinn Féin, hailing the no confidence win as a good day for both party and Government. "There won't be a Sinn Féin led Government this year, next year, the year after or maybe not even after that," he said exultantly. He did not even have time to sleep on it when the grim news of the poll came along. Satisfaction with the Government and its leaders was simply out the window. The Government's rating has fallen by 12 points, from 43 per cent in April to 31% today, the lowest rating since the Government was formed two years ago. Fianna Fáil down three points, Fine Gael by four points and the Greens are at just 3% to give the Government parties a combined support of just 41% of voters, compared to a combined support of 53% a year ago. Support for the Shinners grew has grown by three points to 36%, its highest level ever in this series, and younger voters are particularly impressed. Just under half of respondents (49) say that it has become a lot more difficult to manage financially and obviously nobody among the Government grassroots told Micheál and Leo that the cost of living was already out of the reach of normal people with no money to pay for the basic essentials. This latest slew of poll findings will cause much anxiety in government circles: but nothing compared to Fianna Fail with the news of the rebels putting their heads above the parapet. But don't say I told you: nobody will face a court martial or be expelled.

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# Fanad's dry stone wa

It is mid-afternoon on Saturday on the Fanad Peninsula and the heat is battering out a cool 24 degrees.

By John McAteer

Over at Arraheera, with the lighthouse in the background, a big crowd is busy at work: they had assembled earlier in the morning with the task to restore 120 metres of dry stone wall. If it's stone you are after, you'd be hard put to find a better place.

The original wall was probably a part of that history of a bygone era when it was the only way to mark land boundaries: either that or the long acre. It is amazing the amount of interest and energy that goes into these restoration pieces of work and the scene across the road from the local tavern resembled beavers building a dam.

And they had loud, loud music blaring...

Christy Moore was giving it the full whack.

*"Oh once this quiet crossroads was a place of gentle prayer: Where Catholics got indulgent once or twice a year.*

*You could buy a pair of rosary beads or get your candles blessed:*

*If you had a guilty conscience you could get it off your chest.*

*Then came the priest from Partry,*

*Father Horan was his name:*

*And since he's been appointed,*

*Knock has never been the same.*

*"B'God" says Jem, "tis eighty years since Mary was about":*

*"Tis time for another miracle,"*

*and he blew the candle out.*

*From Fatima to Bethlehem,*

*from Lourdes to Kiltimagh,*

*There's never been a miracle*

*like the airport up in Knock."*

The craic seemed to be quite the gig in the stillness of the afternoon heat and perhaps it suited the occasion that was unfolding. As the ballad faded away, the rains came phishing down, but nobody minded because building dry stone walls is done best by keeping your head down and your backside in the air. It made for great pictures: but originally photography, perhaps not!

**It's the chain gang...**

And when things

were in full flight, the unexpected happened. A carload of American visitors stopped by to ask the obvious question.... "Are you all part of the same Chain Gang?"

The toils of the workforce made life easy for the expert eyes of the instructors to ensure that the stones pointed in the right direction. But it took time and a fine degree of skill but the craic was mighty. Given that there were dozens of new builders onsite, there were many different styles, yet somehow they were all neatly entwined in a work of art for future generations.

And there are many skilled stonemasons in Fanad and their work is now joined by the many others who came along to help out.

Dry stone walls date back for hundreds of years and they are essentially a huge part of our heritage. Right now, a big effort is ongoing to rebuild those ancient walls. The craft is alive and well and is being passed down the generations. Fanad, like most other rural parishes, has a large number of such walls surrounding fields and the farms. However, so much of that heritage has been plundered in the name of progress.

However, restoration is never too late and we witnessed that prime example of community enterprise over the weekend at Fanad Head. And the workers have many skills that are a vital part of these restorations.

Nowadays there are many women involved and they are equally adept



Caite Fealty places a time caps

as their male counterparts when it comes to putting stones in perfect symmetry: a joy to behold, really.

A stonemason, like that of the Thatcher, is an art and today its promotion is proving vital in so many of our communities.

And so in Arraheera, the job continued to completion through Sunday: thankfully there was a fair whack of Factor 50+ to soothe the furrowed brows as every linkbox load of

stone was bringing the work to a perfect conclusion. A good job well done and thanks to everyone that came along. A weekend of big memories, quiet satisfaction: the music,



Fanad's own stone builders Eddie Sweeney and Harry McGrenaghan.



Paddy Gildea came from Letterkenny to lend his support to Anne Biddie and Caite Fealty.



Shauna and Aidan McAteer with children Ciaran and Aidan.



Joe McHugh who did much of the back office work to get the stone wall constructed pictured with family members and Anne Biddie at Arraheera.



Time for an early water break in Saturday's searing heat.

# all built in record time



through local interest and a group of stonemasons have expressed their interest in the weekend. Among the busy participants were Seán Ó Coistealbha, Chief Executive Officer of Muintearas.

The two day workshop on dry stone wall techniques was a big and visible success complete with the big coping stone of former centuries. It was a big community effort where crafts workers who were already skilled brought their knowledge to a newer generation keen to learn the craft.

Dr Michael Kennedy's talk on Friday evening reflected on the coast-watchers of Horn Head,

capsule with the names of all the workers in the new wall.



The finished wall at Araheera with the majestic lighthouse in the background.



Thomas Coll from Sessiagh adding his expertise to the work.

Dolly Parton, Mike Denver and families walking their dogs in the rapid heat of the afternoon and the craftwork that was being created.

This was a great two day occasion in the wonderfully named townland, Arraheera Na Bínne and people from everywhere came along: obviously with the building taking place right on the road to the lighthouse, many stopped to take a picture of their visit.

'When history and dry stone walls meet... in Fanad' read the Tribune's story on the project last Thursday. Caite Fealty put the task for the weekend in place with talks on local history and more than forty came along to rebuild the former stone wall. It is now completed and it includes a time capsule with the names of all the workers preserved in a glass jar.

Caite Fealty said the matter of getting the drystone workshop came

Melmore Head and Fanad Head and the Battle of the Atlantic around the Donegal coastline during World War Two. On Saturday evening, archaeologist Michael Gibbons turned his attention to coastal archaeology. Both talks were fascinating and offered much insight and information on our storied past as a maritime county.

They had a vital influence on the development of Ireland's pro-Allied neutrality and on the defence of Ireland during 'The Emergency', as through their reports G2 assessed the direction of the Battle of the Atlantic off Ireland and reported belligerent threats to the state upwards to the Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces, to the Cabinet and Taoiseach and Minister for External Affairs Eamon de Valera.



Mary Friel casting her eye over the scene.

As well as Michael's talk there were a number of artifacts from the Laurentic on display: this was hosted by Kevin McShane.

It was a great weekend that blended crafts, skills and tremendous amount of community participation and good vibrations at a job well done.



Former Education Minister Joe McHugh is taught a thing or two about stone walls by Aidan McAteer.



Jimmy Sweeney (with black cap) watching the construction of the wall.



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# Rosapenna to get Ireland's biggest golf complex

Donegal's ailing tourism business has been given a major shot in the arm this week with confirmation that Frankie Casey the proprietor of the Rosapenna Hotel in Downings is to construct Ireland's largest private golf complex with work due to begin in late September. A planning application for the development has already been submitted to Donegal County Council and it is anticipated that the project will go ahead without any problems. The Rosapenna Golf Hotel and course is already in the top five in Ireland for facilities and the new complex costing more than two million Euro is set to give

Donegal a lead in facilities for activity and sports holidays. Mr. Casey hopes to have the new complex open for June of 2003 and it will coincide with the opening of a second 18 holes course at the hotel. The existing course is regarded as one of the prime links courses in these islands and a nine hole academy course is also being developed. One of the most significant factors is that the new course and development will bring the Rosapenna club up to full championship standard. When the golf complex is completed Frankie Casey and his family will have invested more than ten million Euro in Rosa-

penna over the past fifteen years and this reflects their commitment to the tourism potential which the Downings area has to offer. The new complex will have a range of facilities including bars: lounges: dining and function rooms along with shops and golfing facilities which will rival the best in the country. Mr. Casey sees the huge financial outlay as a commitment for ensuring the future which the Rosapenna Hotel has created amongst the golfing fraternity in several different countries. The hotel itself has been continually upgraded and it now offers luxury facilities on a number of different levels.



**Terry Casey Memorial Cup.** The Rosapenna Golf Club was the setting on Saturday for the Terry Casey Memorial Cup. Terry was a legendary horse trainer in England and amongst his greatest achievements was to train a Grand National winner. He was a frequent visitor back to Downings and was well known on the golfing circuit. On Saturday club members competed for a Memorial Cup in his honour and this will become an annual event. Our picture shows Frankie Casey proprietor of the Rosapenna Hotel and brother of the late Terry pouring champagne for the winner Peter Smith, Letterkenny. The picture also includes Joe McHugh, competitions secretary, Martin Casey and James Duffy.

# CAP deal to cost €300 million

The IFA has hammered the CAP mid term reforms announced in Brussels on Wednesday by Commissioner Fischler amid fears that the new deal will see Irish agriculture lose out on payments by over €300 million a year. John Dillon President of the IFA has vowed to fight the new proposals tooth and nail. Meanwhile the ICSA has given a broad welcome to the reforms and while opposed to the 20% cuts on payments over €5000 they say that the new deal offers a good opportunity to remove much of the bureaucracy that has bedevilled farming over the last number of years. Responding to the announcement of the proposals for the Mid-term Review of CAP John Dillon said "The deep cuts proposed are a breach of faith with farmers by the EU Commission. The Berlin Agreement in March 1999 was a contract with EU farmers for seven years. These Mid-term Review proposals are a breach of that contract before

Agenda 2000 is even fully implemented and will result in a permanent cut in the incomes of Irish farmers". He said "Following an appraisal of the proposals, the "most likely case" scenario is a loss of €300 million annually of EU transfers to Ireland and to Irish farmers". The IFA leader dismissed claims by Commissioner Fischler that his reform plan would be positive for Irish farmers. He stated: "there are several strong reasons why the proposals would leave Irish farmers worse off and more vulnerable to future erosion of the CAP". "First, there is no guarantee that the savings from the 20% cut in CAP Direct Payments would stay within the Member State. Ireland will lose out as the proposals shift payments away from traditional livestock production. The criteria he is setting out for the take-up of the Rural Development measures will ensure a redirection away from Ireland."

"Secondly the claim that higher quality production will yield a higher price in the longer-term does not stand up to the realities of the commercial world. Very quickly, the powerful retail multiples will demand the higher standards as the norm at the current price, and discount any other production as being inferior. There is the recent experience in the UK where the premium price for organic production has collapsed. The proposals to introduce mandatory auditing for all farms in receipt of over €5,000 in Direct Payments would introduce a new cost on farmers." The IFA President said that the "decoupling"

proposal is flawed in two ways. It replaces one form of excessive red tape which we have with another, in the form of the audits. Clearly, this will bring environmental cross-compliance to a new level, and the costs will ultimately be borne by farmers." Mr. Dillon said the decoupling proposal is designed to reduce farm production in the EU and he believed the proposals are a targeted hit at Irish beef output. "This will result in job losses in the Irish beef processing industry, and could force thousands of farmers who are full-time beef producers into seeking off-farm employment."



Caroline Callaghan from Murrin Fanad pictured on her horse "Greenhill O'Hara" as she prepares to take part in the Kerrygold Horse Show at the RDS in Dublin in early August. Caroline came through a series of qualifying rounds throughout the country: she competed at a number of venues from Limerick to Claremorris and she beat off the challenge from hundreds of other young hopefuls to get to the RDS. Caroline is the daughter of Fanad haulage contractors Henry and Kathleen Callaghan and she has been interested in horses for a number of years. She is being trained at her home where a jumping paddock and a range of horse boxes have been constructed in recent years. The Callaghan family also own two other jumping ponies.

# Brogan calls for speed restrictions

Letterkenny Town Council is to seek to have a forty kilometres per hour speed limit imposed on the road from the Dry Arch Roundabout at Letterkenny to the Port Bridge. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Ciaran Brogan on Monday night and he also called for a barrier along the central reservation to prevent vehicles from exercising dangerous crossing manoeuvres as the volumes of traffic on this main approach road to the town increases at an alarming pace. Calling for speeding restrictions Cllr. Brogan noted that while the road in question was outside the jurisdiction of the Town Council he said it was imperative they seek safety measures as a matter of extreme urgency. He said that lives had already been lost and he feared that with the increased levels of heavy trucks on the road a catastrophe was not far away. All members were concerned over the speed at which all vehicles negotiate this road and with an improved surface it was claimed that speeds of eighty miles an hour were being reached. Asking the Council to back his motion Brogan said that a barrier was essential and while it would cause some small inconvenience for all road users in the area seeking to cross the carriageway the safety aspects by far outweighed any slight delays that might occur. Cllr. Victor Fisher seconded the motion and Cllr. Jean Crossan said that motorists were actually taking their lives in their hands by crossing this road. Cllr. Dessie Larkin raised the question of the role of the NRA and he was worried that the road would only become another revenue collection point for the gardai monitoring and operating speed traps. He said that to impose such sanction would present serious problems for the planning office of Donegal County Council and he warned about increased delays in negotiating the confines of the town. However he said that safety was vital but related issues about forty mile per hour zones running into 30mph zones were relative and the matter might not be as simple as it would appear to be. Cllr. Jim Lynch said the in the interests of safety it was important that some action was taken immediately.

# 'Tragedy and Triumph' in Glenveagh

A new video by Churchill man Charlie Doherty on the life and times of John George Adair of Glenveagh is to be officially launched at the Castle on Friday night (July 19th) and it will be given a private showing in Wilkin's Lounge in Churchill on next Thursday night. It shows the complicated twists in the powerful history of landlords in Donegal and its tragic aftermath. Tragedy and Triumph is a 57 minute story on film depicting the mysterious Adair link with Glenveagh and it seeks to answer long asked questions; why and how two Scottish shepherds were killed and it is produced by the team who made the Donegal trilogy including 'An Sagart Mor' and the story of Lord Leitrim. Local actors play the roles of history and Charlie Doherty's works on Donegal in the 19th century and the struggle against landlords have carved out a very important niche in heritage and historical film making. The latest video looks at the mysteries of the Adair/Glenveagh story. Who killed the two Scottish shepherds, why, and how? Were the impoverished descendants of the once powerful Sweeney Doe clan involved in Murray's killing? Or was it his wife and her lover Dugald Rankin? John George Adair, a minor landlord in the Queen's County (Co. Laois) was a mid - 19th century land speculator. He bought and sold run - down estates in the Irish midlands. Borrowing money cheap in London, he lent it dear in America, where he bought a huge ranch in the Texas panhandle, and married Cornelia, the widow of an American Civil War officer. His cattle brand and the Adair name is still known and respected there because of the Adairs' charitable donations. In Donegal it's a different story. In 1859 he put together a 26,000-acre holding and later built Glenveagh Castle on the shore of the lake, all to give himself the persona of a laird in a Walter Scott novel. From the start his greed and arrogance antagonised, not only his impoverished tenants, but also his fellow magistrates in the area, the local Church of Ireland rector the Rev. Henry Martin, and significantly, the RIC. When James Murray, one of the Scottish shepherds he had brought in along with the new more profitable breed of black - faced sheep, was mur-

dered, he exercised his absolute right as a landlord and in April 1861, evicted 244 tenants from Derryveagh on the shores of Lough Gartan near Churchill as a reprisal. A second Scottish shepherd, Adam Grierson was murdered and a local man, Francie Bradley, identified as the gunman by the victim on his deathbed, was arrested and tried, but because of an alibi, the construction of which has been a mystery until now, he was eventually acquitted. There are many legends befitting Adair's reputation, eg. that he drowned in Glenveagh lake in a storm, and that a memorial stone to him was shattered by a bolt of lightning. In real life the infamous landlord died in America and Cornelia brought his body back to Ireland.



The new chairman of Donegal County Council Cllr. Francis Conaghan is presented with his chain of office by outgoing chairman Cllr. Paddy Kelly at the AGM in Lifford on Friday.

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# Blaney Road... Letterkenny's second main street

The prospect of the Neil T. Blaney road becoming a second main street for Letterkenny was raised this week at the Town Council meeting when Cllr. Dessie Larkin put down a motion calling on the County Manager to develop a financial strategy for lands adjacent to the road.

In a lengthy discussion on the matter Cllr. Larkin said it was the most important portion of land owned by the Council and he was now seeking a financial strategy for the area concerned. He asked the Manager to establish a public-private partnership. Cllr. Larkin said that applications for development on the road were being dealt with singly and an overall strategy as to what was allowed was necessary.

He was joined by other members who complained that single developments on the Railway Road had left piecemeal development and as a result an opportunity had been lost in its planning and development. Larkin said that with proper planning the land at the Port Bridge could produce a financial legacy. Seconding the motion Cllr. Victor Fisher said that something positive needed to be done and this was the

most important approach road to the town.

Cllr. Ciaran Brogan was optimistic saying their application for a flagship tourism project on the Blaney road was important and he too called for public-private funding for the area.

Cllr. Sean Maloney said they must not repeat the mistakes made on the Railway road and he warned that the developers and speculators would drive the agenda on the Blaney road, regardless of what the Council said.

Offering a different perspective on the matter Cllr. Jim Lynch said it might just be a bit premature speculating on the future of the Blaney road and they should wait until the development plan was approved. And he warned that they must not make the same mistakes as in other parts of the town. He said that they seemed to adopting plans at almost every meeting to contravene the existing plan and they must learn from experience not to go down this road again.

Cllr. Jean Crossan said she was optimistic that the Council would not approve any developments along the road that were not a positive influence for Letterkenny.

# Conrad Logan happy at Leicester

Goalkeepers are a special breed in the world of top class soccer but one of the most extraordinary stories over the past two decades has to be County Donegal's ability to produce players for this most specialist of positions.

Burtonport's Packie Bonner represented the Republic of Ireland with distinction from the mid 1980s to mid 1990s. The ex-Celtic man was followed by Lifford's Shay Given who is his country's



Sixth Class pupils from Scoil Mhuire Milford with their certificates on their last day at school.

# Town Council: No sheep dipping licence

The next fortnight is going to prove to be a very exciting and busy time in Letterkenny: that's if the response to Cllrs' queries are to go ahead on the schedule identified by the Town Clerk Paul McGill on Monday night.

As always the nine members have a list of questions on roads: housing: footpath and motions adopted some time ago. On Monday night the answer to queries on starting dates for the various projects was invariably 'in the next two weeks'.

And that includes the new bricks outside Dunnes Stores. For better value and emphasis Sean Maloney said you could dip sheep in this crater. He wondered if the Town Council had a sheep dipping licence. This query has been on previous agendas but we are now told that essential work is now imminent. The town engineer Pat Gillespie explained that the area in question was a border line case: it was between or even close to the boundary between the Town Council and the Donegal County Council and some slippage for responsibility had taken place. Obviously, said Maloney some slippage in the bricks had also happened. But the matter has now been resolved said the Engineer and action is very, very imminent. And we heard that the Council does not have a sheep dipping licence.

And then there is all the talk about the Sports Complex: Jimmy Harte wanted to know when the Centre would be concurrent number one, having starred in the World Cup of 2002 and down the road a young goal keeper from Ramelton, Conrad Logan will be hoping to follow in the illustrious footsteps of the two aforementioned players.

After a well deserved holiday, Conrad is back in pre-season training with Leicester City this week and has been reflecting back on his first campaign with the English club who will be playing their football in Division One next season, following relegation from the Premiership. The 16-year-old has enjoyed a good year at Filbert Street, playing with the U-17 side in the regional league that includes clubs from the midlands and London.

The team finished second in this competition before moving into a series of three play-off matches with teams from the other sections but draws against Reading, Sheffield Utd and Liverpool put an end to their title prospects. Leicester also participated in the National Youth Cup having a good run in the

pleted. I'm not sure he expected the answer he got. "In sixteen months... from early August," said Paul McGill who indicated the range of progress and time scale for completion. So once again big things are happening - in two weeks time.

This was a very busy evening and the new Chairman Terry McEniff is determined to move things on at a business like pace. Even the County Manager had to pour his own tea and he was hardly given time to finish his cup when he had to respond to the first motion of the night.

Dessie Larkin was told that the footpath at Beechwood Avenue will be repaired... within a fortnight. Larkin also got the shortest answer of the evening when he asked if the Town Council will erect appropriate signage for the new St. Eunan's campus within the town. "Yes," said the Town Clerk.

Cllr. Jean Crossan has led the campaign on the town council for the return of the handy bus service and she asked if the Social Bodies in the town had been contacted regarding their applications for its re-introduction. And she was informed that in fact a letter had been sent out on that very day. Will a reply be forthcoming... in two weeks?

Cllr. Crossan was also informed that the cost of insuring a skateboard rink was in the order of €725,000.

early rounds, including a victory over Charlton at the Valley before being knocked out by Brighton. His club is now moving to the brand new 33,000 capacity Walker Stadium, just across the road, with the official opening being marked by a friendly match against Atletico Madrid at the beginning of August. It's been a hectic year as Conrad also continued his education, by successfully completing his GCSE's in just one year - this is a course that normally takes two years.

In September he will further his academic studies by commencing a sports science degree at the famous Loughborough University which is located just outside the city of Leicester. While many 15 year olds would find leaving home difficult, Conrad has adjusted extremely well and points to fact that he was among a group of lads of a similar age who joined the club last July, which helped to ease any feelings of homesickness. This year he will also have the company of Ryan McGavigan who has joined English side from Drumkeen Utd.



Special guests Danny Lafferty, Brian O'Donnell with prizewinners at the Cranford AC presentation night in the Corncutters Rest, Creeslough on Friday.



Scenes from the Family Fun Day in Churchill last Sunday. Among the sponsors on the day was the "As Dara Did Foundation" who supplied the sports equipment used. It is now stored in a shed at Callaghan's Bar and it is available for groups or individuals to use in the park.

# Difficult decisions ahead for players

With the dream of an All-Ireland Senior Ladies title gone after Saturday's defeat at Croke Park a number of Donegal's senior players are expected to give serious thought to their futures in the county colours. Some of this team has been playing for over a decade at the highest level in the sport and that has meant many sacrifices being made in pursuit of GAA glory. There has been success for a number of the current squad with Ulster titles but stepping it up to an All-Ireland triumph has proved beyond this group of players despite their best efforts. Long serving players include Roisin McCafferty, Emer Gallagher, Nicole McLaughlin, Katy Herron, Niamh Hegarty, Yvonne Bonner, Geraldine McLaughlin and Karen Guthrie. Easy to say in hindsight but Donegal tend to need at least a second goal to get over the line in big games. They only managed one in each game against Meath and both were penalties. In the Dublin matches they got two in the league semi-final and three in

the championship quarter-final. Apart from the penalty the other clear cut chances for Yvonne Bonner on 11 minutes and Karen Guthrie on 52 minutes were not taken. Some would say that Guthrie might have been better tagging on a handy point but credit to the Meath keeper who saw the danger, advanced and narrowed the angle to make a comfortable save in the end. It should also be noted that the Royals played 20 minutes of the second half with 14 players as a result of two separate yellow cards and still won the semi-final. Maxi Curran's side completed a remarkable double over Dublin this year with a league semi-final win and that quarter-final championship victory a couple of weeks ago. However, after that in both the league final and last Saturday's All-Ireland semi-final Meath had the measure of Donegal and interestingly won by two points in each game. There certainly appeared to be a bit of fatigue in the Donegal side on Saturday but one

could have said the same about Meath in the first half. After five years in charge Curran and his backroom team will now take stock of this season before any decisions are made regarding the future. The backroom team this year has included Mark McHugh, Jamsie McGinley, Barney Curran, Nadine Friel, Paddy Tobin, Paddy Kelly, Paul Fisher, Michelle McKenna and physio Catherine Kelly. The squad and management team gave it their best shot but on Saturday Meath were just that little bit better when it mattered. However, that doesn't ease the pain of defeat when there had been such a feel good factor after the Dublin win and that at last this group of players who have dedicated so much of their lives to Donegal would get the opportunity to play in an All-Ireland Final. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be on this occasion but time is a healer and in a few months time there will be a clearer picture of what the makeup of the squad will be for the 2023 season. Meath will now play Kerry in the decider



Katy Herron gets away down sideline on Saturday at Croke Park

Ladies All-Ireland Semi-final

## Donegal Ladies final bid dashed

Meath 0-12 Donegal 1-7

The Donegal Ladies' aim of reaching a first ever All-Ireland Senior Football Final ended in heartbreak at Croke Park on Saturday afternoon. It was looking pretty good for Maxi Curran's side going into the second half against reigning champions Meath with a three-point advantage.

### Photos by Chloe Callaghan

However, whatever was said by boss Eamonn Murray and his backroom team at the interval led to a total transformation as the Royals hit the first six points of the second half despite being down to 14 players from just a minute in after Máire O'Shaughnessy got a yellow card. In fairness Yvonne Bonner did steady the ship with a couple of scores and Katy Herron also chipped in to draw level but that was as good as it got for Donegal who never got ahead again the All-Ireland semi-final. Meath showed their quality with Player of Match Emma Duggan slotting over three points in the final ten minutes without their star player Vikki Wall who had been sin-binned. It was a devastating loss for Curran's side after the high of the quarter-final victory over Dublin a week earlier.

The Donegal boss started with the same 15 that took the field against the Dubs again opting to leave Karen Guthrie on the bench. The Castlefin woman replaced Tara Hegarty for the second half but wasn't to have the same impact as the 2-1 she got in the quarter-final victory. The Ulster side started well with a Geraldine McLaughlin point from play inside the first 30 seconds. The Termon woman was on the mark again in the fourth minute after Stacy Grimes had opened the Royals account from a free. Grimes converted from another placed ball to leave the sides tied at 0-2 each at the end of the first quarter.

Amy Boyle-Carr and McLaughlin were unlucky to see efforts come back of uprights while at the other end the Leinster outfit registered a couple

of wides and dropped a shot short into Roisin McCafferty's hands. Donegal did have a goal chance in the 11th minute when Yvonne Bonnar latched onto a McLaughlin pass but the Glenfin woman wasn't able to get a clean shot on goal as keeper Monica McGuirk advanced along with a couple of defenders.

There was another goal attempt in the 17th minute when great work by Tanya Kennedy eventually saw skipper Niamh McLaughlin burst through the middle. Despite being 25 yards out the Merville woman was clearly going for goal but her powerful strike ended up grazing the crossbar but at least there was the consolation of a point. Donegal did find the back from the penalty spot on 20 minutes courtesy of Niamh McLaughlin with a well struck shot after Bonner was fortunate to get a penalty decision from ref Shane Curley.

There was just one more score before the break and crucially it went to Meath as Oragh Lally landed a super point to leave it 1-3 to 0-3 in favour of Donegal going into the second half. Karen Guthrie came on for Tara Hegarty but the Glenfin club woman wasn't able to get into the game initially as the All-Ireland champions came out all fired up and turned that extra energy into six points without reply. Vikki Wall and Niamh O'Sullivan had the sides level before Máire O'Shaughnessy got a yellow card with just a minute of the second half gone.

Despite having the extra player Donegal were in big bother and conceded four more points with Duggan on target from play while Grimes converted three frees to leave the Royals leading 0-9 to 1-3. There were also a couple of wides that brought some relief for Curran's side. It took Donegal ten minutes to muster a meaningful attack but Guthrie's free went wide at the Hill 16 end. Three minutes later Bonner eventually got

a score off her right foot. A free that Geraldine McLaughlin would normally convert went wide but it was a better spell for the Tirconnail side as Katy Herron posted a superb point and another Bonnar effort gave a 1-6 to 0-8 lead with 11 minutes remaining.

Despite losing the influential Wall to a yellow card it was Meath who had the upper hand in the closing stages. Crucially they also had a bit of luck too as Bonner just couldn't get the right touch on s Geraldine McLaughlin high ball which came back off an upright. And then in the 52nd minute Guthrie made a fine fetch before turning to shoot for goal but the advancing McGuirk saved well. Donegal kept attacking but Niamh Hegarty was blown up for charging in a promising position and that was effectively the end as the hooter went a few seconds later.

Meath scorers - Stacy Grimes 0-5 (5fs), Emma Duggan 0-4 (1f), Oragh Lally 0-1; Vikki Wall 0-1, Niamh O'Sullivan 0-1.

Donegal scorers - Niamh McLaughlin 1-1, 1-0 pen; Geraldine McLaughlin 0-2, Yvonne Bonner 0-2, Katy Herron 0-1, Karen Guthrie 0-1, 1f.

Donegal - Roisin McCafferty; Emer Gallagher, Evelyn McGinley, Tanya Kennedy; Deirdre Foley, Shelly Twohig, Tara Hegarty; Katie Herron, Nicole McLaughlin, Niamh McLaughlin, Roisin Rodgers, Amy Boyle Carr; Niamh Hegarty, Yvonne Bonner, Geraldine McLaughlin. Subs: Karen Guthrie for T Hegarty (half-time), Susanne White for Rodgers 55 minutes. Not used: Aoife McColgan, Shauna McFadden, Jodie McFadden, Blathnaid McLaughlin, Shauna Higgins, Niamh Boyle, Codie Walsh, Emma McCrory, Danielle McGinley, Saskia Boyle, Laoise Ryan.

Ref: Shane Curley (Galway)



An aerial duel between Nicole McLaughlin and Meath's Vikki Wall during Saturday's All-Ireland semi-final



Termon players Nicole, Jodie McFadden, Emer Gallagher, Roisin McCafferty, Geraldine McLaughlin and Evelyn McGinley with young supporters at Croke Park on Saturday



Yvonne Bonner tries to stop Meath's Aoiheann Leahy mounting an attack at Croke Park on Saturday

# Sheep Dog Trials at Churchill



Denis Mullaney, Gortahork in action in the Sheep Dog Trials at Churchill on Sunday.



Wilton Gallagher, Eglington in action in Churchill on Sunday.



Lillian Bodner who travels from France every year to compete in Sheep Dog Trials pictured in action in Churchill.



Conal Gallagher from Glenties guiding the sheep into the pen.



Checking the phone during the Sheep Dog Trials on Sunday.

## Minister Ryan's comments at odds with Taoiseach on National Herd

IFA President Tim Cullinan said that recent comments by Minister Eamon Ryan on cutting cow numbers are at odds with previous commitments from the Taoiseach and the Tánaiste that the Government would not be seeking any reduction in cattle numbers in Ireland.

Minister Ryan's comments on Virgin media during the week reveal that his real objective is to reduce cow numbers in Ireland to appease those with an anti-animal farming agenda in his own party.

"Since 1999, the number of cars in Ireland has increased by 75%, the number of plane journeys has increased by over 150% while the number of cattle has more or less stayed the same. Yet, the Minister wants fewer cows. The average cattle herd in Ireland is less than 80 animals but the Minister wants these farmers to cut back on their production from which they derive their income. No other sector is being asked to take a direct hit on their incomes and farmers, like all other households, will be impacted by the mitigation measures in the other sectors such as energy and transport," he said.

"Rather than looking to developments in technology that are showing promising results, the Minister is playing to his own gallery by proposing to reduce cattle numbers without any concrete alternatives for farmers," he said.

"Minister Ryan talked about anaerobic digestion in his recent interview. However, the Government have done nothing to make this feasible at farm level. In any event it will take years to put such infrastructure in place and it's unclear that it would improve incomes for farmers," he said.

Tim Cullinan said the Government cannot force through sectoral emission ceilings without complying with requirements in their own legislation. "An economic and social impact assessment of the effect of a sectoral ceiling; how the distinct characteristics of biogenic methane are reflected; and the risk of carbon leakage are all requirements under the legislation. The Government, including Minister Eamon Ryan, would be derelict in their duty if these issues are not given due regard as required in the act," he said.

## IFA meet Minister on Support for Horse Farmers

Following a meeting with Minister Martin Heydon, IFA Horse Project Team Chairman Richard Kennedy, said that we must now see farmers who are actively involved in the breeding and rearing of horses included in farm investment support schemes under the new CAP from January 2023.

"We were pleased that Minister Heydon is supportive of the case that IFA have made to include the horse farming sector under the Targeted Agricultural Modernisation Scheme (TAMS) in the future and we must see this support come to fruition and be available for farmers to apply for in early 2023."

The horse sector is an integral farming activity throughout every country in rural Ireland and makes a contribution of €2 billion to our economy, but it remains one of the only agricultural sectors that has not been included in a meaningful way in the support measures that are available through the CAP funded on-farm investment grant schemes. The IFA Horse Project Team members welcomed the opportunity to meet face-to-face with Minister Martin Heydon and he acknowledged that there was a very good

business case put forward by the IFA for including farmers who have with horses, in TAMS under the new CAP regime which begins in January 2023.

The requirement for continual reinvestment on farms to improve safety measures and maintain the positive environmental and economic contribution that the equine sector makes, were all put forward to the Minister and acknowledged as good reasons for including the horse farmers in TAMS. The IFA delegation called on the Minister to ensure that horse farmers are no longer excluded from the Tams grant scheme.

Richard Kennedy said that it is important that this happens, as many farmers have been excluded from these support measures to invest in their equine accommodation and handling facilities for many years. It needs to happen now to maintain standards, particularly safety standards.

Richard Kennedy said that Irish horse farmers want to maintain the highest standards, and continue to produce top quality stock. Including the sector in the TAMS investment scheme will allow this to happen.



# Golf News - Golf News

## Portsalon

### Captain's Prize 2022

Mr Eamonn McConigley's Captain's Day takes place this Saturday 23rd July and the timesheet is jammed. The Captain will be keeping his fingers crossed that the fine weather of recent continues into the weekend.

### Team News

Congratulations to the Donegal U18s side who began the defence of their crown by overcoming B&S last week. The lads went to B&S on Friday evening and put on quite a show, with the opening match recovering from a slow start that left them 2 down thru nine holes to post six birdies in eight holes for a 3&1 win to set their team up for victory. The Portsalon team was: Ciaran McCormick, Liam Donlon, Michael Campbell, John Harkin, Ultan Blaney & Seanan McAleer.

The Donegal League side were involved in a titanic tussle with B&S reversing a 2-3 first leg defeat with a slender home win. When all the holes were counted, the final pairings had to head for the first tee and it was B&S got the win.

The Minor League team meanwhile couldn't get the better of Letterkenny over two legs and were eliminated on Sunday evening too.

The Donegal Junior Scratch Matchplay team are also battling Letterkenny and took two matches from Barnhill on Monday evening. They will be hoping to secure a win in the return leg in Portsalon on Friday evening from 4.30pm.

### Open Week

Tuesday 12th July - sponsored by BWG Value Centre, Letterkenny - 1st: Jim O'Sullivan (34) 45pts; 2nd Sean Hensley (8) - 43 pts BOT; Gross: Ryan McGettigan (3) - 36 gross pts; 3rd Joe Coyle (12) - 43 pts; 1st 9: Ryan Rainey (21) - 24 pts; 2nd 9: Chris Sloan (22) - 23 pts; Ladies: Catherine Peters (35) - 38 pts

Wednesday 13th July, sponsored by Letterkenny Driving Range - 1st: Joe Hensley (22) 47pts; 2nd Donal McCafferty (17) 41pts; Gross: Seamus Conner (4) 29 gross pts; 3rd: Mark Howard (12) 41pts; 1st 9: David Robinson (12) 22pts; 2nd 9: Rory McDermott (24) 23pts

### Club Results

Saturday July 16th - 1st Seanan McAleer (21) 43pts; 2nd: Paddy Merritt (16) 42pts; Gross: Damian Toland (3) 34 grosspts; 3rd: Darren Murray (17) 41pts.

Sunday July 17th - 1st: Joe McLarnon (36) 41pts BOT; 2nd John Lucas (27) 41pts; Gross: Damian Toland (3) 32 grosspts; 3rd Daniel Shields (10) 40pts

### Portsalon Ladies

Well done to Pauline Curley (27), Letterkenny with a fantastic round of 41pts to win the Kelly's Toyota Ladies open. Runner up was Geraldine Wall (24) 38 pts, Gross, Aoife Browne (1), 30pts, 3rd Jacqui Ireland (28) 37pts. Visitor's prize, Laura Crawford (43) 36 BOT. Front 9: Vera Kearney 20pts and back 9: Cliona Murphy 21pts BOT. Two's competition: Aoife Browne (5th), Kit Boyce, Deirdre O'Toole and Sandra McMonagle, (10th) and Ann Clancy and

Laura Crawford (12th). Congratulations ladies and special thanks to Kelly's Toyota, Letterkenny for their support.

### Captains Prize for Ladies

Best wishes to Mr Captain, Eamon (Becks) McConigley's for his Captain's events this weekend. He will host his Ladies event on Friday 22nd July. Timesheet in operation. Lady Captains Day, Saturday 6th August Mrs Brighidin Hawke will host her Lady Captain's Day on Saturday 6th August and members are asked to indicate their intentions to play by Sunday 31st July in order to facilitate the Captains Draw. Details are available in the locker room.

### Maire O'Donnell Cup

Team Captain, Sarah Nicholl and her team travel to Dunfanaghy on Saturday for the second leg of their match. After a closely contested first leg with both teams securing 2 and half matches its all to play for this weekend.

### Hensley leads Golfer of the Year

Deirdre Hensley (21pts) is the player to catch in this year's GOTY Competition. Claiming top marks from the off, her steady play is setting the standards for all to follow. Former GOTY recipients, Deirdre O'Toole (15pts) and Pamela Clinton (14pts), are in the running along with a number of members, who will be looking to add to their tallies, especially with the majors coming up in the coming weeks to keep Deirdre on her game.

Birdie Tree Competition: Ladies are reminded to record any birdies they score on the course into the Birdie Book for inclusion into this competition.

Dates for your diaries: Sun-24 Jul: Members Competition (GOTY). Sat-30 Jul: Charlie Canning Memorial (Ladies & Gents Open); Sun-31 Jul: Medal Competition (GOTY), Alt Day 29-Jul; Sat-20 Aug: Mr Presidents Dr Paul Armstrong Day (GOTY)

## Letterkenny

The club is hosting a charity golf classic on Friday, July 29th in aid of Cystic Fibrosis Ireland. The event is sponsored by Diver's Hyundai and teams of four cost €120. Bookings are now being taken for the Lady Captain's competition for the men which is on Sunday, July 31st. Club president Liam Wiseman hosts his President's Prize on Saturday, August 20.

Also in August, on Sunday 14, Letterkenny will be the venue for a Society Invitational tournament. Any local societies who would like to take part can get more information and booking details by contacting James on 0044 7816 826618 or visit www.majorcoo.com.

This coming weekend, DMG Motors are kindly sponsoring Saturday's Open while on Sunday, it's also an open competition. Next Wednesday's open competition on July 27 is sponsored by Bonner Engineering.

### Results

Last Wednesday's open, sponsored by Farnen Roarty was won by Kyle Loughrey (21) who recorded 46 points. Seven pars and a birdie on the par 3 8th helped Kyle to a two point win over Ronan Daly and Richard



The Portsalon U18 team who began their defence of their Donegal title with a victory over Ballybofey and Stranorlar last weekend: Ciaran McCormick, Liam Donlon, Michael Campbell, John Harkin, Ultan Blaney & Seanan McAleer.

Devenney both shooting 44 points. Darragh McMenamin (2) was the gross winner with a near faultless round of 38 points. Liam Wiseman winning Category 8-16 with 43 points. The other category winners were Gerard Harkin (Cat 17-21) 41 pts; Hugh O'Kane (Cat 22-27) 40 pts; Gerry Keeney (28+) 42 pts.

On Saturday, Diarmad Coll sponsored the competition with Simon McCabe (14) winning with 42pts, beating Paddy McCafferty with 41 pts on a break of tie from Gerard Harkin. Simon Stephens (0) won the gross prize shooting 36 pts. The Category prize winners were: Kevin Kiely (Cat 8-16) 40 pts; Michael O'Donnell (Cat 17-21) 36 pts; Hugh Herry (Cat 22-27) 40 pts; Niall McClafferty (Cat 28+) 37 pts.

The July Monthly Medal on Sunday was a stroke format off the blues. Patrick Murray (19) produced a fine round of 64 nett, Kevin Rafferty (3) was second overall and gross with a 70 nett.

Finally a big thank you to everyone who supported last Friday's charity Champagne Scramble event at Barnhill. Sponsored by the Silver Tassie Hotel, the team event raised funds for Breast Centre North West. The winning teams were 1st: J McGrath, M McGrath, M McHugh, J O'Brien; 2nd: J Russell, B O'Donnell, J Russell, E Russell; 3rd, I Fuery, P Cutcliffe, E Wickes, C Galligan.

The Category 4 competition continues each Monday. Played over 13 holes, last Monday night's competition (July 11) saw three players tied on 31 points and separated on a break of tie. Dominic Deeny took the honours with John McIvor (2nd) and Gerry Keeney (3rd).

## Rosapenna

Gents 4BBB played over the SHL on Saturday 16th July was won by 1st - Brian Kelly & John Dowds 44pts; 2nd - Rod Geddes & Jon Wilson 42pts.

The Gents Singles (G.o.Y) over the OTM on Sunday 17th July winners were 1st - Charles McBride (20) 45pts; 2nd - Mark Campbell (18) 43pts bot; Gross - Micheal Bradley Snr (5\*) 35 gross pts; 3rd - Michael Gallagher Jnr (9\*) 43pts; Front Nine Brian Currie (23) with 23pts; Back Nine Jon Wilson (19\*) with 24pts.

Two's - Frank Casey, Michael Gallagher Jnr, Stephen Dooney, Denis Boyce, Micheal Bradley, Michael Boyce, Denis Harkin, Martin Coary, Mark Lenny, Brian McCormick, Gerard McCormick, Cormac Carr, Conor McMenamin, Patrick E Carr & Mark Campbell

### 2022 Golfer of the Year

After five events, the top of the Golfer of the Year table is as follows, Damien Coyle 18pts; Barney Boyce 13pts; Ben McBride 12pts; Micheal Bradley Snr 12pts; Simon Chodziesner 12pts; John McBride 12pts; Brian Garrity, with 12pts; Charles Jnr McBride 12pts; Shane Sweeney 10pts; Albert Strain 10pts; Brendan Moore 10pts; Mark Campbell 10pts

### Nine & Dine Competition

The very popular 'Nine & Dine' Competition took place again on Friday 15th July, played over the front nine of OTM

- 1st Mary Devlin, Gabriel Devlin, Kit Boyce & Shaun Boyce 47pts; 2nd - Veronica Dowds, John Dowds, Dymna Kelly & Brian Kelly 44pts

The next 'Nine & Dine' Competition will take place on Friday 22nd July, with all entries via BRS Golf Members App.

### Team Golf

Commiserations to the AIG Senior Cup Team who were defeated 3-2 by Cushendall GC on Saturday 16th July, in the Ulster North Final in Portsalon GC. Ryan Griffin and Cian Harkin secured wins, while Enda Kennedy sadly lost to a birdie on the 19th Hole.

Congratulations to the Donegal League Team who defeated Bundoran on Sunday 17th July by a scoreline of 3.5-1.5 on Sunday 17th, with Paddy Ban McClafferty & Shaun Boyce securing the important half match on the day. - Joe's team await the winners of B & S / Portsalon in the Quarter Final's.

The AIG Junior Cup Team who defeated Dumurry GC in the Ulster North Quarter-Final on Sunday 17th July with Matthew Coyle & Sean Boyce played extremely well and it was Sean who secured the vital win - to send Brendan Roache into the Semi-Final's, against the winners of Carrickfergus/Omagh.

### Club Matchplay Events

Michael Bonner Singles Scratch Matchplay Round Three, must be completed by Monday 15th August. Seamus Mallon Singles Matchplay Round Three, must be completed by Monday 1st August

### Upcoming Fixtures -

July: Saturday 23rd - Gents 4BBB on SHL; Sunday 24th - Gents Singles / OTM; Saturday 30th July, Sunday 31st and Monday 1st August - 103rd Leitrim Cup Qualifying sponsored by The Pavilion Golf Shop Sandy Hills Links.

### Ladies Competitions

The competition on Thursday 7th July sponsored by The Gray Room with Mena Breslin Delap (37) with 43 pts to win. 2nd Maura Cavanagh (37) 41 pts and 3rd Laura Crawford (44) 39 pts. 1st 9 Mary Gallagher (47) 24 pts, 2nd 9 Mary Mc Nulty (45) 19 pts. The 9hole 36+ handicap Competition was won by Kathleen Kelly with 15 pts.

The July medal, sponsored by Elaine Russell, Katrina Rainey, Elenor O Carroll, Joan Murphy and Maura Cavanagh took place on Tuesday 12th July. Congratulations to Marian O Sullivan (10) on bringing in a super score of 69 Bot to claim 1st prize and runner up was Marian Keating (21) with 69Nett. Angela Bradley (15) came 3rd with 70 Nett. Angela Kilgallen (22) won the front 9 with 30 Nett and Caoimhe Lafferty (20) won the back 9 with 34 Nett.

### Team News

The Maire O'Donnell team, captained by Cynthia Fuery and Tracy Spence, won 3 matches on Saturday 16th July. The return leg is on 28th July in B&S

### Lady Captain's Day

Lady Captain, Triona Daly is looking forward to hosting her Lady captain's Day on Saturday 6th August. A gentle reminder that all Ladies need to have submitted 4 cards by 31st July to be eligible to compete in the main prizes. There's still time to get those cards in and there will be more details regarding Lady Captain's week coming soon.

### Letterkenny Junior's

Letterkenny Juniors contested for Mr Ian Ireland's Captains Prize at Barnhill last week with 36 Juniors competing on a fine sunny day there was a buzz about the club. The Juniors played a variety of categories from 5 holes 150 yards up to 9 holes off the lady's tees.

In the Girls 5 hole 150 yds Cleo Burke



Beibhinn Lafferty Winner of the Girl's 9 hole Captain's Prize, receiving her prize from Mr. Captain Ian Ireland at Letterkenny Golf Club



Charlie Patton winner of the Boy's 9 hole Captain's prize, Charlie Patton receives his prize from Mr. Captain, Ian Ireland, at Letterkenny Golf Club

edged out her sister Stella and in the boys 5 hole 150 yds the clear winner was Michael Cassidy.

In the boys 7 hole 200 yds Zac Loveridge came out on top beating Myles McCabe and Eamonn Sampson who had to settle for 2nd & 3rd respectively.

In the Girls 9-hole, Beibhinn Lafferty was the victor with Leah McAleer and Annabel Koentopp filling the 2nd and 3rd places.

The boys 9 hole saw Charlie Patton take Mr Ireland's Captains Prize with Niall Haran runner up and Jonathan Russell 3rd. An enjoyable meal was had by all at Hunters restaurant afterwards with the Captain closing proceedings thanking all Juniors for their enthusiasm.

## Hospitals Golf Society

The Hospitals Golf Society held John Doherty's President Prize at Barnhill recently and on a day of high scoring Eileen Williamson pipped Patrick Murray and Monica McDonagh on the break of tie as all three returned excellent scores of 41 stableford points.

Eileen's better back nine score was just enough to hold off the challenge of the other two, a great performance and result for longtime society member Eileen who's victory was a very popular one among the society members. Results - Winner Eileen Williamson 41pts bot; Runner-up Patrick Murray Jnr 41pts bot; Section One: Kevin McDonald 40pts, Paucic McHugh 38pts, John Doherty 37pts. Section Two: Ciaran Williamson 39pts, Adrian Daly 38pts, Noel Duggan 37pts. Section Three: Monica McDonagh 41pts, TJ Evesson 38pts, Charlie Collins 37pts. Section Four: Kevin Mills 40pts, Charlie McHugh 36pts bot, Maureen Sweeney 36pts. 1st Nine: Marion Keating 21pts. Nine: Dessie Ferry 19pts.

The Society's next outing will be John O Friel's Captain's Prize at Cruit Island Golf Club on Friday 26th August.

## DUNFANAGHY GOLF CLUB

# OPEN WEEK

COMMENCING 14TH - 24TH JULY

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| <p style="margin: 0;"><b>Wednesday 20th July</b><br/>Gents Open Stableford<br/><small>Sponsored by Roarty Developments</small></p> | <p style="margin: 0;"><b>Saturday 23rd July</b><br/>Open 4BBB Stableford (Any Combination)<br/><small>Sponsored by Highland Radio</small></p> |
| <p style="margin: 0;"><b>Thursday 21st July</b><br/>Open Mixed Scotch Foursomes<br/><small>Sponsored by Arnolds Hotel</small></p>  | <p style="margin: 0;"><b>Sunday 24th July</b><br/>Open Classic<br/><small>Sponsored by Lafferty's Supermarket Creenalough</small></p>         |
| <p style="margin: 0;"><b>Friday 22nd July</b><br/>Ladies &amp; Gents Open Seniors<br/><small>Sponsored by Flynn Vets</small></p>   | <p style="margin: 0;">Timesheet in Operation<br/>All Welcome</p>  |

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# FANAD FESTIVAL 2022



## Festival Weekend

**SUN 31ST JULY**

### FRIDAY 29TH JULY

7 pm Tea Party at Tri-a-loch in aid of (Fanad Community Centre) music provided by local musicians

10pm Presentation of Festival Queen In the Fanad Lodge Music Keelan Pritchard

### SATURDAY, 30TH JULY

9am, 12md or 3pm Eco Atlantic Adventures – Family Kayak tour, 2hrs (children 8yrs+) from Portsalon Pier – €20 p/p Booking is essential as places are limited. Contact Huigh 086 2250599

10am Mulroy Soccer Academy – Blitz

10am History & Folklore of the Swilly Walk leaving from O'Doherty's Shop (Malachy's) Cumann Choisiocht agus Chomhra Fhanada

1-3pm Teddy Bears Picnic & Storytelling Featuring goldilocks Tri-a-loch Community Centre. €7 per child (crepe and drink included) . Booking advised – bring teddy and blanket. Contact 087 715 8214 / 0877741136

7.30pm Liverpool Fans vs Manchester Utd Fans (Trialough) €5 per person Followed by refreshments in Fanad Lodge

10pm Music in Fanad Lodge – Johnny K

10am Sea to Summit (Murrin Hill) 15k run/walk Registration online or on the day from 8.30am at Tri-a-loch community centre. Leaving 10am sharp. Start/Finish Tri-a-loch Fee: €20 p/p

9am, 12md or 3pm Eco Atlantic Adventures Family Kayak tour, 2hrs (children 8yrs+) from Portsalon Pier – €20 p/p Booking is essential as places are limited. Contact Huigh 086 2250599

1.30pm Field Day Activities (Trialough) Adm: €5 per person (Family rate available) Individual races incl wheelbarrow, egg & spoon, three legged races, Bonnie Baby, Glamorous Granny, Mini digger competition, Quad Reversing Challenge, Penalty Shoot out, Pet farm, Pony Ride, bouncy castles, Family obstacle course, musical chairs, Face Painting and much more

3pm Fun Dog Show (Trialough) €5 per dog

5pm Car Treasure Hunt Entry €15 per car (Registration at Tri-a-loch Community Centre)

6-8pm BBQ night at the Stores Bar Music at 10pm by: Bernard McGettigan

### Pre-Festival Events

Fri, 22nd July – 10pm Quiz in Lighthouse Tavern

Thurs, 28th July - 7pm Fancy Dress Disco (Trialough Community Centre) Adm: €5 per child Selection of Little Miss Fanad & Prince Charming



Overall winner of the Dog Show at Tamney Church Hall on Saturday was Lady with owner Stephanie Stewart.



Dorothy McClean the Ferry House Mulroy with Barley among the winners.



Kaitlyn, Chloe and Ryan Peoples Leagbeag with Ted.



Hillary and Bruce Thompson, Portsalon with their dog Lilly among the winners.



John McClean of the Ferry House, Mulroy with Skye.



Sarah and Callum McCoach, Leatbeag with Suzie.

## Dog Show at Tamney

# Fanad Festival returns

After an absence of three years the Fanad Festival is back and its based around its usual Bank Holiday weekend. The event is sponsored by Mowi and there will be a number of Pre-Festival events starting with a table quiz in The Lighthouse Tavern on this Friday the 22nd July at 10pm and everyone is welcome.

Then on Thursday the 29th of July in the Community Centre Tri-a-loch there will be a Disco from 7pm. The selection of Little Miss and Prince Charming will take place and Fancy Dress is optional with entry €5 per child.

The weekend begins on Friday the 29th with a Tea Party at Tri-a-loch in aid of the Fanad Community Centre with music provided by local musicians and at 10pm the presentation of the Festival Queen takes place in the Fanad Lodge where Keelan Pritchard will provide the music.

On Saturday the 30th of July from Portsalon Pier, Hugh Hunter and his team from Eco Atlantic Adventures are holding family Kayak tours at 9am, 12noon or 3pm. The trip takes two hours and its suitable for children from 8 years up and it will cost €20 per person. Booking is essential with Hugh on 086 2250599.

Also at 10am Mulroy Soccer Academy will host a soccer blitz and there will be a History and Folklore of the Swilly Walk leaving from Malachy O'Doherty's Shop at Doaghbeg hosted by Cumann Choisiocht agus Chomhra Fhanada.

A Teddy Bears Picnic and Storytelling featuring Goldilocks takes place in the Community Centre at Tri-a-loch from 1 to 3pm. The cost is €7 per child which includes a crepe and drink and children are asked to bring a teddy and blanket. Booking is advised on 087 715 8214 or 087 7741136.

Later in the evening at Tri-a-loch Liverpool Fans will take on Man Utd Fans in a soccer match at 7.30pm. Admission is €5 per person and it will be followed by refreshments in the Fanad Lodge where Johnny K will provide the music.

Sunday morning has the Kayak tours from Portsalon Pier and at 10am the Sea to Summit 15k run and walk from the Community Centre to Murrin Hill starts at 10am start with entry fee €20.

The Field Day Activities begin at Tri-a-loch from 1.30pm on Sunday the 31st. The admission is €5 person with a family rate available. There will be individual races including wheelbarrow, egg and spoon, three legged races.

The Bonnie Baby and Glamorous Granny will be chosen. There will be a Mini digger competition, quad reversing, penalty shoot out, pet farm, pony rides, bouncy castles, family obstacle course, music chairs, face painting and much more.

At 3pm the Fun Dog Show takes place and at 5pm the Car Treasure Hunt begins from the Community Centre and admis-

sion is €15 per car.

From 6 to 8pm there will be a BBQ night at the Stores Bar in Portsalon with music at 10pm by Bernard McGettigan to round out a busy weekend with something for all ages over the weekend.

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## The late Liam Callaghan: interment of ashes

The interment of the ashes of the late Liam Callaghan, Cayman and Ballynalost, Fanad will take place on next Tuesday (July 26th) after Requiem Mass in St. Mary's Church, Fanavolty at 11am.

Liam passed away in Grand Cayman last November and his family have brought his ashes home to Fanad for waking and the funeral.

The wake will take place in the family home in



Ballynalost on Sunday and Monday.

Liam was 76 and spent more than 22 years in Grand Cayman where founded his own construction company. A gifted musician, Liam was multi-talented and originally played the club circuit in London and he lived in Acton. With his brothers, John and James they were in a band known as 'The Silver Nights'. Later, Liam would return to Ballinalost on the family farm and he played with the Lennon Quartet. He later joined 'The Fanadians' for a number of years. However in 1982 the band became a two piece with James Stephen McBride and Liam retaining the original name. In 1988 they both went solo.

The Fanadians were among Donegal's most popular groups and had a big following right across the north west. It was the height of the ballad boom as singing pubs became the local dancing venue.

Liam is survived by his wife Elaine, daughters Michelle, Fiona, Mary and Annice; son Ian, his sister, Mary, brothers, James and John and an extended circle of relations and friends to whom deepest sympathy is extended.

### Tea Party

The FDA, in conjunction with the Fanad Festival, will be holding a Tea Party in the Community Centre Fanad on Friday 29th July from 7-9pm. Music by local musicians. To book a table contact any committee member or phone 0879153480/0861295653. Donations of home baking welcomed. All welcome on the night.

### Walk in Memory of Mary T.

There will be a Memory Walk remembering Mary T. McConigley in aid of St. Vincent de Paul in Fanad on Friday the 12th of August at 7pm. They will be meeting at Din's Car Park and for more information contact Margaretta on 086 874 4405 and everyone is welcome to join the walk and make a donation.

### Sea to Summit Challenge

Once again, the Sea to Summit Fundraising Challenge in aid of the RNLI is back after the Covid lay off, and plans are well advanced, with a few tweaks and changes this year. Many thanks to main sponsors, MOWI and also to Eco Atlantic and Teach Solais Fhánada who have also come on board to support this exciting Run / Walk which takes place over beaches and roads up to the Summit of Murren Hill (Cnoc na Boirne) at a height of 227 metres. Registration available online or entries taken on the Sunday Morning too at the Fanad Community Centre from 8.30am, Entry Fee of €20, and the 15k race/walk starting at 10 am. No dogs allowed. For further information, contact Fin 086 3826328 or Evelyn 086 8062579.

### Tamney Health Centre Vaccinations

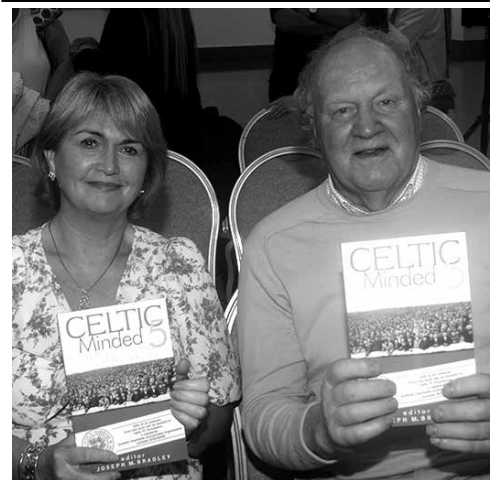
We are currently NOT offering any Covid 19 booster vaccines. If you are eligible for a booster you can avail of it at the vaccination centre in Letterkenny.

### Pre-school Boosters

If your child is between 4-5 years of age please ensure they attend the surgery to receive their pre-school vaccines, regardless of whether they are starting school this September or not.

### Chronic Disease Management

For CDM patients please ensure you attend twice yearly for your appointments. These appointments are important for enabling us to help you manage your



Maureen and Patrick Carr at the Celtic Minded 5 book launch on Tuesday in Letterkenny.

condition well in the community which may, in turn, reduce the likelihood of hospitalisation.



Fanad South captain, Paddy Walshe receiving the cup from Michael Sweeney on Saturday.



Walter Dill, Kerrykeel enjoying the Dog show in Tamney on Saturday with his dog Missie.



David Gallagher, Portsalon with his dog Mario.



The Fanad Gaels Dads and Lads teams have been training for a few week and they organised a challenge match in Portsalon on Saturday evening. The Fanad South team (left) of Darren Walshe, John Kerr, Paudie Clinton, Aonrai Boyce, John Joe McGowan, Martin McGrory, Front: Eoghan Walshe, Johnny Nelis, Paddy Walshe, Tommy Gallagher, Niall Blaney defeated the Fanad North team - Michéal Friel, Aidan Sweeney, Ciaran Sweeney, Finian Shiels, Jerome Doherty, Gavin Fahey. Front row JP McGinley, Paul Begley, Colm McElwaine, Patrick Carr, Jimmy Gallagher.

**In Memoriam**

**Brown**

Gortnabrade, Carrigart.  
20th Anniversary



**Dim**



**Bridget**

*No length of time will take away  
Our thoughts of you from day to day.*

Always remembered by Michael, Mary and family, Cranford and all your nieces and nephews in Tullagh.

**Anniversary Mass in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart on Saturday 23rd July at 6pm and Mass can also be viewed via the Mevagh Parish facebook page.**



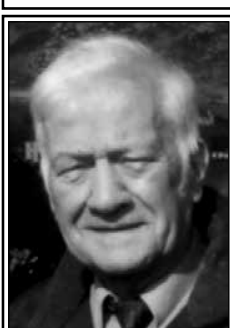
**Boyce**

Pat  
Tullagh / London  
4th Anniversary

*You left behind  
some aching hearts  
That love you  
most sincere  
We never shall and  
never will forget  
you Pat dear.*

Remembered always by your loving family circle.

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**Doherty**

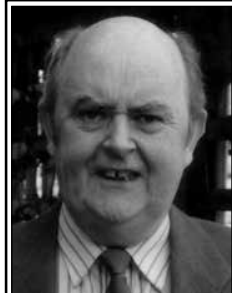
John  
Creeve, Rathmullsn  
4th Anniversary

In loving memory of John who died on the 26th July 2018.

*Memories of you  
we treasure  
In our heart you  
will live forever  
Will those who  
think of him today  
A little prayer  
to Jesus say.*

Always loved and sadly missed by your family in Creeve and Scotland.

**Anniversary Mass will take place in St. Mary's Church, Glenvar on Saturday 23rd July at 6.00pm.**



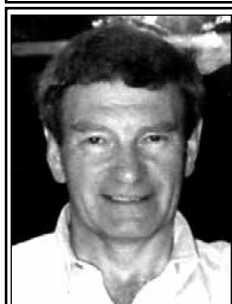
**Doherty**

Brendan  
Creeve  
Rathmullsn  
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of Brendan who died on the 23rd July 2020.

*On earth you toiled,  
in Heaven you rest  
God rest you  
Brendan you were  
one of the best.*

Sadly missed by Bridget and Tom, Anney, Glenvar.



**Meehan**

Frank  
Milford  
21st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband and father Frank who died on 21st July 2001.

*As each day dawns,  
we think of you  
As each night falls,  
we pray for you  
Throughout our  
lives, no matter  
where  
In our hearts you  
are always there.*

Always remembered by your wife Yvonne, sons Mark, Francis, Barry, Declan and their families and all family members.

Also remembering John and Evelyn Meehan at this time.

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter's Church, Milford on Sunday 24th July at 11.00am.**



**McBride**

Frances  
Gortcally, Kerrykeel  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother who died on the 23rd July 2021.

*Your memory is a treasure that I  
hold dear in my heart  
Will those who think of her today  
a little prayer to Jesus say.  
Our Lady of Fatima pray for her*

Always loved and sadly missed by Kathleen, Charlie and family.

*A light from our family is gone  
A voice we loved is stilled  
A place is vacant in the home  
Which never can be filled  
We have to mourn the loss of one  
We would've loved to keep  
But God who surely loved her best  
Has finally made her sleep  
After a lifetime of her love and joy  
And music to fill our ears  
God leaves these wondrous  
memories  
To help us through our tears*

Always remembered by Imelda, Debbie, Jamie and Declan.

*If Roses grow in Heaven Lord,  
please pick a bunch for me  
Place them in my Mother's arms  
and tell her they're from me  
Tell her that I love her and miss  
her, and when she turns to smile  
Place a kiss upon her cheek and  
hold her for a while  
Because remembering her is easy,  
I do it every day  
But there's an ache within my  
heart that will never go away.*

Remembered always Bernard, Brid and family.

*Your life was a blessing  
Your memory a treasure  
You are loved beyond words  
And missed beyond measure*

Mary, Martin and family.

*A mother's heart no longer beats  
But a mother's love  
for eternal keeps  
And until we meet again above  
Always know that we feel your*

love.  
Remembered always by daughter Eileen, Francie and families.

*As each day dawns  
we think of you  
As each night falls  
we pray for you  
And throughout my life no matter  
where in my heart  
you're always there.*

Always loved and remembered by your daughter Dolores, Michael and family.

*Those special memories of you  
will always bring a smile  
If only I could have you back for  
just a little while  
Then we could sit and talk again  
just like we used to do  
You always meant so very much  
and always will do too  
The fact that you're no longer  
here will always cause me pain  
But you're forever in my heart  
until we meet again*

Sadly missed by Gerard, Mary and family.

*A silent thought a quiet prayer for  
a special person in God's care.*

Always loved and sadly missed by Phyllis and family.

*You are the light that shines in our  
hearts forever.*

From Pauline, Dermot and family.

*A thousand words can't bring you  
back I know because I tried  
Neither can a million tears, I  
know because I cried.*

Love and miss you Mum, more than words can say from Breid, Ciaran and family.

*When tomorrow starts without me  
and I'm not here to see  
If the sun should rise and find  
your eyes all filled  
with tears for me  
I wish you wouldn't cry  
the way you did today  
While thinking of the many things  
we did not get to say  
I know how much you love me as  
much as I love you  
Each time that you think of me I  
know you will miss me too  
When tomorrow starts without me  
Don't think we're far apart  
For every time you think of me  
I'm right there in your heart.*

Loved and missed always by Sinead, John, Shaun, Maríosa, Mylie and Daithi.

**Anniversary Mass will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 23rd July**



**McDonnell**  
Bernadette  
Tullagh, Carrigart  
11th Anniversary

In loving memory of Bernadette who died on 24th July 2011.

*We never ask for  
miracles but today  
just one would do  
To have the hall  
door open wide and  
see you walking  
through  
To hold your hand  
to see you smile  
To sit and talk with  
you a while  
How much you are  
missed about the  
house no one could  
ever tell*

*But you seem to  
come back now and  
then, to check that  
all is well  
We know you walk  
beside us and when  
our lives are through  
We pray that God  
will take us by the  
hand and lead us  
straight to you.*

Remembered with love by your family, neighbours and friends.

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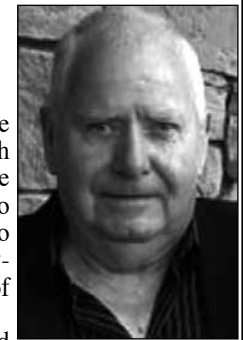


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**Acknowledgement**

**Duffy**

Eddie  
Aughalatt



We the family of the late Eddie Duffy wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to the many people who supported us following the recent death of Eddie.

To all those who called to the house, phoned, sent Mass cards, stood along the road and those who joined us at the Church, both in person and online, your support was very much appreciated.

We wish to thank all of those who cared for Eddie, especially those who did so in his last few months.

We are truly grateful to Fr. Pat McGarvey for his many visits to the house, for saying the Rosary with us and for celebrating Eddie's funeral Mass. A very special thanks to Fr. Desmond Sweeney for his many prayers which were a great comfort.

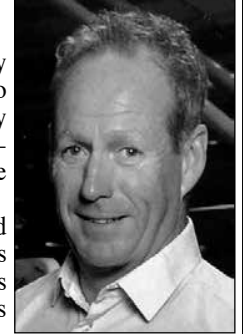
To Daniel Cullen, the Choir and all the musicians who added so much to the funeral Service and all of those who partook during the funeral Service, we say thank you.

We sincerely thank Seamus Gallagher, Undertaker, for his professional services during our difficult time.

As it is impossible to thank all individually, we hope that you can accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere gratitude for your kindness and support.

**Eddie's Month Mind Mass will take place in the Church of St John the Baptist, Carrigart on Friday 22nd July at 7pm**

**Harley**



Martina Harley and family wish to thank most sincerely everyone who sympathised with us on the sad loss of Gerard.

We would like to send our heartfelt thanks to family, neighbours and the many friends who visited our home, attended the wake, funeral Mass and burial and who provided emotional and practical support for us at this difficult time.

For those who phoned, travelled long distances, sent floral tributes, cards and messages of condolences, as well as those who made charitable donations to the Oncology Department, we are truly grateful.

We would especially like to thank the doctors and nurses who looked after Gerard during his 3 year illness; To Fr. Paddy Dunne for his support over the past few months and for the beautiful funeral Mass; and finally, to McClafferty Funeral Directors for their professional arrangements and support.

We are grateful for your continued support during this difficult time. Gerard will be sorely missed by all those who knew him.

**Donegal Youth League**

**Youth Cup action next week**

The final games in the Donegal Youth League have taken place and attention will now turn to Cup action which will commence on next Wednesday July 27th. Bonagee Utd had been crowned league champions ahead of the final week of the campaign.

**Mulroy-Fanad win away win  
Drumbar 1-2 Mulroy-Fanad**

In what was a tough encounter, Mulroy/Fanad came away with the three points to finish off the league season. Both teams went at it from the start but Mulroy/Fanad took a two goal lead into halftime through Darragh O'Doherty and Dylan McFadden, one from a corner and the other from a nice move which ended in a shot from just inside the box.

Drumbar got back into the game from a strike from Robbie Murphy from just inside the box on 65 minutes and although Drumbar pushed hard for an equaliser they couldn't find a way through a well marshalled visiting defence.

**Kilmac defeat Ballyraine  
Ballyraine 1-2 Kilmacrennan Celtic**

Kilmacrennan Celtic came away from Errigal College with all three points after a pulsating encounter on Wednesday evening. Kilmacrennan Celtic were two up with Gary McGettigan's goal seeing them double their earlier advantage. The lively Danny Hall halved the deficit before the break but try as they may there were no further goals in the second half despite a number of good chances being created by either side.

**Moyleview draw for Milford  
Milford Utd 0-0 Ballybofey Utd**

In what was a typical end of season league game ahead of the start of the cups, neither side really got a foothold in the game to dominate proceedings. While Milford had some good possession, it was Ballybofey who had the more clear cut chances. Milford's defence was again very strong although Daithi McColgan did come close when fashioning an opening with a mazy dribble on the edge of the area, only pulling his effort slightly wide. Killian McBride also came close for the home side but both sides were content to settle for a share of the spoils in a game well officiated by match referee Mick Lagan.

**Final point for Rovers**

**Ballybofey Utd 0-0 Letterkenny Rovers**

Ballybofey Utd and Letterkenny Rovers played out a scoreless draw in what was a good competitive match with a limited amount of chances for both sides. Aaron Temple had a good chance for Letterkenny in the 25th minute but Odhran Bonar in the Ballybofey nets pulled off a good save to tip the ball over the bar. Ballybofey had a good chance on the break in the 35th minute with Arminus pulling a good save from visiting netminder Bryan Alves de Costa in the 70th minute but again the Ballybofey keeper made three saves in short succession to keep his team in the game. Both teams cancelled each other out for the remainder of the match and a point each was probably a fair result

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**Donnell's Drumkeen double  
Drumkeen 4-2 Keadue Rovers**

Drumkeen United came out on top in their final Youth League winning 4-2 against Keadue Rovers. Drumkeen were 3-0 up at half time with Sam McKnight opening the scoring and then setting up Stewart McCrabbe for the second before Aaron Donnell scored from a superb strike from outside the penalty area.

In the second half Keadue got right back into the game when Ethan McCaffrey capitalised from a poor clearance to finish superbly from just inside the box. Ryan Brennan then scored from a free header for Keadue to make it 3-2. Drumkeen dug deep and finished the game off with a splendid fourth goal scored by Aaron Donnell after some lovely play on the counter attack involving Sam McKnight and Ryan Gildea.

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**In Memoriam**



**Cannon**  
Hugh  
Mount Marian,  
Milford  
21st July 2000

In loving memory of a dear father, grandfather and great grandfather.

*Precious are the memories  
Special is your name  
Close to our hearts  
you will always remain.*

Missed by Rosemary, Brian, Michael and families.

**Boyle**

Brian  
Castledoe,  
Creelough  
4th Anniversary

In loving memory of Brian who died on the 26th July 2018

*God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be  
So He put His arms around you and whispered "Come to Me"  
A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands now rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.*

Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by your wife Pauline, children Charlie, John, Anne, Colette, Sheila, Pauline and Bernie, their partners, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

**Anniversary Mass will be held in St Michael's Church, Creelough on Saturday 23rd July at 7.30pm.**



**Duffy**

Dan  
Portsalon  
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather who died 24th July 2019.

*I thought of you today but that is nothing new  
I thought about you yesterday and the day before that too  
I think of you in silence and often speak your name  
All I have are memories and your picture in a frame  
Your memory is a keepsake from which we'll never part  
God has you in His arms I have you in my heart.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by all your family.

**Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday 23rd July in St. Columba's Church, Massmount at 6pm.**

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Email: tribune15@gmail.com**

**Begley**



Mena  
11th Anniversary



Kevin  
28th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother who died on 22nd July 2011 and a dear son, brother and uncle who died on the 7th August 1994.

*There are no words to tell you  
What losing you have meant  
But now each day brings memories  
Of happy times we spent.  
You'd want us all to smile again and that's just what we do every time we reminisce with loving thoughts of you.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by Neil and all the family, grandchildren, great grandchildren and all the nieces and nephews.

In loving memory of Mena who died on 22nd July 2011 and also remembering Kevin who died on 7th August 1994.

Although we smile and make no fuss  
No one miss you more than us.

Always remembered by the McTaggart family, Ballyare.

**Anniversary Mass will be held in St. Peter's Church, Milford on Tuesday 26th July at 7pm.**



**Doherty**  
Brendan  
Creeve  
Rathmullam  
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear brother who died on the 23rd July 2020.

*A life is not measured by how long you live, it's the person you are and all that you give  
Your generous nature, your heart of gold  
Are the memories of you that will never grow old  
You were always so happy your smile touched us all  
We know we will meet again, when God gives us our call.*

Always remembered by your brother Hugh.

**Anniversary Mass in St. Catherine's Church, Oughterlin on Sunday 24th July at 11am.**



**Grier**

Ivan  
Hillcrest, Ramelton  
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather Ivan who died on 27th July 2019.

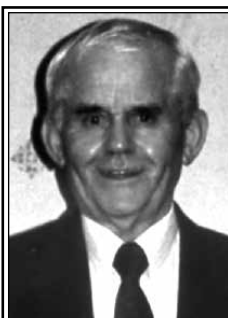
*DAD  
If I could write a story, it would be the greatest ever told  
Of a kind and loving father who had a heart of gold  
If could write a million pages but still be unable to say  
Just how much I love and miss him every single day  
I will remember all he taught me  
I'm hurt but won't be sad  
Because he'll send me down the answers and he'll always be My Dad*

Loved and sadly missed by your son Alastair, daughter-in-law Monica and grandchildren Catherine, Adam and Andrew.

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**Donegal County Council  
Glenmenagh, Glen, Co. Donegal**

I Marie Shields am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to construct a dwelling with on site sewage treatment and a detached garage at Glenmenagh, Glen, Co. Donegal in the townland of Glenmenagh. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application



**Duffy**

Dickie  
Ramelton  
10th Anniversary

In memory of a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather who died on 22nd July 2012.

*God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be  
So He put His arms around you and whispered "Come to Me".  
A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands now rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.*

Loved and missed by your wife Kathleen.

*We miss you from your fireside chair  
Your loving smile and gentle air  
Your vacant place no one can fill  
We miss you Father and always will.*

Sadly missed by your sons Anthony, Martin, Damian and Jonathon, daughters-in-law Margaret, Bridie and Fiona.

*We miss you more than words can say  
But in our hearts you will always stay  
The flowers may wither the sun will set  
But you Grandad we will never forget.*

Missed by your grandchildren Katie, Erica, Louise, Zoe, Shaun, Lee and Shane

*The angels sang  
Amazing Grace,  
God came down and touched your face  
Then He whispered soft and low,  
come with me it's time to go".*

Missed by your great grandchildren Heidi, Lucy, Zara, Amelia, Jayden and Noah.

**Donegal County Council  
Ballylin, Ramelton**

I, Catherine Boyce am applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission for Construction of a Dwelling House, Detached Domestic Garage, Septic Tank/Sewage Treatment System and Associated Site Development Works at Ballylin, Ramelton, Co. Donegal in the Townland of Ballylin. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its Public Opening Hours at County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal. Submissions or Observations in relation to this development may be made to the Planning Authority in writing, on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the Application by the Planning Authority.

**Donegal County Council**

I, Norman Young am applying to Donegal County Council for permission for change of house type from that previously approved, planning reference 13/50056 & 17/51921 refers at Glen, Carrigart, Co. Donegal in the townland of Glenieragh. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the

**Acknowledgement**

**Buchanan**

Samuel  
Rosgarrow, Milford

We the family of the late Samuel Buchanan, would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone who has sympathised and supported us on our recent loss.

Thanks to all family, friends and neighbours who attended the wake and funeral, especially those who travelled great distances. To those who helped out at the wake and brought home baking and dinners, we are so grateful. Sincere thanks to all who have called, messaged, sent card, called to our door and stood along the route of the funeral cortege.

Thank you to everyone who gave flowers and donations for the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association. Sincere thanks to Dr. Memon, the nurses at L.U.H. and I.M.N.D.A., for supporting and caring for Samuel during his illness. Deepest thanks to the carers, who supported us and provided exceptional care towards Samuel. Thanks to our Rev. Susan Moore who gave spiritual guidance and to Rev. Craig Wilson who provided a lovely funeral service. We would like to thank Patrick Sweeney Funeral Director for his professional service.

**As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please take this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere gratitude.**

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rea-sonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority, County House, Lifford during its public opening hours. Submissions or observations in relation to the development may be made to the planning authority in writing, on payment of €20, within five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority.

**Donegal County Council**

I, Patrick McGeedy am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the construction of a Domestic Garage and all associated site works at Cashelnagor, Gortahork, Co. Donegal in the townland of Cashelnagor. 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**

**Loughnagin, Castlewray, Letterkenny**  
We, Pat & Liz Boyce are applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission for Construction of a Dwelling House, Detached Domestic Garage, septic tank/treatment system & All Associated Site Works, in the Townland of Loughnagin, Castlewray, Letterkenny, 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 during its Public Opening Hours at County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal. Submissions or Observations in relation to this development may be made to the Planning Authority in writing, on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the Application by the Planning Authority.

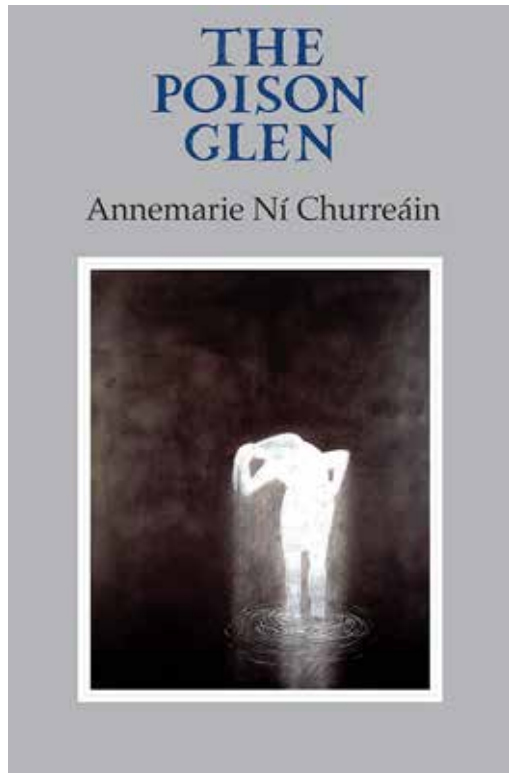
**Donegal County Council**

**Loughnagin, Castlewray, Letterkenny**  
We, Zoe & Padraig McGarvey are applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission for Construction of a Dwelling House, Detached Domestic Garage, septic tank/treatment system & All Associated Site Works, in the Townland of Loughnagin, Castlewray, Letterkenny, 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 during its Public Opening Hours at County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal. Submissions or Observations in relation to this development may be made to the Planning Authority in writing, on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the Application by the Planning Authority.

# Solas Writers Retreat in Falcarragh

Following the sold-out success of the first Solas Writing Retreat in early 2022, Donegal poet Annemarie Ní Churraín will host a second week of poetry workshops at The Song House in Falcarragh this October. The retreat will offer an immersive space for poets at all levels to explore, reflect, learn and write in the lap of Errigal & Muckish Mountain, and among the echoes and shadows of Lugh Lámfada and other mythological ghosts.

Originally from Doire Chonaire, Ní Churraín's books include Bloodroot (Doire Press, 2017)



Falcarragh Poet Annemarie Ní Churraín and The Poison Glen (The Gallery Press 2021).

A recurring theme of her poetry is the lives of mothers and children in Ireland under the care of church and state, and her work includes responses to orphanages, state industrial schools, mother and baby homes and the famed Dublin Foundling Hospital of the 1700's. Much of Ní Churraín's poetry engages with records and archives but she also looks to folklore, superstition, cures, magic rituals, incantations and ancient pre-Christian stories.

Of her writing The Dublin Review of Books has reported that it is "a poetry of furious energy and stunning verse-craft". Meanwhile the Yale Review has stated that Ní Churraín's "often captures a whole world of cultural and historical implications in a single, simple, but met-



The Song House, Falcarragh which will host the Solas Writing Retreat

aphorically rich image". Ní Churraín is a recipient of The Next Generation Artists Award from President Michael D. Higgins on behalf of the Irish Arts Council and a co-recipient of the inaugural Constance Markievicz Award. She has been granted literary fellowships by Akademie Schloss Solitude in Germany, Jack Kerouac House in Florida, and The Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris. She is the 2022 Decade of Centenaries Artist in Residence with Donegal County Council Archives

Services. Unfolding over two nights and three days, the October 2022 Solas Writers Retreat will feature poetry workshops, readings and one-to-one feedback sessions. 'Dreamtime' is the theme for this weekend and poets are invited to submit a poem in advance of the weekend for group editing over the course of the weekend (guidelines for submission of poems are available on the Song House website). Participants can expect an encouraging environment designed to support

writers to develop first drafts into polished poems. The Song House (or Teach na nAmhrán in Irish), formerly known as The Poets' House, is situated in the heart of the stunning north west Donegal landscape. Weekend accommodation for the retreat is available at the house (with a limited number of single rooms and some shared rooms) or nearby locally. Already poets are booked to travel from The U.S. and U.K. Places are limited. Visit: [thesonghouseireland.com](http://thesonghouseireland.com).

## Cloughaneely

### The late Anne O'Donnell

The death took place recently in the Lake House Nursing Unit, Portnablagh of Anne O'Donnell (nee Downey) and formerly Enniskillen and laterally Killut, Falcarragh. She was predeceased by her parents Sheila and Charlie, brothers Cathal and Gerard. A former Teacher at PCC Falcarragh Anne was well known and respected in the area and many tributes have been paid since her passing including from many of her past pupils at PCC.

Her remains reposed at her family home in Killult on Sunday and Monday last for waking. Anne's Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday 19th July last in the Christ the King Church, Gortahork at 12pm with burial afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

The deepest sympathy of the community is extended to her husband Colm, children Claire, Paul, Julie, Joan and Ultan, 11 grandchildren, brother Seamus and in-laws and to the entire family circle and friends.

### Cloughaneely Junior Band

There was no Jackpot winner in the Cloughaneely Band Mini Lotto on Thursday and congratulations to the match 5 winner who was Marion McGrenra. This week's Jackpot will be €8000.

### Cloughaneely Band

Banna Cheoil Chloich Cheann Fhaola

Ceiliúradh 40 Bliain are inviting all past members and committee to the celebration event on Sunday 7th August. The celebration will begin with a Mass in Gortahork 3pm followed by a parade at 4pm and celebrations in Falcarragh. We hope as many of our past and present members and committee can join us on the day.

### Church Gate Collection

The North West Simon Community will hold their Church Gate Collection on the weekend of 23rd/24th July. North West Simon Community has not had Church Gate Collections in over two years and would be extremely grateful for your support as the money is needed now more than ever.

### CE Scheme

There are number of vacancies on the CE Scheme in Falcarragh and Dunlewey, all of these vacancies are developmental opportunities. Should you wish to apply please contact Kevin or Marion in our office above the Barber in Falcarragh or phone 9165782 during office hours.

### Pobail Le Chéile

Pobail Le Chéile celebrated its 20 year Anniversary with a garden party at Garradh Cholm Cille. Thank you to all who attended. Chairperson Phyl O'Connor thanked Rosemary Grain for her 20 years of service to the Project and for organising the event. She also thanked all the workers, committee members and volunteers who helped to make the event such a success.

Pobail Le Chéile looks forward to continuing our work in the local community. Ba mhaith linn buíochas a thabhairt do na daoine uilig a d'obair ar an gairdín coisir seo inniú agus do gach duine a chuidigh at bhealach ar bith agus go háirithe na daoine uilig a tháinig ansin inniú.

### Job Vacancy

An tSeán Bheairic is currently seeking a part-time staff member. Job vacancy: Kitchen Assistant / Food Service and General Duties Staff. Contact 9180888, [antseanbheairic10@yahoo.ie](mailto:antseanbheairic10@yahoo.ie).

### Cloughaneely Food Bank

Cloughaneely Food Bank has a donation box in Siopa Pobal, where you can donate items such as dried / tined goods, they will also accept vouchers, they would like to thank everyone for their generosity, every little helps. Please remember if you need to contact them you can do so in complete confidence on this number 083 348 9749.

### PCC Reunion

PCC reunion of 1985 C year starters - in Ostan Loch Altan on Friday the 29th of July. Teachers welcome also. If interested contact Sile O'Donnell 00447951791371. / [sheodonnell@yahoo.com](mailto:sheodonnell@yahoo.com).

### Falcarragh Medical Centre

Preschool booster clinic on the following dates: Monday 15th August. Contact the surgery to make an appointment on 9135491/ 9135490. It



Anne Campbell, Magheraarty who won the Falcarragh 50/50 jackpot this week of €832. Draw continues every Monday night at Ionad Naomh Fionan, Falcarragh

## Fanad Utd win Falcarragh Summer Cup

The Falcarragh Celtic Supporters Club held their Annual Summer Cup last weekend and the weekend was a great success.

All the proceeds of the Tournament went to the Falcarragh Branch of the Bluestack Foundation and all monies received

are greatly appreciated and the Falcarragh Celtic Supporters Club wish to say a big thank you to all their sponsors and those who gave donations and helped a great cause.

Twenty Teams participated over the two-day event and again the Club extends to all who played

and the teams that came from far and wide.

The Tournament was paid in two venues located at the Ballina Resource Centre and Falcarragh Hall. Falcarragh Celtic Supporters Club would like to say a big thank you to the committees of both venues without

whose help it would not have been possible for the event to run as smoothly as it did.

On the Final Day on Sunday last the quarter finals, semi finals and finals took place plus a ladies game and an over 40's match as a curtain raiser for the final.

The Final was won by Fanad Utd who were captioned by De-

clan McGarvey, they beat Ballina Celtic who put up a battling performance in the final.

A big thank you to the Falcarragh Summer Cup Committee of Gerry Harley, Hugh Sweeney and Tommy and Kevin McFadden, Johnny Kelly, Denis Doo-han, Shaun McGarvey and Ciaran Collins.

The Committee run the tourna-

ment in memory of club members who have passed away in recent years.

Also, the Falcarragh Celtic Supporters Club would like to thank the Referees that officiated at the weekend.

Many thanks to all who helped out and the organisers are already looking forward to next years tournament.



The wining team Fanad Utd, captained by Declan McGarvey pictured with Ballina Celtic team members before the final on Sunday last and referee George Montgomery.



Mark Harley and Aine Kelly presenting the Falcarragh Summer Cup to Fanad United Captain, Declan McGarvey.

# Creeslough

## Crafters Craft Fair

The Crafters are holding a local Arts and Craft Sale and Raffle in Massinass Hall on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st July from 11am till 4pm. Anyone interested in booking a table contact 0894374879 or any member. All donations to Christmas Lights / Tidy Towns and Day Centre so come along, your support is much appreciated.

## St. Michael's Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Mini Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were: 2, 6, 7, 18, 19, 20. There were three match 5 winners Charlotte Gallagher, Purt, Dunfanaghy, Ann Marie Rodgers, Dunfanaghy and Maureen McGee, Derryreel

who won €35 each. This week's Jackpot will be €7400.

## Bingo

The €200 on the House on Game 9 at the Bingo on Sunday was won by Liam McEhinney, the €100 House on Game 5 was won by Rosaleen McEhinney.

## Dunfanaghy Youths

Congratulations to the winner of last week's 50/50 who was Madge Boyle who won €400. The 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.

## Covid Booster

The Creeslough and Dunfanaghy

Health Centres are continuing weekly clinics for the Covid Booster programme. If you are a registered patient of the practice and are eligible for a booster, or if you require a first booster or are not yet vaccinated, you may email or call us to arrange an appointment. Email to creesloughprimary-care@gmail.com or call 9138388.

## Summer Opening

The Gift Shop at Ards Friary will be open Monday to Saturday 12-5pm and Sunday 12-6:45pm.

The Coffee Dock is open Monday to Saturday 12-6pm and Sunday 12-7pm

## Doe Graveyard Mass

Doe Graveyard ceremony of blessing will take place on Sunday 31st July at 11am. Please note the change of time.

## Creeslough Day Centre

Creeslough Day Centre are looking for volunteers to help with the delivery of 'Meals on Wheels' in the Creeslough and Portnablagh areas. Please contact Seamus or Jade on 9138452 for more details.

## Memorial Walk

The Patrick McIntyre Memorial Walk is back again this year after an absence of two years due to Covid. It will take place on Saturday August 20th from Muckish Sand and Gravel and go along the Railway Walk. More details later - save the date.

## Country Markets

The Dunfanaghy Country Market will be in the Market Square from 10 to 1 every Saturday with a wide selection of home baking, chocolates, jams, chutneys, veg, salad, hand crafts, knit-

ting, crochet, candles and cards. Treat yourself or your friends to some beautiful fresh local produce and crafts.

## Social Dancing Classes

Social Dancing Classes have resumed in the Massinass Centre Creeslough on Tuesday evenings from 8 to 10pm. New people very welcome.

## St. Vincent De Paul

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

## Clothes Bank

A clothes bank is now situated beside McNulty's Bar in aid of St. Michael's Minor Board. If anyone is clearing out presses etc. All donations of clothes, would be much appreciated.

## Cloughaneely Golf Club

### Successful Open Week at Cloughaneely Golf Club

A very successful Open Week took place at Cloughaneely with great crowds gathering at the Ballyconnell venue.

The 9 Hole on 8th July sponsored by the Strand Road Bar & Kitchen - 1st: Seamus McGee (16) 16pts BOT; 2nd: Roisin McGee (21) 16pts; 3rd: Vincent Collum (10) 14pts BOT.

The Singles 9th & 10th July sponsored by Boyces Centra Falcarragh; 1st: Anne Collum (44) 37pts; CAT 1: Mark McGinley (7) 36pts; CAT 2: Martin Giles (23) 34pts; CAT 3: Roisin McGee (43) 36pts.

The 3 Person Scramble on Monday kindly sponsored by

Danny McNulty. 1st: Cian McGarvey, Dean Gallagher & Chris McCallion - 54.7 (-12); 2nd: Paul Harkin, Brian McGee & Caroline McGee - 54.8 (E); 3rd: Brian Geaney, Darragh Geaney & Martin Terry - 57.2 (-7). Visitors: Liam McKinley, Jerry McClafferty & Michael Barry - 61.1 (+1).

9 Hole on Tuesday 12th July sponsored by Laffertys Supermarket, Creeslough 1st: Michael Gallagher (10) 21pts; 2nd: Cian McGarvey (1) 17pts; 3rd: Chris McCallion (4) 16pts.

The 3 Ball better Ball on 13th July sponsored by VP McMul-

lan Solicitors - 1st: Catherine McGinley, Mary Cox & Mary Barrett - 67pts; 2nd: Paul Doherty, Francis Boyle & Joe Doherty - 63pts; 3rd: Cian McGarvey, Vincent Collum & Anne Collum - 62pts.

The 9 Hole on 14th July sponsored by Denis Herry and Seamus Danny McGee; 1st: Keith Harrison, Otway (20) 25pts; 2nd: Martin Terry 18pts; 3rd: Roisin McGee (21) 17pts.

The 4 BBB on 15th July sponsored by Batch Falcarragh; 1st: Anthony Doherty & John McGinley - 47pts; 2nd: Paul Doherty & Joe Doherty - 46pts



Enjoying open week at Cloughaneely are Dan Doohan, Vincent Collum, Joe McGarvey & Conor Gallagher BOT; 3rd: Chris McCallion & Martin Giles - 46pts.

The Óstan Loch Altan 3 Ball Scramble 16th July: 1st: Cian McGarvey, Paul Doherty & Francis Boyle 52 (-14); 2nd: Brian Geaney, Darragh Geaney & Danny McNulty 57 (-7); Visitors: Shaun Meehan, John Meehan & Oisín McLaughlin, Murvagh 61.8 (-5).

The McClafferty's Eurospar Stroke 17th July: 1st: Ciarán Rodgers (20) 69; CAT 1: Cian McGarvey (0) 71; CAT 2: Brian McGee (19) 72; CAT 3: Anthony Sweeney, Gweedore (21) 70; Visitor: Andrew Carr, Gweedore (28) 76.

We would sincerely like to thank all of our generous sponsors for their continued support. We would also like to thank all golfers, both members and visitors for supporting our very successful 2022 Open Week. Go raibh maith agaibh uilig don urraíocht agus don tacaíocht.

## Captain's Day



3rd Place winners on 46pts in the 4 Ball Better Ball sponsored by Batch Falcarragh are Martin Giles and Chris McCallion with Captain Stephen McCafferty.



Dan Mulhern, Stephen McCafferty and Dennis Sale enjoying Open Week

Stephen McCafferty's big day, 2022 Captain's Day is on Saturday 23rd July.

The timesheet is now open book on clubnet and draw on Fri-

day night for Saturday. The top 10 including 2 gross qualify for the 9 hole play-off at 5.30pm. This will be followed by a prize presentation @ 9pm all welcome. There will be a shoot-out on Wednesday evening draw at 5.45pm and a 9 Hole Scramble on Friday draw at 5.45pm. Rumour has it Brian McGee is playing wild stuff altogether and is hot favourite to bring another major to the McGee household. Outsiders Shaun McGarvey & John Murphy are tipped for an early exit but both are talking a good game and no doubt Murphy will be after the round too! We wish Stephen the very best this week.

Ádh mór. Cumann Gailf Chloich Cheann Fhaola would like to send our condolences to club member Kevin Barrett and his family on the death of his brother Enda.

## Course Record by Cian McGarvey

The undoubted story of the week was Cian McGarvey finally beating David Hone's long standing course record of 68. Cian's round started with 6 pars before 4 successive birdies on 7, 8, 9 and 10. The solitary blemish came at 11 with a bogey before picking up another birdie on the 14th. This left Cian signing for a brilliant 66, beating the old record by 2 shots. All the more remarkable considering he had 34 putts - with two putt birdies on the par 5 8th and par 4 10th. Everyone at the club is delighted for Cian and also very proud of him, a superb ambassador for the club both on and off the course. He has also achieved the dream of many golfers as his handicap has now been cut to scratch.



Pictured above are Stephen McCafferty, Ciarán Rodgers, Michael Gallagher and John McDermott and below Joe Doherty, Paul Doherty, Club Captain Stephen McCafferty and Francis Boyle who took part in Open Week at Cloughaneely Golf Club.



Bhunaigh Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Chloich Cheann Fhaola Bord na mBan arís in athair anuraidh. Inniu tá 82 girseach cláraithe leis an chumann agus tá foirne faoi 14, faoi 12, faoi 10 agus faoi 8 ag traenáil go rialta. Thug Pleanáil Teanga Chloich Cheann Fhaola tacaíocht mhaoinithe don chumann nua seo. Tá an pobal bródúil go bhfuil an Ghaeilge in úsáid ag na bainisteoirí leis na girseachaí agus idir na himreoirí mar fhoireann ar an pháirc. Guimíd gach ádh agus beannacht ar na mná óga Gaeltachta seo san am atá romhainn. Míle buíochas do gach duine fásta atá ag obair go deonach leis an óige i gCloch Cheann Fhaola. Sa ghrianghraf tá foireann faoi 12 Chloich Cheann Fhaola lena mbainisteoir Seosamh Ó Frighil agus Caitlín Ní Bhroin, Oifigeach Pleanála Teanga Chloich Cheann Fhaola.

# Dunfanaghy

## The late Liz McIntyre

The death occurred on Monday week last peacefully at her home in Dublin of Liz McIntyre (nee O'Brien) Beaumont, Dublin and Ballymore, Dunfanaghy. Liz was a well known and respected member of the local community and was a familiar figure in the area along with her husband Dermot. She was also a member of Dunfanaghy Golf Club.

Many tributes have been paid to her and she was remembered as being a kind and helpful friend and neighbour. Her remains reposed at her home in Ballymore for waking before being removed to St. Finian's Church in Falcarragh. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. James Gillespie P.P. St. Finian's who also officiated afterwards at the Graveside. Deepest sympathy is extended to her husband Dermot, sons Andrew and Brian, daughters Clare and Fiona, daughters-in-law and sons-in-law Paulette, Patricia, Séan and Patrick, grandchildren Aoife, Aisling, Ciara, Diarmuid, Conor, Pádraig and Fionán, nephews, nieces, extended family, and a wide circle of friends.

## Portnablagh Fishing Festival

The Portnablagh Fishing Festival will be held on this Saturday the 23rd July from 10am until 5pm. There are lots of prizes and the entry fee is €20 per person. To enter a boat or to book a place contact Richard Bowyer on 0864001499 or email richardbowyer@hotmail.com. All monies raised will be donated to local charities and all fish caught will be sold after the competition for a donation.

## Church Gate Collection

The North West Simon Community

will hold their Church Gate Collection on this weekend of 23rd/24th July. North West Simon Community has not had Church Gate Collections in over two years and would be extremely grateful for your support as the money is needed now more than ever.

## Vintage Style Bake Sale

There will be a Vintage Style Bake Sale in aid of the Parkinson's Association of Ireland North West Branch and Holy Trinity Church on the Village Green in Dunfanaghy opposite Arnolds Hotel on this Friday the 15th July at 12 noon and everyone is welcome.

## St. Michael's Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Mini Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were: 2,6,7, 18,19,20. There were three match 5 winners Charlotte Gallagher, Pur, Dunfanaghy, Ann Marie Rodgers, Dunfanaghy and Maureen McGee, Derryreel who won €35 each. This week's Jackpot will be €7400.

## Bingo

The €200 on the House on Game 9 at The St. Michael's Bingo on Sunday was won by Liam McEhinney, the €100 House on Game 5 was won by Rosaleen McElhinney. The Bingo continues in the Massinass Centre in Creeslough and Online every Sunday at 8pm. Everyone is welcome.

## Dunfanaghy Youths

Congratulations to the winner of last week's 50/50 who was Midge Boyle who won €400. The 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 tick-

ets online.

## Dunfanaghy Resource Centre

Summer Quiz Nights: The fundraising quiz nights continue on Tuesday evenings at Arnolds Hotel throughout July and August and everyone are encouraging the local community and visitors to support them.

Summer Camps and Workshops: Clay workshop 11 - 14 year olds 22nd July 10.30-1.30: 10 places available Cost: €5; Family sand sculpture workshop 29th July 10.30-1.30: 15 places available Cost: €5; Mosaic workshop: 4th & 5th August for children aged 7-10. 10 places available Cost: €5; Mosaic workshop: 18th & 19th August for children age 11-14. 10 spaces available Cost: €5. Advanced registration and payment required for all camps and activities. Please call in person to the Centre if possible to fill in the registration forms

The Playstation Outdoors continue to facilitate a play meet up at The Workhouse playground for parents and young children on Monday mornings from 10.30 - 12. This is a FREE service however donations to the community playground is encouraged if you are in a position to afford it.

Wee Baby group with Breastfeeding support meets on Tuesday mornings 10.00 - 12 at the Centre and is supported by Labhaoise our PHN.

Creeslough Parent & Toddler group takes place on Fridays 10 - 12 throughout July at the Creeslough Day Centre.

## Golf Club Open Week

This years Dunfanaghy Golf Club Open Week continues until the 24th July with the following Competitions taking place over the next few days: Thursday 21st July : Open mixed scotch foursomes (Arnolds Hotel). Friday 22nd July: Ladies & Gents open seniors (Flynn Vets). Saturday 23rd July : Open 4BBB stableford Any combination (Highland Radio). Sunday 24th July : Open Classic Lafferty's supermarket Creeslough. For more details ring 9136335 or book online at www.dunfanaghygolfclub.com.

## Covid Booster

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## Open Water Swimmers

Gartan Open Water swimmers continue their Crab Crawl swim series on Wednesday evenings with registration from 6:30pm at the slipway. Swim starts at 7pm. Entry fee €15.

## CE Scheme

DPM the local Community Employment Scheme are currently recruiting workers. Previous workers are welcome to reapply as new eligibility criteria has been introduced. For more information or to apply or to check your eligibility please telephone 0879825174.

## Fun Day Auction and Craft Fair

Holy Trinity Fun Day Auction and Craft Fair will be held on the grounds of The Parish Hall, and surrounding areas on Bank Holiday Monday 1st August beginning at 12 noon. More details later. To book a stall please contact 0860133201.

## Rural Social Scheme

Recruitment for Rural Social Scheme for persons from farming/fishing families in the Dunfanaghy/

# Ballymore Principal visits

## European Parliament in Brus-

Cáit Ní Chuireáin, principal, Ballymore National School, was one of a group of 21 Irish primary school teachers who visited Brussels on July 11-13 to see the European Commission and the European Parliament, where they had an opportunity to sit down with Ms McGuinness and Irish MEPs. The group also visited the Permanent

Representation of Ireland to the EU. The teachers participate in the Blue Star Programme, run by European Movement Ireland, which teaches primary school children about the European Union. The programme is funded by the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and supported by the European Commission and the European Parliament.



Cáit Ní Chuireáin, Principal Ballymore National School pictured with Mairead McGuinness MEP in Brussel during her recent visit.

Creeslough areas: Current positions available are: Health and Wellness Facilitator, Care Assistant, Environmental/Caretaker Position. For info contact Mary McMenamin on 086 8095344.

## Summer Opening Times

The Gift Shop at Ards Friary will be open Monday to Saturday 12 to 5pm and Sunday 12 to 6:45 pm. The Coffee Dock will be open Monday to Saturday 12 to 6 pm and Sunday 12 to 7 pm

## Active Age

The Active Age Group continues in the Ozanam Centre and meet every Thursday from 11am until 1pm.

## Country Markets

The Country Market continues in the Market Square, Dunfanaghy from 10am to 1pm every Saturday. Saint Vincent De Paul Conference. If anyone is in need of support, advice or financial assistance, please feel free to contact us in the strictest of confidence, the local contact number is 086 2328791.

# Cllr. McClafferty highlights Water Safety

Following the recent spell of good weather, Cllr Michael McClafferty has sought to highlight Water Safety and the safe operation of Jet Ski's near beaches and swimmers.

He says "I would like to highlight water safety especially when people take to the water these days especially with Jet skis in particular. There was an incident in Killahoey beach Dunfanaghy last week where people were swimming in the water close to the beach. Unfortunately, people on Jet skis unaware that there were swimmers in the area came very close to the swimmers

and the Lifeguard on duty on the day had to take immediate action and swim out to advise and educate them on health and safety and make them aware of the vulnerable swimmers.

Respectfully the Jet skiers made their apologies and moved out to a safe location and everybody enjoyed their day. People need to be aware that the speed limit is 3kms per hour to taxi out to your safe location, via pier launch until your outward destination of safety, well out of harm's way it's a big ocean out there."



Rev David Skuce, Frances Ferry, Kevin McLaughlin and Leon Evans enjoying the Vintage Style Bake Sale in aid of the Parkinson's Association of Ireland North West Branch and Holy Trinity Church on the Village Green in Dunfanaghy.



Eileen Moore enjoying a Cup of Tea at the Vintage Style Bake Sale on the Village Green in Dunfanaghy on Friday



Heather McElhinney, Bridget Moore, Judith McKinley, Wendy Dalton and Emma Moore at the Vintage Style Bake Sale on the Village Green, Dunfanaghy in aid of the Parkinson's Association of Ireland North West Branch and Holy Trinity Church on Friday.



# GAA Club News

## Gleann tSúilí

### Senior Men

#### Brian McCormick Sports Division 1

The Brian McCormick Sports Division 1 Relegation play off sees Glenswilly take on Killybegs this Saturday in Glenties at 12pm.

#### Brian McCormick Sports Division 1 Reserve

The reserves play in the Brian McCormick Sports Division 1 Reserve League final against Naomh Conaill. The game takes place this Saturday 23rd July at 4pm in Killybegs. Glenswilly GAA club would like to wish the team and management all the best in the final.

Lets get out and support both teams on Saturday. Gleann tSúilí Abú

#### Mc Glynn Catering Division 4 League Final

Our mens third team played Naomh Conaill in the Mc Glynn Catering Division 4 League Final last Saturday 16th July at Na Rossa's pitch in Lettermacaward. The Glen put up a very strong second half after a tough first half, bringing the game back to one point, with Naomh Conaill holding on to claim the league title. It was great to see a great turnout of supporters on the day. Well done to all the team and management in getting to the final and good luck in the championship.

### UNDERAGE

#### U13 Div 1

U13 boys lost out to MacCumhills last week. This week they take on St Eunans in O'Donnell Park.

#### U13 Div 3

U13 Division 3 boys had a 4 point win over Red Hughs last week. This week they are at home to Downings on Wednesday evening at home at 6.15pm

### Fixtures

#### Saturday 23rd

U14 Girls Burt v Glenswilly 1pm

Brian McCormick Sports Division 1 Relegation play off

Glenswilly v Killybegs 12pm

Brian McCormick Sports Division 1 Reserve League Final

Glenswilly v N. Conaill in Killybegs at 4pm

### CLUB BINGO

The Glenswilly Club Bingo continues every Wednesday night at 9pm. Thanks to everyone who has attended our bingo since we have started back. It's great to see everyone again and to see the great crowds.

## St. Michael's

### Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the Mini Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were: 2,6,7,18,19,20. There were three Match 5 Winners Charlotte Gallagher Purt Dunfanaghy, Ann Marie Rodgers Dunfanaghy and Maureen McGee Derryreel who won €35 each. This week's Jackpot will be €7400.

### Bingo

The €200 on the House on Game 9 at the Bingo on Sunday was won by Liam McEhinney, the €100 House on Game 5 was won by Rosaleen McElhinney.

## Chloich Cheann Fhaola

### Lotto

Uimhreacha na seachtaine 1,3,10,14,18,20. Níor bhain aon duine an pota óir. Bhí naonúr is fiche ann le ceithre uimhir. Comhghairdeas le Kevin Duggan a bhaineann €100. Tá €7,250 sa phota óir anois. Tá na ticéid le fáil in Batch, Centra, Oifig an Phoist, dtigh Dee, dtigh Craig, Stáisiún Breosla Mhic Aoidh agus dtigh Shane McGee ar an Fhál Carrach agus sa Stór agus i Siopa Eurospar Mhic Laifearthaigh i nGort a'Choirce.

## CLG An Tearmainn

Lotto Results 15/7/2022. No's drawn 5, 14, 25, 26; Jackpot €3150 No winner; Match 3 - No winner. Open Draw Winners €10 Each - Sean McGarvey (Gacie's), Kitty Rumley (bingo) and Caroline Friel (yearly). Next week's Jackpot €3200

The weekly bingo continues each Friday night online, drive in and indoors at the Craoibhin, Termon. Full details are available on the Termon bingo Facebook page as well as a chance to win a free book.

The U17 boys travelled to Ardara on Friday to begin their division 1 all county campaign. In perfect footballing conditions the boys began well and were leading at half time, but the hosts came back in the second half with some intense tuns of play to bring the game to a draw at the final whistle.

The U15's began their all county division 2 campaign at home at the Burn road on Monday hosting Cloughaneely. The Termon boys began well, but the visitors took charge early in the game and kept the termon lads working hard until the end.

Cloughaneely came away winners on this occasion.

Our two U13 boys teams are in action this week against MacCumhills division 1 and Naomh Padraig, Leifear, this week, both games are away. Our senior ladies take on Glenfin in the Kernan Group Division 1 senior ladies league final this Sunday 24th.

Our senior ladies involved with Maxi Curran's county senior panel, had a heartbreaking day in Croke Park against reigning All Ireland holders Meath. Our ladies played extremely well, but just not enough to get into the final in a few weeks time. These ladies have over the season given us so much and they now deserve a rest before heading into club championship in August.

Also in Croke Park on Sunday was club young volunteer of the year, Chloe Callaghan who gained access to take photos of the county ladies, a fantastic opportunity and some great shots of the day, available to see online and also on Page 23 of this edition. Well done Chloe keep up the great work.

Our minor girls had an away game against Bundoran on Thursday, in an entertaining game the Burn road girls came away with the win and a stop off at Supermacs on the long journey home.

The U12 girls concluded their league season with a home game against Downings and a treat in the Lagoon afterwards of pizza. Thanks to all the parents and coaches for making their season a memorable one, training will continue with a few challenge games in the next few weeks.

## Naomh Ádhamháin

The Senior Hurlers played Burt at the weekend in the Donegal SHC and Burt came out as winners. The score was 2-16 to 0-14. Hard luck to the management team. Burt will now face Setanta in the county final.

Hard luck to the Donegal Ladies who were beaten by Meath at the weekend in the All Ireland Semi Final, hard luck especially to Shauna, Laoise and Shauna.

Our ladies minor team played Glenties, it was a drawn game 1-08 to 2-05. Well done.

Well done to the u13 teams who played Gaoth Dobhair, they won with a score line of 3-12 to 3-05. Well done to captain Josh Ryan and all the team.

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 10-11. Everyone is welcome and you can register online.

Thanks to everyone who helps and gives their time each week.

Club fixtures are available on social media.

## Gaeil Fhanada

### Lotto Results 17/07/2022

Numbers: 2, 14, 17, 19, 23. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Patrick Walsh. This week's Jackpot: €1450

### Cluichí na Seachtaine

#### Dé Sathairn, 23ú Iúil

Sraith an Chontae - Roinn 2 (Reserve)

Red Hughs v Gaeil Fhánada 6:00

Sraith an Chontae - Roinn 2 (Sinsear)

Red Hughs v Gaeil Fhánada 7:30

#### Dé Luain, 25ú Iúil

Buachaillí Faoi 15

Gaeil Fhánada v Na Cealla Beaga 7:00

### Gaels victorious in high scoring shootout

#### Gaeil Fhánada 3:19 Naomh Náille 2:16

With a six point victory, twelve different scorers, twenty two scores, nineteen of which from play, and a great full debut from Conor Heraghty, rounded off with a goal in the final ten minutes, there was very little to complain about from a Gaeil Fhánada perspective in Páirc Uí Shíadhail.

Gaeil Fhánada: Michael Sweeney, Shaun Kerr (0:01), Jimmy Coyle, Odhrán Shiels, Darren McElwaine (1:01), Liam McGrenaghan (0:01), Ryan McGonigle (0:01), Bernard McGettigan (0:02), Eoghan Carr (0:01), Seamie Friel (0:03), Mark McAteer (0:04), Brandon McClafferty, James Kerr (0:03), Paddy Carr (1:01), Conor Heraghty (1:00), Christy Sweeney (0:01) for Mark McAteer, Mark

McAteer for Brandon McClafferty.

### Fanad South Dads claim bragging rights

The rainy conditions didn't dampen the spirits of the players and spectators as we closed out our very first Dads & Lads series on Friday. Fanad North and Fanad South were pitted against each other in a winner takes all battle.

First up were five skills challenges which each team took part in away from the eyes of the other team. Fanad South claimed victory in the challenges 4-1 but they didn't know it going into the match, which was broken into four quarters of 6 minutes. The game was even for the first quarter and a spectacular goal from Ciaran Sweeney pushed the North into the lead but the South pulled away thanks to goals from Eoghan Walshe and another after a mix up in the North defence. The North had two goal chances from Micheál Friel and Jimmy Gallagher near the end but it wasn't to be. Aidan Sweeney got a fine goal for the North in between. Fanad South 2:10 - 2:03 Fanad North

With that, Fanad South were crowned worthy winners on the day. All in all it was a great success and the following players received awards:

Best Newcomer: Finian Shiels

Most Dedicated: Gavin Fahey

Under 40 Player of the Series: Johnny Nelis

Over 40 Player of the Series: Tommy Gallagher.

South captain: Paddy Walshe.

### U13 Boys

The u13 boys made the trip to the Burn Road last Monday to take on Termon in Round 6 of the league. Squad : Iosaf McAteer, Ronan Wilson, Conor Callaghan, Ronan Gibbons, Harry Blaney, Darragh Boyce, Oisín Lynch (Captain), Jack Dunleavy, Christian Gibbons, Cillian Gilmour, Michael Peoples, Cormac Doherty, Dan Martin, Rian Jackson, Colin McBride, Ollie McAteer, Tiernan Kerr, Evan McDaid.

### U7's

Our U7 team played Downings on Friday.

### Ladies Board Table Quiz

The Gaeil Fhánada Ladies Committee hosted a Table Quiz in the Stores Bar on Friday. It was a great night, and thanks to the big crowd in attendance to support the quiz.

## CLG Na nDúnaibh

Comhghairdeas le Seán Ó Colla, Carraig as pota óir an lotto a bhaint, €4,000. B'iad 1 11 17 agus 23 na huimhreacha a tarraingíodh. Tá €2,000 sa phota óir don chéad tarraingt eile a bheas ar an 25 Iúil.

### Foireann Sinsir na mBan.

Charbh é an toradh a raibh muid ag súil leis ar an Domhnach ach rinne na girseachaí a ndícheall i rith an chluiche ar fad.

Tá rudaí ag amharc go maith don fhoireann seo sna blianta amach romhainn mar go bhfuil an oiread sin déanta acu an bhliain seo agus ardú céime faighte acu go Roinn 1.

D'imir na girseachaí go hiontach sa chéad leath agus cha raibh siad 'un deiridh ach an t-aon phointe amháin ag leath am i ndiaidh cúl den scoith ó Lauren Nic Ghiolla Bhríde, rud a d'fhág an scór ag leath am: Aodh Ruadh 1-6 na Dúnaibh 1-5. Amy, Lauren, Shannon agus A Pasoma a fuair na pointí. Throid na Dúnaibh go tréan sa dara leath ach cha raibh siad ábalta an mháistreacht seo a chur ar chlár na scóranna agus tharraing Aodh Ruadh 'un tosaigh.

An Scór ag Deireadh: Na Dúnaibh 1-9 Aodh Ruadh 2-14.

Buíochas don lucht tacaíochta uilig a rinne an turas fada agus tá muid ag súil go mór anois leis an chraobh.

**Scóralaithe na nDúnaibh:** Lauren Nic Ghiolla Bhríde 1-3, Shannon Nic Rodaigh 0-2, Amy Nic Lochlainn 0-1 agus Aobha Pasoma 0-1.

An Fhoireann: C. Shevlin, Á O'Connell, C. Hay, M. Doherty, E. Trearty, A O'Connell, M. Coyle, J. Trearty, L Mc Bride, A Pasoma, A. Mc Laughlin,

N. Gallagher, A Gallagher, S Mc Groddy, D. Doherty. Subs: E. Kelly for N Gallagher, A Mc Groddy for A Gallagher, K Gavigan for A O'Connell.

**Faoi- Aois.** Comhghairdeas leis na páistí uilig Faoi 7 ina gcluiche in éadan Gaeil Fhánada tráthnóna Dé hAoine - bhí siad uilig go hiontach: Oisín, Finn, John, Frankie, Corey, Darragh, Thomas, Mícheál, Caoltán, Amelia, Lily, Chloe, Erin, Lily, Rose, Ríonach, Ailbhe (as láthair ón phictiúr tá Eoin agus Jake). Ár mbuíochas do Cillian agus Bobby ón fhoireann Faoi 9 a chuidigh sna cúil. Ár mbuíochas do Ghaeil Fhánada fosta tráthnóna taitneamhach a bheith againn.

**The u-12 girls** were in action on Thursday evening in Termon against a very good Termon team. The girls played some great football and it's showing that their hard work in training is paying. The girls wore their new kit thanks to everyone who collected tokens in the Lidl serious support campaign.

Comhghairdeas leis an fhoireann faoi-13 as a mbuaidh mhór oíche Luain in éadan Naomh Pádraig Leifear leis an scór:

Na Dúnaibh 6-7 Naomh Pádraig 0-4.

Comhghairdeas fosta le foireann mionúir na mban a raibh buaidh mhaith acu in éadan na Cealla Beaga. Maith sibh a ghirseachaí.

### Scéideal na gCluichí:

#### Dé Sathairn 23ú Iúil.

1pm. Girseachaí Faoi 14. Na Dúnaibh v Nh Adhamháin.

1.30pm Fir Sóisir - Bun Cranncha v Na Dúnaibh.

3pm Fir Sinsir: Bun Cranncha v Na Dúnaibh.

Cluiche mór don fhoireann Sinsir agus guimís uilig gach rath orthu ina n-iarracht fáil isteach i Roinn 1. Bigí ansin.

Bhí an mí-ádh ar Maxi, Barney agus Foireann Ban Dhún na nGall Dé Sathairn is chuaigh thart nuair a fuair an Mhí an bhuidh orthu le cúpla pointe i gcluiche leathcheannais na hÉireann.

### Post to Post.

If anyone is willing to volunteer to help out with the Adventure Race get in contact this week.

## Letterkenny Gaels

The senior and reserve footballers travel to Rosses Park in Dungloe to take on An Clochán Liath this Saturday. All support is welcome. The U-17 footballers opened their championship campaign with an away victory over Glenfin last Friday. Underage hurling training continues every Thursday evening from 6.30-7.30pm.

Thanks to everyone who attended and helped out at the recent Lá Spraoi at Páirc na nGael. Buíochas le gach duine a thug cuidiú dúinn. Buíochas le Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha a thug tacaíocht dúinn an t-imeacht a réachtáil. Buíochas d'achan urraitheoir. Thanks to the Joe McDonagh Foundation who helped us run the event. Our thanks to all sponsors, especially Kieran Barron and the Value Centre, Arena Seven Century Cinema Letterkenny and to The Kitchen for a great BBQ.

Work was completed over the last week on resurfacing the road to the pitch. Thanks to the local Cllrs and Council staff for their help.

The Club are holding a Champagne Scramble at Letterkenny Golf Course on Friday 12th August. The cost is €100 per team of four (any combination). Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd and Best Mixed Team and Best Ladies Team.

To book a team, enquiries or to sponsor a Tee (€50) please contact Tom on 087 2834 207

We are now in the final week of sales for the Camper Van Draw. Tickets can be purchased from Club members or by going to [www.winacamp.ie](http://www.winacamp.ie) Anyone with tickets are asked to hand in all sold or unsold tickets ASAP.

Bingo continues every Monday evening at the Arena 7 and online. Books can be purchased every Thursday at A7 from 6.30-8pm and Saturday from 12 noon to 1pm. €2,260 up for grabs every Monday.



Letterkenny Gaels U-17 footballers who defeated Glenfin in the opening game of their championship campaign.

# Oriel test next for Harps

The battle in earnest to avoid the automatic drop to the First Division starts this Friday night for Finn Harps when they take on Dundalk at Oriel Park (kick-off 7.45). After last weekend's results Ollie Horgan's side is now just above bottom side UCD on goal difference. It is a significant plus 9 advantage for Harps but the Students buoyed up by the win in Sligo on Sunday will go full of confidence into the match against Shelbourne this Friday night at the Belfield Bowl. On paper UCD have a better chance of getting a result against Shels than Harps have against Dundalk. Stephen O'Donnell's men are second in the Premier table but well behind leaders Shamrock Rovers. However, Dundalk are in a very strong

position to finish second in the table at the end of the season as they currently have a six-point advantage over St. Pat's. With 13 games to go Ollie Horgan is hoping that the fine margins that have gone against them in a number of matches will tilt the other way to give them a bit of a cushion again in the battle to avoid the automatic drop. But, it might not be fine margins against Dundalk if Harps concede the type of goals that led to their defeat against Derry on Sunday in Ballybofey. O'Donnell's side who are 30 points ahead of Harps will be going all out for victory on home turf to keep the pressure on Shamrock Rovers. Dundalk have won the previous two meetings between the sides this season. On Monday 28th

February at Oriel Park missed chances proved costly for Harps who lost 3-0. Horgan saw his side pay a huge price for not converting at least a couple of decent first half chances. Steven Bradley made the visitors pay by scoring against the run of play for the hosts before the break. Sam Bone made it 2-0 before on-loan signing Bradley netted his second when the game was already beyond the reach of a Harps comeback.

The second meeting between the sides was much closer on Monday 23rd May in Ballybofey with Harps losing 1-0. A Daniel Kelly goal early in the second half proved decisive as Dundalk walked away from Finn Park with another three points in the bag after a win over a battling Harps.



Finn Harps Conor Tourish gets above Derry City's Matty Smith in Finn Park on Sunday.

# Derry's late winner at Finn Park

**Finn Harps 1-2 Derry City**

Ollie Horgan's headaches have got a lot bigger after Sunday evening's North West derby defeat at the hands of Derry City in Ballybofey. UCD's away victory over Sligo Rovers now means the two sides are on the same points at the bottom of the table but Harps do have a supe-

rior goal difference. The hosts did have the lead at the break thanks to a debut goal from Robert Jones but the Candystripes dominated long periods of the second half. Sub Ryan Graydon got the equaliser on 79 minutes. And then in the third minute of injury time another replacement James Akintunde got

what proved to be the winner. That was harsh on Horgan's side but it seems that this season 'Lady Luck' has certainly deserted them.

Horgan made three changes from the Shelbourne game with Mark Anthony McGinley returning in goal in place of Gavin Mulreany while Harry Nicholson and Conor Tourish came in to defence with Dylan Duncan making way and not featuring in the squad at all. Filip Mihaljevic also dropped to the bench. Derry had just returned from Latvia on Friday after their European game and they certainly appeared to lack energy in the first half. On a warm night the hosts had the edge in the early stages with Ryan Rainey a threat down the left side.

Ruaidhri Higgins' side gradually worked their way into the match with Will Patching and Patrick McEleney getting on the ball more. Harps dealt well with a couple of dangerous crosses before taking the lead slightly against the run of play on the half-hour mark. Ex-Harps defender Shane McEleney was forced to concede a corner from a Rainey cross. Regan Donelon, who has been so good from set pieces this season, got the delivery right and big Robert Jones rose unmarked to head past Brian Maher at the Town End. It was the first direct effort on goal from either side.

And neither keeper was tested for the remainder of the half. At the other

end Matty Smith did shoot narrowly wide but arguably a key moment in the match came in the third minute of injury time when Harry Nicholson's long high ball went all the way to Rainey on the left side of the penalty area. The ex-Bonagee hooked the ball in nicely for Elie N'Zeyi Kibonge whose close range header went over the bar when he really should have scored. Derry were minus skipper Eoin Toal who is reportedly on his way to Bolton Wanderers on a night when water breaks were permitted in both halves.

Higgins made two substitutions for the second half and his side was transformed from the restart with Rob Slevin having to make a timely interception inside 30 seconds. Smith and Diallo both had efforts that didn't trouble McGinley but the visitors were getting joy down the right through Cameron Dummigan and sub Brandon Kavanagh. When Graydon came on he caused problems for Ethan Boyle down the left wing. He had a great chance to equalise with a header that went over the bar on the hour mark. McGinley had to stretch to tip over a powerful Patrick McEleney shot in the 74th minute and Conor Tourish made a brave block to deny Diallo. It was a long ball from Dummigan that led to the Derry equaliser on 79 minutes as Graydon managed to get inside Boyle and as the ball bounced he headed past the advancing Mark



Finn Harps Ryan Rainey races onto a loose ball against Derry City's Shane McEleney in Finn Park on Sunday.

# Council commits stadium funding

The Council has made a conditional offer to Finn Harps FC to provide €500,000 towards the completion of the Donegal Community Stadium in Ballybofey. The funding support was approved at the Council meeting on Monday but is conditional on it being capped at € 500,000 and is specifically related to the completion of the Donegal Community Stadium and to enable the drawdown of the €3,991,000 from the Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and money is not to be used for any other purpose.

The funding will be paid over a three year period as follows; 2022 (€250,000) 2023 (€150,000) and 2024 (€100,000). The funding will be subject to a Heads of Agreement document between the parties, with the financial contribution payable in any year subject to the delivery of agreed milestones. Finn Harps FC is to retain responsibility

for all aspects of the delivery of the project, including the planning, design and construction phases and will be responsible for engaging the required professional services in that regard. Harps will also retain responsibility for the maintenance and operation of the new Stadium when complete. Cllrs were that this funding contribution is not part of the recent decision taken by the Council to raise a loan of €20 million to provide co-funding to advance a significant number of funded projects across the county.

Finn Harps has received a conditional Letter of Offer from the FAI to commit the sum of €500,000 to the project, subject to a number of conditions being met. The Harps Committee has indicated to the Council at a recent meeting that the conditions are not overly onerous and that they will have no issues complying with same. For their part, the Club has confirmed that they have



commenced a major fundraising initiative to raise their share of the money required and have expressed their confidence that they will be in a position to meet their obligations in this regard.

# Finn Harps Golf Classic



James Rodgers with Aisling Dignam and Brendan Kelly Captain at the launch.

The Finn Harps Golf Classic will take place at Ballybofey & Stranorlar on Sunday 21st August. At the launch of the Golf Classic, Aisling Dignam stated that "In these difficult times when travel and other costs were increasing substantially, it is even more important that fundraising events were supported so that costs could be minimised for all young players and their families involved." Miss Dignam, who is the administrator of the academy, asked businesses in Donegal to support the event. James Rodgers Chairman Finn Harps Schools and Academy said the Golf Classic had grown in popularity over the years. "The Annual Golf Classic has grown over the years it has now become an integral part of fundraising for underage and we thank the Ballybofey and Stranorlar Golf Club for hosting this

event once again.

Brendan Kelly Captain of the Golf Club said they were delighted to be associated with the Club and wished Finn Harps well with the Classic. Teams can be entered by contacting the Clubhouse at the Golf Club 9131093 and anyone wishing to sponsor a Tee at €50 should contact Aisling Dignam at admin@finnharpsacademy.com

## Harps Lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for Thursday 14th July. The numbers drawn were 5, 8, 18, 24. The next draw takes place on Thursday 21st July and the jackpot climbs to €1,700. There was one match 3 entry this week, winning €200. Angela O'Brien, Stranorlar.

## Planning Notices

**Comhairle Condae Dun Na nGall**  
An Dún Mór, An Fhál Carrach, Co. Dún Na nGall  
Tá mise Seán Ó Fearraigh ag deanamh iarratais chuig Comhairle Condae Dún Na nGall chun céad pleanála a lorg do, 8 pod glampála le h-ionad cóireála fuíolluisce agus gach obair forbartha láithreáin ghaolmhar eile ag an Dún Mór, An Fhál Carrach, Co. Dun Na nGall i mbaile fearainn An Dún Mór. Thig an t-iarratais a scrúdu nó cóip a cheannacht ar luach mó na costas cóipeála ag oifig an tÚdaras Pleanála Comhairle Contae Dhún Na nGall i Leifear le linn uaireanta oscailte na hoifige. Is feidir achainní nó tuairimí faoin t-iarratas a deanamh i scríbhinn & faoi reir táille €20.00 chuig an tÚdaras Pleanála lastuigh de 5 seachtain ó data lóiste an t-iarratas leis an tÚdaras Pleanála. Cuirfear na hachainní nó tuairimí sin san aireamh & an tÚdaras pleanála ag deanamh cinneadh ar an tiarrathas. Thig leis an tÚdaras pleanála céad a tha-bhairt faoi reir gan coinneálacha nó gan céad a thabhairt.

**Donegal County Council**  
Brinlack, Derrybeg

I, Manus McGarvey am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission for my dwelling house with domestic garage as built at Brinlack, Derrybeg, County Donegal in the townland of Brinlack. 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**  
Loughnagin, Letterkenny, Co Donegal

I, Clive Alcorn am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for retention of existing domestic garage and all associated site works at Alcorns Flower and Garden Centre, Loughnagin, Letterkenny, Co Donegal in the townland of Loughnagin. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application.

**Donegal County Council**

Horn Head, Lurgabrack, Dunfanaghy  
We, Niall Campbell and Catherine Burke intend to apply for permission for development at Breac House, Horn Head, Lurgabrack, Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal. The development will consist of construction of annex ancillary to dwelling and replacement and relocation of wastewater treatment system. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made 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 County Council**  
Pier Road, Rathmullan and Ballyboe, Rathmullan, Letterkenny M.D.

We, Salt n Batter Catering Limited, are applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission to Erect New Storage Shed to Rear of Existing 'belle's kitchen' (Salt n Batter Catering Limited) Premises @ Pier Road, Rathmullan and Ballyboe, Rathmullan, 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.

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**Donegal County Council**

I, Norman Young am applying to Donegal County Council for permission for change of house type from that previously approved, planning reference 13/50056 & 17/51921 refers at Glen, Carrigart, Co. Donegal in the townland of Glenieraragh. 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. Submissions or observations in relation to the development may be made to the planning authority in writing, on payment of €20, within five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority.

**Donegal County Council**  
Meenlaragh, Gortahork

I, Patrick McGee am applying to Donegal County Council for retention planning permission for retention of existing extension consisting of enclosed seating area at Dixons Bar, Meenlaragh, Gortahork, 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 during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

**Donegal County Council**  
Lacknaco, Churchill

We, Caolan & Máire Mellett are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for construction of a new dwelling house with a domestic garage & an on-site sewage treatment system at Lacknaco, Churchill, 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 during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

## Milford Livestock Co-Operative Mart

PSRA Licence No: 002627  
Tel. 91 53255 / 91 53265 or 087 1277884

### July Sales

Wed 27th July - **Sheep Sale** 11.30am  
**Booking for sheep on Tue evening prior to sale from 8.00pm to 8.30pm**  
*As from 1st July no calls will be made to sellers in relation to sale of animals. If office is not contacted 10 minutes after the animals go through the ring they are presumed SOLD.*

**Wool Collection every Tuesday evening from 6.00pm to 8.00pm and until further notice.**

## Carrs of the Diamond Ballyare

**Tel. 074 91 52388**  
Friday 22nd July -  
**Skittles Challenge**  
at 7.00pm & **Karaoke**  
Sunday 24th July -  
**Honda 50, Tractor and Vintage Car Run**  
Registration at 1.00pm  
Starts at 2.00pm sharp.  
**Live Music in Bar 5-7pm**

## Heather to open Carrigart Digital Hub

The official opening of the Digital Hub in Carrigart will take place this Thursday the July 21st at 2.15pm by Minister Heather Humphries. The facility that cost in the region of €380,000 is an open plan shared office environment with access to high-speed broadband. Funding for the Digital Hub came from three sources - Dept of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs (€200,000); Údaras na Gaeltachta (€98,217) with over €80,000 coming from own resources.

## Former Donegal Judge laid to rest

Former Donegal District Court Judge Seamus Hughes has passed away.

He was a former Fianna Fáil Councillor and TD as well as State Solicitor for Mayo, his native county, before being appointed to the Bench in 2009.

His first appointment was to District No. 1 which covers most of Donegal.

He spent almost two years in the role before he was transferred to Longford and Westmeath District Court where was sitting at the time of his death after a recent illness.

He was 69. He was the third eldest in a well-known Westport family of 13 and a long-time Fianna Fáil party member.

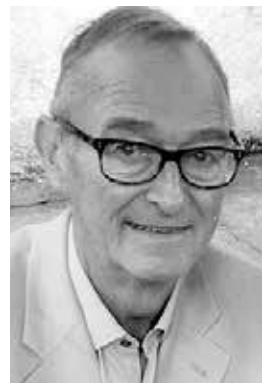
Mr Hughes was initially co-opted onto Westport Urban District Council in 1984 before his election to Mayo County Council in 1985. He was subsequently elected to Dáil Éireann in 1992, representing the Mayo West constituency, and served for five years.

He was a keen athlete, known to run many marathons. He ran the Dublin City Marathon in 1984 with his seven brothers, which resulted in their entry in the Guinness Book of Records.

Among those to pay tribute included Taoiseach Micheál Martin stated: "I knew Seamus very well, as a colleague in the Dail, and later in his time as a District Court Judge. He was a very calm, measured and decent individual. A thorough gentleman".

He is survived by wife Maria, sons Colin, Emmet and Donal, daughter Sarah, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, granddaughter, brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives and a large circle of friends.

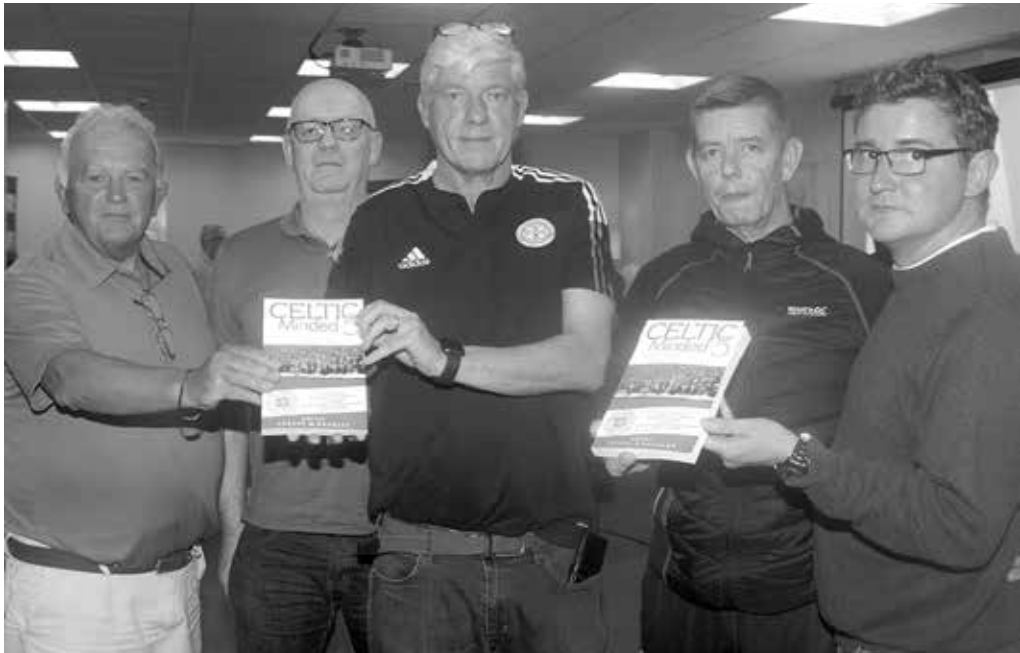
He was laid to rest following Requiem Mass on Friday afternoon at St. Mary's Church, Westport with burial afterwards in Aughagower Cemetery.



Paddy McMenamin Dr Joseph Bradley Dr Aidan Donaldson Denis O'Donnell Jonathon Foley at the Celtic Minded 5 book launch on Tuesday night in the Station House Hotel



Mickey Duffy and Cllr Gerry McMonagle



Paddy McMenamin, Charlie McGarvey, Joe McMonagle, Danny Higgins and Jonathon Foley



Kay and Stephen McDaid

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Nectarines 500g

Peaches 500g

Galia Melon 1

Vine Tomatoes 450g

See Shelf for information



**Carroll's Lasagne** 1kg

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Regular Price €6.99

**Ribena Sparkling** 2lt €1 per lt

ONLY **€2**

**Fresh Choice Kitchen Pizza Range**

ONLY **€2.50**



**Glenisk Organic Yogurt Range**

Various See Shelf for Information

ONLY **€2**

**Fresh Choice Kitchen Chilled Soup Range**

400g €3.75 per kg

ANY 2 FOR **€3**

**Chicago Town Takeaway Pizza Range**

ONLY **€3.50**



**Heineken Lager Bottles**

12 Pack 12x330ml €4.55 per lt

ONLY **€18**



**Coors Lager Bottles**

12 Pack 12x330ml €4.80 per lt

ONLY **€19**



**Bushmills Irish Whiskey**

700ml €23.99 per 70cl

ONLY **€23.99**



**Santa Helena Varietal Wine Range**

750ml €7.99 per 75cl

ONLY **€7.99**

