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Outrage as rally reneges on Fanad agreement

The decision by the organisers of the Donegal Rally to run three stages of this year's event over the Fanad Head route was in total conflict with an agreement brokered in the late 1980's that restrained them from doing so in the future: that's according to our sources involved in the negotiations to allow the rally to continue in the area.

by John McAteer

A former secretary of the Fanad Development Association has confirmed that following public anger back then, an agreement was finally brokered and minuted with the Donegal Motor Club to ensure that the community would never again be locked into their homes for lengthy periods to accommodate three stages of the rally.

It has also been confirmed that 'the agreement' was brought to the notice of the Donegal Motor Club ahead of this year's rally and they were requested to adhere to that. However no action was taken and there were 'no callbacks' in response to

the complaints raised, we are told.

The decision to have three stages in Fanad back in the eighties angered the community with open demands to have the event excluded entirely from the parish because the views and the wellbeing of a large sector of the community was ignored.

The Development Association headed up by the late Jimmy Begley, eventually brokered a deal with the Donegal Motor Club some 35 years ago that there would never be a third stage in Fanad again and the rally was allowed to return under the constraints agreed on behalf of the community.

A community representative confirmed that those constraints remain in place and it was entirely wrong to break the deal and there will have to be consequences for this kind of behaviour.

There has been no explanation from the rally organisers as to why they thought it appropriate to ignore this long-standing agreement.

Adding to the conver-

sation is total confusion across the ten townlands impacted by this year's 'no show' when the rally was abruptly cut short after five miles into the Fanad Head stages with notification. Residents have spoken of their anger at the absence of information from the organisers as they were locked into their homes for ten hours on Saturday for no obvious reason.

This led to total confusion because no information could be obtained to advise householders about what was going on. Meanwhile visitors to the Great Arch were being directed via the closed road as they braved the rally traffic going in the opposite direction. Locals described the scene as mayhem as the confusion continued throughout the day.

There are many questions being raised after the weekend cocktail of confusion, lack of information and motorists driving on 'a closed rally stage' with nobody providing any official information throughout a very long day.

Given that Donegal has more than 6,500 kilometers of public road, the public is confused about why Fanad with a small network of roads has consistently being forced to endure lockdown every year to accommodate as many as five stages of a rally. In effect, some 14 of this year's 20 stages were confined within the Milford area.

Cllr. Liam Blaney said he fully agrees that the rally has passed its sell-by date in Fanad and it is time for change since nobody in the Donegal Motor Club is listening. He said: "I'm not surprised that a long standing agreement had been broken and this is simply not acceptable. What happened last Saturday is an insult to the people of Fanad whose support and generosity contributed to the success of the rally down the years.

The event is only as successful as the goodwill of the families impacted by these road closures and this leaves the organisers with big questions to answer as to why the people of Fanad were treated with such



disrespect."

He has called on those impacted by the official lockdown between 9.50am and 7.30pm on Saturday to lodge their objections to Donegal County Council now and not wait until planning permission is sought to close the roads next year.

Meanwhile, numbers of families said they'd been told that the traditional Mass times on Saturday evening did not need to be cancelled because the rally would have left the

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Ramelton man sustains life-changing injuries

A GoFundMe Page has been set up for 20 years old Ben McGarvey from Ramelton who sustained life-changing injuries on May 8th while competing in a motocross race in Letterkenny.

Ben has already undergone major surgery on six occasions in Galway University Hospital to re-

pair broken ankles and horrific injuries to his feet.

Ben does not have a medical card

and the family has no idea of what is ahead of them in terms of financial costs but they will be considerable.

Having undergone six surgery procedures in six weeks, Ben is scheduled to have further surgery this weekend.

His parents, Mark and Carole say that there is no a timeframe for his hospitalisation but they are preparing for when their son will come home to Ramelton.

Adapting the house, making it wheelchair accessible, putting in a wet room are just some of the things that they have already started doing. The family badly needs financial support so Carole has set up a GoFundMe Page.

Mark McGarvey says they have no idea in reality of what is ahead

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Mark and Carole were at the motor health insurance and the family

to-cross race meeting when the accident happened. "Ben was thrown high from the bike and landed on his two feet on the track which took the full impact. If he had fallen on his back he would have been paralysed and if it

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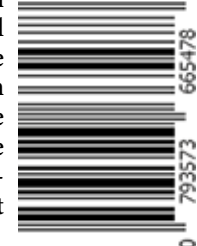
Letterkenny Chamber President, Kristine Reynolds with Anne Condon and former presidents at a function in Castle Grove House to acknowledge Anne's retirement from the Chamber after 25 years. Back row, Micahel Boyd, Paul Byrne, Eamon Stevenson, Bernard Dillion, Leonard Watson, Pat Keating and Gary Cooney. Photo by Clive Wasson

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Third generation of Blaney becomes Council Cathaoirleach

Liam Blaney is to be elected the new Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council at Monday's AGM. It will be his first time to hold the position 19 years after he was co-opted in 2003 to replace his brother Niall who had been elected as a Dail Deputy in 2002.

By Declan Kerr

Liam Blaney became a Fianna Fail Cllr in July 2006 after his brother Niall had announced that he was joining the party in a move that marked the effective end of Independent Fianna Fáil. Liam is a native of Rosnakill and comes from a family steeped in politics. His grandfather Neal was first elected as a Fianna Fail TD for Donegal in 1927. His son Neil T Blaney succeeded him in the Dail in 1948 after a bye-election. Liam Blaney's late father Harry was a long time Cllr who also served a term in the Dail from 1997 to 2002. All told, a Blaney has served as a TD with only a few short breaks from 1927 until 2011. Away from politics Liam Blaney has farming interests and was also very active in local sporting circles with the Kerrykeel 71 Club and Fanad Gaels. After his co-option in 2003 he has subsequently contested four local elections topping the poll in two of them and finishing second in the other two. Cllr Blaney has previously been Chairperson of the Milford area and was Deputy



Mayor of the County Council in 2005-06 when his Party colleague the late Cllr Dessie Larkin was first citizen. While taking nothing for granted, Cllr Blaney said his name has been put forward for Cathaoirleach on Monday and if elected he is looking forward to the honour of following in the footsteps of his grandfather Neal and father Harry who were both Chairpersons of the Local Authority. Old Neal Blaney served from 1945 un-

til his death in 1948 while Harry was in the Chair for two terms 1967/68 and 1986/87. Liam's uncle, Neil T. was first citizen for two years from 1955. Liam Blaney said it will be something special to be the third generation of the Blaney family to hold such a prestigious position in Donegal politics.

His priorities for his year in office include ensuring the best deal possible for the many Mica-affected families in the county and addressing the chronic housing crises.

"As well as those two very big issues my priorities will be to see the delivery of Rural Regeneration Schemes for Rathmullan, Ramelton and Milford. Work is ongoing in a Master Plan for Milford. I also want to see progress on a Bluewater for Mulroy Bay," Cllr Blaney said.

As a Fanad man: proud of the name and proud of his community, Liam Blaney is very much part of his own parish and he is highly respected across the wider political community in Donegal.

All the AGMs have now been completed at Municipal District level apart from the Inishowen which is scheduled to take place on July 5th where it is understood Fianna Fáil's Paul Canning will take the top post.

Fianna Fáil's Anthony Molloy has taken over as Mayor in the Glenties area succeeding Sinn Féin's Marie Therese Gallagher with Independent Cllr Micheál

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Three stations left without garda car

Concerns that emergency garda response times will be severely impacted on the tourism hotspots of Dunfanaghy, Creeslough and Falcarragh this summer emerged after a local Councillor, Michael McClafferty learned that there is currently no official garda patrol in any of the stations at present.

Typically the area had two patrol cars between the three stations which are spread over a 17km distance between them, and a distance of 23kms and 37kms from Milford Garda HQ.

It was learned this week that the vehicle assigned to Falcarragh station will also be decommissioned having reached its 'end of life'.

This now leaves the area with no locally based patrol cars as they approach one of the busiest times of the year with thousands due to holiday in the region, and there is no time frame indicated on when the vehicles will be replaced.

Dunfanaghy based Garda Brendan O'Connor, who is the current President of the Garda Representative Association, said the matter highlights the shortage of the basic equipment gardaí need to carry out their duties.

Cllr Michael McClafferty said the situation is "madness" as the summer season is underway with a growing number of visitors expected in the coming weeks.

He stated: "The fact that we have no patrol car in the area at all is crazy. There has been no patrol car in Dunfanaghy since October and now we have no patrol car in Falcarragh after it reached its end of life and is being decommissioned. That means we now have ten gardaí - eight are in Falcarragh, one in Dunfanaghy and one in Creeslough with no official vehicles between them. This is not good enough. It's madness. If any type of serious incident arises now there is no patrol car in the area to go to the citation immediately."

Cllr McClafferty, who is also a member of the Joint Policing Committee, said this is a matter that must be raised with the Minister for Justice.

He added that it would not be acceptable for the authorities to replace just one of the vehicles and expected that to adequate cover for the busy summer months.

"It has to be replacing the two vehicles that are being decommissioned or nothing. We should not accept anything less than that."

A statement from the Garda Press office acknowledged there was a shortage of vehicles with "interim vehicles" being made available to police the area as required.

They stated: "In relation to shortage of vehicles in the area referenced, applications have been made for replacements. In the interim vehicles have been made available from local District Headquarters to ensure a 24 hour policing response is maintained and available as required. The area is also serviced by patrols from Roads Policing, Detective and District patrols along with ASU."

Ramelton man sustains life-changing injuries

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was his head Mark said his son could have died. I did not see it happening but I saw the red flag signalling that there was an accident. I was kept from getting to him because the sight of the injuries were so severe to his two ankles. Carole was first on scene. We knew right away that they were broken. The Red Cross Ambulance was there. They had to get him ready before he could be taken to the hospital," Mark said.

The parents were told very quickly at Letterkenny University's Hospital's Emergency Department that the extent of Ben's injuries were way beyond what they could handle apart from doing x-rays and some minor corrective surgery procedures. "They did a couple of surgeries but basically they said bar amputation of the two feet there was nothing more they could do. But they did their best then got on to Galway and they agreed to take the case on. He was eight days in Letterkenny before being transferred to Galway."

Professor Stephen Kearns, one of the country's top Foot and Ankle Surgeons, told the family that the extent of Ben's injuries matched the worst he had ever seen in his professional career.

"Professor Kearns told me that if Ben had been older or wasn't as strong or fit as he was then it would have been amputation of both legs below the knee right away. He is giving it a chance to see how the surgeries go. Ben has been in theatre six times already and he will be back in again on Saturday. There is a lot of nerve damage done and arteries have been crushed. He has been having a lot of skin grafts as well. When the first x-rays were done they couldn't make out his feet. So some surgery was done wiring them up so they could look like feet again. Ben's in awful pain all the time and it is beginning to get him down. So he needs help with that side of things as well. He was so positive for the first weeks but he's on his own in a room in Galway Hospital for most of the week so that is very hard for him," Mark said.

Carole and Mark can really only get down at the weekends. Both are working and cannot afford to take time off and there is all the uncertainty of the potential costs are facing them in the future. They have two other children.

Ben has been a very sporting young man having played rugby for the Ulster U18s while a member of City of Derry after moving from Letterkenny RFC. Two years ago he graduated to the

City of Derry senior squad but Covid hindered his progress there.

On the GoFundMe Page Carole has thanked everyone that has donated so far including the Lennon Festival committee that held a quiz for the cause. "We appreciate everyone's support and are so lucky to be part of the Ramelton community. Thank you to each and every one of you that has donated and messaged words of encouragement," she said.

Ben has been working with the Letterkenny based Domestic Appliance Services for the past couple of years along with his father. He has been a regular on the competitive Motocross circuit for the past 12 years and is a former student at Mulroy College.

Carole and Mark would prefer not to be in this position of fundraising for the future care of their son but it is something that has been thrust upon as a result of Ben's injuries. They do need more financial support for what is ahead on many fronts.

The link to donate is www.gofundme.com/f/bens-foot-and-ankle-surgery?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cp_guide_do

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parish before six o'clock. The road was reopened just after 6.40.

Meanwhile Michael Bracken of 'On The Limit Sports' whose television company has been recording the Donegal Rally in recent years said his coverage involved a team of 13 and much of the preliminary work had been completed. He said he was told four and a half days before the event that he was not needed and no reason was given.

Mr. Bracken and he would seek to have his costs reimbursed for the losses incurred and the events cancelled to facilitate the Donegal Rally. And he's vowed to take the motor club to court should that be necessary.

There is fury and outright condemnation in the Fanad area that an agreement brokered between the Development Association and the Donegal Motor Club over 35 years ago that there wouldn't be a third stage in Fanad was set aside without contact or consultation with the community.

As news of the deal being scrapped by rally organisers there are renewed calls to have the stages in Knockalla and Fanad Head curtailed in future since there is a complete loss of faith and trust in the organisers of the rally. As a consequence of this reaction, whatever goodwill that existed has now evaporated.

This latest controversy follows on from the decision to exclude the Milford Mart from the service area with this facility brought into Letterkenny.

Liam Blaney said: "As far as I'm concerned, the Donegal rally has outlived its welcome in Fanad because all its doing is causing hassle and inconvenience and it brings us nothing in of any commercial value whatsoever. I'm putting it on record again that as a public representative I've not been able to contact the rally organisers and I can only hope that lessons have been learnt and the event will move on somewhere else."

"On the Limit Sport" was founded in 2003 by Michael Bracken. The company is well known in Donegal and they've provided people with television coverage down throughout the years on some of the best Motorsport action around from in the world of motor sport and rallying.

Letterkenny Rovers

Our Letterkenny Rovers legends side make their bow in the Letterkenny Community Centre Summer Cup this Saturday night when meeting Kilmacrennan Celtic. The team will be managed by Liam O'Donnell with the game kicking off at 7.30pm. Schoolboys action has resumed with the 12s Rovers defeating Swilly Rovers 6-1 with goals from Jamie Gorman (2), Jack O'Donnell, Ronan Elliott and Sean Gallagher while the 14s Rovers lost out 4-3 to Gweedore Celtic.

The 16s Crusaders host Glenree on Thursday evening while Saturday sees the u12s Utd welcome Illistrin Celtic to Leckview at 10am. The 14s Rovers

are away to Kilmacrennan Celtic at noon on Saturday while the 14s Crusaders host Illistrin Utd at 11.30am on Sunday. Our 14s Utd make the trip to play Lagan Harps Colts at 2pm. Our Junior Rovers for kids aged 4-8 years continues every Sunday at 10-11am at Leckview Park.

There are still limited places on our UEFA Disney Playmakers program for girls aged 5-8 years old which begins this Monday and you can register online through our website and social media pages. This week's mini lotto numbers drawn were 3-10-26-29. Four people matched three numbers and received €25 each with the lucky winners M. McMonagle, Flo O'Donnell, Madge Shiels and Stephanie McConnell. Next week's jackpot is €6,000. Club bingo continues each Thursday night in the Station House Hotel. Snowball is €1850 on 45 numbers or less. All support appreciated.

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Oifigí Líonra Leitir Ceanainn oscailte go hoifigiúil

Oscailtíodh oifig úr Líonra Leitir Ceanainn ag 7 Sráid an Chaisleáin, go hoifigiúil Dé Luain agus Regina Uí Chollatáin, Cathaoirleach Fhoras na Gaeilge, mar aoi speisialta ar an lá. Tá spás sóisialta ar fáil thíos staighre do ranganna, ceardlanna agus deiseanna neamhfhoirmiúla do dhaoine teacht le chéile. Tá leabharlann ann fosta agus leabhair, cluichí agus acmhainní eile ar fáil ar iasacht.

Tá Foras na Gaeilge tar éis infheistiú corradh is €4.1 milliún a éascú go dtí seo sa phróiseas pleanála teanga in ocht gceantar a fuair aitheantas oifigiúil le déanaí ar son na bhforbairtí ina bpobail Ghaeilge. Fuair na pobail seo ar fud na tíre an t-aitheantas seo agus tugadh tacaíocht agus maoiniú stáit dóibh chun pleananna teanga a dhréachtú agus a chur i bhfeidhm chun úsáid na Gaeilge ina gceantar a fheabhsú a thuilleadh.

Tá lúcháir ar Fhoras na Gaeilge Gaelphobal a sheoladh, feachtas uile-oileáin leis na pobail atá i mbun pleanáil teanga lasmuigh den Ghaeltacht. Beidh www.gaelphobal.ie mar thobar lárnach eolais a chuirfidh acmhainní agus tacaíocht a fháil do phobail ag gach staid den aistear pleanála teanga.

Tá fás agus forbairt tagtha ar an Ghaeilge i gceantar Leitir Ceanainn agus Oifigeach Forbartha Gaeilge, Pádraig Mac Congáil, nuacheaptha ag Líonra LC. Tá an ról seo á mhaoiniú ag Foras na Gaeilge faoin Scéim Forbartha Líonraí Gaeilge agus beidh Pádraig ag obair leis an Chomhordaitheoir Pleanála Teanga agus leis an choiste chun bearta an phlean teanga a chur chun cinn. Tá tuilleadh eolais ar fáil ó eolas@lionralc.ie.

Tá Líonra Leitir Ceanainn roghnaithe mar cheantar as seacht nGaelphobal fud fad na tíre le bheith páirteach san fheachtas feasachta. Mar chuid de beidh go leor den phobal áitiúil le feiceáil i bhfeisán nua faoin Ghaelphobal sa cheantar agus an obair atá idir lámha ag Bairbre Uí Chathail, Pádraig Mac Congáil agus Líonra Leitir Ceanainn. Beidh Caoimhe Ní Chathail agus Micheál Ó Ciaraidh le cluinistín fosta ar fhógra raidió ar Highland Radio.

Tá infheictheacht na Gaeilge i gcoirlár phlean teanga Leitir Ceanainn agus, dá bhrí sin, tá ról suntasach ag gnólachtaí, eagraíochtaí agus seirbhísí pobail an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn. Tá aitheantas ar Leitir Ceanainn mar bhaile seirbhíse Gaeltachta agus lúcháir orainn mar Líonra Leitir Ceanainn scéim úr de chuid Ghlór na nGael a chur chun cinn.

Tá a fhios againn ó thaighde a rinneadh le déanaí go bhfuil luach trádála ag baint le húsáid na Gaeilge san earnáil gnó. Is scéim aitheantais í GRADAIM do ghnólachtaí atá ag úsáid na Gaeilge mar chuid den ghnó nó atá ag cur seirbhís trí Ghaeilge ar fáil dá gcustaiméirí. Tá sé seo ritháb-



Regina Uí Chollatáin, Chairperson of Foras na Gaeilge officially opened the Líonra Leitir Ceanainn offices and launched the national Gaelphobal campaign in Letterkenny. From left are Pádraig Mac Congáil, Oifigeach Forbartha Gaeilge, Caitiín Nic Lochalainn, Stiúrthoir, Seán Ó Corráin, Cisteoir, Cathal Mac Griana, Cathaoirleach, Regina Uí Chollatáin, Chairperson of Foras na Gaeilge, Seán Ó Coinn (Príomhfeidhmeannach Fhoras na Gaeilge) Breandán Mac Gearailt (Stiúrthoir Seirbhísí Forbartha, Foras na Gaeilge), Bairbre Uí Chathail, Líonra Leitir Ceanainn and Ursule ní Shabhaois, Comhordaitheoir Pleanála Teanga. Photo by Clive Wasson

hachtach ní hamháin do phobal Leitir Ceanainn ach do mhuintir na Gaeltachta a bhíonn i mbun a gcuid siopadóireachta a dhéanamh sa bhaile mhór.

Tá maoiniú ar fáil chun cuidiú le gnólachtaí agus eagraíochtaí comharthaíocht, obair mhargaíochta agus eile a chruthú go dátheangach ó Scéim Tacaíochta Gnó de chuid Fhoras na Gaeilge. Tá tuilleadh eolais ar fáil ón Chomhordaitheoir Pleanála Teanga eolas@lionralc.ie 086 0751663

Ghlac níos mó ná seachtó duine páirt i ranganna Gaeilge ó thús na bliana - ó ghlanosaitheoirí go daoine atá líofa.

Bíonn Ciorcal Comhrá seachtainiúil ar siúl san oifig maidin Dé Máirt ar 10, Braon Beag Gaeilge do ghrúpa tosaitheoirí maidin Dé Céadaoin agus Líonra na Leanáí - grúpa atá páirtmhaoinithe ag Glór na nGael - ar siúl maidin Déardaoin ar 10.30. Cuireadh tús le Club Óige sa Ghaelscoil le déanaí i gcomhpháirtíocht le hÓgras.

Tá comhoibriú tairbheach suntasach ar siúl i gcomhpháirtíocht leis na hOifigigh Pleanála Teanga eile sa chontae agus le heagraíochtaí eile macasamhail Rannóg na Gaeilge sa Chomhairle Contae, Seirbhís Óige Dhún na nGall agus Comhpháirtíocht Spóirt Dhún na nGall. Bíonn Preab-Ghaeltacht ar siúl ar an chéad Déardaoin d'achan mhí agus cúpla turas beartaithe don samhradh. Rinne an eagraíocht taighde in Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta an Atlantaigh agus tá plean ag Líonra LC i gcomhpháirtíocht leis an choláiste cur leis

an Ghaeilge agus leis na deiseanna agus na féidearthachtaí atá á soláthar do phobal na hOllscoile anseo i Leitir Ceanainn.

Is é an príomhspríoc ná deiseanna éagsúla a sholáthar do phobal na Gaeilge i gceantar Leitir Ceanainn agus do dhaoine ar suim leo Gaeilge a fhoghlaim agus a fheabhsú. Níl plean gan phobal agus tá sé soiléir go bhfuil pobal briomhar thart fá cheantar Leitir Ceanainn.

Dúirt Bairbre Ní Chathail, Comhordaitheoir Pleanála Teanga, "Tá borradh faoin Ghaeilge thart fá Leitir Ceanainn, níl dabht ar bith fá dtaobh de! Cuireann sé gliandar ar mo chroí an t-éileamh atá ar ranganna agus ar imeachtaí a fheiceáil, dea-thoil na ngnólachtaí i leith na Gaeilge a aithint agus teanga ár n-oidhreacht a chlosteáil ó phobal an bhaile agus muintir na Gaeltachta, óg agus aosta, ar shraideanna an bhaile seo."

Letterkenny Christmas Annual material appeal

These lazy, hazy long evenings of summer are here again. Hopefully the sun will shine! After Covid, people are connecting again and valuing each other's company. As you chat over a cup of coffee, the memories of the past will surface in the communication. The Christmas Annual Committee, once again, are appealing for your usual loyalty and support, as they begin to prepare for the 41st edition. We invite you to share and recall these memories with your community.

The editor welcomes your contributions. Please submit your photographs or scripts online or by post to your local Letterkenny Community Centre. Your Submissions paint a picture of our local social history, past and present. If every picture tells a story, so too, each individual has a story to tell. You don't have to be an academic, journalist or a successful professional. We are available to record your lifetime experiences and memories. Please forward your contributions to the editor by calling 0863413446, or email them to lccxmasannual@hotmail.com.

National Street Feast day

To celebrate the National Day of Street Feasts, Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter are inviting everyone to join them and thousands of other people around the country and celebrate in a community feast on this Sunday, 26th June.

Running from 1-4pm on the Church Lane, the street feast is open to people of all ages and will celebrate community with music, food and dance.

The historic area behind Church Street Cycles in Letterkenny will be transformed with street decorations, dining tables and a host of street food for the unique event.

Throughout the afternoon, there will be games, food and live music and DJ Sean Pursuer. Local cafes and restaurants in the town are supporting the event through sponsorship of tasty dishes and Cathedral Quarter are asking people to come join in the event.

For further information on the Cathedral Quarter Street Feast or to get involved contact Secretary Donnan Harvey on 086 345 2457.

RNLI Fundraising

Best wishes to Mervyn & Claire Hutton who are hosting their annual Garden Party at their home 'Donegal Shores', Aughnagaddy, Ramelton (F92 D621) on Sunday afternoon 3rd July from 2-5pm. Mervyn says 'Come and enjoy our beautiful garden, stay to have a cup of tea and some cake? No entry fee, but a donation towards the RNLI would be greatly appreciated!'

The Annual Fanad Coastal Run/Walk takes place on Saturday 2nd July, with entries taken on the morning at the Fanad Community Centre from 9am with the Walk starting at 10am. Single Fee €20 and the half way lunch stop will be back at the Centre again where the shorter half distance walk will also commence around midday. U16's must be accompanied by an adult and no dogs allowed. Proceeds in aid of RNLI and Fanad Community Centre. Teach Solais Fanada have offered to sponsor the Refreshments at the end of the Walk this year, so all walkers will then be bussed back to the Centre afterwards. Further details or queries to Evelyn 086 8062579 or Fin 3826328. Plans are also well progressing for the annual Downings Windsurfing competition taking place in Downings on 16th & 17th July, with the Sea to Summit Run in Fanad coming up on Sunday 31st July.

Letterkenny Rotary Club

Free Confidential Paper Shredding time once again, Friday 24th June, at the Letterkenny Shopping Centre in association with United Shredding Company and the Letterkenny Rotary Club, and all for just a donation to the Donegal Downs Syndrome Association. Light commercial loads also accepted for a 'commercial' donation too. To date aprox €1,500 has been raised through this scheme, and these funds assist service users avail of speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, and swimming lessons, to name a few.

The USL unit will be situated on right hand side of the car park near the entrance, from 10.30am until 12 midday, so just come along and members of the Rotary Club will also be on standby to assist if needed.

Days in Portadown feel like ancient history

For a few years I regularly worked as a journalist covering the Drumcree standoff in Portadown. This was in the headlines for years in the late 90s and early noughties. Drumcree and Garvaghy Road were household names. That was even to people in the South who had never crossed the Border. They were on the news almost every day through the early summers of those years.

There was tension and rioting. At least six people died.

Now it seems almost ancient history. It is nearly as long ago as World War Two was when I was finishing school. Drumcree began in earnest in the summer of 1997. Police forced an Orange march down the Garvaghy Road, a Catholic area. That sparked rioting in Catholic areas across the North.

Labour's Mo Mowlam was then Secretary of State. A couple of years afterwards, Unionists saw her as pro-Nationalist. In 1997, Nationalists called her 'Mo Surrender'. They alleged she had given in to Loyalist threats.

Then security policy changed. The (British) Army moved in to the area round Drumcree Parish Church (Church of Ireland). The Orangemen and Loyalist supporters had gathered there. Soldiers dug a deep trench across fields between the Church and the Garvaghy Road. They laid coils of barbed wire. It looked like trench warfare from the Great War.

Orangemen and Loyalists rioted. However, they have not marched the Garvaghy Road since 1997. Several events undermined the protests from within. In 1998 the UVF killed three young boys, the Quinn children, in an arson attack on their home in Ballymoney, Co Antrim. Jason, Mark and Richard Quinn were nine, 10 and 11. Their father was Catholic. Despite being raised as Protestants, the attackers perceived them as Catholics.

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The killing of Elizabeth O'Neill in Portadown in June 1999 had a more direct local impact. Elizabeth was a Protestant, married to a Catholic. The reaction indicates the complexities of the North. Her Catholic father-in-law was a very skilled ironworker. He made many of Portadown's Orange Arches. His skill made him hugely respected in the Orange fraternity.

I remember talking to older Orangemen at the Drumcree protest. The killing shook them. It was in their town, to a family they knew.

The Loyalist Volunteer Force (LVF) killed Elizabeth. The LVF grew from a split in the UVF in Portadown. The UVF round Portadown had been the organisation's most deadly unit. Leader Billy Wright was a long-term agent of the security services. They supplied him with information on Republican targets. Wright was also a drug dealer. Wright established the LVF. In the complicated place that is the North, he had been a useful under-age Gaelic footballer in his younger years.

After he was killed in prison, the LVF killed Rosemary Nelson, then Martin O'Hagan. Both were friends of mine. Rosemary was one of the top criminal defence and human rights lawyers of the time. She was killed to frighten off other lawyers. Journalist Martin had done a lot of work investigating the links between the LVF and elements of the security forces.

However, it was the LVF killing of Richard Jameson in 2000 that further weakened Drumcree protests. Jameson was the UVF leader in the town. The Jamesons are a large

extended Loyalist family.

The killing struck fear in Loyalist Portadown. People with any perceived connections to the UVF were scared. Remember, paramilitaries live in communities, so many people have personal contact. To be under threat they didn't have to be members: all they needed was to be relatives, personal friends, or neighbours. People told me they didn't know who to trust. They were worried about the taxis they used, or the bars they socialised in. Old friends were now mortal enemies. Loyalist Portadown was in a dark place for some time.

The protest was losing vigour. It weakened further.

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Through Drumcree, I got to know some interesting people. Most interesting was the late Reverend Eric Culbertson. He was a Scotsman and Church of Ireland rector of Tullyne-skin in Tyrone. He was a Unionist firebrand, a member of the Loyal Orders, who regularly preached to the Orangemen and Loyalists.

For some reason, he was also an enthusiastic Irish speaker. I never spoke English with him, because he insisted our conversations be in Irish.

I also got to know the local Orange

leader, the late Harold Gracey. We used to regularly sit in his caravan, chatting, drinking tea and nibbling biscuits.

Drumcree became an occasion. I was far from the only journalist working there. Several locals worked as 'fixers' for TV crews. As Drumcree Sunday would approach, there would be a line of satellite vans near the Church.

The crisis developed because the Orange Order wanted to march from Drumcree Church to the town centre down the Garvaghy Road. This return march was traditionally on the Sunday before the 'Twelfth'.

The outward march had been along another road, through Obins St (or 'The Tunnel'). This was the town's traditional Catholic area. After residents' protests it was banned.

The return march continued. The Garvaghy Road had been through farmland. Then in the 1960s housing estates were built. Some became Catholic.

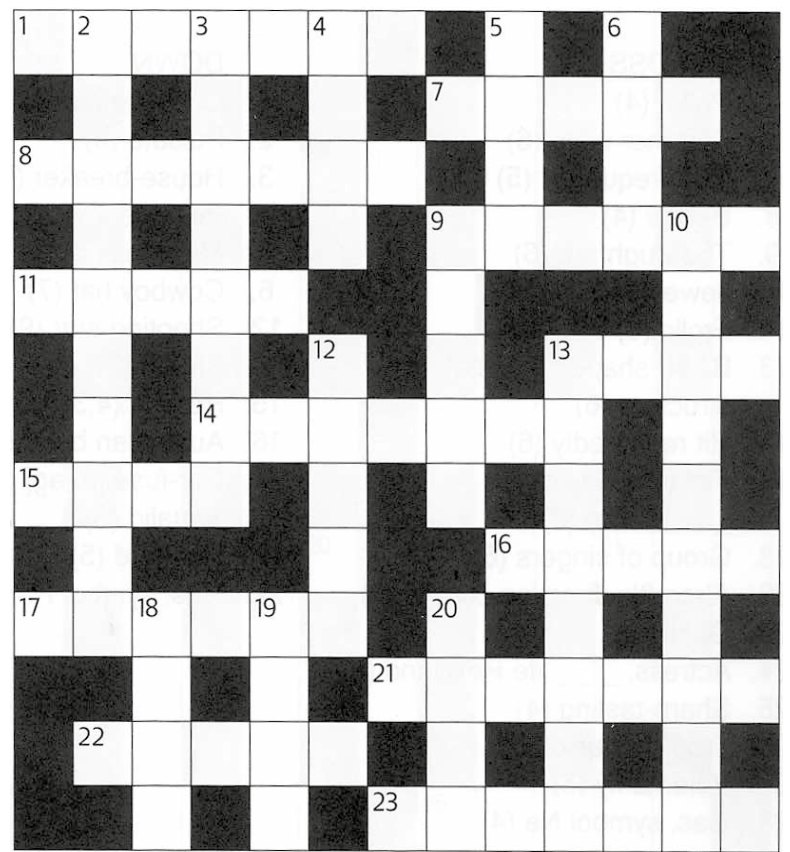


By Anton McCabe

Then, in the early 70s, Catholics were driven out of predominantly Protestant parts of Portadown. Many moved into the Garvaghy Rd. They felt the Orange Order was following them, still showing dominance.

The Drumcree protest is now history. We are already well into the summer marching season. It has been quiet. So was last year's. For all the political shortcomings, remembering Drumcree reminds me how life in the North is much improved.

Tribune Crossword No. 970



Across

- 1. Study of rocks (7)
- 7. Follow That ____, 'Carry On' film (5)
- 8. Face cloth (7)
- 9. Place of worship (6)
- 11. Bone in the ear (5)
- 13. Citrus fruit (4)
- 14. The raising of sunken ships (7)
- 15. Garment (4)
- 16. Sluggish (5)
- 17. Idolise (6)
- 21. American whiskey (7)
- 22. Schemes (5)
- 23. Ardent (7)

Down

- 2. Leeds United F.C.'s ground (6,4)
- 3. Languages expert (8)
- 4. Golfer, __ Norman (\$) (5)
- 5. Track (4)
- 6. Time period (4)
- 9. Panatella (5)
- 10. Unwieldy (10)
- 12. Thrall (5)
- 13. Artist, __ da Vinci (8)
- 18. Meek (4)
- 19. South Africa's currency (4)
- 20. Sector (4)

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€66,000 for three North West 10k charities

Three North West 10k charities were presented with cheques totalling €66,000 on Monday night in the Mount Errigal Hotel. The figure means that the charity run and walk has now hit the €900,000 mark in the 25th anniversary year. North West 10k Chairperson Neil Martin said it was fantastic to be able to present €22,000 each to three very worthy causes in the Donegal Branch of Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Ireland, the Donegal Diabetes Parents Support Group and the No Barriers Foundation.

He added that it was fitting that the presentations should take place again in the Mount Errigal Hotel because it was there that the first committee was formed in the winter of 1996. This year the 25th anniversary event took place on the Bank Holiday Monday May 2nd. It was the first time for it to take place on a Monday. The new Mayor of Letterkenny, Cllr Donal Kelly and fellow Cllrs Donal Coyle and Jimmy Kavanagh were present for the event. The Council has been a very good supporter of the 10k down the years as has the Chamber who have been there from the start. On behalf of the Donegal Branch of Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Ireland, Jonny Stewart said the proceeds would be used for family respite care, travel to hospital appointments and the provision of extra equipment aids where necessary. Mairead Farren said the Donegal Diabetes Parents Support Group would put the money

towards research into Type 1 diabetes. Marina Kennedy-Quick of No Barriers Foundation said the €22,000 would help complete the funding to purchase a second Exoskeletal Suit which would be so important to enhance their growing demand for the specialist neurological equipment which allows anyone with a disability to train and improve their current level of physical and mental health by targeting mobility, strength and physical fitness regardless of their current baseline.

Neil Martin mentioned the first NW10k Chairperson Charlie Kelly who was unable to attend on Monday. He had led the first committee that took over from the Rockhill 10k in 1996. So now 25 years later 36 charities have benefitted to the tune of €900,000 from the 10k. He paid tribute to all the committees who had given sterling service to the event since the first event was held on the 10th of May 1997 in Letterkenny.

"I want to acknowledge the work of all the committees since 1997 under the Chairpersons Charlie Kelly, Grace Boyle, James Boyle and myself for the past six years. To mark the 25th year we put together a commemorative booklet that charts a series of standout moments along with significant statistics and images from 1997 to the present day. As part of the anniversary celebrations there was a souvenir t-shirt for everyone who entered and also a medallion for participants.



Members of the extended Larkin family and friends raised €4,300 by taking part in the North West 10k in memory of the late Frank Larkin who had been an active member of the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Ireland Donegal Branch. North West 10k Chairperson Neil Martin accepts the cheque from Dean Larkin, Olga Larkin, Louise Moriarty, Frank Larkin Snr and Boyd Robinson.

I want to thank all the sponsors who have supported the North West 10k down the years. We are very grateful to have five sponsors - DonegalDaily, Brian McCormick InterSport, Century Cinemas, the Mount Errigal Hotel and the Value Centre. The going to three very worthy causes in the Donegal Branch for Spina Bifida of what we do and I know that will continue going forward. The & Hydrocephalus, the Donegal Diabetic Letterkenny Community Centre has been the hub for all 25 charities and the charity runs and walks so we are indebted to Liam O'Donnell No Barriers Foundation. "They have worked very hard together on a range of additional fundraising initiatives that have substantially boosted the money raised on the actual day of the North West 10k on May 2nd.



Chairperson Neil Martin presenting cheques for €22,000 each to representatives of the three charities benefiting from this year's North West 10k in the Mount Errigal Hotel on Monday night. Included at front Maria McBrien (Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Ireland Donegal Branch), Anne Condon, Neil Martin, Mairead Farren (Donegal Diabetes Parents Support Group) and Johnny Loughrey (No Barriers Foundation). Back - Mary Fleming-McCrossan, Norman Spratt, Rachel McLaughlin, Sonia McGarvey, Tom Crossan, Charlie Gildea, Johnny Stewart, Kathleen and Danny McDaid, Marina Kennedy-Quick, Neily McDaid and Nancy McNamee

It takes a huge voluntary effort to host our charity event. First of all there is our committee who all bring different skills in the pre-planning phase and then making sure everything goes to schedule on the day with safety of everyone paramount. We have a team of stewards and marshalls who are loyal to the NW 10k and their experience is invaluable making the route as safe as possible for the participants. We are indebted to the Gardaí who advise and support us on the day. I would like to thank Sgt Eunan Walsh and his team for all their help. The Red Cross are with us every year and that is so important in the event that someone needs medical assistance."

The current committee's input was also acknowledged by the Chairperson. "I want to thank my committee for their endeavours since we started planning for the 25th back last September. Because it was a special milestone there has been extra work involved. We have a very dedicated team who have worked diligently and the reward of those endeavours is here for all to see tonight. I am absolutely delighted to be presenting €22,000 each to the three charities" Mr Martin concluded.



Members of the Ireland's Ford Escort Club and Donegal Motor Club presenting the Friends of LUH with a cheque for €4,000, the proceeds from the recent vintage Ford Escort and vintage/classic car rally held in the grounds of Atlantic Technical University in Letterkenny. Left to right; ED Wickes, Philip Nicholson, Daniel Friel, Paul Garry, Peter Cutliffe, Paddy Rooney and Damien McLaughlin. Missing from the photo is Club members and fellow organisers Maurice Vance, Sean Sandilands, Ken Henderson, Sean Quinn, Brendan Vance and Emyard Brennan.




Farm Reseeding Event

Tuesday, 28th June | 7pm

Field located beside Illistrin School, Letterkenny
Eircode: F92 WD21 - Signposted from there.

Topics covered will include:

- Reseeding - Methods/Current Economics
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- Soil - Structure/Drainage

Ramelton Tractor, vintage and classic car run this Sunday

Billy Blaney and his group are organising a tractor, vintage and classic car run on Sunday the 26th of June in Ramelton. Starting from the Quay with registration from 12noon. All proceeds in aid of the Ramelton Care of the Aged Group, the RNLI and local charities and its only €20 per tractor or car with refreshments served afterwards in the Quayside Bistro at the Quay.

TJ Needham/McDaid fundraiser



TJ Needham/McDaid fundraiser will be held this Sunday 26th June in Conways Bar Ramelton. All welcome from 5pm.

Bowling for Children

Ramelton Bowling Club will begin their programme of Bowling for Children on this Friday 24th June and every Friday from 6-8.30pm for 10 - 16 year old at the Makemie Hall, Ramelton. Cost is €5 per child and family rate available, Flat soled shoes to be worn and players are asked to bring their own snacks and drinks. Leaders involved are Malcolm 087 4016637, Arthur 086 3368897, Andy 087 1355059. Contact Malcolm Baird on facebook / messenger or Arthur Friel for further details.

Ramelton Community Games

All children who have qualified are asked to be at the Aura Leisure Centre in Letterkenny this Sunday (26th June) for the County Community Games Finals.

SVP Conference

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

Swilly lotto

The numbers drawn in the Swilly Rovers lotto on Friday were 17, 20, 22 and 24. No jackpot winners and no 3 number winners. This week's jackpot is €4,875. No jackpot winner. Thanks for your continued support. You can enter at the usu-

al places or by using the club force link.

Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.00noon this Saturday. Pre-orders can be made by contacting 087 9699715 or messaging us on Facebook. Fresh breads, scones, sourdough breads, sweet treats, ready meals, jams, honey and chutneys all available. Seasonal potted plants, fruit and vegetables, fresh flower bouquets, lovely crafts, crocheted wear, handmade toys, cards, cushions, natural soaps and much more. Our Tearoom is also open. Please note we will have our 45th Birthday event on Saturday 9th July. Not to be missed. Check our Facebook and Tribune for updates.

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.

Donegal vintage club Tractor and Vintage and Classic Car Run

26th June in Ramelton

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Lennon Festival begins next Wednesday

The advertising boards are up the 110 page free programme is now in the shops.... its time for the 51st Lennon Festival in Ramelton.

Heading this years event will be Chris Newman and Smokie who will play Gamble's Square on Saturday the 9th of July. Local rock n roll band The Chuckberries will be the support act.

Money floating on the Lennon!

The first event in the festival will be the Crab Fishing at The Quay on Wednesday the 29th of June at 6pm. This will be followed by the Raft Race and Kayak Race at 7pm at the Slipway. There will be balloons with money floating on the Lennon and to claim your prize all you have to do it take it ashore to claim your Euros!!!. Dont forget to bring your own life jackets and oars. The winners of the Raft Race will receive the Sean Gallagher Memorial Trophy.

Then at 8pm there will be a display from the RNLI on the river.

On Thursday night the first of the Singing Pubs gets underway in Ramelton's newest pub The Purty House at the Bridgend which was recently opened by the Coyle family and the first heat of the Lennon Festival Queen will be held.

On Friday night the 1st of July theres a Speed Quiz in the Lennon Lodge from 9pm.

On Sunday the 2nd the RNLI Soap Box Derby will be held



Chris Norman of Smokie who plays Ramelton on Saturday the 9th of July with tickets now on sale.

at Church Street from 2pm with over €300 in prizes to be won to the fastest machine to make it way from Rectory Road to the Lennon Lodge. Later that evening the Singing Pub and 2nd round of the Queen of the Lennon will be held in the Bridge Bar.

Monday the 7th sees the Car Treasure Hunt leaving Gamble's Square at 7pm with the Singing Pubs in the Silver Tassie at 9pm and the 3rd round of the Queen of the Lennon.

On Tuesday the 5th the Multi Colour Fun Run takes place from the Salmon Inn Car Park from 7pm with the Singing Pubs in Conway's Bar at 9pm with the 4th round of the Queen held. Also on Tuesday night in the Lennon Lodge at 9pm theres a Festival Darts Competition.

Wednesday the 6th has a Football match for the Charlie 'Boots' Boyce Memorial Cup between Swilly Rovers and the Mariners at 7pm in Diamond Park, Ballyaree with the Singing Pubs in the Lennon Lodge and the final heat and selection of the Queen of the Lennon.

On Thursday at 2.30pm the Highland Radio Roadcaster is in Gamble's Square followed by the selection of the Little Miss Ramelton, Prince Charming and Rose Bud in the Town Hall at 4pm.

The official opening reception takes place in the Robertson School with the official opening by current Donegal Person of the Year, Noel Cunningham at Gamble's Square at 8pm. This will be followed by music from Brian Kerrigan and Friends on the festival stage.

On Friday at 2pm the Children's Sports Day will be held at St. Mary's National School before the first big act of the year takes to the stage.

Derek Ryan and his band will provide the entertainment on the gig rig at Gamble's Square from 7pm. The support acts will be Conor O'Donnell from Dungloe and new local singer Maria Durning.

On Saturday at 10am the Vintage Car and Tractor Show will be held in Gamble's Square and at noon the Arts and Crafts and Wildflower competition takes place in the Town Hall followed by the traditional Carnival Parade starting at 2.30pm from Church Street.

After the parade the Egg Throwing Competition and James' Crazy Golf Competition takes place at the Bing.

The main attraction of the festival takes to the stage on Saturday night - Chris Norman and Smokie will play their only Irish Date. Do you remember dancing to "Living Next Door to Alice", "Mexican Girl", "Needles and Pins", "Lay Back in the Arms of Someone", "Oh Carol", "For a Few Dollars More", "Died in your arms tonight", "Have you ever seen the rain?" - well come along to Gamble's Square on Saturday the 9th of July to witness his only



Ramelton's William McFadden and Demi Hunter McFadden in their Ford Escort G3 taking part in last weekends Donegal Car Rally.

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Buckley on stage at Gamble's Square from 7pm with Jason McCahill providing the support act.

Monday the 11th sees the Children's Talent Competition from 12 noon in the Town Hall followed by the Pet Show at 3pm in Gamble's Square and Fancy Dress at 5pm and Adult Adventure Trail at 7pm before the closing ceremony and fireworks with Olivia Douglas from Offally and Paul McCahill providing the entertainment to round off the 51st Lennon Festival.

For the past six months the Committee have been working very hard and they would some help for the duration. If you want to get involved contact any of the committee including Chairperson and Festival Director PJ Bonner, Vice Chairperson Paul McCahill, Secretary Elaine Ferry, Treasurers Frances Boyce and Sean Crawford and PRO Eoin Murray.



Siobhan Harkin, Ramelton making a presentation to Danny Curran of Donegal Donkey Sanctuary and donkey Quincy in the background. Siobhan celebrated her 50th Birthday last year and received cash, gifts, which she donate to the sanctuary. She would like to thank her family and friends for their kind donations. The Sanctuary is located at Casteldooley, Raphoe and do great work for mistreated and abandoned donkeys, they can be contacted on 087 2199977.

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INHFA policy paper on public access

The Irish Natura & Hill Farmers Association has launched their policy paper on public access. It is calling for new legislation around dog control, public indemnity and a public education programme.

National vice-president Pheilim Molloy said: "There is a real concern relating to the threat posed to farmers and their livestock from walkers bringing dogs onto our hills and farmlands. On this basis we are asking our Oireachtas Members to legislate and ensure all non-working dogs

are not allowed onto our hills and farmlands. While legislation such as this will clearly reduce the impact of stress and damage to farm animals such as sheep, it will also provide absolute clarity for anyone accessing our hills and reassurance to farmers and landowners in the event of non-compliance," he added.

Beyond these recommendations the INHFA is also looking for public support to increase awareness around land ownership.



Pupils from Scoil Mhuire Ramelton who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion recently pictured with their teacher Miss Orla Sullivan .

Man hospitalised after assault

Gardaí are investigating an assault in Letterkenny where a man set upon by two men was hospitalised in an incident that took place in the early hours of Saturday morning last. The incident happened on the Port Road opposite Tobins Petrol Station on Saturday at 3.30am.

Garda stated: "A man was assaulted by two males who were unknown to him at that location. The man was taken to LUH to receive treatment for injuries sustained where he remains to receive treatment. The two men are believed to have left the scene on foot in the direction of the Polestar roundabout."

Criminal damage incidents investigated

Letterkenny Gardaí are investigating two criminal damage incidents that occurred recently. The first happened at approximately 3.40am last Saturday in Glenwood Park, Letterkenny. The front sitting room windows and the front door glass at a house in the estate were smashed around that time.

A separate incident occurred on Wednesday, at approximately 1am when Gardaí say they received a report that a car, a blue Toyota Corolla, was on fire at Lui Na Greine, Oldtown.

They stated: "We also appeal to anybody who may have any information that might help progress this investigation to contact Gardaí in Letterkenny on 9167100."



Mrs Phil Friel (centre) pictured with pupils and staff of Scoil Mhuire Ramelton at the 'release' of their 9th Green Flag this week.

Horgan hoping for a Bohs boost

A game into the second half of the season and Ollie Horgan is facing yet another big battle to stay in the League of Ireland Premier Division. He's been here before but after avoiding the relegation play-offs in the last two seasons it's now looking like a tall order to avoid that scenario in this campaign. And that's not the worst case situation as Harps are only two points above bottom side UCD. The Students have already taken four points from Horgan's side in their two games to date this season so an automatic drop to the First Division is a real concern.

So that makes this Friday night's match against Bohemians at Finn Park (kick-off 8.00) so important. Harps have just two wins and three draws from 19 matches this season. So even a draw against the visitors would be welcome as Horgan desperately tries to freshen things up by trying to bring in new players. Ex-QPR academy player Dylan Duncan is the first new face signed and the midfielder did impress after coming on for the second half at the Showgrounds last Saturday night.

What has been so frustrating for Horgan this campaign is that that team has played well in a number of games but ended up with nothing to show for their efforts. Final third has been a big problem with clear chances not being taken. With less strength in depth this year due to budgetary constraints the headaches of injuries and suspensions haven't helped the cause. The rub of the green hasn't been with Harps at all this campaign and now it's going to take a monumental change of fortunes for the team to achieve the goal of avoiding the play-offs or worst case scenario relegation.

That's because the side above them now Drogheda Utd have a ten-point advantage that is not impossible to bridge but it's going to be a huge ask over the next 17 matches. There are also some problems at the back with skipper Dave Webster badly missed at the heart of the defence and here

to Horgan will look to try and bring in a new player as well. Ryan Connolly will be back for the Bohs match but Bastien Hery remains out as he completes the final match of his suspension. New signing Dylan Duncan would be expected to make his first full start while Elie N'Zeyi Kibonge could be in line for a recall after being on bench for the Sligo match. He had been out for the past six weeks with an injury sustained in the UCD match.

Bohs come into the game on the back of a 1-0 win over Shels at Dalymount Park that moved Keith Long's side up two places to fifth in the Premier table. The sides have already met twice this season with both games ending in draws. On Friday 4th March at Finn Park it was 1-1 with Ryan Connolly drawing the hosts level on 65 minutes after Promise Omochere had given the visitors the lead on 51 minutes. Omochere was then sent-off on 88 minutes. When the two sides met at Dalymount Park on Friday 15th April it was a 2-2 draw with nine-men Harps secured a share of the spoils thanks to a 93 minute equaliser from sub Mark Timlin. The visitors were down to ten men after just six minutes when Eric McWoods was sent-off but Horgan's men rallied very well to equalise on 20 minutes thanks to a Filip Mihaljevic penalty. Ali Coote made it 2-1 for the home side on 57 minutes. But, despite having Ryan Rainey carded in the first minute of injury time the visitors swooped for that dramatic 93rd minute equaliser courtesy of Timlin.

Bohs will come to Finn Park looking for a victory as they look to get into contention for European football next season. They are 15 points ahead of Harps who are also looking for a victory in Ballybofey on Friday night that would kickstart that bid to try and close the gap on Drogheda who have been on a decent run of form that included a draw with Derry in the Brandywell on Friday night. The Drogs host Sligo Rovers this Friday night.

Early goals sink Harps

Sligo Rovers 3-0 Finn Harps

A double from Aidan Kenna and one from Karl O'Sullivan saw Finn Harps suffer defeat against Sligo Rovers at the Showgrounds on Saturday. Ollie Horgan's men were in big trouble after just eight minutes having conceded two goals and while the overall performance from Harps was quite good thereafter the ongoing problem of finding the net continued. And it was the hosts who made it a great start when Kenna nodded home a late third goal. Sligo have now beaten Harps three times this season scoring seven and conceding just one.

Interestingly Kenna with five and two for O'Sullivan have shared that total. The victory elevated Sligo to fifth spot, two points ahead of Bohemians with an extra game played. Russell had to go into Saturday night's minus the suspended Greg Bolger and Adam McDonnell. In total there were three changes from the UCD three weeks ago, as Lewis Banks, David Cawley were recalled to the starting 11. Horgan made two changes from the last match against Derry City. Captain Barry McNamee returned from injury while Yoyo Mahdy was promoted from the subs bench., Ryan Connolly and Bastien Hery were missing through suspension. New signing ex-QPR academy midfielder Dylan Duncan came on for Mahdy at half-time.

There were just three minutes played when O'Sullivan's initial cross was only partially cleared and Keena pounced to fire past a number of defenders and keeper Mark Anthony McGinley. The hosts doubled their advantage after poor defensive work when Shane Blaney's long ball over the top allowed O'Sullivan to get the better of McGinley who hesitated making it an easy tap home. Horgan's men did have a chance to get back into contention but Ed McGinty got down well to push away Eric McWoods' attempt.

There was relief for McGinty just before the break as he allowed Filip Mihaljevic's shot through his legs but the keeper recovered in time to claim the ball at the second asking. Sligo should have made it 3-0 on 67 minutes when Keena was set free but the striker's footwork let him down and his at-

tempt went well wide of the target. 11 minutes from time McGinty denied McWoods again.

Rovers made sure there would be no late rally from the visitors with five minutes left on the clock when Keena nodded home Will Fitzgerald's cross.

Sligo Rovers - Ed McGinty; Lewis Banks, Shane Blaney, Garry Buckley (Nando Pijnaker HT), Paddy Kirk; Niall Morahan, David Cawley (Kailin Barlow 81); Karl O'Sullivan, Will Fitzgerald; Aidan Keena; Max Mata (Seamus Keogh 68).

Finn Harps - Mark Anthony McGinley; Jose Carrillo, Rob Slevin, Conor Tourish; Ethan Boyle, Regan Donelon (Mark Timlin 79); Barry McNamee, Eric McWoods, Ryan Rainey; Filip Mihaljevic (Luke Rudden 82), Yoyo Mahdy (Dylan Duncan HT). Subs not used: Gavin Mulrenay (GK), Gerard Doherty (GK), Damien Duffy, Elie N'Zeyi Kibonge, Jesse Devers, Nathan Logue.

Super 4 Lotto Result

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for Thursday 16th June. The numbers drawn were 2, 6, 16, 25. The next draw takes place on Thursday 23rd June and the jackpot climbs to €1,300. There were two match 3 entries this week, winning €100: Evelyn Breen, Woodlawn, Stranorlar; Mary Doherty, Dunwiley, Stranorlar. Enter online via finnharps.ie

- The May winners for the Finn Harps 500 Club-Draw 1
 €300 - John Rodgers, Letterkenny
 €100 - Aidan Bonner, Dublin
 €100 - Greg Campbell, Belfast
 Draw 2
 €300 - James Henderson, Inver
 €100 - Adrian Byrne, Carrick
 €100 - Ethan Lee, Bunrana
 Draw 3
 €300 - Brian Devine, Strabane
 €100 - Kevin Haughey, Dublin 9
 €100 - Raymond O'Donnell, Carrigans
 Draw 4
 €300 - Stephen Roulston, Bridgend
 €100 - Terence Quinn, Ballybofey
 €100 - Convoy Arsenal FC, Convoy

FAI Senior Cup draw

Bonagee to host Pike Rovers

The first round draw of the FAI Senior Cup was made on Tuesday in Dublin and includes home games for Bonagee Utd and Finn Harps while Cockhill Celtic will be away from home. The first round draw of the Women's Senior Cup was certainly not kind to Bonagee United who face a very difficult away trip to National League side Cork City. That's a second trip to Leeside as Bonagee also have a junior cup tie there shortly. Bonagee's home draw is an attractive one against fellow non-league side Pike Rovers from Limer-

ick. They will be formidable opposition having won the FAI Junior Cup in the past. Millford Utd don't have pleasant memories of their cup tie against Pike in February 2012 when the visitors won easily at Moyview Park in the last 16 stage of the competition.

Finn Harps will surely get a decent crowd for their first round home tie against Bohemians. Cockhill Celtic will go to the Belfield Bowl to take on Premier Division team UCD. Games are scheduled to take place on the weekend of the 31st July.

Glenswilly GAA Club 5k



Peter McFadden and Phelim Molloy and friends at the start of the Glenswilly GAA Club 5k on Tuesday evening. Photos by Declan Kerr.



Conor Daly with his dad Tommy



Noreen McGettigan and Darren Price



Noreen Gallagher, Siobhan Duddy and Carina Campbell



The McDaid's with Brian McHugh and Brona Duddy

Mica group shocked by report

The Donegal Mica Action Group has roundly condemned the terms of the redress bill published by this week by the Minister for Housing.

Michael Doherty, PRO of the action group said that all their proposals put forward in these past six months have been ignored and their trust has been seriously eroded.

Instead of seeing a new version of the unpublished bill from last week and having made a number of amendments in the meantime, the details published on Tuesday are exactly those from last week and nothing has changed.

Mica campaigners are shocked at the many new pieces of legislation being proposed and they believe that the only way forward is to demonstrate again in Dublin and to get serious about running candidates in the general election.

Mr. Doherty said they are deeply concerned that the document specifies that where homeowners rebuild their foundations, this will render them ineligible for grant aid. He said they are also concerned about the proposal to sign a document agreeing not to pursue agents or others for compensation.

Despite the myriad of failures in the legislation, Michael Doherty said they will attend this week's Oireachtas Housing Committee

to restate their objectives regardless of all of their proposals not having been taken into consideration in the Minister's proposals. Mica homeowners have pointed to a number of clauses in the draft details including legislation on ISO 65 that states: "Letter of Assurance" means a letter issued by the relevant local authority in respect of a relevant dwelling on which remediation works, other than demolition and rebuild of the dwelling have been carried out and for which a Post Works Remedial Works Plan and a Certificate of Remediation has been received and validated by the local authority confirming its eligibility to be considered for and the conditions applicable to a second grant application."

Under the Head 24 Subrogation of Rights the proposal being questioned includes: (1) Where the relevant owner is approved for a grant payment for a relevant dwelling under section 15 of this Act, the Minister shall be subrogated to such rights or claims related to the relevant dwelling as the applicant may have against other parties in respect of damage, loss or expense arising from or connected to the use of defective concrete blocks in the construction of the relevant dwelling.

(2) The relevant owner shall provide all information required under subsection (1) as part of the grant application process under

section 10(5)

(3) the Minister shall make regulations in respect of any specific requirements under this section

Explanatory Note:

The State will take over a legal right or claim related to defective concrete blocks which a relevant owner may have against any party."

This is seen as 'a get out clause' and is unacceptable to Mica campaigners.

Minister for Housing Darragh O'Brien has acknowledged the mica redress scheme will have to be in place for at least a decade due to the number of homes involved.

On Tuesday he was given Cabinet approval to publish the general scheme of the legislation.

On the issue of foundations and if they would be covered by the scheme, the Minister said that an independent scientific assessment was being carried out to assist Engineers Ireland in its work on the scheme. That report would conclude in 2023 and if necessary assessments already concluded could be amended.

The Mica action group said they fundamentally disagree with the Minister's interpretation of this specific clause.

Death of Sammy Dill



a member of the Hamilton family from Tullygay. As a young woman she worked in the Gaeltex Factory in the Oldtown. She passed away at Letterkenny University Hospital on Sunday. Vida's remains reposed at her residence from Monday evening. Funeral Service took place on Wednesday afternoon in Conwal Parish Church with interment afterwards in the family plot in Gortlee Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to Vida's husband Jim and the family circle.

Michael Gerard, Eileen, Deirdre, Philomena and Neil, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was predeceased by his parents Michael and Eileen. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Death of James Harley



Funeral of Danny Browne



The peaceful death took place in Letterkenny University Hospital on Friday of Sammy Dill, Gortcally, Kerrykeel. Aged 73 Sammy was a native of Gortcally. He started off working as a plasterer locally before emigrating to Luton. Sammy took up employment there for a few years on motorway construction. Following his marriage to Margaret Gallagher from Portsalon he returned and settled in Gortcally. Sammy was predeceased by brothers Bertie, Andy and Cecil and sister Lily. Sammy is survived by his wife Margaret; sons Samuel and Robert; daughters Kathleen, Laura and Orla; grandchildren Jake, Adam, Nina and Kate; brothers Jim and John; sisters Kathleen and Jean.

The late Mr Dill's remains reposed at his home in Gortcally. Funeral Service took place on Tuesday in Fannet Presbyterian Church, Kerrykeel where the Reverend Susan Moore officiated. Burial was afterwards in Rosnackill Church of Ireland Graveyard. Deepest sympathy is extended to Sammy's family, relatives, neighbours and friends.

Funeral of Vida Whyte

The funeral took place on Wednesday of Vida Whyte, Tullygay, Letterkenny. Vida was formerly

The funeral took place on Monday of Danny Browne, Cashelshanaghan, Ballymaleel, Letterkenny. Danny passed away in London where he had been residing for a number of years.

The remains of the late Mr Browne reposed at the family home in Cashelshanaghan from Saturday evening. Funeral was from there on Monday afternoon going to St Patrick's Church, Drumkeen for Requiem Mass. The main celebrant was Fr. Eamonn Kelly P.P. Concelebrant was Fr. Dinny McGettigan Retired P.P. Interment afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

Danny is survived by his brothers and sisters,

The death took place on Saturday of James Harley, Canada and formerly of Glendowan/Churchill. James passed away peacefully surrounded by family after a short illness. He was predeceased by his wife Sheila, brothers Joe, John, Hughie, Colm, Tim and sisters Minnie, Nellie and Annie. James is survived by his sons Frank, Shaun and Jimmy; daughters Maureen, Bridgeen, Josephine, Jacqueline, Deirdre and Siobhan; his sons and daughters in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is survived by his brother Packie in New York.

James's Requiem Mass took place in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Sarnia on Wednesday. The ashes of the late Mr Harley will be brought home and a Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Death of Eddie Duffy

The death occurred at the Donegal Hospice on Tuesday of Eddie Duffy, Aughalatt, Carrigart. Aged 77 Eddie worked in Scotland for a number of years before returning home to farm at Aughalatt.

The remains of the late Mr Duffy were removed from the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Mountain Top, Letterkenny on Wednesday afternoon to his residence.

Funeral will be from there on this Friday morning, June 24th going to the Church of St John the Baptist, Carrigart for Requiem Mass at 11am followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery. Eddie is survived by his brothers Neil and Mickey (both Scotland), Hughie, John and Danny (all Carrigart), Madge (Carrigart), Nellie (Downings), Brigid (Rathmullan) and Effie Downings. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

The late Peter McGinley

The death occurred on Friday of Peter McGinley, High Glen, Carrigart. A very well known member of the local community Peter had farming interests. He had a great love of livestock and the land. And that was reflected in a poem composed for his Requiem Mass on Sunday and ready by his daughter Siobhan. Peter was renowned for his St. Bridget Crossmaking and it was an art that he wanted to see continue in the next generation. He also enjoyed playing cards.

Peter was predeceased by his wife Hannah 20 years ago and also by his son John. He is survived by his sons Bernard (London) and Peter (High Glen); daughters Kathleen (Donegal Town), Mary (Carrigart), Siobhan (Wicklow), Ann (Switzerland); his sisters Mary (High Glen), Nellie (Glencar Irish), Bridgid (Glencar) and extended family circle. The remains of the late Mr McGinley reposed at his daughter and son in law Mary and Kevin Green's home at Tirlaughan, Carrigart. Funeral was from there on Sunday afternoon to the Church of St. John the Baptist for Requiem Mass which was celebrated by Fr. Pat McGarvey P.P. Fanad. Readings, Prayers of the Faithful and Gifts to the Altar were by family members. Interment took place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

"Derelict" in Donegal conference

While there is no precise number reliable data sources suggests there are well over 100,000 vacant properties in the Republic, and anyone travelling through the towns and villages in this county can easily attest to the fact that we huge numbers of abandoned properties.

With up to 3,000 people currently looking to be housed in Donegal, Letterkenny Tidy Towns, in conjunction with Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter, is to host a special conference on "Dereliction" in Dillons Hotel on Friday, 22 July, starting at 11am.

In the wake of President Michael D. Higgins' controversial comments, it's an event that is both timely and topical as the housing issue tops the political agenda.

Speaking yesterday the event organiser, Donnan Harvey described dereliction here as a 'live issue' that affects both individuals and communities negatively, and said addressing the issue would be a clear 'win-win' for both.

He stated: "I have been involved in the Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter project here in the town and despite the many obstacles put in our way at the outset we are now forging ahead.

"The Church Lane, which had more derelict houses than any other part of Letterkenny, is now thriving as both a residential and artisan

area.

"It's been a real success story. We have turned a sort of dying area into one that is very, very alive. We need to make this success

more broad-based by addressing the issue of dereliction across the county."

The chairman of Letterkenny Tidy Towns, Gerard McCormack confirmed that Deputy Peter Burke, Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage will officially open the Conference.

The chief speakers at the conference will be Frank O'Connor and Jude Sherry from the Anois Agency who started the Derelict Ireland campaign and brought the issue of Dereliction to the National Stage.

Mr McCormack said the conference was in-



tended to both informative and wide ranging, giving a platform to many views and opinions.

He stated: "The confirmed speakers at the conference will include Donegal County Heritage officer Joe Gallagher; broadcaster Lee Gooch who has

been involved in the redevelopment of his own home; Kyle Thompson of the New Gate Arts Centre in the Fountain area of Derry/Londonderry; Colm Murray, Architectural Officer from the Heritage Council - a former past pupil of St Eunan's College.

And he added: "Bringing back buildings, be they commercial or residential, can add so much value to our communities across Donegal. What is a derelict house today could be a home for a family tomorrow. And when we bring about regeneration we are helping to create opportu-

nities for people, for families. This is what this conference is really about."

Dr. Karen Keaveney, Assistant Professor of Rural Development at UCD and a member of their Centre for Irish Towns will our moderator for the conference.

Preceding the conference on Thursday, 21st July there will be a special guided tour of Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter starting outside Dillons Hotel 7.30pm. Brian Walsh of Letterkenny Community Heritage Group and Donnan Harvey of Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter will give an insight as to the unique history of the locality. Attendees of the Conference and others are welcome to find out what makes the area so special in the heart of Letterkenny.

Following the Conference, there will be an official celebration of the Historic Towns Initiative on Church Lane which has transformed the buildings on one of Letterkenny oldest streets.

As Donnan Harvey points out: "The celebrations on Church Lane will demonstrate that dereliction does not have to be a permanent feature but when local community, the local authority, other stakeholders and Government Agencies work together, things can change. That's the big message we want to send out."

Milford

Big Cash Draw

Swilly Mulroy Credit Union are holding their Big Draw this Saturday the 25th of June at 3pm. Due to the overwhelming interest in the draw there will be extra spot prizes to be won on the day so come along to the Kerrykeel office. Ticket sales will end at 12noon this Saturday and tickets for over 18's only cost €20 with one per member.

Championship Draw

Milford Senior GAA teams have been drawn away to Kilcar in Round 1 of the 2022 Senior Championship and are home to St. Micheal's in Round 2.

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.

Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society will host their next outing at Greencastle Golf Club on Saturday 9th July. For more details contact Eugene on 087 7704149 or Captain Gary Sheehan on 086 1904632.

Masses in Milford

Mass times in St. Peter's Church, Milford this week are - Thursday 23rd June 10.00am; Friday 24th June - 7.00pm; Saturday 25th June 7.30pm;

Sunday 26th June 11.00am. Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 25th June at 6.00pm.

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>

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.

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.

Volunteers


Rags to Riches Thrift Shop is seeking a volunteer for Friday afternoons from 1-4pm. Gain retail experience, meet new people and make a difference in your community. Contact Milford & District Resource Centre for more information 0749153736 / info@mdrc.ie

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Meehan secures funding for Mobility Bus

It was announced on Wednesday that a joint application between Milford & District Resource Centre, Mevagh Family Resource Centre and the Swilly-Mulroy Community Health Forum to secure a mobility bus for the wider area was successful. Just over €62,000 was awarded to the three organisations to purchase a minibus which will be specifically tailored for those with mobility needs, including wheelchair users. The money will come from the CLÁR Measure 2 programme from the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Declan Meehan, manager of Milford & District Resource Centre, has been campaigning on the lack of suitable transport for those with additional mobility needs in the locality for the past number of years, working with groups such as the Swilly-Mulroy MS Support Group to highlight the issues faced by their members. "We are delighted to have secured this funding which will make a real impact on the lives of those who are currently socially isolated as a

result of their disability and/or mobility issues in the wider Milford, Fanad and Rosguill areas" Meehan said. "This application saw huge support from health practitioners, various community organisations, advocacy groups and politicians who all saw the real need for this investment in our community. This announcement of funding is fantastic news for our community. I would like to thank everyone who provided letters of support for the application, and for those who shared their stories which highlighted the need for this service in our area."

It is hoped that the bus will be in operation later this year or early 2023. It will allow those who would otherwise not have the ability to attend health appointments, support groups and social activities to do just that.

Lesley Newberry is the social prescriber for the Milford-Fanad-Rosguill primary care team area and her work is predominantly with those who find themselves socially isolated. "This funding is an absolute God-send. I am so delighted to

er for the Sunday the July 3rd it will be Audrey Chambers at 8pm and everyone is welcome.

hear of this news today as it will make a huge impact on our clients, enabling people to do basic, necessary things, like attend appointments and avail of support in the community" she said. "Transport has long been a huge issue for those of us working in the community, and the lack of suitable transport for those with mobility issues has meant people often go weeks on end without leaving their homes. This bus will transform people's lives in our community, and that is the most important thing."

Deputy Joe McHugh said "I am delighted to see three important projects will share €138,740 across Donegal to assist them in carrying out the vital roles they play in our communities. This funding will be used by Donegal Cancer Flights and Services, Irish Community and Air Ambulance and Milford and District Resource Centre for the purchase of a minibus/vehicle to provide essential transport services for cancer patients and people with mobility issues. "I wish to commend Declan Meehan of the Milford IRD who worked on this successful application in partnership with Mevagh Family Resource Centre and Swilly-Mulroy Community Health Forum, to secure funding for this shared, community-owned vehicle which could transport several wheelchair users at a time to support groups, community events and health appointments.



Milford GAA Club groups who played in matches against Fanad Gaels on Friday last.



Staff members from the Milford Mart pictured on Saturday night in Jacksons Hotel, Ballybofey at a function to celebrate 60 years of the Ballybofey and Stranorlar Mart - Catriona Morrissey, Jennifer Hunter and Margaret Stewart. Standing Mickey McGee, Cathal Gallagher, Donal Gallagher, David Hunter and John Stewart.

Shaun tops Gaelforce West podium

Creeslough endurance athlete, Shaun Stewart, claimed the top spot in last weekend Gaelforce West event based in Westport Co. Mayo.

Shaun finished the grueling event in a time of 2hours 57minutes 52 seconds just three seconds ahead of runner up Gerry Carroll. Shaun from Ards is an engineering teacher in PCC falcarragh, is a well-known endur-

ance athlete who has competed in events locally, nationally and internationally. Described as "A majestic route through a wildly beautiful landscape in Galway and Mayo. This 60km adventure race in Ireland will take you along the rugged coastline of the Wild Atlantic Way, on to Killary Fjord, finishing in the Connemara mountains." The event features a mix of running, cycling and kayaking over the 60 km course.





The Milford GAA Ladies that beat Buncrana at the weekend wearing their new jerseys sponsored by the MCR Group.

Ray Community Group

CAMPING WEEKEND

Tickets on sale now! Camping weekend at Ray Community Centre on the 15th and 16th of July. Friday the 15th will be a family camping experience with a BBQ, karaoke, campfire and smores while Saturday the 16th of July will be an 18+ camping event with live music, BBQ, campfire and more! Camper vans and caravans also welcome as there is a large parking space available at the centre. This event is a fundraiser for the new Astro Pitch & Walking Track fund. Limited pitches. For more information find Ray Community Centre on Facebook or contact Syria on 0872877900

FINAL CALL FOR PHOTOS

Ray Community Centre launched a community history project this year in anticipation of the 10th anniversary of the opening of the building in 2012. The committee hopes to publish a book

later this year which will celebrate the Ray community and will feature a series of historical photographs, art and poetry from the area. Over the past few months the committee have been gathering historical photos from the wider Ray area, from Brownknowe to Craig to Glenalla, Glendally and Ballyconnolly. The committee are now making the final call for photographs to be submitted by Friday the 24th of June. The project is being run in partnership with Milford & District Resource Centre (MDRC), which is the drop off point for any items which need to be scanned and digitised. Call in during normal opening hours or contact MDRC on 0749153736.

ADULTS/KIDS KICKBOXING CLASSES

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

more information contact Mayhem Martial Arts on Facebook or on +44 7843 883722

ROOMS / OUTDOOR SPACES 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. Perfect for running summer camps or sports days!

The Digital Hub has just had a recent makeover with new chairs, partitions and desks! The hub has high speed broadband, and Mobile Smart

Presentation Television 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

CHILDREN'S MUSIC LESSONS

Spaces now available on Thursdays. 3pm Music Class - Ages 4-7 (ukulele, singing, percussion), 5pm Guitar Class - Ages 10-12. There will also be a summer music summer camp. Contact Tracy on 0851500123



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Scoil Cholmille Drumman senior class with their Junior Entrepreneur Project 'Ballyare Boxes'. They made communion and confirmation gift boxes as their project.

Brutality of war laid bare

Stumbled upon the superb BBC documentary earlier in the week which focused on ten members of the British Parachute Regiment who recalled their experiences in the Falklands War 40 years ago. Our Falklands War: A Frontline Story laid bare the stark reality and utter brutality of war.

As a 13-year-old first-year student at St. Eunan's College, I can clearly recall the start of the war that was to last ten weeks. I was listening to the late, great DJ, Stuart Henry, who co-presented the late-night show with his wife, Ollie, on Radio Luxembourg on a small white portable radio/alarm clock when news of the war broke.

Fast forward 40 years and the vivid and honest recollections of the former soldiers took them and the viewers back to a place full of pain, fear, sorrow, horror, regret, sadness, and madness. Some were speaking about their experiences for the first time.

One of the soldiers, who found himself constantly questioning his morality in the Falklands, told how he shot dead an Argentine soldier in a trench. He cradled the dying soldier in his arms, apologised to him, stroked his head, and closed his eyes with his fingers after he took his final breath.

Some have managed to live easily with their experiences. One of the more hardened war veterans had been abused as a child. That, he said, was what had toughened him to the point that he doesn't give what he was part of in 1982 a second thought.

Others have struggled greatly and still do. One ex-para dug a trench in the back of his garden on his return from the Falklands and lived in it for a time because he couldn't feel

safe indoors. Another mistook birds flying overhead as fighter planes while out shopping with his wife. Flashbacks are common for the majority, and all acknowledged that war cannot but change everyone who is part of it. Some for the better. Some for the worse. Those not haunted are the exception.

Pat still as busy as ever

I spoke to my old boss, Pat McArd, for Highland Radio's Business Matters podcast, last week. It's exactly 48 years since the 22-year-old from Ard Colmcille in Letterkenny started out in journalism with the Derry People. After moving to RTE in 1979, Pat was appointed editor of the Derry Journal in 1981 when he was just 27. It was the year of the Hunger Strike and The Troubles. He retired as managing editor in 2006.

Pat is still as busy as ever on the keyboard - he writes a regular column for the Daily Mirror and Letterkenny Leader and is never shy when it comes to expressing his opinion on social media in relation to whatever is current.

Journalism in the northwest was extremely fortunate to have someone of the calibre of Pat McArd in charge of the Derry Journal during such a significant period in our history. During our chat, Pat spoke about the full-on nature of his job and the long hours that were involved.

At a time when newspapers were king, the Derry Journal Group was selling close to a

combined weekly total of 60,000 through their Tuesday and Friday editions.

As well as being a great mentor and trusted sounding board, Pat was always a pleasure to work for.

Having written a number of books, he is hoping to make a start this year on his next publication which will feature his life in times in the world of journalism.

It promises to be quite a read.

End of an era for Mickey Joe

The expansion of the Kernan Group across the county continues. Earlier in the month, the company confirmed that it has bought

Carrigart's famous Country Store, which was run by the well-known Mickey Joe Gallagher. The Country Store was something of an institution for decades and best wishes are extended to Mickey as he moves into the retirement lane.

Damian Daly of the Kernan Group has a holiday base in nearby Downings, so the takeover of this latest store will be something of a



by Ciaran O'Donnell

home-from-home project for the Letterkenny man.

And finally....

Given the thousands of people that came into Letterkenny for what was the 50th staging of the Donegal International Rally, this column was more than a little surprised to learn that a food outlet on Port Road had taken the decision to close its doors for the weekend.

Burrito Loco took to Facebook on Thursday to announce it was closing due to the traffic caused by rally weekend.

"This traffic makes deliveries impossible and makes it much more difficult for customers to get to us for collections or sit-ins. We know this may frustrate some, but we hope you understand and appreciate your patience." Strange days, indeed.



Faster, flatter course for Donegal Half Marathon

If you're looking to run a personal best for the half marathon in 2022, then this year's Donegal Half Marathon, which takes place on Sunday, August 28th, is the race for you.

Race director, Brendan McDaid, announced this week that in an order to make the course flatter and faster, the climb up Port Road, which has

been part of the annual event since it was first held in 2014, has been taken out. This means that the race will have a new starting point at Conwal straight, a short distance past Ballymacool Town Park and exactly one mile from the Aura Leisure Centre where the race will be headquartered.

"We carried out a survey of those who took part

in the 2021 Donegal Half Marathon and took their views on board," the race director said.

"We looked at different ways of improving the course and after a lot of planning, we've devised a route we feel is conducive to fast times. The two main changes will see the removal of the climb up Port Road and the large loop of the course being done the opposite way. The combination of these two changes has resulted in a new start line at the start of the Conwal straight. There will be a flat four miles in and around the town before the competitors head over the Oldtown Bridge, out Bomany and New Mills and through

Rashedog before coming back into town along the main Glenties Road via Tullygay and Conwal and finishing on the Danny McDaid Track at Aura," he added.

The Kernan Group is the event's main sponsor again this year. The third in a series of monthly draws for a €30 Kernan's voucher, a hamper filled with Spar's own-brand products, and a goody bag sponsored by Donegal Sports Partnership for those who have entered takes place on Tuesday, June 28th.

To enter visit - www.njuko.net/donegal_half_marathon_2022



Cathal Curran from the Kernan's Retail Group and Donegal Half Marathon race director, Brendan McDaid, pictured at the start line for this year's Donegal Half Marathon at the start of the Conwal straight.

Mevagh Development Association Fishing Festival Weekend

After another absence of 2 years, this time due to the pandemic, our 'annual' Fishing Competition is back. It will take place this coming Saturday, 25 June. Registration of boats will be at 9.00am to start at 9.30am from the pontoon at Raplagh/Dundoan Light. There will be a number of cash prizes and all boats are welcome. The prize giving will take place in the Singing Pub about 10.00pm the same evening. The barbeque is on Sunday at 1.00pm at the pontoon. All welcome. For more information contact Brian 086 3638883, Michael 085 1459997 or any committee member.



Hobbling to the Finish Line

I'm not really one for all the sickly sweet tweets that inevitably make their way onto Twitter when Father's Day rolls around. Having said that, I'm willing to make an exception for one particular tweet.

The post featured a video is from the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona - specifically the semi-final of the men's 400 metres. Ordinarily even the final from an Olympics thirty years in the past would be long forgotten, but this semi-final will live long in the memory.

One of the favourites for the race was Derek Redmond, a British sprinter who just one year before had won a gold medal in the World Championships 4x400m relay. Redmond had coasted through the first

two rounds of the games and was heavily favoured to reach the final.

At first, everything went according to plan. Redmond started well and was storming his way around the track. But then disaster struck as his hamstring tore and he pulled up. As his rivals zoomed towards the finish line, Redmond hobbled around in pain.

What happened next is the stuff of Olympic legend. Redmond decided that while his Olympic dream may be over, he at least wanted to finish what he had started. The medical staff brought on a stretcher but he turned them away and began to stagger around the track. The crowd rose to its feet to applaud his determination but it wasn't enough; the distance was just too great for a man who could only make use of one leg.

Then something remarkable happened. A spectator barged his way past the stewards and onto the track. As security tried to deal with the intruder he made a beeline straight for the injured sprinter and it became clear who he was: Jim Redmond, father of Derek, here

to help his son to the finish line.

It was a powerful moment that brings a tear to the eye of even the most flint-hearted sports fan. To see Derek resting his weight on Jim's shoulder as they shuffled around the Barcelona track together is a powerful and moving image.

Every time I see that clip, I think of how it illustrates our heavenly father's care for those he has adopted as sons and daughters. Scripture tells us that life is like a race; it takes grit and determination to overcome the obstacles and reach the finish line. Yet most of all it takes our father's love because completing our race is not something we can do in our own strength.

Every single Christian has experienced what this clip illustrates. Without a father to take our weight we would be hopelessly stranded with no hope of hobbling to the finish line.

In the official Olympic records, this help from his father meant that Redmond "did not finish". Yet in the one race that truly matters, this is the only way finishing is possible - with our father by our side and

Food for thought



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First win for Richard Kerr

Back in race action for the first time in a month, Richard Kerr and the Dumfries-based AMD Motorsport Honda team claimed a brilliant victory in the second Pirelli National Superstock Championship race at Knockhill on Sunday. Competing at their home round, it was their first win in the class and followed on from a strong fourth place in the first race on Saturday.

Keen to continue with the good form that saw him take his first podium in the class last time out at Donington Park, the Kilmacrennan man did exactly that as he got his weekend off to the perfect start with the fastest time across Friday's free practice sessions after lapping at 48.769s on the Honda CBR1000RR. Saturday saw dry conditions all day albeit with a strong wind but there was to be no halt to Richard's charge as he claimed second place in qualifying with a time of 48.698s, just 0.031s behind pole setter and fellow Honda rider Billy McConnell.

A perfect start to the afternoon's 24-lap race then saw Kerr grab the lead off the line and he duly led for the first half of the race. His lead at one stage was more than a second. However, as the race wore on, fellow Honda riders McConnell and Brayden Elliott pushed him back to third and he was denied a podium finish when Tom Ward overhauled him in the closing stages.

Nevertheless, fourth place was another excellent result and he again lined up on the front row for Sunday's second encounter, which was held over the same distance. Immediately slotting into third at the completion of the first lap, Richard moved up to second on lap four and then took the lead four laps later.

He then controlled proceedings from the head of the field and although McConnell briefly took the lead on lap 17, Richard immediately responded to take over once more. Despite the pressure he was under, Richard continued to hold onto the lead and although McConnell went up the inside of him at the hairpin on the final lap, Richard got better drive on the exit and duly took a brilliant victory by just 0.023s.

The haul of points from the two races helped move



Kerr up to sixth overall in the championship table and he's now just 26 points behind the pace setting Elliott. The Kilmacrennan man hadn't been that happy earlier in the weekend missing out on a podium. "I was a wee bit disappointed after Saturday's race having led for quite a long time especially as I missed out on a podium as well but I learnt a lot. It was my first time leading in the Superstock class so it was a bit of an unknown for me but on Sunday, I knew more what to expect and when Brayden was leading I felt I had better pace so got to the front and did my own thing. We'd got the bike dialled in really well so I tried to stay as smooth and as consistent as I could."

"Billy showed me his wheel with a few laps to go but the bike was a missile along the start and finish straight so I got back immediately and although he did the same on the final lap, I was able to get the drive down and get the verdict. I'm absolutely over the moon and after seven years in the paddock, it's great to get a win. I'm really happy for my Dad too as he's been with me the whole way so a huge thank you to the whole AMD Motorsport team and my personal sponsors. I've gained a lot of confidence from these last two rounds, at two very different circuits, so let's keep the momentum going." Round five takes place at Brands Hatch, Kent on July 22-24.

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A Rathmullan Woman in exile...

Good to be back on two legs again

As soon as I got sort of got off the crutches I put on knee pads and bikini top and headed for the bog and footed the turf in solitary glory. Despite the cooler than normal weather the sun did shine and I got a light tan from the waist up.

It was unusual that I was the only sinner on the bog most of the time. It's not that all the other people were saints or anything... there just weren't any there. I could hear the cuckoo clearly for the first time this year which is one of many great pleasures to be had on the bog. Unfortunately there were no dragonflies yet; I expect it's still too cold for them.

Perhaps when we are bringing home the turf in a few weeks they will be out doing their dragony thing in the sunshine. Ours was the first turf footed on the bank and I felt very virtuous a couple of days later when the heavens opened (and the leg swelled up again) as all our turf is up off the ground and every breeze and blink of sunshine now is a drying one.

The big pit was filled and covered without rain so that's the winter fodder safe for another year. All the smaller meadows are down this weekend and unless there's an unexpected heat wave over the next couple of days they'll all have to be wrapped and go into haylege instead of hay. There just isn't any heat for more than a few hours at a time and there's a blustery north wind this evening, more like October than June.

I went back to work on the 13th after most of a month off while my leg recovered. It was great to get back and see the gang again; they're a top team to work with. It's been a bit like one of those reality TV programmes recently as the work force was whittled away prior to our vaccination centre closing. You never knew if your name was going to be on the "stay" or "go" side of the decision till the last minute. There are only two of us in my role and I was very fortunate to be the one elected to "stay" and my colleague unfortunately will be moving on. I'll miss Gary, he's been a great fella to work with and I couldn't have asked for a better wing man. I think those of us remaining are moving to a temporary base for two

Perhaps it's time to reinvent myself again and finally decide what I want to do when I grow up while I still have just about enough marbles left to make the decision. If you can catch eejitry from the people you live with then my days are numbered. Himself was doing the herding the other day and while he was emptying buckets of meal into one of the lamb creeps he found something nipping his leg!

months from the end of June but no one really seems to be certain of what exactly is going to happen going forward. I don't mind the uncertainty for a while; I'm just enjoying the ride and glad to defer the horror of the job hunt for a while longer.

Perhaps it's time to reinvent myself again and finally decide what I want to do when I grow up while I still have just about enough marbles left to make the decision. If you can catch eejitry from the people you live with then my days are numbered. Himself was doing the herding the other day and while he was emptying buckets of meal into one of the lamb creeps he found something nipping his leg.

He thought it was a wasp up the leg of his trousers (though why any sane wasp would choose to go...), anyway he gave his leg a wallop as you would but the invader proceeded to have another bite at the juicy leg and was rapidly rewarded with another hefty whack. The cat and mouse game speeded up till apparently Himself was hopping and flapping like a one legged goose trying to take off, all to no avail as the "thing" kept nipping. Eventually there was no cure for it but to drop the trousers and investigate more closely.

The conclusion drawn was that he had stood on a nest of pismires (Ants in my language) and the angry little survivors had decided to hit back where it hurt and headed up his trouser leg. Unfortunately I was working at the time because I could have sold tickets to that rural version of The Full Monty staged "in the round" in an open, roadside field. Next time!!

My clever little mare foaled safely and obliged by having a lovely, bay filly foal, as requested. The future of the line is secured for now. She even put the cherry on the cake for me by cleaning after the birth, for only the 2nd time in six pregnancies. She will go back to stud 25 days after foaling and hopefully will do a repeat performance next year. The other mare is for scanning this week and she's been told in graphic detail

what happens to mares that don't go in foal; the warning included reference to factories, horse burgers and dog food just to clarify the consequences for her. Fingers crossed that she gets the picture.

It was Himself's birthday a fortnight ago and we had a really lovely tea down the road with his niece Claire, Peter and their three great children. We're very lucky that by far the nicest (in my opinion) of his large, extended family are the ones who live beside us. They're good people and good neighbours and Himself would be lost without them. He's in his mid seventies now and as he says himself he's only an undertaker's delight from here on but he'll probably shuffle round for another year or two, postponing funeral expenses.

I was overjoyed a couple of weeks ago to be given approval by An Bord Pleanála to build my wee house near Rathmullan. I look forward so much to having a home of my own near my family in the latter end of my days. I was about 19 when I left and it's been a long, hard road, with intermittent great bits, for much of those forty years. What I really need now is either a Lotto win or a monumental recession to bring down the cost of building materials and labour. I'll have to sell a kidney, an eye and all the other spare parts I can rustle up to finance anything more exotic than a tent at the current prices.

I suppose it'll be another adventure if I can keep the stress levels under control. Talking about stress and controlling it, I'm off to an energy healing workshop this evening with my counselor. It's a new venture for me and I'm fascinated to see what it's all about. I suppose it's a bit like going on a day retreat for folk of the more traditional faiths; sort of a spa day for the spirit or something. I'll be better informed (if no wiser) by tomorrow.

We were sitting doing nothing much the other evening when a birdie flew into the house. It's a frequent occurrence as long as the day is warm enough to have the front door open and we



Kate Carton

regularly lift out swallows, robins and sparrows. This time it was a more unusual visitor, it was a cock sparrow hawk and unfortunately the poor creature didn't make it out alive. He got into a bit of a splutter when he found himself confined and broke his neck against the back window before I could get to him. At least it was an instant death for him and it gave me a rare chance to examine one up close. He was a magnificent little fella and I hope he hasn't left a widow and wains to struggle on alone.

Brian came at last one of the evenings last week and strimmed round all my fruit bushes so I can at least find the damn things now. He's one of those great workers who will move a mountain, dig a trench, fence, build a wall or pretty much anything that requires strength and endurance.

He's one of the most cheerful and obliging people you could ever hope to meet and he brings a smile and a laugh with him everywhere he works; one of the thoroughly good ones.

There seems to be a great crop of black currants (now that I can see them) and I hope we get some good sun to ripen them. The red currant bushes are laden but I don't know if I'll bother harvesting the berries; I don't think they're of much value. Maybe if I leave them the birds will content themselves with them and ignore the black currants. Yeah right! I might as well dream here as in bed. The strawberries are doing a great thrive and we've had a few nice feeds from them despite the best efforts of the fekn rabbits to do them in.

The regular rain has been great for keeping everything moist and growthy as well as saving me the effort of watering the garden every evening but it would be nice to get a bit of real summer soon.

Me bambino is in Rhodes with Liz and her family for a week and it would be so great if he could bring back a bit of Greek sunshine and heat for little old Ireland but I suppose as Helen Keller said "keep your face to the sun and you will never see the shadows."

Rathmullan

Carnival

On Sunday 19th June a colourful parade of moving objects arrived in Rathmullan on the ferry

and proceeded around the village to the amusement of locals and visitors alike.

Tidy Towns Competition

The Judging cant take place anytime from now onwards, and the committee have been busy preparing for another summer season ahead. Thank

you to all of the volunteers who have planted, weeded and painted and helped out in any way recently. However, if you have time and can lend a hand, even for a short while, then please call our Secretary Laura 085 2162953 to offer your services. We are also open for sponsorship for a

seat or bench, in memory of a loved one, or just to help out in our community efforts, then please do get in touch, as all offers of materials, labour, or funds will be gratefully accepted.

At this time of year, we are especially appealing to all residents, businesses and holiday home owners to please take stock of their properties and gardens, and give them a little bit of TLC after the long winter months. Maybe time to get a little bit of paint, or get the window boxes refreshed for the summer. If everyone just lifted the litter on the streets in their own area, then that would be a great help to us all.

Tidy Towns & Clean Coasts

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

To help us reduce waste and save natural resources, please bring your own clean reusable coffee cups (BYO) to the shops / vendors, and maybe even get a few cents reduction in your price! The Government plan to introduce a levy on disposable cups in due course, so why not get ahead of the posse and start using yours

now during the summer? As well as that, we will be promoting Plastic Free July, so BYO refillable water bottles is another great idea to cut down on waste. We are also asking all local businesses to join Refill.ie and then clients could ask to have their own Reusable Water Bottle filled up with tap water Free of charge.

Rathmullan Clean Coasts celebrated

World Ocean Day recently, and we are so fortunate to have our fabulous beaches with golden sands, right on our doorsteps. Every little helps, so help us too, and do the 2 minute Beach Clean anytime, with the equipment on the stand at the Car Park entrance, especially good fun for children now in the summer time. It was great also last week to welcome back the 'Coastal Warriors' from the HSE TOA Community Programme and we look forward to seeing more of them now during the incoming months, as they plan to visit Rathmullan twice weekly.

Dog Free Area

With the commencement of the holiday season, we are once again urging all dog owners to pick up after their pets when using our beaches and pathways, and to dispose of the Waste bag responsibly using the bins, or even take it home with them if our bins are full. Contact with dog faeces can have serious health impacts and even blindness in children. The new 'Dog free Area' has also come into effect on Rathmullan Beach until 15th September next, in the area patrolled by the Life Guards during the hours of 11am until 7pm in the evening. We appreciate that taking your dog for a walk along a sandy beach is a great way to get exercise, but please also respect those who have small children or other beach users who are not quite as fond of our four legged friends, and please dispose of the Waste Bag responsibly!



Donegal Film Bursary Awarded

Donegal Film Office at Donegal County Council is delighted to announce that actress, writer and director, Dorothy Duffy is the recipient of the second Donegal Film Bursary funded by Creative Ireland.

Aideen Doherty commented 'The film office was very encouraged by the response to the bursary this year and values the contribution being made by those involved in the sector across the county. It is really encouraging to see quality applications being submitted from Donegal born writers, directors and producers'

Based in Dunfanaghy, Dorothy has spent over 20 years on film sets starting out as an actress in The Magdalene Sisters which was directed by Peter Mullan and won best picture at The Venice Film Festival. She worked with Mike Leigh on his film Vera Drake, Grief for The National Theatre and the 2018 historical epic 'Peterloo'. She has also worked extensively for The Met Film school in London. Most recently, she acted in the North-



Dorothy Duffy recipient second Donegal Film Office Bursary.

ern Ireland Screen funded short film 'Childer', directed by Aislinn Clarke.

Growing up in the Gaeltacht of Edeninfagh near Glenties, Dorothy developed a deep love of the Irish language and she remains passionate about including it in her work. She is currently working on several exciting projects including a Donegal based comedy series and her first feature film.

'Massive thank you to the Donegal Film Office for all their tireless work in promoting Donegal as an incredible location for productions. I am really looking forward to working with some amazing Donegal based artists on this new project and am especially delighted that Tara Hegarty of Fishwife Films is producing.

My work is informed by the stories that are often left untold, in the quiet, profound moments of life when huge events can happen for us. I want to make films that hold a mirror to the world, the way I see it. I love films that are rooted in their community and especially in communities that are not often portrayed in mainstream media. I am interested in the ordinary, in truth, in humanity.'

Colmcille 1500th celebrations coming to a close

An informal event is being held in St. Colmcille's birthplace to mark the end of Colmcille 1500 - a programme that has been commemorating 1500 years since the birth of the 6th century saint. The programme has been jointly delivered by Donegal County Council and Derry City & Strabane District Council - supported by the North West Development Fund as well as a range of other partners and funders. The event will take place on Monday 27th June at 2.30pm in the Colmcille Heritage Centre in Gartan, County Donegal, and will include the launch of a small souvenir booklet to mark the celebrations. Dr. Brian Lacey, historian and Colmcille ex-

pert, will also share some reflections of the year as a very fitting wrapping up of the programme.

Places are limited so booking is essential. If you are interested in attending please check availability by emailing colmcille1500@donegal-coco.ie or phoning Deirdre Harte on (00 353) 087 246 7424.

Further information on the Colmcille 1500 programme is available on the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Colmcille1500NW or website at www.colmcille1500.com with further resources to be uploaded after the event.

Right - Colmcille Sculpture, Kilmacrennan Road, Blue Banks.

Photo by Clive Wasson



Exclusion of Hill Farmers from Fodder Scheme Unacceptable

IFA National Hill Farming Committee Chairman Cailín Conneely said the decision by the Minister for Agriculture to exclude lands classified as Category 1 land under the Areas of Natural Constraint (ANC) from the fodder support scheme is totally unacceptable.

Cailín Conneely said this will exclude most hill farmers, who need support

from the Minister to get through the inputs crisis.

Hill farmers who carry stock for the winter urgently need support as the exponential rise in costs is further eroding already low margins.

The Hill Committee Chairman said that all land must be utilised to produce food.

"Beef and sheep farmers who carry stock have increased costs imposed on them due to the escalation of input costs such as fertiliser, feed and fuel. To ensure hill farmers can afford to continue to feed their animals for the winter of 2022, all beef and sheep farmers must receive extra financial support in addition to existing payments," he said.

INHFA demands immediate review of the Fodder Support Scheme

The Irish Natura & Hill Farmers Association (INHFA) have taken issue with additional conditions to the new fodder support scheme that will see many of their members lose out.

In a direct call to the Minister the INHFA President reminded him of the demands made at the Associations National AGM held just two weeks ago which he attended. "At this meeting I welcomed the decision to support all drystock farmers, but also stressed the need to go further and support those farmers who are not in a position to make hay or silage and will need to buy fodder."

It is, he continued "our understanding that some of these farmers have Category 1 lands and when we assess the changing route of the Fodder Support Scheme there is (albeit accidental) now an option to support all farmers on Category 1 ANC lands with a top-up ANC payment."

This decision has he continued "come as a bolt from the blue as there was no indication that drystock farmers on these lands would be excluded." Many of these farmers have, stated the INHFA leader "already factored in the fodder support announced in early May when they took up meadow ground and purchased fertilizer."

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 27th June at 6pm to be in with a chance to win...

This week's winner was Oisín O'Donnell, Mulroy Park, Carrigart who found Shanagh in the Milford Mart Advert on Page 35 and wins a €50 voucher for Whoriskey's of Ramelton.

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Memorial unveiled for Eithne ní Cumhaill



A group at the unveiling of the Memorial for Eithne ní Cumhaill.

A memorial to republican heroine Eithne ní Cumhaill has been unveiled in her home townland, Cill Ulta by her nephew Danny Coyle, Lifford and the guest speaker was Deputy Pearse Doherty.

By James Woods

This was the townland of her birth and was a historic occasion because it's the first monument erected to commemorate a woman's role in the War of Independence in Donegal. It may have taken a hundred years since her participation in the struggle as a member of Cumann na mBán, and thirty-six years since her death, but at least she now has a permanent memorial placed in her honour to remember her achievements.

As the person who organised, made and erected the monument with input from others, I am

proud that it has come to fruition after years of ideas proposals and false dawns. These things do not happen overnight and someone has to take over the reins, landowners have to be consulted, (Danny Curran, John McGinley) Donegal County Council, National roads authority and Guards so that permission and safety laws are adhered to. A big thanks to Danny Harkin stonework, Jack and Martha Baskin, Neily Kelly and Brian McGuire for providing space for parking.

Relatives have to be contacted to garner their thoughts on the issue. Joe Curran acted as go-between to ensure that they were aware of plans and times allocated for this historic occasion. All extended relatives, some who live local and others further afield that I spoke to on the day were delighted that this event was taking place, especially Eithne's nephew, Danny and niece Sr Gráinne whose father Dan/Donal Coyle was captain of the 1st northern division IRA and was one of eight men including the Drumboe martyrs captured at Mí na bPól Dún Lúiche by pro-treaty forces.

Eithne ní Cumhaill had two children, Christopher and Máire' a nun is elderly and living in Dublin. Christopher who was a priest is now de-

ceased. Relative's from Eithne's husband Bernard Ó Donnell's (who was also a member of the IRA and passed away in 1968) side of the family were also present and a niece of his Roseanne Ó Donnell laid flowers alongside a wreath laid by Rose Doyle on behalf of Sinn Féin.

Ann (Curran) Campbell from Gort a'Choirce chaired the event and was able to relate to Eithne in a specific way because as a child she had recollections of this proud revolutionary figure visiting her grandmother Mary Mulhern as they were close friends. Local singer/songwriter Owen Curran gave a rendition of a poem and sang a descriptive song penned to shine a light on Eithne ní Cumhaill's republican life story. In giving the main oration, Pearse Doherty said that Eithne was a woman who gained inspiration from the leaders of the Éirí amach na Cásca 1916 and dutifully played her part in all aspects an uprising that led to the formation of this state. We should never forget Eithne's own selfless sacrifices made so that this state can flourish without being a subject of a foreign government or monarch. Danny Coyle thanked the large crowd in attendance and for being asked to carry out the official unveiling of the monument.



Danny Mac Comhghaill and Pearse Doherty inspect the inscription and below a section of the crowd at the unveiling.



Ann (Curran) Campbell from Gort a'Choirce speaking at the unveiling.

Equestrian News with Rachel Carton

The Best In The West

Shaun Brennan and Rosaleen Harkin are justifiably proud of their daughters Tara and Eabha. The pair enjoyed another good day at the TRI Summer Tour held at Necarne Castle on Sunday, with Eabha placing joint 1st in the 80 & 90cm classes on her schoolmaster mount Scully,

while Tara picked up first place in the 1.10m COH/Juniors class, having both the fastest time and only clear round in the competition. Long journeys and hard grind at the schooling ground are paying off for these two young ladies, both of whom learned their trade at the

East Donegal branch of the pony club. Current pony club members are looking forward to the Area Qualifiers which take place in Tubberbride Equestrian Centre, Collooney, Sligo this coming Sunday. This is the annual opportunity for riders from all over the North West and West to qualify for national championships held at both the IPC Festival and at the illustrious Dublin Horse Show. The running of the Area 6 pony club qualifier on the 26th will no doubt cause some headaches for parents who on the one hand wish to support their kids in their exploits but on the other hand would love to head to Gordon's Bay Equestrian in Carrigart to take part in Letterkenny riding club's Orla O'Reilly Derby Show.

The club are not only hosting a derby course, with plenty of challenging jumps being constructed in club members' back yards, but are also hosting a Western region qualifier for the AIRC national dressage championships, due to be held in Barnadown, Co. Wexford in August. With dressage enthusiasts from all over Ireland vying for much coveted qualification this show promises to be a clinker. Members of the Inishowen riding club are taking their club's honour very seriously indeed, having been out schooling at both Gordon's Bay and Ash Hollow xc courses, as well as fielding two dressage teams for the national qualifier.

Letterkenny secretary Erica Robb took time out from her ridden work to enter her young mare, Ruby, in the Potential Broodmare class at the Finn Valley show and was delighted to come second in a very strong class, where the emphasis was definitely on the Irish Draught breed.

With a daunting amount of form filling and paperwork associated with any show nowadays both Erica and club chairperson, Rachel Carton, will be



A smiling Erica Robb at the Finn Valley show



Shaun Brennan with daughter Tara after she won the COH class at Necarne Castle

forgoing the pleasure of participation on Sunday to ensure a smoothly run day, leaving more intrepid riders to tackle the Ryan McBride designed course.

No doubt all the local riding club members are glad that at least some of the younger generation choose to migrate further south to make their impact on the equestrian world. If the older fogies in the riding clubs had to take on the young guns who thrive on speed the scales might be weighted well in favour of the youth!

Speed merchants Dylan Browne McMonagle, Luke McAteer and Oisín Orr are racking up the winners at an impressive rate recently. Both Dylan and Oisín enjoyed recent doubles, with Oisín coming agonisingly close to the first treble of his career when beaten a short head on the Richard Fahey trained Dare To Hope at Ripon on the 16th. Luke drove the locally trained Alice Milligan to a resounding victory at Down Royal on the 17th and came close to yet another double when Thunderbear was just touched off in the five furlong the same day.

In a country well used to political crises, we know a disaster

The President spoke with honesty and clarity and it begs the question: does Ireland have a snowflake Cabinet? They were shocked, dumbfounded, in disbelief, insulted that our Head of State spoke the truth about the housing crises in our midst. I can only hope that those unfortunate politicians have been given priority in accessing 24 hour counselling to get over their shock and to allow them to reach out for the Dail recess on July 15th.

As daylight reaches its highest peak of the year there are few signs of summer with enough gloom and doom around us to question what the government is doing about it. In the past twenty years Ireland has been inflation free, but not any more. But with all the hype and positive spin winging its way to the country's news desks from the many and varied government departments, you get the very distinct impression that the three-way government is residing on a planet well out of the orbit inhabited by mere mortals.

For every ten of those brutal press releases coming into our office in Milford, an average of 9.9 goes into the skip because that is where they are best kept... well away from the public gaze because this stuff is so overloaded with bombastic nonsense that you are far better off not reading it. It would seem there is a bottomless pit of pitiful excuses for daft press releases coming from the Government, yet those ministers seem to think we are stupid.

From the junk mail in those press releases, you'd actually start wondering if we are into hyperinflation: a crisis in homelessness: people back on the streets for the first time since the water charges debacle: only this time it is about the increases in the cost of living and a government suffering from paralysis in providing some semblance of a solution.

And there is more misery: 20% of the population on waiting lists to see a consultant and some may never do so. Housing or the lack of it worsens by the week and people are queuing up... to leave Ireland. This time, they are going on a holiday of a lifetime and regardless of the cost, why not... why bloody not because they deserve a wee break from the headlines of daily failures in politics.

Of course there is a massive crisis in people's trust in politics and here

in Donegal the mica problems are intense and many have already lost faith in the process of justice and the restoration of their homes.

In the past ten days two really inspirational things happened... one you might not have noticed because it was in Peru and I presume you've not been on holiday there recently.

In Peruvian Cordillera Blanca mountain range, close to Lake Palcacocha a convoy of vehicles including a Huaracino farmer, his lawyers, judges from Germany and Peru, and climate scientists arrived in court in pursuit of justice.

The farmer, Saúl Luciano Lliuya brought them together in the rarefied air of his country. In 2015, he teamed up with Germanwatch, a German green ngo to sue rwe, Germany's largest power company and Europe's second-largest emitter, for allegedly belching nearly 7 billion tonnes of greenhouse gasses between 1854 and 2010.

This, he says, has put his house at risk of a devastating flood. This court appearance marks the first step of his claim. If he wins, there would be global implications for all mankind and we might live happily thereafter.

Now, that is a man with the courage of his convictions. And here in Ireland we have a man that has made his life's role a model for expressing his sincere convictions. After all, why, in 2018, did 56% of the electorate give a resounding return to the Office of the Presidency of Michael D. Higgins? It was the right decision and his comments last week were an inspiration to a new generation who thought that all of the like minded people were long since dead and buried in their graves.

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Do our government politicians not have hides as thick as a donkey's harness? How could they be so embarrassed at being reminded they've been making a cock-up out of running this State for many, many years.

The Opposition parties rallied behind President Higgins who described Ireland's housing crisis as our great, great failure. It's a disaster, he added.

And the rush of condemnation came from a Dublin 4 mindset where the recession never bites.

The claims that the protocols were breached: marks were overstepped: conventions ignored recklessly: invisible lines crossed - they are the stuff of political clowns who simply want the media to be their tool boxes in a crass atmosphere of circus-like stuntmen (and obviously women). In fact if you ever happen to read what the Constitution has to say about the role of the Presidency, none of the above claims get a mention.

The President spoke for the nation, warts and all including those failed politicians who have not been able to confront the red lines in health, housing and the many other crises that continue to haunt this country.

The housing crisis is worse today than at any time in the last 40 years, according to campaigner Fr Peter McVerry.

He was commenting following the relaunch of the 'Raise the Roof' housing campaign, which held the first in a series of regional and national public meetings on the housing crisis in Dublin. Fr. McVerry says he has "never been more despairing and depressed" about the housing situation in Ireland.

He said that while there was "no magic wand" to address the housing crisis, there were a number of measures that the Government could take.

Among the proposals he put forward were the implementation of the 1973 Kenny Report, which among other things would allow local authorities to compulsorily purchase land for development, paying lower agricultural land prices.

It will also propose a ban on evictions for up to three years, a 20% reduction in rents coupled with a 50% reduction in tax paid by landlords and making it illegal for people to rent properties on

short-term rental websites if they are not compliant with planning permission requirements and other regulations.

Fr. McVerry added that the Government mantra was that "supply was the solution," but he said that this was "only half true... the solution is affordable supply."

"We know what works. There was a ban on rent increases and a ban on evictions during Covid and the number of homeless people dropped by about 2,000 in a relatively short period of time," Fr McVerry said.

"That ban was rescinded about seven or eight months ago, the number of homeless people is going through the roof again. Pursuing vacant homes far more aggressively is also an important approach to addressing the challenge.

"It's immoral, almost criminal, to have an empty building in the middle of a housing crisis," he said.

Launched originally in 2018, Raise the Roof held large street demonstrations before the pandemic and there were calls for more such protests in the months ahead.

Campaign coordinator Macdara Doyle said that the upcoming series of meetings marked the beginning of the process of relaunching the campaign, and that large public demonstrations were likely in the future.

Mr Doyle said Ireland is currently experiencing its longest and most severe housing crisis and that "the policies of successive governments have failed to tackle the crisis and have arguably made it worse."

Sinn Féin, Labour and People Before Profit referenced President Higgins comments in the Dail during leaders' questions. Last Tuesday, the President described housing as a social disaster.

And he did not speak a word of a lie... it is far past the time to call out this inept government and to remind them that the truth is too close for comfort.

Labour leader Ivana Bacik said it was no wonder that Mr Higgins described the housing situation as a disaster.

"It's no wonder that he's referring to failures in government policy and it's deeply concerning in this context to see kite flying from members of government about tax cuts being the priority, rather than the priority of spending on housing, on child care and public services, our schools and our hospitals," she added.

Richard Boyd Barrett said that the President has called the Government to account on its housing policy.

"As if we needed reminding, the president of this country had to come out and call you to account



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for what he described, absolutely rightly, as the great, great failure of this government and this Republic to deal with the housing disaster that you are presiding over," Mr Barrett added.

Meantime, Fine Gael is now into its 12th year in government office, having taken over the busted flush caused by their current partners in Government. Insofar as the electorate was concerned they voted for change. Change in reducing the country's catastrophic health and housing crises and restoring Ireland's financial status in Europe and a better Ireland for all, rich and poor alike.

In that time much has happened and in politics that will always be the case in a fast moving world of change, demand, expectation and delivery. Much of that is predicated on the revenue flowing into the Exchequer from the multinationals.

There are more than a thousand big, mostly American global companies with operations in Ireland, among them: Google, Apple, Facebook, PayPal, Microsoft, Yahoo, eBay, AOL, Twitter and Intel. Pfizer, Boston Scientific and Johnson & Johnson and their financial and employment status is of record breaking proportions. That is not to say that the electorate wants these companies to pay more tax... that is another day's work.

The Fine Gael Leader, Leo Varadkar, in response to the comments of the President has pointed out that Michael D. Higgins is free to express his opinion and only when he addresses the Dail does he need to consult the Government. Interestingly, the Tanaiste has his own political take on the story and we've yet to hear from the real leader of the country.

The Tanaiste says it's much easier to describe a problem like the housing crisis rather than come up with solutions to solve it.

However, he said commenting on issues and implementing solutions is a very different thing. He's been in the Dail since 2007 and I'd have expected something more original than that line of thinking and something more reflective from him: maybe that's asking too much.

He said: "As somebody who's in government and somebody who's charged with solving the problems that people are grappling with in their lives, it's always much easier to describe the problem and to make pronouncements about it than it is to actually come up with solutions and operationalise them and implement them."

So now you know!

Meanwhile Thousands of protestors took to the streets across Ireland today in a bid to force the Government to take action to control the spiralling cost-of-living. In Dublin, families, pensioners and young single people were among the 500 people gathered at the Garden of Remembrance. How symbolic is that?

The Cost of Living Coalition is made up of trade unions, political parties and a number of other interest groups. This is the newest but not unexpected hot hub to hit this beleaguered Government. These demonstrations are seeking to fill the vacuum created by government inaction in dealing with the cost of living crisis and the only certainty is that prices will keep on rising. Be afraid to read the cost of fuel at the filling stations with new increases expected again in the next seven days.

30% of households are experiencing energy poverty and that is all too true for those who have no way to fend off these increases apart from waiting until the Budget in October. But this government works more slowly than most others and the evidence is all around us.

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Moffett wins 50th Donegal



Anthony and Emma Ferry enjoying the rally on Sunday. Photo -Clive Wasson

The 50th Donegal International Rally ended in success for Monaghan driver Josh Moffett who took the overall title while there was a super victory for Oughterlin man Kevin Gallagher in the Modified Section. It was first win in the event for both men as the rally returned to the Donegal roads after a three-year absence.

Report by Declan Kerr & photos by Clive Wasson

Gallagher was in pole position for most of the weekend holding off the challenge of his nearest rival James Stafford with the extra bonus of finishing seventh overall and he had no clutch over the final three stages on Sunday. It was also a good weekend for Gartan man Mark Alcorn and James McNulty who finished 14th overall. Alcorn posted a couple of very fast times on his home stage in Gartan in a MK2 Escort.

The really big talking points came on Sunday as leader Callum Devine's race ended when he had to retire on the Gartan stage. That looked like

leaving the door open for three-times British rally winner Matt Edwards to take the title. But, Edwards had a spectacular end to his dream when he went off the road on the Atlantic Drive. That put Josh Moffett into the lead and he didn't take any big risks over High Glen and the second Atlantic Drive loop to win the 2022 event. His brother Sam a previous winner was second making it the first time ever for siblings to take the top two places in the Donegal International Rally.

The first two Fanad stages on Saturday were shortened due to lack of marshals while the first run over High Glen was canceled due to a bereavement in the area. And after Matt Edwards went off the road the remainder of the first Atlantic Drive stage was canceled. As well as winning the Class 14 Modified Section Kevin Gallagher and Ryan Moore ended up seventh overall. Gallagher operates a garage business in Oughterlin. After Friday's opening six stages Derry man Callum Devine



Josh Moffett and Andy Hayes wizz by the lakes in Fanad on the Rally. Photo by Clive Wasson



Dylan Bradley and Conor Bradley all dressed up for the rally. Photo by Clive Wasson



Better phone signal at the foot of Everest!! as Stephen Sheridan from Kilmacrennan searches for a signal in Gartan. Photo by Clive Wasson

with Kerry's Noel O'Sullivan calling the notes in their VW Polo GTI R5 led the rally after double runs over Dooish Hill Manor, An Grianan Newton and Mouldy Hill, Bridgend. Road conditions were initially damp but dried as the day progressed.

Devine had close to a six second advantage over Matt Edwards and David Moynihan in a Citroen C3 Rally 2. Alastair Fisher and Gordon Noble in a VW Polo were just under 30 seconds further behind in third. They had a four-second advantage on Josh Moffett and Andy Hayes in fourth place in their Ford Fiesta. Welsh driver Meirion Evans who was doing Donegal for only the second time and his co-driver Jonathan Jackson were fifth overall in their VW Polo GTI R5 as they returned to



Patrick Bradley and Conal Doherty at Gartan on Sunday. Photo by Clive Wasson



Mark Alcorn and James McNulty in their Mark 2 Ford Escort.

Letterkenny to get ready for the Saturday stages.

Reigning champion from 2019 Sam Moffett was sixth followed by Declan Boyle, Desi Henry, Gary Jennings, and Kevin Gallagher to complete the top ten. So from the end of Day One Gallagher and Ryan Moore, in a Darran T90 GTR, were the class 14 leaders with James Stafford and Thomas Scallan second also in a Darran. There was just 1.7 seconds between the two drivers after the six stages on Friday evening. Devine had the quickest times over four of the six stages with Edwards coming out on top two of the last three runs.

160 crews were at the starting ramp for the six stages on Friday. Eight stages went ahead on Saturday. Officially six stages were scheduled for Sunday but that first High Glen run was canceled. It is the only three-day event in



Adrain Rankin and Stuart Robb at service on Sunday. Photo by Clive Wasson



Kevin Gallagher and Ryan Moore in Fanad on Saturday. Photo by Clive Wasson

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the Irish Tarmac Championship schedule that includes 300km of competitive driving. Among the Donegal drivers to go out early were Damien Tourish and Pettigo's Kevin Eves and co-driver Chris Melly.

After Saturday's first three stages Devine remained in pole position after the first three stages over Carnhill, Fanad Head and Knockalla with an increased lead of almost 28 seconds. Edwards had the best time over Carnhill first time around by 0.2 seconds Devine responded very well to be faster by 2.3 seconds on the next stage over Fanad Head and it got better for the Derry man on Knockalla as Edwards lost a significant amount of time as a result of a series of spins. Alistair Fisher and Gordon Noble in a VW Polo continued to sit third overall while Kevin Gallagher was still leading the Modifieds Section.

The weekend also saw some great names from the past take part in a demonstration run event to mark the 50th anniversary including Ari Vatanen, Cathal Curley, Andrew Nesbitt, Vincent Bonner and Seamus McGettigan, Donagh Kelly and Donal Barrett.

On Sunday evening Josh Moffett and Andy Hayes were crowned Donegal International Rally champions for the first. Callum Devine

had started Sunday with a 17.7-second lead over Matt Edwards followed by Alistair Fisher and Josh Moffett over 25 seconds further back. Devine's Volkswagen Polo R5 hit a bale on the opening Gartan stage and was forced to retire with radiator damage. That left Edwards first with a 19.1-second advantage over Moffett.

The first run of High Glen was canceled, so it was on to the Atlantic Drive to complete the first of two loops. Edwards' Citroen C3 Rally2 crashed out to allow Josh Moffett to lead but by just a second from Alistair Fisher. Moffett extended his advantage to 3.8 seconds over Fisher on Gartan. But Fisher's title dreams ended with a puncture on High Glen. With a 50 seconds advantage Moffett completed the final Atlantic Drive stage with some caution to win the 2022 Donegal International Rally. Fisher had no brakes on the final stage and ended up fifth overall. Sam Moffett, Meirion Evans, and Declan Boyle were to be the second, third and four place finishers.

Kevin Gallagher and Ryan Moore's first a national victory in the Darrian T90 was secured with a one-minute victory over James Stafford and Thomas Scallan who had been chasing the Oughterlin man all weekend.

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Crowds on the Gartan stage on Sunday.



Sean Hegarty and Gary Lochard on the Gartan stage. Photo by Clive Wasson



Daniel Conaghan and Terence Magee heading for Gartan on Sunday. Photo by Clive Wasson



Letterkenny's Adrian Wasson and John Kildea with their team Jim Gardiner, SP Feeney, Billy Wasson, Charlie O'Donnell and Kevin Kelly. Photo by Clive Wasson



The first rally outing for for Craig Alcorn and Brian Commons. Photo by Clive Wasson



Stuart Rankin and Liam McGlynn in service. Photo by Clive Wasson



John Bonner and Johnny Baird using all the road on the Gartan Stage. Photo by Clive Wasson



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Weather leaves farming in crisis

With rainfall in the north west up by around 50% so far this summer the impact on farming is catastrophic with losses being calculated at millions of Euro. Farming bodies are now calling for emergency aid amid fears that the current crisis will drive many in agriculture out of business and the Donegal IFA County Executive meeting this week was dominated by discussion on the fallout from weather conditions.

Mr. George O'Hagan, County Chairman said that after another week of extremely wet weather land in Donegal is now saturated with lying water and it is affecting farming across the board. This year, with the incessant rain for the past five to six weeks the farming sector has been left in chaos.

He said silage for winter fodder is now deteriorating and feeding value is reduced every day it is left uncut and temperatures for grass is too cold and growth has also been reduced.

The IFA Chairman said they are seeking an urgent meeting with the Taoiseach and the Min-

ister for Agriculture, where they will be putting forward proposals to bring forward EU payments and suspend a number of Government levies on farmers.

As silage farmers wait for the conditions to improve they are now in a race against time as they battle with waterlogged fields and mud which leaves it impossible to take machinery onto the land. Silage making is running a month behind normal and the quality is deteriorating rapidly.

At national level this week the IFA has called on the government to urgently tackle the farm income crisis amid growing fears that most grain and root crops may not be worth harvesting come the late summer and autumn. At the same time water logged pastures are no go areas for livestock and in some cases the surplus of black bale fodder is being fed to cattle. The conditions are thought to be the worst in a quarter of a century and the latest calamity comes at a time when agriculture is reeling from low prices especially in the dairy sector.



The 10th annual Ballyare 8k road race and 3 mile fun walk will be held this year on Saturday the 17th of August. Announcing details of this years event in Carr's of the Diamond, Ballyare were Margaret Diver and Ann McGarvey from the Community Care Committee, Fergus Friel from the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Donegal and members of the committee including Patrick Hegarty, Rosaleen and Margaret Orr, Seamus McIntyre and Joe Buchanan. The other charity to benefit will be the Lough Swilly Life Boat.

Junior posts for Donegal

Three of the former Cabinet team including Dr. James McDaid who were demoted in the creation of the new government have been appointed to consolation posts as junior ministers by the Taoiseach.

In a line up stunningly absent of trendy young things twelve out of the seventeen appointed are over fifty years of age while not a single minister is under forty.

And again there is a shocking lack of women on the team with only Mary Hanafin and Sile DeValera to create the much hyped gender balance among the second row.

Five of the outgoing junior ministers failed to be appointed and they include Joe Jacob of Wicklow who played a blinder last year during the national emergency plan in the event of a nuclear fallout when a stunned nation was promised a supply of iodine tablets which so far have not arrived in our letter boxes.

McDaid has been appointed to the newly created post at the Dept of Transport and his remit includes

road traffic and haulage. While the McDaid supporters will be relieved that he has been recognised in the list of junior ministries nevertheless it was hoped that he might have been given a post with some deeper relevance to a rural constituency.

Pat the Cope Gallagher goes to Environment and Local Government. Gallagher has relinquished his seat in the EU Parliament and is replaced by Galway county councillor Sean O'Neachtain who was named as a second substitute ahead of Noel Treacy. However Junior Posts for Donegal: Treacy has also been made a junior minister at Agriculture and Food and has passed up on going to Europe.

The other junior ministers appointed on Tuesday were Sile DeValera - Education and Science; Frank Fahy - Enterprise, Trade and Employment with responsibility for labour affairs and training; Willie O'Dea - Justice, Equality and Law Reform with responsibility for equality and disability issues; Tom Kitt - Foreign



At the launch of the NWHB information leaflet 'Choosing Childcare for parents: Isabel Lagan - Parent Mary McGowan - Co-ordinator, Donegal Co. Childcare Committee Val O'Kelly - Regional Services Manager Child Care, Paul Conmy - Chairperson, NWHB, Eamon McDermott - Parent Geraldine Burke - Playleader and some of the children attending Letterkenny Community Playgroup. Photo by Clive Wasson

Affairs including overseas development and human rights: Liam Aylward - Agriculture and Food including animal health/welfare and customer service; John Browne - Communications, Marine and Natural Resources; Michael Ahern - Enterprise, Trade and Employment including trade and commerce; Ivor Callely - Health and Children to include services for older people; Noel Ahern - Environment and Local Government along with Community; Gaeltacht and Rural Affairs.

His brief will include housing and urban renewal along drugs strategy and community affairs; Brian Lenihan - Health and Children; Justice; Equality and Law Reform with special emphasis on children; Tim O'Malley - Health and Children with emphasis on disability; mental health services; and food safety; Tom Parlon - Finance:

Already appointed to junior posts were Mary Hanafin as Government Chief Whip and Defence and Dick Roche to the Dept of the Taoiseach in charge of European Affairs.

NW 10k raises 38k

This years North West 10k road race and walk raised 737,980 and the proceeds were handed over to the three charities on Monday night in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny. The Donegal Youth Service, the Donegal Downs Syndrome Association and the Donegal Cheshire Home Apartments each received a cheque for 712,660 from Grace Boyle, chairman of the 10k committee.

Grace praised the eight hundred plus competitors who took part in this years event which was a great community effort. She said the charities not only benefited from the monetary gains but also from the public awareness which the race attracted. She paid thanks to the Red Cross, The Civil Defence and the Gardai who guaranteed a safe walk and run, the Community Centre Committee, FM Cleaning, Donegal Person of the Year, Patsy McGonagle who not only started the race but was also a great help for the committee and to Terry McEniff of the Mount Errigal Hotel. She paid particular thanks to the Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce and the staff in the office who do so much work each year.

Grace also thanked Paul McGlinchey of the Grill in Letterkenny who sponsored the T shirts which was a substantial help to running the race. She said that each year they try to raise enough funds to cover the cost

of the race so that all monies raised by the participating charities goes back to them and they achieved it this year again.

Presentations were made to Geraldine Shovelin and Marjorie Coyle who raised substantial funds as individuals. The Sports Club at the Donegal County Council also got involved as a group this year and presented Grace Boyle with a cheque for 73,000. Ms. Boyle encouraged other social clubs in businesses to get involved for next years race. In presenting the cheques to the charities Ms. Boyle said that the committee thought that last years figure would never be surpassed because there was a number of private donations but they were astounded that almost 738,000 was raised with each charity getting 712,660 and they were full of admiration for the charities.

In returning thanks Gerry McDermott, Paul Doherty and Ann McGeever on behalf the charities thanked the North West committee for all their help and support and they said that the cooperation between them was very helpful and they outlined some of their plans for spending the money raised by the race.

Also among the attendance were Letterkenny Town Councillors Dessie Larkin and Terry McEniff who praised the work of the charities and also the North West committee.



Millford soccer fans Michael McGlynn and Aidan Cannon pictured with Irish star Robbie Keane following a recent international match.



The children of the Little Rascals Community Playgroup, Rossnakill pictured during their end of the year Bouncy Castle day at the play-school.

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Members of the public at the information evening in Ramelton.

Study offers new hope for Ramelton

A major new architectural inventory of the Georgian Town of Ramelton is now under way and is due to be completed by September: so said Gaye Moynihan the Senior Planning Executive Officer with Donegal County Council during a public meeting at the Town Hall on Monday night.

When the final audit from the survey is presented in Sept it is hoped to have some of those involved in the Westport regeneration project in attendance to give an overview of their progress and to what extent they were successful in sourcing funding.

Funding of the kind of projects that would tend to lend themselves suitable to Ramelton is a major matter of debate and it is generally believed the town has massive potential...if only capital was available. For some of those already involved in regenerating old buildings there are also problems in that they are not allowed to alter the exterior structures and it is hoped the consultants can come up with a realistic assessment of the dos and don'ts involved. This is highly relevant since many of the buildings are very old and unless they can be improved in line with today's demands along with health and safety features they have no future at all.

These problems are also likely to be impacting on sales value of the properties concerned and in many cases towns people see the designation of the heritage town tag as being a hindrance rather than being of any worthwhile assistance particularly from a commercial point of view.

Susan O Connor of Carraig Consultants of Dublin who are undertaking the survey and Karen McCormick from the Council's Planning and Economic Division were also present. The survey is being assisted by the Heritage Council and will

seek to identify buildings of significant architectural value to provide a baseline of information which will allow more informed consideration for the future.

The Council officials took time to answer a wide range of questions and concerns raised by the largely attended meeting which was both informative and educational. However there are concerns that where buildings are identified as being of relevance to the study that the cost of repairs may be very considerable amid a demand that the individuals are provided with financial assistance to make improvements. However there seems little possibility of such a development since the entire budget for such renovations for Donegal are comparatively small and in essence are not in keeping with demands for restoration projects. Miss Moynihan said that every assistance would be given to the community to explore the potential of the town and she hoped it would be a new start for the town and the community.

From the point of view of listed or protected buildings the Planning Officer said that the aim of this survey was to present a data base that would not have any legal connotations for the owners of premises.

Gaye Moynihan denied that the town's public toilets were being demolished. She explained that the site was being considered as part of a project for a public-private partnership that would give the community much better facilities. She responded to a series of queries on the prospects for the future of the town saying that the townspeople could decide in September where they intended going on the foot of the publication of the inventory.

She said the tax based town renewal scheme and



Karen McCormick, Susan O'Connor and Gaye Moynihan addressing the public meeting in Ramelton.

the EIS, which recently began, are two different but complimentary regeneration techniques currently ongoing in the town.

"The initiation of the architectural inventory at this time within the renewal framework is very opportune since it allows the architectural heritage to develop a higher profile as a very unique and important resource in the regeneration of the town," commented the Planning Executive.

She said the public workshop and exhibition in September would provide an opportunity for the whole community working with the elected representatives of the Council to examine and consider the findings of the survey. It is also hoped that the discussion and debate that is expected to be generated can be harnessed in the ongoing regeneration of the town.

The main objective the work within the survey is to look at the features both internal and external of individual buildings and the Council has appealed for co-operation and any comments can be

sent directly to the Council offices in Lifford.

In the main this was a very positive evening for the town and there are concerns that many of the fine old buildings are urgently in need of renovations and repairs if they are to be preserved.

And the Council has gone to some lengths to assure the public in the town that the survey will be carried out in harmony with the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage.

Miss Moynihan also dealt with questions on tax designation and a varied agenda of questions including the last development plan for Ramelton which was completed in 1984.

In recent years Ramelton has developed with many new houses and schemes and there is no doubt that with its proximity to Letterkenny and its ideal location along the river it is an ideal place to reside. However the old buildings and the need for rejuvenation is obvious for everyone to see as the pass along the streets of the town.

Dunfanaghy Community Council for Dunfanaghy

Its full steam ahead for the establishment of a local community council in the Dunfanaghy area following the success of the recent public meeting (10th June 2002, Carrig Rua Hotel).

The meeting represented a vital stage in the rigorous consultation process, which has been underway in the area throughout the last six months.

While the structure and role of community councils vary elsewhere, broadly speaking - it represents a body of individuals elected by a community to undertake an agreed set of tasks over a specified period of time.

A number of suggestions regarding possible roles for the council emerged during the local consultation process. One such suggestion included the potential of the council to act as a liaison point for Donegal County Council regarding the provision and maintenance of services, as well as co-ordinating development projects and providing support to local groups.

While the final remit and function of Dunfanaghy Community Council is still taking shape, local people are confident that the proposed

council will be an important mechanism for local decision-making. In a climate of local government reform and in an area which has long been politically and economically marginalised, there exists a palpable air of optimism regarding the possibility of local people finally having an opportunity to inform future decisions and developments in their community. This was clearly evident at Monday's meeting.

In accordance with the remit agreed to at the previous public meeting in April to research and identify possible election methods, the Task Group presented their findings together with an overview of their work to date. This included information on four electoral procedures identified from the group's visits to a number of councils (Ardara, Killybegs and Killyclother), as well as details relating to the number of local households, electoral boundaries, town lands and numbers registered for voting in the area.

Various options emerged for discussion in the workshop that followed during which consideration was given to the benefits of having nominees, balloting; distribution of votes per household etc.

By the end of the evening, broad consensus was reached on what was agreed as the fairest way forward. This is as follows: One ballot sheet per household as per electoral register- i.e. householder(s) must be registered on the local electoral register. This means One ballot sheet per household NOT One ballot sheet per person. This was the favoured option as this alleviates logistical difficulties, as well as ensuring that all householders will have an opportunity to contribute to the ballot.

The Ballot sheet will accept a maximum of 4 names only. To ensure gender balance voters are encouraged to elect 2 men and 2 women.

- There will be no nominations prior to voting. If the person with the highest number of votes is unwilling / unable to take up office the next person with the highest number of votes is to be asked, and so on. To ensure that votes are distributed as evenly as possible, these town lands will be divided into approximately 9 groupings.

- 2 people to be elected from each town land grouping - giving a total number of 18 community councillors.

It is envisaged that - once elected- the duration of office will be 3 years. Elections will take place during the summer months (2002) with Council representatives elected by September 2002.

Full training will be given to elected councillors to assist them with identifying roles and responsibilities i.e. no throwing in to the deep end. Possible training programmes include Training for Transformation - but again, this is to be agreed by Councillors.

The exiting task group was commended on its hard work and effort to date and it was suggested that given its success - and if members were agreeable it would be best placed to continue the process.

A number of members agreed to join the next phase with new volunteers coming on board. Membership of the new task group is as follows: Diane Scott, Greta Alcorn, Richie Robinson, Rowan Simmons, Lawrence Lafferty, Edmund Boyle, Daniel Devine, Sammy McGarvey, Thomas Gallagher, Evan Wilkin and William McKinley. Thanks were given to Pat Doherty, for his help to date.



Pupils from St. Joseph's NS Rathmullan, Ayr Hill NS Ramelton and Ballougry P.S. Derry who took part in a Sustainability Showcase in the Ray Community Centre on Thursday evening. Under the direction of their teachers with the help of Bri Carr and Ronan O'Doherty the pupils put on an excellent show celebrating musical, artistic and creative collaborations. Photos by Francis Diver.

Golf News - Golf News

Letterkenny

A big well done to everybody involved in hosting what turned out to be a hugely successful open week at Barnhill. With competitions taking place each day over the ten days, the club was a hive of activity with some great golf and fantastic scores among the members and visitors alike.

A special thanks to Ruth in the club shop for all her work and assistance over Open Week.

This week's good weather ensured there were plenty of golfers out on the fairways and hopefully the sunshine will stay for this coming weekend with another busy few days of competition scheduled. It all gets underway on Friday with the Junior Club Fundraising classic.

Results

The week began with the Hickey, Clarke and Langan Open on Monday which was won by Patrick O'Kane (13) who carded a brilliant 42 points. The gross prize was won by Patrick McGowan (9) who was fourth overall on 41 points.

Hector McElwaine (23) also needed 42 points to get across the line in Wednesday's open which was sponsored by Evolve Menswear. Playing off the blue tees, scoring was really impressive. PJ Doherty and Kyle Loughrey were separated by break of tie for second and third place, both shooting 40 points. Kevin Rafferty (4), one of the most consistent performers this season, also carded 40 points to take the gross prize. His round included birdies at 4 and 15 and pars at every other hole bar the par 4 1st which was blanked.

The Category prize winners were as follows: Kenny Harkin (Cat 8-16), 39 pts; Brian O'Donnell (Cat 17-21) 38 pts; Jimmy McFadden (Cat 22-27) 38 pts; Eamonn Doherty (Cat 28+) 38 pts.

Unusually the top five players all finished on the same score in Friday's open competition which was sponsored by DNG Boyce, Gallagher, McCahay. Patrick McGowan (8), gross prize winner on Monday, took first prize on a break of tie on 40 points. Ryan Tyrell was second and Shane Scannon third, also on 40 points. Kevin Rafferty was again the gross prize winner with 40 points. The category prizes went to Darragh Walsh (Cat 8-16) 37 pts; Patrick McColan (Cat 17-21) 39 pts; Brian Carney (Cat 22-27) 36 pts; Mike Sneddon (Cat 28+) 34 pts.

Saturday's competition, sponsored by the 4 Lanterns, was a four ball, better ball. The pairing of Kevin Collins and Paul Duddy were winners



Winners of the June medal stroke competition at Letterkenny Golf Club. Front row, left to right, winner Anne Condon and Lady Captain Triona Daly. Back row left to right, Celine Bradley, Cecilia Doran and Maureen Sweeney.



Winners of the Mount Errigal Hotel Competition at Letterkenny Golf Club. Front Row Left to right, Overall winner, Evelyn O Malley and Lady Captain Triona Daly. Back row, left to right, Anne Cannon, Sarah Mc Brearty, Maria Mc Gill and Deirdre Mc Carron.

thanks to a brilliant 46 points.

They had two points to spare over Ronan McClafferty / Barry Kavanagh on 44 pts with Greg Sullivan / Danny McLaughlin third on 44 pts, break of tie. The gross prize went to Patrick O'Kane / Darragh McMenamin on 44 pts.

Then to round off a very busy week, Global Tiles Men's Singles Stroke competition. Mark Cohen (20) produced a very steady round to win the event on 65, two strokes better than Dermot Rainey (20) on 67. Lester Speer (22) was third on a break of tie with 68 while gross prize was won by David McCormick (5) with 69. The Category prizes were won by Liam Sweeney (10), Cat 8-14, 68; Gareth Coghlan (21), Cat 15-21, 71; Robert Brown (28), Cat 22-27, 71; Seamus Lynch (29), Cat 28+, 69.

Letterkenny Ladies

The June Medal, no 3 GOY4 stroke competition, sponsored by Sandra Mc Monagle, Ronat O'Reilly, Celine Bradley and Anne Mc Grath, took place on Tuesday 7th June with Anne Condon (25) bringing in a fantastic score of 67 Nett. In close second was Cecilia Doran (29) with another great score of 68 Nett and Lady Captain Triona Daly (27) finished in 3rd place with 71 Nett. Winner of the front Nine was Maureen Sweeney (32) with 35 BOT and Celine Bradley (23) won the back nine with 36 Nett. This week the 9 hole, 36+ competition was won by Margaret Hehir with 10 pts.

The competition on Thursday 9th June was sponsored by the Mount Errigal Hotel with the overall winner Evelyn O Malley (35) bringing in a score of 36pts. The winner of Cat 1 was Anne Cannon (14) with 30pts. Winner of Cat 2 was Sarah Mc Brearty (22) with 33 pts. Cat 3 was won by Maria Mc Gill (35) with 29 pts and Cat 4 was won by Deirdre Mc Carron (37) with 35 pts. The winner of the 9 hole 36+ competition was won by Susan Kenny.

Portsalon

Open Week 2022

Portsalon's 2022 Open Week takes place from Wednesday 6th July through until Wednesday 13th July, with an array of competitions for gents and ladies across eight days. Full details of fixtures are below and the timesheets are now open for bookings.

Wed 6th Jul Open Week - Singles Stableford Kindly Sponsored by Keating Amenities Gents & Ladies; Thursday 7th Jul: Open Week -2 person Scramble for Donegal Hospice Charity Day (All proceeds on the day go to Donegal hospice) Gents & Ladies (Any combination)

Fri 8 Jul 2022: Open Week - Single Stroke Kindly Sponsored by Ocean Knowledge Gents & Ladies; Saturday 9 Jul: Open Week - 4 BBB Kindly Sponsored by Knockalla Caravan Park Gents & Ladies (Any combination); Sunday 10 Jul: Open Week -Single Stableford Kindly Sponsored by Pat O'Neill Building Services Ltd Gents & Ladies; Monday 11 Jul: Open Week - Singles V Par Kindly Sponsored by Kevin Broderick Gents & Ladies; Tuesday 12 Jul: Open Week - Singles Stableford Kindly Sponsored by BWG Value Centre Gents & Ladies; Wednesday 13 Jul Open Week - Singles Stableford Kindly Sponsored by Letterkenny Driving Range Gents & Ladies; Thursday 14 Jul 2022 Open Week - Singles Stableford Kindly Sponsored by Kelly's Toyota Letterkenny LADIES ONLY

Club Results

Wednesday 15th June. - 1st Chuck McTaggart (13) 40pts; 2nd Johnny Strain (31) 39pts; Gross: Johnny Shields (4) 32 grosspts; 3rd Liam Walsh (13) 38pts.

Saturday 18th June
1st : Donal Callaghan Snr (19) 38pts BOT; 2nd Johnny Shields (4) 38pts; Gross: Pascal Cullen (7) 30 gross pts; 3rd: Michael Bove (28) 37pts
Sunday 19th June - 1st :Noel Gillespie (25) 43pts; 2nd Sean Hensey (7) 39pts; Gross: Eamonn McConigley (7) 29 gross pts; 3rd John McGettigan (16) 38 pts.

Portsalon Ladies

Deirdre Hensey edged out in front to win the Members Competition (19th June) with 37pts closely followed by Pamela Clinton 36pts, who despite having carded 3 birdies on the 1st, 4th and 14th had to settle with the runners up spot.



Winners in the Colab Open played at Letterkenny Golf Club. Back row, from left, Kieran Sweeney, Laurance Duggan, Paddy Murray, Don Ponsonby and Gerry Keeney with front row, Shay Henry, representing Colab and Captain Ian Ireland.



Prize winners in the recent Yellow Pepper Open competition at Letterkenny Golf Club. Back row, from left, Seamus Patton, Ciaran Herron, Patrick McGowan and Martin Gallagher. Front from left are Barry Ramsey, Kieran Davis, Yellow Pepper and Captain Ian Ireland

Team News

Maire O'Donnell Cup Competition: The Portsalon Ladies travelled to Greencastle with a 4.5 match advantage but were made to work hard for their win. In a very exciting and tense round with Greencastle securing 4 matches, the deciding match finished on the 18th with Portsalon claiming victory. Many thanks to Greencastle for their great hospitality, well done ladies.

Intermediate Team: Roseanne Logue's Intermediate Team are away to Moyola GC (3 players away / 2 at home) in the second round of the AIG Women's Intermediate Cup (Ulster North) on Sunday 26th June. Best of Luck Ladies.

Lady Captains Day Mrs Brighidin Hawke will host her Lady Captain's Day on Saturday 6th August and members are reminded to submit at least 3 qualifying cards to be eligible to compete for her prize.

Dates for your diaries: Sun-26 Jun, Medal Competition (GOTY), 24-Jun Alt. Day. Member's competitions ongoing; Wed 6 to Thurs 14 July OPEN WEEK; Fri-22 Jul: Mr Captains, Eamon (Becks) McConigley's Prize to Ladies (GOTY); Sun- 24 Jul: Members Competition (GOTY) and 22-Jul Alt Day; Sat-30 Jul: Charlie Canning Memorial; Sun-31 Jul: Medal Competition (GOTY), Alt Day 29-Jul; Sat-06 Aug: Mrs Brighidin Hawke's, Lady Captain's Day GOTY; Sat-20 Aug: Mr Presidents Dr Paul Armstrong Day



The winner of the Sunday Open competition held recently at Letterkenny Golf Club Michael Nelis (left) and gross prize winner David McCormick (right) pictured with club captain, Ian Ireland.

(GOTY).

Bridge Bar Society

A large contingent of the Bridge Bar golfing legends headed out on Sunday to compete in Letterkenny Golf Club. Society Captain Joe McManus was on hand to ensure that things ran smoothly and the team selections would provide good match play on the day. Those in contention for player of the year were looking to add



Bridge Bar Golf Society Captain Joe McManus pictured with prize winners Ian Morton and Lester Speer from the outing in Letterkenny on Sunday.

points to their tally and secure prizes on the day. When all the matches had been played and the cards scored. The winners on the day was as follows. Ian Morton won the top spot with a fine score of 39 points, Lester Speer secured second place with a very credible 38pts. Pauric Curley continued his good run of form taking the front nine prize with 20pts. Danny McLaughlin won the back nine prize with a terrific score of 21 points. The next outing is scheduled for Cruit Island on Saturday the 30th July.

Noreen O'Grady retires from Murroe NS



Noreen O'Grady pictured with staff from Murroe NS at her Retirement Function Patricia Hunter, Claire McFadden, Nicola Ferry, Liz McHugh and Sinead Doohan.

Friday last the 17th June saw an end of an era at Murroe NS in Dunfanaghy as School Principal Noreen O'Grady retired after being in the role for the past 10 years.

A large crowd was on hand as Noreen was joined by the members of her family, students, staff, Board of Management, parents and grandparents of the school for her retirement func-



Noreen pictured with the members of her family at her retirement presentation.

tion. Many tributes were paid to Noreen. The function got underway with a Blessing from Fr. Martin Doohan, who paid tribute to Noreen and her 10 years at the school. He said that being a school principal can be a lonely place at times when the buck stops with them and he pointed to the fact that when the school renovations were being carried out during the summer holidays, Noreen had to be there. He said that for the past 10 years she had given her all to the school and that the parents had known that the school was well run; this was appreciated by everyone. He said that the local school was at the heart of any community and that this was especially true of Murroe and that this was evident by the large crowd that was there. He thanked Noreen both personally and on behalf of the parish for all her hard work and he wished her a very happy break.



Noreen with the Board of Management of Murroe National School

Maeve Sweeney spoke on behalf of the Board of Management and she thanked everyone for coming and said that it was testament to the respect that Noreen was held in by the school and the local community. She said that Friday was a day of celebration of Noreen's last 10 years of working at the school and she said that her dedication and attention to detail had left Murroe School the well-oiled machine that it is today. She said that Noreen was very proud of the school, her staff, pupils and the local community. Every student mattered to Noreen no matter what their ability. There have also been changes to the curriculum over the past decade and Noreen had the ability to adapt and had overseen these and also the changes brought about by the recent pandemic which brought in online learning and Noreen had guided the students and school community through that as well. Maeve said that Murroe School had always been



Dean Sweeney Boner and Odhran McFadden who made presentations to Noreen on behalf of the pupils at the school.



Noreen O'Grady pictured with the pupils of Murroe National School.



Aidan Quigg making a presentation on behalf of the Board of Management.

at the heart of the local community and as well as the curriculum Noreen had encouraged the children outside the classroom in sport, computers and drama and she knew every pupil at the school. Maeve also praised the work that Noreen had done in the development of the school facilities and also the great welcome that she had



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for everyone who visited Murroe NS over the past 10 years.

On behalf of the board of Management Maeve wished Noreen well and said that she had left behind very big boots to fill. Thomas Gallagher spoke on behalf of the Parents and he also praised Noreen for all her hard work over the years saying that she had really put Murroe on the map. There had been many awards and competitions that the school had taken part in and excelled in. Noreen had taken the school play in 2018 to which was all in Irish to winning an All-Ireland title for the school. This award was testament to the hard work and dedication that Noreen and her staff had put into the school. He went on to wish Noreen and her husband Pauric best wishes for the future and he wished the incoming principal Ann Sweeney all the best in her new role in September.

The next speaker was Noreen's sister Mary who spoke on behalf of the family. She said that it was an honour to be asked to speak on behalf of the McGarvey family. She said that when Noreen was appointed 10 years ago both their parents were still alive and very proud as she was a past pupil of the school. Mary said that Noreen was very proud of her school and she thanked the school community for their support for Noreen and wished Noreen and the family all the best in the future.

The next speaker was Munineir Claire McFadden who wished Noreen all the best on behalf of the staff in Murroe and introduced a short video of photographs put together of Noreen's time in the School.

Further presentations were made by - Fr. Martin Doohan on behalf of the Parish, Aidan Quigg on behalf of the Board of Management, Patricia Hunter and Liz on behalf of the staff of Murroe NS. The school's oldest pupil Dean Sweeney Bonner and youngest Odhran McFadden and a parent Brenda Brogan then made a presentation to Noreen.

Returning thanks for the presents and all the beautiful words Noreen thanked everyone for coming especially her family and her sister Sr. Kathleen who had travelled up from Cork for the occasion. She said that it was a happy, sad and emotional day for her. She had been proud to be the Principal of Murroe which was the school of her grandfather, father and her own two daughters and her nephew Patrick.

She said that she was sad to be leaving. She started teaching in Dooish NS in Ballybofey where she spent 12 years. She spent 14 years in Termon before moving to Murroe where she spent 10 very happy years. She paid tribute to the legacy of the previous



Fr. Martin Doohan making a presentation to Noreen on behalf of the Parish on her retirement as Principal of Murroe National School.



Brenda Brogan making a presentation to Noreen O'Grady on behalf of the Parents at her retirement function in the school on Friday.



Patricia Hunter and Liz McHugh making a presentation to Noreen O'Grady on behalf of the staff of Murroe NS.



Noreen pictured with her husband Pauric and daughter Hannah. Principal of Murroe Maureen Doohan. She thanked Fr. Martin Doohan and the Board of Management past and present. The parents of Murroe NS over the past 10 years. Holy Trinity Hall for holding the Christmas plays. The grandparents of the school. All the other local principals for their help and support. She also thanked the wider community in Murroe, the local businesses for their sponsorship, local councillor Michael McClafferty for his help and support and the staff of Murroe saying that she had a brilliant staff who were very dedicated.

She thanked her family, all the past pupils who came to the presentation, her husband Pauric and her daughters Hannah and Katie for all their help and support and last but not least the children of Murroe NS and on a final note she wished her successor Ann Sweeney the best of luck.

The function ended with a poem read by Sarah Jane McGee and was followed by tea and refreshments and the MC's on the day were Dean Sweeney Bonner and Michael Sweeney.

Porter looking to Bring it Home to Dunfanaghy



Porter and Laura McClister pictured enjoying the recent good weather in Dunfanaghy

The sound of music will return to the village of Dunfanaghy this weekend as it plays host to the "Bringing it Home Summer Festival".

Among the acts performing is American Country Singer Porter McClister who is no stranger to Donegal and Dunfanaghy.

Nashville-based Porter was born in West Virginia and like many in that area Porter's ancestors came to America from the north of Ireland and took their music with them which developed into the Bluegrass and Country music that we know today.

Porter says that he "moved to Music City (Nashville) in 1992 at 23. Raised on rock'n'roll/ like the Stones, Zeppelin, and Skynyrd, I found myself turning towards bluegrass and country at East Carolina University, and Berklee College of Music in Boston. That's when I got into banjo. Then I moved to Nashville and somehow found out about an audition with Warner Bros singer Holly Dunn and got the job! That year I got to travel to the UK, Germany, and Japan touring. It was great, but "real" travel experiences on the road can be limited. I once found myself 45 minutes from one of the Seven Wonders of the World, and they wouldn't let us go they said, "We didn't have enough time!" I eventually got pissed and got sacked.

Over the next 30 years I worked and got to perform with slew of great singers, most notably Tanya Tucker, George Jones, Marty Stuart, Crystal Gale, Gretchen Wilson, Bill Anderson, Willie Nelson, LeAnn Rimes, I really can't re-

member them all, but lots more...."

Speaking for his love for Donegal he stated: "We love it here. Ireland is so fun. Donegal especially. The people are priceless and the most fun, easy-going people I have encountered in the world. I haven't seen that many places, but I don't need to be Magellan to know what I like. The pubs are fantastic. The countryside is magnificent. Live music all over the place...."

He is visiting the area with his wife Laura and says he is even contemplating relocating to Ireland. He stated: "I don't want to leave. I'm serious. I didn't know this until I was writing this but I just decided I am not leaving.... I have no idea where I am going to live, but I don't care if it's a tent. I am not getting on that plane. The bottom line for me is that the way things are in the United State right now, with everyone pissed off all the time, plus the fact that I am already here, I just know that if I get on that plane, it may be awhile before I come back....and I'm not getting on it... They are going to have come get me or y'all are gonna have to throw me out". Porter has been spending time in the Dunfanaghy area for the last few weeks playing at venues in the area and is looking forward to taking part in the Festival in Dunfanaghy this weekend.

The festival runs in bars and clubs around the village from Friday, June 24th to 26th.

For more information visit www.bringingithome.ie.

Letterkenny AC

LAC success at NI T&F Finals

Several Letterkenny Athletic Club runners took part in Saturday's Northern Ireland Senior Track and Field Championship. The event took place at the Mary Peters' Track, Belfast. All put on superb performances and enhanced the club's already excellent reputation.

Noleen Scanlan had an outstanding run and seamlessly transferred her impressive road form to the track. She was second in the 5000m in 17.12.59, just 2 seconds behind Emma Mitchell. Nakita Burke was also among the medals. Nakita is renowned as one of Ireland's top runners over 5k and 10k. However, she showed her versatility by finishing in third place in the 1500m race in 4.29.78. The time represented a PB for Nakita. Christine Russell also had an impressive

run, finishing in 4.43.08. Rebekah Osborne was first across the line in 4.28.78.

Eoin Kelly ran 51.53 seconds in his 400m heat. Ryan Canning was third in the 400m hurdles in a time of 56.18 secs. This was a PB for Ryan. The winner was Jack Mitchell, in 52.25 secs. Ciaran Doherty made a stunning return to competitive action with a third place finish in the very tough 3000m Steeplechase. Ciaran's time was 10.23.34. The winner was Adam Kirk-Smith, 9.24.59. Danny Sharkey was third in the 3000m Walk. Danny's time was 19.20.50. The winner was Brian O'Domhnaill, Finn Valley AC, in 14.42.50.

Aidan McKenna ran in Clones, Co Monaghan, on Friday evening. He enjoyed more success than the Donegal Gaelic

footballers had enjoyed at the same location five days earlier. Aidan ran 18.42 in the Clones AC 5k. It gave Aidan a top 20 place overall and first place in the M50 category. The race winner was Gideon Kimosop, in a fast time of 15.33.

Endurance specialist, Dale Corbett, took part in the stamina sapping Belfast 24 Hour Race in Victoria Park. Dale covered 81.8 miles, which equates to three full marathons and a 5K.

During the week, the very popular LAC New Mills 10K was launched by Brendan McDaid and Danny McDaid. It was done in conjunction with sponsor, Diver's Hyundai. The race date is Sunday July 17th, with a 11.30 am start. More details will be provided in the coming weeks.



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Sara Martin (Principal), Rev Richard Tregaskis and 6th Class Graduation from Brownknowe National School.



Pupils pictured at the Sports Day at Brownknowe National School to finish off their school year.



Renovated viewing site at White Shore



The Fanad Coastal Group has secured support from Donegal County Council and National Parks and Wildlife Service to provide facilities for relaxing, picnicking and litter picking at this scenic site.

These new facilities are very popular with both locals and tourists alike with picnic benches.

In order to encourage people to leave the beach the way they found it and also do a two minute beach clean with a litter picker as well as gloves and bags available from a dispensing unit at the entrance to the beach.

What fabulous views and access to this wonderful Green Award Beach! Enjoyed by locals daily and on Sunday, the Forbes family from Manchester via Cork.



Mevagh Family Resource Centre

TÚS Community Employment Scheme Vacancy (19½ hrs)

A part-time vacancy exists in Mevagh Family Resource Centre for an Administrative Assistant. Candidates must be in receipt of Jobseekers Allowance for at least one year. To confirm eligibility or for further details, contact: Áine Uí Rabhartaigh on 087 2366912 or email a.uirabhartaigh@udaras.ie

Senior Alert Scheme is available from Mevagh FRC.

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

the centre for more information. Tel: 9155055.

Busy Bees Parent, Baby & Toddler group

This group is aimed at parents/carers and children 0-5 years old. We meet every Friday 10am - 12pm. €3 per family.

Swilly & Mulroy Wellness Café

Downings wellness café will meet on the first Thursday of every month starting in July at 10:30am - 12pm, in The Galley. Milford's wellness café has changed location to Ramelton and will run on the third Thursday of every month @ 10:30am - 12pm, in Quayside Bistro. Call in for a cuppa and a chat, everyone welcome.

Áras Ros Goill, Downings - Call 9155055 or text 087 9228944.

Email: info@mevaghfrc.com. Check out our Facebook Page - Mevagh FRC or Website - www.mevaghfrc.org

Women's only multi-sport fun challenge

Females across the region are being encouraged to take part in the women's only multi-sport fun event scheduled for Sunday, October 9th.

The event, which comprises a 5km walk/jog/run, a 20km cycle and a 1km kayak, will take place at the Gartan Outdoor Education and Training Centre. The Autumn challenge is the brainchild of Arthur McMahon, Managing Director of Donegal Oil Company. Arthur is a regular competitor in adventure sports and set up Team Donegal Oil a number of years ago.

"My initial aim for Team Donegal Oil was to try and encourage everyone to 'have a go' and

participate in outdoor activities and events for our better health and mental health," he explained.

"Since Covid and all the lockdowns we have endured over the past two years, we have been approached by a large number of women who would love to participate in a fun event that would get them back out training, while also giving them something to look forward to participating in with their friends and work colleagues. After several discussions with Myles Sweeney of Donegal Sports Partnership, Rory Kennedy, and Shaun Stewart, we are delighted that we are in a position to plan such an event.

Shaun Stewart has come on board as our director of event and he has designed the route that will consist of a 5km walk/jog/run, 20km cycle and a 1km kayak," Arthur said.

The fee for an individual is €20, with teams of two/three €30. All proceeds will go to two Donegal women's charities, Donegal Women's Centre and Donegal Women's Domestic Violence Service. All participants will receive a goody bag and a specially-designed medal at the finish line.

To register, www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/team-donegal-oil-adventure-challenge-tickets-338156614537

Oisin to address Oxford University

A Fanad-born scientist is set to deliver a talk at Oxford University on research work he is undertaking as part of his Phd studies in Australia.

Oisin Shiels is a former pupil at Kerrykeel National School and Loreto in Milford who is now a Phd student of the University of Wollongong in New South Wales, Australia.

He is the son of John Shiels, formerly proprietor of Saldies Bar in Kerrykeel.

The family moved to Australia some years ago and Oisin has enjoyed continuing his studies and is currently in his final year of his Phd programme at the Wollongong University School of Science.

Oisin made his way to the UK this week where he was due to present one of the research papers he had been going on as part of his doctoral studies.

He explained: "I'm presenting my research at 6pm on Wednesday. The title is: Modelling Reaction Kinetics of Distonic Radical Ions: Phenyl-type Radical Addition to Unsaturated Hydrocarbons. The paper is basically making a model that can predict how fast these super angry molecules react - meaning we don't have to do any experimental work and we understand their key properties better."

He explained that he took up his studies when his family moved down under but spent his formative years at school locally in Donegal.

"After leaving Ireland after the Junior Cert at Loreto, I finished my high school education at the Jannali High School. From here I got accepted to study a bachelors of science (honours) majoring in chemistry at the University of Wollongong. During my undergraduate studies one of the professors there, and



my current PhD supervisor, Professor Adam Trevitt took me under his wing, letting me use his laboratory to start my research journey. After completing my undergraduate degree I was awarded an Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarship to undertake a PhD at the University of Wollongong. That was about two and a half years ago and now I'm getting close to my final stages in the PhD," Oisin told the Tribune.

He now has a wealth of academic papers published on his specialist subject.

He added: "During my undergraduate studies, especially during my honour year I was exposed to my supervisor's (Prof. Adam Trevitt) research group. Adam is one of the world leaders in gas-phase ion spectroscopy and reactions (i.e. understanding how molecules behave and react as a gas when exposed to light usually from a high powered laser). One of the areas I was most interested in was the reactions of distonic radical

ions. These are extremely reactive molecules that have both a separate charge and radical on the same molecule. The molecules are so reactive that even though they occur in many environments from our atmosphere, to combustion in cars, to in space itself, there is no way to normally see these species and only a few laboratories in the world can even look at them. For the first part of my PhD I was focused on performing these reactions, investigating both how fast they react and what they make. Using this data, however, I've begun to model these reactions using a mixture of state of the art quantum chemical calculations and modelling techniques. The study I'm presenting is the culmination of the work - showcasing a new model that allows us to predict these extremely rapid reactions meaning anyone can now investigate them if needed."

This Wednesday he will grace the prestigious halls of Oxford University to deliver a talk and says he is looking forward to it.

Speaking ahead of the event he said: "Very excited but also very nervous. In total there are roughly 30 researchers and professors from around the globe that are presenting and over 100 others who are attending the conference - most of whom are the experts in this field of research that I've only started delving into over the last few years. This will also be my first ever in-person international conference, so currently there are a lot of nerves."

Afterwards he intended to make the most of his time in the Northern Hemisphere with a well deserved trip to Donegal to visit family and friends before returning to Oz where he will deliver a talk on his work at another conference.

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Couch to 5km starting in Fanad on Monday 27th June and will run three evenings a week, Monday Wednesday and Fridays, starting at 7pm at Trialough Community Centre.

This will be a good opportunity to practice your Irish while improving your fitness levels. Bigí linn!

For more information contact Leanne on 0863578503

Fanad Festival

The Fanad Festival will run throughout the August Bank Holiday weekend, between Thursday 28th of July to Sun 31st of July.

TUS Vacancy in Glenvar

A vacancy has arisen in 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.

RSS vacancy

A position has become available on the Rural Social Scheme in the Glenvar area. Interested parties must be in receipt of a Farm Assist or a Social Welfare Payment. HERD No is a requirement and must also be actively farming. Contact RSS Supervisor Criostóir Mac Suibhne of Udaras na Gaeltachta by email to the following address c.macsuibhne@udaras.ie

2 Hand Dancing

Fanavolty Hall Committee have started the Two Hand Dancing in the Fanavolty Hall on Tuesday nights from 8-10pm each night. Live music on the night with refreshments served, cost is €5. Everyone welcome.

Mountain Running

The versatile Martin Kerr (right) from Morass switched from normal road running over the weekend to take in the Irish mountain running championship over 10km held in Clonmel on Sunday afternoon last.

Martin is no stranger to hill/mountain running as he started his recent foray into running by competing in adventure races that featured his

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best disciplines of mountain running and kayaking. He made a return to that scene on Sunday as he made the long journey unaccompanied to Clonmel.

That journey proved fruitful as he put in another tough and competitive performance to win his 0/70 category and finish 7th overall in the 0/55 category. The over 55 age group distance was 8.8km which Martin covered in 55.07. The run featured 1800ft of a climb finishing at the top of the mountain. For most of the distance he was battling with 0/65 world record holder, Joe Gough from Waterford. Joe's faster finishing speed took him clear in the closing stages.

Speaking afterwards, Martin said, he was delighted to have taken part and experienced a different type of running, he said, it was tough but very enjoyable and the weather conditions were very good.

There's a saying in the mountain running world, "Don't think of them as hills; think of them as 'mounds of opportunity.'" That adage is true for Martin as he is now considering taking part in the 21st World Masters Mountain Running Championships to be held on the same mountain in Clonmel from the 2nd to the 4th September 2022.

On current form, he's certainly a contender and Milford AC and indeed the County wish him well.



Fanad

Big ticket draw

Swilly Mulroy Credit Union are holding their Big Draw this Saturday the 25th of

June at 3pm. Due to the overwhelming interest in the draw there will be extra spot prizes to be won on the day so come along to the Kerrykeel office. Ticket sales will end at 12noon this Saturday and tickets for over 18's only cost

€20 with one per member.

Tolg go 5km

Dé Luain, Dé Ceadaoin agus Dé hAoine 7.00i.n

Bigí linn Dé Luain 27 Meitheamh, Halla an Phobail, Thráigh a Locha



Fanad Community Games had their Athletics Day on Monday at Trialough. There was a great turn out and thanks to all athletes and the parents for attending. The first four from every race qualifying for Co Finals in Letterkenny this Sunday 26th at 1pm. Be there early and members of Fanad Community Games will be there on the day. Any questions please contact Danny Logue, Kevin Logue, Damien O'Doherty, or Tony McCarry on 089-6028093. Pictured above and below are two races from the day.



Sheephaven Half Ironman event this weekend

This Saturday sees the Sheephaven Half Ironman event take place in Dowings, Milford Rathmullan and Fanad. The event is run by the Letterkenny 24/7 Triathlon Club. On Thursday June 23rd at 8pm the race briefing will take place online. The swim start is underway at 7.30am in Dowings and then the cycle section of the race takes

place along the Atlantic Drive to Carrigart, through Milford, Rahmullan, Knockalla, Portsall, Ballylar, Fanad monument and back into Carrigart and Dowings. Then the running phase of the events, a half marathon, gets underway via Island Roy with the closing finish time set at 4.30pm.

For more information following Letterkenny Triathlon Club on Facebook.



Eileen Sweeney, Mary McCrossan, Anne Condon, Nancy McNamee and Marty T Sweeney at a function in Castle Grove House to acknowledge Anne Condon's retirement from Letterkenny Chamber after 25 years of service. Photos by Clive Wasson



Donnan Harvey, Leonard Watson, Patrica Hill, Jimmy Stafford and Kristine Reynolds at the function.



Agnes Mooney, Roisin McAlughlin, Susan Steveson and Angela Kilgannon at the function in Castle Grove.

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council

12 Oatfield Terrace, BALLYBOE GLENCAR, Letterkenny Urban, Letterkenny M.D.

I, Ann Scanlon, am applying to Donegal County Council for Retention Permission for Construction of Sun Room/Living Room to Side of Existing Dwelling House @ 12 Oatfield Terrace, BALLYBOE GLENCAR, Letterkenny Urban, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission

subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant Permission.

Donegal County Council

Carnamuggagh Upper, Letterkenny

We, Lexus Properties Ltd. are applying to Donegal County Council for Retention permission for site development works and permission to erect two number accommodation blocks, consisting of 27 No. apartments and 4 No. retail units in total, with connection to public sewer and services and all associated auxiliary site development works at Carnamuggagh Upper, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Carnamuggagh Upper. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and

Acknowledgement

McGrenaghan Gortnatra, Fanad



The family of the late Bridget McGrenaghan, Gortnatra, Fanad, would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who supported us on our recent loss. We would like to thank everyone who attended the wake and funeral, those who sent cards, messaged and telephoned. To all who helped in anyway during the wake and funeral.

Our sincere thanks to Dr. Gilligan, Nurse Annie Shields and all staff of Tamney Health Centre. Doctors and staff of Surgical 2 and High Dependency Unit, University Hospital Letterkenny and the staff of Hillcrest Nursing Home.

Sincere thanks to Fr. Pat McGarvey on his kindness, support and guidance throughout this time. Sincere thanks to Colin McAteer Funeral Directors for his dignified manner, support and guidance throughout. Thanks to the grave diggers.

A special word of thanks to our extended family, friends and neighbours for your care and support. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere gratitude.

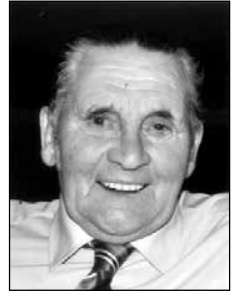
Month Mind Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's Fanavolty, Fanad on Saturday 2nd July at 7pm.

In Memoriam

Durning Drummond



Lily
6th Anniversary
26th June 2016



Gerard
8th Anniversary
3rd July 2014

In loving memory of our dear mother, father, grandmother and grandfather.

*Memories grow deeper as time travels on
As we long for your faces and voices
that are gone*

*No words we speak could ever say
How much you are both loved
and missed everyday*

*Although the three little words 'Forget me
not' don't say much, they mean a lot
Forgetting you Mum and Dad we never will,
for in our hearts we love you both still.*

Always loved, remembered and sadly missed by your daughters, sons and their families.

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such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council Kill, Dunfanaghy

I, Margaret O'Neill, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect a dwelling house with domestic garage, connection to the public sewer (with tertiary treatment prior to discharge to sewer), construction of a previously approved access roadway and all other associated site developments works at Kill, Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal in the townland of Kill. 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 Dunmore, Falcarragh

We, Rose & Ralph Finnegan are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank and domestic garage with all associated site development works at Dunmore, Falcarragh, County Donegal in the townland of Dunmore. 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 Meenderrygamp, Bunbeg

I, Darren Sweeney am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to retain existing site development works and permission



McLaughlin
Brian
Gortnalake,
Creelough
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle who died on 27th June 2019.

*As time unfolds
another year
Memories keep
you ever near
Silent thoughts
of time together
Hold memories
that last for ever.*

Always remembered by sister Josephine Greer and family, Tirlaughan, Carrigart.

to erect a dwelling house with waste water treatment system and domestic garage with all associated site development works at Meenderrygamp, Bunbeg, County Donegal in the townland of Meenderrygamp. 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.

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McGinley
Sadie
Mount Marian,
Milford
20th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother who died on 25th June 2002.

*Missing You
We're missing you a
little more each time
we hear your name
We've cried so many
tears yet our hearts
are broken just the
same
We miss our times
together, things
in common we
could share
But nothing fills
the emptiness now
you're no longer there
We've so many
precious memories to
last our whole
life through
Each one of them
reminders of
how much we're miss-
ing you.*

Missed by all your family and loved ones.

Prayer for Publication

Dear heart of Jesus in the past I have asked for many favours. This time I ask for a special one(mention here). Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine. Amen. Say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and favour will be granted, no matter how impossible. Never know to fail. Thanks giving for favour received. B.C.B.

In Memoriam

Coyle

High Glen, Carrigart



Peter
6th Anniversary
Philomena
9th Anniversary

Treasured memories of a precious Mum and Dad, Peter who died on 1st July 2016 and Philomena who died on 20th June 2013.

*Although we smile and make no fuss
No one misses you more than us
Gone are the days we used to share
But in our thoughts you are always there.*

*Deep in our hearts your memories are kept
To love and to cherish and never forget
In Heaven you rest, no worries, no pain
In God's own time we'll meet again.*

Love from your family at home and abroad.

Anniversary Mass in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart on Saturday 25th June at 6.00pm.



Clinton
Danny
Drum, Portsalon
10th Anniversary

In loving memory of our Dad (Grandpa Toby) who died on the 25th June 2012.

*We lament the time we didn't get but we love the time we did
Fun, laughter, joy and caringness
You'll never be forgotten
Missing you always.*

Love, Dana and Paddy

*Although you've gone away
You're thought of every day
You've left a space no-one can fill.*

Miss you Dad and always will Pamela, Rory, Corey and Aaron

*We talk about you always
We think about you still
You have never been forgotten and you never will*

*We hold you close within our hearts and there you will remain
To walk and guide us through our lives until we meet again*

Love always Maria, Gary, Shannon and Keisha.

Borland
Moses

Thanksgiving service for the life of Moses Borland, Sydney and formerly of Red Brae, Rathmullan in Rathmullan Presbyterian Church on Friday 24th June at 7pm.



Cullen
Bridie
Devlinmore, Carrigart
22nd Anniversary

Treasured memories of a wonderful mother, grandmother and great grandmother who died on 26th June 2000

*As each day dawns and starts anew
As each day ends we think of you
And in between no matter where
Deep in our hearts you are always there,*

*You gave us all you had to give
Gifts both great and small,
But most of all Mam, you gave us love
The greatest gift of all.*

Remembered with love by your sons, daughters, and their families.

Anniversary Mass in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart on Tuesday 28th June at 10.00am

Memoriam Cards & Thank You Cards



Contact
Tirconail Tribune
074 91 53600

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McHugh
John
Forquar, Milford
9th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather John who died on 25th June 2013

*In the quiet of the evening you heard a gentle call
And took the hand God offered you and quietly left us all.*

*As each day dawns we think of you
As each night falls we pray for you
And in between no matter where
In our hearts you're always there.*

Sadly missed by your loving wife, Mary and all the family at home and abroad.

*In the jigsaw of our lives we've lost a special piece
The cherished days we had are memories that never cease.*

*Those Sundays by the fire and the hugs for one and all
Sadly they came to an end when you answered God's call.*

*But we know you're still watching from the clouds up above
Guiding us through life with your kindness and your love.*

Always remembered by your grand children.

*Quietly today your memory is kept
No need for words, we'll not forget.*

Always remembered by the Coyle family.

The memories of the love and kindness you gave will last forever.

Always loved and remembered by your brothers and sisters and their families.

*You always had a smile to share, time to give and time to care
A loving nature kind and true these are the memories we have of you.*

Always remembered and missed by the Buchanan family.

*A silent thought a little prayer
For someone special in God's care.*

Fondly remembered by Martin and Bridgid Shields.

Anniversary Mass will take place in St. Peter's Church, Milford on Saturday 25th June at 7.30pm.



Coyle
Eddie
Ballyheerin Fanad
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who died on 28th June 2019.

*In God's care you rest above
In our hearts you rest in love
Never more than a thought away
Loved and remembered every day.*

Sadly missed by Elaine, Tony, Sarah and James x

*Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part
God has you in His keeping and we have you in our hearts.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by Pat, Sharon, Maeve, Alva, Daithi, Erin and Cormac x

Always remembered and loved by Peter, Aine and Alannah x

*We hold you close within our hearts
And there you shall remain
To walk with us throughout our lives
Until we meet again.*

Loved and missed by Suzanne, Alan and Grace x

*Sadly missed along life's way
Quietly remembered every day.
No longer in our life to share,
But in our hearts you're always there.*

Always loved and remembered by Margaret, Christopher, Brian, Clara, Aisling, Ella and Cathair x

*Those special memories of you Daddy will always bring a smile.
If only we could have you back for just a little while
Then we would sit and talk again just like we used to do
You always meant so much to us and always will do too*

Always loved and sadly missed Mary, Paul and Sarah x

Anniversary Mass in Ballyheerin Chapel on Sunday the 26th June at 12 noon.

Acknowledgement

McDaid

William (Willie Joe)
Rossreagh, Ramelton

The family of the late William McDaid wish to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us following our recent bereavement. We wish to thank everyone who attended the wake and funeral, telephoned, travelled distances, sent Mass and sympathy cards and flowers. To the local businesses and individuals who provided food and to all who helped during the wake we are truly grateful.

We wish to thank Patrick Sweeney Funeral Services for the professional and dignified manner in which they conducted the funeral arrangements.

We are truly grateful to Fr. Michael Carney P.P. who offered tremendous help over the days of the wake and funeral Mass and to Patrick Shiels for his musical contribution to the Mass. Our heartfelt thanks go to Dr. Cuffe, Letterkenney University Hospital, Galway University Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital, Dublin who cared for William.

A special word of gratitude goes to nurses Carmel, Deirdre and Caroline who tended to William and were a great support to the family during his last days.

The overwhelming kindness, help and support shown by the community, neighbours and relatives leaves it impossible to thank everyone individually or adequately express how much we appreciate it. Please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 26th June 2022 at 11am in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton.

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council Ballyconnell, Falcarragh

I, Philip McGeady am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the construction of a domestic shed for storage purposes at Ballyconnell, Falcarragh, Co. Donegal.

The 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, Co. Donegal during its public office 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 Holiday Chalet

No. 6, Rathmullan House, Rathmullan I, Jane O'Neill am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for develop-



McGinley
Kathlerine
Killoughcarron, Creeslough
1st Anniversary

*Lonely is the home without you
Life to us is not the same;
All the world would be like Heaven
If we could have you back again.*

Sadly missed by her brother Neil, sister Mary and family, niece Bridgid and family.

ment at Holiday Chalet no.6, Rathmullan House, Rathmullan, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Rathmullan and Ballyboe. The development will consist of works to existing dwelling to include: Demolition of existing holiday chalet; Construction of a replacement holiday chalet; All associated elevational changes and all associated site works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority at the County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Planning Authority of the application.

McGinley

Frances
Moylehill, Milford
25th May 2022



We the family of the late Frances McGinley would like to thank everyone who supported us in our sad loss.

We wish to thank everyone who attended the wake, funeral, sent cards, travelled long distances and donated to The Donegal Hospice.

Grateful thanks to everyone who helped in any way during the wake, brought food and helped with traffic management. To our extended family, friends and neighbours we really appreciate all your support and help. Thank you to the Lennon Lodge for the refreshments after the funeral.

To all the staff and Gardai in Milford Garda Barracks, we will never forget all you have done and we really appreciate all your help over the wake and funeral and especially the Guard of Honour.

Our sincere thanks to those who cared for Frances during her illness. To the staff and doctors in Milford Medical Centre, to all in Milford Healthwise Chemist, to Janice and all the staff in Oncology and to the staff in the Donegal Hospice we will be forever grateful for all your experience, support, kindness and compassion shown to Frances and us.

To Fr. Desmond Sweeney for all his prayers which helped Frances so much throughout her illness. A special word of thanks to Fr. Stephen Gorman for his kindness, support and beautiful funeral Mass, to Fr. Danny McBrearty who assisted, Maria for the music and to everyone who participated in the Mass.

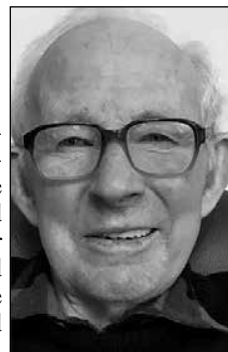
We would also like to express our thanks to Patrick Sweeney Funeral directors for their professionalism and service throughout. Also thank you to the gravediggers.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere thanks and appreciation for your support and sympathy.

Month Mind Mass will take place in St Peter's Church, Milford on Friday the 24th June at 7pm

Sweeney

Jimmy
Rosnackill, Fanad



We the sons, daughters-in-law and extended family of the late Jimmy Sweeney would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone who sympathised and supported us on the recent death of our father. Thanks to all those who attended the wake and funeral, who sent messages, Mass cards, sympathy cards, phone calls and gave donations to the Fanad Day Centre in Jimmy's memory, it is very much appreciated.

A big thank you to our very kind neighbours, friends and relatives who helped out and supported us throughout the wake and funeral taking care of traffic, tea, food etc. Our very sincere thanks to all those who cared for Jimmy, in particular to the staff of Medical 2 LUH and Dr Donnelly who took such great care of Jimmy in his final days.

To the staff of St. Eunans Nursing Home, GP Dr Gilligan, PHN Annie Shiels and all the staff of Tamney Health Centre for the great care given to Jimmy over the years.

To Jimmy's dedicated and diligent team of carers and Home Help, we are forever grateful for all that you did for him.

To the staff of the Fanad and Ramelton Day Centres for the amazing service that you provide where Jimmy spent many happy days. Thanks also to Eamon Scott Funeral Directors for the professional and dignified manner in which you carried out the funeral arrangements and to each and every one of the grave diggers. Thank you to Fr. Davis, the Chapel caretakers and eucharistic ministers for your contribution to the lovely funeral Mass.

To Fr. Pat McGarvey, Fr. Shane Gallagher and Fr. Stephen Gorman for all your visits, prayers and support at this difficult time.

Thanks also to Patrick Dorrian for the lovely music and to Patricia Shiels for the refreshments in the Rosnackill Centre.

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

Month Mind Mass will be celebrated in St. Columba's Church, Massmount on Friday 24th June at 7pm.

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Dunfanaghy Bringing It Home Festival

This weekend in Dunfanaghy sees the combination of the fantastic BAND Festival and the Bringing It Home series of festivals to produce the Bringing It Home Summer Festival. Such festivals take a lot of work by the volunteers who organise them, along with the cooperation and enthusiasm of all the owners of all the venues within the village, and by all the sponsors, without whom the fantastic music that makes Dunfanaghy famous, would not be possible. The upcoming festival is financially assisted by Donegal Council and Donegal tourism, who have heavily sponsored the Bringing It Home trilogy of Festivals, throughout the worst of the Covid lockdowns, bringing cheer and music to the darkest of days. Also, by the kindness of regular sponsors of The BAND Festival including Fintan Moloney and Smiley Monroe, without whom The BAND Festival could never have brought such fun and vitality to the village. For the Bringing It Home Summer Festival, the organisers are thrilled to introduce international company Concentrix, who have kindly provided supplementary and substantial financial assistance.

So, the hard work has been done by all concerned! Now, it's time for serious fun! Bring along your friends, have fun, be enthralled and amazed by the quality of the music on of-

fer, and be sure to support village businesses and the festival by donating generously when buying a Festival Programme, a t-shirt or two and other vital festival souvenirs!

DPM

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.

World Sand Dune Day

People are being encouraged to participate in 'World Sand Dune Day' which takes place this Thursday 23rd June. You can join the Clean Coasts organisation to examine sand dunes at the Rinclevan Special Area of Conservation at Hornhead at 7pm. This is part of a number of events to highlight the important role dunes play along the Irish Coastline.

NPWS guides will be discussing the wonderful habitats and species that make this site a nationally important sand dune system. In addition, guides will also be highlighting the current management and monitoring projects that are taking place on site.

Coastal Sand dunes - an amazing piece of natural engineering - are ever-changing due to their make-up of sand and the elements they are exposed to along the coast. They play a huge role in coastal protection

and for some coastal communities, they are the first line of defence against coastal flooding and high winds.

These fragile landforms are also an important habitat for many animals and plants such as marram grass. When we walk or carry out other activities out in sand dunes, we erode this grass. This con-

Rural Social Scheme

DLDC are currently recruiting for the Rural Social Scheme and looking for persons from farming/fishing families in the Dunfanaghy/Creelough areas: Current positions available are: Health and Wellness Facilitator, Care Assistant, Environmental/Caretaker Position. Certain criteria applies and only those that are on qualifying details are available at: www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/Rural-Social-Scheme. For information contact Mary McMenamin, RSS Supervisor, Donegal Local Development CLG on 086 8095344.

Summer Opening Times

The Gift Shop at Ards Friary will be open Monday to Saturday 12 until 5 pm and Sunday 12 until 6:45 pm. The Coffee Dock will be open Monday to Saturday 12 until 6 pm and Sunday 12 until 7 pm

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

SVP Conference

If anyone is in need of support, advice or financial assistance, please feel free to contact us in the strictest of confidence. Our local contact number is 086 2328791, please clearly leave your name and contact number and we will return your call.

Mini Lotto

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Creelough

Creelough Crafters

The Crafters are holding a class on Make Your Own Bird Box on Saturday 2nd July with Seamus in Day Centre from 11am till 4 pm. The cost is €20 to include all materials and tea. Numbers are limited so ring 0863089530 to book and show your creative side.

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a book should contact Ann Marie Kelly or Suzi Roarty and we will sort you out. Books can also still be bought online from Clubforce.

Dunfanaghy Youths

Congratulations to the winner of last week's 50/50 who was Sam Hegarty who won €446. Our hut will be in Creelough every Friday 10am-2pm and Dunfanaghy every Saturday, 10am - 2pm, you can also go onto the Dunfanaghy Youth football club Facebook page, click on the PayPal link, and buy your tickets online. Thanks to all local businesses for supporting our draw, also those who buy and sell our tickets.

Covid Boosters

We are continuing to run clinics throughout June for covid vaccines in the Creelough and Dunfanaghy practices. If you are registered with us and unvaccinated, or if you require a first or second booster you may contact us. You are eligible for a second booster if you are aged over 65 or immunocompromised aged under 65. For a second booster it must be more than 4 months since your last booster or having had covid. Please call the surgery 9138388 to arrange an appointment.

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Doe Graveyard Mass

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

St. Michael's Church Creelough

The parish are currently working on a booklet for St. Michael's Church Creelough and are interested in compiling a list of the native-born clergy and religious of the parish. If anyone has / had relations or knowledge of native Priests or religious it would be grateful if you could let Fr JJ Duffy know or through email. Also, we are looking for memories and photographs of memorable events in both the old St Michaels Church and the present Church. We hope to include as much as possible in our booklet. Our email is Creeloughparish@hotmail.com.

Registration

Registration of interest for afternoon ECCE playschool from 2.30pm-5.30pm starting September 2022 is now open. Please phone Natalie on 074 9138841 to add your child's name.

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The Workhouse Summer Craft Fair

The Workhouse Summer Craft Fair will be held on Wednesday 19th July from 11am to 4pm. Join us at The Workhouse. To celebrate the life of Wee Hannah Herrity and support our local crafters in our Summer Craft Fair. Outdoor Craft Fair, Kids Activities, Music and BBQ, Free Exhibition Tours. Free Wee Hannah Walking Tour @ 2pm.

MABS

MABS is a free, confidential, independent and non-judgmental service for anyone who is in debt or in danger of getting into debt. Located in Derrybeg F92KF82. To arrange an appointment or just a chat, contact 0818 072650 or email on iarthar_dhun_na_ngall@mabs.ie.

Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season

Lough Derg welcomes Pilgrims again with a full Pilgrimage programme this summer. Three Day Pilgrimage: June 1st - August 15th. Booking essential. All booking information at www.loughderg.org. Email: info@loughderg.org or telephone: 071 9861518.

Creelough Day Centre

Creelough Day Centre are looking for volunteers to help with the delivery of 'Meals on Wheels' in the Creelough and Portnablugh 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.

If you would like to book a spot in our Craft Fair please call me on 0749136540 or email dunfanaghyworkhousetours@gmail.com.

€20 per stall. Limited spaces T&C's apply.

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Carnival atmosphere in Dunfanaghy

The centre of Dunfanaghy took on a carnival atmosphere on Saturday afternoon last when a street theatre company staged an impromptu display. Actors from Donegal-based LUXE took to the streets for a circus-style procession led by a ringmaster with mascot dog.

The parade included trapeze artistes, a gent riding a bucking bronco propelled by a bicycle, a girl on a merry-go-round and a girl pushing cart full of lanterns.

The pop-up parade, accompanied by circus-style music, brought a smile to everyone's face with everyone asking who they were and what was happening.

The answer was that the troubadours from LUXE were bringing a spectacular show to Dunfanaghy as they had done earlier in the afternoon in Falcarragh.

On Sunday June 19th the travelling theatre paid unannounced visits to Ramelton and Bunrana - all in a bid to entertain and amuse people.

LUXE works with coastal communities around Ireland, Scotland, Iceland, Norway and Newfoundland.

Founder Mandy Blinco said: "Working in the landscape informs the work we present in cities and towns enabling us to bring vibrant processional performance and a rare coastal energy to urban streets.

"We are supported by a dedicated team of skilled performers, dancers, musicians, artists and technicians, drawing on theatre, fine art, ritual and music to bring alive our visual world, sustaining communities and celebrating in a shared landscape".

LUXE - which means "intensity of light" is supported by Donegal County Council, Culture Ireland and the Arts Council.

Cloughaneely

Ionad Naomh Fionnan

Congratulations to Patrick O'Brien, Meenacaddy who won the 50/50 prize this week of €806

Summer Camp

For more information on the Summer Camp from 4th-22nd July for 5-12 year olds, contact Sharon on 0863395526. Campaí Samhraidh - De Luain - Dé hAoine Iúil 4th-22nd. Chun tuilleadh eolas a fháil cur glaoch at Sharon 0863395526.

Pobal Eascarrach

Campaí Samhraidh Eascarrach will run from the 11th July. Further info call Caitlín/ Grace at 9180571 - 0861988830. Numbers are limited therefore booking is essential. Leaders Needed: We are currently devising a list of leaders for positions that will be available for our Summer Camps. Our leaders need to have fluent Irish and also have experience in working with children- pobaleas@gmail.com.

Pobail Le Chéile

Pobail Le Chéile has a new IT service available and make an appointment with Willie Dooan on 9180111. Pobail Le Chéile was delighted to donate €400 towards the Bluestack Special Needs Foundation. BRÓD na Gaeltachta group are delighted to announce we will be in partnership with Pobail Le Chéile for BRÓD Chloich Cheann Fhaola festival. 18th -

23rd July.

Siopa Pobail opening times. Monday- Closed, Tuesday 10am-2pm, Wednesday 10am-1pm, Thursday 10am-5pm, Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 11am-5pm, Sunday Dúnta/Closed. Donations may be left in Siopa Pobail from Tuesdays-Saturdays. Míle buíochas ar son bhur dtacaíocht go dtí seo.

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.

Parent And Toddler Group

The group will take their summer break on Thursday 23rd June. Donegal Parent and Family Support Service worker Josephine Meehan will attend the group that morning from 10.30am to 12 noon at Garrahdh Cholm Cille Centre. There will be some lovely homemade baking treats for everyone! Tuilleadh eolais dean teagmháil le Rosemary 91 80111.

PCC Reunion

PCC are hosting reunion of 1985 C year starters in Ostan Loch Altan on 29th July. Teachers welcome also. If interested please contact Sile O'Donnell 0044 7951791371 / sheodonnell@yahoo.com.

Falcarragh Medical Centre

Preschool booster clinic on the following dates: Monday 18th July. Monday 15th August. Contact the surgery to make an appointment on 074 9135491/ 9135490. Also please be aware it is still necessary to wear a mask and hand sanitise on entry to the Health Centre. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Pobal Eascarrach

Beidh Campaí Samhraidh Eascarrach ón 11ú Iúil ar aghaidh. Tuilleadh eolais cur teachtaire no glaoch ar 074-9180571/0861988830

Campaí Samhraidh Eascarrach will run from the 11th July onwards. Further information call Caitlín/ Grace at 074-9180571 - 0861988830 Numbers are limited therefore booking is essential.

Ceannairí de dhíth : Tá muid ag cur le cheile líosta Ceannairí do na Campaí Samhraidh a bheas a reachtáil i mbliana on 11ú Iúil ar aghaidh. Is gá líofacht Gaeilge bheith ag ár gceannairí agus fosta tairí a bheith acu ag obair le paistí. Seol ríomphost chuig pobaleas@gmail.com

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The Dunfanaghy Workhouse and Wild Fuschia Bakehouse Present "The Story of Buttermilk: The Past & The Present"

The Dunfanaghy Workhouse is known for its part in the tragic history of what we call An Gorta Mór or The Great Hunger. Over the years, the building's purpose has changed many times but thanks to The Workhouse Board of Directors, management team and local community, it is now a heritage centre that operates as a non-profit organisation.

The Workhouse team are delighted to explore the history of buttermilk as part of "Past to Apron", an online Culinary History Conference. As well as an overview of the history of The Workhouse, the team's talk will focus on the importance of buttermilk in the Workhouse diet and a few little known facts

about buttermilk. Sian McCann from Wild Fuschia Bakehouse will be putting a modern twist on the old classic soda bread and discussing the history of this much loved Irish bread, including the question mark over its origins.

The Past to Apron Conference will also explore a range of transatlantic foodie issues including "Herbalism", the "History of Alcohol in Newfoundland and Labrador" and much more. Tickets can be bought for the individual talks or a weekend pass will allow you the freedom to watch when you like. The conference takes place on-line on Saturday 25th June and further information about

the talks and ticket options can be found by following the link to Past to Aprons link <https://pasttoapron.heysummit.com/?sc=WvZulaH0>

There are also links on the Workhouse website www.dunfanaghyworkhouse.com or any of The Workhouse's social media channels. If you have any other questions or queries about this conference, please do get in contact.



Cliona Ní Ghallachóir wins Corn Cuimhneacháin Éamoinn Ghráinne 2022

Cliona Ní Ghallachóir has won the overall prize in this year's Corn Cuimhneacháin Éamoinn Ghráinne, a sean-nós singing competition in memory of the late Éamonn Ghráinne Mac Ruairí (Oileán Thoraí agus An Fál Carrach). This is the third time that Cliona has won this competition.

Bella Nic Ruairí, widow of the late Éamonn Ghráinne presented Cliona with the cup along with a cheque for €150, which was sponsored by Sean Doherty Fruit & Veg. Ltd. The best female singer of the night was Patricia McCorkell. Conor Ó Gallachóir won the prize for best male singer. Caoimhe Ní Thuathaláin won the prize in the under-18 category. Runner-up awards went to Cormac Mac Ruaidhrí and Éadaoin Ní Bhaoill.

The competition was held in An tSeán Bheairic, An Fál Carrach, in front of a capacity audience. Máire Ní Choilm was the adjudicator and Fr. Seán Ó

Gallachóir presided over the evening. The adjudicator Máire Ní Choilm gave high praise to all the competitors. She said it was heartening to see the singing tradition was alive and well in the Donegal Gaeltacht she commended Patricia McCorkell for the work that she does in ensuring that the old songs are being passed along to the new generation.

She gave credit to An tSeán Bheairic for running the event to such a high standard and for the professionalism of the sound, lighting, and stage.

The evening was especially enjoyed by Mike and Patricia from the U.S.A., who happened upon the competition after a recommendation from WalkingDonegal.net's Seamus Dooan. They were captivated by the evening and by the quality of Sean Nós singing, even though the only word they understood was "trophy", after Fear an Tí, An tAthair Seán Ó Gallachóir, referenced Mary Aggie congratulating Michelle NicGrianna on winning the Radio Presenter of the Year Award, which filled the room with laughter.

Earlier in the day, Caitriona Ní hArleigh took first place in the children's sean-nós singing competition. The judge for the competition, Conor Ó Gallachóir also commended Patricia McCorkell and An tSeán Bheairic for the work that they do to ensure the sean-nós singing tradition is passed on to the next generation.

The festival was launched by the former regional manager for Údarás na Gaeltachta, Cathal MacSuibhne, and afterwards Martin Crossin and Ruairí Friel enthralled the audience with a superb performance of traditional music on uileann pipes, low whistle, and guitar. Joe and Mary McGuigan held a dancing workshop with beginner and advanced dancers taking part, followed by an exhibition of Sean Nós dancing, where they were joined by lo-



Cliona Ní Ghallachóir winner of this years Corn Cuimhneacháin Éamoinn Ghráinne pictured with Josie Dooan and Bella Rodgers who presented the Prizes.

cal dancers Frank and Eileen Sweeney, dancing to the lively music of Joe Greene on button accordion and John Michael O'Donnell on guitar. All events run by An tSeán Bheairic can be followed on Facebook as well as on the website www.antseanbheairic.com.



Cathaoirleach na Sean Bheairice Seosamh Ó Dubhchóin, Caoimhe Ní Thuathaláin Winner Under-18, Bella Nic Ruairí.



Cathaoirleach na Sean Bheairice Seosamh Ó Dubhchóin, Éadaoin Ní Bhaoill Runner up award, Bella Nic Ruairí.

Patricia McGroddy retires from Scoil Fionain Falcarragh



School Principal Steven Cannon, pictured with Patricia McGroddy at her retirement function.

The school community of Scoil Fhionáin, Falcarragh, bade a fond farewell to their much loved and respected Vice Principal Patricia McGroddy last Friday. She has retired after 39 years service, 36 of which were spent in Scoil Fhionáin. Children, parents, family and staff, past and present, gathered for Mass celebrated by Fr. James Gillespie P.P.

Presentations were made by the Board of Management, Par-



Patricia McGroddy pictured with her extended family, mother Theresa McGroddy, brothers Manus and Hugh, sister-in-law Ann and



Kathleen Boyle and Lorraine McGee present Múinteoir Patricia with a gift on behalf of the parents association.

nieces Eimear and Clairents Association and school staff, to mark the occasion.

The Principal Steven Cannon, spoke of Múinteoir Patricia's steadfast commitment to her students through the years, and her devotion to them. These views were echoed by Fr. Gillespie and Catherine McClafferty, retired Principal of Scoil Fhionáin. Múinteoir Patricia spoke reflectively on



Pictured above: Múinteoir Yvonne presents Patricia with a gift on behalf of the staff at Scoil Fhionáin.



Pictured above right: Múinteoir Patricia is presented with a gift from the Board of Management by Helena Bn. Mhic Cumhaill, board member years teaching, expressing what a privilege it had been to teach in the school. Everyone joined in wishing Múinteoir Patricia the very best in the future, as she begins this new chap-



Patricia with other retired members of staff at Scoil Fhionáin- Catherine McClafferty, Sadie Marie Curran and Caitriona Kelly



Patricia pictured with Rose McGee, SNA



Patricia with her mother Theresa McGroddy.



Múinteoir Patricia pictured with Rang 2, together with Fr. James Gillespie, PP, and Ms Rose McGee, SNA

Bailte Slachtmhara 2022 – Gort a' Choire

Tá iarratas déanta ag Gort a' feithidí - bithéagsúlacht na tuaithe. Choirce arís chun páirt a ghlacadh i gComórtas na mBailte Slachtmhara i mblíana. Seo anois an seisiú bliain déag agus muid rannpháirteach sa chomórtas agus tá athruithe móra tagtha ar an bhaile sa tréimhse sin. Tá an coiste ag iarraidh ar achán duine sa sráidbhaile; cónaitheoirí, úinéirí gnó, ionaid oideachais, cuairteoirí agus achán duine eile sa phobal agus sa chomharsanacht iarracht mhór a dhéanamh ar sráidbhaile a choinneáil glan agus slachtmhar i rith am samhraidh agus i rith na bliana. Ár mbuíochas le achán duine a ghnígh iarracht le bláthanna galánta a fhás sna garraíochá - b'fhíú fosta paistí féir le bláthanna fiáine a fhás chun an seileán (beach) agus an féileacán a mhealladh. Tá go leor áiteacha go fóill go dtug bláthanna a chur iontu agus tá súil againn go mbeidh an áit uilig faoi bhláth sna blianta amach romhainn. Bíonn na turasóirí ag déanamh tagairt do na ballaí deasa cloiche atá againn agus is fiú dúinn na ballaí seo a chóiriú agus a chaomhnú - go háirithe na ballaí cloiche tirime, iad siúd a bhíonn tógtha gan aol ná stroighin nó is gnáthogáí iad seo d'ainmhithe beaga, éanacha agus

Má bhíonn ballaí a thógáil ba deas iad bheith ina bhallaí cloiche tirim. Ba mhaith linn fosta an sráidbhaile a choinneáil saor ó bhruscar - bruscar garradh san áireamh i. duilleoga/ géaga crann, lustain agus giotáí eile ó fála/toir agus fosta crainn crochta thar na cosáin coise/bóithre. Bheadh sé ina chuidiú mhór dá gcoinneadh cónaitheoirí an cosán coise/bealach mór atá buailte leis an garradh/áitreabh s'acu néata agus slachtmhar. Ba mhaith an rud é dá gcoinneofaí póstaí agus cláracha fógraíochta ar imeall an bhaile le snas a chuir ar an áit. Táthar ag impí ar achán duine fosta cloí leis an teorainneacha luais agus bheith airdealach ar na línte dúbáilte buí ar an bhaile agus, chomh maith le sin, aon áit páirceála do dhaoine faoi mhíchumas. Beidh an moltóireacht ag tarlú i rith am samhraidh. Tá Limistéar Speisialta Caomhnaithe (SAC) ar leic an dorais againn, sé sin Báigh Bhaile an Easa agus tá muid ag súil go mór leis an Traonach a chluinstean arís i mblíana. Buíochas mór le achán duine as bhur gcuidiú agus bhur gcomhoibriú. Moltaí/ceistean-na: bailteslachtgac@gmail.com nó 0876111524, 0872323489.

GAA Club News

Gleann tSúilí

Our senior men played St Eunans on Sunday afternoon in O'Donnell Park. St Eunans came away with the win. The reserve team played St Eunans at home also on Sunday, losing their first game in the league.

Our mens 3rd team are through to the league final in the McGlynn Catering Division 4.

Underage Boys

Congratulations to the u13 boys who won the B Cup final in Ardara on Saturday in the Mick Heron U13 Tournament.

They played Naomh Ultan in the final winning by 6 points.

Underage Girls

Well done to the u12 girls who won their go games match against Letterkenny Gaels on Sunday morning in Glenswilly.

Fixtures

Sat 25th U6 play a friendly at home at 10am.

Sunday 26th

Brian McCormick Sports Division 1 league

N. Conaill v Glenswilly Venue Glenties 3pm

Brian McCormick Sports Division 1 Res league

N. Conaill v Glenswilly Venue Glenties 1.30pm

Bingo

The bingo continues every Wednesday at 9pm.

Glenswilly 5k

The Glenswilly 5k took place on Tuesday with over 600 taking part. It was great to see such a great turn out. Thanks to everyone who took part, the 5k committee and organisers and all the volunteers who helped in any way. Thanks to all the sponsors, it is greatly appreciated.

St. Michael's

All County League

The Seniors and Reserves were at home to north west rivals on Sunday at The Bridge. The Seniors lost on a scoreline of 1-10 to 1-11. The scorers were: Bryan Creed 1-1; Carlus O'Reilly 0-4,2f; Michael Langan 0-2, 2f; Odhran McFadden 0-2; Martin McElhinney 0-1. Team - Oisín Cannon; Stephen Doak, Liam Paul Ferry, Kyle McGarvey; Ruairi Friel, Oisín Langan, Hugh O'Donnell; Bryan Creed, Michael Langan; Andrew Kelly, Carlos O'Reilly, Colin McFadden; Michael Gallagher, Martin McElhinney, Odhran McFadden. Sub: Shane Langan for M Gallagher.

The Reserves also lost on a scoreline of 0-9 to 3-16.

The Seniors have a busy schedule this weekend.

On Friday they make the long journey to Bundoran to take on the home side with the throw in at 7pm.

Both teams are at away to Glenfin on Sunday the 26th June with the throw ins at 1.30pm and 3pm.

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There was no Jackpot winner in the Mini Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were: 4,5,7,9,10,16. The Match 5 Winners were Elaine Wilkin Church Hill, Daniel McLaughlin Derryharriff, Bill Arnold Dunfanaghy and Lorcan Roarty Creeslough who won €25 each. This week's Jackpot will be €7000. Lotto Tickets are on sale in the usual outlets and also online from Clubforce.

Bingo

The €200 on the House on Game 9 at the Bingo on Sunday was won by Eileen Boyle Fanmore, the €30 winner on the line was Rosaleen McElhinney the €100 House on Game 5 was won by Sally MacIntyre, the €30 on the line was won by Moya Mulhern.

St. Eunan's

The Senior A & Senior B team played Glenswilly at the weekend. The reserve team won by 3-12 to 0-11 points, out in Glenswilly and the Senior team won with a score line of 1-16 to 1-08. Well done to both teams. They play Gaoth Dobhair this weekend at home.

Well done to Sinead, Cassie and Ailbhe who were part of the Donegal u14 Camogie squad who beat Cavan to win the Ulster Shield in Convoy. A huge thank you to everyone who helped in anyway during the Rally. It was a very busy but successful weekend for the club.

There will be a 24-hour hand pass fundraiser next weekend 24-25th June, please support if possible. There will be a Wellbeing Day/Fun Day on the 25th of June from 2pm in O'Donnell Park. This is organised by The Dermot Early Youth Leadership programme. This includes kids dance, disco, arts and crafts, Pilates and music. All are welcome.

There will be live music in the clubhouse this Sat from 6.30 to 8.30, all are welcome.

The Cúl Camps Hurling takes place from the 4th to the 8th of July. Places are filling up.

Our new club website is up and running. All member and players can now use our new registration system to register for 2022.

The Hurling Academy will be on every Friday from 6.30 to 7.30.

CLG An Tearmainn

The numbers drawn in Friday's lotto were 12, 23, 24 and 25. Jackpot was €2950 and there was no winner. No winners of Match 3. Open draw winners of €10 each were Marty Sweeney Gracie's Stores; Jim McNamara Mandy's and Frances O'Neill (bingo). This week's Jackpot is €3000.

The bingo continues each Friday night online, drive in and indoors at the Craoibhin, Termon.

The club is thinking of running the very successful Dermot Early Youth Leadership Programme again, later this year, after the successful graduation of our first and only Donegal group last year, and we are looking to recruit some new tutors to come on board to help and train up.

This training is online and free of charge, any and all assistance is available to anyone who wishes to be part of this fantastic initiative.

Remember potential facilitators do not necessarily need to be actively involved in your GAA club. There are many skilled people out there that would make excellent facilitators. One of this year's facilitators from another club was a parent who is quoted to say "only for this opportunity I would still only be a parent shouting on the sideline" They have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and feel they have gained so much from it also.

Anyone interested please get in touch with club Pro Ellen on 0863229519 or one of last year's tutors Amanda (086) 192 8983. Dates for online training are; July: Friday 8th (6.30-9.30) and Saturday 9th (9.30-4).

The senior men travelled south on Saturday to take on Killybegs, the Termon side, still with injuries and players unavailable, went out and battled hard against a well drilled Killybegs side. Full time score; Termon 0:13 Killybegs 2:11. Termon team and scorers; Darragh Russell, Oisín Cassidy, Cormac Gallagher, Shane Callaghan

Patrick McDaid, Jimmy Gallagher, Jack Alcorn, Kevin McDaid, Ricky Gallagher, Conor Cassidy, Stephen Black, Enda McCormick, Daire McDaid, Caolan Gallagher Anthony Grant. Scorers - Daire McDaid (0-6), Stephen Black (0.3), Enda McCormick (0.3) and Anthony Grant (0.1).

The reserve game was called off.

The thirds hosted St Eunan's on Friday in a well matched game, the visitors just pulling away at the last minute to take the win by the narrowest of margins.

The senior ladies travelled away to Ardara on Sunday and won the game well, the team and scorers on the day were - Orla Corry, Jamie Leigh Murray, Lauren Doherty, Ella McGettigan, Niamh Friel, Maria Carr, Clare Orr, Jenny McGettigan, Jill McGettigan, Sophie Curran, Aibhe McDaid, Shannon McLaughlin, Ciara McGarvey, Laura McGarvey, Joycelen Diver. Scorers - Shannon McLaughlin 2.1. Ciara McGarvey 2.8. Laura McGarvey 1.1. Jill McGettigan 2.0. Aibhe McDaid 0.1. Jenny McGettigan 0.2. Sophie Curran 0.2. Joycelen Diver 0.1

All underage teams are out training with their respective competitions coming up shortly. All details are available on the club's social media pages.

Cloughaneely

Lotto

Uimhreacha na seachtaine 4,11,13,14,19,20. Níor bhain aon duine an pota óir. Bhi triúr ann le cúig uimhir. Comhghairdeas le Gerry Harley a bhaineann €100. Tá €6,750 sa phota óir anois.

An tSraith Roinn a 1 - Foirne Tacaíochta

CCF: 1-3 Naomh Conaill: 5-16

Scóráilaithe CCF: Seán Geaney (0-1), Christopher Barrett (1-1), Gearóid Mac Uidhir (0-1)

An tSraith Roinn a 1 - Sinsir

CCF: 0-6 Naomh Conaill: 5-14

Scóráilaithe CCF: Blake Mac Gairbheith (0-2), Seán Ó Cuireáin (0-1), Jason Mac Aoidh (0-1), Ciarán Ó Colla (0-1), Michael Ó Maoilchiaráin (0-1)

An tSraith Roinn a 1 - Foirne Tacaíochta

CCF: 3-16 Naomh Micheál: 0-9

Scóráilaithe CCF: Declan Mac Gairbheith (0-2), Daire Ó Fearraigh (0-2), Josh Ó Scailáin (0-3), Christopher Barrett (1-1), Michael Mac Fhionnghaile (1-4), Caolán Ó Fearraigh (0-3), Seán Ó Colla (0-2)

An tSraith Roinn a 1 - Sinsir

CCF: 1-11 Naomh Micheál: 1-10

Scóráilaithe CCF: Blake Mac Gairbheith (0-4), Seán Ó Cuireáin (0-3), Lee Ó Briain (0-2), Cillian Ó Gallachóir (0-1), Jason Mac Aoidh (0-1), Pól Mac Suibhne (1-0)

Campa Samhraidh 2022

Beidh campa samhraidh a reáchtáil againn i

mbliana ó 27 Meitheamh - 1 Iúil 2022 ón 10r.n.-3i.n. do pháistí idir 6-12 bliana d'aois. I measc na himeachtaí a bheas ar siúl ag an champa, beidh peil Ghaelach, sacar, cispheil, siúlóidí dúlra, cluichí agus neart spórt agus spraoi. €40 do pháiste amháin, €30 an pháiste do thriúr nó níos mó. Tuilleadh eolais & clárú: Eibhlín @ 086 376 0815. Tá an campa seo a reáchtáil le tacaíocht ó Mhuintearas.

Beidh oíche chlárúcháin againn don champa ar an Aoine 24 Meitheamh idir 6:30i.n.-7:30i.n. sa chlubtheach. There will be a registration night for the camp on Friday the 24th of June between 6:30-7:30pm in the clubhouse.

Tir Chonail Gaels

Results:

The Ladies kick started last week's action by defeating Taras on a score line of 1-16 to 1-8 in the Mary Feehan Cup preliminary round.

Our Junior men suffered two defeats this week against a very strong Garryowen side on Thursday and Parnells on Sunday.

The Senior men came out victorious in their League game on Sunday against Round Towers, with a final score of 4-15 to 1-8.

Fixtures:

Saturday 25th June, Reserve League

TCG v St Kiernans Greenford, Throw-in 3pm

Sunday 26th June, Senior League

TCG v St Brendans Greenford, Throw-in 12pm

Lotto:

Our club lotto is back in action with clubforce with our jackpot starting at £1500. The draw will take place monthly with additional prizes of £200, £100 and £50 to be won. Ticket options available: £10 per month, £55 for 6 months, £100 for 12 months

Fundraiser:

Our TCG Family Fun Day Fundraiser takes place on Saturday, 2nd July at 1pm. Activities for all the family throughout the day including bouncy castle, BBQ & music. Raffle on the day with some great prizes to be won. Tickets are £20 for Adults and U18's go free, available to purchase through club members or at the clubhouse.

CLG Baile na nGalloglach

Lotto: 19/6/22. NUMBERS: 2-8-24-29. Numbers drawn by Dylan at Maple. No Jackpot winner. Lucky Dip winner, Shaun Boyle, Dungloe, gets €50. Jackpot Next Week: €1,400.

Traditional Music Sessions

CLG Baile na nGalloglach Culture Committee in conjunction with CCE Maoil Ruaidh are running traditional music sessions in the Clubhouse at Moyle Park, on Monday evenings. 7pm to 8pm for Children and 8pm to 10pm for adults. Some experience of playing an instrument is necessary.

Ciorcal Comhrá

Our Ciorcal Comhrá will reconvene in the Coffee Doc, Travellers Inn every Friday at 4pm. This is an informal conversation circle. Welcome is extended to everyone who would like to practise their cúpla focal.

Beidh an Ciorcal Comhrá ar siúl sa Coffee Doc, Travellers Inn, Baile na nGalloglach ar an Aoine ag 4pm. Buail isteach. Fáilte is fiche.

Results/Fixtures

Senior Men

Our Seniors had a good 1-13 to 1-10 victory over Four Masters on Sunday, unfortunately the Reserves were beaten. We are home to Letterkenny Gaels this Sunday with Reserves throwing-in at 1.30pm and Seniors at 3pm.

Senior Ladies

Our Senior ladies had a good victory away to Bunrana on Sunday morning last which should retain their Div 1 status for next year. Their next game is away to St Eunan's on July 2nd.

U21 Summer League

The U21 Summer League is up and running with the boys away to Gweedore on Tuesday last.

Their fixtures are as follows (all with 8pm throw-in):

Tuesday 28th June - Home to N Colmcille

Tuesday 12th July - Home to Cloughaneely

Tuesday 26th July - Home to Bunrana.

U14 Girls

Our U14 girls had a great victory over Letterkenny Gaels on Saturday last, their next match is away to Moville on Saturday 2nd of July.

U13 Boys

The next U13 game is away to Cloughaneely next Wednesday evening.

Training continues on Mondays and Wednesdays 5.45 to 6.45.

U12 Girls

Our U12 girls continued their great form with an excellent win away to Downings at the weekend. They have a home match against Termon on Thursday evening with a 6pm throw-in. All Support Welcome.

U10 Girls

Our U10 girls host Glenswilly on Friday (24th) evening at 6pm.

U7 Boys and Girls

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

Gaeil Fhanada

Lotto Results 19/06/2022

Numbers: 15, 18, 21, 23, 24. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Cormac Sweeney, The Ross. This week's Jackpot: €1250.

June 'Grab a Grand'

The club will launch our June 'Grab a Grand' competition on our online platforms on Friday at midday. There will be a limited amount of tickets on sale with a great cash prize for the winner.

Cluichí na Seachtaine

Dé Sathairn, 25ú Meitheamh Cailíní Faoi 14

Gaeil Fhanada v Naomh Colmcille at 11:00

Dé Domhnaigh, 26ú Meitheamh

Peil na mBan - Sraith Roinn 2

Gaeil Fhanada v Carn Domhnaigh at 10:30

Sraith an Chontae - Roinn 2 (Reserve)

An Clochán Liath v Gaeil Fhanada at 1:30

Sraith an Chontae - Roinn 2 (Sinsiar)

An Clochán Liath v Gaeil Fhanada at 3:00

Dé Luain, 27ú Meitheamh

Buachaillí Faoi 13 at 6:15

Aodh Rua Cúil na gCuirridín v Gaeil Fhanada v

Young GAA Volunteer of the Month

Congratulations to Hannah Shiels who has been awarded the 'Translink Young GAA Volunteer of the Month' award for May. Hannah, who is a member of the club's senior ladies' team, plays a key role in many other aspects of the club, such as administration, coaching, fundraising, umpiring, social media and the promotion of Irish language.

U5's

Our u5 training will begin on Saturday morning at 11:00 in Páirc Uí Shíadhail.

Safeguarding 1 Course

There will be a 'Safeguarding 1' course in Rosnakill Hall on Tuesday, 28th June at 7pm.

Senior Men

Result: Seán MacCumhaill 4:10 Gaeil Fhanada 0:12

Reserves

Result: Seán MacCumhaill 3:18 Gaeil Fhanada 2:03

U14 Girls

Our u14 girls got their league campaign underway on Monday with a home game against St. Mary's Convoy. The Visitors ran out six point winners. Sinéad Duffy, Sarah Peoples, Erin Logue (1:00), Cara Friel, Ava McElwaine, Erin Carlin, Grace Begley, Orlaith McGrenaghan, Amy McAteer (0:01), Cara Gibbons, Eabha Doherty, Clíodhna Robinson (1:00), Aoibheann Callaghan (3:00).

U13 Boys

Gaeil Fhanada 3:09 Gleann tSúilí 1:11

What a spectacle of football the U13 match was in Glenswilly on Monday. Outstanding performances from: Oisín Lynch, calling the mark on at least three occasions, Dan Martin who was top scorer on the day and Íosaf McAteer in goal, who gave a great first half performance.

Ladies Board Table Quiz

Gaeil Fhanada Ladies committee will host a Table Quiz on Friday July 15th, in The Stores Bar. Teams of four €20.



Hannah Shiels receiving her award from Ulster GAA President, Ciarán McLaughlin and Gerard Porter, Translink.

Sean McVeigh's hurling record

Last month St. Eunan's stalwart Sean McVeigh announced his retirement from Donegal county hurling team after 16 years of loyal service. Donegal's top GAA statistician Fr. Seán O'Gallchóir has followed the dual player's career from his debut on the 8th of April 2007 at Markievicz Park, Sligo when McVeigh came on as a sub against Longford in the National Hurling League. Sean went on to make 129 Donegal senior appearances with the hurlers.

He made his full debut on the 14th of July 2007 at the grounds of his home club St. Eunan's in the O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny against Longford in the Nicky Rackard Cup. McVeigh's final appearance was last month on the 14th of May in Carrickmore against Tyrone in the Nicky Rackard Cup. McVeigh was on the Nicky Rackard Cup winning sides of 2013,



2018 and 2020. He also enjoyed Lory Meagher Cup success in 2011 along with N.H.L. Div 3A titles in 2014 and 2020; Ulster S.H. Shield: 2016; Ulster U21B: 2008, 2011 and Ulster U-16C: 2005.

For his club the big success arrived in the twilight of his career as Sean was part of the St. Eunan's side that won the Donegal Senior Hurling Club Championship last year bridging a 49-gap since the previous triumph in 1972. Sean also won country senior club championship medals with the Eunan's in 2012, 2014 and 2021 when it was a double for him along with the hurling medal. The Cathedral Town side hadn't managed that feat since 1972.

McVeigh was a Nicky Rackard All-Star in 2013. He was included in the Donegal Yearbook Team of Decade 2010 - 2019 at number 11. In terms of the most capped players in the 2022 squad - at 153 Danny Cullen leads the way followed by McVeigh on 129 with Ronan McDermott on 108.

GAA Club News

CLG Na nDúnaibh

Torthaí lotto ó oíche Luain is chuaigh thart, 4 11 20 agus 22 na huimhreacha a tarraingíodh. Char bhain duine ar bith an pota óir agus bhí na trí uimhir ag Marie Ní Bhuaiigh, Nóra Mhic Uigín, Teresa Nic Phóidín agus Seamus Ó Dochartaigh. Gheobhann siad €40 an duine.

Tá €3,800 sa phota óir don chéad tarraingt eile a bheas ar an 20ú de Mheitheamh.

Tá muid ar ais in Ionad CLG oíche Shathairn agus tá súil againn go mbeidh sibh linn, tosaíonn an Bingo ag 8.30. Thig na leabharthaí Bingo a fháil ar líne ag: nadunaibh.ie/bingo go dtí a 1 a chlog Dé Sathairn.

Moladh mór do na foirne faoi aois uilig a d'imir i rith na seachtaine. Bhí seachtain mhór acu.

Na Sinsir.

Bhí buaidh de ocht bpointe ag na Dúnaibh in éadan Naomh Columba, Ghleann Cholmcille tráthnóna Dé Sathairn - an scór: Na Dúnaibh 1-14 Naomh Columba 0-9.

Bhí aimsir gheimhriúil ann sna Dúnaibh don chluiche seo tráthnóna Dé Sathairn. ach d'imir an fhoireann baile cluiche den scoth agus bhí siad 'un tosaigh ó thús go deireadh, ag déanamh a bheag de chúrsaí aimsire. Tá na Dúnaibh ina shuí go deas anois ar an tábla lena mbealach a dhéanamh isteach go Roinn 1. Guimis uilig gach ádh orthu do na cluichí atá fágtha acu.

Beidh siad as baile an tseachtain seo in éadan Aodh Ruadh, Chúil na gCuirridín. Beidh an fhoireann tacaíochta ag imirt ag 1.30pm agus an fhoireann sinsir ag 3pm.

Sa tarraingt don chraobh tá na Dúnaibh sa gh-rúpa céanna leo seo a leanas:

Conmhaigh, Naomh Bríd, Naomh Columba, Bun Cranncha agus Aodh Ruadh, Cúil na gCuirridín.

Comhghairdeas leis na girseachaí fosta as a mbuaidh mhór in éadan Aodh Ruadh, Bhéal Átha Seanaigh tráthnóna Déardaoin. Na Dúnaibh 5-12 Aodh Ruadh 0-5. Maith sibh a ghirseachaí.

We all wish Seamus Ó Dochartaigh and his wife Karen a safe journey back to Australia after spending a few months at home in his native Baile na Deora and we all wish that he'll soon be back with us again. Seamus was a stalwart on the na Dúnaibh team for many years having made his debut in goals for the Intermediate team, at the age of sixteen, this was in the Intermediate semi-final of the championship in 1981. But it was as a fullback, following in the footsteps of his father Micky, that he excelled as a footballer.

He was an accomplished footballer, a high fielder, always had plenty of room on the ball and also an intelligent distributor of the ball.

And of course his talents as a footballer were readily recognised by the county minor selectors as he was chosen at full back on the county minor team of 1982. As a seventeen year old he was chosen at corner back on the na Dúnaibh team that won the All-Ireland senior Gaeltacht competition in 1983. And in order to play for the club in the '83 Gaeltacht competition he had to forgo a trip to Holland with his school's soccer team.

Such loyalty. Guimis uilig ádh agus rath ort fhéin, ar Karen agus ar an chlann a Shéamais agus nach fada go mbeidh tú inár measc arís.

Traenáil don tSeachtain.

Déardaoin 23ú

Meitheamh

7pm Fir Sinsir.

Dé hAoine 24ú

Meitheamh

6.30pm Cluiche: Na

Dúnaibh v Gleann Súilí.

Dé Sathairn 25ú

Meitheamh.

10.30 pm Gasúraí Faoi

-13.

Letterkenny Gaels

The men's senior footballers travel to Milford this weekend for round ten of the Marley's Transport Division 2 League. The senior hurlers get their Junior Hurling Championship campaign

Senior Club Championship draw

Tough games for Milford

New Milford manager Pauric Curley faces a really tough start to the Donegal Senior Championship with an away game against Kilcar and that will be followed by a home match against St. Michael's. The draw which was made in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town on Tuesday evening sees St Eunan's start the defence of their title at home to St Nauls. Rory Kavanagh's outfit will then head through the gap to play Bundoran in the second round.

Naomh Conaill make the trip to Glenswilly in a first round match. St Michael's start against MacCumhail's at the Bridge before travelling to Milford. Cloughaneely back in the Senior Championship after their Intermediate triumph will head for Donegal Town first to play Four Masters and that will be followed by a home match in Falcarragh against Kilcar. After the Naomh Conaill home game Glenswilly will be on the road to St. Nauls.

Donegal Club Championships

Senior Round 1

Glenswilly v Naomh Conaill

Gaoth Dobhair v Ardara

St Eunan's v St Nauls

Killybegs v Glenfin

Four Masters v Cloughaneely

Aodh Rua Ballyshannon v Bundoran

Kilcar v Milford

St Michael's v MacCumhail's.

Round 2

Glenfin v Gaoth Dobhair

MacCumhail's v Four Masters

Milford v St. Michael's

Cloughaneely v Kilcar

Ardara v Aodh Rua Ballyshannon

St. Nauls v Glenswilly

Naomh Conaill v Killybegs

Bundoran v St Eunan's

off to a start with a game against Burt at Hibernian Park on Friday.

The Senior ladies rounded off their league campaign on Sunday losing out at home to Malin. Attention now turns to the championship which starts in August. The minor girls get their division two season up and running next weekend with a home game against Killybegs.

We are at the planning stage of Lá Spraoi don Chlub / Club Fun Day which will be happening on Saturday 2nd July from 12 noon to 4pm at Páirc na nGael. Races, novelty events, barbeque, tea and cake, competitions and céilí dancing!

Cloughaneely Golf Club

The Inter-Club teams enjoyed a good weekend with two fantastic wins in the Donegal League and Jimmy Bruen. Last Saturday the Jimmy Bruen Team advanced to the next round with a fantastic win vs Cushendall Golf Club. Home advantage proved key with all 3 home matches winning. Congratulations to all the lads both home and away a great win today.

Last Friday, Cian McGarvey's Donegal League team got off to a great start yesterday vs Green-castle Golf Club. All 5 matches won well at home and look forward to the away leg in a few weeks. Maith sibh uilig.

The weekend results from 18/19 June Singles Stableford 1st: Cian McGarvey (3) 37pts; BOT 2nd: Vincent Collum (19) 37pts.

Cumann Gailf Chloich Cheann Fhaola are delighted to announce 2022 Golf Open Week from 8th to 17th July. A mixture of singles and team events. Open to Ladies and Gents. The club are offering an unlimited open week member's pass for €50 that includes entry to all competitions and re-entry is also included in that - super value! Open Week passes can be purchased from next week at the golf club or at the start of Open Week. To book tel 074 9165416 or book online on the website.

Cumann Gailf Chloich Cheann Fhaola wishes to thank all our generous sponsors. Míle buíochas dár n-urraithe uilig. There will be a 9 Hole Scramble this Friday draw @ 5.45pm all welcome. Mountain Melts Donegal will be at the golf club from 5-9pm also so golfers can avail of food before/after golf. Call Kerry on 087 4142911 to order your toastie ahead! This weekend's competition is an 18 Hole Open Singles Stableford play on Saturday or Sunday kindly sponsored Luxor Bathrooms Tiles & Design please see www.luxor-bathrooms.com for more information.

The Club hosted both The Drumbar Inn and Glencar Inn Golf Societies last weekend with great numbers enjoying the golf course and hospitality. The Golf Course and Greens are in super condition credit to Philip and his team. For society enquiries call 0749165416. The Golf



Members of Drumbar Inn Golf Society who enjoyed an out at Cloughaneely Golf Club last Saturday



Members of the Glencar Inn Golf Society pictured at Cloughaneely Golf on Sunday.

Membership is open to new members. Cuireann roimh bhailiúra-fir, mná agus daoine óga. Tá fáilte romhat chuig Cumann Gailf Chloich Cheann Fhaola fáilte na táillí bliantiúla iontach réasúnta. Beidh Cheann Fhaola.

All-Ireland Group qualifier Group D Round 1

Poor first half punished

Cork 2-12 Donegal 1-10
Doireann O'Sullivan scored 1-5 as Cork withstood a second half comeback to get their TG4 All-Ireland Senior Championship campaign off to a winning start with victory over Donegal in Clane. Fresh from their Munster final success, Shane Ronayne's side picked up a merited Group D victory thanks to a terrific first half performance. Despite the defeat Maxi Curran's side do have a victory to their credit over Waterford which should be enough to see through to a quarter-final meeting with Dublin. The final Group D game is this weekend when Waterford take on Cork. Donegal bit back in the second half however, outscoring their opponents eight points to three. It still wasn't enough to prevent a Cork victory at the end of a scrappy encounter. An explosive start saw Libby Coppinger split the posts with Cork's first attack. Orla Finn and Yvonne Bonner found the net at either end immediately after, to cap off a cracking early period. Ciara O'Sullivan and Laura O'Mahony efforts stretched Cork's lead prior to Meabh O'Sullivan producing two saves of the highest quality to deny Donegal. Cork dominated the remainder of the half with Ciara O'Sullivan setting up her sister Doireann for a well-taken 9th minute goal.

Geraldine McLaughlin and Karen Guthrie (free) scores were Donegal's only replies before going in at half-time, 2-9 to 1-2 behind. A disappointing third quarter failed to produce a score from open play. Donegal used a succession of Geraldine McLaughlin and Karen Guthrie frees to eat into their opponent's lead and there was only a goal in it with 10 minutes left to play. Meabh Cahalane and Nicole McLaughlin were sin-binned in the closing stages where three Doireann O'Sullivan scores helped Cork win it out.
Scorers - Cork: D O'Sullivan 1-5 (0-3f), O Finn 1-1, C O'Sullivan 0-2, LCoppinger 0-1, L O'Mahony 0-1, A T O'Sullivan 0-1, S Leahy 0-1.
Donegal: G McLaughlin 0-5 (0-4f), K Guthrie 0-4 (0-4f), Y Bonner 1-0, N McLaughlin 0-1.
Cork - M O'Sullivan; R Phelan, E Meaney, M Ambrose; M Duggan, M O'Callaghan, L O'Mahony; B O'Sullivan, S Leahy; E Cleary, C O'Sullivan, L Coppinger; A T O'Sullivan, D O'Sullivan, O Finn.
Donegal - R McCafferty; N Carr, E McGinley, T Kennedy; S Twohig, N McLaughlin, A B Carr; K Herron, N McLaughlin; Y Bonner, N Hegarty, N Boyle; S McFadden, K Guthrie, G McLaughlin. Subs: R Rodgers for McFadden (60).
Ref: B Redmond (Wexford).

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More volunteers needed to ensure the future of Letterkenny parkrun

A shortage in volunteers for the Letterkenny parkrun that resulted in the popular weekly event being cancelled last Saturday has prompted calls for new people to get involved. Race director, Linda Cronin, was left with no option but to cancel last weekend's parkrun due to a lack of volunteers. Numerous appeals for assistance were made through social media and other channels last week, but these attempts failed to secure the number of volunteers necessary to allow the event to proceed in a safe manner, and the race was called off last Thursday. Letterkenny resident, Helena Ferry, volunteered to help at parkrun in 2021 when she saw that a parkrun in November was cancelled due to nobody being available to act as race director. "I really enjoyed the experience and would encourage everyone to consider volunteering at parkrun," she said. "There's a great atmosphere up at parkrun on a Saturday morning as young and old gather and brace the elements, or enjoy the warmth of the sun, to walk or run the 5km route together. Completing the parkrun really sets you up for the day, but as well as taking part, we really would love to see more people volunteering to help. And not every Saturday, maybe one in every six weeks would work fine. If all the regular participants were able to volunteer for one in every six weeks, then we wouldn't be struggling each week, as we are right now, to fill the volunteer roster," she added. "I've also started to rope my three girls, aged 12, 9 and 6, in to help as volunteers, and they are really starting to enjoy it. They get to say '3, 2, 1' at the start over the microphone, or they get to hand out the finish tokens as walkers or runners cross the finish line. They've even started asking when can they be the race director. It's a great way to build their confi-

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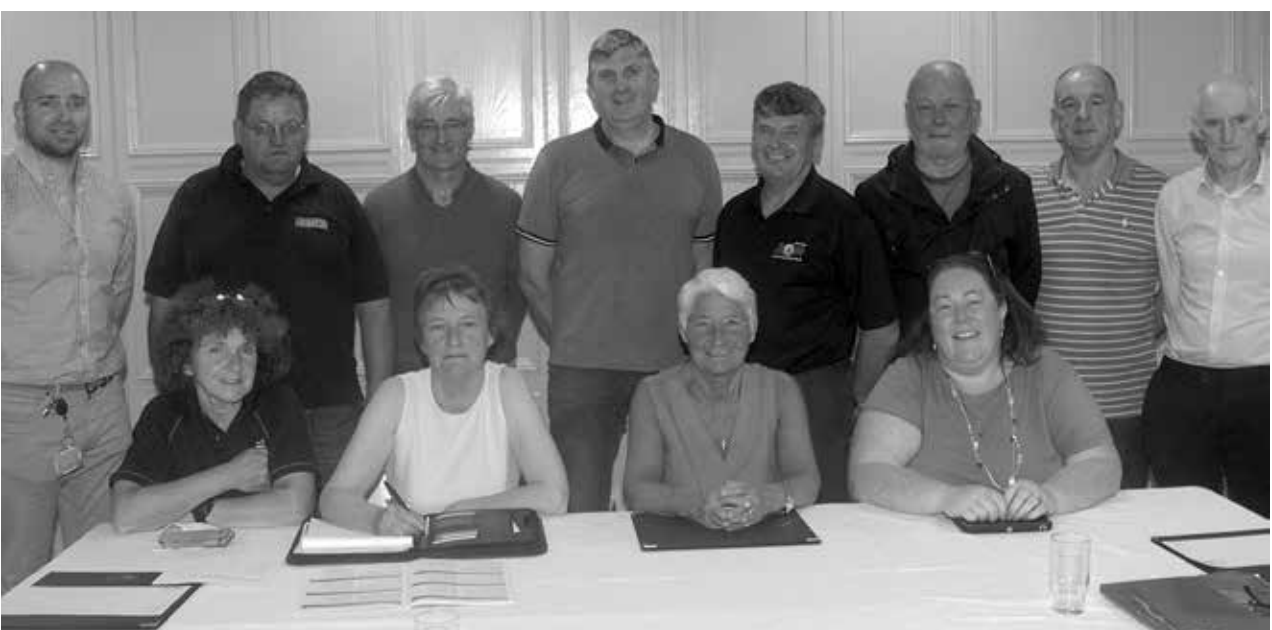
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Winning week for Donegal jockeys

It was another good for Donegal jockeys with victories for Conor Orr, Dylan Browne-McMonagle and Luke McAteer. Conor Orr landed the Tote Connacht National Handicap Chase at Roscommon on Tuesday on the eight-year-old Politesse. He made much of the running on the Lorna fowler-trained 11/2 chance which only needed to be ridden out from the last to beat Henry de Bromhead's Popong by a length and three-parts. It was the Rathmullan jockey's 10th winner of the season. Dylan Browne McMonagle enjoyed his first winner of the week as he partnered Smaoineamh Eile to success in the nine-furlong handicap at Leopardstown on Thursday. The John McConnell-trained four-year-old overcame an unfavourable wide draw to win by two and a quarter lengths from fellow 10/1 chance Pro Bono in the colours of owner Peter Commane. At Limerick the following evening, Browne McMonagle rode

the first winner on the card as Salt Whistle Bay led home a 1-2 for trainer Johnny Levins in the claiming race over the extended six furlongs. A 14/1 shot, the eight-year-old led in the final strides to deny his own stable companion Tai Sing Yeh by half a length. The runner-up was subsequently claimed by trainer James McAuley. The winning jockey quickly landed another success as he took the rated race over the same distance on the Joseph O'Brien-trained National Gallery. A 5/2 favourite in the colours of the F&N Partnership, the three-year-old made much of the running to beat the Johnny Murtagh-trained Half Nutz by half a length. Luke McAteer took the final race of the night at Down Royal on Friday where Alice Milligan scored a narrow success in the seven-furlong handicap. A second winner at the meeting for trainer James McAuley, the 11/1 chance led in the final stride to score by a short-head from the Vincent Carroll-trained Hell Left Loose.

Donegal Sports Star Awards AGM



The newly elected committee after the 47th Donegal Sports Star Awards AGM in the Mount Errigal Hotel on Monday evening. Included at front from left - Nancy McNamee, May Logue (Secretary), Grace Boyle (Chairperson), Alma Curran. Back from left - Darran Nash, Seamus Curran, Paul McDaid (Assistant-Secretary), Paul Callaghan (Vice-Chairperson), Neil Martin, Bartley McGlynn (Joint Treasurer), Gerry Davenport and Patrick McLaughlin (Joint Treasurer).

The Donegal Sports Star Awards held their AGM in the Mount Errigal Hotel on Monday evening. It was the organisation's 47th AGM and there were no changes to the main officer board or committee for the incoming year. Chairperson Grace Boyle expressed the hope that the committee would be able to host a live function for the first time in three years on the last Friday of January 2023. "We would certainly hope that we will go back to a live function and that's what we will be planning for in the autumn. It was the right decision to still keep the awards going through the two years of Covid by holding the events virtually and then making the presentations separately when the health guidelines allowed. Like so many others we had to do things remotely with online meetings and that worked well in the circumstances" Ms Boyle said. The Donegal Sports Star Awards Committee is also hoping to get back to honouring past winners groups. It had become

a feature pre-Covid to make 40th anniversary presentations. The last of those was done in 2019 to honour the 1979 winners. "All going well we would hope to host an event to honour the winners of 1980 and 1981 in the autumn time. It was a very popular thing that we had been doing for three years prior to Covid. To that end the committee is finalising a suitable date and then it's a case of getting down to work on contacting the winners from those two years" Ms Boyle said. The Donegal Sports Star Awards committee for the incoming years includes - Grace Boyle (Chairperson), Paul Callaghan (Vice-Chairperson), May Logue (Secretary), Paul McDaid (Assistant-Secretary), Bartley McGlynn and Patrick McLaughlin (Joint Treasurers); Declan Kerr (Media Officer). Committee members Nancy McNamee, Alma Curran, Darran Nash, Seamus Curran, Neil Martin, Gerry Davenport, Paula McGarvey and Patsy McGonagle; Honorary President Fr. Michael Sweeney.

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