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Brussels red tape destroying farming: IFA Chair

As negotiations are set to conclude by next Wednesday to reform the EU farm budget, a storm is brewing over the demand to give all farmers an equal slice per hectare of EU payments.

By John McAteer

Brendan McLaughlin, Donegal Chair of the IFA said that he is totally sick of EU bureaucracy and it is setting farmers and their organisations in conflict with each other.

This is one of the most divisive issues in farming since the country joined the EU. A week ago, two of the best known figures nationally in the IFA protested outside their headquarters at the Irish Farm Centre Dublin over its approach to CAP. There is no doubt that the new proposals have caused rifts among farmers right across the country.

A 100% flattening of

Pillar 1 payments would see all farmers paid a national average by 2026 of €265/ha which includes the proposed eco-scheme. For Donegal this would see an annual increase of €12.7 million. However, many farmers believe the final deal will be set at 85% which is an increase of 25% on their current farm payments.

Mr. McLaughlin says that it is his hope that Agriculture Minister Charlie McConalogue will come back from the negotiations with a financial package that can then be agreed and signed off in Ireland. However the INHFA disagrees: Seanie Boyle who farms in Falcar-



Seanie Boyle of the INHFA



Brendan McLaughlin Chair Donegal IFA

ragh says: "It looks bad that Brussels wants the vast majority of Irish farmers to have more money, more equalisation and a fairer slice of CAP, yet our Minister for Agriculture is not backing that proposal."

Founded to address the inequalities in EU farm payments, the INHFA says the budget is no longer about production, it is about equality, fair play and the environment.

Seanie Boyle says that convergence of payments will give over

6,600 farmers in Donegal a decent financial boost and nationally more than 71,000 will benefit.

"Internal convergence is designed to even out all payments between farmers within the same member state. This means that all farms, regardless of size or historical entitlements, receive the same basic payment entitlements per hectare," he said.

The CAP budget is already set at €270 billion, roughly one third of the EU's overall seven-year budget. Ireland secured €10.73 billion which is a small increase in the previous amount of €10.68 billion.

The issue for 'mandatory internal convergence' whereby there will be a flattening of payments is the most contentious issue on the agenda with the IFA strongly resisting pressures to comply.

The reform of CAP is deep into its third year and progress has been slow, even by EU standards. However an end seems to be in sight in the next week and a series of discussions are underway with a deadline for June 30th. A meeting of the agriculture ministers is scheduled for early next week.

One of the most-talked about issues for these negotiations are the new eco-schemes: these are agri-environmental schemes that will be mandatory for member states to roll-out, but optional for farmers' participation.

However, farmers who do not take part in an

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Marie and Millie McElhinney enjoying the St. Michael's and Cloughaneely Game at The Bridge, Dunfanaghy on Sunday. Photo by Moses Alcorn.



The new Mayor of the Letterkenny & Milford Municipal District Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh with his grandson Conor Connolly. Photo by Declan Kerr.

"We never agreed 90% mica redress"

The Donegal Mica Action Group has again confirmed that they never signed up to the details of the proposed 90% Mica Redress scheme for Donegal.

Eight days after their demonstration in Dublin, mica members said they were disappointed at not having heard from Minister Darragh O'Brien's office to arrange a meeting.

Michael Doherty, PRO for the group said that initial verbal discussions around the cost of a potential scheme considered the possibility of homeowners accepting the notion of a grant scheme whereby they would make a small contribution similar to the Local Improvement Schemes.

Mr. Doherty stated: "It suits the Government to claim we signed up for the scheme. That did not happen because we would have been obliged to consult our members and the public firstly. However, when we actually saw the

printed draft of the scheme from the Minister's officials, everything had changed; there were so many obstacles and regulations that we simply were not told about and therefore we could not accept.

The number one priority on our agenda is 100% redress inclusive of all costs incurred," he told the Tribune. The group is also seeking the removal of the clause that says one home one scheme. A state backed guarantee is essential to ensure should mica become evident after repairs must be included in the redress.

The issue of banks and other interested parties in providing finances for the remedial scheme is also on the agenda. Also high on the priority list is the fact that numbers of people have houses to let. The issue of holidaymakers with homes in Donegal also forms part of the discussion."

Michael Doherty said they want to

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Kavanagh elected MD Mayor



The new Mayor Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh with his sister-in-law Agnes and his brothers Charlie and Danny.

Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh was unanimously elected as the new Mayor of the Letterkenny & Milford Municipal District at Tuesday's AGM in the Letterkenny Aura Centre. It is the Fine Gael Cllr's second time to hold the position and the Deputy Mayor will be Sinn Fein Cllr Gerry McMonagle. Kavanagh's name was proposed by Independent Cllr. Michael McBride and seconded by Fianna Fail Cllr. Ciaran Brogan.

by Declan Kerr

Cllr Kavanagh acknowledged the work done by his predecessor Cllr Donal Coyle, during a very challenging year for the Municipal District. "I don't think I have ever seen so many meetings and workshops in a year as we have had during Cllr. Coyle's year and he handled them all brilliantly with good humour and patience. He was a fantastic Chairperson, and it's a shame that he didn't get to attend more functions and events during the year" Cllr Kavanagh said. The new Mayor also spoke about the support he had received from his wife Roisin and daughters Michelle (Ramelton) and Leah (San Francisco) and also thanked his extended family for their support and encouragement. Cllr Kavanagh expressed hope that in the next twelve months society fully opens up again. "I want to see people getting out for a meal and a drink again, going to sporting events and to concerts and see our businesses get back to being fully functional, and with that in mind, I

would urge everyone to do all in their power to shop local to support the local businesses that always support the local community, and provide jobs for so many families."

Mayor Kavanagh told Tuesday's AGM that there are exciting times ahead for Letterkenny MD with the Urban Renewal Development Funding that will see the progression of large projects like the revamp of the Market Square, the provision of a major tourism attraction at the Old Courthouse, the further development of the Cathedral Quarter, the development of the new Linear Park, the renewal of Lower Main Street. "We will also have the injection of funds from the Rural Regional Development Fund which will help transform towns and villages like Ramelton, Rathmullan, Churchill and others will follow."

The Fine Gael Cllr said the single biggest challenge which the council will face over the next year and for the foreseeable future is MICA. "We have a huge task in supporting every family who have had this awful misfortune visited on them and exerting as much pressure as possible on the Government to bring suitable redress to everyone affected. The first priority will obviously be with those families who are watching their family homes disintegrate, we must also be mindful of our own council tenants, and those who have bought or are in the process of buying their homes from the council.

"We need to be aware of the people who built second homes in Donegal. They invested in this county when they could have chosen to invest in easier options. They built second homes in Donegal and supported the local economy. And for some of those people they invested their

entire life savings into a second home and they deserve a sympathetic hearing and suitable redress also. As a member of the council's MICA redress committee and as Mayor I look forward to working on this issue with all the other council members during the year ahead."

In terms of a wish list for the year ahead Mayor Kavanagh said: "I'd like to see the council come up with a suitable way of remembering all those in the area who lost their lives to Covid-19 when the time is right to do so, and hopefully that will be in the next twelve months. We also need to salute the efforts of all our front



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line workers and emergency services, and everyone who took the risk of going to their work every day to make life more bearable for all of us. And we should not forget our young people who had to put their lives on hold during this crisis to protect the more vulnerable members of the community. I hope also that when we review the casual trading by-laws that we can make changes that will allow us to provide more services at our parks, to help us realise the full potential of them, I also look forward to the play area in the Bernard McGlinchey Park becoming fully functional again later in the year for our kids, and to seeing progress on the Urban Adventure Sports project in the same park."

The new Mayor is also looking for-

ward to welcoming the delegation from Rudolstadt, Germany the twin town in October. "The further development of this relationship can benefit both towns in terms of tourism, education, business and music and cultural activities. I also hope that we can further develop our links with Clydebank over the next year. I hope that we can make the most of remote working opportunities in the months and years ahead."

Mayor Kavanagh said he was going to dedicate his work in the year ahead to his brother Páidín who sadly passed away in April. "He was always a great support, a quiet influence, who was always there for me, and always ready with a witty remark to lighten the mood and bring a smile to my face."

Post office closures postponed

Ned O'Hara, General Secretary of the Irish Postmasters Union has confirmed that plans to reduce the €17 million annual deficit in the network have been postponed for 18 months due to the pandemic.

He said that An Post is creating a financial interim arrangement to put funding into the postal service from within its own resources due to Covid.

The interim deal will see the post office network run their existing services for the next 18 months with the threat of closures or reduced services now off the table.

However, Tom O'Callaghan of the Independent Postmasters said that his fear is that the €17 million deficit may not be fully made up by An Post. He says that confirmation of the package is due within days.

The IPU had warned that come July 1st as many as 200 offices would be closed because there would be a €17 million deficit and unless a PSO was put in place there would be major problems.

The post office network will cost €70 million to run this year: by the end of December the service will have earned an estimated €53 million.

The Government established an inter-departmental Group to examine the feasibility of directing more Government business to the post office network. The Group will report back to the Government by the middle of July.

In the meantime the IPU will look to September when the Bank of Ireland provides

services in the post offices.

Ned O'Hara said that it will take time to evaluate the income from the new service in terms of additional business and footfall but the reality is that since the start of the Covid pandemic, there had been a decrease in footfall.

He said the objective was to get back to where they were originally and hope to build with a range of new services from the Government.

He said that Postmasters want to stay in business and serve the public long into the future. He said the public favours the Government financially supporting the Network.

He added: "The IPU supports expanding Government services delivered through the Network and to provide this Postmasters should receive an annual Government retainer payment. This will ensure an infrastructure for communities to access services - and keep hundreds of struggling Post Offices open.

Services which can be provided offline include motor tax, licences, renewals, registrations, identity verification, community information, IT/office hub - or advising and helping people to navigate their needs.

Covid-19 has highlighted that significant numbers of people are not online and have leaned even more on their Post Office for services, information and advice. A comprehensive service model must be provided for them and the Network is ideally placed to deliver it."

He said that insofar as their current agreement with An Post is concerned Post Masters have a 'fee per transaction' built into their weekly income and there had been no communication that any changes are in the pipeline.

It is reported that there were 471,977 free licences issued last year and An Post had been getting 1.3% of the costs involved.

The IPU and Dail deputies have expressed fears that if the €17million deficit is not addressed by the Government, there would be unrestrained closures across the network.

The IPU believes that around 200 offices will close unless a PSO is not put in place to address the deficit.

Reacting to the developing news, the Rural Independent Group of TDs said it was depressingly familiar fight against government failure to protect rural post offices

Deputy Mattie McGrath said: "The government must wake up and intervene to remove the imminent threat of any further Post Office closures. We are calling on the government to wake-up and treat this issue with the seriousness it deserves. Tangible state intervention is now needed, to combat the potential raft of further post office closures." Instead of the government trying to channel new state services through the post office network as promised in 2018, as sought by the Postmaster's Union, they are cutting existing services. Therefore, the demise of the network lies firmly at the door of the government."

Gortahork building targeted in burglary

An investigation is underway following a break-in at a premises in Cashel, Gortahork in recent weeks

Milford Gardaí say they are investigating a burglary that occurred sometime on Friday, June 11th. They say entry was gained to the building via a toilet window and substantial damage was caused and a number of fire extinguishers were discharged within the building.

Gardaí in Milford may be contacted on 074-9153060.

Garden vandalised

Letterkenny Gardaí are investigating an incident of criminal damage that happened at a property in the Glenn Rua estate, Letterkenny between 1am and 9am on Monday June 21st. They said substantial damage was caused to a garden shed at a house there. "The door of the shed was broken in and timber taken was removed from the side of the shed. The garden trellis and plant pots were also damaged. Nothing was stolen." Contact them in Letterkenny Garda Station on 074- 9167100 if you can help.

McGarvey gets traffic count update

Independent Cllr Ian McGarvey has been told that Traffic

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Meeting to avoid repeat of last weekend

The Chairperson of the Donegal Joint Policing Committee is set to hold a meeting with Gardai, the Letterkenny Chamber, Donegal Co Council, the Motor Club and other stakeholders to explore options to avoid a repeat of the anti-social behaviour that occurred in Letterkenny over the weekend.

Sinn Fein Cllr Gerry McMonagle said that welcoming visitors to the town was his priority but it had to be done in a safe manner and that was not the case in many instances at the weekend.

Meanwhile, Paddy Delap who has a shop at Lower Main Street said that businesses had done well over the weekend but had to be balanced with addressing a range of anti-social behaviour issues that had been highlighted. "Businesses did well and the majority of visitors were well behaved in my time in the shop. I wasn't there late in the night when other things were going on. I would have had concerns with a reluctance to wear face masks and social distancing that I hope doesn't come back to haunt us. But on the whole I thought it did the town good. I would say that far more Gardai were needed than were on duty at the weekend. Dealing with the speeding

and noise of some of the cars needed more Gardai action but that wasn't possible. Ways need to be found to stop these cars driving round and round the town. I saw one car that went down past our shop 20 times in a very short period of time. That has to be stopped and put into some big parking space. There were some very dangerous practices going on like young kids inhaling fumes from car exhausts. But again, I must say the majority of young people, some of them up from Cork and Kerry, were well mannered" Mr Delap said. Cllr McMonagle said it was a good weekend for businesses especially in the hospitality sector and that had to be welcomed. "We want to welcome all visitors to Letterkenny and support all our businesses who have been so badly hit over a long time due to the pandemic. The hospitality sector in particular did well. But, at the same time we have to be mindful that other businesses suffered because of the behaviour of large numbers who showed no respect to the people of the town and some of them felt intimidated. A tonne and half of rubbish was lifted off the streets by Glenard Plant and that is shocking. That is bad enough but the more worrying behaviour was



The early morning scene at Main Street Letterkenny and right some of the rubbish collected by Glenard Plant.

the antics of these people in and around cars. That was all very dangerous and the one big positive was that we didn't have a fatality. And it wasn't just confined to Letterkenny there were residents out in Manor who didn't have a minute's piece with cars being driven around a yard from 10.00 in the morning to late in the night. The manner of the driving there and around the town was unacceptable and reckless" Cllr McMonagle said.

The JPC Chairperson said the objective had to be to achieve a happy medium whereby all businesses could reap the dividends of large crowds coming to the town but at the same time minimising the anti-social behaviour that had occurred last weekend. "We haven't had an official Donegal Rally for the past two years due to the pandemic but hopefully we will in 2022. I am calling a meeting with the stakeholders to look at the options to provide some alternatives for young people coming to Letterkenny. Because of Covid indoor night venues were closed and that left far more people on the streets. Hopefully that will have changed by next year. We can turn this into a positive and we have a year to do it. The bottom line is that we can't have a repeat of the people that came to the town last weekend and showed no

respect for residents, businesses or the rules of the road" Cllr McMonagle said.

There was no Donegal Rally at the weekend yet hundreds of mainly young people descended on Letterkenny at the weekend. Some embarked on a wave of anti-social behaviour that left the town in an appalling state requiring a major clean-up. Most of those involved have no interest in the official rally. Some of them openly saying they wouldn't get away with similar behaviour in other counties where motorsport events are held.

53 arrests were made over the weekend by Gardai in Letterkenny including 29 people for dangerous and driving 14 for public order offences. Eight people were stopped by Gardai for driving under the influence of drink or drugs. There were also two instances of individuals being detained on foot of outstanding warrants.

A major cleaning operation had to clear the Letterkenny streets of that tonne and a half of litter with Glenard Plant, the Council and Tidy Towns volunteers out in big numbers to clean up the mess.

Serious assaults

They are also appealing for witnesses to two serious alleged assaults in Letterk-

enny over the weekend.

They are also investigating an assault that occurred on Sunday the 20th of June between 11.45 and 11.55pm at Main Street. They stated: "A male is believed to have been assaulted by another male at that location. He is believed to have sustained a number of punches to the head. The male who was assaulted had to receive medical treatment as a result of the incident. His injuries are believed to be non life threatening. Our appeal is to anybody who may have witnessed this incident or to anybody who may have been on the Main Street around that time and who had a dash cam to contact Gardai in Letterkenny on 074-9167100." In a separate incident Letterkenny on Friday, June 11th, on the Glencar Road, Letterkenny between 9.30 and 9.45pm, Gardai are investigating an alleged assault that occurred when a female was reportedly assaulted by a male at that location.

They stated: "The female had to receive medical treatment as a result of the incident. Her injuries are believed to be non life threatening. We are appealing to anybody who may have witnessed the incident to come speak to Gardai in Letterkenny. If anybody was in that area around the time and who had a dash cam, we would ask them to make that footage available to us also."



Raymond McFadden, Michael McFadden and Frank McGettigan at the opening of the Joe Bonnar Road in Letterkenny on Friday.



Charles and Bernard Gallagher with Andy Davitt and Dessie Dorrian at the opening of the Joe Bonnar Road in Letterkenny on Friday.



Tom McLaughlin and Liam Irwin with Margaret and Hugo McNulty at the opening of the Joe Bonnar Road in Letterkenny on Friday.

The time of Edwin the Brief?

I never thought the reign of Edwin Poots as DUP leader would be as short. I did feel that he was not a long-term leader, maybe lasting a year or so. I never thought he would be gone in three weeks.

The reign of Edwin the Brief was a spectacular political implosion. It was so spectacular that it will be long remembered. When political leaders who survived much longer will be long forgotten, he will be talked about. His political fate will be a question in pub quizzes. At the start, he had seemed to be the second Northern political leader to defy the old piece of political wisdom "he who wields the knife never wears the crown." Poots was the leader of the putsch against Arlene Foster. Once he had moved his troops into place, her leadership unravelled in less than a week. At least, though, she got her five and a half years at the top of the DUP.

His leadership hit turbulence even before it started. His campaign ran out of momentum. From starting as the flying front runner, he stumbled over the finishing line. He only took the leadership by two votes. There were very public resignations and allegations of UDA threats.

Then Ian 'Baby Doc' Paisley took to the stage with Van Morrison and the two chanted 'Robin Swann is dangerous'. Poots first claimed not to see the infamous video of the double act. Then he avoided giving 'Baby Doc' even the mildest slap on the wrist.

Poots then bulled ahead on an deal with the British Government and Sinn Féin on an Irish language act. He also bulled ahead on nominating his ally Paul Givan as First Minister. To make sure things went badly, he walked out of a meeting where his Assembly Members and MPs were expressing concerns at the line he was taking. By the end of that day, he was gone. Even his Deputy Leader, Paula Bradley, voted against him.

At time of writing, it seems Jeffrey Donaldson will be elected DUP leader. There is no other apparent contender.

It has yet to be seen whether he can stabilise the ship. The past few months have seen unprecedented public splits in the party. The past few weeks have seen internal rancour that surpassed anything in many years between the DUP and nationalism.

Things will probably quieten down, simply because there have been such spectacular fireworks. The splits stay. Many of the DUP traditionalists have problems accepting Donaldson. He came from the Ulster Unionist Party. He had stood against the DUP in elections, and been vocal in his opposition. He is Presbyterian, not Free Presbyterian. When Poots was elected 'Baby Doc' said words to the effect that 'we have taken our party back'. It's clear that wing has lost it again. 'Baby Doc' will clearly continue to cause Donaldson problems.

Facing into the new situation, we have to see what Donaldson's party management skills are. He is committed to powersharing with Sinn Féin. However, factors beyond his control can limit his ability to manoeuvre.

The splits are deep and bitter. The DUP is in trouble. Opinion polls indicate it is struggling. On the other hand, they are energetic political street fighters. They are like Sinn Féin and Fianna Fáil in that regard. They have half a century of accumulated political guile. While many (but not all) of them wouldn't like the comparison, they are like Kerry at Gaelic Football. Count them out at your peril.

All the guile, though, can't turn back the tide of



By Anton McCabe

and economic changes in the past half century have swept away many of the 'Big House Unionists' it despised.

Of those that remain, some stayed with the Ulster Unionist party as it reinvented itself. Some made their peace with the former upstarts of the DUP. Some withdrew from politics altogether.

Meanwhile, 'new money' has moved to the DUP. Mostly, but by no means all, is new Protestant money.

Born from hardline sectarianism, it has been spectacularly open-minded about those with whom it did business.

At the heart of the DUP still is the conflicting pressure of religious fundamentalists and secular

history.

The DUP grew from the Troubles. It opposed any concessions to the Catholic community. The base of support was among the more conservative and religiously fundamentalist sections of the Protestant workers, and small to middling farmers. As well as opposing reforms, it opposed 'Big House Unionism'.

Then it committed to power sharing with Sinn Féin. Their partnership bears many signs of a carve-up.

As the DUP changed, it has also become the main party representing the interests of business in the North. Social

Unionists. I do not see any way in which those can be reconciled.

Also, the time in which the DUP rose is over. The 'Troubles' are nearly a generation past. Accumulated guile finds difficulty in going against the tide of history.

That is particularly as the DUP have shipped significant punishment. More importantly, two factors now intersect.

There are poisonous internal relationships. These will not be repaired. For nearly all its existence, the DUP never washed its dirty linen in public. Even a casual observer knew there were tensions, but all was sweetness and light on the surface. Now the genie is out of the bottle. Putting it back in will be impossible. Most importantly, those poisonous relationships represent conflicting forces.

Then there is the impact of these divisions on wider life in the North. Political tension at the top always has negative effects on the streets. We don't know if there will be significant street violence this summer. We do know people are afraid that will happen, particularly people in working class areas.

That is because, whenever political violence boils over, the most deprived working class communities always suffer. That is despite their being the communities least responsible for the political chaos.

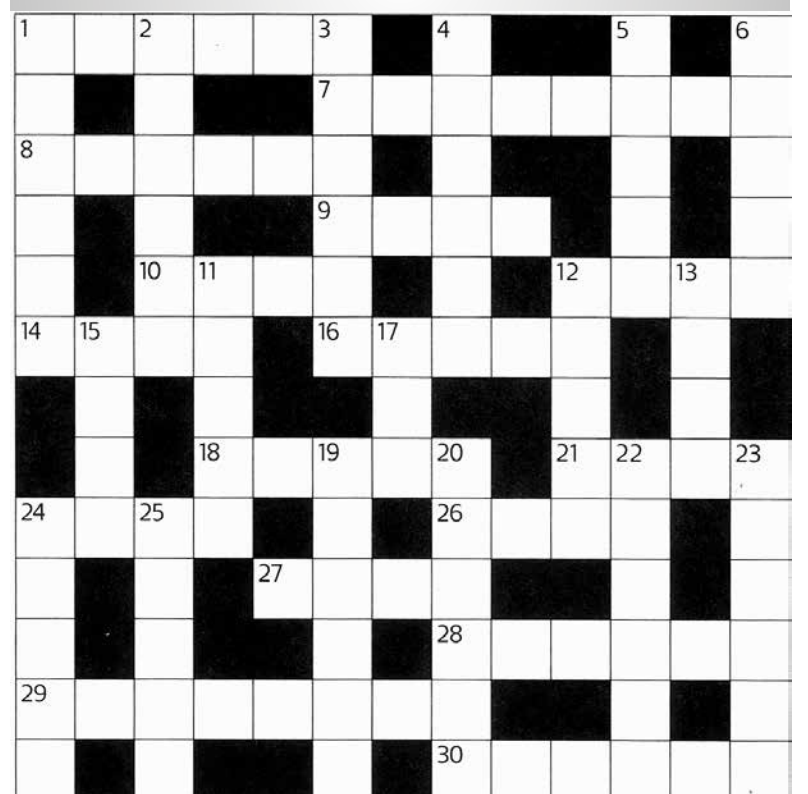
Bonagee United

The Senior team defeated Foyle Harps last week in the Thomas Burke Perpetual Cup 3-2 with goals from Micheal Doherty, Jack Park and Dean Larkin to reach the Final. The u14 girls defeated Finn Valley 3-1 goals from Chloe Creevy (2) and Caitlin Fletch-

er. The Arcade u14 are home to Illistrin this Friday 25th at 7pm in Goose Green. The u16 Premier team are hone this Sunday 27th in Goose Green to Kilmacrennan Celtic with a 6pm start. The Youth team start their season at home to Letterkenny Rovers on Wednesday 30th with 7pm start.

The Club's Drive in Bingo is on every Tuesday evening at 7pm in the rear car park of the Clanree Hotel. This week's jackpot is €850 on 45 numbers. The Astro pitches are back on and anyone looking to book them can contact the office on 9178787.

Tribune Crossword No. 921



Across

1. Spurred (6)
7. A bee-keeper (8)
8. Bird with a large bill (6)
9. Hold (4)
10. Arsenic and Old ____, play (4)
12. Modelling material (4)
- 14 High (4)
16. Investigative reporter, ____ Cook (5)
18. String instrument (5)
21. Play the lead (4)
24. Manage (4)
26. Nocturnal insect (4)
27. Official permit (4)
28. Highest point (6)
29. Soldier (8)
30. Major Italian seaport (6)

Down

1. Vacated (3,3)
2. Brief downpour (6)
3. Risk (6)
4. House of the ____ Sun, song (6)
5. Indispensable (5)
6. A ____ in Scarlet, Sherlock Holmes novel (5)
11. Living (5)
12. Family emblem (5)
13. Alan ____, "Hawkeye" actor (4)
15. Singing voice (4)
17. Lubricant (3)
19. Eastern Hemisphere (6)
20. Female warrior (6)
22. Exciting situation (6)
23. Great wealth (6)
24. Snap (5)
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North West 10k spot prize winners



Brendan McDaid and Bernie Brennan making the draw for the NW 10k spot prizes with Noreen O'Donnell (Donegal Diabetes Parents Support Group) and Peter Smyth (No Barriers Foundation).

The North West 10k committee has confirmed the full list of spot prize winners for the charity run and walk which took place on the June Bank Holiday weekend in aid of the Donegal Diabetes Parents Support Group and the No Barriers Foundation.

All that remains to do now is the 2021 North West 10k presentation of cheques to the two charities which will take place next month.

10k Chairperson Neil Martin has expressed delight with the way the first ever virtual event went and has thanked everyone who supported the two charities.

"We wish to thank everyone who supported our first ever virtual event. Thanks to all who ran, walked or donated in aid of the two charities. A big thank you also to all the businesses who donated spot prizes. The committee would also like to thank our five main event sponsors Brian McCormick InterSport, DonegalDaily.com, the Value Centre, Century Cinemas and the Mount Errigal Hotel for their support. All that is left for us to do now is make the cheque presentations next month to the Donegal Diabetes Parents Support Group and the No Barriers Foundation. In September we will start planning for the 25th anniversary of the North West 10k which will be

a significant milestone which we intend to mark with a very special event" Mr Martin said.

The 2021 North West 10k spot prize winners are: John Cronin, Tullamore, Co. Offaly (Mount Errigal Hotel - voucher); Mairead Farren, Milford (Value Centre Letterkenny - hamper); Alison Devenney (Century Cinemas Family Pass Cinema); Tara Friel, Ramelton (Century Cinemas Family Pass Play Area); Eoghan Megannety, Letterkenny (Brian McCormick Sports - voucher); Susan McGinley (Magee's Pharmacy - voucher); Andrea McConnellogue (Donegal Daily - Voucher ShopLK); Avril McCloskey (Healthwise Pharmacy - voucher); Brendan Delap, Letterkenny (Silver Tassie - voucher); Paul Walker (JT Physio Pilates Classes); Sean Bradley (Homesavers - voucher); John Sweeney (McFadden's Timber, Kilmacrennan - hamper); Shaun McCready (LYIT one-year gym membership); Ramona Rehill ((LYIT one-year gym membership); Gloria Donaghey (Angels Cove, Ballybofey reflexology session); Andrew Alcorn, Dunfanaghy (Kelly's Toyota, Letterkenny - spot prize); Colm McElwaine, Fanad (Kelly's Toyota, Letterkenny - spot prize); James O'Connor (Ean Elle Cafe - voucher); Kathleen Quinn (Dunne's Store - voucher).



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Ramelton Open Garden for RNLI

Mervyn and Claire Hutton are opening their gardens at Donegal Shore, Aughnagaddy, Ramelton on this Sunday the 27th of June to the public to raise funds for the Lough Swilly RNLI.

The gardens will be open from 2 to 5pm and you are invited to come along and enjoy the afternoon in their beautiful garden with a cup of tea and a cake and all donations collected will go to the RNLI. All Covid 19 guidelines will be adhered to.

SLIMMING WORLD. Slimming World is coming soon to the Town Hall in Ramelton. There will be a New Slimming World Morning Group from Monday the 5th of July at 9.30am. To register your interest contact Kellie Durey on 083 3570361.

Second Encounter Charity Shop The Second Encounter Charity Shop, beside Kevin McFadden's Shop at Gambles Square is now reopened.

Its open from Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm. Government guidelines will apply as before. The committee looks forward to seeing all their customers again.

Ramelton Country Market Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall this coming Saturday from 10.30am - 12.00noon. Orders can be made by contacting us on 0879699715 or message us on Facebook. Collection of orders is during market hours only. We have a great range of ready meals, lasagne, quiche, soups, salads and more. Vegetarian options available. Wonderful tray bakes, cakes, scones, relishes and jams. Fresh flower bouquets, potted plants, lovely hand crafts, knit-

wear, toys, wooden garden chairs & benches all available and made to order. Loyalty card draw coming up soon so make sure to get yours stamped at checkout. Covid-19 restrictions still in place so masks, hand sanitising and social distancing still apply. We look forward to seeing you Saturday.

Boyce's fifth Derry goal Ronan Boyce scored his fifth goal of the season to secure Derry City a 1-1 draw against Sligo Rovers on Monday night at the Brandywell Stadium. It's a remarkable record for the 20-year defender who only broke into the Derry first team in April. He is the 10th highest scorer in the Premier Division that is headed by fellow Donegal man Georgie Kelly who is on 11 goals with Bohemians. Harps striker Adam Foley is second on seven goals. Ronan Boyce and Derry City will be on the road this Friday evening to play Dundalk at Oriel Park (kick-off 7.45). Meanwhile, after defeats at the hands of Derry on Friday and Pats on Monday the McNamee brothers Barry and Tony will be hoping for a change of fortune against bottom of the table Longford Town this Friday night at Finn Park.

Ramelton Community Games Congratulations and well done to all who took part in the Virtual Ramelton Community Games Finals. Ella McCarron was first in the Solo Singing and was also a County winner meaning she is through to the National Finals. Neha Shine was first in both U12 Art and Handwriting. Molly Donaghey was first in the U10 Handwriting and Clíodhna Coyle won the U8 Art. Nessa Shine was second in the U8 Art.

Cowan signs for Dungannon



Ramelton man Keith Cowan has signed for Irish League side Dungannon Swifts. The announcement was made at the weekend and follows his departure from Glentoran a couple of weeks ago. Cowan is a former Finn Harps captain and played a key role in the heart of the defence for Ollie Horgan. The 35-year-old has signed on a one year deal with the Swifts.

The late Jim Diver

Deepest sympathy is extended to Percy Diver, Rectory Road on the sad passing of his brother Jim, Gortnaskeagh, Kilmacrennan on Monday. Funeral Service takes place in Kilmacrennan at 2p.m. on this Thursday afternoon.

Swilly Rovers lotto numbers

The numbers drawn in the Swilly Rovers lotto on Friday were 2, 3, 8 and 19. There was no jackpot winner. Two 3 number winners were Dane Dunworth, Ramelton and Frank, Killybegs c/o Steve's Cafe. This week's jackpot is €3,600. The club wishes to sincerely thank all for their online lotto purchases. This is vital to the club and we will truly appreciate it. Please if you can remind friends and family that three lotto lines can be bought for €5. Or a full year for €80 which results in a saving of €24. Once again we thank you sincerely for all of your help. The next Swilly Rovers lotto draw will take place this Friday. The jackpot this week will be €3,550.

Swilly Rovers underage training

The young Swilly Rovers footballers were out on Saturday for their U6 and U8 sessions on the Astro Turf pitch. Training is for U8's (2013 & 2014 born) and the U6's (2015 & 2016 born). U6s & U8s training continues on Saturday mornings from 9.30-10.30am.

Swilly 50/50 draw

The Swilly Rovers 50/50



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draw is continuing with great prizes monthly for the pitch development project which has now started out at Swilly Park. Join up today by dropping into the Lennesside Butchers, Steve's cafe or from committee members. You can also enter online with clubforce. One ticket can be purchased for €20 or you buy several months ahead. With work on the new pitch scheduled to start shortly

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the club is encouraging people to try and help as much as possible. Proceeds from the 50/50 will go towards the pitch project. Draw ticket details are available on the Swilly Rovers Facebook page.
Coaches wanted Milford Athletic Club are looking for help with juvenile coaching. If you are interested or can help out please contact Noel on 086 3636551.



Winners in the Virtual Ramelton Community Games Finals - Neha Shine (1st in both U12 Art and Handwriting) and Nessa Shine (2nd U8 Art)



Winners in the Virtual Ramelton Community Games Finals - Molly Donaghey (1st U10 Handwriting); Ella McCarron (1st Solo Singing and County winner through to the National Finals); Clíodhna Coyle (1st U8 Art).

Watch Out for Tin-pot gods

And...breathe! Like just about every reader, I'm relieved that the weekend is over. No more late night screeching caused by rubber on road. No more rickety exhausts with their noxious fumes and obnoxious rackets. No more boy racers putting their lives and others' lives on the line.

There has been no shortage of comment on the scenes in Letterkenny over the weekend. The shameful anti-social behaviour, the reckless antics on the road and the mountains of rubbish left for others to clear up all paint an appalling picture. Sadly it's not the first time and it is unlikely to be the last.

So how should we view those who came to our county, had a good time, then left their mess behind? Let me suggest two perspectives: pity and soul-searching.

Firstly, we should feel pity. Many of those I have spoken with are angry at what they've witnessed and rightly so. Yet there is a temptation to dehumanise those who behaved in this way. The fact is, these (mostly young) people are men and women created in the image of God. Like every single one of us, they have been

designed for meaning and satisfaction and they are looking for true happiness where they think they are most likely to find it.

Yet they're looking in the wrong place. They are looking to tin-pot gods; to rust buckets on wheels. That should make us weep. They won't find what they're looking for on TikTok. They won't find it in their big weekend out. They certainly won't find it in their noisy exhausts or their reckless speed - if anything they are more likely to lose it all. We should feel pity at such misdirection.

Yet, we shouldn't stop there. We could rant and rave about the state of the current generation or we could shower them with condescending pity, but both approaches say more about us than about anyone else. Rather, the events of last weekend ought to prompt some major soul-searching.

On the surface, many readers are far removed from those who inflicted themselves on Letterkenny last weekend. Yet, ultimately, we're all looking for the same thing. Each and every one of us is looking for satisfaction where we most expect to find it. The end result for some is a pristine home;

Food for thought



Jonny McCollum

for others it is a litter strewn street. Some pour their cash into rusty old cars; others pour it into their children's college fund. Yes, some people's gods are more respectable than others, but they will end up disappointing every bit as much.

That's something the one true God warns us about in his word. In Psalm 115, the psalmist says more about us than writer ridicules the false gods of his day. They have mouths but cannot speak and ears but cannot smell. They have hands but cannot feel and feet but cannot walk. Then the warning: "those who make them will be like them."

Whether we were in the thick of it last weekend or merely tutting from afar, we need to watch out for tin-pot gods.

60 tonne whale carcass beached

A 60ft long Fin whale that got stranded in shallow waters on Lough Swilly over the weekend passed away on Sunday night. A team of wildlife and sealife experts had travelled to the area on Saturday but realised that nothing could be done to save the 60 tonne whale despite their presence near the shallow muddy area where it was stranded. The Donegal branch of the Irish Whale and Dolphin Group said the whale had no obvious marks on its body "apart from rolling on mudflats and blistering of the skin caused by the sun." They added: "It's possible the animal may have been feeding in shallower waters on small fish species and has got disorientated and ended up on mudflats." Normally the species live in much deeper waters where they feed on krill. An update from the Donegal IWDG said the whale passed away at approximately 11.30pm on Sunday night. They stated: "A sorrowful ending, there's a few sce-



narios that could have brought the Fin Whale up the Swilly. But whatever the reason ultimately there was only one possible ending. The magnificence of this creature has to be appreciated, there is very little knowledge of its habits, it is a deep diving mammal so should not be anywhere near land. It is generally known to be a lone creature, but has been known to be gathered in twos and up to five." They added: "After receiving the report of a live stranding the Donegal IWDG, dedicated marine biologists and NPWS arrived at the site. After the agonising realisation that there was no way to give the mammal a chance of survival and no way to ease the distress of the creature as the glare restricted our access to it. All we could do was stay at a distance, in hope that comfort was given with our compassion." They paid tribute to the owners of the Castle Grove Country House, saying they shared access to the area and their support to the team, adding "their kindness eased the sadness of the occasion."

Full season ahead for Sheephaven Sub Aqua divers

Sheephaven Divers prepared to welcome the 2021 Summer Solstice with a full calendar of activities, with boat dives on Wednesday evening and Saturday morning and a shore dive on Sunday morning. Additionally the new Club Snorkelers were also out on the water last week and getting to enjoy the wonderful marine environment that we have in Co. Donegal. The diving continues to be excellent, with great in-water visibility at over 10 metres horizontally along with steadily increasing temperatures with 13 degrees Celsius at the upper end of the water column. This has brought marine life into greater activity, particularly shoals of fish fry and sand eels, which are themselves the food source for the Guillemots and Razorbills that use these waters as their preferred nesting locations. Our recent dives in Skate Bay brought us into close observation of these nesting birds, which are there in huge numbers and indeed they have joined us occasionally as the dived to catch their food, no doubt attracted by our bubbles in the water.

Under the cliffs we regularly see the remains of the egg shells from their nests and very occasionally come across a complete egg, lost from its nest for some unknown reason. With the weather on Sunday morning turning into the north Sheephaven Bay quickly turned up a sea state that would make diving difficult, so we conducted a love-



Angela Harkin, Derrybeg winner of €250 in the Sheephaven Sub Aqua Club first 50/50 draw.



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Matchplay Draws

The draws for the 2021 Club Matchplay Singles and Doubles tournaments have now been completed. All players registered should have received their pairings via email and the full draw details, along with associated cut off dates, are available on the BRS app. Alternatively, call the shop with any queries on 074 91 59459.

Hitting the Fairways on Highland Radio

The most recent edition of Sean Quinn's 'Hitting the Fairways' on Highland Radio was focused on youth golf and two of the participants were Portsalon players - Ciaran McCormick and Cian Page. Links to the programme are on the Highland Radio website/social channels and via the Portsalon Facebook page. The boys spoke extensively to Sean about their experiences in learning the game of golf and about the challenges of honing their skills from mid-range handicaps to now competing off five and three respectively. Both Ciaran and Cian spoke remarkably well and their interview is well worth a listen.

John Sweeney Memorial

The John Sweeney Memorial Trophy takes place on Saturday 3rd July. The event is stroke play and time sheet is now open.

Open Week 2021

Portsalon's 2021 Open Week is scheduled for July 7th -14th. Full details of Open Week will be published in due course.

Longest Day Golf Challenge in memory of Aidan Langan

Many of our members will have fond memories of Aidan Langan, a proud Portsalon member for many long years prior to his sad and premature passing.

This Friday, Aidan's son Jack is joined by three friends to take on the Macmillan Cancer Support 'Longest Day Golf Challenge' here in Portsalon. The lads will be attempting to complete 72 holes on the day and are raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support in doing so.

The Langan's have reserved the first tee from 2.00pm-2.40pm and would like to invite any Portsalon members wishing to come and play a few holes to do so around then - maybe even offering some encouragement to the 'marathon men' while they are out on the course!

They'll also be having some outside the clubhouse and, again, would welcome any members to come along and join them. You can find out more about the Longest Day Golf Challenge on this link - <https://longestdaygolf.macmillan.org.uk/Team/inmemoryofaidanlangan>

Results

Gents Stableford - Wednesday 17th June: Winner: Jack Friel (12) - 45 points; Runner-up: Ultan McGettigan (17) - 44 pts; Gross: Ryan McGettigan (3) - 33 gross pts; Third: Patrick McColgan (20) - 39 pts

Gents Stableford - Saturday 19th June: Winner: Paul Armstrong Jr (14) - 42 pts; Runner-up: Paul Travers (16) - 38 pts BOT; Gross: Cian Harkin (+1) - 39 gross pts; Third: Pascal Cullen (6) - 38 pts

Gents Stableford - Sunday 20th June: Winner: Russell Porter (22) - 41 pts; Runner-up: Dean Shields (19) - 40 pts; Gross: Sean Hensey (6) - 28 gross pts; Third: Gerard Duffy (14) - 38 pts

Portsalon Ladies

Maire O'Donnell Final 2020

Portsalon had it all to play on for Sunday against a Letterkenny side, who held a 3/2 advantage from the first leg. It was a thrilling final leg held in Letterkenny, played in near perfect conditions, it provided for some great spectator golf as both clubs battled it out for the 2020 Maire O'Donnell Trophy.

Portsalon claimed the first match and Letterkenny the fourth and, while the second and third matches went on to the 18th green, the fifth pairing was battling it out on the course.

The testing 18th green added to the excitement for the many spectators. While the third match had to contend with a share of the spoils, it was only when the final putt by the fourth pairing went in for another halved match did they

discover that Letterkenny had won the fifth and final match to claim the 2020 Maire O'Donnell Trophy.

Lady Captain and Team Captain, Iris Condon, congratulated her team of Claire McGonagle, Pamela Clinton McDermott, Deirdre O'Toole, Claire Ferry, Aedeon Conway, Marion Overend, Sarah Nicholl, Deirdre Hensey, Mary Barrett, Vera Kearney and Karen McGlinchey for their participation, determination and for the sporting spirit in which they played had shone throughout the tournament and while it didn't go their way this time, she was proud of each player.

She congratulated Team Captain, Cynthia Furey and her team on winning the trophy and Lady Captain Eugenia and the Barnhill club for their hospitality.

Finally she expressed her thanks to Darragh McGowan, and the Committee for their dedication and organisation of the Maire O'Donnell Trophy, she also expressed her condolences on behalf of the Club on the recent passing of Ita Cleary, a stalwart and great advocate for the promotion of women's golf in Donegal. Ar dheis De go raibh a hanam.

Mae Blaney takes first

Congratulations to Mae Blaney, who carded a fine 38 points to take first prize in the Members competition on Sunday past. Anne McDonnell was runner-up with 36 points. Well done, ladies.

Dates for your diaries

The Members Competition Sunday 27th June (alternative day is Friday 25th June). June Monthly (ongoing). Portsalon's Open Week July 7th -14th Ladies Open days Friday 9th July and Sunday 11th July, more details on Open week to follow shortly.

Mr Captain's Day 24th July, Lady Captains Day 14th August, and Mr Presidents Day 28th August.

The timesheet will now go live seven-days in advance at 6pm each evening and you must be booked in online before arriving at the club. Members are reminded to BOOK the timesheet, REGISTER at the Club shop on arrival and RETURN their completed cards to the Ladies locker room.

Rosapenna

The Resort Gents Singles played over the Sandy Hills Links on Saturday 19th June was won by Paul Duncan (6.0) 41pts*, runner up Brendan McGee (16.9) 40pts* bot. The gross prize Micheal Bradley (2.4) 31 gross pts*. Third prize Kieran Davis (20.9) 41pts*. The front nine was Jon Wilson (18.1) 22pts, back nine John Doran Jnr (5.9) 20pts* bot. Two's - John Doran Jnr, Denis Boyce, Brian Kelly, Peter McBride Jnr & Paul Hughes. Entries - 47pax.

The Gents Singles on Sunday 13th played over the Old Tom Morris Links was won by Brendan Roache (7.1) 44pts*, runner up Seamus Gallagher (21.9) 43pts. Gross Enda Kennedy (1.8) 37 gross pts*. Third Peadar Boyce (9.4) with 41pts*. Front nine Patrick Doherty (18.3) 22pts*, back nine Sean Boyce (4.6) 23pts* bot. Two's - Paul Duncan, Patrick Doherty, Michael Gallagher Jnr, Conor McMenamin, Sean Boyce, Martin McDermott & Enda Kennedy (x2). Entries - 57pax.

Saturday Golf

All ladies will book their Saturday competitions tee times via the competitions section of the BRS App, all available times will be bookable via the App. No additional tee times will be available over the phone or via the Golf Shop.


Through the summer months there will be a Saturday Singles (Multi Tee format - Blue or White tees) on the Sandy Hills Links for Gents, open to members & their guests only. The entry fee will be €10.00 per member and €50.00 per guest to include the two's competition. This will also be bookable via the competitions section of the BRS App.

Course Notice

All members are required to book tee times for the Old Tom Morris Links via the BRS App. If you are on the course you must be on the tee sheet.

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All available member tee times will be bookable via the BRS App. All other tee times are held for hotel guests, open for day visitors to book online or held for green-keeping (spraying / seeding etc) windows. Booking enquiries over the phone will be offered the same tee times as



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Club Matchplay 2021

Both the Singles & Doubles matchplay draws have been made and were circulated via the weekly Club Notes on Monday, there is also a hard copy displayed on the members notice board. The deadline for round one in both competitions is Monday July 19th, there will be no extensions. Both parties are encouraged to get in touch ASAP to arrange same, it is not solely the responsibility of the player(s) on the top of the draw.

Rosapenna Ladies

Lots of golfing activity in Rosapenna over the weekend and the 'Play in Pink' competition was sponsored by Hazel Russell with all proceeds in aid of the National Breast Cancer Research Institute. Sun was shining, pink outfits galore and scoring was once again brilliant with Sharon Bradley (42) gradually reducing her handicap and returning 39 points and on this occasion, was closely followed by recent newcomer (46) in runner up spot with 38 points just beating Suzanne Gallagher (27) on break of tie. Nines winners were Dymna Kelly (23) with 19 points and Sheila Breen (12) with 20 points. Many thanks to everyone who made the effort to dress in pink on Saturday and sincere thanks to both ladies and gents for the generous contributions when almost €500 was raised for the charity.

The 9 hole competition winner on Saturday was Marjorie Morrison with 16 points and Siobhan McMenamin was runner up with 10 points and it's wonderful to see so many out competing in our weekly competitions.

Next Saturday's competition will be stroke on the Old Tom Morris course with a 9 hole stableFord competition after 3pm, with all Tee times bookable via the BRS system only in allocated competition slots.

Ladies are also reminded to ensure that all competition cards are fully completed with the requisite 6 items of information, as otherwise they will be invalid for the competition, but the will still hold for handicap purposes.

Sunday dawned bright and sunny once again when 6 ladies travelled to Ballycastle to participate in the second round of the Revive Active All Ireland ladies Four ball, North section having received a bye in the first round, while 4 ladies played at home in Rosapenna. The away team members unfortunately failed to secure any matches where all pairings were narrowly defeated, while the home teams secured better results, but nevertheless the outcome was in favour of Ballycastle who now proceed to play the winners of the Cushendall V Larne match. Thanks to team members for giving of their time to participate in the event and good luck to the team on Thursday who take on Fintona in the Ulster Minor Cup challenge.

June Competitions

Wednesday 23rd - Shop Sweep; Saturday 26th - Gents

Singles SHL (Members & Guests); Sunday 27th - Gents Singles.

Letterkenny

Sunday 20th June was a very busy day at Letterkenny Golf Club with the final day of Open Week which was sponsored by Global Tiles & Bathrooms.

Three interclub matches were also played Letterkenny beat Balmoral in the Mens Senior Cup where the Captain Jaimie Foley secured the win on the 18th green.

Letterkenny played in the Pierce Purcell against Moyola. This was also a very competitive match where Letterkenny won their 3 matches at home to win overall.

The Ladies completed a competition which was postponed from last year (MOD) against Portsalon where Letterkenny Ladies were victorious.

Congrats to Charlie McLoughlin on a hole in one on the 13th Sunday

20/06/21.

Evolve Menswear Open - played on Wednesday June 16th: 1st - James McMonagle with 46 pts; 2nd - Eugene McKeever with 43 pts; 3rd - Jamie Foley with 42 pts
Men's Open Week - Brian McCormack Sports- Friday June 18th : 1st - Noel Duggan with 42 pts (BOT); 2nd - Kirk O'Donnell with 42 pts; 3rd - Henry O'Brien with 41 pts

Four Lanterns 4BBB - Blue Tees on Saturday June 19th: 1st - P. McGowan / C. Bradley with 47 pts; 2nd - T. Duffy / E. McGlinchey WITH 46 pts (BOT); 3rd - K. Dempsey / T. Dempsey with 46 pts

Global Tiles Open - Blue Tees on Sunday June 20th: 1st - Michael McHugh with 41 pts; 2nd - Paul Carlin with 40 pts (BOT); 3rd - Yuel Tease with 40 pts.

Letterkenny Ladies

Letterkenny Open Week reslts for the ladies were Tuesday 15th June open sponsored by Paul Reynolds Property Partners - 1st Marian O'Sullivan (10) 41 points, shooting 1 birdie and 12 pars, 2nd Mary McNulty (45) 39 points, 3rd Veronica McAteer (15) 36 points, 4th Marian Keating (24) 35 points. Four 2s were recorded Marian O'Sullivan on the 5th hole, Ruth Dempsey on the 8th hole, Elen Russell on the 13th hole and Margo Birmingham on the 16th hole.

Thursday 17th June kindly sponsored by Paul and Elaine Taylor - 1st Anne Condon (26) 42 points, 2nd Catherine Cook-Harkin (29) 40 points, 3rd Celine Markey (19) 37 points, 4th Birdie Gildea (36) 36 points BOT, 1st 9 Bridget McClafferty (34) 22 points, 2nd 9 Lady Captain Eugenia Moran (43) 20 points, Visitors Aillen McGlynn (15) 33 points. 2s were scored by Celine Markey (5th) and Katrina Rainey (8th).

The second leg of the Maire O'Donnell 2020 final was held in Letterkenny on Sunday 20th June, where under the guidance of Team Captain Cynthia Fuery, the team took on Portsalon. On a fabulous day for golf, Letterkenny secured 2 matches and 2 half matches which was enough to secure the title of Maire O'Donnell 2020 winners, for the first time since 2007. Well done to everyone on the panel it was a great team effort. A warm thank you is extended to the loyal supporters on the day and also to Noreen and the team in Hunter's Bar and Grill for the excellent food and service during the team meal.

There will be more matches in Letterkenny this weekend when Letterkenny Junior Cup team take on Greenisland with 3 matches playing away and 2 matches playing at home. Good luck to team captain Anne and the Junior Cup team. The Revive Active Team are also set to take on Carrickfergus with 3 matches away and 2 matches at home. Good luck to team captain Monica and team. There will be plenty of golf on display for spectators in Barnhill this weekend.

Seniors Golf Alliance

Donegal Seniors Golf Alliance, which is confined to full members of County Donegal and Strabane Golf Clubs who are at least 55 years of age, commences its 2021 programme at Letterkenny Golf Club on Monday 5th July. To enter ring Hugh at 087 9841555 between 9 am and 4pm on Monday 28th or Tuesday 29th June Only. Assuming indoor dining restrictions are lifted on 5 July a catering service will be provided. If you intend dining, please assist the Caterer by pre booking when contacting Hugh. Annual Registration fee €25, Outing Entry Fee €20.

Dunfanaghy

Results for week ending 20th June at Dunfanaghy Golf were Gents Sunday 20th June - 1st Lucas Wood (10) 40 pts; 2nd Daniel Rutland (10) 39 pts; Gross: Sean Quinn (11) 27 pts; 3rd Michael Kelly (12) 36 pts; Front Nine: Derek Porter (13) 19 pts; Back Nine: Paul Burton (10) 21 pts

Gents Open Saturday 19th June - 1st David Tease (12) 42 pts; 2nd Paucic Dunleavy (7) 40 pts; Gross: Graham Cummings (8) 30 pts; 3rd Oliver Brown (16) 39 pts; Front Nine: Gerry McGreevy (9) 20 pts BOT; Back Nine: Brian Fitzpatrick (10) P'Marnock 21 pts BOT

Gents Open Wednesday 16th June - 1st Nigel Nixon (18) 38 pts; 2nd David Tease (13) 37 pts; Gross: Bob McElhinney (5) 29 pts; 3rd Gerard Dunleavy (12) 34 pts; Front Nine: Eugene Gallagher (15) 18 pts BOT; Back Nine: Paul Smyth (12) 18 pts.

Another mixed weekend for Dunfanaghy teams in the inter-club competitions. The young guns who make up the Fred Daly team had a very impressive win against Rathmore GC from Portrush. Unfortunately, the Mixed Foursomes suffered defeat at the hands of Strabane GC.



Portsalon Ladies GC 2020 Maire O'Donnell Trophy Runners Up back L_R: Claire Ferry, Marion Overend, Deirdre Hensey, Vera Kearney, Lady Captain and Team Captain, Iris Condon, Deirdre O'Toole, Mary Barrett and Aedeon Conway. Front row Claire McGonagle, Pamela Clinton McDermott and Sarah Nicholl with Karen McGlinchey (absent from the photograph).

Local issues raised in Dunfanaghy

A public meeting in Dunfanaghy has heard about the desire of the community to be part of a decision making platform for the growth and improvement of the village. The meeting on Tuesday evening was at the Market Square. No elected representatives were in attendance.

An application will be made to the appropriate funders to provide much needed support to build community capacity to engage professionally, to identify priority areas for intervention and to ensure the most impacted by Council decisions are not excluded from the process of having their voices heard.

Motor home by-laws were raised as was the closure of the public toilets at 5.00pm.

Motor home owners from Portnoo and Clonman - providers of motor home accommodation

gave a presentation on how their businesses are impacted by the Council providing free motor home parking alongside their enterprises. Car parking and bus shelters were also discussed for youth.

The GAA raised an issue about providing motor home parking at €10 per night during the Jazz festival. (A club official told the Tribune that they were disappointed that the spaces allocated had not been taken up).

Casual trading, charity definition and transparency were raised and a query was aired in relation to the ownership of the Ozanam Centre.

The issue of the infill of the harbour was aired and the fact that the 35 year lease provided by the Department of the Marine to be overseen by the Council is due for renewal soon.



Cruinniú idir Joe McHugh, Coiste Céim Aniar agus Oisín MacÉo, LPT Thuaisceart Dhún na nGall, an tseachtain seo caite. Joe McHugh TD, Francie Cullen and Hughie McClafferty pictured following their meeting with Céim Aniar and Oisín MacÉo, Language Planning Officer for the area, last week

Brussels red tape destroying farming: IFA Chair

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eco-scheme risk losing a portion of their direct payments. This is because the eco-schemes will be funded out of each member state's Pillar I envelope. A portion of Pillar I funds will be set-aside for this purpose. A likely compromise position exists with the level of direct payments to be set aside for eco-schemes would be 25%.

Farm organisation reps say the details are very complex and it will take time to absorb them when it is finally agreed.

The Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers' Association is calling for farmer equality in the new Common Agricultural Policy with particular emphasis on those who are farming less productive land.

ICSA President, Dermot Kelleher said the Association is extremely concerned at the ongoing failure to treat all farmers equally in terms of land eligibility and conditionality, under the Good Agricultural and Environmental Conditions.

"Farmers should not be penalised based on the ground they happen to farm," he said.

More work for less money

The IFA's Brendan McLaughlin also believes that too many in the industry are being asked to do much more for less money because the regulations coming in will impose a heavy cost if we are to comply with the proposals demanded for drawing down payments.

He says there is a difficult road ahead but he hopes that the production sector will not lose out as pressure mounts with the proposal for convergence.

"That's the last thing we want, the new farm deal is so complex that it defies logic and while payments are relevant, there is every possibility that those who are set to gain substantially may also lose substantially. This will happen with having to comply with a raft of new regulations in the new deal that will also take more farmers into higher tax bands."

The IFA claims that flattening of the EU farm budget will create serious problems and for many in the industry, their entitlements are already far too low.

The IFA argues that, as it stands, the reform combined with the government's Climate Action Bill, could shut down commercial farming in Ireland and that a cohort of farmers are being hit with huge cuts under the proposals.

While the main focus is on external convergence of decoupled direct payments, which aligns all payments between member states, internal convergence is designed to even out all payments between farmers within the same member state. This means that all farms, regardless of size or historical entitlements, receive the same basic payment entitlements per hectare.

While many member States have already completed internal convergence, Ireland has opted instead for partial redistribution. So far, it has redistributed €93 million from farmers with payment entitlement values above the national average to those below the national average, bringing each farmer's per-hectare payment up to at least 60% of the national average.

But this does not go far enough, according to the European Parliament, which is pushing for 100% mandatory internal convergence in the ongoing CAP reform negotiations. Ministers, on the other hand, argue for a minimum rate of 85% by 2026. But this is proving to be a bone of contention in some member states, most notably Ireland.

Minister McConalogue has said: "The key objective from my point of view and from Ireland's point of view is to ensure that farmers' incomes are central to how the next seven years evolved, and indeed that we see farmers' incomes enhanced, so that where farmers will be asked to do more they're also paid more and there are income streams to match that."

IFA defends its policy

Meanwhile the IFA has moved to clarify its po-

sition on CAP. A statement said their policy on the issue followed extensive discussions and engagement with members, including a full round of regional meetings in January.

"It was discussed and approved by the elected members of the National Council, which is the Association's ruling body, on May 4th.

The statement said: "IFA will use all reasonable means to defend the reputation of our Association, officers and staff, and their families, from any inaccurate, personalised or derogatory comments. Such commentary has no place in IFA. IFA is a democratic organisation with established structures. We welcome robust policy debate.

Any member who wishes to make a policy proposal within IFA can do so through their county executive or through a National Committee.

The real problem with CAP reform is that the EU expects farmers to do more for less money, in real terms. EU policy makers have tried to distract from this by a host of proposals to redistribute money and divide farmers.

IFA's focus remains on securing the best possible outcome for farmers. We want the Government to honour its commitment to provide investment of €1.5bn for farmers from the carbon tax. This must be targeted at the low-income sectors," the statement concluded.

While much of the nuts and bolts of the new CAP programme is already done, the Parliament and the EU Council are still trying to hash out their differences in a bid to seal the final reform deal.

Focus on convergence

Convergence is the process to redistribute and flatten the value of Common Agricultural Policy payment entitlements

While there is a large focus on external convergence of decoupled direct payments, which aligns all payments between member states, much less attention has been devoted to the issue of internal convergence.

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Pointing out that Ireland's family farming model means the average farm size is under 40 hectares, an IFA spokesperson the association fears "cutting payments to farmers with a high per-hectare payment, but with a low number of hectares, would see them disproportionately hit.

IFA president Tim Cullinan also highlighted concerns over the proposal for mandatory internal convergence.

Refuting the idea that the association opposed a move toward full convergence because it would mean large farms would not get a bigger slice of the cake, Cullinan said that if we keep redistributing this money, more farms will become unviable.

In recent months as the CAP deadline for a new deal loomed closer there have been disagreements between EU lawmakers on a technical detail concerning the greening of direct payments to farmers paved the way for a breakdown in the inter-institutional negotiations on the reform of the EU's Common Agricultural Policy.

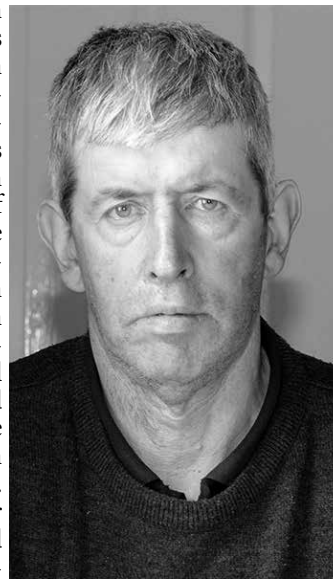
However, Luke Ming Flanagan MEP rejects the claim that full convergence will make farms unviable.

"It's an issue in Ireland because those on higher-than-average payments obviously don't want to see a reduction in what they've become accustomed to," he says.

"The reality is that over 72,000 farmers would gain from convergence, while the other 49,000

Death of Jim Diver

The death on Monday at his home of Jim Diver Gortnaskeagh, Kilmacrennan has been met with a deep sense of sadness in the local community. Aged 68 Jim was well known and highly respected and will be sadly missed by all who came to know him over the years. In his younger years he worked in the construction sector with



Termon builder the late Charlie O'Donnell and also with his brother Wallace. In more recent years Jim enjoyed availing of the St. Conal's Day Centre service where he made many friends and the support of the staff there was something that he always spoke of with great fondness. Like so many others that service closed due to Covid and it was something that Jim certainly missed going twice a week.

Funeral is from his late residence at Gortnaskeagh on this Thursday for 2pm Service in the Church of Saint Finian and Saint Mark, Kilmacrennan followed by interment in the adjoining cemetery. In accordance with ongoing HSE and Government guidelines, the wake, funeral and interment are private to family only with a maximum of 50 people permitted.

He was predeceased by parents David and Annie and brother Sydney (England). Jim is survived by brothers Lexie (Kilmacrennan), Wallace (Kilmacrennan), Percy (Ramelton), sisters Esther (Norwich) and Rebecca (Derry); extended family members, good neighbours and many friends. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

The late Kathleen McGinley

There was sadness in the Creeslough area and surrounds this week on learning of the death of Kathleen McGinley, late of Killoughcarron. She passed away in Letterkenny University Hospital on Monday.

She was laid to rest in Doe cemetery following Requiem Mass in St Michael's Church, Creeslough on Wednesday morning.

The number of friends and neighbours that lined the roadway as a mark of respect as her cortege passed on her final journey was a testament to the high regard she held in her community. She will be remembered for her friendly manner and

warm personality. She is survived by her brother Neil and sister Mary, wider family circle and many friends.

Funeral of Nora Cannon

The funeral took place on Monday in Letterkenny of Nora Cannon, Beechwood Avenue. Nora was formerly a member of the Nash family and a native of Mollyneill, Kenmare Co. Kerry. After secondary school Nora went to England to train for the nursing profession. She came back to Ireland and went to work in Galway for a period where she met her future husband Willie Cannon. They moved to Donegal and settled in Letterkenny. In later years Nora worked as a Home Help, a job she embraced wholeheartedly and went over and above the call of duty. She was kind hearted and a woman of deep faith. A proud Kerry woman Nora was a big supporter of the County GAA team which led to some interesting banter in the Cannon home when Donegal was the opposition!



Nora passed away at the Donegal Hospice on Friday. She was predeceased by her parents and brother Jerry (Wicklow). Nora is survived by her husband William (Willie); sons Declan (New Jersey), Jerry (Rowan Park Letterkenny), Liam (Glenleary Ramelton) and daughter Marie (Kilmacrennan); her seven grandchildren Keelin, Conor, Ailbhe, Eimear, Adam, Eyrn and Mia; sisters Mary Cannon, Bridie Murphy, Gretta Lee (Galway) and Agnes Hegarty (Kerry), brother Myles Nash (Kerry); daughters-in-law Annette, Tracy and Brenda, in-laws, relatives and friends.

Nora's remains reposed at the family home in Beechwood Avenue. Funeral was from there on Monday morning to St. Eunan's Cathedral for Requiem Mass which was celebrated by Fr. Damian Nejad C.C. Readings in Irish and English were by her grandchildren Conor and Adam. Prayers of the Faithful in Irish and English were read by grandchildren Eryn, Mia, Ailbhe and Eimear. Music was under the direction of Jonathan Durning and soloist was Carmel O'Reilly. Interment took place afterwards in Conwal Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

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would have to adapt to the new reality of equality," he said, pointing out that the farms that are struggling the most are those on the lowest entitlements who "cannot compete with neighbours that are in some cases paid four times more per hectare," he claims.

Flanagan added that the argument that those on higher entitlements are more productive does not stand up to scrutiny either, pointing to figures from Ireland's department of agriculture which show that those on some of the lowest entitlements actually have some of the highest stocking rates.

"Those on larger entitlements have had an unfair advantage for too long and there should be "100% convergence with no strings attached, he

argues". Colm O'Donnell, the President of the INHFA says that a full flattening of Pillar 1 payments would see all farmers paid a national average by 2026 of €265/ha which includes the proposed eco-scheme. This will be delivered through the convergence of payments over the lifetime of the CAP Programme.

A similar issue that is up for agreement is payment redistribution and front-loaded payments. The purpose of this is to further realign payments apart from convergence. A set proportion of the CAP direct payment envelope will be ring-fenced and redistributed towards farmers with lower payments through the Complementary Redistributive Income Support Scheme.

Milford

Milford & Tully Graveyard Services

Due to Government Restrictions and direction from Bishop Alan McGuckian to all parishes, Fr. Stephen Gorman has informed parishioners that he will not be in a position to celebrate Graveyard Masses in the Parish Graveyards this year. Fr. Stephen will lead an Online Prayer Service via the Church Webcam for Milford and Tully Cemeteries on Sunday 25th July at 3pm.

Fr Stephen will then bless all graves in both graveyards in the days after.

You are asked not to gather in the Church for this service but to watch from the webcam via

the following link www.churchservices.tv/milford.

Hi-da-way Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society will host their next outing in Ballybofoe and Stranorlar Golf Club on Saturday 26th June at 12.00noon. The fee is €25 per person and the following are the tee times: 1. 11:40 Eamonn McCafferty, Patrick McBride, Stephen Boucher, Conor Meakin; 2. 11:50 Martin O'Reilly, Panjo Crerand, Aidan McCafferty, Fergal Casey; 3. 12:00 Gary Sheehan, Oisín Friel, Benjo, Kyle Black; 4. 12:10 Paddy McNulty, Jimmy Chawke, Noel Gillespie, Joey Cullen; 5. 12:20 Joe McCafferty, Peter O'Donnell, Brian Forrest, Damian O'Donnell; 6. 12:30 Capt. Sean McCafferty, Mick Bowe, Paul Murphy, Dean Shields; 7. 12:40 Michael Shields Snr, John McGettigan, David Bonner, Christy McCafferty; 8. 12:50 Denis McBride, Kenny Graham, Paddy McCafferty, Michael Shields Jr; 9. 13:00 Michael O'Hara, Peter Doherty, Cian McGettigan, Dylan Dorrian.

For further information contact Eugene on 087 7704149. The 2021 Cap-

tain is Sean McCafferty's Derry membership is for the year is €20.

50/50 Draw

The next Milford United 50/50 draw will take place on Saturday 3rd July with a minimum jackpot of €1000 to be won. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5. The ticket office will be open at the old AIB on Main Street, Milford on Saturday 3rd July from 10.00am.- 6.00pm. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Mass Times

Mass times at St. Peter's Church, Milford are as follows: Thursday 24th June at 10am; Friday 25th June at 7.30pm; Saturday 16th June Mass at 7.30pm; Sunday 27th June Mass at 11.00am. Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 26th June at 6.00pm. Masses and Services can be viewed on Parish Webcam mrparishes.ie or on churchservices.tv.

Confirmations in the Parish

Confirmations in the Parish will take place on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd July. Due to Government Restrictions the Ceremonies this year are as follows: St Peter's Church, Milford: Scoil Mhuire, Milford: Thursday 1st July at 5pm and 6:30pm and Friday 2nd July at 5pm. Scoil Cholmcille, Drumman: Friday 2nd July at 6:30pm Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel: Scoil Cholmcille, Kerrykeel: Friday 2nd July at 5pm and 6:30pm.

First Holy Communions

First Holy Communions in the Parish will take place on Saturday 18th and Saturday 25th September. Due to Government Restrictions the Ceremonies this year are as follows:

St Peter's Church, Milford: Scoil Cholmcille, Drumman: Saturday 18th September at 1pm Scoil Mhuire, Milford: Saturday 25th September at 11am and 1pm. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel Scoil Cholmcille, Kerrykeel: Saturday 18th September at 11am.

Drive In Bingo

The Milford GAA Drive-In Bingo continues on Sunday 27th

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Children from Milford Community Playgroup pictured before they took part in the Barnardos Big Toddle 2021 where they walked to Moyle View Park led by members of the Milford Garda Station. The Group would like to thank Garda Mark for his assistance and Milford Park Development for the use of their facilities.

Letters to Editor

Acht na Gaeilge will not damage DUP!

Edwin Poots has gone. The DUP leader suffered a first round knock-out after being floored by an Acht na Gaeilge haymaker. It could hardly have been more paradoxical. Edwin had long built a reputation for opposing all things relating to Irish language and culture. His leadership was brought down, however, because he was willing to conduct business in Stormont while allowing the British government enact a modest piece of legislation promoting Irish.

The DUP backwoods men and women have been in a state of apoplexy for a number of months now as result of the Northern Ireland Protocol. A bogeyman which the reactionary-in-chief, Jim Alistair said, has resulted in partitioning the United Kingdom. And as we all know, ultra unionists hate partition especially when their own MPs helped bring it about.

Making matters even worse was when Sinn Fein, in order to preserve the stability of the Six County political entity, attempted to rescue Edwin Poots. Fearing that Edwin couldn't persuade his party col-

leagues to support the New Decade, New Approach programme (which included an Irish Language Act), Sinn Fein overcame its abstentionist qualms and sought help from the British government.

The Brits recognised Sinn Féin's dilemma and Bojo agreed to push an Acht na Gaeilge through the House of Commons. The DUP was incandescent with rage. Not that the legislation would have disadvantaged them in any way. In fact, its implementation would hardly have been noticed apart from those enthusiastic about the language. What infuriates the DUP is the granting of even a modest measure of equal recognition to neighbours who don't subscribe to their own version of 19th-century jingoistic British imperialism.

Not that Edwin doesn't share the same reactionary imperialist views but he dropped the ball and had to go. Let's now see whether Wee Jeff can do better. Go n-eirigh an t-adh leis, as we don't say in the DUP.

Cllr. Michael Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig

Where now, Brexit Britain?

Politics of late on this Island is changing as quickly as someone swimwear who's forgotten their towel at the forty-foot in Dun Laoghaire. It's difficult to write about the going-ons without it being overtaken by another news worthy storyline. First we had 'c'mon Arlene' then we had Dootsie Toots' and now we have a 'Jeffery' one of a threesome, having shafted the other without blinking an eyelid.

This is the fifth and quite possibly the last leader of the DUP' which is threatening to follow the tyrannosaur rex into extinction. To add further woe to the new DUP leader is the fact that Leo Varadkar is on a mission to out republican the republicans which is fair enough except that he has spent a considerable amount of his energy and time trying to outdo the Taoiseach.

In the changing times that are in it, we have another surreal culmination of events taking place across the water in "Bori land" where schools have been in-

structed to get pupils to chant "One Britain, One Nation Day" while holding aloft their little union jacks. A lot of people are guessing that Boris is not the full tomato. Today's Britain boasts a wonderful array of cultures. It is our multicultural identity that makes Britain so unique. Be honest, Tommy Tiernan would have an audience in stitches never mind wetting their dungarees with this tirade of medicine. Someone needs to tell the Brits a few home truths because the Scots want to depart the sinking ship as soon as possible. The northern counties of Ireland want to unite with the other twenty-six which is thirty-two! The Spanish want Gibraltar back as does Argentina want the Malvinas back and an Bhreatain Bheag is ruffling their nationalistic feathers as well.

So all does not bode well for a Brexit Britain that thought they were irreplaceable on the world stage.

James Woods, Gortahork.

Browne extends jockey league lead



Dylan McMonagle and Prime Chief after the win at Down Royal.

Dylan Brown McMonagle extended his advantage in the Apprentice Jockey Championship league with three wins over the past week. The Letterkenny man did a double at Ballinrobe on Monday while he also had a second and two third place finishes. The victories in a 16/1 double came on Fearless Girl and Merrior for respective trainers John Murphy and Joseph O'Brien. On Saturday Brown-McMonagle made a clever switch to the right under a furlong out to deliver a challenge on the Jarlath Fahey-trained Prime Chief


that led to a three-quarter length victory in the Mount Charles Handicap at Down Royal. That now makes it 22 wins for Dylan in the Apprentice Jockey Championship.

Meanwhile, Rathmullan man Oisín Orr was also a winner at Ballinrobe on the Dermot Weld trained 4/7 shot Umneyaat. Fellow Rathmullan man Luke McAteer demonstrated further the strength of Donegal jockeys on the national stage and flourishing on the Irish Flat scene when helping local trainer James Barrett bag the second split of the


Appeal on IRA Volunteers

I am hoping that you will be able to assist me in seeking information on I.R.A. Volunteers from the War of Independence and the Civil War: Owen Duffy - who I believe died in 1921 during the War of Independence and Dan McConalogue that may have died in 1923 in the Civil War. In order to fill in some gaps, I would like to speak to any family member of Owen and Dan's family or an historian that may be able to provide me with further details or even Images of the two men. I would be very grateful if you could have them contact me on 074 9130451 or on karrenbrian@yahoo.co.uk


Thank you, Brian Anderson



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Kathleen keeping an eye on health with new venture



Herbalist Kathleen Langan at work in her clinic in Creeslough.

An interest in health and wellbeing has led one Creeslough resident on a path to being a qualified herbalist and she has recently opened a new practice.

By Eamonn McFadden

Kathleen Langan, who lives in Cashelmore with husband Patrick and her family, has spent the last four years at the Irish School of Herbal Medicine in Portlaoise where she studied herbal medicine and Iridology, which is the study of the iris to help determine information about a person's health.

Kathleen, who is originally from Falcarragh and works as an administrator with the HSE, says she has always had an interest in alternative and complementary medicine and treatments and examined various types before settling on her study of herbal medicine and iridology.

She has now completed her studies and recently set up a new private clinic at her home offering treatments for a range of health conditions. She said she has seen some of her clients get great benefits of this integrated holistic approach to health, which also includes exploring a person's diet and lifestyle.

She explained: "I have always been interested in health and alternative medicine and in the last couple of years I thought I'd like to do more with it and maybe do something part-time. I wasn't sure what area I wanted to study, as I was also interested in reflexology and massage therapy, but once I checked out herbal medicine I thought more and more about it and then decided I'd go for it."

"I trained with the Irish School of Herbal Medicine in Portlaoise and that was the start of a four year part time course. There was a lot of hard work in it and it was very challenging as there were over 600 clinical hours involved as well as all the exams and assessments. It was a

lot of travel to Portlaoise for weekend events, and some of it was in Maynooth as well, but I have it all completed now and am very excited about starting up my own practice as well". She now operates the business from her own clinic that is attached to her home and has a range of products and treatments she uses for a variety of conditions.

She says one of the biggest issues she has observed from those seeking herbal remedies is for common issues such as fatigue.

She added: "My qualifications is as a Master Medical Herbalist and it is all about healing the body through cleansing and nourishing the body. Everyone is dealt with on an individual basis, as everyone is different, and we take everyone's physical, mental and emotional health into consideration and it is very holistic in that sense. We also studied iridology as well, which is the study of the eye and the iris. This involves taking a close-up picture of a person's eye and that can help support me as a health assessment tool. This can help point out key areas of the body that need support. It is fascinating and it works well in conjunction with herbal medicine and nutrition is a big factor in all of this as well. Once you assess a person, their lifestyle, diet, emotional things such as stress etc. You take everything into totality and then come up with a suitable herbal remedy for them and suggest dietary advice and lifestyle changes".

Kathleen said much of the ill we face today are rooted in the hectic modern lifestyles we face when people are busy, stressed and this is felt in the body, particularly if the body is not being properly nourished.

She can be contacted through her instagram page where she is /katleenlanagnherbalist or 086 4493743.

Memorial Motorcycle Run in memory of the late Liam Mulraney

A Memorial Motorcycle Run will take place this Saturday 26th June in memory of the late Liam Mulraney, Glencar Scotch, Letterkenny and formerly of Drimnagh, Dublin. Liam sadly passed away through illness on 24th June last year and in his memory the his wife Kara along with a few of his friends and biking associates have come together to host the event in his memory and raise money for the Donegal Hospice. Fundraising has been ongoing through sponsorship cards and donations.



The run on Saturday will begin on Saturday meeting at Tobin's (Circle K) Letterkenny, leaving at 1pm sharp, via Ramelton, Rathmullan around Fanad peninsula, via Milford, Carrigart (Fuel Stop), Downings and Atlantic Drive and onto the Olde

Glen Bar (Light refreshments) via Creeslough, Termon, Kilmacrennan and Letterkenny finishing at Letterkenny Hospice for a presentation of proceeds. Donations still welcome in various outlets and sponsorship or Revolut Kara on Username for revolut is @karajsylp on 0877961136.

Healthy Living with Sinead

Show your bones some love

The skeleton in the cupboard Not many people think about nourishing their skeleton. There is almost a belief that once your bones are formed, they are there for good - until they start to break down.

Hello, joint problems like arthritis or osteoporosis. Yet the bones, like every other part of the body, are continually being rebuilt. Fortunately, many nutrition and lifestyle habits can help you build strong bones and keep them healthy as you age

About bones

Bone is a living tissue that is constantly changing and renewing itself. There are two different types of cells in your body that carry out this process: osteoclasts and osteoblasts. Osteoclasts break down old bone, creating cavities. Osteoblasts build new bone, filling the cavities. During childhood and adolescence, there is an emphasis on building new bones, increasing their density and strength. By the time you get to your mid to late twenties, you will have reached your maximum bone strength, which is called peak bone mass. Then, after the age of 40, the ageing process leads to an increase in the breaking down of bone. This means you start to lose bone density and strength, making bones more susceptible to fractures.

Osteoporosis

A fear- or worse still, a diagnosis - of osteoporosis makes many women think seriously about the health of their bones. The ageing process is the silent thief that robs up to 25% of your skeleton by the time you reach 50. Particularly prevalent in women after menopause due to falling levels of both oestrogen and progesterone, getting older increases the risk of bone fractures. Osteoporosis is also more common in women because they tend to have smaller, less dense bones than men. However, it's not just a female phenomenon. Osteoporosis is still common in men, affecting one in five, often secondary to another health problem, thanks to decreased testosterone.

Are you at risk?

There is a genetic component to osteoporosis, so a family history does increase your risk. However, there are a number of other lifestyle factors that also have an impact. Which of these apply to you? Are you at risk?

Previous fragility fracture (breaking a bone following a mi-

nor incident).

History of maternal hip fracture.

Thin or small bone frame
Low levels of sex hormones - lack of oestrogen/progesterone in women, and testosterone in men.

Low Body Mass Index (BMI).

Conditions that affect the absorption of food like Crohn's or coeliac disease. Conditions like rheumatoid arthritis, hyperthyroidism and parathyroid disease.

Use of some pharmaceutical drugs like long-term or high-dose use of steroids, antiepileptic drugs or anti-acids.

Excessive alcohol consumption.

Low stomach acid or frequent indigestion.

Smoking.

A diet low in calcium.

Low levels of vitamin D.

Lack of weight-bearing exercise (bodyweight exercise/ weights).

More than just calcium!

People often think what's needed to protect bones is to crack open the calcium supplements but it's a lot more complex than that. Although calcium is the most prevalent mineral in bone, osteoporosis is much more than a lack of dietary calcium. Magnesium - used in so many processes in the body - is now considered key in the prevention and reversal of osteoporosis. Even mild magnesium deficiency is thought to be a risk factor in the development of the condition. More than just calcium While bones use phosphorus as building



Vitamin K2

The two most common forms of vitamin K2 are MK-4 and MK-7. MK-4 exists in small amounts in liver, eggs and meat. Fermented foods like cheese, sauerkraut and a soybean product called natto contain MK-7.

Vitamin C & Collagen

The best food source of collagen is bone broth. Vitamin C also helps to support the production of collagen, and you'll find vitamin C in all kinds of fruit and veg, including broccoli, cauliflower, kale, red pepper, kiwi, strawberries and citrus fruit like oranges.

Magnesium, Zinc & Phosphorus

Foods rich in magnesium are dark chocolate, avocados, almonds, legumes, tofu, seeds, wholegrains and leafy greens. Good sources of zinc include beef, prawns, spinach, flaxseeds, oysters and pumpkin seeds. Foods rich in phosphorus include pork, cod, salmon and tuna.

Healthy Weight = Happy Bones

Apart from making you feel hungry and miserable and wrecking your metabolism, low-calorie diets are bad news for your bones. Studies show that diets providing fewer than 1,000 calories per day can lead to lower bone density in normal weight or overweight people

Being underweight - especially in perimenopause and beyond - contributes to reduced bone density and bone loss. Low body mass index is an important risk factor for low bone mass and increased bone loss in early postmenopausal women

The same is true at the other end of the scale. Research suggests that being obese can impair bone quality and increase the risk of fractures due to the stress of excess weight - so finding your healthy weight keeps your bones happy, too

Stress and your bones

There are all kinds of ways in which stress robs you of your health. Since we're talking about bones here, it's worth knowing that an increase in the stress hormone cortisol impairs calcium absorption, which leads to leaching of important minerals and may result in a range of mineral deficiencies.

Exercise to strengthen your bones

We know that people who lead a more physically active life tend to have a higher bone mineral density - and, consequently, stronger bones - than those who are more sedentary. If you know you don't move enough, now is a great time to start. The best exercise for building stronger bones is weight-bearing exercise. That means the kind of exercise where you are supporting the weight of your body, like dancing, walking, lifting weights or using resistance bands, rope skipping, climbing stairs, playing tennis, kettlebells, hiking and even gardening. Exercise also strengthens muscles, improving balance and thereby reducing the risk of falls.

According to the Royal Osteoporosis Society, you should be doing 50 minutes of moderate weight-bearing exercise on most days. To ensure you feel motivated to exercise regularly, choose an activity you actually enjoy. Start slowly and build up gradually, and if you have any concerns about starting to exercise, please speak to your GP. Remember, exercise is not just good for bones and muscles, it benefits your general health too.

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Funding for Kilmacrennan Abbey

The Old Abbey in Kilmacrennan (*right*) is among one of five archaeological monuments in Donegal are set to benefit from over €188,000 in funding under the Community Monuments Fund. It is to receive €76,539 out of €4.2million given to 139 projects nationally.

"All of the archaeological monuments funded under this scheme are protected under the National Monuments Acts" explained Joseph Gallagher, County Heritage Officer. "Most of the 3,400 known archaeological sites in Donegal are in private ownership or guardianship so this scheme offers an ideal opportunity to landowners, community groups or local authorities to undertake conservation works to monuments, encourage greater access to them, improve their presentation or build resilience in monuments to enable them to withstand the effects of climate change. There has been tremendous interest in the scheme from owners, guardians and local community groups which is a testament to the strength of the heritage sector in Donegal and the importance of our archaeological heritage to society, tourism and local economies. Eleven private and public applications were submitted to the Council for consideration under the Community Monuments Fund. Under the assessment criteria, six projects were submitted by the Council to the National Monuments Service for consideration. Five of the applications submitted by



the Council to be assessed at a national level have been awarded 100% funding."

This year, the Community Monuments Fund

awarded €4.2 million to 139 projects across Ireland. "The aims of the Community Monuments Fund are to facilitate the conservation, maintenance, protection and presentation of archaeological monuments and historic sites by private owners, custodians, community groups or local authorities" said Collette Beattie, Conservation Officer. "Funding has been allocated to Donegal Co Council in partnership with Kilmacrennan Abbey Preservation Society (€76,539) for conservation works to Kilmacrennan Church and to Killybegs History & Heritage Committee (€50,000) for the conservation of St. Catherine's Church, Killybegs. Both of these sites are in the guardianship of the Council. Funding was also awarded to Malin Head Community Association (€19,311) to undertake detailed engineering and conservation proposals to stabilise and conserve Malin Well Church and to Donegal GAP Heritage & History CLG (€22,235) for the preparation of a detailed method statement to inform conservation works to Doon Fort. Both of these sites are participants in The Heritage Council's Adopt a Monument Scheme. Funding was also awarded to O'Doherty's Keep Development Group (€20,602) for the appointment of an integrated professional team to facilitate public access to O'Doherty's Keep in Buncrana." All the capital works and reports must be carried out by mid-October. If you would like to find out from the Heritage Office by e-mail at heritage@donegalcoco.ie or on (074) 917 2576.

Summer Cup Memories book



Johnny Joe McCollum putting the final touches to his new Summer Cup Memories book with a visit to one of the stars of that era Fr. Willie McMenamin in Raphoe on Saturday. Johnny Joe, who was accompanied by Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh, hopes to hold a book launch night in the late summer subject to Covid restrictions being eased.

The famous Donegal Summer Cups are set to feature in a new book by well known Letterkenny man Johnny Joe McCollum. Memorabilia in the form

of photos and stories from the big games in Moville, Buncrana, Ramelton, Rathmullan and Milford will feature in the publication which will be launched

later in the year. "I would just like to thank everyone who has helped me with the book. People have sent me lots of photos of the

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old teams and there will be 16 stories to go with them. Danny Cullen down in Ramelton came up with team pictures for me which I'm very grateful for. It's been really interesting talking to people about their memories of those games. We were out with Fr. Wil-

lie McMenamin on Saturday. He played for Rathmullan and won an FAI Junior Cup medal with Swilly Rovers in 1962" said Johnny who is a member of the Letterkenny Community Heritage Group. He was joined on the trip to visit Fr. Willie in Raphoe by fellow Heritage Group member Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh and Frank Gallagher. They got to see the Rathmullan native's amateur international cap which he won in 1962 but didn't receive until 40 years later in 2002 when Swilly Rovers held a 40th anniversary celebration of the FAI Junior Cup success in the Silver Tassie. Frank O'Donnell like Fr Willie is a native of Rathmullan and he got a chance to show off the commemorative jersey presented to the Swilly Rovers team a month after they won the Junior Cup in 1962. Summer Cups in the 1950s, 60s and 70s attracted some of the top senior footballers north and south of the border along with stars from

cross-channel. Some played under assumed names while others didn't bother hiding their identity. Pat Crend, the former Celtic and Man Utd star, played in the Summer Cups. He has big family ties in Gweedore. John McCole of Leeds Utd fame also featured while familiar local names during the summer break from senior football were Jim Sheridan and Brendan Bradley and a host of big names from north of the border. The material has now been gathered so it's now time for Johnny Joe McCollum and his team to put the Summer Cup Memories book together. "The Summer Cups usually finished in August so it would be nice to have it ready then but we will see in terms of when it will be best to hold a launch depending on the Covid situation. There were some great teams and footballers in the Summer Cups and it's great to be able to remember them now in the book" Mr McCollum concluded.



A Swilly Rovers side who played in a Summer Cup at Celtic Park, Derry in 1962



A Rathmullan Celtic Summer Cup team. Back row from left - J Logue, Harry Blaney, Ian McGarvey, E Sweeney, Danny McNulty, Sean McNelis, Fr. Willie McMenamin, Patsy Sheridan. Front from left - Eunan Blake, John Sheridan, Jim Kennedy, Liam Blake and Teddy Blaney

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1. Which Danish fairy-tale writer wrote the Ugly Duckling?
Answer:- _____
2. Where in the human body can the cornea be found?
Answer:- _____
3. Which English actor won an Oscar for his portrayal of a butler in the film Arthur?
Answer:- _____
4. As the saying goes, if March comes in like a lamb, it goes out like a what?
Answer:- _____
5. For which instrument is musician Dizzy Gillespie chiefly associated with?
Answer:- _____
6. Biblical city mentioned in writing a thesis (4)?
Answer:- _____
7. Detective having no time to spare (4)?
Answer:- _____
8. What was the name of the ship that blocked the Suez Canal earlier this year?
Answer:- _____
9. A blacksmith is shoeing a miser's horse. The blacksmith charges ten euros for his work. The miser refuses to pay. "Very well", says the blacksmith, "there are eight nails in each horse shoe. The horse has four shoes. There are 32 nails in all. I will ask you to pay one cent for the first nail, two cents for the next nail, four cents for the next nail, eight cents for the next nail, sixteen cents for the next, etc. until the 32nd nail". The miser agrees. How much did the miser eventually have to pay?
Answer:- _____
10. What date this year were clocks put forward one hour?
Answer:- _____
11. What company has a museum dedicated to its wares in Almhult in Sweden?
Answer:- _____
12. What is the name of President Higgins's new dog?
Answer:- _____
13. What is the name of the reindeer in the Frozen films?
Answer:- _____
14. The opposite of south, southwest?
Answer:- _____
15. Who was writer James Joyce married to?
Answer:- _____
16. What do you call the Apple voice-activated personal assistant?
Answer:- _____
17. Who was Inspector Morse's sidekick in the John Thaw version of Inspector Morse?
Answer:- _____
18. Who was leader of the British Labour party immediately prior to Tony Blair?
Answer:- _____
19. Actors Alec Baldwin, Johnny Depp and Brendan Gleeson have all played which real life character?
Answer:- _____
20. Finished files are the result of years of scientific study combined with the experience of years. How many Fs in this sentence?
Answer:- _____
21. Who played Patsy Stone in film Absolutely Fabulous?
Answer:- _____
22. How did Cleopatra die?
Answer:- _____
23. Who famously developed the Theory of Relativity?
Answer:- _____
24. "I am thankful to all those who said NO to me, it's because of them, I did it myself"?
Answer:- _____
25. What is the maximum number of characters you can send in a tweet?
Answer:- _____
26. Who recorded the shortest time to reach one million followers on Instagram with her debut post: 'And now we're Instagram FRIENDS too'?
Answer:- _____
27. Name the fictional city Batman calls home?
Answer:- _____

28. What are the names of Marge & Homer Simpson's three children?
Answer:- _____
29. How many Taoisigh has there been in this century?
Answer:- _____
30. In what city is the European Parliament located?
Answer:- _____
31. Which chess piece cannot move in a straight line?
Answer:- _____
32. Who famously said "You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words"?
Answer:- _____
33. Where is Silky Whiskey distilled?
Answer:- _____
34. Dingbat: Base?
Answer:- _____
35. 13 in a BD?
Answer:- _____
36. Name the worldwide successful band that was once rejected by Decca Recordings who said "We don't like their sound - they have no future in show business"?
Answer:- _____
37. Which of these words is least like the others; bolted, rushed, dashed, marched?
Answer:- _____
38. In Australian slang, what is a dunny?
Answer:- _____
39. What is 3/7 chicken, 2/3 cat and 1/2 goat?
Answer:- _____
40. What word refers to land that is suitable for growing crops?
Answer:- _____
41. The number of hours left today is half the number of hours already passed. What time is it?
Answer:- _____
42. What type of television series was originally sponsored by washing powder manufacturers?
Answer:- _____
43. What is 'yes' in German?
Answer:- _____
44. What mineral is used produce a spark in guns?
Answer:- _____
45. From which garden was Adam and Eve expelled by God?
Answer:- _____
46. The Goidelic group of languages are made up of three languages, Irish, Scottish Gaelic and which other language?
Answer:- _____
47. Which priest is commemorated by a prominent statue on Cork's St Patrick's Street?
Answer:- _____
48. Which one of these horse races is not one of the classics; Derby, Oaks, St Leger & Eclipse?
Answer:- _____
49. Name the magazine published by the Christian Brothers?
Answer:- _____
50. Which animals are traditionally fought by matadors?
Answer:- _____

Answers to Quiz No. 63 - 1. Foxtrot & Tango; 2. 6.01pm; 3. Thank God; 4. By God; 5. The Oscars; 6. The Supremes; 7. Young Men's Christian Association; 8. Drum; 9. Bark; 10. Charlie Chaplain; 11. Red Sea; 12. William Basie; 13. Plateau; 14. Perseverance; 15. Heroine; 16. Plays; 17. Attaché; 18. Jerusalem feat; 19. Tip; 20. Spivs; 21. Donal Kelly; 22. Firm; 23. Phil Lynott; 24. Cheltenham Racing Festival; 25. Bart Simpson; 26. Vegan; 27. The Israelites; 28. Sean Connery; 29. Spider; 30. 78; 31. Eddie Murphy; 32. Boules; 33. May; 34. 22; 35. Cutting the Corn in Creeslough; 36. California; 37. Sean T O'Kelly; 38. Charity; 39. Specsavers; 40. The Tablet; 41. Johnny Depp; 42. A is D's uncle; 43. Flower Girls; 44. Dr Emer Cooke; 45. Michael Healy Rae; 46. John Gilligan; 47. Germany; 48. China; 49. True; 50. Calamity Jane. Congratulations to who Margaret McDaid, Listillion, Letterkenny won Quiz no. 63.

Letter to Editor

Nasty bump on the Fanmore road

Dear Editor

On a recent trip to Kilmacrennan to pick up hay bales my usual route is via the Errigal back road. On my return I went on the N56 by Creeslough and Dunfanaghy. As I got between Dunfanaghy and Falcarragh around 10.30pm I had a very nasty shock. My car and trailer hit this almighty ramp on the road sending three of my half bales overboard out of the trailer landing on the road side. A following motorist stopped to assist and he informed me I was in Fanmore and this ramp appeared recently on this road. Having travelled back the following day to check it out, its beyond belief the height of this ramp on the road. County Councillors must be aware of the dangers this can cause, there a big accident waiting to happen here. Wake up Councillors, to me your asleep at the wheel.

Yours truly, Joe McLoone.

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Donegal finalists shine bright for Miss Ireland 2021

A dreamy enchanted castle, an optimistic rainbow of colours, an ambitious philanthropic goal and excited smiles marked the announcement of the final line-up for Miss Ireland 2021.

Donegal is well represented this year with three contenders for the coveted Miss Ireland crown. Miss Donegal North is Layla Doherty, 19 years old from Ballyliffin in Inishowen. Layla is currently studying pharmaceutical and medicinal science in LYIT and hopes to become a paediatrician. Miss Donegal Town is Nicole Harron, 26 years of age and from Donegal Town. Nicole graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business and completed her honours Degree in Human Resource Management. Currently working in finance. Miss Donegal is Kirsty O'Donnell, 19 years of age and studying General Nursing in Letterkenny Institute of Technology.

Established in 1947, Miss Ireland has been the launch pad for many eminent, successful, and inspiring women in Ireland. In recent years the Miss Ireland Franchise has raised over €250,000 for various charities including Laura Lynn, Temple Street, Alzheimer's Ireland, Pieta House, The Cari Foundation and this year are proud to partner with Variety Ireland, an Irish charity helping sick, disadvantaged and children with special needs since 1951.

The 18th Century Killua Castle in County Westmeath is the stunning venue for Miss Ireland 2021. The privately owned castle dates back to 1740 and has been lovingly restored to its former glory. This year the final of Miss Ireland will be a spectacular outdoor show against the magical backdrop of this dreamy castle on September 5th 2021. Current Miss World Toni-Ann Singh has been invited to jet in from Jamaica for the sparkling highly choreographed show which will feature a dramatic light display and an eclectic mix of music and entertainment as the 30 finalists descend a magnificent outdoor stone staircase to the castle gardens.

"Rainbows remind us of possibilities, opportunities and hope which is why we chose this theme to announce our finalists this year" said Brendan Marc Scully, Director of Miss Ireland "We are delighted to be able to bring back Miss Ireland with a kaleidoscope of colour after such dark times. The live event in September will also be live streamed and all preparations are and will continue to be fully compliant with to Government COVID19 health and safety guidelines for entertainment production" The winner of Miss Ireland 2021 will receive a lucrative agency contract and a host of prizes including jewelry, gowns, a professional photo shoot, beauty and hair products and then go on to represent her country and take part in the 70th Miss World festival which will take place in the stunning Caribbean Island of Puerto Rico in December this year. Virtual heats have been running all over the country to find contestants from each county with beauty, poise and personality to take part in the forthcoming



Miss Donegal is Kirsty O'Donnell from Letterkenny.

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This week's winner was Kathy Bell, Keelogs, Churchill who found Shanagh in the Creeslough Tyres & Battery Advert on Page 2 and wins a €50 voucher for Whoriskey's of Ramelton.

Euro Basketball call for Killian

Letterkenny's Killian Gribben is one of five uncapped players selected for the Ireland U18 men's squad for the FIBA European Challenge 2021, which will take place in Levice, Slovakia from August 3rd-8th. Head coach Paul Kelleher has been impressed with Gribben who will be heading to the USA at the end

of August to start a basketball scholarship at the prestigious Choate Rosemary Hall Preparatory School in Connecticut, USA. He has played club basketball for Letterkenny Blaze and LYIT Donegal. The 17-year-old is currently completing his Leaving Certificate examinations at St Eunan's College. He has been a mem-

ber of the Ireland U18 basketball squad for the past two years but like so many sports it has been badly affected by the Covid lockdown. Killian had been due to go with the Irish squad to the European U18 Basketball Finals in Estonia last June. Those finals were deferred due to Covid and were initially rescheduled

for this month but have now been put back in a different format to August. Gribben, who is 6ft 10 inches, will travel to Connecticut in August to continue his basketball career alongside the academic studies. At the end of January Gribben and St Eunan's College were honoured by being named the 2020 Donegal Sports Star Secondary School Award winners. It came after the College's All-Ireland Basketball title triumph while also winning an Ulster Senior Soccer Final. Killian's mum Monica was coach of the basketball team. Eunan's were crowned All Ireland U19 B Boys Schools Cup champions after a 78-52 win over Waterpark College at the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght in January 2020. Killian was the top Eunan's scorer with 25 points in the national decider. Basketball is certainly in the Gribben family as Killian's dad Brian also played the game. Ireland Head Coach Paul Kelleher said: "In many ways this was the most difficult selection we've ever had to make. Not be-



ing on the floor very long, really getting to know all the players on a different level for a lot longer than usual, has made this really difficult. We've spent so many Sunday nights on zoom, interacting more than we've ever done before. I personally would have enjoyed and loved to have spent more basketball time with this group, but it just wasn't possible. Now we have our 12 selected players, we will practice as much as we can, continue to develop individually and collectively and see how it works out for us." In May FIBA cancelled all 2021 Youth European Championships, replacing them with the FIBA European Challenge 2021. Ireland's U18 men fixture schedule and competition format is still to be confirmed.

Letterkenny AC

Irish Junior Silver for Canning

Letterkenny AC's highly promising young athlete, Ryan Canning, had another very successful weekend. He ran in the 400m hurdles race in the Irish Life Health Junior Track and Field Championship on Saturday. The event took place at the Morton Stadium, Santry. His excellent time of 56.14 seconds gave him a highly creditable 2nd place. The winner was Alan Miley, St Laurence O'Toole AC, in 53.20 secs. For the third consecutive Friday evening, Patricia and Aidan McKenna ran in the Paul Murray 5K series in Co Tyrone. Both again had very strong runs and were to the fore in their respective categories. Like they had done last week, they improved their times. Aidan took six seconds off his time from the 2nd run and won the M50 category for the third consecutive week. His time was 18.31. Patricia ran sub 23 minutes and came home in 22.59, which was 22 seconds of an improvement. Patricia, as she had done in each of the previous 2 weeks, was second in the F50 category. Donna Evans, Monaghan, again won the F50 category. She recorded a very fast time of 19.14. The race winner,

as in the previous two races, was Strive Racing Club's Gavin Corey. He finished in 15.13. The final round of the Paul Murray 5k series will be Friday June 25th and both LAC runners are in a very strong position. Paul Lee had a good run in Sunday's East Down AC 'Jimmy's 10k' in Downpatrick. He featured strongly among the M50 runners by crossing the line in 45.37. Paul

was pleased with his performance and said conditions were very warm. The winner of the race was the ubiquitous Gavin Corey, in 31.56. Letterkenny Athletic Club's very popular annual event, the Hick-ey, Clarke and Langan Inter Firms 5k, will be held on Sunday July 11th, with a 9.30am start. Further details will be available in next week's LAC notes.



Ryan Canning on his way to winning the Silver Medal in the 400 metre hurdles (56.15) at the U20's Irish Life Junior Championships Day 1 held in Morton Stadium, Santry. Ryan also competed in the 400m sprint on Day 2 and finished 4th in his heat. Fantastic Weekend for Ryan.

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Kilmacrennan man Keane Ryan won the A4 race at the John Holian Cup in Mayo on Friday evening. Keane, a member of the Four Masters Club, spent most of the race up the road in a two man breakaway before sprinting to victory. The win gives Keane enough points for his upgrade to the A3 ranks.

Donegal 'Half' attracting big entry

With ten weeks to go to the 2021 Donegal Half Marathon, 150 people have registered for the event. The Donegal Half Marathon was first held in 2014. Because of Covid-19 restrictions, a virtual event replaced an actual event last year. As the gradual lifting of restrictions continues, the organising committee are looking forward to welcoming competitors back to race headquarters at the Aura Leisure Centre on the last Sunday in August. "Entries have been coming in at a steady rate, and with 150 signed up ten weeks out from the race, we are confident of attracting a big entry for this year's event," commented race director, Brendan

McDaid. "Thankfully, things are slowly getting back to normal. There are plans to stage a number of local races in the build-up to this year's Donegal Half Marathon and these will act as good preparation," the race director added. The 2021 Donegal Half Marathon has been fixed for Sunday, August 29th in Letterkenny, with a 9.20 am start. Once again, the main sponsors of the event will be the Kernan's Retail Group. Entry fee for this year's event is €30 and the cost of a relay team is €75. To enter click on the link below: www.njuko.net/dhm2021/select_competition

Cranford AC Notes

Great weekend for Oisín Kelly, Oisín travelled to Morton Stadium last Saturday to compete at the Irish Life National Junior & U23 Championship in the 800m, Oisín ran his heat in the morning and qualified for the final later in the day. He had a great race, staying with the leading group for 600m with a battle to the finish claiming a National Bronze and a new PB 1.54.05, Oisín has another year in this age group. Orla and Clodagh Neely travelled a bit closer to home to compete in the open throws event

at Antrim Forum. Orla improved on her performance last weekend and for her efforts was rewarded with a bronze in the Discus. Clodagh had a good throw in her javelin event, delighted to get back to competition as it's over a year since she took part in one, looking forward now to the Donegal and Ulster Championships next month. Thanks to all the coaches and parents for their continued support and to the Athletes who train and put in the hard work.



Orla and Clodagh Neely who competed in the open throws event in Antrim Forum last weekend.



Oisín Kelly who won a bronze medal at the National Junior Championships last weekend in Dublin.



Members of the Donegal Half Marathon Committee getting ready for this year's event which takes place on Sunday, August 29th. Included are Eunan Kelly, Brendan McDaid, Paddy Hannigan, Cathal Curran and Danny McDaid.

Ireland's fourth green field is fallow ground

Ireland's political landscape is changing rapidly and the fallout from the debris of the DUP implosion will see difficult days and months ahead in this decade of centenaries. The lyrics of Van Morrison are appropriate! "When you don't need an answer there'll be days like this. When you don't meet a chancer there'll be days like this. When all the parts of the puzzle start to look like they fit it. Then I must remember there'll be days like this."

In the midst of the political turmoil in the DUP, the wider landscape seems eerily uninterested with the FG leader's comments on a united Ireland and his ambition to open an office in the North. How close it might be to the political heartland is not yet clear. In what was one of the most dramatic weeks in politics since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement, the DUP Leader resigned after three weeks in office: the Fine Gael leader expressed the view that there may be a united Ireland in his lifetime... a day like no other in our time!

And of course, a new opinion poll showed Fine Gael trailing Sinn Fein by six percentage points. A week like no other, so far. At the heart of the DUP is a battle to stabilise the ship as opinion polls are reflecting a 12% downwards swing in their fortunes in the shadow of Arlene Foster being forced to resign.

The crisis prevalent in unionism was clear to be seen last Friday night during a protest against the Northern Ireland protocol in Newtownards in County Down. Brexiteers including former Labour MP Kate Hoey and former Brexit Party MEP Ben Habib attended. The demonstration saw five protest parades marching towards the town centre.

Traditional Ulster Voice MLA and party leader Jim Allister claimed the protocol had a "wicked intent" and called on the DUP to effectively collapse Stormont unless it is abandoned.

He told the crowd: "What needs to be done in Stormont is the new DUP leader needs to find a backbone, and he needs to resign the First Minister. He needs to say to the British prime minister, there will be no First Minister so long as there is a protocol."

He said the protocol would cause the Northern Irish economy "to look away from London to look to Dublin".

It would cause Northern Ireland to be "dependent on trade, on commerce on an all-Ireland basis rather than a United Kingdom basis", he said.

"As I've already said, they then believe that a political all-Ireland is a natural follow-through. That is the wicked intent of the protocol. That is why, if we do not kill the protocol, the protocol will kill the union," he said.

Participants waved union flags and held banners saying "Dublin's Choice: Peace or Protocol?", which bore an image of Tánaiste Leo

Varadkar, as well as "No Irish Sea border" and "Enough is enough".

However, much earlier last week, the FG Leader set out his stall and expressed his views about seeing a united Ireland in his lifetime. A timely reminder that in less than 18 months he'll be leader of the country again... this place we call home, to paraphrase northern leaders of our time.

The Tánaiste believes a united Ireland could happen in his lifetime. Saying that while the views of unionists must be acknowledged and respected, no one group can have a veto on Ireland's future.

It was Fine Gael's first ever virtual Ard Fheis and he used the occasion to say that he wanted to see the party establish a branch north of the border.

He said: "We should be proud to say unification is something we aspire to. It should be part of our mission as a party to work towards it."

The Tánaiste said there was a growing middle ground in Northern Ireland and Fine Gael should reach out towards it, but unification must not be the "annexation" of Northern Ireland.

"It means something more, a new state designed together, a new constitution and one that reflects the diversity of a bi-national or multinational state in which almost a million people are British.

Like the new South Africa, a rainbow nation, not just orange and green. We have to be willing to consider all that we'd be willing to change - new titles, shared symbols, how devolution in the North would fit into the new arrangements, a new Senate to strengthen the representation of minorities, the role and status of our languages, a new and closer relationship with the United Kingdom."

Using the example of Ireland's welfare and pensions system and the NHS - he said it would require taking the best of both jurisdictions and applying them across Ireland as a whole.

Mr Varadkar also addressed the issue of the Northern Ireland Protocol. The protocol keeps NI in the EU single market for goods, meaning NI-based manufacturers have better EU market access than those in GB.

He acknowledged unionist opposition to the new Irish Sea border. He said Fine Gael fully appreciated the difficulties it had caused for some in Northern Ireland and the concern it had caused unionists. But he added it was a

consequence of the type of Brexit the British government had wanted. Nowadays most of all opinion polls on the issue believe there will be a united Ireland in 25 years but it is likely Varadkar's purpose and intent do not stretch beyond the next general election when he could so easily have to share power with Sinn Fein.

On the protocol he was clear: "The vast majority of checks and controls can be removed if we all agree to maintain the same high standards when it comes to food and veterinary rules. Ideology, pride nor nationalism, of any form, should not prevent us agreeing a solution. The consequences of failure for all of us are far too great."

And in traditional UK fashion, their Northern Ireland Secretary, Brandon Lewis responded by criticising Varadkar's comments as "unhelpful and ill-advised".

In the House of Commons, Lewis said the British government "would be concerned about any deviation from the principle of consent as enshrined in the Belfast Good Friday Agreement" and urged everyone to "dial down the rhetoric, particularly at this time of year".

Leader writers in Dublin's media were fretting and saying that Varadkar should have remained quiet on a united Ireland! But why should he?

Such assurances must bring alarm to the born-again republicans in the Fianna Fail party who after more than 95 years since they were founded have failed in their main platform - that of reunification.

Given that this has been Fianna Fail's favourite charm offensive at a raft of general elections ever since 1932, perhaps it is time to ask where it has all gone wrong for Micheál Martin and his predecessors down the generations since the first got into high office back in 1932. As is their wont, the national media seem scared of a United Ireland, as if it was any of their concern. But be not afraid since I'm pretty sure that Leo Varadkar's remarks at the party ard fheis would not have raised a ripple in the cauldron of DUP politics right across last week.

Imagine an Irish language act! Madness, they might say in east Belfast, where they have loftier ambitions in mind ahead of their plans for July 12th.

With a whole new focus on republicanism, there has always been that distinct possibility the FG vision for a united Ireland would coalesce with that of Fianna Fail who've had such lofty ambitions since they were founded on May 26th 1926. After all, Sinn Fein can't be allowed to lose the run of themselves in the opinion polls.

The electorate just might wake up and start believing that there is another force in Leinster House that is not for leaving the place any time soon.

And I expect that you'd get good odds right now if you rock up the local bookie shop to put a punt on no progress being achieved on a border poll when FF hands over the leadership reins to FG on December 15th next year. After 95 years it is far too early for such idle chatter, or so they think.

Of course the matter of an opinion poll last Sunday week will create a shadow on the voting intentions of very few. But right now with Sinn Fein riding high in the polls, not only in April but also in May, something had to be done to deflect away from the public perception that the Shinners really do offer a real alternative the old politics the past and voters are now looking beyond to gift wrapped nonsense that passes every day from the spin machine of a government really serving all the people all of the time.

The mantra of creative thinking that it is too early for a border poll is no longer the case for those that get out of bed early in the morning. Fianna Fail has attempted to hijack the republican agenda by standing idly by for two generations as they crafted out election after election victory through the decades. And the vast majority of the electorate put their faith in them.

The photo shoots said it all: their brave leaders standing among religious orders with quaintly dressed women smiling benignly at Dev, Le-



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mass, Jack, Haughey, Ireland's bravest ever republican followed so closely by Bertie as they wrapped the tricolour across Ireland's four green fields.

It really was the fairytale at the end of the political rainbow as Fine Gael was caught in the slipstream of Fianna Fail's onward march to Irish unity.. But it never got beyond Hackball-cross.

The names of Cosgrave, Fitzgerald and Bruton never seemed to achieve the same resonance... they were nationalists and were engaged in consensus politics which was not seen as green enough for a majority of our voters. But now when Leo emerges with all his gusto at the FG Ard Fheis last week there were ructions that it was the wrong time and the wrong place... really! Pity it was overshadowed by other events, particularly the European Championships and the cracks in the DUP.

But of course, we must not forget that the electorate now has other parties with credible alternatives. Sinn Fein has been consistently strong in almost all opinion polls ever since they were accepted by the electorate as a key player in the 2019 General election: only to be ignored by FF and FG who kinda signed off on civil war politics, just to get Mary Lou and Pearse out of their Cabinet.

Republicanism had been FF's calling card for all those years: they reserved their role as keeper of the fourth green field... all the while it grew fatter and finally shallow to the point where Sinn Fein came along and stole their clothes.

So, there is much wringing of hands within the soldiers of destiny at their weekly parliamentary meetings. For lovers of pantomime a bit of time out reading Marc McSharry or John McGuinness does send people to bed with a smile. Because ever since the pandemic struck the nation, there is very little else to do in the quiet of an early summer night.

Meanwhile, the Northern Ireland Protocol has become the centre of DUP opposition despite the fact that they voted for it in the first instance.

The reality is that the Protocol is both top heavy and over burdened with bureaucracy. But in reality it offers northern Ireland its continuing contact with the European Union whilst retaining its identity with the UK. There are many measures there that can be reduced but in reality there will remain essential checks on goods entering the north prior to going south to the Republic. At the same time the north retains the ability to trade freely both to the UK and the EU.

So where's the problem? Brexit, as predicted, has been a disaster for the North, not only economically but politically as well. Unionism is now left with the fallout from leaving the EU, but in reality they can make it work to their benefit if only politics stands aside and lets it happen.

There is always the inbuilt fear that the Protocol, in some way, is a forerunner to a united Ireland. This has contributed to the chaos at Stormont and the political landscape has further been challenged insofar as confronting the economic reality of the Brexit decision is concerned.

Ireland's political landscape is changing rapidly and after last week. The obvious fallout from the debris of the DUP implosion will see difficult days and months ahead in this decade of centenaries.

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Rally Days – Rally Heroes

Last Friday at midday should have seen the first car roll off the ramp at the starting point for the Donegal International car rally.

Phonsie McElwee and Derek McMahon were instrumental in establishing the running car rallies in Donegal. Their first two events were based out of Logue's of Cranford: they were run at night in the summer and autumn of 1970.

The following year the Rally of the Rosses was based in Dungloe and spectators came out in their thousands. The first Donegal International Rally was based at the Rosapenna Hotel. Much of the promotion was done by Hugh McBride, Charlie O'Donnell and Michael McGee and it was sponsored by Rosapenna Hotel. This turned into a big event with a helicopter being hired for RTE's coverage.

The Rosapenna was not available the following year and Phonsie McElwee recalls being approached by Manus Shields of the Ballyrairie Hotel, and so a deal was settled for the following three events.

The Donegal Motor Club was founded in the Milford Hotel in 1972 with John McClean, Letterkenny was President: Chairman was Seamus Kernan, Newtowncunningham, while Robert Ward, Kerrykeel and Phonsie McElwee, Milford became treasurer and secretary, respectively and a committee of twelve was also selected.

I must say I'm not a rally enthusiast, the closest I came to car racing was at a stock car meeting in Kilmacrennan many years ago. My neighbour Eugene was big into it and as we were developing a new football pitch they gave us a day as a fundraiser.

Last Friday as the Rally cars should have been taking off from the starters ramp, I had the pleasure to spend a few hours here in Oranmore with one of the Donegal Rally's 'legendary' figures, James Cullen and his wife, Reba. They were in Oranmore visiting relatives and we met up to talk about his career, the excitement and adrenaline flowing for more than 30 years.

He started in 1975-76 and his rally career is emblazoned with success which culminated in two victories in the Donegal International, at a time when the cream of rally drivers were competing in



By Paddy McMenamin

Donegal. James won the Donegal International rally in 1991 and '99. Indeed Reba is as much a part of the Rally story as James as she was the Secretary and Clerk of the Course in many smaller rallies around the county.

The Ballyrairie Hotel was the central point for the Rally in the years to come. The cars would be parked in a field behind the hotel and the scrutiny of cars would take place behind McMahon's garage (where Mr Chipie is now located). As the years went on the public would gather at these points to see the cars and it became a regular meeting spot for rally

enthusiasts.

Shell would be the main sponsor and coincidentally a golfing buddy of mine here in Galway Bay, Brian Rohan, who was domiciled in Letterkenny in the 90's working for the Oil company who were heavily involved in the rally at the time. Sean Keenan who golf's with us competed in the Donegal Rally many times, it's a small world! Jim Kennedy of the Oil Company was also heavily involved and his son Rory became a successful rally driver in later years. Local garage proprietors Andy Hegarty, James McDaid, Danny Caddy, and big Derek were main movers in getting the rally started and becoming a success story.

Others who would be involved over the years were Tony Kelly Cars, Frank Grimes, 4 Lanterns, Vincy Whelan, Drifter Shoes and George Cullen, Better Blinds, with sponsorship and great support. In the early days rally enthusiasts would camp out. Eventually the Rally would become the biggest event of the year in the county and attracted rally goers by the thousands, it became akin to the 'Galway Races' with many arriving from the UK.

In the 80's and 90's the event was massive on the rallying calendar and many famous drivers from Europe, Scandinavia and the UK would compete in the Donegal International, Cahal Curley, McCartney, Coleman, the Finn Ari Vatanen won in '78 and Achim Warmbold in '75, the rally was attracting star names.

Vincent Bonner was the first Donegal winner in '83, and would be followed by the good and great in Donegal rallying circles in the years to come. The UK drivers were using works cars and had professional teams; Vatanen had a factory BMW

with green and white stripes and stood out in the 'Hills'! Sebastian Leob became World Champion and competed in Donegal with a Citroen, the McRae dynasty made waves in Donegal with father Jimmy and son Colin, Jimmy a winner in '78.

James Cullen's career spanned well over two decades from the 80's, the family painting business helped him on the road and he progressed from painting St Eunan's cathedral and the Milford Inn to driving the best cars in town, a transition from a sort of Michelangelo to a Schumacher in a sense!

He would have been part of the organising team in the early 80's with some great people like Jim Callaghan and Austin Frazier who had been the first clerk of the course. James would say that the involvement of great people over the years made the credibility of the rally paramount and allowed it to continue for half a century. The rally wouldn't exist without the support of the people locally. Up to 600 volunteers would marshal at the rally and without whom it couldn't go ahead. Sadly two marshals lost their lives in a freak accident in 2002, George Clarke from Moville and Gerard McKenna from Crossmaglen, both just 22; but the fatalities have been few and far between thankfully over the years. Reba coincidentally was Chief Marshall in '02 and had been talking to the boys just shortly before the fatal crash. It was a sad day for everyone.



Flowers at the memorial for the late Manus Kelly at Ballynacrick, Fanad.

changed to allow the rally to go ahead, once in the Cork rally some made an early exit as the Garda arrived with Customs to lift the cars!

James would have had lots of runner up places in the 80's but at the time he was competing with the best in Europe who made it 'destination Donegal'. The Finn, Tommi Makinen and Englishman Richard Burns were both World Champions in their day.

Amazingly in rallying at one time there were only eight paid drivers in the world; the sport is self financing, either the drivers have the wherewithal to finance themselves or rely on major sponsorship. It's an extremely expensive sport and possibly could be classed as a rich man's hobby. Rallying doesn't bring in money like other sports, spectators are lined along country roads all over the place at any vantage point they can get, there is no entrance fee to a local parking. Back in the 80's the prize money would have been £1000 which was substantial at the time. Most rally teams had to find sponsorship themselves, also there is no prize money at the modern Donegal International and entry is €1200. Winners receive trophies and the acclamation of the crowds who follow them, I suppose you could class it as a labour of love for those who take part.

Can there be anything more exciting than the adrenalin flowing as the pedal hits the floor as the Subaru flies over a stage on Atlantic Drive on a windswept June evening with the Atlantic on the horizon as you clip a vital few seconds off the lead that the car ahead of you opened up? Going through Glen village and over Lough Salt, it must



James Cullen in action in the town stage in Letterkenny.

When Bonner won in '83 Seamus McGettigan was his co-driver and James Cullen was Clerk of the Course. But he 'got the bug' as in golf or fishing, and the following year was co-pilot in his first rally. In '84 with Cathal McGettigan as co-driver they had the privilege of finishing in Letterkenny, driving down the Main Street as thousands crowded the town - the only time the final stage finished in the Cathedral Town. In '86 driving for Nissan, the team came (with the car from Cambridge) to be in close proximity to events.

It wasn't always so professional, in the early days insurance for northern cars couldn't be acquired so plates had to be



Rallymen Alastair Fisher, James Cullen and Rory Kennedy with local rally fan Vincent Blake.



A young James Cullen and Rory Kennedy.

in Donegal

be akin to dropping out of a plane in a parachute.

Once James was invited to compete in France, so they set out for Dieppe. The ferry was covered and a bit of funding; the brothers (James and George) took out a Credit Union loan and headed over to Stranraer and drove down to Dover but couldn't resist doing a bit of sight-seeing in London.

They had the Alfa Romeo strapped onto an old Hiace caravan trailer base with no lights and full of red diesel. A bit of sponsorship from Tony Kelly, and they were over the channel and landed in Dieppe. The town was in party mode, the square in Dieppe was like Letterkenny back in the Folk festival days. The French beer was flowing and someone produced a guitar and the Irish guys gave a version of 'House of the Rising Sun'.

James finished a credible 4th. Another tale I heard was about two local rally heads who went down to Cork to pick up a very expensive car for Derek McMahon. As the boys drove back to Letterkenny it was an oppressive hot day but they couldn't switch the heater off and felt they were in a sauna. After a few days Derek wasn't happy and told the boys to bring it back but on the way down it was the opposite, a horrendous day weather wise, this time they couldn't get the heater on and were frozen on the long journey.

From 1991-'99, James was ten times on the podium at the Mount Errigal Hotel after the Donegal International weekend; 3rd twice, six times runner up and overall winner of the rally twice, in '91 and '99 and was deprived of a hat trick of wins when Phil Collins crashed on the finish ramp at the Mount Errigal Hotel and James lost 2 minutes which cost him the title which was lifted by Mark Lovell.

James became the most recognisable driver on the circuit during the 90's - his car brought in from the UK was brought over from Brooklyn Motor Sport. It was a high range Ford Sierra RS Cosworth in Pink, with a cartoon of the Panther himself painted on the sleek body of the car. Now if you wanted to make a statement then a pink Sierra racing through Gaoth Dobhair and the Rosses, Inishowen, Kerrykeel and Killybegs, Ballybuninabber and Straggraddy Hill.

James was winning and winning; in Cork in a lightweight car he won the heavyweight division outright; in a Group N race on the Isle of Man James took European Championship Gold and finished the season in the top 4 in world rankings. One great racing battle was at the Manx when he went head to head with Colin McRae who was going for world ranking points as well. The battle of the two Irishmen made for fascinating spectator interest. In a long career in a sport with certain dangers James was lucky to have never been hurt or in a serious accident despite the struggle to continuously keep the machine between the ditches.

He recognises that others haven't been so lucky and also respects the huge sacrifices that many make to compete in rally sport, to paraphrase him, 'the sacrifice is huge, nobody paid, no reward, but a passion to compete'; the 'danger creates a certain adrenaline but safety is always paramount' within the sport and is an ongoing process to make the sport for drivers safer.

Personally my memories of the Donegal Rally go back to the late 70's - I was Bar Manager in the Ballyraine Hotel from '79-82 and worked many rallies; to be honest it was never my favourite time of the



James Cullen with his co-driver the late Ellen Morgan.

year. The hotel was mobbed for the weekend, the bars would be ten deep after the cars finished up for the day. Music in the lounges and the ballroom, it was crazy from lunchtime on Friday to Monday evening.

I remember clearly Brian Nelson the '79 winner and his entourage enjoying the day; the Sunday prize giving night was the crème de la crème of the weekend. I recall Rosemary Smith one year, now the grand old dame of rallying, and Reba Graham, now James's wife, chief organiser off stage.

Of course there is always the sad side of things and many have passed on, all great friends of James' his close friend and fellow rally driver James McDaid; Bertie Fisher, Colin McRae, Mark Lovell, Eamonn Harvey, Sammy Fisher; his co-driver over 15 years was the cruellest, Ellen Morgan, who sadly left us in '08, along with the good times there are always moments of sadness.

One such moment happened the last time the Donegal International was held in June 2019. It was Sunday afternoon during the 1st stage on Fanad Head. Manus 'Mandy' Kelly and co-driver Donal Barrett were chasing a fourth title in a row. Their Hyundai i20 R5 left the road in Ballynacrick and Manus was pronounced dead at the scene.

It was a major shock to everyone in Donegal but especially to Bernie, the children and the entire Kelly family. Manus was a family man, a big guy physically with a big personality, a big smile and a big heart.

He was the most successful driver of his time and his three in a row only achieved before by Cahal Curley and Billy Coleman. His loss was felt most in his native community around Glenswilly, he was involved in the local GAA team, played and coached and was a mentor to a young Michael Murphy; he was the 'go to' guy locally if you needed help.

The Rally was cancelled immediately as word began to spread of the tragedy. James Cullen who was working for another driver with pace notes received a call and was told the tragic news. While he was of a different era he had nothing but respect for Manus. James and Manus had been talking briefly on the Inishowen stage on the Friday.

We were in Clones for the Ulster Final. As we walked up the hill to St Tiernach's park we met Packie Dunnion from Letterkenny and he informed us that Highland Radio was reporting that a driver was killed in the rally.

Last Sunday people made their way down to the Fanad to the memorial where Manus died.

James Cullen is still involved in the sport for the past 20 years checking pace notes at rally events throughout Europe.

I would like to thank James for his contribution to this article - his observations, anecdotes and memories.



James Cullen and Cathal McGettigan with sponsor Tony Kelly.

John Lyons honoured

Castleberg's John Lyons was honoured on Saturday night in the Glen Bar to mark the 40th anniversary of him winning the Donegal International Car Rally. John now spends most of his time living in Dunfanaghy. Photos by Philip Fitzpatrick.



Rory Kennedy making a presentation to rally driver John Lyons on the 40th anniversary of winning the Donegal International rally in 1981 at a gathering in the Glen Bar on Saturday night.



John Lyons with Rory Kennedy and Josh Moffett.



John Lyons with Michael Coyle, Glen and Michael McGettigan, Kilmacrennan.



John Lyons with David Acheson from LA Kitchens, Michael Coyle, Glen.

The Remote Revolution in Donegal

This past year has highlighted the potential of remote work and the opportunities it can present for communities in Donegal. Grow Remote is a national non-profit organisation whose focus is to provide support networks for remote workers and raise the visibility of remote roles throughout the country and Maria Gallagher, the lead and founder of the Grow Remote Donegal Chapter, discusses the impact of the pandemic on remote working, the support available and their hopes for the future of remote working in Donegal.

The idea for establishing a Donegal Chapter arose when Maria saw the success places like Arranmore Island had in developing remote working opportunities within their community under Grow Remote. She explains that "the goal was to extend that success for the entire county by linking up our network of remote working hubs and high speed broadband with a platform that would enable remote workers to network, attract location agnostic workers from other regions to Donegal and increase the visibility of remote roles among the unemployed and underemployed in the county." The Chapter is run by a group of passionate and dedicated community leaders representing all corners of the county, from the Gaeltacht to Inishowen, many of whom run digital hubs and work directly with remote workers on a daily basis" says Maria.

She adds that "there are around 55,000 remote jobs available across Europe at the moment and these jobs are open to anyone in Donegal, many of them offering very competitive terms and remuneration packages. We want to make these jobs more visible to the people of Donegal and encourage local communities to avail of these opportunities. Increasing local employment has a direct effect on local incomes and local businesses and can create a multiplier effect whereby one remote role can create another role in the community, in a coffee shop for instance



Maria Gallagher, Founder Grow Remote Donegal.

through the additional income it brings." And while Grow Remote welcome the uptake and attention given to remote work since last year, Maria stresses that it is important to differentiate between juggling work from home during a pandemic and remote working in less restrictive times. She feels strongly that Donegal is an ideal location for remote workers saying that "with the longest coastline in Ireland, an abundance of green, open spaces, a network of outstanding digital hubs and a host of vibrant, bustling communities, it is clear to see why Donegal has emerged as the remote working destination of choice in recent times. So many more people are seeking a better quality of life while also fulfilling their career ambitions, and Donegal is the perfect destination to marry the two. In recent months, I have spoken to many remote workers locally who have secured promotions while working from Donegal and enjoying the ideal work-life balance." Maria is looking forward to welcoming more members into the Chapter and fa-

cilitating face-to-face networking opportunities post-pandemic such as a Regional Jobs Club event where valuable information on the roles currently available remotely is shared.

"In recent months we have seen an influx of new members to our Chapter and our community is growing rapidly with new members who have relocated here from Dublin, London and even New York. Post-pandemic, it will be great to meet up face-to-face with Donegal's growing remote working community."

Other organisations throughout Donegal are beginning to see the benefits of remote working including local sports team, Finn Harps.

Maria tells us "Finn Harps reached out to us, in recognition of our joint goals and this unique collaboration has enabled us to reach a much larger audience. Community is at the heart of both Finn Harps FC and Grow Remote, so there are clear synergies and we both saw the potential in attracting our diaspora back to the region and increasing local employment. Donegal has a strong culture of collaboration and many organisations in the county are eager to join forces to increase the potential of remote working in local communities. We work with many different groups including Donegal Co. Council who have been very supportive of our work to date."

Maria has high hopes for the future of the chapter in Donegal. "We are passionate about community development and for many years rural Ireland has suffered depopulation and youth drain. We envisage that the remote working movement can help towards reversing that trend in Donegal, by injecting new life into local communities. At the heart of Grow Remote is the motto that no one is left behind".

To contact Grow Remote Donegal email donegal@growremote.ie or follow on Twitter @growdonegal To find a remote job visit www.jobs.growremote.ie



Grow Remote Donegal.

Gartan NS project to proceed to tender

Gartan National School has been approved to proceed to tender on their extension project.

The project brief consists of a 80m² classroom including ensuite toilets and a WC for assisted user and pre-fab replacement.

This has been welcomed by both local TD's Joe McHugh and Charlie McConalogue.

Joe McHugh said "Congratulations to Principal Joanne Gildea, Acting Principal Claire Murray and all the team at Gartan on their approval to proceed to tender on their extension under the Additional School Accommodation Scheme, to replace an existing portacabin."

"This is really positive news for the school team, parents, students, Board of Management and all involved in this ongoing project, and the replacement of the portacabin will undoubtedly benefit the school

greatly.

Minister Charlie McConalogue said "this is great news for the school, for the staff, parents and students and for all the Gartan community and is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the community. It is very important for the ongoing success of the school community and for the health and safety of staff and students."

"I thank my Cabinet colleague Minister Norma Foley for considering this project and the staff, parents and students of the College for all their work. I look forward to the school progressing to the tender process in the quickest timeframe possible" concluded the Minister.

Pictured right - Joe McHugh pictured with pupils and staff from Gartan NS when he was Education Minister during a visit in April 2019.



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No late applications will be accepted.

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HSE slowly getting back on track

As you are aware the HSE and the wider health system was targeted by a criminal ransomware attack. IT systems across health services have been temporarily shut down for security reasons, and the HSE is working with the National Cyber Security Centre, to rectify this issue.

The email system in CHO 1 area is not functional. Therefore if contacting HSE Community Services staff please do so via telephone or post.

Audiology Services are now operating normally
Ophthalmic appointments in Sligo and Donegal are proceeding as normal.

Donegal Community Diagnostics ie X-ray are now operational, however there is currently a backlog to clear. Letterkenny Sexual Health Clinic is running as normal.

Donegal Psychology online group sessions remain cancelled until further notice.

Vaccination Programme

The COVID-19 vaccination programme is progressing well. The portal opens on Sunday, June 20th for those aged between 35 and 39 years old.

You can register for a COVID-19 vaccine online via HSE website vaccine.hse.ie or by phone, which is open from 8am to 8pm, Monday to Sunday.

Pharmacies across the country are joining the COVID-19 vaccination programme starting from this week. Approximately 1000 pharmacies will be receiving deliveries and offering the Janssen single-dose vaccine to people aged 50 and over who haven't been vaccinated yet.

The HSE strongly encourage anybody in this age category who hasn't come forward, to come forward through that process.

Due to the cyber attack, it is not possible to be referred for COVID-19 testing by your GP. If you have symptoms or do not have symptoms, you can attend your testing centre without an appointment.

The close contact system is up and running and close contacts will be contacted by text with information on their appointment and are asked to follow the instructions in the text. Full details of testing centres are available at hse.ie

Test Centres

Test centres are operating in the following venues across CHO 1 area at these times

St Conal's Healthcare Campus Letterkenny Monday to Friday 9.30am – 7:00pm and Saturdays and Sunday 11:00am to 17:00pm

Cleary Centre, Donegal Town 9.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday and closed Saturday and Sundays.

FF accused of dirty tricks by McHugh

A big political row has blown up this week in the Milford area with Fine Gael accusing Fianna Fail of being involved in a dirty tricks campaign against their Carrigart based Cllr. Joe McHugh. Over the past ten days widespread rumours have been circulating that McHugh has applied for membership of Fianna Fail and he was about to jump ship is yarn about to smear my name and cause damage to FG," said an angry McHugh from Dublin last night. And he has warned FF that he will fight them every inch of the way at the general election to retain every last one of the FG votes he got at the local elections. The rumours began circulating some weeks ago and they took on a new life after McHugh was spotted in Letterkenny's Golden Grill at a Fianna Fail function a fortnight ago.

The Taoiseach Bertie Ahern was the main big noise at the party and there was surprise and more than a few raised eyebrows when McHugh arrived into what was seen as essentially a private FF political function. Defending his attendance at the Golden Grill function Cllr. McHugh said it he was in the company of senior planning officials of Donegal County Council and it was merely a social outing.

He says he is now shocked at the extent of the rumours and he is further shocked that anyone in Fianna Fail could stoop to this level of dirty tricks. He says stories of him being about to leave Fine Gael have been fed to his party in Milford and Rathmullan by well known members within Fianna Fail and this has led to serious problems for him. He has now categorically stated that he has never considered joining any other party and Fine Gael is his home. He has stated he joined Fine Gael after considered thought and he had given the party his full commitment over the past two years since being elected as a Councillor.

He has denied having negotiations with the Taoiseach during his visit to Letterkenny and he has further denied being offered any deal by Fianna Fail. "I have never considered leaving Fine Gael. There were no negotiations: I am fully committed to Fine Gael in the long term: any suggestion to the contrary is an attempt to smear my name and my association with my party: it is a deliberate attempt by Fianna Fail to cause further rifts in Fine Gael and I'm going on record to

make my position clear," he added. Cllr. McHugh says he has no doubt who is behind the smear campaign. However he has declined to name names on the record. And he adds that all that has been achieved is to strengthen the Fine Gael resolve to win back their seat in Donegal NE at the next general election.

"That's what Fianna Fail is afraid of at the moment and if their smear campaign is designed to win back some of the votes I took from them at the local elections: they can think again. We all know they need extra votes in the Milford area if they are to hold their two Dail seats and those votes can only come from Fine Gael. I'm determined that the FG vote will increase and my only priority is to see our party make progress," he says.

Joe McHugh stormed to victory at his first attempt in the local elections in June 1999. He polled 1662 first preferences and was comfortably elected to take the second of three seats in the Milford area. The FG vote of 25.6% was well ahead of Fianna Fail who managed to get only 18.58%. Significantly the FG vote was up by over 700 from the '97 general election while the FF vote was down by 200.

At the same time IFF dropped 400 votes and it is clear that McHugh's vote had eaten into strongholds which previously had not been Fine Gael. As the constituency prepares for a general election it is well known that FF will be put to the pin of their collar to hold two seats. Fine Gael had a disastrous campaign in '97 but they came within a hair's breadth of unseating Dr. James McDaid. Party strategists will leave no stone unturned to hold the McDaid seat while FG is determined to win back their former seat.

One senior party official told us it would be curtains for them in Donegal if they failed to do that. The hunt to win back McHugh votes is all important and he is acutely conscious that all sorts of schemes will be hatched in an all out effort to achieve that.

He is also very well aware that the Milford vote will prove to be crucial for all the mainstream parties. Ten years ago IFF had a share of 47.72%, which ran to almost 3400 votes. Fianna Fail was in a comfortable second place on 29%, which worked out at 2363 votes. However Fine Gael was then the poor relation with 19.38%. This was only 1579 votes and their fortunes were in serious decline.

Letterkenny parents form anti-drugs group

Concerned parents in Letterkenny have now established an anti-drugs group to confront the misuse of solvents by young people in the area and they have already met with Justice Minister John O'Donoghue during his visit to the county on Monday. Cllr. PJ Blake led the initiative and he said the meeting with the Minister was positive and informative. The new group was formed to address a number of issues including the provision of a full support service for drugs abusers. The new group will form a partnership with all other relevant agencies in Letterkenny and it is proposed to set up and run a pilot project to help and support young people with these problems. As a new focus is placed on agencies including the NWHB to make available facilities Cllr Blake says that it is now imperative that all families and young people needing or seeking help will have it available to them instantly and he has vowed to leave no stone unturned until this happens. The meeting with the Justice Minister this week is seen as an important first step on that road and the formation of this parents

group has been widely welcomed. Their objective include: to provide a unit where young people and parents can come and receive immediate assistance: to provide a 24 hour help line: to have medical staff on call at all times: to have trained support workers for young people: to have trained support workers for parents and relevant agencies who are working with families: to educate people on the dangers of drugs: to provide up to date information by publishing a regular newsletter: to monitor and evaluate the project and to learn from the project. In a statement this week the new group says that to enable them to take their first steps they need active research in the area. "We need a record of any incidents relating to any drugs misuse in our community and we need data from our local hospitals: garda barracks: addiction clinics or any other agency that holds these statistics," says a spokesperson for the group. The Letterkenny Concerned Parents Against Drugs is based at Ramsey House on Letterkenny's Upper Main Street and their phone number is 074-20633.

Reawakening the Downings area



Members of the newly former Coiste Forbairt Mhiobhaigh (Meevagh Development Committee) pictured at their first meeting in The Singing Pub, Downings recently.

Coiste Forbairt Mhiobhaigh is a brand new community group to just established with a forum for reinvigorate the Downings area in the Atlantic Drive area. The group was formed six weeks ago out of a desire to improve the infrastructure in the local area. Chairman for the group, Joe O'Donnell said "Our aim is to highlight the inadequacies that exist in this part of the peninsula. At present, there is a lack of infrastructure in the midst of our community. It is time that our roads, sewerage system and water supply were brought up to an acceptable level. For far too long, this part of the Downings area has been neglected and it is time that we put right the wrongs of this community. The group has recently sent letters to all the local councillors

and to Dail Deputies Harry Blaney and Dr James McDaid. They are waiting for their response. It is hoped that the public representatives will hold some of their clinics in the Singing Pub in Downings so they can see the inadequacies for themselves. Vice chairman for the group is Tommy Clyde and the secretary is Michael Joseph Gallagher. The treasurer is Marian Gallagher and PRO is Paddy Schuss. Committee members are Bernadette Borland, Michael Joseph Gallagher, Frankie McBride, Danny Gallagher, Bridget Coyle, Denis McBride, Denis Brogan and Donal and Eddie Shevlin. The next meeting of the group will take place in the Singing Pub on Tuesday, 3rd July and all members of the public are welcome.

Rathmullan Resource Centre Monster Draw



Pictured at the Rathmullan & District Resource Centre Draw last Sunday night in the Pier Hotel, Rathmullan are from the left, Thomas Merritt, Assistant Treasurer, Tony Connolly, observer for the draw, Cllr Niall Blaney, Alan Todd, Manager Rathmullan Celtic and group PRO, Liam McLaughlin, Vice Chairperson, Hannah Birney, Main Prizewinner, Noel Scott, Treasurer, Margaret Todd, Secretary, Joan and Garret Carton who kindly drew the tickets on the evening. Joan Merritt, Assistant Secretary, and Cllr Noel McGinley.

There was great excitement in Rathmullan on Sunday night last at the first draw of the Rathmullan and District Resource Centre Monster Draw. All of the 1000 tickets were sold and the committee wish to express their gratitude to all who sold tickets on their behalf and to sincerely thank all who purchased tickets ensuring the success of this draw. The committee also wish to thank David and Cormac in the Pier Hotel for facilitating the group with a venue for their many meetings and for hosting the

first draw. The winners were, 1st Suzuki Alto Car - Hannah Birney, Rathmullan; 2nd £1000 Computer Package - Julian Ball, Kiltoty, Letterkenny; 3rd 28" Widescreen TV - Richard Kelly, Banbridge, Co. Down; 4th Camcorder - The Butler Family; 5th Hi-Fi System - Bridghin McDaid, Rathmullan. The second draw in the series will take place the second night of the Community Festival Saturday 5th August at their 3rd annual Festival from Friday 3rd until Sunday 5th August.



Group from D.P.M. Community Employment Dunfanaghy who received their E.C.D.L. Certificates and Certificates in Basic Computer Skills from Cyberworld in Letterkenny recently. Pictured back - Tan Kacperski Supervisor DPM, Mrs Nuala McGarigle FAS Letterkenny, Patrick McColgan, Moses Alcorn, Thomas McKinley, George Sterritt, Harry Johnston Cyberworld. Front, Aisling McMullen, Asst. Supervisor DPM, Mary McKinley, Susan Stewart, Ann Marie Hall and Margaret Campbell.



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The sun shone brightly for the annual Drumman national school sports day at the Diamond Park Ballyare on Sunday. Pictured are Helen Patterson, Chloe Boyce and Catherine McMonagle with their medals.

£125,000 for Rossnakill-Kerrykeel road

Deputy Harry Blaney has announced ministerial confirmation of substantial grant aid for a number of projects in the constituency.

These are to include funding from the Dept of the Marine of

£93,750 for the road from Rossnakill to Kerrykeel. This is described as road protection works and the overall cost amounts to £125,000.

Deputy Blaney has also confirmed funding of £22,500 for

Bunagee Pier where the total cost of works on the slipway amounts to £30,000. He has also said that funding of £60,000 is being provided towards the purchase of a crane at Portaleen Pier in Inishowen.

Selection of Milford Festival Queen

The Milford Festival Queen competition will take place at the Mid Summers Ball in the Milford Hotel on this Thursday 21st June. Admission to the Ball in £4 and you receive a voting card and its the audience who vote the festival queen. Everyone Welcome and if your, Female and over 16 why not join the competition.

The prize for the winner includes, Outfit from Classic Casuals, Letterkenny, Panache Jewellery, Shoes from Greene's Shoe Shop and pamper day at Tranquility, Letterkenny. It is important to note that any young girl 16 or 17 years of age wishing to take part must be accompanied on the premises by a parent or guardian.

Yacht 'Wild Spirit' visits Dunfanaghy

The Yacht "Wild Spirit" which is currently sailing round Ireland stopped at Portnablagh on Wednesday last.

The yachts captain Stewart Archer (64) has a lot of connection with the Dunfanaghy area having spent his childhood holidays with relatives the Stewart's of Upper Faugher, he is a keen sailor and learned to love the sea at Portnablagh. It has been a lifelong ambition of his to sail around Ireland and that is what he is doing at the moment. He set out from his home town of Lymington in Hampshire earlier this month and sailed around the south east, south west and west coast of Ireland before calling in to Portnablagh.

The weather has been fair so far and they have made good time, the only major problem that they encountered was when they lost their mast of the

Lizzard; this however was due to equipment failure and not the weather and it almost caused them to stop altogether. A replacement boat was provided however by Lymingto Sea Ventures Charters and this enabled them to continue. He has a crew of English and Irish friends aboard and they trip is expected to take about 5 weeks in all. 4 are going all the way around and they are: Stewart Archer, Alastair Duncan, John Dunlop and Alex Ball; others joining them for different weeks include Keith Laplsey, Richard Harshaw, Val Robinson, Gillian Robinson, Sarah Harshaw, David Johnston, Christopher Archer, Jim McDonagh and Marjorie Archer. They travelled on to Downings and from there to Lough Swilly heading for Bangor and the East coast of the Ireland. Friends and family wish them well for the rest of the voyage.



Teachers and pupils from Portlean National School, Kilmacrennan pictured during their spring clean up from the school along the Milford road last week.

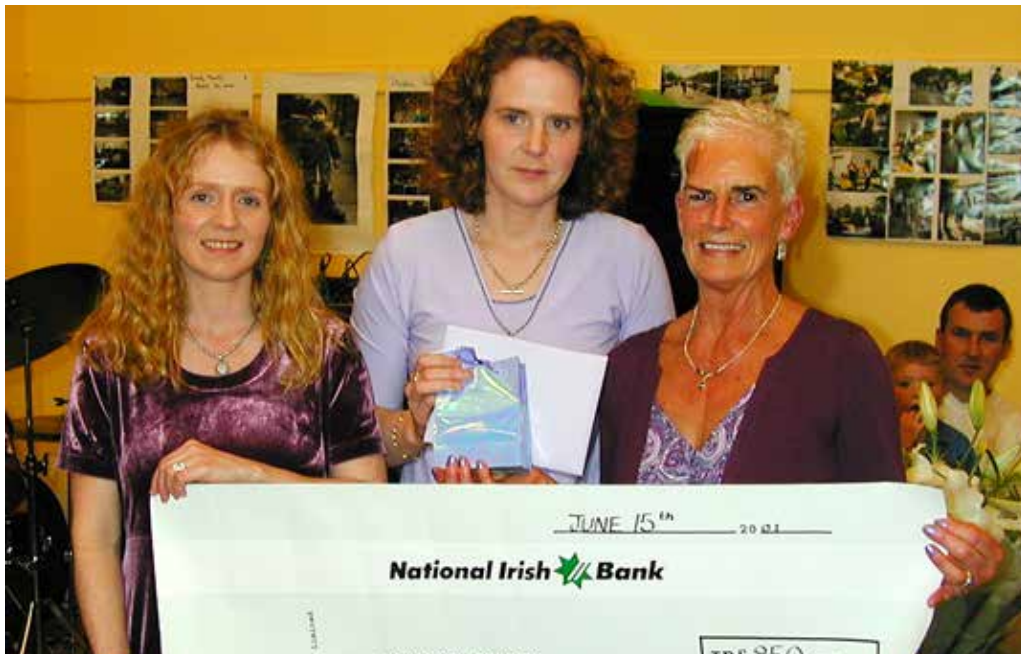
Ramelton Playgroup honours Sandra Jones



Making presentations to Sandra Jones on Friday night were from left Joshua Smeaton, Terri and Clara Curran on behalf of the playgroup children.

The Ramelton community gathered in large numbers on last Friday night to mark the retirement of Sandra Jones who has retired as leader of the playgroup in the town. Sandra has played a huge role in many community aspects of life in Ramelton for many years and the esteem in which she is held was clearly reflected in the tributes paid to her on the occasion of her retirement. Ramelton is renowned for its community initiatives, enterprise and religious harmony and the Smeatons have contributed enormously to that culture. Brian Smeaton and his wife Sandra arrived in Ramelton some twenty years ago. Brian was appointed as Church of Ireland rector and they immediately immersed themselves in every aspect of life in the parish regardless of political or religious persuasions. Theirs has been a rich legacy of involvement and the Ramelton area has been enriched by their presence. Sandra became involved with the playschool down the Robertson school some twelve years ago. It was already established by people like Mary Haggan who have also contributed generously to the ethos and spirit of the parish. But last Friday night belonged to Sandra Smeaton and they threw a surprise party in her honour. In fact she was the last one to know and this must have been difficult since she lives just a couple of hundred of yards away up at the Rectory. During her time with the playschool the building has been extensively renovated and completely refurbished. John Masterson was the architect and Ciaran Tinney carried out the works. The character and design of the fine old school has been fully retained and it is most fitting location and facility for those first steps in the learning process. The Robertson school was originally the parish hall for the Church of Ireland and it was always an important place in this community. Today the playschool is fully booked up a year in advance and it is a huge success. It has drawn down Peace and Reconciliation funding for the major refurbishment works and it is an important facility for all religious denominations in Ramelton. Sandra has been leader of the school and she has done so much to take it away from the realms of charity into mainstream community enterprise. Today

the committee continues to raise much of their own funding but it is well supported and its future is therefore secure. Much has happened at the Robertson School during Sandra's years and she leaves a fine memory of her work behind. Friday night marked her formal departure from the group but she will never be too far away for advice and many other pieces of advice based on her experience. The night saw many presentations and many fine speeches. Dorothy Mottram spoke on behalf of the playgroup. She praised Sandra's work and her dedication down the years. "It is a small measure of Sandra's popularity that when we decided to organise a surprise part for her, we were inundated with people, both past and present, volunteering to do whatever was necessary to make this night a success. Dorothy said Sandra was one in a million and over the years she had treated the children with fairness and love. "You have always remained approachable to us parents when we needed to talk to you and we are all sad that you have decided to retire." She wished Sandra health happiness with and wisdom for many years to come. Similar sentiments were echoed by all present. Linda Bryant the new playgroup leader said she first worked with Sandra in Sunday school and then some six years ago she began assistant to her at the playschool. "It has been a great partnership and I have felt privileged and honoured to have worked with you. I've seen at close hand the time and commitment that Sandra has given the playgroup. She has created a safe, playful environment and a happy place for the children. Through her dedication to the children Sandra has earned their love and respect and that of the parents. Parents, including myself have left our children here, safe in the knowledge that they were well cared for," added Linda. Presentations were made by the parents including a cheque and a gift of jewellery while the children presented a bouquet of flowers. Refreshments and good music followed. Sandra was overwhelmed with the turnout and she returned thanks to one and all for their kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity. She had loved working in the playgroup and she wished it every success in the years ahead.



Dorothy Mottram and Sharon Speer on behalf of the Ramelton Community Playgroup making presentations to Sandra Jones on Friday night.

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Pope John Paul congratulates Raphoe Diocese as...

St. Eunan's Cathedral celebrates centenary



Bishop Boyce greeting parishioners at the Cathedral on Sunday.

As celebrations marking one hundred years in the life of Letterkenny's revered Cathedral of Saints Eunan and Columba drew to a close on Sunday the congregation were congratulated by His Holiness Pope Paul II. His special message was read by Bishop Philip Boyce during the anniversary Mass and the congregation was told the Pope had invited the people of the Diocese to begin the new millennium with hope and enthusiasm to deepen their understanding of the faith, and to walk fearlessly with the Lord Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd and the Gate unto Life.

The celebrations at St Eunans drew to a close at Sunday's special Mass. Over fifty priests from all over the diocese participated in the celebrations which were led by Bishop Philip Boyce. Letterkenny's most famous landmark has established itself in many parts of the world. It was a wonderful

achievement when constructed one hundred years ago... it still is.

The centenary means much to the diocese and for the older generation it revives many fine memories. Memories that have marked the passage of time. Its construction was a religious statement in a land wracked with poverty and with foreign rule. It was a statement of religious independence and the congregation of this diocese led by example and simple Christian faith. The Cathedral is a monument to generations of Donegal's faithful who have come here to pray; both in bad times and good. The centenary marks an important landmark in all our lives. It was to this hallowed building our forefathers came in times of crisis and in times of celebration. For many their annual visit in days of yore was to Midnight Mass at Christmas when busloads travelled from all corners of the countryside.

St. Eunan's continues to be a focal point in our lives and its presence in such pristine condition is a reflection of our interest and participation in so many ceremonies that are an integral part of our daily lives. This past weekend has been a time for reflection and for looking forward with confidence. Over the past hundred years the lives of the community have changed forever and for the better. We are a more affluent society but behind all that the congregations in St. Eunan's continue to find that their religion is the one constant in an ever changing landscape. Its presence continues to offer a message of hope and the pride in which the Cathedral is held was manifest as the centenary was honoured and celebrated.

An older generation will remember Ireland's fight for freedom and the many occasions of great liturgical importance celebrated in the past hundred years. The Cathedral has played an immensely important role in all of those events and today it remains as a shining beacon for future generations. The Catholic Church has also changed much in a hundred years and St. Eunan's has marked those changes with leadership of bishops and the many who have come to lead the diocesan flock. Today it stands proudly: in memory of the past and the sacrifices made to give the community a building in which they could worship and a place of which their offspring could be proud. Pride and independence allied to an unshakeable faith made its construction possible and the weekend events were also a celebration of our forebears who were fondly remembered in the events that marked the occasion.

Pope John Paul II also offered his warmest greetings to the priests and laity of the diocese of Raphoe in a letter from the Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Angelo Sodano. The Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Dr Giuseppe Lazzarotto, read the message. The Pope praised the work done by St Eunan and St Columba or Colmcille, patrons of the Cathedral for their inspirational work.

Also in attendance at the Cathedral were the former Primate of All Ireland and Archbishop of Armagh Cardinal Cahal Daly. Four Bishops and two Auxiliary Bishops accompanied him. They included Bishop Seamus Hegarty of Derry, Bishop Joseph Duffy of Clogher, Bishop Colm O'Reilly of Ardagh and Clonmacnois and the retired Bishop of Dromore, Gerard Brooks. The two Auxiliary Bishops were Anthony Farquhar, Auxiliary Bishop of Down and Connor and Francis Lagan, Auxiliary Bishop of Derry. It had been hoped that more bishops would be present but with Corpus Christi falling on the same day as the centenary this was not possible. Archbishop Sean Brady, one of those unable to attend sent his representative Monsignor Liam MacEntegart. Also making a visit to the diocese for the first time was the Pope representative in Ireland, Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Dr Giuseppe Lazzarotto.

Each of the 33 parishes throughout the diocese were also represented and representatives of each of the five deaneries brought up gifts during the offertory procession. Also present was the Reverend Stuart Wright, Church of Ireland rector in Letterkenny.

Among the many other dignitaries were the Chairman of Donegal County Council: Cllr Sean Maloney, along with the Chairperson of Letterkenny UDC Cllr Jean Crossan. A number of other politicians were present. But more importantly the parishioners of Conwal turned up in their hundreds to fill the Cathedral because without these people there would be no Cathedral. A fact acknowledged by Bishop Boyce in his sermon compared the parishioners to the spiritual bricks and mortar of the church. The Bishop paid tribute to the man whose idea it was to build the Cathedral, Dr Patrick O'Donnell, the then Bishop of Raphoe who later became Cardinal.

He said "We now look back with a sense of deep admiration on the vision faith, the spiritual energy, the organising power and the generosity of Bishop O'Donnell and the people of Donegal. They built and left behind them a magnificent and sacred building. It is a monument in stone to the values they held in greatest esteem. For us it is a silent reminder of the faith of our fathers." He also thanked the faithful people of people of Donegal who built such a splendid Cathedral in a time of great poverty and widespread emigration and he recalled how priests from the parish were sent aboard to fundraise in the United States, Scotland, England and Australia.

He said, "The largesse of the Irish abroad corresponded to the generosity of the poor at home." The Bishop also touched upon how much work went into the great building that took ten years to complete and how white sandstone and a group of expert stone cutters came from Mountcharles and undertook most of the work. Other masons and craftsmen were brought in from various parts of the county to complete the job. The pamphlet, which was specially published for the Mass, recalls the history of the Cathedral and how it is an 'Irish' building in all senses of the word.

The Bishop applauded his predecessor Bishop Hegarty for his realignment of the altar in 1985 in accordance with the Second Vatican Council that meant the altar now faces the people. Former Administrators of the Cathedral also come in for praise particularly the present Administrator, Fr Francis McLoone.

Among the changes Fr McLoone is responsible for the provision of the Conference room above the Sacristy, the permanent crib, the new floor and the Carillon bells.

Dr Boyce also drew attention to how the Cathedral dominates the skyline of Letterkenny and plays a major role in peoples' lives. Many people in the town have celebrated joyous occasions at the church with christenings, holy communions, confirmations and marriages.

It has been the scene of great sadness as people from the town have said goodbye to their loved ones at the Cathedral. This point has not lost on the Bishop who said "The spire, pointing at a height of 240 feet into the heavens is a powerful reminder for us not to get lost in the routine of this world's duties, but to spare a thought for higher spiritual values."

This special Celebration was a major ecclesiastical landmark for all those in the congregation and for the diocese. Bishop Boyce thanked everyone for making the Mass such a joyous and spiritual occasion. A special thanks was given to the sacristan of the Cathedral, Alan Wilson and the cleaning ladies who gave up their time and effort each week. The Altar Society and the Letterkenny Flower Club also received much praise from the Bishop.

He believed that their display which saw one hundred candles spread all across the front of the altar was good enough to win an award in any flower show. Likewise, the organist for the occasion Fr Michael Carney and his Cathedral choir

who were responsible for the various hymns also won the plaudits of Bishop Boyce.

And finally the bishop thanked the Centenary committee and the various sub committees who made all the celebrations possible. This weekend of celebrations marked the end of events commemorating one hundred years in the life of the Cathedral. Following the Mass any parishioners then attended a function in the Mount Errigal Hotel. The weekend was also marked with several other church events including Masses for senior classes for the national schools in the town and for the elderly.

The Cathedral's 12th largest bell was rung for the first time in over fifty years. The Corpus Christi annual Procession took place on the eve of the feast day following 7.30 Mass on Saturday evening. It followed its traditional route across Lower Ard O'Donnell along Beechwood Road, Ard Colmcille, Iona Road back along Beechwood Avenue and Upper Ard O'Donnell before returning to the Cathedral.



Cllr. Jimmy Harte presenting the Jimmy Harte Insurance Golden Boot Award to the Donegal League's top goal scorer with 28 goals, Damien Gallagher of Kerrykeel '71.



Bobby McDaid of Funland Amusements presenting the CT Ball Division Player of the Year award to Michael Crossan, Kerrykeel '71 at the 30th anniversary Donegal League presentation dinner dance in Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey. Also included is league secretary Dessie Kelly.



Ursula Dunphy of the Donegal League presenting the CT Ball Division Cup to Shaun Sweeney, captain of the Kerrykeel '71 team. Also included are manager John Joe McAteer, assistant Peggy McAteer, players and club sponsors Sean McGettigan and Ken Graham.



John Joe McAteer, Kerrykeel '71 manager with his thirty years of service award at the Donegal League dinner dance on Friday night. John Joe has been manager of Kerrykeel for over 30 years.

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Launch of Fairtrade towns



Residents of Dunfanaghy celebrate their announcement as a Fairtrade town.

Are you looking to get involved and fly the flag for #Fairtrade in Donegal? Changemaker's is now looking for individuals and groups to work towards Fairtrade Town status. The aim is to bring together communities, schools, the local council, and businesses towards a fairer world, improve the lives of farmers and their families and help them plan for their future. Join hundreds of others across Ireland to help our friends, neighbours, colleagues and communities to put Fairtrade in their basket and take exploitation out.

The latest town to become a Fairtrade Town is Dunfanaghy which was announced in April this year as the newest one in Donegal.

ChangeMakers can help you create a group, organise events and help achieve Fairtrade Town status for your town. Becoming a Fairtrade Town is a lot of work, good fun and a great way to bring people together. It will also be an achievement

everyone can celebrate and a powerful message about how your community wants trade to work. Join Other Fairtrade Towns in Donegal As one local Fairtrade's spokesperson explains: "We have been campaigning for Fairtrade for a number of years now and have learnt what difference it makes around the world. Yet, not enough people are buying it and not enough farmers are benefiting from it. We need everyone in the community to get behind farmers and their families" Why Fair Trade

Fairtrade is an alternative approach to conventional trade and is based on a partnership between some of the most disadvantaged farmers and workers in the developing world and the people who buy their products. When farmers and workers can sell on Fairtrade terms, it provides them with a better deal: an opportunity to improve their lives and plan for their future. Fairtrade offers us, the Inishowen community, a powerful way to reduce poverty in other parts of the world through our everyday shopping. 'By choosing to support Fairtrade, your community can add its voice to demands for a trade system that puts people, not profit, at the heart of the transaction.

Our voices become louder when we speak together' says Joanne Butler, Changemakers Development worker. ChangeMakers are a collaborative Development Education & Action project led by Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), with Donegal Education & Training Board (ETB), Self Help Africa (SHA) and Trócaire as project partners.

Their work involves awareness raising and education on issues such as human rights, social justice, climate action, sustainable development and the SDGs. They also aim to help individuals and communities understand, connect and act to be the change, linking and addressing local and global development issues.

For more information or to get in touch please contact joanne@inishowen.ie – 0861789971 or see the website for more details www.changemakers.ie



New song from Brigeen

TV personality Nadine Reid modelling one of the 22 wedding dresses from brides all over Donegal. These will form the video for a new song "This Bride" written by Ramelton's Brigeen Carr and performed by Fanad singer Kelli McGrory.

The song and video will be launched at the end of June on youtube, facebook, spotify etc.

Brigeen says that they are opening up the beautiful Donegal landscape with the beauty of Donegal women.

The dresses have been supplied by sponsor McElhinney's in Ballybofey as well as the bride's own wedding dresses and they go in age from 7 to 77 years.

NW Simon thanks Glenmaquin NS

North West Simon Community would like to thank the pupils and teachers from Glenmaquin NS for their fundraising and video in aid of the cause. The pupils held a Pyjama Day and breakfast morning in the School and organised an extremely creative music video about homelessness through their Creative Schools Project and Wall-2Wall Music raising €105. NW Simon Community worked with 499 individuals and families last year and since Covid, the cause has had to cancel all our community fundraising events which account for 80% of the charity income. It is because of the kindness of people and schools like Glenmaquin NS that we are able to continue to prevent and resolve homelessness throughout the North West. For anyone experiencing homelessness, or at risk of homelessness can contact North West Simon Community for support at 071 9147522 or fill out a referral form online at www.northwestsimon.ie





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Dunfanaghy

The late Brian McGinley

There was great sadness in the Dunfanaghy and surrounding areas and throughout the county recently on hearing of the death recently in Galway University Hospital of Brian McGinley, Main Street. Brian was a highly respected and well-known member of the local community. In earlier years Brian worked in the Veneer Factory at Derryart. He then worked for Michael Sweeney in Falcarragh installing televisions and aerials before setting up his own business



as an electrician until just a few years ago. Brian was predeceased by his son Patrick and his brother John. Brian was also a family man and a man of Faith and he and his wife Brid attended the weekly 10am Mass in Holy Cross Church.

Brian was a keen golfer and a member of Dunfanaghy Golf Club, but he was known around the county and beyond for his dedication to the GAA and St. Michael's GAA Club. Wee Brian McGinley as he was known was a stalwart of the club and was involved with St. Michael's GAA Club for nearly 70 years. He took on many roles at the club from the 1950s and in recent years became Club President.

The esteem in which Brian was held was shown by the large number of people who lined the streets of Creeslough and Dunfanaghy on the evening of his removal from Galway and also the numbers who lined the route of the Funeral Cortege on Wednesday last as it made its way from Brian's home to Holy Cross Church where his funeral Mass was celebrated by Fr. Martin Doohan P.P.

Members of St. Michael's GAA Club provided a Guard of Honour from the Church to the Graveyard where Fr. Martin Doohan officiated at the graveside as Brian was laid to rest in the family plot.

The deepest sympathy of the community is extended to Brian's wife Brid; daughters Teresa and Sally; sons Danny, Bernard, Shaun and Neil; sons-in-law; daughters-in-law; 11 grandchildren, his brother Neil and sister-in-law Margaret, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends, to whom. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

The Workhouse is 176 Years Old!

Since opening its doors in 1845 just at the outbreak of the Great Famine, The Workhouse has been an important historical landmark in Dunfanaghy from a Workhouse during the Great Hunger to a Heritage Centre today.

To celebrate the Anniversary, the Workhouse is offering Half Price on their Exhibition Tour: Adults normally €5 half price €2.50, Students and Seniors €4 half price - €2, Family (2 Teens, 2 Adults Normally €15 Half Price €7.50. Groups (8 or more) Normally €4 Half Price €2 per person. Kids Under 2 go free.

The Workhouse is open from 10am until 5pm and for more information contact The Workhouse on 9136540 or find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!

Car Treasure Hunt

A Car Treasure Hunt will leave Ballymore Parish Centre Dunfanaghy on Friday 16th July at 7pm. The cost is €16 per car and this would be a great evening's entertainment for everyone both young and old.

Murroe NS

Blue Flag - Scoil Cholmcille Máigh Rua / Murroe N.S is very proud to have been awarded a second Blue Star Flag and Certificates of Achievements this year. This is to acknowledge all the hard work in tasks and projects the children did in relation to the European Union. The school also took part in a 'Europe Week Live Event', which featured a special video from An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin and a special live-streamed event with Minister of State for European Affairs, Thomas Byrne TD.

Active Flag - Scoil Cholmcille Máigh Rua /Murroe N.S is delighted and very proud to be awarded our 2nd Active School Flag this year. The Active Committee and students have worked very hard over the last 3 years to maintain and further progress as an Active School. Well done to all the children, parents and staff of Murroe N.S. Maith sibh uilig.

Water Safety Week 2021

Port na Blagh Water Safety Week will take place this year from 19th - 24th July. Registration will be taken online only and must be completed by Friday 16th July. Please email me at watersafetyweek@gmail.com to do so. There will be no registration at the pier on the morning of Monday 19th before classes. Online registration will include payment and the completion of the Covid Declaration Form.

Workhouse Clothes Bank

There is now 24/7 Close Circuit Cameras in operation in all areas of Workhouse including the Community Playground and The Clothing Bank.

Online Bingo

The winner of the St. Michael's GAA Online Bingo last week were: €200 on the 9th Game, Geraldine O'Donnell, the €100 on Game 5 was won by Sally MacIntyre, Falcarragh. Online Bingo continues on Sunday at 8pm.

Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Mini Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were: 3,4,7,9,19,20. The match 5 winner was Mary Brogan, Ballyboes, Falcarragh who won €100. This week's Jackpot will remain at €10,000.

Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50

Congratulations to Frances Griffin who won €520 from last week's 50/50 draw. The hut will be in Creeslough every Thursday and Friday 9am-2pm,



The St. Michael's Flag hangs at half mask at the Bridge on Sunday in honour of our Club president Brian McGinley who was laid to rest on Wednesday last.

Dunfanaghy on Tuesday and Saturday 10am-2pm you can also go onto Dunfanaghy Youths football club Facebook page click on the PayPal link and pay for your tickets online. Anyone available to volunteer for an hour can contact our Facebook page or Joanne on 0877414559.

DPM Community Employment

The local Community Employment Programme are currently recruiting workers for their Scheme. A variety of positions will be available throughout the year including environmental, maintenance, office administration, heritage workers and tour guides. These positions are part time and a grant is available to each employee for training and development. For further details contact DPM Community Enterprise at 0879825174.

Country Markets

The Dunfanaghy Country Market continues every Saturday in the Market Square between 10am to 1pm.

Resource Centre

Gardening Group - Summer gardening course with tutor Sophie Gallagher continues on Mondays 10.30 - 12 at Dunfanaghy Community Gardens

Breast feeding support is provided via ZOOM and facilitated by Naimh Cassidy - IBCLC lactation consultant. Group meets on the first Tuesday at 10am and the first Thursday at 8pm



Frances Griffin was the lucky winner of the Dunfanaghy Youth 50/50 Draw last weekend pictured with her winnings of €520

To join the various classes / groups, or for further information, please register with the FRC by contacting Bernie on 0830730714 or emailing dunfresource@gmail.com for further details/ Saint Vincent De Paul Saint Vincent De Paul are always here to help out in a confidential manner. Should you wish to contact us at any time please feel free to do so on 086 2328791.

Dunfanaghy welcome for Bishop John McDowell

Sunday 20th June was an historical day for the Parish of Dunfanaghy and Raymuntardowney as Rector David Skuce and the Parishioners of Holy Trinity Church Dunfanaghy and St. Paul's Church Ray

extended a warm welcome to the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland Bishop John McDowell as he led

the Services of Holy Communion and Morning Prayer in the two Parishes whilst holidaying in Arnolds Hotel in the area.



Archbishop McDowell Pictured with Rev. David Skuce and Churchwardens Deborah Moore and Patrick Knowles in Holy Trinity Church in Dunfanaghy.



Archbishop McDowell and Rev. David Skuce pictured in St. Paul's Church Ray Falcarragh.



Archbishop McDowell greeting parishioners outside Holy Trinity Church on Sunday morning last

Kathleen retires from Cashel NS

Kathleen Coll has retired as cleaner in Scoil Mhuire, Caiseal having spent over 30 years in the job. Presentations were made last Wednesday at the School's end of year celebrations.

Below - Presentations were made to Kathleen Coll on her retirement as cleaner in Scoil Mhuire, Caiseal by Fr. Pat McGarvey and Máire Nic Laifearthaigh of the Board of Management. Also included is Principal Gráinne Uí Dhubhthaigh.

Below centre - Michelle Uí Dhochartaigh representing the staff of Scoil Mhuire making a presentation to Kathleen.

Below, right - Kathleen is pictured with her grandchild Conán Ó Dhochartaigh, Naíonáin Bheaga.



Kathleen is pictured with all the staff in Caiseal and Rang 6.



Donegal has highest sheep numbers

Donegal has the largest number of sheep in the country: that's according to the new census from the Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

The county has 535,949 sheep with Mayo in second place second with 440,784. The figures come from the 2020 sheep census which was completed on December 31st. The country's sheep flock increased by 2% in 2020 compared to 2019, the latest sheep census figures show.

These latest figures from the department show that 3.88 million sheep were kept in the country at the end of December 2020. This represents an increase of 69,000 head when compared to 2019. Census forms were distributed to

46,332 registered flock-keepers. This number included approximately 1,500 new sheep flocks approved by the DAFM - along with a further 500 flock numbers reactivated.

Of the 3.88 million sheep recorded by the end of the year, 2.64 million of those were breeding sheep over 12 months-of-age - which was an increase of approximately 72,000 on the previous year's ewe population.

The average number of sheep per flock was 109, which was the same as 2019. A total of 66% of flocks (23,407) kept 100 sheep or less, the report said.

Other leading counties with large sheep numbers include Galway with 422,768 Kerry has recorded 331,403 and Wicklow has 237,522.



The children of St. Davaddog's NS along with past pupil Colm McGonigle raising their 2nd Active School Flag. Well done to everyone involved.

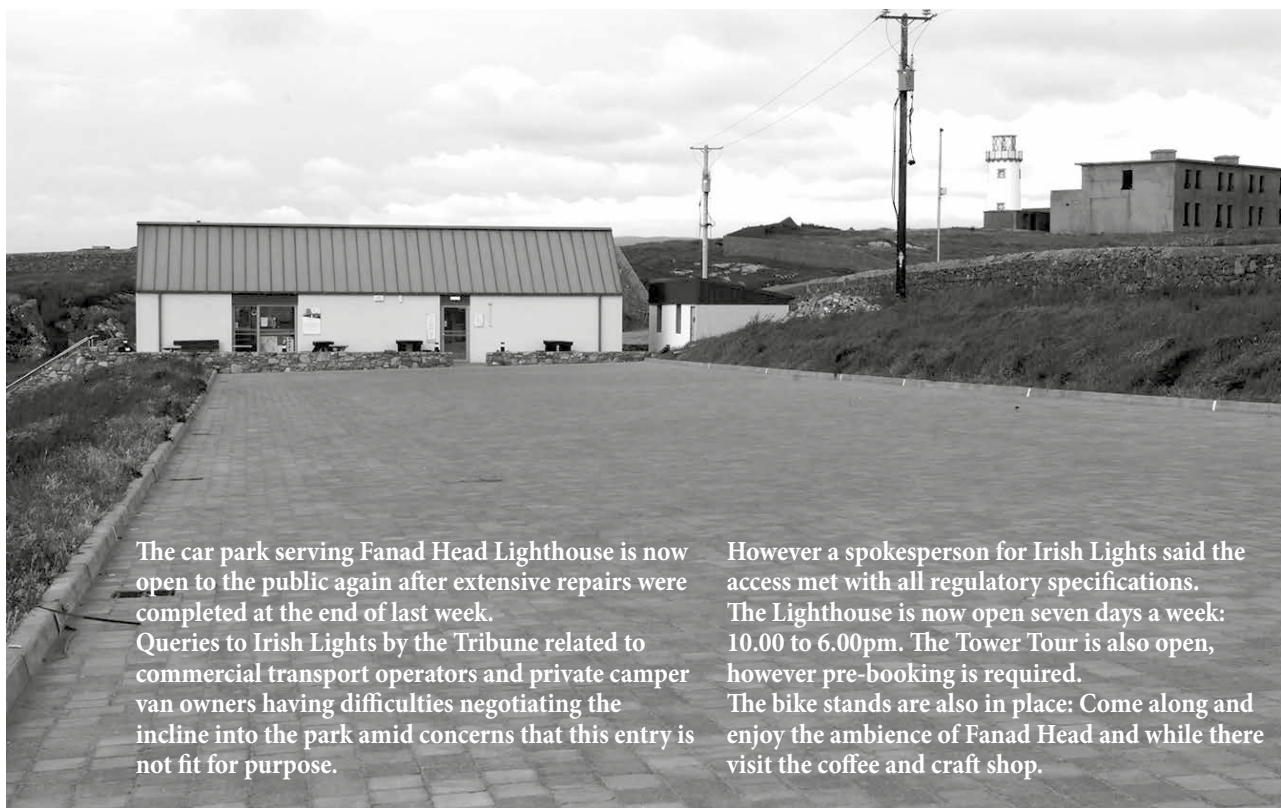
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The children from St. Davaddogs NS enjoying a Slushy outside Teresa Clintons shop in Tamney on their way back from a trip to Tamney Play Park

Lighthouse car park reopens



The car park serving Fanad Head Lighthouse is now open to the public again after extensive repairs were completed at the end of last week. Queries to Irish Lights by the Tribune related to commercial transport operators and private camper van owners having difficulties negotiating the incline into the park amid concerns that this entry is not fit for purpose.

However a spokesperson for Irish Lights said the access met with all regulatory specifications. The Lighthouse is now open seven days a week: 10.00 to 6.00pm. The Tower Tour is also open, however pre-booking is required. The bike stands are also in place: Come along and enjoy the ambience of Fanad Head and while there visit the coffee and craft shop.

Fanad

Death of Celia Gallagher: Rosnaskill

The death occurred on last Thursday of Celia Friel (née Gallagher), Rosnaskill. She passed away peacefully at her home. Celia was one of Fanad's most senior citizens and was a highly respected member of the community.



She was predeceased by husband, Edward and is survived by her sons and daughters, John, Mary, Martin, Raymond, Margaret and Eunan, their spouses and partners, Patricia, Marian, Pat, Kate, Albert and Nessa, her 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, her nieces, nephews and extended family to whom deepest sympathy is extended.

Requiem Mass on Saturday in St Columba's Church, Massmount was celebrated by Fr. Pat McGarvey, PP and interment followed in the adjoining cemetery.

Milford & Tully Graveyard Services

and Due to Government Restrictions direction from Bishop Alan McGuckian to all parishes, Fr. Stephen Gorman has informed parishioners that they will not in a position to celebrate Graveyard Masses this year. Fr. Stephen will lead an Online Prayer Service via the Church Webcam for Milford and Tully Cemeteries on Sunday 25th July at 3pm. Fr Stephen will then bless all graves in both graveyards in the days after. You are asked not to gather in the Church for this service but to watch from the webcam via the following link www.churchservices.tv/milford.

Mass Times

Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 26th June at 6.00pm. Masses and Services can be viewed on Parish Webcam www.churchservices.tv

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Confirmations in the Parish

Confirmations will take place on Friday 2nd July at 6.30pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel for the children of Scoil Cholmille, Kerrykeel.

First Holy Communions

First Holy Communions will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel for children from Scoil Cholmille, Kerrykeel on Saturday 18th September at 11am.

Tower Tours back on at Lighthouse

Teach Solais Fhánada/Fanad Lighthouse is delighted to announce the resumption of tower tours this summer. These tours will include a guided tour of the tower and a self-guided tour of grounds and exhibition spaces.

Each slot must be booked for a bubble of 1-5 people, and can be booked online up to a day before at <https://fanadlighthouse.com/book-a-tour/>. Slots may be available on the day but we would advise pre-booking to avoid disappointment.

The alternative self-guided tour of grounds and exhibition spaces is available at all times. From Saturday, Fanad Lighthouse will be open to the public 7 days a week, 10am-6pm for the summer months, including the café and craft shop. Fáilte romhaibh go léir.

Covid 19 Vaccinations

The staff at Tamney Health Centre wish to unreservedly apologise for the deficit in supply of vaccines this week. This was due to a supply issue beyond our control.

Pre-school Vaccines

If your child is aged 4-5 and starting school this September please phone the surgery to make an appointment with the general practice nurse.

Bloods/laboratory

Please be aware that the laboratory

is still running at 50% capacity and are only processing urgent bloods or bloods for patients undergoing treatment. If your bloods are not urgent please contact the surgery for blood tests at a later date.

Coaches

Milford Athletic Club are looking for help with juvenile coaching. If you are interested or can help out please contact Noel on 086 3636551.

Fanad SVP

Anyone seeking help or support can contact the local Fanad St. Vincent de Paul on 087-1411200. All matters will be dealt with in confidentiality.

Rosnaskill Church of Ireland

Services have resumed in Rosnaskill Church every Sunday at 3pm.

Morning Service

Fannet Presbyterian Church, Kerrykeel 'Morning Services' will recommence on Sunday 6th June at 12 noon.

Drive-In Bingo

The Fanad Drive-In bingo continues at the Traialough every Monday at 7:30 and everyone welcome

Cúl Camp 2021

The Gaeil Fhánada Cúl Camp will run from Monday, 26th - Friday 30th July this year. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, camps will be limited to 100 places! Registration for this camp is now live on the Cúl Camps website GAA Cúl Camps. You must register online.

Clothing/Textile recycling

A reminder to the community that there is a Clothing Recycling Bank located inside the grounds of Scoil Mhuire Caiseal. Accepted items include washed clothing, paired shoes (in a separate bag), belts, handbags, bed linen, curtains and towels. Please feel free to deposit any such items in the recycling bank. All money raised goes towards the school.

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- * (V) Vegetarian Tagliatelle (Tomato Based Sauce) ~ Garlic Bread €11.50
- * (V) Homemade Chicken Curry ~ Rice or Chips €12.50
- * Warm Chicken Salad with Garlic Potatoes and Bacon Bits €12.50
- Homemade Chicken Goujons ~ Creamed Potatoes, Chips or Garlic Potatoes €12.50
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Fanad farmer earns €157k from CAP

A Fanad farmer was the biggest recipient in Donegal from the CAP direct payments in 2020 according to recently published figures from the Dept. of Agriculture. Paul Carr received €157,920 which also made him the seventh highest beneficiary from direct payments in Ulster and Northern Ireland. The figures relate to the EU financial year from October 16th 2019 to the 15th of October 2020.

In that period around 122,000 farmers were recipients of €1.2 billion in direct payments. €3.6m of that figure went to the top 20 claimants. Cork farmer Brendan Kelleher was the top earner with €245,500 and he received a further €56,000 from ANC and other scheme payments. In second place was the Kilkenny based O'Shea Farms who are potato and carrot growers and got €222,600 while third highest direct payment earner was Godolphin the thoroughbred breeding and racing business founded by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum in Kildare who received €222,300. Teagasc the semi-state agricultural body who run 12 farming enterprises were beneficiaries to the tune of a combined total of €521,000. Farms linked to meat plants were among the biggest recipients of direct payments. Glydee Farms and Branganstown Farms in Louth with links to Larry Goodman and a member of his family were beneficiaries to a combined total of €415,000. A Kepak Group farm in Meath received €114,900 and Dawn Meats got €176,500.

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Planning granted for Creeslough apartments

Planning permission has been granted for two new apartments in Creeslough village. Donegal County Council granted the application subject to conditions for the erection of the two apartments with connection to the public sewer and all ancillary site works. The application was made by Charles Roarty.

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Dowings school works

Planning permission has been granted for two new rooms at Scoil Naomh Brid, Kinnalargy, Downings. Donegal County Council granted conditional approval for the construction of an extension to the existing school premises consisting of two set rooms and all associated site works at Kinnalargy. The application was made by school principal Terri Martin.

Donegal Women League

The Donegal Women's League returned to action after a long enforced break due to Covid.

U12 League

On a wet Tuesday evening in Moyleview Park the local derby started off the season for Milford and Mulroy U12s with the visitors winning 2-0 thanks to Meave Sweeney goals in either half. Milford started off the stronger team creating plenty of chances but just couldn't find the net. Meave Sweeney showed her strength and experience on the field, running through the Milford midfield. However the home defence of Amy Hosford and Teagan Devine stopped Mulroy on many occasions.

Mulroy got a break through just before the half and Meave Sweeney put the ball in the net. In the second half the visitors netted a second goal, scored again by Meave Sweeney. Milford continued to try and put pressure on and get on the score sheet but didn't fall their way. Great team performances from Mulroy and Milford.

Newcomers Drumbar had a big 7-1 win over Bonagee in the Donegal Women's u12 League. It was fantastic to finally welcome back competitive underage football again and the Drumbar Utd u12 ladies made history as the first u12 female team to represent the club in competitive football. Raphoe U12 girls hosted Lagan Harps in

their first league game of the season. Lagan took hold of the game and by half-time were 5-0 up. It ended 6-1 in favour of the Manor girls with Ellie McNeill, Hollie McCarron and Amy Moore among their scorers. The Ballyraine U12 won 3-1 away at Finn Valley. It was 2-0 to Ballyraine at half-time with the goals coming from Grace McGlynn and Meave Doherty. Emer Cassidy got the third in the second half.

U16 League

On the opening night of the U16 League, Lagan Harps took full advantage of the home draw winning 4-0 against Raphoe Town. The only goal in the first half came as the clock ran down from Sarah Conaghan. Shortly after the restart Orlaith Doherty and Niamh Ryan extended the lead. The final goal of the night came for Orlaith Doherty.

U14 League

Finn Valley WFC u14s lost 3-1 to near neighbours Bonagee Utd. Chloe Creevey got a goal in either half and Caitlin Fletcher rounded off the scoring for Bonagee.

U8 and U10

On a beautiful dry sunny day it was encouraging to see the turn out from players and supporters. Both sets of teams played some great football with lots of goals scored. A great time was had by all.

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 Drumnahough, Breenagh, Letterkenny

We, Jimmy McFadden Bernie McFadden are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect a Dwelling House with wastewater treatment system, domestic garage and all other associated site development works at Drumnahough, Breenagh, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Drumnahough. 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 Castleshannaghan, Letterkenny,

I, Chloe Kerr am applying to Donegal County Council for permission planning to erect a dwelling house with wastewater treatment system and domestic garage and all other associated site development works at Castleshannaghan, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Castleshannaghan. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council Leatbeg, Fanad

I, Thomas McCoach am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to relocate & upgrade existing septic tank system currently serving existing neighbouring dwelling & permission to erect a new dwelling house with septic tank system at Leatbeg, Fanad, County Donegal in the townland of Leatbeg. 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 Keenaghan, Kilmacrennan

We, Louise McKee & Ivan Irwin are applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission for a lean to stable/tack room and turf shed with all other associated site works at Keenaghan, Kilmacrennan, County Donegal in the townland of Keenaghan. 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 Drumreen, Carrigart

We, Margaret McClafferty & Kilgar Porter are applying to Donegal County Council for permission planning to erect a dwelling house with wastewater treatment system and all other associated site development works at Drumreen, Carrigart, County Donegal in the townland of Carrigart. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of

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1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, aunt and sister who died on 22nd June 2020.

Always remembered and sadly missed by all the family.

Notice

Discharge of Effluent to Waters

Notice is hereby given by Sandybanks Caravan Park, Croaghross, Portsalon, Co. Donegal of their intention to apply to Donegal County Council for an effluent discharge licence to discharge trade effluent, after treatment, to grounds waters at Croaghross under Section 4 of the Water Pollution Act 1977. Representations in relation to this licence application may be made in writing to Public Service Centre, Donegal County Council, Neil T. Blaney Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal F92 TNY3 within 4 weeks of the date of issue of this newspaper. All relevant documentation in relation to this application is available for inspection, by appointment only, by contacting 074-9153900.

Acknowledgement

Crerand Eamon



We the family of the late Eamon Crerand, Milford wish to sincerely thank all those who conveyed their condolences, sent cards and flowers to us on Eamon's passing. Thank you to all those who brought food during the wake and helped out in any way. We wish to thank all those who attended the wake, who lined the streets on the day of the funeral and watched the service online.

The family wish to express our thanks to Dr Michael Cuffe and staff, Tom Murray and Staff, the team in Letterkenny University Hospital, NowDoc and the team in Keith Shaw Ward, St. James Hospital for their exemplary care of Eamon during his illness. Special thanks to the Palliative Care team Carmel, Noelle and Olive, to Sinead McClafferty and Leanne Murray. Sincere thanks to Fr. Stephen Gorman CC, Milford for prayers, guidance and support to Eamon and family before and after his passing and thank you for a beautiful Funeral Mass. Thanks also to Fr. McGarvey and Fr. Martin Collum.

Special word of thanks to Patrick Shields for your beautiful music at the funeral Mass. Thanks to the Sacristan and gravediggers. Thanks to Patrick and Paul Sweeney Funeral Directors for their professionalism, support and kindness which you gave to the family during this most difficult time, we owe you a debt of gratitude. Thank you to Raymond Holmes for the beautiful flowers.

Special word of thanks to our family, neighbours and friends for your ongoing love and support, words cannot express our depth of thanks to you all.

Eamon's Month Mind Mass will be held in St. Peter's Church, Milford at 7pm on Friday 25th June.

McHugh

Charlotte Formerly Labadough / Belfast



The entire family circle would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who sympathised with us in our recent bereavement.

We would like to thank the PSNI and the staff of the Ulster and Royal Victoria Hospitals.

To Patrick Sweeney Funeral Directors staff and gravediggers we would like to express our sincere thanks for their professionalism and kindness shown throughout.

Sincere thanks to Fr. Dunne for his guidance and support and for saying the rosary and celebrating the funeral Mass.

We would like to thank Patrick Shields and Mary McMenamin for their lovely music during the Requiem Mass.

To everyone who sent flowers, messages, cards and phoned, your kindness is very much appreciated. Thank you to Milford Mart for providing the food for the wake and funeral.

Also to the neighbours and friends from near and far who supported us in this difficult and challenging time.

Trusting this acknowledgment will be accepted by all as a token of our sincere appreciation.

Charlotte's Month Mind Mass will be held on the 2nd July in St. Bridget's Church, Golan at 7.00pm.

Gallagher

Charlie Dundoan, Downings

The family and friends of the late Charlie Gallagher wish to thank everyone who sympathised with us on the recent sudden death of Charlie. Thanks to everyone who contact us by phone visited, sent Mass and sympathy cards and left condolences messages online.

Thanks to his former nursing colleagues for the guard of honour at the removal from the Eternal Light Chapel, all those who travelled there to pay their respects and those who came to pay their respects at St. John the Baptist Church.

Thanks to Fr. Charlie Byrne for celebrating the funeral service. Thanks to Seamus Gallagher, Undertaker for his professional service and kindness, to the Garda Siochana and the caring Paramedics.

Please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our appreciation and gratitude.

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Coyle

High Glen, Carrigart



Peter
5th Anniversary

Philomena
8th 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 26th June at 6.00pm.

Shiels

Tamney, Fanad



Sheila
4th Anniversary

**St. Perpetual Succour
Mary Brigid**
3rd Anniversary

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

Always remembered and sadly missed by all the Shiels family.

Anniversary Mass will take place in St. Columba's Church, Massmount on Sunday 27th June at 10am.

Acknowledgement

Forrest

Frances Terargus
3rd May 2021 - Aged 93

We, the family of Frances wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for their kindness and support following our sad loss. Due to the covid restrictions we were unable to meet with many but we were greatly touched by the volume of sympathy cards, online condolences, phone calls and donations received in lieu of flowers. We would also like to thank our friends and neighbours who send food and refreshments and to anyone who helped in any way. We extend our deep appreciation to all who lined the route of the funeral cortege to the Church in Trentagh which was a great comfort to us and was a fitting send off for our Mother. The kindness and support shown by our loving friends and relatives meant so much to us.

We would like to thank everyone at the Garton Day Centre where she enjoys many a happy afternoon and to the bus drivers. We would also like to thank the nurses, careers and all the staff in Aras Uí Dhomhnaill nursing home in Milford for looking after our Mother for her last years, and to thank Charlie McClafferty Funeral Directors for their sensitivity and professionalism with the arrangements.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, we hope this acknowledgement will be a token of our sincere appreciation and thanks.



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Coyle

Eddie Ballyheerin Fanad

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 27th June at 12 noon. Mass can be viewed on St. Mary's Fanavolt and St. Columba's Massmount Facebook page.

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McLaughlin

Brian Gortnalake, Creeslough
2nd 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.

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council Meenlaragh, Gortahork

I, Denis Ferry intend on applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for development at Meenlaragh, Gortahork, County Donegal. The development will consist of the erection of a dwelling house, domestic garage, waste water treatment system with percolation area, entrance gates and piers and all associated site works. Retention permission is sought for a mobile home and excavation works carried out at the site. 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 County House, The Diamond, 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 20 euro, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will



Clinton

Danny Drum, Portsalon
9th Anniversary

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

*Are you gently sleeping here inside my dream?
And isn't faith believing all power can't be seen
As my heart holds you just one beat away
I cherish all you gave me everyday.*

Missing you always, Love, Dana and Paddy

*Just to spend the day with you and laugh with you again
Because since you've been gone Dad life has never been the same.*

Love, Pamela, Rory, Corey and Aaron

*Its been the hardest thing to lose you
You meant so much to me
But you are in my heart Dad and that's where you'll always be*

*I know that Heaven called you but
I wish you could have stayed
At least the memories I have of you they will never fade.*

Love always Maria, Gary, Shannon and Keisha.

be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without



Sweeney

Rose Gortmacall, Milford
6th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother who died on 25th June 2015.

*You can shed tears that she is gone
or you can smile because she has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back
or you can open your eyes and see all that she's left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow
and live yesterday
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.*

*You can remember her and only that she's gone
or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.
You can close your mind, be empty and turn your back
or you can do what she'd want: Smile open your eyes love and go on.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by all your family.

Anniversary Mass in St. Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan on Saturday 26th June at 6.00pm.

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Kelly

Manus (Mandy) Glenswilly
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband and father Manus who died on the 23rd June 2019.

*I lost my loving husband, my partner in my life
He was one of a kind I was proud to be his wife
But I have the memories of times we shared together
that will live inside my heart from this day and forever
For he was one of a kind A husband like no other
He was my best friend my soul mate and my lover*

*Rest in peace my angel I just want you to know
I miss you more each passing day and how much
I love you so And when I get to Heaven I know what I will do
You will be there with open arms and I will run to you.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your loving wife Bernie.

*I came across a picture of you and I today
The tears just started falling but I couldn't turn away
I closed my eyes and I was there that day so long ago...*

*I saw your eyes still shining bright alive and so aglow.
I'd swear I heard your laughter as I gazed upon your face;*

*That golden and contagious sound that nothing can replace
It brought back such sweet memories of how life used to be.
Each picture's now a time machine that brings you back to me.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your children Annie, Mandy, Charlie, Conan and Bella.

*Along the road of life you found a little lane
That took you up to Heaven and ended all your dreams
You may be out of sight we may be worlds apart;
But you are always in our prayers and forever in our hearts*

Missed beyond words McBride family in Kerrykeel.

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McHugh

John Forquar, Milford
8th 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.*

Always remembered by your grand children.

*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 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 Brigid Shields.

Anniversary Mass will take place in St. Peter's Church, Milford on Saturday 26th June at 7.30pm.

Owencarrow Viaduct Disaster Memorial site

The Creeslough Community Association will be unveiling a memorial in memory of the four victims of the Owencarrow Train Disaster. This will take place on Wednesday July 7th at 12.30pm at Drimnacarry, Creeslough. Everybody is encour-

aged to attend this historic outdoor event. If anyone has any photos or stories related to the disaster, please contact Ben on 087 27 64 198 or email dettamac@hotmail.com before Wednesday, 30th June.



Joe and Ann Marie Sweeney and their son Michael pictured at the site of the Memorial for the Owencarrow Viaduct Disaster. The Creeslough Community Association would like to thank Joe for donating the land for the site for the Memorial which will be unveiled on the 7th July.

Creeslough

St. Pio Prayer Group

The St. Pio prayer meeting will take place in Ards Friary on this evening Thursday June 24th Rosary at 7.10 p.m. and Mass at 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Online Bingo

The winner of the St. Michael's GAA Online Bingo last week were: €200 on the 9th Game, Geraldine O'Donnell, the €100 on Game 5 was won by Sally MacIntyre, Falcarragh. Online Bingo continues on Sunday at 8pm.

Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Mini Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were: 3,4,7,9,19,20. The match 5 winner was Mary Brogan, Ballyboes, Falcarragh who won €100. This week's Jackpot will remain at €10,000.

Car Treasure Hunt

A Car Treasure Hunt will leave Ballymore Parish Centre Dunfan-

naghy on Friday 16th July at 7pm. The cost is €16 per car and this would be a great evening's entertainment for everyone both young and old.

Water Safety Week 2021

Port na Blagh Water Safety Week will take place this year from 19th - 24th July. Registration will be taken online only and must be completed by Friday 16th July. Please email me at watersafetyweek@gmail.com to do so. There will be no registration at the pier on the morning of Monday 19th before classes. Online registration will include payment and the completion of the Covid Declaration Form.

Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50

Congratulations to Frances Griffin who won €520 from last week's 50/50 draw. The hut will be in Creeslough every Thursday & Friday 9am-2pm. Anyone available to volunteer for an hour can contact our Facebook page or Joanne on 0877414559.

Creeslough Community Day Centre

The Creeslough Community Day Centre continues collecting and delivering meals - on - wheels service. The 'run' takes about an hour in total. Collect meals in special boxes at the Day Centre, deliver to about 6/7 households and return boxes to Centre taking all the Covid 19 preventative measures during this time. If you have an hour to spare, as a volunteer, at lunchtime on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday please ring 087 6682589 (JFriel) 087 1250015 (Sally). (Access to a car needed for delivery).

Ards Friary

The Sunday Mass times at Ards Friary are 9am and 5.30pm. Ards Friary Shop and Coffee Dock opening hours areas follows: Monday to Saturday 12noon to 5pm and Sunday's 12noon to 6pm.

Mass Cards can be obtained from capuchincards@gmail.com

Cloughaneely

50/50

Congratulations to Paul Sweeney, Moyra who won the Falcarragh Hall Development 50/50 jackpot this week €817.

Holy Communion and Confirmations

The Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion will be celebrated in the parish at 1:30 pm Mass on Sunday 15th August. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at 6pm on Tuesday 17th August and also at 6pm on Wednesday 18th August.

SIOPA POBAIL

Siopa Pobail Opening Times: - Monday - Closed, Tuesday 10am - 2pm, Wednesday 10am-1pm, Thursday 10am-5pm, Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 11am-3pm, Sunday - Closed. Donation days are Tuesdays and Saturdays. You can now shop online with Siopa Pobail! Go to www.thrifty.ie. Join the sustainable fashion revolution and help fund great causes.

Present for my Teacher

Notice www.presentformyteacher.com is where parents and guardians can buy an online gift for their children's teachers in exchange for a donation towards the work of Mary's Meals. Every donation will help to support their mission to provide nutritious daily meals to some of the world's poorest children in their place of education. Donations of any amount are gratefully accepted and for just €18.30, a child can receive daily meals while they learn for an entire school year. It is really two gifts in one: your children can safely send a beautiful e-card via email to recognise and thank their teacher, while simultaneously giving a gift of hope to hungry children across the globe.

Ballyness Way Walking Guide

The wonderful Ballyness Way Walk is a great walk from Ballyness Pier all the way across to Drumnattinney or vice versa. Falcarragh Tidy Towns Committee is indebted to Tony McNally for sharing his expertise in putting this informative booklet together and for designing the Information Boards at both beaches, it will guide you in getting to know the names of birds, animals and plants along the route. The beautiful booklets are on sale in Circle K, McGee's Service Station and in EuroSaver. Proceeds of sale will go towards other Environmental Projects in the area. Buíochas don Chomhairle Chondae agus do Chlár Uisce an Údaraís Áitiúil as

or send your intentions with stipend of €10 per intention plus €3 p&p including your name address and Eircode to Fr. Tom Forde OFM Cap, Ards Friary. The Coffee Dock serving at The Hatch is open Monday to Saturday 12noon to 5.30pm and Sunday's 1pm to 6pm. Scoil Mhúire Development Fund Scoil Mhúire Cash for Clobber initiative to raise funds for school

development and refurbishment will hold. clothes collection on Thursday June 24th.

Online

Mass from St. Michael's Church is available online on <https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church> Parish Radio Highland Radio 106.2FM.

Clothes Bank

The clothes bank is situated outside Ballymore National School

and also there is a clothes bank in the Car Park at the Workhouse.

Creeslough Community Alert

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



The winner of the Falcarragh 50/50 Draw Jackpot last week was Paul Sweeney, Moyra and his brother Noel is pictured accepting his prize of €817.

a gcuid urraíochta.

Mental Health

Cloughaneely Mental Health Association supported by Mental Health Ireland and if you or someone you know needs our help, the group are here to support you. All calls and emails are treated in the strictest of confidence. Contact Sally: 0833489749 or email cloughaneelymha@mental-healthireland.ie.

Derryveagh Social Prescribing for Health and Wellbeing provides you with opportunities to learn a new skill or participate in a new activity, improve your mental and physical health, meet new people, receive social support from others, increase self-confidence and self-esteem and become more involved in your community. If you feel this is for you, then please feel free to contact 0860766670 and speak to your Social Prescribing Co-ordinator.



'Sunshine Run' by Creeslough family

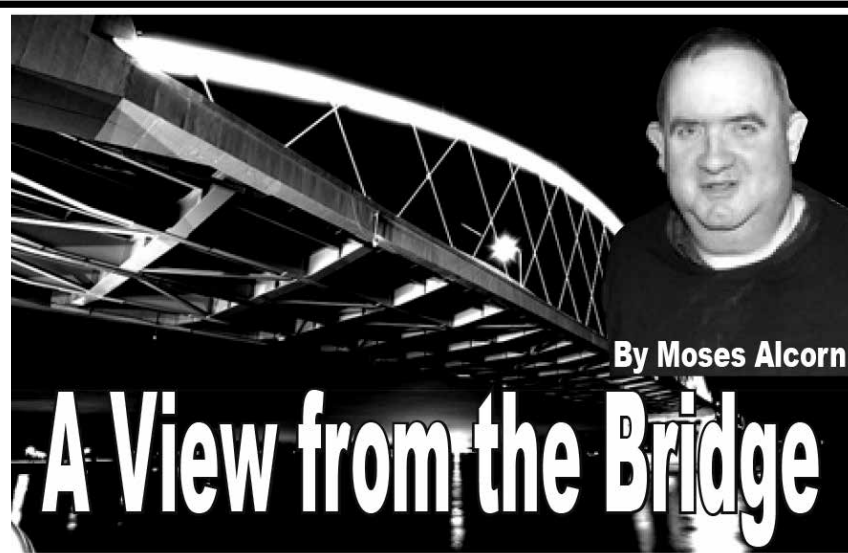
Scenes from "The Sunshine Run" held by brother and sister John and Sharon McGee, Massinass, Creeslough which took place on Sunday to raise funds for the Donegal Hospice and Lamb-Shaffer Syndrome Research. Their father, Sean, passed away from cancer in September and John's daughter, Kiara, lives



with a rare neurological condition called Lamb-Shaffer Syndrome and this is why John and Sharon undertook their fundraising for these charities. The cycle route was 112 miles and over 10,000 feet of climbing followed by a marathon that finished in

Ards Forest Park. They were joined by family and friends, with a head shave also taking place. The link to support their challenge can be found at <https://ie.gofundme.com/f/the-sunshine-cycle-run-and-shave>





By Moses Alcorn

A View from the Bridge

Pirates in Dunfanaghy

Nowadays when we think of Piracy, we think of the fictional Jack Sparrow from the Pirates of the Caribbean Movies or Blackbeard. Or the modern-day pirates who ply their trade along parts of the African continent. However, in the 1600's and 1700's there were many pirates sailing the seven seas including our own Grace O'Malley the Pirate Queen.

Most of them usually ended up eventually being caught and dying by the Hangman's Rope whilst others lived to reap the rewards of their ill-gotten gains. Others disappeared almost completely including one famous pirate who paid a visit to Dunfanaghy in 1696.

Henry Avery reportedly did not receive a great welcome when he landed in Dunfanaghy after sailing across the Atlantic towards the end of his career as a wanted man with a price on his head. The Dunfanaghy that Avery and his crew would have seen would have been different then from what we know now. The town would have been a small hamlet situated on the edge of the Atlantic and the waters of Sheephaven Bay as we now know it would have lapped right up to the street. Hornhead was basically an island which was only connected to the mainland by a small bridge close to Tramore Beach.

The Hornhead Bridge was over two centuries from being built and the area was owned by two Soldiers of Fortune, Captain Sampson and Captain Forward who both had been given most of the area now known as the Parish of Doe that is Creeslough and Dunfanaghy by King Billy after their loyalty to him during the Battle of the Boyne.

The pair would later sell the majority of their lands to the Wrays of Ards who

would go on to play an important part in the infrastructure of the area including the Lough Salt Road and Lackagh Bridge and building the Manor House at Ards which would become the home of the Stewarts of Ards after the Wrays departed the scene having run into financial difficulties. Just four years later in 1700, Forward and Sampson would sell Hornhead and the surrounding to the Stewart Landlords from Scotland who would own the area for over 200 years until Irish Independence in 1922. Avery's welcome was hostile and it's said he and his crew exchanged gunfire with the residents of what is now Hornhead House. This 'welcome' would be before outwitting local custom officials and making his escape.

Who exactly was Henry Avery and how did he find himself a wanted man seeking shelter in Dunfanaghy?

Known as Henry Avery, John Avery, Long Ben, and Captain Benjamin Bridgeman, Henry Avery's beginning and ending remains cloaked in mystery. During the brief span of time in which he captained a pirate ship, however, he became a legend in his own time and his exploits earned him the title the 'King of The Pirates'.

Little is known about Henry Avery's life before his pirate's career. We presume that he was born around 1653 near Plymouth, England. He started his sea career on unlicensed slave ships. In 1694, he was a first mate on "Charles II", 46-gun Spanish ship that had a license to attack French smugglers around Martinique. He organized mutiny and was selected as the new captain. Avery renamed "Charles" into "Fancy" and set course to the Cape of Good Hope.

Henry Avery was one of the most feared

pirates of the Red Sea. His reputation gave him a chance to organize the pirate's fleet. Famous pirate captains such as Thomas Tew, William Want, Thomas Wake and William May were sailing under his leadership. With five ships, he was powerful enough to attack even the well-armed treasure ships which were sailing between India and Middle East.

The biggest catch of Henry Avery's career was "Gang-i-Sawai". It was part of Grand Moghul's of India convoy of ships. After spotting Avery's fleet, Moghul's convoy scattered. Avery continued to pursue them, but night stopped him. In the morning, only two ships were in Avery's reach. After a short fight, the small one, Fateh Mohammed, surrendered, but the bigger 40-gun, Gang-i-Sawai resisted for two hours. Avery was lucky because one of the cannons exploded on the Gang-i-Sawai heavily damaging the deck. Without strong leadership and with damaged ship, the crew had to surrender.

After capturing the ship Avery disbanded his fleet as many pirates even on the flagship decided to retire. With Fancy and leftovers of his original crew, Henry sailed to the Caribbean. In New Providence, he bribed the governor for protection, with 7,000 Pounds. Later he wanted to buy a pardon from Governor William Beeston too, but he did not succeed. Grand Moghul made a 500 pounds bounty for his head, and he was not welcomed in the Caribbean and the English colonies.

Henry Avery, however, was never caught. It's reckoned that Avery might have plundered as much as £108. After he left Dunfanaghy, he disappeared. Some reports said that he went on enjoy living on his rich pickings whilst others say that he died in poverty. People reported sighting him in Scotland, Dublin, Exeter, Plymouth, and London, but these reports were never substantiated. It's claimed that rich merchants swindled Avery of his treasure and he died a beggar in Bideford, England, "not being worth as much as would buy him a Coffin", which would have been an unfortunate end for the King of the Pirates.

Western Sydney Airport

For Centuries the Irish have been to the fore in the building of some of the biggest construction projects in history be they in America, Britain and further afield. In more recent times Irish developers and contractors and workers have been to the fore in the construction of the Channel Tunnel, the new London Underground Project and the Emirates and Tottenham Hotspur Football Stadium to name just a few.

The recession caused by the property crash saw many young Irish people emigrating to Australia. Many went to build successful careers in Australia owning their own businesses and working in the haulage, construction and heavy plant and machinery sector and now some of them are working on the mammoth Western

Sydney Airport project there. More than 200 earthmoving machines are working on the Western Sydney Airport site which provided one of the largest earthmoving challenges in Australian history. My interest in this project was raised when I saw a picture online which caught my eye of hundreds of the Dump Trucks working on the new airport lined up.

It's great to see the Irish still at the forefront of activity in their adopted country but we must also think about the skills that this country has to emigration as ironically there is now a skills shortage in the construction sector here in Ireland as the country faces into a housing crisis especially here in Donegal where thousands of homeowners face the prospect of having to rebuild their homes owing to the Mica crisis.

Ulster GAA Championship

Donegal begin their Ulster Football Championship campaign on this Sunday 27th June when they take on Down in Newry. They will come into the championship after a solid League campaign which saw them retain their Division 1 status.

Declan Bonner's men have had a good record in Ulster in recent years although they will be looking to go one better this year after losing to Cavan in last year's decider.

This is a Preliminary Round match with the winners facing Derry in the Quarter Finals. Last weekend the Donegal Ladies reached their Ulster Final with a good one over Cavan.



Western Sydney Airport.

Harps need Longford win Horgan's men lose at Pat's

After a poor run of recent results the pressure is on Finn Harps to deliver three points against bottom of the table Longford Town at Finn Park this Friday night (kick-off 8.00). Ollie Horgan's side has lost the last two games including a 4-1 defeat to St. Pat's at Richmond Park on Monday night. Longford also lost on Monday night at home to Waterford going down 2-1. The midlanders have only won once this season and have recorded five draws including against Harps.

That game was on Tuesday the 20th of April in Longford and the match ended scoreless. It was just after the 1-0 defeat to Sligo Rovers at the Showgrounds when a mistake from Mark Anthony McGinley was to prove costly. The Harps team and subs in Longford that night was McGinley; Shane McEleney (Stephen Folan, '18), Ethan Boyle (Stephen Doherty 89), Kosovar Sadiki, Dave Webster; Tony McNamee (Mark Russell 73), Mark Coyle, Will Seymore, Barry McNamee; Sean Boyd (Ryan Shanley 73), Adam Foley.

Subs: Luke McNicholas, Niall McGinley, Ryan Rainey, Tuzde Olowabi, Karl O'Sullivan. Two men who definitely won't feature in Friday



Kilmacrennan lad Stephen Black has been included in the Finn Harps squad for the last two games against Derry City and St Pat's.

step and make it happen on Friday night. "We just have to get out there against Longford and work for a result. We can't underestimate them if we do it will be a bad night for us. As I said before there are no easy games. We have lost the last two so it is up to us all to be mentally strong and channel all our energies into the game plan that will hopefully deliver us three points" Horgan said. Young Kilmacrennan lad Stephen Black was included in the Harps subs for the last two games against Derry and Pat's. He's a central defender who has played at u17 and U19 level for the club along with his twin brother Conor.

night's game at Finn Park are the two Scotsmen Mark Russell and Ryan Shanley. Shanley returned to Edinburgh at the beginning of May after not featuring much and while he played more Russell also departed. He wasn't in the squad for the Derry game on Friday night. It was confirmed on Tuesday that he has signed for a former club Greenock Morton.

Horgan has been without skipper Dave Webster for the last two games while Karl O'Sullivan missed the Pat's match due to suspension. The Harps boss says the players have to

St. Patrick's Athletic 4-1 Finn Harps

For the second time this season St. Pat's proved too strong for Finn Harps in the League of Ireland Premier Division.

Back in April at Finn Park Ollie Horgan's outfit lost 2-0 to Pat's and on Monday night at Richmond Park the Dubliners had a three-goal winning margin.

In-form Ronan Coughlan scored twice while Robbie Benson and Alfie Lewis also got on the scoresheet for the hosts. Adam Foley netted his seventh goal of the season when the game was effectively over the visitors at 3-0 down.

Coughlan broke the deadlock in the 38th minute when he somehow managed to turn in the penalty area to flash a left-foot shot in off the underside of the crossbar beating Mark Anthony McGinley at his near post. Benson doubled the advantage in the 62nd minute with Coughlan tapping in the third. Foley pulled one back with a super finish from a Barry McNamee assist on 73 minutes.

Ryan Rainey made his first start since signing for Harps from Bonagee while Conor Barry also came into the midfield. Johnny Dunleavy dropped to the bench while Karl O'Sullivan was suspended. Young Kilmacrennan lad Stephen Black was included in the match day squad for the second time but didn't feature. Late in the first half Tunde Owolabi was clearly taken down by keeper Vitezslav Jaros but no penalty was given.

Earlier Jaros had to get a strong hand to a powerful Ethan Boyle volley from 20 yards. Harps had plenty of the play in the first half but were rocked by that Coughlan goal. Ollie Horgan was booked for his complaints over the Obowali penalty claims at half-time while his players also protested to ref Rob Harvey about the decision. Harps, who went 4-4-2 for the second half, moving Foley from the right wing to partner speed merchant Owolabi. But, it was the hosts who showed their class and the visitors instead went 3-0 down as Benson and Coughlan with his second ended the game as a contest.

Foley's fine finish was merely a consolation goal before Alfie Lewis executed a lovely lob over McGinley for the fourth Pat's goal and an excellent win for manager Stephen O'Donnell who was completing a two-match suspension.

St Patrick's Athletic - Vitezslav Jaros; John Mountney, Paddy Barrett, Lee Desmond, Ian Bermingham; Chris Forrester, Alfie Lewis; Mattie Smith (Jason McClelland 79), Robbie Benson (Ben McCormack 83), Billy King (Darragh Burns 61); Rónán Coughlan.

Finn Harps - Mark Anthony McGinley; Conor Barry (Tony McNamee 66), Shane McEleney, Kosovar Sadiki (Nathan Logue 78), Ethan Boyle; Will Seymore, Mark Coyle, Ryan Rainey, Adam Foley (Luke Rudden 87); Barry McNamee (Joel Bradley Walsh 78); Babatunde Owolabi (Sean Boyd 66). Not used: Luke McNicholas (Gk), Stephen Black, Ryan Connolly, Johnny Dunleavy

Flags raised at Murroe School

Blue Flag

Scoil Cholmille Máigh Rua / Murroe N.S is very proud to have been awarded a second Blue Star Flag and Certificates of Achievements this year. This is to acknowledge all the hard work in tasks and projects the children did in relation to the European Union. The school also took part in a 'Europe Week Live Event', which featured a special video from An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin and a special live-streamed event with Minister of State for European Affairs, Thomas Byrne TD. Maith sibh a pháistí

Active Flag

Scoil Cholmille Máigh Rua / Murroe N.S is delighted and very proud to be awarded our 2nd Active School Flag this year. The Active Committee and students have worked very hard over the last 3 years to maintain and further progress as an Active School. Well done to all the children, parents and staff of Murroe N.S. Maith sibh uilig.

McClafferty welcomes Portnablagh works

Cllr Michael McClafferty wishes to thank Donegal County Councils Marine Engineers for recent works carried out.

He said "I welcome the works to date on Portnablagh Pier with quite a substantial number of new railings both at the Pier steps and around the rear of the Pier leaving it safer for everybody to enjoy. There is a new tap installed at the end of the Pier for more convenience for fresh water. Electricity is on its way via powerpoint to the same area plus another light is coming also in the next phase of work above the slipway."

He said "in September weather permitting it's planned to extend the slipway towards the end of the Pier wall. As suitable tides only favour both September and March for such works. Hopefully fingers crossed September is a go failing that it's postponed then until March 2022. I am still working with the Council to try and get the sea wall ex-

tended and for an application to be submitted. It's an area of big concern for the fishing fleet, locally. We have no understanding of what fishermen have to endure trying to make a living from the sea, both with bad weather and poor working conditions in cases there's nothing easy about their chosen careers."



Pupils from Murroe NS raising their Active School Flag at The School on Wednesday last.



Pupils from Murroe NS pictured with their Active School Leadership certificates on Wednesday last



Pupils from Murroe NS raising their Blue Star Flag on Wednesday last.



Pupils from Murroe NS pictured with their Active School Leadership certificates on Wednesday last



Pupils from Murroe National School with their Blue Star Flag and Certificates of Achievements at the presentation on Wednesday.

GAA Club News

Clg An Tearmainn

The numbers drawn in Friday's lotto were 10, 15, 17, 28. Jackpot was €3,550 and there was no winner. There were four Match 3 winners of €20 each - Fidelma Gallagher, Stackarnagh, Churchill; Siobhan Gorman, Kilmacrennan; Kathleen O'Connell, Kilmacrennan and Bernie Sweeney. Open Draw winners €10 each - Marie O'Donnell and M.M.S McFadden, Drimnaraw, Creeslough. This week's jackpot is €3,600.

Our weekly club bingo is now both online and drive-in at the Craobhin car park on a Friday evening. Please see Termon bingo Facebook page for further details and information on how to win a free book. Tickets for the club's development draw are now on sale through any member or online at <http://club300.termongaa.ie/> There was great excitement and happiness in the air in Termon on Friday as news filtered through that one of the club's long standing coaches had got married earlier in the day. The Club wishes Eddie and Nicola Harkin many years of health and happiness together.

The senior men travelled to MacCumhaill Park Ballybofey on Sunday to take on the hosts, MacCumhaills in round two of the Div 2 league. With some seasoned players as well as newcomers adding to the scoreboard it was the Termon men who came away with the win and the points. Scorers were: Daire McDaid 1-4, Ryan Mc Fadden 1-2, Bobby McGettigan 1-1 Steve McElwaine 0-2 and Anthony Grant 0-1. Next up in round 3 is an away game to Glenfin next Saturday.

Also in MacCumhaill Park in Ballybofey on Sunday were the reserve men and their first outing of the season. They too, like the senior men, came away with the win. With some experienced campaigners and youth the boys will take heart going into the rest of season. Next up is an away game against Glenfin next Saturday. Scorers were Steve McDaid 1:2; Kieran Black 0:2; Mark Gallagher 0:1; Jimmy Gallagher 0:1; Paul Mallon 0:2; John McCafferty 0:1; Luke McGarvey 0:1 and Kevin McGettigan 0:1.

The Third team will have a fixture next weekend, all news and information regarding games are all available on the Facebook page.

The senior ladies travelled on Sunday and beat Buncrana ladies at Scarvery. The ladies came away with the points and the win. Final score was Termon 6.12 Buncrana 3.04. Scorers were - Jodie Mc Fadden 3:2; Ciara McGarvey 2:0; Bridget Gallagher 1:5; Roisin Mc Cafferty 0.4 and Roisin Friel 0.1.

The junior ladies were not in action, but have a home game against Burt on Sunday morning at 10:30am at the Burn Road. This will be the first time the Club has entered a junior ladies team, and we wish the ladies and management the best of luck.

The minor girls are training weekly at the moment waiting on news of fixtures. The U16 girls had an entertaining challenge match against MacCumhaills on Sunday at the Burn Road, in ideal conditions against a good side. Termon got a few early scores and stormed ahead. MacCumhaills got some great scores to make it a very close game at half time. Termon then went ahead at the start of the second half and held on for a great victory. With the start of the league next week this was a great preparation played in a good spirit by both teams. Well done girls. As with the minor girls, the U14, 12's and 10 girls are all training hard and awaiting fixtures.

The Minor board are in full swing at the moment with games, training and challenge matches. The U6's train weekly at the community astro in Kilmacrennan each Saturday morning at 10am for an hour of fun and games, aided by qualified coaches and assistants. Contact Pauric on 087 052 7890 for further details and information.

The U11 boys traveled to Magheragallon on Saturday morning to take on their counterparts in Gweedore.

The U13 boys were away to Cloughaneely this week with some great football on display. The B team put up a brave and hard working display. Despite having a huge amount of ball, unfortunately went down by a few scores to an efficient Cloughaneely side.

The A team put in another great hard working performance and came away with an 11 point win. Despite missing two regular players the work rate was top class. Fair play to the boys, our coaches are immensely proud of all their effort.

The U15 boys also had an away fixture to Gweedore, in which they battled really hard, but it was the hosts who won out on the evening.

The U17 boys travelled to Glenswilly on Friday evening for their league match and played very

well. The boys came out on top at the final whistle, a perfect end to a busy day for coach Hugh, who was at a wedding earlier in the day of Coach Eddie Harkin. Congratulations Eddie and Nicola from all the boys.

St. Michael's

All County Leagues

The Seniors and Junior got their Leagues campaigns underway on Sunday with both teams at home to Cloughaneely at The Bridge.

The Seniors had a good victory putting in a strong second half performance to overturn a four-point half time deficit to win on a scoreline of 0-18 to 1-9. The Team and Scorers were: Oisín Cannon, Jamie Hunter, Liam Paul Ferry, Michael Gallagher, Hugh O'Donnell (0-2), Michael McGinley, Ruairi Friel (0-1), Ciaran Kelly, Martin McElhinney (0-1), Edward O'Reilly (0-6, 6f), Oisín Langan, Andrew Kelly (0-2, 2f), Colin McFadden, Stephen Doak, Carlos O'Reilly (0-4, 3F). Sub: Kyle McGarvey (0-2).

The Reserves were lost 0-10 to 2-6. The St. Michael's Team and Scorers were: Dylan McGee, Mikey Harkin, Aiden McFadden, Kit Regan, Michael McFadden, Darragh McCarry, Shane Langan (0-1), Paddy McGinley (0-1), Conan Brennan, Caolan Toye (0-5), Brian McLaughlin, John McFadden, Eoghan Kelly (0-2), Anthony Browne, Conor Carroll. Subs; Odhran McFadden (0-1) for Conan Brennan, Danny Toye for Michael McFadden, Dan Ferry for Kit Regan, Lorcan McDaid for Conor Carroll, Jubal Williamson for Anthony Browne, Dean Fleming, Calvin Murray, Lorcan McFadden

This week Saturday evening the Seniors are away to Kilcar with the throw in at 5.30pm in Towney. The Reserves are also away to Kilcar with the time be confirmed.

Online Bingo

The winner of the €200 on the 9th Game at the St. Michael's Online Bingo on Sunday was Geraldine O'Donnell, the €100 on Game 5 was won by Sally MacIntyre Falcarragh. Online Bingo continues on Sunday at 8pm.

Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Mini Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were: 3,4,7,9,19,20. The Match 5 Winner was Mary Brogan Ballyboes Falcarragh who won €100. This week's Jackpot will remain at €10,000.

Good Luck

Good luck to Michael Langan as he begins his Ulster Senior Championship Campaign this Sunday the 27th June against Down in Newry in a preliminary round match. The throw in is at 1pm.

Underage Fixtures

Friday U17 boys St. Michaels v St. Eunan's @ 7.30. U11 boys St. Michaels v Milford @ 6.30 away

CLG Na nDúnaibh

Torthaí lotto ó oíche Luain is chuaigh thart 14 Meitheamh. Na huimhreacha a tarraingíodh ná 3 6 9 agus 13. Char bhain duine ar bith an pota óir agus bhí na trí uimhir ag: Shauna Kerr, Kit Nic Laifeartaigh agus Sinéad Breen. €50 an duine dóibhsean.

Beidh an chéad tarraingt eile oíche Luain seo chugainn an 28 Meitheamh agus €4,300 atá sa phota óir. Imir ar line: bit.ly/NDLotto.

Ár mbuiochas daoibhse uilig as bhur gcuid tacaíochta don chumann.

A big Thank You to everyone who is supporting the Lotto, either by buying a ticket or doing it online. The lotto draw is every Monday night.

Bingo an chlub ar line, ar siúl achan oíche Shathairn ag 8.30i.n., dóigh iontach le hoíche a chaitheamh agus tá duaiseanna móra le bheith bainte fosta. Caithfear an leabhar bingo a cheannacht roimh an 1 a chlog Dé Sathairn.

Bingo books have to be purchased before 1pm on Saturday and are available in: Siopa Centra, Carraig Airt, Siopa na nDúnaibh and on line at: nadunaibh.ie/bingo.

Membership fees now due – Pay to Richard Conneely or nadunaibh.ie/ballraiocht.

Bhí buaidh mhaith ag an foireann Sinsir ina gcéad chluiche sraithe nuair a fuair siad an bhuidé ar an Chlochán Liath as baile leis an scór:

Na Dúnaibh 2—12 An Clochán Liath 0—8

Sa chomórtas tacaíochta bhí buaidh de phointe ag an Chlochán Liath: An Clochán Liath 2—7 Na Dúnaibh 2—6

Bhí na Dúnaibh as baile fosta i bPeil na mBan agus fuair Ard a'Ratha an bhuidé orthu leis an scór:

Ard a'Ratha 3—10 Na Dúnaibh 2—5

Bhí buaidh mhór ag an fhoireann Faoi—15 oíche Luain in éadan Aodh Rua Chúil na gCuirridín.

Comhghairdeas leis an fhoireann seo mar go bhfuil siad ag fáil torthaí iontach dearfacha agus comhghairdeas leis na foirne uilig a bhí ag imirt ar an tseachtain is chuaigh thart agus as deireadh

na seachtaine.

Fixtures are

Dé Céadaoin 23 Meitheamh:

6pm Buachaillí Faoi 9 Na Dúnaibh v Baile na nGallóglach.

7.30pm Buachaillí Faoi 13 Na Dúnaibh v Gleann tSúilí.

8.30pm Faoi 17 Na Dúnaibh v Naomh Mícheál.

Dé hAoine 25 Meitheamh.

6.15 Cailíní Faoi 10 Na Dúnaibh v Gaeil Fhánada.

7.15 Cailíní Faoi 12 Na Dúnaibh v Gaeil Fhánada.

7.30 Cailíní Faoi 17 Aodh Rua v Na Dúnaibh.

Dé Satharn 26 Meitheamh.

1pm Cailíní Faoi-14 Nh Conaill v Na Dúnaibh.

2pm Fir Sinsir Na Dúnaibh v Baile na nGallóglach.

3pm Foirne Tacaíochta Na Dúnaibh v Baile na nGallóglach. Guimis gach rath ar na foirne uilig atá ag imirt ar an tseachtain seo.

Gaeil Fhánada

Lotto Results 20/06/2021

Numbers: 1, 2, 8, 15, 16. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Siobhan Coyle. Next week's jackpot: €4700.

June 'Grab a Grand' winner

Congratulations to Deirdre Crossan who collects the €1000 for our June Grab a Grand.

CLUICHÍ NA SEACHTAINE

Dé hAoine, 25ú Meitheamh U10 Girls Na Dúnaibh v Gaeil Fhánada @ 6pm

U12 Girls Na Dúnaibh v Gaeil Fhánada @ 7pm

U17 Boys - Division 2 Roibeard Eimid v Gaeil Fhánada @ 7:30

Dé Sathairn, 26ú Meitheamh

All County League - Div 3 Gaeil Fhánada v Bun an Phobail @ 5:30

Div 3 Reserve Gaeil Fhánada v Bun an Phobail @ 7pm

Dé Luain, 28ú Meitheamh U15 Boys - Division 2 Gleann tSúilí v Gaeil Fhánada @ 7pm

Dé Máirt, 29ú Meitheamh U16 Girls - Division 1 Gaeil Fhánada v Seán Mac Cumhaill

Two wins for Seniors

Gaeil Fhánada 0:14 Naomh Brid 0:08

Aidan McAteer's troops made it two from two on Sunday after defeating Nh Brid in a tetchy league encounter. There were three changes from last week's victory over Four Masters, with Eoin McGonigle, Oisín McFadden and Mark Friel coming into the team in place of Shaun Friel, Odhrán Shiels and Paddy Carr. Next up is Merville in Páirc Uí Shíadhail.

Eoin McGonigle, Shaun Kerr, James Gallagher, Oisín McFadden, Bernard McGettigan (0:02), Oisín Shiels (0:01), Jimmy Coyle, Ryan McGonigle, Michael Sweeney, Eoghan Carr, Mark McAteer, Liam McGrenaghan (0:05), Séimí Friel (0:05), Alan McAteer, Mark Friel (0:01). Fergal Friel for Alan McAteer, James Kerr for Eoghan Carr, Brandon McClafferty for Mark Friel.

Aodh Ruadh too strong for ladies

The ladies suffered defeat in Ballyshannon against Aodh Ruadh. Michelle Mc Devitt was the standout Gaels performer, while Méabh Duffy and Emma Friel also put in decent performances. Next up is a home fixture against Killybegs in a fortnight.

Marguerite O' Donoghue, Tori Gallagher, Michelle McDevitt, Méabh Duffy, Maggie Friel, Niamh McDevitt, Siobhán Sweeney, Eimear Gibbons, Orla McGonigle, Aoife Gibbons, Hannah Shiels (0:02), Eimear Sweeney, Aisling McDevitt, Lauren Carr (1:02), Emma Friel (0:01). Caitlin Heraghty for Maggie Friel, Miriam Murphy for Eimear Gibbons, Méabh McAteer for Aoife Gibbons, Jessica Coll for Aisling McDevitt, Leanne Martin for Hannah Shiels, Muireann Ní Mhathúna for Siobhán Sweeney.

Honours even in U13 clash

Gaeil Fhánada 5:11 Na Dúnaibh 6:08

The u13 boys made the short trip across the bridge on Friday evening and played out a high scoring draw against Na Dúnaibh in Round 2 of the league. Fanad started off brightly and got a couple of early goals but Downings were never far away and after a couple of wides, they started to find their range and reeled in the Fanad men by half time. Downings deservedly took the lead in the second half but the boys in blue and white didn't give up and showed great resolve to earn a share of the spoils at the end.

Team: Gavin McAteer, Cormac Dunleavy, Conor Friel, Eoghan McLaughlin, Johnny McAteer, Evan Mc Daid, Dan Martin, Iosaf McAteer, Christian Gibbons, Conor Callaghan, Harry Blaney, Cillian Gilmour, Oisín Lynch, Ronan Wilson, Jack Dunleavy, Darragh Boyce, Michael Peoples, Kieran Carr, Tiernan Kerr.

Training on Friday in Pórtsalon at 6.30.

U7's in Downings

Well done to all our U7 players who played their first game for the club on Saturday morning against CLG na Dúnaibh.

'Cúl Camp' 2021

The Gaeil Fhánada Cúl Camp will take place from Monday, July 26th - Friday, July 30th this year. This camp is for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 13. To register, or for further details check out www.kelloogsculcamps.gaa.ie/

Milford

Senior & Reserve Men

The seniors kept their unbeaten run to the season going with a win over Naomh Columba on a scoreline of 3-12 to 0-19. Scorers were Kane Barrett 2-1; Cathal McGettigan 0-6 (6f); Matthew McLaughlin 1-0; Eoin O'Donnell 0-1; Christopher Barrett 0-1; Luke Barrett 0-2 (1f); Shane Black 0-1

The Reserves came out the wrong side of a tightly fought affair on a scoreline of 1-9 to 1-13. This was their first outing of the season so much to work on. Both teams travel to neighbours Downings on Saturday in what is always a much anticipated match.

U17 Boys

The U17s who are sponsored by Paul Doherty Construction, got the first win of the season on Friday at home to Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon. In what were cagey opening exchanges Milford went into the halftime break 4 points up thanks to a fantastic goal by Finn Coll. Milford's defence frustrated the ballyshannon attack and the pace from Paul Ryan and Liam Donnelly caused Ballyshannon a lot of issues on the break with Sharpshooter Finn Coll wreaking havoc and finishing with a tally of 2-7. Ballyshannon pushed Milford all the way and the game was not out to bed until the final moments when a 60 yard run from Liam Donnelly ended with Eoin McGettigan scoring the rebound, Up next we are away to Sean Macumhaills this Friday coming

Under 11 Boys

U11 boys had first match of season on Friday away to Downings. The two teams under captains Matthew and Senan competed very well against two well organised Downings teams. There was some great football on display from both teams who thoroughly enjoyed being back in action again. The U11s are home to St Michaels this Friday with training on Tuesday night 6 to 7 at pitch. Girls training Friday 6 to 7pm.

DRIVE IN BINGO

The Milford GAA Drive-In Bingo re-commenced last Sunday in the Mart Car Park with €1,100 in prizes, It takes place weekly at 7pm Single Books €10 and Double Books €15 (including jackpot sheets). Everyone welcome.

DEVELOPMENT DRAW

Milford GAA Club launched their Development Draw recently. The cost of the tickets are €100 with first draw on 8th August and running for 10 consecutive weeks with a total of €26,000 in prizes. Tickets can be bought from www.milford-gaadraw.ie or any member of the Club Executive.

Club Lotto

The club lotto is back with a draw every Sunday night. Last weeks numbers were; 16-24-30-32. There were no jackpot winners. Jimmy and Kathleen Friel won the €50 lucky dip. Next weeks jackpot will be €3,600. Tickets can be bought on the Clubforce app and in store at the Lagg Service Station, McGettigans Butchers, the Coffee Dock and Maple.

CLG Naomh Adhamhnáin

The Brian Mc Cormick Sports All-County League continued at the weekend. Both Senior A and Senior B teams welcomed Killybegs on Sunday to O'Donnell Park. It was a great first win for Rory Kavanagh's men, with a score line of 13 points to 4 points. Conor O'Donnell Jr with 7 points on the scoreboard. The Reserve/Div 1B team had a great victory also with a score line of 4-8 to 1-8. They will both travel to Bundoran this Saturday evening. The Div 4 game ended in a 2-point defeat for the Eunan's men against Nh Pádraig Lifford with a score of 2-13 to 2-11.

The Senior Hurlers had a great win over Dungloe on Friday evening and ended with a score line of 2-22 to 12 points. Goals scored by Matt Ahern and Kevin Kealy. Well done to Eugene Organ and his team on a great win.

The senior ladies travelled to Glenties and recorded a fine win over Nh Conaill to make it two wins from two in the senior league with a score line of Nh Conaill 0-05 to St.Eunan's 3-10. Goals from Shauna McFadden (who made her championship debut for Donegal on Saturday) Laoise Ryan and Aoibhin Randles capped a fine overall team performance. No game next Sunday. Next up is a home game v Buncrana on Sunday July 4th.

Camogie training will take place for U12/13 on Tuesday 6pm and Friday 6.30, U14 is on Monday at 7pm and U16/Minor/Senior takes place on Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm. All new players

Bonner's big match in Down

The first step in what Declan Bonner hopes will be a run to another Ulster Senior Football Championship Final takes place this Sunday in Newry when Donegal take on Down in a preliminary round fixture. To reach the provincial decider Bonner's men need to win three games. It's the same for Down but for the other seven sides only two matches are needed to make the final. But, there is no talk of that in the Donegal camp. It's all about overcoming the Mourne men at Pairc Esler (throw-in 1.00).

The visitors will be favourites to make it to the quarter-final so there will be a lot of pressure on them to deliver. There won't be the same expectancy on Down to win the game which could work in their favour. A lot will depend on what kind of a team Bonner is able to put out on Sunday. He does have those well documented doubts over skipper Michael Murphy, experienced full-back

Neil McGee, Odhran MacNiallais and regular forward Jamie Brennan. There are others too that have been carrying injuries like Paddy McBrearty, Stephen McMenamin, Jaic McKelvey and Andrew McClean.

Down were promoted to Division 2 following the 2020 season. Then due to the pandemic it was announced that each division would be divided into North and South sections in order to reduce fixtures and minimise cross-border matches. The National League began for Paddy Tally's side in the middle of May. Down ended up in the relegation play-offs defeating Laois 2-19 to 2-12 at Pairc Esler to retain their Division 2 status for the 2022 campaign. That game was on the 12th of June with Barry O'Hagan their top scorer finishing with a personal tally of 1-9. Midfielder Johnny Flynn is reported to have sustained an Achilles injury in training with some reports suggesting he

won't feature on Sunday.

Donegal's last competitive game was on Saturday week past at Breffni Park with the Division 1 League semi-final ending up in defeat against Dublin. One would expect Bonner's outfit to have the edge over Down despite their home advantage. The winner of Sunday's game will play Derry in the quarter-finals in a fortnight's time. If Donegal defeat Down that last eight time will be in MacCumhail Park. A Down victory would see them travelling to Celtic Park.

Donegal hot favourites

Paddy Power Bookmakers are making Donegal hot favourites to win on Sunday against Down in Newry. Declan Bonner's outfit is 1/10 to reach the quarter-finals where they would meet Derry in Ballybofey. There are decent odds on Down winning on Sunday at 13/2 while the draw is 14/1.

Donegal Ladies reach Ulster decider

Cavan 2-17 Donegal 6-16

The Donegal Ladies recovered from a first half fright at Breffni Park on Saturday to book their place in another Ulster Final. Maxi Curran's side went into the semi-final as firm favourites against Cavan. With the help of 2-9 from Termon's Geraldine McLaughlin, Donegal will now play either defending champions Armagh or Tyrone in the provincial decider. Karen Guthrie, skipper Niamh McLaughlin, Niamh Hegarty and Katy Herron were the other goal scorers for the visitors.

Cavan certainly created a bit of an early stir to lead unexpectedly by 1-5 to 0-1 by the end of the first quarter. Donegal's experience meant there was no panic and the industrious Niamh Hegarty got her side back into the game with a 16th minute goal. And the visitors went in front thanks to a second goal scored by Guthrie. The hosts kept it a lively contest but then McLaughlin chipped in with 1-2 to put Donegal 3-6 to 1-8 in front at half-time. The home side kept their hopes of advancing to the final alive with points from Aisling Sheridan and McVeety. But, at the other end McLaughlin landed two more points. Niamh McLaughlin's 42nd minute goal was

a crucial score as it opened up a 10-point gap between the sides. Glenfin's Katy Herron burst through for goal five with McLaughlin netting her second of the game to make it a very comfortable victory in the end for the Donegal Ladies.

Cavan - Elaine Walsh; Rachael Doonan, Zara Fay, Shauna Lynch; Sinead Greene 0-1, Laura Fitzpatrick, Mona Sheridan; Catherine Dolan, Neasa Byrd 0-1; Ciara Finnegan 1-2 (pen, 1f), Lauren McVeety 0-6 (4fs), Sinead McKenna 0-1; Geraldine Sheridan 0-1, Niamh Kenaghan 0-2, Aisling Sheridan 1-3. Subs: Emma Halton for Fay (h-t), Aoibhinn Kiernan and Niamh Halton for Kenaghan and McKenna 54 mins.

Donegal - Aoife McColgan; Niamh Carr, Evelyn McGinley, Emer Gallagher; Kate Keeney, Nicole McLaughlin, Roisin Rodgers; Katy Herron 1-1, Shelly Twohig; Bláthnaid McLaughlin, Niamh McLaughlin 1-0; Treasa Jenkins; Niamh Hegarty 1-2, Karen Guthrie 1-4 (2fs), Geraldine McLaughlin 2-9 (3fs). Subs: Niamh Boyle for Keeney 38 mins, Roisin McCafferty for Guthrie 54 mins, Suzanne White for B McLaughlin 54 mins, Shauna McFadden and Megan Ryan for McGinley and Hegarty 58 mins.

All County League Division 1

Winning start for Cookie

St. Michael's 0-18 Cloughaneely 1-9

St. Michael's got the Kevin 'Cookie' Gallagher era of management underway with a victory over near neighbours Cloughaneely at The Bridge on Sunday. A strong second half performance sealed the points for the Bridge men. Before the match a minute's silence was observed in memory of the

late St. Michael's President Brian McGinley who indeed had donned the jersey of both teams during his illustrious playing career.

Both teams were missing their county players whilst the home also lined out without Colm Anthony McFadden and Christy Toye, whilst the match marked a return to action for Oisín Langan after a year out with injury. Playing with the wind it was Cloughaneely made the brighter start and they led at the half way stage on a scoreline of St. Michael's 0-6 Cloughaneely 1-7 thanks to 1-1 from Paul Sweeney and other points coming from Darren McGeever, Martin Maguire, Lee O'Brien and John Fitzgerald with three.

Hugh O'Donnell and the O'Reilly brothers Edward (2) and Carlos got the points for the home side. St. Michael's came out of the blocks quicker at the start of the second half and points from Edward O'Reilly, Martin McElhinney, Ruairi Friel and Carlos O'Reilly levelled the tie. Shaun Curran restored the Cloughaneely lead before Edward O'Reilly levelled matters again. St. Michael's lost Colin McFadden to a black card in the early stages of the second half but they continued to tag on points and led by three points at the water break on a scoreline of 0-14 to 1-8. Cloughaneely continued to press hard but they could not break down a resilient home defence who continued to add on points to win by six at the final whistle.

St Michael's - Oisín Cannon, Jamie Hunter, Liam Paul Ferry, Michael Gallagher, Hugh O'Donnell (0-2), Michael McGinley, Ruairi Friel (0-1), Ciaran Kelly, Martin McElhinney (0-1), Edward O'Reilly (0-6, 6f), Oisín Langan, Andrew Kelly (0-2, 2f), Colin McFadden, Stephen Doak, Carlos O'Reilly (0-4, 3F). Sub: Kyle McGarvey (0-2). Chloich Cheann Fhaola - Shaun McClafferty, Cian McFadden, Ciaran McFadden, Ciaran McGeedy, Shaun Curran (0-1, 1f), Ciaran Scanlon, Mark Harley, Lee O'Brien (0-1), Darren McGeever (0-2), Cillian Gallagher, Darren Ferry, Aidan Doo-han, John Fitzgerald (0-3, 3f), Paul Sweeney (1-1, 1f), Martin Maguire (0-1). Ref: James Connors

Division 3 All County League

Gaels get draw in Merville

Merville 1-9 Letterkenny Gaels 1-9

Letterkenny Gaels remain unbeaten after drawing away to Merville on Saturday in Division 3. At a stage the visitors were on their way to back-to-back wins from the opening two league matches of the new campaign.

But, the home team kicked three points in the last five minutes to earn a draw in an entertaining encounter at the Carrick Field. The Gaels had recorded a big win over Naomh Brid at the Glebe six days earlier.

Cormac Cannon opened the scoring for the visitors before Ciaran Diver responded to level for the seasiders. Cannon converted another for

St Eunan's 0-13 Killybegs 0-4

After being well beaten in Magheragallon a week earlier St. Eunan's recorded a comfortable 11-point win over Killybegs at the O'Donnell Park on Sunday in Division 1 of the All-County League. It was also manager Rory Kavanagh's first competitive victory in charge in his second outing as new Eunan's boss. The Letterkenny outfit showed their intent with a point from their very first attack with less than a minute gone on the clock as wing half-back Dara Mulgrew finished off a fine move.

Eunan's led 0-3 to no score after nine minutes. A foul on Brian McIntyre saw Conor O'Donnell (junior) land the first of his seven points and that was followed with young David Boyle converting from an advanced mark. The visitors finally got off the mark in the 13th minute thanks to a well taken Conor Cunningham free at the river end of the ground. Killybegs clearly missed their two county men Hugh McFadden and Eoghan Ban Gallagher. McFadden was on the sideline as a mentor at the O'Donnell Park along with former Donegal star John Cunningham.

Eunan's were without Caolan Ward and Niall O'Donnell but had a bit more quality and experience in the form of Conor O'Donnell (senior) and Eamonn Doherty who were both members of Declan Bonner's county squad last year. Doherty was the captain on Sunday. It was 0-8 to 0-2 to St Eunan's at the break with Eoin McGeehin and O'Donnell (junior) among the scorers.

The only other Killybegs point came from Ryan Cunningham just before the half-hour mark.

Two Jack McSharry points gave the visitors some hope after the restart but that was the end of the comeback as the Fintra failed to score again in the Division 1 encounter. Indeed Antoine O'Hara had to make a super save to divert a goal bound O'Donnell effort onto the crossbar in the 38th minute. Eunan's subs Sean McGettigan got the last point of the match.

St Eunan's - Eoin O'Boyle; Peter McEniff, Darragh Toal, Anthony Gallagher; Conor O'Donnell snr, Eamonn Doherty, Darragh Mulgrew 0-1; Kevin Kealy, Oisín Toal; Brian MacIntyre, Cormac Finn, James Kelly; Conor O'Donnell jnr 0-6 (3fs), Eoin McGeehin 0-3 (1m), David



St. Eunan's Brian McIntyre is fouled Killybegs Christopher Mulligan.

Boyle 0-1 (m). Subs: Eoin Dowling and Jordan O'Dowd for O'Donnell snr and McEniff 42 mins, Sean McGettigan 0-1, Sean Ryan and Cian McMonagle for MacIntyre, Mulgrew and Kealy 52 mins.

Killybegs: Antoine O'Hara; Cillian Gildea, Ciaran Conaghan, Niall Carberry; Michael Callaghan, John Ban Gallagher, Ryan Carr; Seamus Og Byrne, Rory Colyer; Ryan Cunningham 0-1, Jack McSharry 0-2 (1f), Christopher Murrin; Niall Campbell, Conor Cunningham 0-1 (f), Christopher Mulligan. Subs: Odhran McGuinness for Murrin (h-t), Shaun Gorrell and Donal McGuire for Campbell and Mulligan 53 mins, Owen Gallagher for Gildea 63 mins. Ref: Shaun McLaughlin (Malin)

GAA Club News

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are welcome to join.

The Century Complex Sunday Morning Academy continues to take place each week for 4-10-year-olds at 11am. This Sunday morning, parents are pleased asked to bring €1 for ice lollies for all Sunday morning academy participants. The ice lollies are kindly being sponsored by Dale Farm Ice Cream in Letterkenny and all proceeds will be going towards equipment for underage teams. Big thanks to Ollie Harvey for helping to organise.

In the latest fundraising initiative, the club is creating a designated area for campervans and motorhomes for the holiday season. Please see website/Facebook for details.

Fixtures and times are subject to change-

Tuesday 22/06/21: U13 Football Div 1 St Eunan's V Cloughaneely @ 7.30pm

Wednesday 23/06/21: U13 Football D3 St Eunan's V Fanad Gaels @ 7.30pm

Thursday 24/06/21: U15 Hurling North St Eunan's V Bunrana @ 7.30pm

Friday 25/06/21: U17 Football Div 2 St. Michael's V St. Eunan's @ 7.30pm

Saturday 26/06/21: Senior Football Div 1 Realt na Mara (Bundoran) V St Eunan's @ 5.30pm

Senior Football Div 1 B Realt na Mara V St Eunan's @ 7pm

Senior Football Div 4 St Eunan's V Muff @ 5.30pm

Sunday 27/06/21: Senior Hurling League Sean MacCumhail's V St. Eunan's @ 5.30pm

Cloughaneely

Club Lotto Results

The numbers drawn were 1,6,8,12,13,16. No jackpot winner. we had 20 match 4's; Congratulations Mairead Lynch, who was the winner of the €100. Our jackpot will be remaining at €6,000 for the next while due to reduced sales as a result of Covid. Tickets are available in various outlets throughout the parish.

Sponsorship

We are now tendering for sponsorship of our senior level and underage teams. Sponsorship positions available are:

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For more details contact our Cisteoir, Ciaran, on 087 2279155.

Míle Buíochas

CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to Óstán Loch Altan, Gortahork, for their capacity as main sponsor to our club over a period of several years.

"We never agreed 90% mica redress"

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to make it very clear to everyone that the main reason they decided to engage with Minister O'Brien is that everything is on the table and that is the basis for moving the redress scheme towards a full 100% redress, to cover all expenses that will arise. In the past week the Donegal and Mayo representatives have met to compile a list of the issues involved. This will form the agenda for their first meeting with Minister Darragh O'Brien.

The Donegal committee includes Paddy Diver, Michael Doherty with Anne Owens and Eileen Doherty sharing one position. A number of advisers have also been appointed.

In the meantime the Minister has admitted the issue with defective Mica is causing thousands of homes to crumble and will take years to solve. The Minister has put his views out and about in the media over the weekend despite the fact that the committee had not yet met to set down and agree an agenda.

He said the Dept for Housing is now investigating defective blocks in four more counties after receiving reports of homes displaying cracks.

The Housing Minister has admitted the issue with defective Mica that is causing thousands of homes to crumble will take years to solve.

Minister O'Brien said the State will seek tens of millions from building

firms, insurance companies and financial institutions in a bid to claw back some of the €1.5 billion it will cost to fix or replace homes impacted.

However, in December 2012, Environmental Minister, Phil Hogan announced a Pyrite Resolution Board to oversee the implementation of a comprehensive remediation scheme for private dwellings affected by the substance.

He said "Homeowners will not accrue any costs for remediation. The relevant banks agreed to provide up-front funding of up to €50 million."

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Triumph Performing Arts have available spaces for ages 4-8 yrs at their outdoor classes in Hip Hop, musical theatre dance, and drama on Thursdays 5pm - 5.50pm at Ray.

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Ray Outdoor Drive-in Bingo every Tuesday at 7pm. Over €1500 payout. Bingo books - single €10 (€12 with jackpot sheet, double €15 (€19 with jackpot sheets).

ning authority in writing, on payment of €20, within five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority.

Donegal County Council

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council
 Drumcavanny, Churchill

We, James Van DeBroeck & Frances O'Donnell, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for retention permission for existing dwelling, domestic garage, septic tank, percolation area & all associated site works at Drumcavanny, Churchill, Co Donegal in the townland of Drumcavanny. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application.

Donegal County Council
 College Row, Letterkenny

We, Michael & Marian Carey are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the construction of a dwelling house with connection to existing public sewer and all associated site development works at College Row, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the townland of Letterkenny. 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, The Diamond, Lifford, County Donegal during the public opening hours of the Planning Authority and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority, in writing, on payment of the prescribed fee of 20 euros within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the Planning Authority.

Donegal County Council

I, Shauna Gallagher am applying to Donegal County Council for permission for alterations to previously approved application reference 18/51816 for the following: 1. Change of house type, 2. Relocation of dwelling house on site, 3. Construction of extension to approved bakery including alterations to existing building at Carrigart, Co. Donegal in the townland of Carrick. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority, County House, Lifford during its public opening hours. Submissions or observations in relation to the development may be made to the plan-

ning authority in writing, on payment of €20, within five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority.

Donegal County Council

I, Ronnie Kelly am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to construct extension to existing dwelling house including associated site works at Ballyheerin, Fanad, Co. Donegal in the townland of Umrycam. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority, County House, Lifford during its public opening hours. Submissions or observations in relation to the development may be made to the planning authority in writing, on payment of €20, within five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority.

Donegal County Council

I Paul Martin am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect dwelling house with waste water treatment system and percolation area at Aghadreenan Td, Ballynashannagh, Rosnackill, Letterkenny Co. Donegal. The planning application may be inspected or purchased, at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority, County House, The Diamond, Lifford, County Donegal during the public opening hours of the Planning Authority and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority, in writing, on payment of the prescribed fee of 20 euros within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the Planning Authority.

Donegal County Council

I Joseph Gibbons am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect dwelling house, Garage with waste water treatment system and percolation area at Ballynashannagh Td, Rosnackill, Letterkenny Co. Donegal. The planning application may be inspected or purchased, at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority, County House, The Diamond, Lifford, County Donegal during the public opening hours of the Planning Authority and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Planning Authority, in writing, on payment of the prescribed fee of 20 euros within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the Planning Authority.

The Minister said: "Having discussed with members, the Irish Banking Federation and relevant Banks are willing to engage with a "Special Purpose Vehicle" or a not-for-profit entity to discuss possible options for the funding of a remediation scheme on commercial principles. It is proposed that the loan from the financial institutions would be remunerated from a mandatory levy to be imposed on the quarrying and on the insurance sectors.

The Minister, in close consultation with the Attorney General's Office and the Minister for Finance, is committed to bringing forward the necessary legislation in support of these levies as early as possible in the New Year. While the imposition of a levy on the quarrying and insurance sectors is not in any way pointing the finger of blame at those sectors, it continues the established principle of industry paying for problems that have arisen within the sector, as happened in the motor industry and the travel trade."

When he returned to the Dail for the Bill's second reading he said he had sought government approval for the funding of the pyrite remediation scheme from the imposition of mandatory levies on the quarrying and insurance sectors. Unfortunately, legal difficulties arose during the drafting of the required legislation and it was not now possible to proceed on the basis of Government approval."

He added: "Alternative funding options were considered, but for various reasons, none were adjudged to be workable. Having regard to the exceptional nature of the pyrite problem and the circumstances in which it occurred, a scheme funded by the Exchequer was the only sustainable and practical way to provide a solution for affected home owners."

An initial €10 million was provided initially and additional funding came from a stimulus package to be agreed later.

Now nine years later, officials will seek to establish if they can legally pursue agents, other than the State, to provide funding to repair homes damaged by mica or pyrite.

It is believed that more than 7,000 homes are already affected in Donegal and Mayo but that figure is expected to rise significantly, Darragh O'Brien warned.

Minister O'Brien said the controversy, which will take years to sort, could spark a change in the law. "In so far as a scandal based on the impact this is having on literally thousands of people, I actually don't think it gets any bigger than this. The scale of it is yet to be fully defined and we are working on that to quantify it.

I have also come across pyrite in blocks in the east coast as well, so it's not even predominately a north west issue," he added.

Dunfanaghy Ladies Golf

Last Tuesday 15th June was a stableford competition. 1st Gillian Robinson (24) 34pts. 2nd Paula McCallion (21) 32 pts. Saturday the 19th was the Clarence shield.

Once again we had some find scores returned. 1st Mary Lafferty (22) 63 nett. 2nd Moira Irwin (13) 66nett BOT.3rd Barbara Eakin (15) 66nett. 1st 9 Lorraine McAleese (16) 32 nett. 2nd9 Eilish Walsh (28) 32 Nett BOT. Congratulations to all the winners. Tuesday and Saturday competitions continue with Single stableford competitions on both days.

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