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Mica redress a tortured road for Churchill family

A Churchill woman who has spoken about her devastation when she discovered her home was infected by Mica two years ago says that her nightmare journey has been compounded with the delays she's experienced in responses from Donegal County Council.

by John McAteer

Demelza Callaghan who resides at Keelogs is a mature student and a mother of three children. She is dumbfounded given that the rebuild of her house was approved for full demolition on August 10th last year, but a 'Stage 2' application submitted on November 20th has been met with two further information requests from officials in the Council. "Right now the process is going nowhere but

I cannot see how my three children can live here for the coming winter and there are so many other issues arising because the damaged structure leaves parts of it open to all kinds of elements and invasions," she said. All the while the uncertainty and the further delays are not helping her plight. Adding to her trauma is that this house was built by her sister Claire as her forever home in 2007.

Sadly that was not to be. In September 2015, Claire was diagnosed with a terminal illness... the following February she was dead. She left behind a fifteen years old daughter to carry on her legacy with pride and courage.

In those final months, Demelza made the brave and life changing decision to give up her

job in Kildare to return home to look after her sister and her care. This is now her responsibility and despite the trauma for her family along with the destructive character of Mica, she is proud to call this place her home. It is her right to do so and the last thing that Demelza should have to face is the uncertainty and the delays to find remediation for something that is not of her making.

Maze of paperwork

In so many respects, this small nation is a total basket case and with good cause: however the Government should never have allowed homeowners adrift in a maze of paper work. This is a crucifying burden and the responses and actions from official Ireland fall far short of what we

expect from dynamic and proactive government.

Demelza represents the real face of human compassion in Ireland and hers are the silent circumstances that families have to confront as their fate: and that's before Mica presents huge hurdles and battles that are challenging lives every day in Donegal. There is indeed a very long road ahead.

Surely, family circumstances must count for something and is that not a part of a caring democratic process?

However, we are left to pause and draw our own conclusions.

Faceless bureaucracy

But there is no space for compassion in the silent spaces occupied by officialdom. As a consequence the Ireland of a faceless

bureaucracy is a cold and heartless place and people are left to count the consequences.

At the family home Demelza says that officialdom has impacted seriously on her life and the delays have added hugely to the extra costs to the rebuild that she dare not think about money.

She says that from an engineering point of view her application has complied fully with the paperwork: the templates: the further breakdowns: the sub-headings: the technicals and this stuff is mind-blowing.

"I do not have any further information to give and all I can see are increasing costs because I was given a price before the end of last for the rebuild of my home. I'm now seven months behind

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Ramelton Postmistress retires



It will be the end of an era at the Ramelton Post Office on Friday when Postmistress Eileen McDaid retires after 25 years of loyal service to the community.

By Declan Kerr

The Post Office is moving from Castle Street to Whoriskey's on the Mall. Ironically that is where the facility was located and run by John and Rose Sheridan prior to the late Brendan McDaid taking over the service in 1978. His daughter-in-law Eileen succeeded him in 1997.

Her husband Paul recalls working in the Post Office after his father took over when Fanad woman Margaret Begley was one of the employees. "I worked there in the first year and I remember her training me. At the end of every day of business she did the books and got the balance down to a halfpenny. If there was a bigger discrepancy Margaret would go through the figures again until it

was sorted. We had the telephone exchange and I remember the last call before it went automatic was made between two Stephen McDaid's. One of them was my brother and the other Stephen was from Letterkenny who was on the engineering side with the Company," Paul said.

The family also worked through different money changes - pounds, shillings and pence to Irish pounds and then to euros at the start of January 2002.

Prior to the Sheridans it was the McElwee family who had the Post Office in Ramelton. Earlier this year An Post marked 100 years in existence with an anniversary event that Eileen McDaid attended. While there were many good times serving the local community Eileen also experienced the most frightening incident of her life on 6th of December 2007 when the premises was robbed. Three men were involved and Paul

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Demelza Callaghan at her home in Keelogs with her children Haley, Tadg and Odhran and 'Buster'.



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with the work and seven months deeper in debt on account of the delays in processing my application. What am I supposed to do?

I'm left to worry about the coming winter in this house because I know it is not safe. Does anyone in the Council have answers?" she queries.

She said that in all, three further information requests came from the Council and along with her engineering advice they've spoken about what they say are unacceptable delays. They do fear there are more where these came from.

Similarly, many with mica infected homes believe that more requests for information just add up to the delays that families, on the one hand, cannot afford while there are huge fears around the safety of structures in gale force winds and frosty conditions.

Demelza says she's reached the end of her tether because she does not have any further information to offer the Council and every box has already been ticked.

Meanwhile all she can do is watch as her beloved home crumbles into particles, exposing the structure to ever increasing fault lines from the environment. The gable corners are extremely serious and the so-called blockwork has crumbled to the extent that the material is simply falling away.

Close up to the rules and regulations about materials, one visit to this house reveals the shocking reality that if regulations had been applied in the first instance, this could not have happened. And it is quite startling to walk away from Demelza and her children and then to try and comprehend how families are impacted. The real costs for many are incalculable in terms of stress, health and well-being.

This is Ireland's shameful crisis visited on home owners in the disastrous Celtic Tiger Years and these families actually believe they are literally on their own in finding a solution. They may not be wrong in their assumptions.

Is that not why hundreds and hundreds left waiting for mica redress are rushing



The ravages of Mica at the Callaghan home.

to join Coleman Legal in a bid to find a just solution. For so many, the new scheme does not count in their considerations.

No Oireachtas Committee or pious platitudes from politicians can ever bypass that kind of trauma families are experiencing. We saw this in the Seanad debate before the legislation went to the President for signing. If ever we needed reason to put an institution in the skip, this was it.

For the Callaghan family in Keelogs, the catalogue of progress is there on record. The house was surveyed on June 4th 2020 and six months later a follow-up survey was completed on the 224 square metre five-bedroom dwell-

ing.

An application to demolish was sent to the Council on February 23rd, 2021. Three months later the first of the further information requests arrived through the family's letterbox on May 19th 2021: a delay of three months.

A month later the Council's request was given a response. On August 10th, the application was approved.

The Stage 2 application was forwarded by Demelza Callaghan on November 20th last. It was time for her to consider her plans for the future: to get a price for the rebuild and to find a contractor. All those difficult hurdles were resolved and she believed that the work would have started last January.

Now she realises there was no need to hurry since as far as officialdom is concerned she's stuck in no man's land and progress is the faint hope that keeps her motivated to find a way forward.

From the date of the Stage 2 Application it would be a further four months before Demelza heard from Donegal County Council.

But there have been more delays with a new request for further information. With her preparations ready to begin demolishing the house last January, she waited for the postman to bring her news of a start up date. That did not arrive: she explains: A new request for further information arrived on March 16th.

She said "We responded on June 11th and there was professional input to ensure that all aspects of the paperwork was covered and that had been our response all along. However, a new request for further information landed on July 21st."

Demelza was utterly astounded, she confesses. Michael Doherty PRO of the Donegal Mica Group said he was disappointed with the lack of progress across the entire redress process and it needs to be

speeded up as a matter of urgency.

He understands that only 13 houses have been successful so far in getting the final approval for the repair of Mica damaged properties and the problems and delays are never ending. He said when you put the delays in perspective, there are people out there who will wonder if the remediation of their homes will begin in the next ten years.

Cllr. Martin McDermott who is Chair of the Council's steering committee on defective concrete blocks admits that there are delays and much heartbreak for those families caught up in this issue. He says that the ISO 465 regulation is very difficult insofar as compliance is concerned. However, the Mica Action Group continues to do its level best to help with advice and guidance.

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Noted poet to host "Muldoon's Picnic" in Letterkenny

"Muldoon's Picnic" a cabaret-style evening, hosted by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Paul Muldoon, is set to visit Letterkenny

Each show on the tour has a bespoke mix of artists from the worlds of music and literature. On Friday 12th August, from An Grianán Theatre stage in Letterkenny, Paul Muldoon and house band Rogue Oliphant will be joined by one of Ireland's most distinguished poets Maurice Riordan, the unique piano-based songwriter Duke Special, award winning poet Hannah Sullivan, and internationally acclaimed author and short story writer, Claire Keegan.

These shows have been described as "A music-and-literature extravaganza".

Devised and developed by the acclaimed Irish poet Muldoon, the title 'Muldoon's Picnic' refers to a popular 19th-century New York vaudeville act, which inspired the New York based Paul Muldoon to begin hosting these carefully blended evenings of literature and music back in 2014. For further information on all events see www.poetryireland.ie and www.angrian.com. Produced by Poetry Ireland and supported by an Arts Council / An Chomhairle Ealaíon and Arts Council of Northern Ireland Touring Grant.

RNLI Fundraising

Sea to Summit Challenge

Sea to Summit Fundraising Challenge in aid of the RNLI takes place this Sunday, and it's all systems go for a good turnout. Many thanks to main sponsors, MOWI and also to Eco Atlantic and Teach Solais Fhánada who have also come on board to support this exciting Run / Walk which takes place over beaches and roads up to the Summit of Murren Hill (Cnoc na Boirne) at a height of 227 metres. PreRegistration online or alternatively on Sunday Morning at the Fanad Community Centre from 8.30am, Entry Fee of €20, and the 15k race/walk starts at 10 am. No dogs allowed and under 16's must be accompanied by an adult. Further information can be obtained from Fin 086 3826328 or Evelyn 086 8062579. Refreshments will be served afterwards at the Community Centre.

Dunfanaghy Flag Day

The annual Dunfanaghy flag day collection will take place on Friday 29th & Saturday 30th July when Volunteers will be out and about with buckets that day in and around the town.

Mulroy Bay Angling

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

cert featured Steve, who was on stage with Dermot Byrne, Yvonne Casey and Deirdre Scanlan in the Regional Cultural Centre. The RCC was also host to the very successful festival club family session which ran throughout the week.

"During the restrictions of the pandemic we marked the summer school week with especially recorded online performances and tutorials in association with the RCC. So this year being our 10th anniversary we were excited to celebrate our association over the years with this fantastic concert in the RCC"

Weekly traditional music lessons resume at the Ceol na Coille Summer School of Traditional Music in Letterkenny in September.

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McDaid recalls a gun being pointed at his wife as the money was demanded. 15 years on, no one has been brought to justice in relation to the robbery.

However harrowing that ordeal was for Eileen she got back to work serving her customers in the professional manner that she had always done and she can look back now with pride at her 25-year career as the Ramelton postmistress.

In total the Post Office has been in the McDaid family for 44 years. From next Tuesday the Post Office will be in Whoriskey's Supermarket on the Mall. Among the staff employed by the McDaid family in the Post Office over those years included Brian Boyce, Dominick, Charles (Boots) and Tony Boyce; Yvonne Bryant, Irene Irwin, Susie Smeaton, Audrey Kane, Kathleen Hanlon, Caroline, Keith, Cabrini and Stephen McDaid, Catriona McDaid, Marie Duggan, Dermot Sweeney,

Peter Brannigan, Veronica Logan, Kathleen Crossan, Susan McDaid, Anne Whoriskey, Myrtle Doherty, Martina Loughrey, Geraldine Dunworth, Anthony Friel, Margaret Begley, Pauline Robinson, Mrs Stevenson and Carole McGarvey. Post men who worked in the Ramelton branch when mail sorting was being on site were Tommy, Joe and Shaun Logan, Barney Boyce, Kevin Toland, Denis McGrenra, William McFadden and James Boyce

Ceol na Coille celebrates 10th Anniversary in style

One of Donegal's best-known music weeks, Ceol na Coille Summer School & Trad Camp, has made a successful return after the Covid lockdowns, with students from as far away as Japan, the US and Italy attending the recent series of music classes, workshops and concerts in Letterkenny.

Organiser Paul Harrigan said: "It was great to have the Summer School back in full swing this year with face-to-face classes after the two years of restrictions. We were able to welcome back wonderful tutors from not just Donegal but around the country. And students of all ages enrolled from near and far, with some flying to Ireland specially to take part in the 10th Anniversary summer school"

"There was a great buzz around Coláiste Ailigh, which was a fantastic base for classes during the week. We also had recitals, family sessions and wonderful concerts, as well as the usual sessions in pubs



Milford Uilleann Pipe maker and tutor Martin Crossin with his class performing at the final concert of Ceol na Coille Summer School and Trad Camp.

around the town." Another addition to this year's activities was the Braon Beag Gailge - 'A wee drop of Irish' conversation circle hosted each afternoon in Coláiste Ailigh by Lónra Leitir Ceannainn.

Tutors this year included some of Donegal's best-known musicians, such as Dermot Byrne on button accordion,

Roisin McGrory on fiddle, John Lee on flute and Milford based Martin Crossin on uilleann pipes. Visiting tutors included fiddler Yvonne Casey from Clare, traditional singer Deirdre Scanlon from Tipperary, and banjo player Oisín Murphy from Emyvale in Monaghan.

"The afternoon tutor recitals were

a great treat again this year and we would like to thank the Donegal County Council and the Dept of Culture for helping make this happen with LLPPSS funding support"

One of traditional music's renowned guitarists Steve Cooney was guest tutor for a fantastic one day masterclass.

In addition, the 10th anniversary con-

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Kilmaccreanan & District Sheep Show & Dog Trials

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

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Doon Well marks 1932 pilgrimage

Ninety years after trains from Donegal Railways brought brought a huge gathering at the Doon Well to celebrate the Eucharist Congress in 1932, parishioners will again visit the holy well, this time on foot.

The Churchill Community Group has confirmed that the pilgrimage on this Sunday coincides with the gathering at the holy well ninety years ago, to the very day. On Sunday at 4.00pm, those participating on foot are requested to assemble at the parochial house in Churchill village. They will make their way to the Doon Well where the Rosary will be recited at 6.00pm. For those who wish to drive to the Well, you are advised to obey parking regulations.

Ireland has changed somewhat since 1932: this is very evident in Donegal because people could hop on board a train in dozens of places and arrive at a chosen destination without fuss or bother and literally for a few shillings.

The special train timetable for July 31st 1932 was unearthed in a pub in Camden town in London by Margaret Rose McFadden/Callaghan and she alerted a member of the Churchill Development Group.

This faded train timetable is in pristine condition and the points of departure on this special day ninety years ago would have ranged from Killybegs: Clady: Strabane: Bruckless: Dunkineely: Inver: Ballintra: Inver: Bridgetown: Lough Eske Glenmaquin: Stranorlar: Liscooley: Coornagillagh: Ballinamore: Letterkenny: Killybegs: Barnes Gap: Shallogans on the route between Fintown and Glenties. And if your fancy took it, you could board the train in Liscooley: Clady or Cloghan, to name but a few of the eclectic place names that dotted the railways lines of that time.

And those journeys cost half a crown a time (there were half crowns in one old pound note). The pilgrims arrived at the Well on Sunday July 31st back in 1932 with many thousands assembling from all arts and parts.

Back then, the Faith was basking in the huge success of the Eucharistic Congress with a reported half a million people at Mass in Dublin for the five day event.

This was 31st International Eucharistic Congress: and the first in Ireland: the country was then home to more than three million Catholics. Ireland was given the privilege of hosting the Congress on

the occasion of the 1500th anniversary of Saint Patrick's arrival. The theme was "The Propagation of the Sainted Eucharist by Irish Missionaries".

Pope Pius XI gave the message for the International Eucharistic Congress, live from the Vatican and a flag designed for the Congress that was carried to various ceremonies during the event.

Dublin was decorated with banners, bunting, garlands and seven ocean liners moored in the port basins and along Sir John Rogerson's Quay. The liners acted as floating hotels and could accommodate from 130 to 1,500 people.

John Charles McQuaid, President of Blackrock College, hosted a big garden party on the grounds of the college to welcome the papal legate, where the many hundreds of bishops assembled for the Congress had the opportunity to mingle with a huge gathering of distinguished guests.

The final public Mass of the Congress was held on 26th June in Phoenix Park and the chief celebrant was Michael Joseph Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore. A radio station was set up in Athlone to coincide with



The poster advertising the rail times.

The Congress. Known as Radio Athlone, it became Radio Éireann in 1938. John McCormack, world famous Irish tenor, sang 'Panis Angelicus' during the Mass.

It is reported that as many as 500,000 people gathered on O'Connell Bridge for the concluding benediction given by the Papal Legate, Cardinal Lorenzo Lauri.

Green legacy donates €30,000 to Donegal causes

The legacy of Raphoe man, Hugh Green, is still helping many worthy causes in his native Donegal, several years after he passed away in his adopted home of New Zealand.

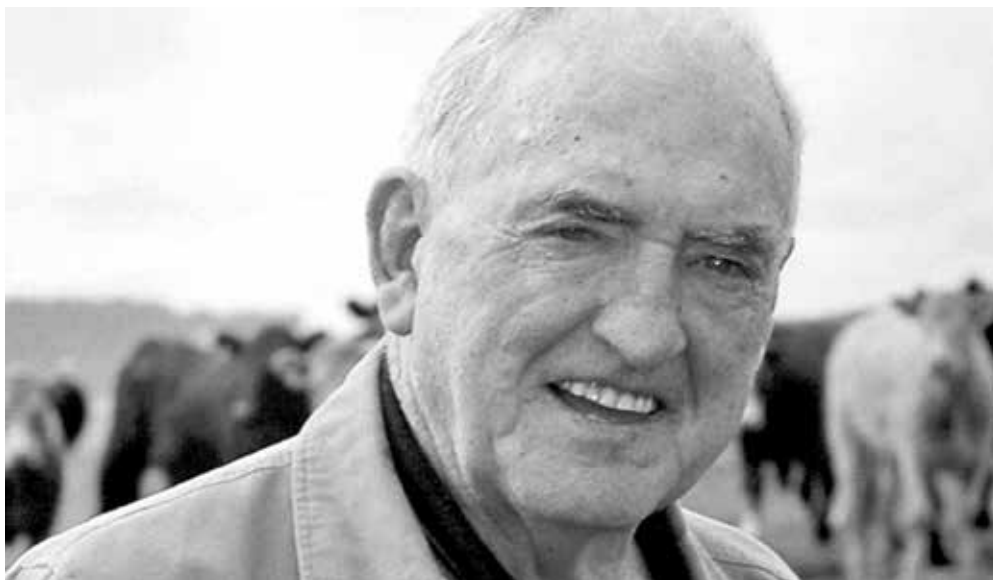
The former joint Donegal Person of the Year established one of the largest construction firms in New Zealand when he settled there as a young man in the early 1950's and went on to become a multimillionaire.

He passed away in 2012 aged 80. In 2017 the "Hugo Charitable Trust" was founded in his memory by his eldest daughter Maryanne, and since then they have donated millions to charity groups including many thousands of Euros to groups here in Donegal.

The charity's annual report details that in the last five years many worthy causes in Donegal, Derry and Tyrone received helpful donations.

The latest to have benefited includes the Letterkenny Youth & Community Club with €20,000 donated for their ongoing work to restore the old Devlin Hall on the town's Main Street. Group spokesperson, Paddy Delap, said the funding has made a great impact on their work and the money went towards a new floor and painting costs. He said the group intends to dedicate the refurbished hall to the charity set up in Mr Green's honour, once they have the remaining work, including disabled access including lifts, completed.

"We have dedicated the hall to the Green Foundation as we are very



grateful for the donation and support for the group," Paddy told the Tribune.

The second group to benefit is the St Eunan's Cathedral Restoration Fund who are working to restore the 12th century Raphoe building and they received €10,000. This was presented to Dean Arthur Barrett.

Two groups in Agher, Co. Tyrone, including St McCartan's Chapel and St Patrick's Primary School, each received €30,000.

In recent years other groups including Children in Crossfire, Suile Community Hub, the Sammy and Tory Fund, Fintown Library, as

well as ongoing support for Little Angels School in Letterkenny who have received €61,000 to date, have also benefited from the New Zealand based charity. Hugh Green left Donegal aged 17 and after brief stints in the UK and Australia, he settled in New Zealand in 1952 where he formed a construction company with fellow Donegal man Barney McCahill. As well as becoming a major figure in the construction and civil engineering sector, he also developed major farms which helped indulge his first passion of cattle dealing.

He remained a frequent visitor to Donegal but Hugh's philanthropic activities began in the 1960's and were driven by his experiences of poverty during his childhood which led him to establish the Hugh Green Charitable Trust in 1998.

Hugo Charitable Trust Chief Executive, Aoiheann Monaghan, said they are continuing the philanthropic work Hugh started and they will continue to support Irish charities.

"The Hugo Charitable Trust has strong ties to Ireland especially as Hugh's hometown was Raphoe and we look forward to continuing the special relationships we have with the charities that he supported and the causes brought to us by his family and friends," she stated in this year's annual report.

The report details that they donated over NZ\$2.2 million in the 2021-2022 period including over NZ\$1.2million to medical research.

Half a century since Bloody Friday

Last week marked the 50th Anniversary of Bloody Friday. It must be considered a crime against humanity. Let's remember the Ballymurphy Massacre, Bloody Sunday, the Springhill Massacre and the New Lodge massacre were all crimes against humanity. The British Army committed those crimes. For the same reason those massacres were crimes, so was Bloody Friday.

The IRA exploded 22 bombs across Belfast within 80 minutes. The bombs killed seven civilians and two members of the security forces. They injured 130, some very seriously. The worst explosion was at Oxford St Bus Station. Four Ulsterbus workers and two soldiers were killed. There were horrific pictures of dismembered bodies.

By July 1972, tension was already great in the North. Civil War seemed possible. There was widespread fear. There were, though, certain tipping points. Bloody Friday was one. The events of that day were responsible for driving many young Protestants towards Loyalist paramilitaries.

One was David Ervine, future leader of the Progressive Unionist Party. Ervine was not somebody who would automatically have gone towards paramilitarism. He is honest in describing his mother's attitudes as being "to the right of Genghis Khan".

His father had a different view of the world. His father was a socialist. Ervine senior was opposed to the way the Catholic minority was treated. When the Civil Rights Movement began, his attitude was that rights are for everyone. He used to attend debates in Clonard Monastery, off the Falls Road. He used to take his son to hurling matches in Casement Park in Andersonstown.

Thus Ervine's background was definitely not the stereotype of Loyalism. For all that, Ervine joined the UVF

The events of 'Bloody Friday' left many traumatised. Half a century on, many still live with physical and mental injuries. The dead were both Catholic and Protestant. Many families are still seeking answers. The bombs were a reaction to the breakdown of an IRA ceasefire earlier in 1972. There were internal dissensions in the Belfast IRA. The 'Young Turks' round Gerry Adams were moving against the old guard.

the day after Bloody Friday. One of the Oxford St dead was William Hull Irvine, who lived near him. Some friends and family initially thought he had been killed. He felt that, that day, he went "over the edge." Ervine had been inching towards involvement in Loyalist paramilitarism "but it was only the moment of 'Bloody Friday', when there was a lad killed with the same name as me. He lived close by and people thought it was me, and it could have been me. At that point I went over the edge, I suppose." Ervine subsequently queried how many people became involved in paramilitarism for ideological reasons "and how many because ... they've had an experience of some trauma."

The late Brendan Hughes was the IRA's operational commander for Bloody Friday. Within minutes of the first explosions, he knew it was a disaster. There were too many bombs for the British army and the police to handle. Years later, Hughes said: "I remember when the bombs started to go off, I was in Leeson Street, and I thought: 'There's too much there.'" As the bombs exploded, some of his fellow-IRA members cheered "and I got angry at them and told them to get off the streets." Hughes knew there were going to be casualties "either the Brits could not handle so many bombs or they would allow some to go off because it suited them to have casualties..."

Hughes subsequently felt guilt about the events: "I mean if I could reverse

the situation I would... I wouldn't do it again.... the risks were far too high, and even if there wasn't any collusion or deceit on the part of the British, I don't believe they were capable of handling so many bombs at one time.... I have a fair degree of regret that 'Bloody Friday' took place... a great deal of regret. As I say, if I could do it over again I wouldn't do it." The events of 'Bloody Friday' left many traumatised. Half a century on, many still live with physical and mental injuries. The dead were both Catholic and Protestant. Many families are still seeking answers. The bombs were a reaction to the breakdown of an IRA ceasefire earlier in 1972. There were internal dissensions in the Belfast IRA. The 'Young Turks' round Gerry Adams were moving against the old guard. The atrocity was definitely a setback for the IRA. It mobilised Protestant opposition to the campaign. It sparked widespread recruitment to Loyalist paramilitaries. It was an important propaganda victory for the British government. As regards propaganda, the Government had been on the back foot after internment in August 1971 and Bloody Sunday in January 1972. Within a couple of weeks, the British Army had moved into the former 'No Go' areas of Free Derry, and West Belfast. The IRA would no longer control significant areas, where it could move about relatively openly. It was a particularly propaganda setback. It shook the faith even of true

believers. Certainly, it was a blow to morale.

Until then, the (Provisional) IRA had seemed to be going from success to success. It had developed a significant military campaign. It controlled parts of Derry and Belfast. It had forced the British government into a ceasefire and talks. The campaign lasted another 22 years. But, if there was a turning point, this was when events began to turn.

On the 30th Anniversary of Bloody Friday, the IRA issued a statement of apology. "While it was not our intention to injure or kill non-combatants, the reality is that on this and on a number of other occasions that was the consequence of our actions," the statement said. "It is therefore appropriate on the anniversary of this tragic event that we address all of the deaths and injuries of non-combatants caused by us. We offer our sincere

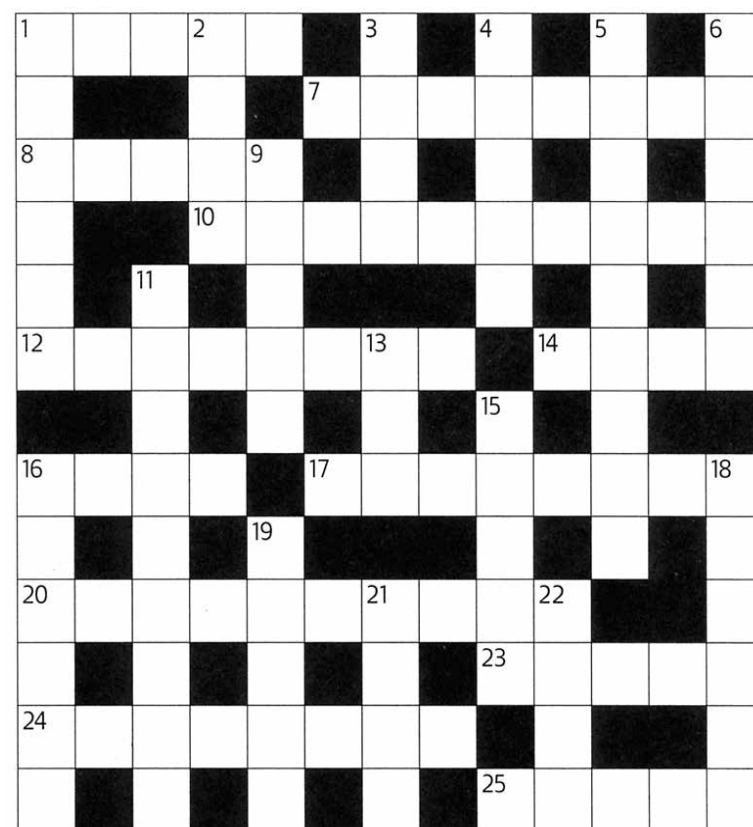


By Anton McCabe

apologies and condolences to their families.

... The future will not be found in denying collective failures and mistakes or closing minds and hearts to the plight of those who have been hurt." Commitment to the peace process "includes the acceptance of past mistakes and of the hurt and pain we have caused to others." For many relatives and victims, that did not go nearly far enough. It marked, though, a significant new tone for the IRA.

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 17. Inhabitant (8)
 20. Athletics field event (6,4)
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 1. Type of lynx (6)
 2. Deep cut (4)
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 22. Chrysalis (4)

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Mary's Meals walk to Knock

A group of volunteers from Donegal have undertaken an epic challenge to walk from Malin to Knock, in Co. Mayo, for international school feeding charity Mary's Meals. The group are taking part in the organisation's annual fundraiser, the 'Step by Step to Feed the Next Child' walk, which is celebrating its 10 anniversary this year! We are walking throughout Ireland - starting on 7 August from Malin, Derry, Armagh, Dublin Thurles, Kilkenny and Limerick and are all arriving in Knock on 15 August. Fr Eamonn Kelly is walking from Thurles and Josephine Donohue is walking from Kilkenny. We also have many local walks taking place around the Country.

Mary's Meals is an international organisation providing a daily meal in a place of education for children in some of the poorest communities in the world. They are currently feeding more than 2 million children, in 20 countries, across Africa,

Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. While just €18.30 feeds a child for an entire school year, those daily meals enable children to come to the classroom and gain the education that could be their ladder out of poverty in the long term.

The Collins sisters, from Letterkenny, have been volunteers with Mary's Meals for the past ten years. "We are really looking forward to doing the walk", says Mary and Noreen, "Not only are we celebrating its ten-year anniversary, but we have had to do it on a reduced scale for the last couple of years, so it will be great to have everyone together again!

Maybe you could get involved in Step by Step. You could take a sponsor card and get sponsorship for one of our walkers. We also need people willing to collect. You are invited to visit our website www.marysmeals.ie or phone Fr Eamonn Kelly on 0879077985.



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Letterkenny Memories at the Station House

Left - Donal Kavanagh and ukulele orchestra performing in Station House.

Above left - Audience at the Letterkenny Memories enjoying another great fun night in the Station House Letterkenny on Monday night.

Right - Brian Gallagher performing at the Letterkenny Memories



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Swilly Rovers AGM

The Swilly Rovers AGM took place in the Red Room on Tuesday night. The outgoing committee was thanked for their dedication and help for the past year. Special word of gratitude to Kevin Coffey for his colossal contribution to the club including sourcing and securing funding for the fabulous new pitch and astro. We all appreciate it and it will benefit the whole community.

Thanks was also extended to Ministers Joe McHugh and Charlie McConalogue for their help with the

granting of the funding. There was also acknowledgement for Cllr Ian McGarvey for his contributions as always. Swilly Rovers now need a big push on fundraising for the next stage of development of the club. Everyone's help will be needed. Next meeting is on Tuesday night at 8.30. Everyone is welcome.

The Executive and Committee elected for year ahead on Tuesday night - Chairperson: Eilis Toland; Vice chair: Christian Gorney; Secretary: Liam McFadden; Assistant Secretary: Rachel Ivers; Treasurer: Chanel

Blaney; Vice treasurer, Paul Stevenson; PRO: Paul Cavanagh; Assistant PRO, Jamie Leigh Blaney; Senior team reports: John Diver; Registrar: Edward Diver. Committee members - Sean Boyce, PJ Cavanagh, Cllr Ian McGarvey, Adrian Gill, Jason McCahill, Marty McDaid, Laurence Toland, and William Blaney.

Wedding

The wedding took place in St Mary's Church Ramelton on Friday 15th of July of Danielle Marie O'Neill, a daughter of Aidan and Gemma O'Neill, Ballyare, Glebe, Ramelton and Nigel Ferry, Falcarragh. The celebrants were Very Rev Fr Michael Carney, PP, Ramelton, Fr James



The Swilly Rovers U12 squad with their coaches Barry Harte and Paul Stevenson at the Foyle Cup last week.

Gillespie P.P. Falcarragh and Fr Stephen Gorman C.C. Milford. The reception was held in Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey and the happy couple honeymooned in Madeira. Congratulations and best wishes to Danielle and Nigel. **Community Games Provincial Finals** Well done to all the athletes from the Ramelton area and Donegal who took part in the The Community Games Provincial Athletics Finals in Sligo on Sunday. **Man Utd/Aston Villa trip**

A coach will leave Ramelton and Letterkenny on Friday April 28th, 2023 for the Man Utd v Aston Villa the following day. Always an excellent two night stay in Manchester. Christmas vouchers for the trip are very popular. More details at 9151043 or 0862456746.

SVP Conference

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

Swilly lotto

The numbers drawn in the Swilly Rovers lotto on Friday were 1, 8, 10 and 20. No jackpot winners. There were no 3 number winners. This week's jackpot is €5,000. Thanks for your continued support. You can enter at the usual places or by using the club force link.

Swilly U12s enjoy Foyle Cup

The Swilly Rovers U12s enjoyed a fabulous week in the tournament last week. Barry Harte and Paul Stevenson's squad travelled with just 12 players. They finished third in a tough group but ended up in the 2nd tier plate courtesy of being the second best 3rd placed team in the group stages. They finished a creditable 25 out of 56 considering they are just a club team that didn't bolster the squad with players from other teams who didn't enter.

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The core squad is the 12 that have been playing together all year in the Letterkenny Prem U12 league. The club would like to thank coaches Paul Stevenson and especially Barry Harte (whose own son won the U12 Foyle Cup with Maiden City). Barry sacrificed supporting Ollie daily while looking after his squad. Thanks to Martin McFadden for the photos and help coaching along with Ger Faulkner. The squad were able to attend the final on Saturday after their own match in the Brandywell to support Ollie and his Maiden City teammates win the cup.

We would like to thank all the parents and grandparents who supported the team over the six days. Also to Mark Greer of Backstage Bar & Grill and Century Cinemas for the lovely food and cinema provided. The squad had a ball. Thanks to Vital Obs Donegal and @bhpengeering for helping with sponsorship. And a big congrats to Ollie Harte on winning the Foyle Cup.

Yoga with Jane

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

8367776 to book or for more info.

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Care of the Aged help

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



The old Post Office before the new premises was built



Among those at a retirement event for postman Joe Callaghan were at front Teresa Connolly and Stephen Sheridan with at back from left Martha Black, Celia Callaghan, Frances and Brendan McDaid



Putting the last call through before Ramelton Post Office went automatic were Frances Crossan and Audrey Kane with at back from left Cathal James, Tina McGettigan, Tony McGlynn, Frances McDaid, Postmaster Brendan McDaid, Mick Deniffe and James Gallagher



Postman William McFadden with Brendan McDaid

Swilly Park reopens

The first game on the new pitch took place on Tuesday night when the Swilly Rovers U16s played Gweedore Utd with the hosts winning comfortably 6-1. Swilly Park had been closed for a year while a major upgrade of the pitch was done. Club members including Edward Diver and Paul Callan were out on Monday evening lining the pitch and getting the goalposts erected ahead of the first match.

Mickey Kerr scored the first goal on the new pitch on Tuesday night while Calum O'Donnell netted two and there was a hat-trick for Odhran

Grimes. The Swilly Rovers team was Dylan Roulston, Mickey Kerr, Lee Patterson, Thomas Speer, Calvagh O'Donnell, Daniel McGarvey, Calum O'Donnell, Daithi Cavanagh, Ryan Sheridan, Odhran Grimes, Jack Coyle, Connor Coffey.

Right - The Swilly Rovers U16s were the first team to play on the new pitch on Tuesday night. Mickey Kerr was the first player to score on the new ground.

Below - Swilly Rovers members working hard on Monday evening to get the new pitch ready for the first game which took place on Tuesday night involving the Club's U16s.

Below right - Edward Diver lining the pitch.

Left - Former Swilly underage player Ollie Harte who won a cup medal with Maiden City F.C. at the Foyle Cup on Saturday



Opening of Carrigart Digital Hub gteic@Carraig Airt

The official opening took place on Thursday of the gteic@Carraig Airt a new digital hub based in the heart of Carrigart on Main Street offering eighteen desk spaces in a new building on the site of the old Health Centre.

The official launch was performed by the Minister for Rural & Community Development Heather Humphries in the presence of the Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council Cllr Liam Blaney and the Mayor of Letterkenny-Milford Municipal District Cllr Donal Mandy Kelly.

Other attendees included Minister for Agriculture Charlie McConalogue TD, Joe Mc Hugh TD and local Councillors Ciaran Brogan, Donal Coyle, Michael McBride, Kevin Bradley, Barry Sweeney, Johnny McGuinness and representatives of Údarás na Gaeltachta including Bord Cathaoirleach Anna Ní Ghallachair and Chief Executive Mícheál Ó hÉanaigh

Speaking at the launch Cllr Blaney acknowledged the support from the Dept of Rural & Community Development which allocated €230,000 to the hub.

Chief Executive of the Council John McLaughlin said that the development offers a great opportunity for businesses and individuals in the local

community to work remotely and support the local economy.

The gteic@Carraig Airt is part of a brand of digital hubs in the Gaeltacht region with the facility in Carrigart match funded by Donegal County Council together with capital contribution from Údarás na Gaeltachta.

Donegal County Council wishes to acknowledge the support of the local community groups including Moving Meevagh Forward who originally advocated the idea and applied for the initial funding to progress the project. The design team was MH Associates and the contractor Joe McMenamin & Co.

Chair of local community group Moving Meevagh Forward, Noel McBride also thanked the Council, Udaras, the HSE, the funders and Deputy Joe McHugh for making project possible. The overall cost of the project was in the region of half a million euro.

He met up with Minister Humphrey when she was in Carrigart and thanked her for the financial support and discussed the next Moving Meevagh Forward project, the long-awaited pedestrian link between Carrigart and Downings and was assured that her Department would be giving the

project serious consideration in the third quarter of this year.

The management of the facility has been awarded to Comhlacht Forbartha An Tearmann who

have experience of managing a digital hub in An Craoibhin and to book space for use contact: info@craoibhintermon.ir or call Mary Doherty on (074) 91 19988.



Noel McBride of Moving Meevagh Forward with Minister Heather Humphries and John Bosco McBride, manager of the Sheephaven Credit Union. Photos by Martin Fleming.



Minister for Rural & Community Development Heather Humphries T.D who opened the new Carrigart Digital Hub on Thursday with locals and officials.



Seamus McHugh, Suzie Coyle, Niamh McHugh and Peter McGettigan.



Rathmullan Heritage Walking Tour A Heritage Walking Tour of Rathmullan will take place on Thursday 28th July and Tuesday 2nd August at 3pm. The tours are a great way of discovering the fascinating history of Rathmullan in a relaxed stroll around the village. The tours are led by Deirdra Friel an approved Fáilte Ireland guide and last approx. 1hr 45mins. Cost: €10.00 per person. Children go free, To book call Deirdra on 086 2421008. isitors from New Zealand, Aberdeen and Glasgow enjoying the Rathmullan walking tour with local tour guide Deirdra Friel.

Ray News

Draw

Tickets on sale now for the Ray Community Group six-week development draw to raise funds towards the building of an astro pitch and walking and running track on site. There will be a total of €10,000 up for grabs over the six weeks, with weekly prizes of €500, €400, €300 and €200, and additional bonus prizes worth €1,600 in Week 1.

The draws will take place weekly from October 1st. Tickets are €50 each. Go to www.bit.ly/raydevelopmentdraw or find Ray Community Centre on Facebook to buy tickets.

Camping Weekend... Part 2?

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

Yoga

Yoga classes at Ray Community Centre on Saturday mornings from 10am to 11am. Start your weekend off right. Beginners welcome. Contact Jane Watt for more information on 0868367776.

Kickboxing

Kickboxing classes at Ray Community Centre on Saturdays. Kids/adults classes running at the same time in different rooms. Spaces still available! For more information contact Mayhem Martial Arts on Facebook or on +44 7843 883722

Doherty Clann Reunion

On Wednesday 3rd August in Logues of Cranford, the Doherty family from Gortnabrade will welcome 70 of their American cousins from Philadelphia, some of them making the trip for the first time.

In the 1920's, four of the eleven Doherty, Paddy Denis family from Gortnabrade emigrated to America, Bridget, Annie, Willie and Denis.

Denis and Willie settled in Philadelphia both married Donegal women,

Denis married Mary Mc Fadden from Creeslough, Willie married Fanny Flood from Glen village.

Bridget married Barney Coyle and they settled also in Philadelphia.

Annie married Patrick Duffy from Aughalatt, and they both settled in Boston and raised their family there.

Denis, son Bill will be on the trip and his daughter in law Judy who was married to Charley, his and Willies, grandchildren and great grandchildren are visiting the parish of Mevagh to



see where their grandfather came from. All welcome on the night.

Popular Donegal choir seeks new members



The Inishowen Gospel Choir has returned to the live festival circuit after a Covid enforced absence of almost three years and are on the lookout for new members to join them. The singers performed at July's Earagail Arts Festival this year and are enjoying back doing what they love best - performing before live audiences.

The choir, which was founded in 2005 by two friends who wanted to bring the spirit of gospel music to their community, has returned to regular in-person rehearsals in recent months which have been taking place in Derry and at Colgan Hall in Carndonagh. Mixing gospel with soul, roots and contemporary music, the community choir

has been a regular feature at festivals over the years including Electric Picnic, Body and Soul, Swell and the Dunfanaghy Jazz and Blues festival, as well as local events throughout the north-west. The choir has collaborated with some of the best-known names on the Irish music scene, including The Henry Girls, Liam Ó Maonlaí, Duke Special, Declan



PJ Burke presenting Kevin Friel, winner of the Skittles and Clement Clarke runner up, also PJ (below) presenting winners prize to Gerry Durning winner of the Frisbee Challenge with Laura Boyce runner. Special thanks to Brendan McGinty for organising the event and to DS Environmental for sponsorship.



Declan from Electrical Appliance Services presenting Tommy Doherty of the Ballyare 10k and Tractor Run Committee with a Tumble Dryer by way of sponsorship towards the event. This year's charities are Cancer Care West and MS Donegal. It was a very appropriate presentation as everyone got soaked at the Run last Sunday and it would have been very useful for drying everyone's clothes!!

O'Rourke, Bronagh Gallagher, Foy Vance, Cara Dillon and Moya Brennan.

The community choir, which takes its membership from Inishowen, Derry city and north Donegal, is actively seeking new members, in particular men and bass and tenor singers.

The choir's musical co-director Anna Nolan said: "Our door is always open to new singers and we would especially encourage men to come along and try it out. I would recommend the benefits of choral singing to anyone. It is so rewarding

on many levels." Neil Burns, who also leads the choir, said the singers are looking forward to taking part in other events over the coming months.

"The separation of lockdown gave us a renewed appreciation of the joy of actually singing together and the importance of the social interactions as well. There is something special about hearing everybody back in the same room singing together." Anyone wishing to get in contact with the choir can do so on Facebook and by email at info@inishowengospelchoir.net

Gardaí issue appeal for missing Dunfanaghy woman

The public's assistance is being sought in tracing the whereabouts of a Dunfanaghy woman who is missing from her home in Co. Kildare.

Gardaí are appealing to the public for assistance in tracing the whereabouts of 49-year-old Andrea McCollum who is missing from her home in Nurney, Co. Kildare since Wednesday, 20th, July, 2022.

Andrea is described as being 5' 6" in height with a thin build, brown hair and blue eyes. When last seen, she was wearing a grey hoodie, dark bottoms and runners.

They say both Gardaí and her family are concerned for her well-being and anyone with information on Andrea's whereabouts is asked to contact Kildare Garda Station 045 527 730 on the Garda Confidential Line on 1800 666 111, or any Garda Station.

Gardaí confirmed on Wednesday afternoon that there had been no new developments in their appeal.



An Post pensioners long wait for increase

Pensioners of An Post in Donegal are among 7,000 nationwide who are set to lobby their local and national politicians over the failure of the Government to sign-off on a 2% increase that was due to come into effect at the beginning of January. An Post pensioner and former Communications Workers Union President Charlie Kelly (right) is urging all the retired workers with An Post in Donegal to write to their local TDs requesting them to make contact with the Government to authorise the payment without further delay.

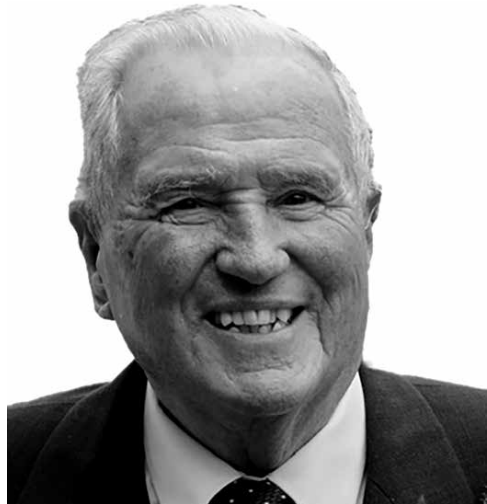
"The 2% increase for pensioners is due since January 1st and there is no reason why it is being delayed. An Post is willing to proceed but it has to be signed off on by the Minister for Communications Eamonn Ryan. So far all his Department has done is acknowledge correspondence sent by the Union on the matter. It was exactly the same thing when the correspondence was sent to the Minister for Public Expenditure Michael McGrath. The An Post Superannuation Scheme had a surplus of €580 million last year which means the funding is available to pay this very modest increase to 7,000 An Post pensioners" Mr Kelly said.



The An Post Group of Unions wrote on July 4th to Michael McGrath Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform highlighting the delay in the 2% payment describing it as a serious issue which is causing additional and unnecessary financial hardship to the 7,000 pensioners. "These pensioners, many of whom are in their twilight years, are due payment of a 2% pensionable increase effective from the 1st of January 2022. Regrettably, approval of the payment, for reasons which are neither rational or understandable, has been subject to unacceptable and inordinate delay."

The Union had previously written to the Minister for Communications Eamonn Ryan on 23rd of June setting out their concerns but other than an acknowledgement have not received a response on the 2% payment. Charlie Kelly said it was an appalling situation that men and women who had given a lifetime of service to An Post were so far being denied a very modest increase in their pensions. "We can't wait any longer so our local TDs will know what we are looking for is justified. They must get on to both Minister Ryan and Minister McGrath and get the approval so that An Post can give us our 2% rise" Mr Kelly said.

Death of Jimmy Dillon



The death occurred on Monday of James (Jimmy) Dillon of Magherennan, Letterkenny, formerly Kiltoom Co. Roscommon. Aged 94, Jimmy and his brother Bernard were the proprietors of the landmark Dillons Supermarket on Letterkenny's Main Street for many years. It was a hugely successful business and had a large customer base in Letterkenny and beyond.

While the business was sold the Dillon name continues on the hotel that now operates from that site. Many tributes have been paid to the legacy that Jimmy Dillon has left in the local community.

Letterkenny Chamber CEO Toni Forrester said: "Jimmy was a strong businessman of the town. He was one of the founding members of the Chamber and was involved over a number of years.

"Dillon's was a real centre point of Letterkenny main street and the business still resonates with anybody who lives in Letterkenny. The name has been retained at Dillon's Hotel as an important feature of Letterkenny. Everybody has such fond memories of the store. Our condolences go to the entire Dillon family."

The remains of the late Mr Dillon will be reposing at the family residence in Magherennan from 12 noon until 9pm on Thursday, 28th July and from 12 noon until 9pm on Friday, 29th July.

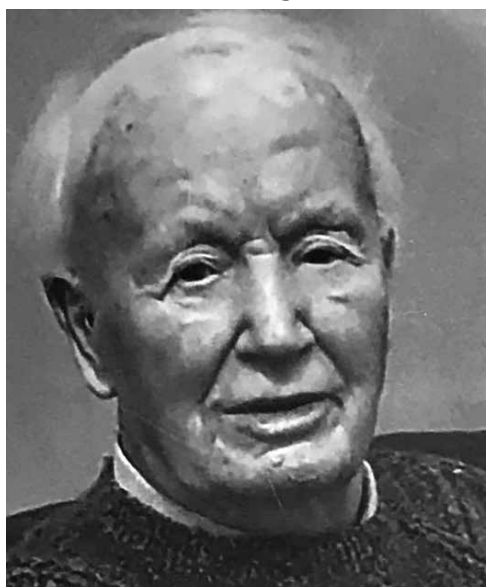
Family time only please on the morning of the funeral.

Funeral is from his home on Saturday, 30th July,

going to the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballyraine, for Requiem Mass at 10.30am which can be viewed online by using the following link: www.facebook.com/irishmartyrs. Interment afterwards in Conwal Cemetery.

Jimmy was predeceased by his children Patrick and Louise and is survived by his wife Mary Dillon (née Mullany), Magherennan, Letterkenny formerly of Enagh, Croghan Boyle, Co. Roscommon, his children Anne and husband Klaus (Tralee, Co. Kerry), Michelle and husband Martin (Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny), Christina and husband Simon (Bangor, Co. Down), James and wife Sheila (Knocknacarra, Co. Galway), Rosaleen and husband Brendan (Boston, USA), Ronan and wife Elaine (Sutton, Dublin), Kevin and wife Nicole (Boston, USA), Karl and wife Maggie (London), Paul and wife Mary (Letterkenny), Christopher and wife Claudia (Valencia, Spain) and his 23 grandchildren, his siblings Francis (Blackrock, Dublin) and Bernard (Letterkenny). Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

The late Patsy Mulvihill



The death occurred on Sunday at his home of Patsy Mulvihill, Ballyheerin, Kilmacrennan.

Aged 91 Patsy was a native of Beale, Ballybunion, Kerry and came from a family of ten children. In his teens he used to cycle from Beale to work in

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	10:30pm	Band of Gold
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	10:30pm	Firework display (Downings Beach)
	10:45pm	Tumbling Paddy's
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Funeral of Rosemary McMonagle



Limerick. Then in 1954 Patsy emigrated to England and it was in the Galtymore in London that he met his future wife May. The couple married on 15th of June 1957 in Shepherd's Bush and eight years later they came back and settled in Ballyheerin.

Patsy worked in the construction sector and cycled from Kilmacrennan to work on the building of Ards Friary in Creeslough and later he was on site working on the new Loreto Community School in Milford. The Mother Superior at the time offered Patsy the caretaker job and that's where he was employed for the following 35 years. He retired in 1995 but Patsy didn't stop working. He put his carpentry skills to good use and looked after a lovely garden and there was also the greenhouse.

Patsy was naturally a Kerry GAA supporter and poignantly he passed away on day the Sam Maguire returned to the Kingdom.

Patsy is survived by his wife May; sons and daughters Gerald, Nigel, Caroline, Fiona, John and Maureen, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, sister Rita (USA), extended family and friends.

The remains of the late Mr Mulvihill reposed at his home from Sunday evening. Fr. Michael McKeever C.C. Churchill was the chief celebrant at the Requiem Mass on Tuesday morning in St Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan. Concelebrants were Fr. Dinny McGettigan and Seán O'Gallchoir, P.P. Gortahork. Readings, Prayers of the Faithful and Gifts to the Altar were by family members. Music and hymns were by Josie O'Donnell. Burial took place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

The late Jonathan (Johnny) Keating

The death occurred on Tuesday of Jonathan (Johnny) Keating, Fernhill, Glencar, Letterkenny. Aged 38, Johnny was a member of the Administration Staff at Letterkenny University Hospital's Emergency Department. He is survived by his mother Eileen, brothers Trevor and wife Heather (Kiltoy, Letterkenny) and Roderick (Edinburgh), his father P.J. Keating, friends, L.U.H. colleagues and extended family.

Johnny's remains will repose at the family home, Tara Court, Letterkenny from 6pm until 9pm on Thursday, 28th July. Jonathan's friends only please. Family time please on the morning of the funeral. Funeral is from Tara Court on this Friday, 29th July, going to the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballyraine, for 11 am Requiem Mass which can be viewed online by using the following link: www.facebook.com/irishmartyrs. Interment afterwards in Conwal Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

The funeral took place on Monday of Rosemary McMonagle, Hawthorn Heights Letterkenny. Rosemary was formerly a member of the McElwee family, Mullagheap. Aged 80, Rosemary was a former Clerical Officer with Donegal County Council. She was also a keen gardener and talented dressmaker.

She was predeceased by her brother Connie and sister Evelyn Boyce. Rosemary is survived by her husband Barney, daughter Siobhan Franklin and husband Bob (Golf Course Road Letterkenny), sons Donal and wife Olive (Skerries, Dublin), Brendan and wife Kathleen (Mullagheap), Brian and wife Pauline (Windyhall, Letterkenny), daughter Roisin McMonagle and husband Eamon McGranaghan (Glenoughty Close, Letterkenny), sisters Patricia Tinney and husband Hughie (Glebe, Letterkenny) and Sadie Friel and husband Colm (Ballyboe, Rathmullan), grandchildren Ruth, Shane, David, Aoibhin, Mark and Chloe, relatives, neighbours and friends.

Rosemary's remains reposed at the family residence in Hawthorn Heights from Saturday afternoon. Funeral was from there on Monday morning going to St. Eunan's Cathedral Letterkenny for Requiem Mass which was celebrated by Fr. Kevin Gillespie.

Burial took place afterwards in Conwal Cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Milford

50/50 Winner

Congratulations to Alice O'Driscoll, Lough Fern Heights, Milford who was the lucky winner of the Milford United 50/50 Jackpot of €1050 on Saturday evening.

The next draw will take place on Saturday 27th August. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder or by Revolut to Noel Gillespie 086 8224091 and Martin Roarty on 087 9129691 and various outlets in the town.

Graveyard Mass

The annual Graveyard Mass at Milford Cemetery will take place on Sunday 31st July at 3pm. Parking facilities will be used at the Old Milford Tech and Mulroy College with members of Milford United FC assisting with parking. There will be bottles of Holy Water available at the gate on the way into the graveyard for the Blessing of graves. Fr. Stephen will bless the water from the Altar and then say the prayer of Blessing for the graves, after which everyone is asked to sprinkle the newly blessed Holy Water over their own family grave, and also over any adjacent grave where there may be nobody gathered.

Golf Society

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

NW Truck Fest

The annual North West Truck Fest is back and will take place on the weekend of 27th and 28th August at the Milford Mart, Milford. This years the two chosen charities are MS Donegal Branch and Ellie's wishtowalk. More details will be announced shortly. For further information and queries contact 086 2441350 or 086 8859887.

Tennis Club

Milford Tennis Club welcome new members whether your are new to the game or a veteran tennis player. The club offers the opportunity to learn, to improve and have fun. If you are interested in joining contact Doreen Jones 0861729092. Coaching also available.



Congratulations to John McGettigan who recorded a Hole in One at the 10th Hole at Portsalon Golf Club, yesterday during the Wednesday Open competition.

Club night continues every Monday evening from 7pm.

Masses in Milford

Mass times in St. Peter's Church, Milford this week are - Thursday 28th July 10.00am; Friday 29th July - 7.00pm; Saturday 30th July 7.30pm; Sunday 31st July 11.00am. Sunday 31st July Graveyard Mass at 3.00pm. Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 30th July at 6.00pm.

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Ju Jitsu for Beginners

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

TUS Workers

or booster 2. You can check your eligibility on www.hse.ie. All persons between 12-15 need to be accompanied by an adult. We will be opening a self scheduling portal on www.hse.ie but walk-ins are also welcome.

Mary's Meals fundraiser walk

Step by Step to Feed the Next Child ~ Mary's Meals began feeding 200 children in Malawi in 2002 and is now feeding 2,279,941 children daily in places of education. Our vision is that every hungry child receives a daily meal and that all who have more than they need, share with those who are in need. With our no frills policy, it costs Mary's Meals €18.30, to give a child a meal every day for a full school year. To raise funds and awareness of Mary's Meals, we are walking throughout Ireland starting on the 7th August from: Thurles, Kilkenny, Malin, Derry, Armagh, Dublin and Limerick with all arriving in Knock on the 15th August. Maybe you could get involved in Step by Step to Feed the Next Child. Perhaps you would be willing to undertake the challenge yourself? You could take a sponsorship card and get sponsorship for one of our walkers. If you would like to organise a local walk in your area contact us. Sponsor cards and t-shirts are available. Visit: www.marysmeals.ie or for more information, please contact Fr. Eamonn Kelly on 0879077985.

Knock Pilgrimage

A pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place this Saturday 30th July hosted by Fr. John Harris O.P., Prior Provincial of the Irish Dominican Province. Workshop - Invitation to Past, Present and Future Catechism Students: 11.30am - 12.30pm in St. John's Rest and Care Centre. Schedule of Ceremonies: 2pm - Outdoor Stations of the Cross and Rosary Procession; 3pm - Mass in the Basilica with Anointing of the Sick. You are warmly invited to come and join in this day of celebrating the Joy and Truth of our Faith. Contact: Caoimhe at caoilfrain@hotmail.com or Máirín on 087-7950325 or visit: www.catechism.ie

Women's Integration Skills and Employment

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St. Vincent De Paul appeal

The local St. Vincent De Paul Shops are looking for donations of clothes, bed linen, curtains, shoes, bric a brac, kitchenware. Your help would be gratefully appreciated. Please note: we are not able to sell electrical goods.

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- Caretaker: Kerrykeel Chapel
- Catetaker: Rossakill Activity Centre

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

Childminder Required

Experienced childminder required to care for a 6 month old baby either in child's home or minders home. Hours required are full time (Monday to Friday approx 8.30am to 5.30pm).

Ideally in Carrigart / Downings / Glen area but would consider Ramelton, Milford, Cranford, Ballyheerin, Creeslough catchment areas. Must be a non-smoker. First aid trained an advantage.

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

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

Yoga with Jane

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

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Volunteers

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

Letterkenny news

Pop Up Covid Vaccination Clinic

A Pop Up Covid Vaccination Clinic will open in the Courtyard Shopping Centre, Lwr Main Street, Letterkenny from 10am to 5pm on this Thursday 28th July. We will be catering for anyone 12 years or older who requires dose 1 or 2 of their primary course or their booster. We will also be catering for anyone who is 65 or older requiring their 2nd booster or anyone who has a weak immune system requiring their additional dose, booster 1



Dáithí and Ellie McGettigan enjoying the Tractor and Vintage Car Run in aid of the Ballyare 10k on Sunday.

Silver for Boyce and McBride



The Community Games Provincial Athletics Finals took place in Sligo on Sunday. Donegal was well represented and the athletes done amazingly well. Cody Boyce from Cranford (above left) won silver in the U10, 100m. Oisín McBride from Cranford won silver U12, 600m and Jamie Fergus from Bundoran got bronze in the U8 60m. A special word of thanks to Brian Faul from Glenswilly for being the Donegal manager on Sunday.

Letterkenny Youth Group

All Secondary School pupils from Letterkenny and the surrounding areas are encouraged to come along, as St. Eunan's Cathedral looks to expand youth ministry in the Diocese.

You are welcome every Thursday evening from 7-8.30pm to the Raphoe Pastoral Centre, F92 HP66. During this time, our youth will cover Catechesis and enjoy fun activities.



Shane McGinley, Milford with his calf who won the All Ireland prize at the Oldcastle Show in Co. Meath last week.

Top 25 finish for Brendan at World's

Bunlin's Brendan Boyce battled to a 25th-place finish in the inaugural 35km race walk at the World Athletics Championships in Oregon on Sunday - clocking 2:33:31 to finish 10 minutes behind gold medallist Massimo Stano of Italy. "The race was pretty fast," said Boyce, who finished sixth in the 50km race at the 2019 World Championships and 10th at last year's Olympics. However, the new shorter-distance event was less to the 35-year-old's liking. "I figured it was going to be fast, but not that fast," he said. "I was prepared to get stuck in and do my own thing." Boyce had "missed some training" during the build-up due to injury and said at the increased race

pace of 35km, his legs "were that bit heavier" than normal. "Between 10k and 15k I was struggling a little bit and I was getting a bit panicked as that was very early on, but I kept with the rhythm and they came back again. I'm disappointed not to get a PB, I was hoping top-20 was possible but it was very clean and crisp and speedy, which is not what I was looking for." He, like many athletes here, lamented the loss of the 50km race, which was replaced with a 35km event as the International Olympic Committee (IOC) moves towards an evenly balanced programme between genders for the Paris Games in 2024. "50k was my event and I did really



well to get the results I got, and now it's about managing expectations over a shorter distance," said Boyce, who will now target next month's European Championships. "If Munich goes well, I probably won't have to do another 35k until (the 2023 World Championships in) Budapest so I'll try to work on the 20k side of things and hopefully Budapest is an absolute scorcher, and I can burn off some of these people."




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John Kilmartin 5km in Milford

The 18th running of the popular John Kilmartin Memorial 5km will take place in Milford this Friday evening 29th July, starting at 7.30pm.

The accurate, fast course starts at the traditional start line at Greyrocks and finishes at the entrance to the Council offices. Entry online or on the night at the Clubhouse at Moyle from 6pm. Its looking like a very exciting race at the front with several local athlete's targeting sub 15. A pacemaker will bring the group through the first 2 miles on sub 15 pace. Get your entries in today and join the fun. Prizes for both male & female 1, 2, 3 Catagory prizes o/40/50/60/70. 1&2 male and female. Junior/boy/girl.

Course record bonus - Gerard



Gallagher 15.04 Nakita Burke 16.43. Enter via www.njuko.net/milford5k22/select_competition or at the Clubhouse on the night. Thanks to Barry Browne, Brownes cars Milford for continued sponsorship of this years event and Cillian Browne above presented the sponsorship cheque to James Gibbons.

Social Dancing at the Mulroy Woods Hotel

Every Thursday from 9 to 11pm

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

Thurs. 4th Aug - Hugo Duncan & Brian Kerrigan Adm. €10

Thurs. 11th July - Paul McCahill & Johnny Haughey
Spot Prizes Light Refreshments Served



Milford United FC U8 and U11 teams who competed in this years Foyle Cup, pictured at the end of their week with a presentation and refreshments at Burger Jacks Restaurant, Milford Retail Park. The U8 team has a fantastic week finishing 6th place overall and the U11 team finished 28th place after a very good week of football. Pictured at the back from left are John Kelly from Myson who sponsored the kits for the teams, coaches Noel Kilpatrick, Tony McGettigan, Peter Doherty, Dermot Farren, Mark Farren and Ciaran Blaney from Burger Jacks who kindly fed all the players and supporters on Friday evening.

Declan Bonner and Donegal

It was somewhat ironic that confirmation of Declan Bonner's resignation as Donegal senior football team manager came the day before the RTE Prime Time's programme that examined the online attacks on GAA players and officials. While the negative online posts directed the Na Rossa man's way in recent months weren't the reason why he called time on his days at the helm of the county team, one suggests that it was, perhaps, a small mitigating factor when he sat back and weighed things up.

Speaking after his decision, he said he intends to spend more time with his family and devote more time to growing work commitments. He also talked about the huge disappointment of losing the 2020 Ulster Final to Cavan on a dark December Sunday in the Athletic Grounds, having put back-to-back Ulster titles together in 2018 and 2019. Over the last five years, Donegal played 16 Ulster championship matches, winning 13. In the final analysis, it was the team's inability to reclaim the Anglo Celt in the subsequent seasons after losing the 2020 provincial decider that proved decisive. As he steps down after his five-year stint in charge, he can do so safe in the knowledge that he gave everything, and more, to the cause. This columnist first interviewed Declan Bonner as a cub reporter 32 years as Donegal prepared for their All-Ireland semi-final with Meath. Two years later, Donegal were back in Croke Park for a first All-Ireland final appearance against a highly-fancied Dublin side. For all the success Declan Bonner has brought the



county as a manager, he will be forever remembered by a certain generation for curling the ball over the bar from under the Hogan Stand with his left foot and turning to the crowd with a clenched fist to put Donegal four points ahead as the watch ticked down to full-time. The final whistle sounded soon after. Donegal had reached the Holy Grail. Those minutes from three decades ago are as vivid now as they were back then. They were magical and memorable.

Along with the sight of Anthony Molloy climbing up the steps to accept the Sam Maguire that same day from GAA President, Peter Quinn, Declan Bonner's telling score on September 20th, 1992, is up there with the great moments in sport. Eight days on from Declan Bonner's resignation, the rumour mill regarding his successor is at full tilt. Who the credible candidates are will become a lot clearer over the coming weeks. Jim McGuinness is the name doing the most rounds. Keep an eye on this space.

Dereliction conference

The "Derelict in Donegal and Beyond" Conference hosted on Friday in Letterkenny by The Cathedral Quarter and Letterkenny Tidy Towns was both enlightening and informative. Almost 100 attended the event in Dillon's Hotel which featured a number of high-profile speakers. Among them was former Letterkenny resident, Colm Murray, Architecture Officer with

The Heritage Council. In a thought-proving presentation, Colm used an ear-catching line a couple of times. One should add that he credited his younger brother, Tony, for coining it. "The quality of your analysis determines the quality of your outcome." Brilliant, or what?

Emotional sign-off from Pat

It was the spontaneity of what Pat Spillane talked about that would have taken the viewers of RTE's Sunday Game by surprise. As the camera panned across smiling, proud Kerry players raising the Sam Maguire aloft in the aftermath of their four-point win over Galway at Croke Park, the well-known pundit shared his innermost thoughts.

Speaking with raw emotion, he said his father was a selector with the Kerry team in 1964 when they played Galway. The night before the game, his father had a pain in his chest.

"He wouldn't go to the doctor, but went to the game the following day. He was dead on Tuesday," he recalled.

"Kerry and Galway matches to me always bring back this memory. My father never saw his three sons play (for Kerry). Today, his three sons have 19 All-Ireland medals, and today his two grandsons, Killian and Adrian, have two more. He would have been a proud man to have 21 All-Ireland medals in his house. So, today is a special day," he commented.

Pat Spillane might not have been every fan's favourite. But given his remarkable success as a player - he won eight All-Irelands, twelve Munster titles, two national leagues and was a nine-time All-Star - he had earned his right to articulate his views on Gaelic football over the last 30 years.

Sunday marked his final appearance as a GAA pundit with RTE, so it was somewhat fitting



by Ciaran O'Donnell

that he rides off into the sunset to enjoy The Kingdom welcoming Sam Maguire back home for the 38th time.

And finally....

AIB's U-turn on its plans to make 70 of its branches cashless over the coming months should be given nothing more than a guarded welcome.

Six AIB branches in Donegal - Ballyshannon, Ballybofey, Buncrana, Carndonagh, Killybegs, and Dungloe - were among the 70 branches that were set to will become cashless by September 30th.

The AIB apparently bowed to political pressure and the U-turn is being seen as a victory for the people.

While it's good news in the short-term, one gets the feeling that the financial institution will be back with similar proposals not too far down the road.

It's hard not to be cynical while being honest about the banking sector that seems to forget who exactly bailed it out not all that long ago.

Equestrian News by Rachel Carton

Outings from Craighbane to Kerry

Donegal's enthusiastic and intrepid equestrian community have been out and about all over the country recently and have plenty more outings to look forward to in the coming weeks. Donegal Harriers secretary Rosemary Fisher is hosting a fund raising Hack and Snack at her own farm in Craighbane, Co. Derry on Sunday 7th of August. The rideout is open to everyone and the route, which does not involve any jumping and will be suitable for all levels of rider, takes a winding path through Learmount Forest and continues through the foothills of the Sperrins before looping back to the start point. A barbeque and buffet will revitalise leg-weary or saddle-sore participants. Check out the Donegal Harriers facebook page for details of what promises to be a most enjoyable outing. The following Sunday sees Donegal Gaeltacht riding club hold their now

legendary Beach Show. The event is held on the expansive sands of Ballyness Bay and provides a rare opportunity to enjoy a show in such a stunning venue. The popularity and unique character of the venue sees riding club members from far and wide include the date as part of their annual social calendars, with competitors from farther afield choosing to make a weekend of it as they avail of the host's hospitality. This year the show is a memorial to former member Lawrence Smyth, whose passing has left a gaping hole in the riding club community, both in his native Donegal and further afield. Tirconaill riding club members who will surely be short priced favourites for a podium finish are Laura Diver and Cyn-di Graham, who recently finished in first and second position respectively at Deane's Farm Equestrian summer show-jumping league, with Laura



Marina Hamilton, painter and sculptor, after winning the Dingle Derby back in the early 90s.

taking home the coveted Alan Deane Memorial Cup. Inishowen members recently took a break from their competitive exploits to enjoy a relaxing and sociable hack and barbeque around the iconic Grianan Fort, courtesy of member Han-nah Doherty. They benefited from the recent spell of stunning weather and didn't lose too many pints of blood to the local clegg population in the process. Club members Lauren, Hannah and Dawn were back in competitive action at the North Coast riding club's dressage day in Eglinton Equestrian Centre the next Sunday and brought home their usual impressive haul of rosettes whilst also putting valuable mileage on young mounts.

The local racing community are running in a high gear at the moment as the Horse and Pony Racing Authority have at long last succeeded in securing insurance for the rest of the season. The internationally famous Dingle races are the next meeting on the calendar and handlers from all over the North West will be looking to maintain the county's impressive record at the Kerry venue. The local horse and pony racing circuit has long been the nursery for top class jockeys, some of whom go on

Donegal Gaeltacht Riding Club

The Lawrence Smyth Memorial BEACH SHOW

14th August 2022



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Ballyness Bay, Falcarragh, Co Donegal



Ger O'Riain's homebred pony Sangrug Fairy Tale took reserve champion pony title at Manorhamilton show.



Laura Diver thanks her partner in success at Deanes Farm.

22ND FESTIVAL RATHMULLAN



July 29th - 31st
2022

PRE-FESTIVAL EVENTS

Sunday 24th July
Street Collection
in aid of Festival.

Tuesday 26th July
Art & Craft – 3-4pm 4-7yrs 4-5pm 8-12yrs
Art Workshop by Art Farm from 3pm at Resource Centre. Booking essential only 30 places available per session 5 Euro per child. Contact Grainne on kellygrainne50@gmail.com

Wednesday 27th July
3pm Children's Treasure Trail
€3 - At Festival Office (located beside new toilets)

10pm Beachcomber Bar
Selection of Festival King and Queen for 2022 will take place

Thursday 28th July
4pm Children's Nature Trail
with Angus Kennedy of Nature North West. Booking essential, max places is 30. Book by contacting margarettodd@eircom.net €3 per child, participants to gather at Festival Office (located beside new toilets) from 3.20pm.

Tuesday 28th July
5pm - 7pm Fishing Competition at the Pier. Thomas & Liam McCarron Memorial, Junior & Senior Categories. Bring your own rods. Entry fee €5 for adults and €3 for children - Sponsored by Eugene Mullin

Whilst there is no admission fee to the on-street entertainment, as you can appreciate, the cost of insurance and entertainment amounts to a large total. As usual the Festival Committee will be collecting each evening of the festival and urge you to please give a generous and appropriate donation.

FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Friday 29th July
12 noon
Poetry reading by Maureen Dunin at An Spid Cafe - All Welcome! Maureen's collection "Home" is published by reval Press Limerick. Maureen welcomes you to bring a poem, song or story to share at this lunchtime reading.

2.30pm
Lilla Miss Rathmullan & Prince Charming. Held at Resource Centre €3 per child.

8pm
Parade of floats led by Letterkenny Pipe Band.

OFFICIAL OPENING by Katie McAtter - Donegal Rose and Katie will represent Donegal in the Rose of Tralee 2022.

Street Entertainment:
9pm-11pm
My Generation

Saturday 30th July
11am
Junior Soccer at Flaggpole Field - All Welcome!

1pm-3pm
Inflatable Fun at Flaggpole field Entry €3 per child

1pm
Annual Denis Sheridan 5 A-side Memorial Soccer Cup. All teams must have 1 female and 1 over 40 male on the pitch at all times.

1 - 4pm
Tea Stop in Resource Centre - Teas €3

3.30pm
Afternoon of Sport & Fun for all ages - Novelty Races incl. Egg Throwing Competition, Sack Races, Egg & Spoon Races

Street Music & Entertainment
3pm
Mick & Luc

5.15-7.15pm
Mark Black & Band

7.45pm - 9.45pm
Humble Earthworm Band

10pm-1.30am
Carlaith McGeary & Band

Sunday 31st July
12 noon
Putting Competition, The Jim (Slim) McLaughlin Memorial. Registration at Putting Green.

2pm
3rd Annual Scruffs Dog Show in the grounds of the battery. In aid of small animal welfare. Enquiries to 083-869409. Registration from 1.30pm - show starts at 2pm.

1.30-2.30pm
Sandcastle & Sculpture Competition. Registration at Festival Office. €3 per child. Bring your own buckets and spades etc.

Street Music & Entertainment
2pm - 3.45pm
Local hits
Mark Joyce & John Sheridan

4pm - 6pm
James Peake featuring his daughter Lucy

6.30pm - 8pm
Declan Mc Clafferty

8.30pm - 10.30pm
The Big Kahuna Band

11.30pm - 1.30am
Ceol Band
Flour & Piece Irish Folk Band. Formed by Nathan Carter

Monday 1st August
Regatta Day
12 noon onwards
Dan Joe Memorial Race
Laugh Sulliv yachts. Cuzt Keel Boat Racing on the Swilly - Boat owners & Skippers reception & prize giving at the sailing compound.

3.30 - 5.30pm
Trevor Loughrey on stage. Sponsored by Rathmullan Community Festival Committee

7pm - 9pm
Hilbilies Band - on stage

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Rathmullan Community Festival

The annual Rathmullan Community Festival kicks off this Friday 29th July with many children's pre festival activities running throughout the week. The Donegal Rose, local lady Katie McAtter will officially open the festival on Friday and Letterkenny Pipe Band will lead out the Parade of Floats at 8.00pm. There's a full schedule of events throughout the weekend, and Street Music and Entertainment every afternoon and evening. Whilst there is no admission fee to the on-street entertainment, the Committee will be collecting each evening and urge patrons to give generously, with Festival Lines also on sale (€2 each or 3 for €5). Rathmullan community is also delighted to see the welcome return of the famous Mohan's Fun Fair after the Covid break. Many thanks to all of the many sponsors and Friends of the Festival for their assistance and contribution. The RNLi is

the nominated charity this year and the Committee urge patrons to be Drink Aware, and dispose of Litter responsibly, while heeding Festival Stewards and the Gardai..... for more information see Rathmullan Community Festival on Facebook.

Regatta Day
Monday is Regatta Day with many on shore and off shore events taking place with Live Entertainment also on the gig rig from 3.30pm onwards.

LE James Joyce
Subject to operational commitment, Irish Naval vessel LE Joyce will set anchor at Rathmullan Pier in time for the Festival where the crew will be happy to talk about the work.

Scruffs Dog Show
The Scruffs Dog Show returns to The Battery Grounds this Sunday 31st July at 2pm. All pedigree, crossbreed and mongrels welcome, any size, shape or age. Judge this year will be Professional



Manorcunningham man Mark Devir won the Irish Sea Fishing Masters in Crosshaven in County Cork at the weekend. The 34 year old Lough Swilly Sea Angling Club member took on the top anglers from all over Ireland in the two day event. Mark's victory was the first ever by a Donegal man. He qualifies for the World Boat Championships next year in France and will captain the six man Irish team. Photo by Brian McDaid



Patrick Gallagher pictured receiving a medal following his retirement from Loughborough University, Leicestershire, England. Patrick received the medal in recognition of his 50 Year service in the Maintenance Department at the University. Patrick is the son of Sarah and the late William Gallagher, formerly of Boylestown, Oughterlin, Rathmullan. Patrick attended Oughterlin School before moving to England in 1967.

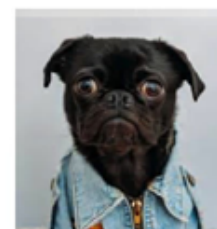
Kennel Club Judge & Dog Trainer Marty Potts. Further enquiries 086 4405757. Hazel 086 2804555.

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

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



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Rathmullan Battery

Sunday 31st July

2pm

Judged by Marty Potts (Professional Kennel Club Judge and Dog Trainer)

of the Rathmullan Summer Cup. The game finished 3-3 after extra time. **Rathmullan Celtic 50/50** Congratulations to John Mohan of Mohans Funfair winner

of the July Jackpot of €1365 on Sunday last and to Sean Sheridan Drumhallagh Lr. who won the Bonus Draw of €100. Tickets for the August draw now on sale online and from local vendors as usual.

The Uncertainty of Riches

This summer has been a bit of a sucker punch: for two years we've been longing for freedom amidst restrictions yet just as things appear to be returning to normal, the cost of living crisis has really begun to grip. This has been a summer of cancelled holidays and scaled down plans; we've gone from having money, but not freedom, to having freedom, but not money.

The Bible talks about 'the uncertainty of riches', and times like this really bring that phrase home to us. Maybe we think that talk of 'the rich' and 'riches' doesn't apply to us, but on a global or historical scale, we have far more than most people who've ever lived. Yet even if there wasn't a cost of living crisis, money

is a very insecure thing to set our hope on. Even if we had unlimited wealth, one day we'd have to let it go. The Bible reminds us that 'we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of the world' (1 Timothy 6:7). In the face of that, the Christian message is that we must put our hope in something that will outlast this world - God himself. A crisis like this, when there's huge financial uncertainty, challenges us to ask what our happiness is rooted in. Doubtless we've all repeated the old adage that 'money doesn't bring happiness', but do our lives show that we don't really believe it?

The actor Jim Carrey has said 'I think everybody should get rich and famous and do everything they ever dreamed of so they can see that it's not the answer'. But if money isn't the answer, what is? To look beyond the gifts that God gives and to look to the giver of those gifts.

Our biggest problem as human beings is the fact that

we're alienated from our Creator. We 'worship and serve created things' (Romans 1:25) instead of the one who created them. In one sense we are all running up enormous debts: we owe God our worship and our gratitude yet we have spent years withholding it from him. Have we ever considered what living in God's world without acknowledging him will cost? If we're now living in a financial day of reckoning, what will a spiritual day of reckoning look like?

One of the hardest things about our current cost of living crisis is that there seems to be no way out. Thankfully that is not the case when it comes to this spiritual crisis because the one to whom we owe this debt offers to clear it all himself.

All we have to do is to face up to our need and then accept Jesus Christ's gracious offer to pay on our behalf. The price? Not perishable things as silver and gold, but his own precious blood. (1 Peter 1:18-19)

Food for thought



Johnny McCollum

[Adapted from an article by Stephen Steele (Stranraer RPC)]



Student of the Distance Class 2020 Teagasc Green Cert, Sharon Anderson, Glentidaly, Glenalla receiving her award from Agriculture Minister Charlie McConalogue at the Teagasc Green Cert presentation evening in the Radisson, Letterkenny on Thursday. Also included is Frank O'Meara, Director Teagasc and James Kane, Regional Manager Sligo, Leitrim and Donegal. 54 students received their Green Certs on the night.



Agriculture Minister Charlie McConalogue presenting the Teagasc Green Certs to Jason Peoples, Ramelton, Tanya Russell, Trentagh, Jonathan Kerr, Ballyare and Gavin McCormack, Churchill on Thursday night.



Kerr stays on course at Brands Hatch

Richard Kerr and the AMD Motorsport team were back in Pirelli National Superstock Championship action at the weekend with round five taking place at Brands Hatch and it proved to be another solid meeting with seventh and ninth place finishes seeing the Kilmacrennan rider maintain his sixth place overall in the title standings.

After his success the previous weekend at Bishops court, Richard and the Dumfries-based team arrived at the 2.43-mile circuit in confident mood and although 12th overall in Friday's free practice sessions, was a bit lower than where he'd hoped to be, he knew where he needed to improve. Indeed, he lowered his time by almost a second in Saturday's qualifying session to move up to 11th and cut the gap to the leader to 0.8s.

A good start would be crucial to Saturday's 15-lap race and that's exactly what happened with the 22-year old completing the first lap in seventh place on the CBR1000RR Honda Fireblade. Although he briefly dropped to eighth and two seconds behind the race leader, he quickly responded and was back into seventh by lap six. Reducing the deficit



to race leader Richard Cooper to 1.3s, he found himself part of a seven-rider battle for the lead but any hopes of advancing further were dashed when the red flag came out on lap 11.

It meant the result was declared at ten laps which put Richard in seventh place and the fine ride meant he consolidated his sixth place in the championship standings ahead of Sunday's second encounter. With the fifth fastest lap of the race he was able to start Sunday's race, held over the same distance, from the much more advanced position of fifth and the middle of the second row. It was another hot day in Kent but an unusually sluggish start for Richard ultimately decid-

ed his race as he completed the first lap in tenth place.

He moved up to ninth on lap five, after overhauling Lewis Rollo and five laps later, the gap to the leader Alex Olsen was still only 3.2s. The second fastest man on track in the final third of the race, Richard was hoping to pick off a few more places but, after running slightly wide at Graham Hill Bend, he lost a bit of ground and had to settle for ninth place. Nevertheless, the haul of 16 points from the two races enabled him to move onto a season's total of 96 and remain in sixth place overall.

The next round takes place at Thruxton, Hampshire on August 12th-14th.

Irwins on Brands Hatch track

Irwin brothers travelled to Brands Hatch for round 5 of the British Superbike Championship last weekend.

Rhys racing on his Team Astro Supersport Triumph Factory supported bike had a solid Free Practice 1 and went on to Qualify well in the top 10. Race 1 & 2 saw finishes of 8th and 10th place respectively leaving him in good standing for Championship points.

"I'm very happy to get those finishes and points for the Championship, I struggled a bit with the heat," Rhys said. "The team are still trying to get the chassis set up right for me and the pace is very fast here but I am heading now to Thruxton in two weeks time feeling confident."

Team R&R Racing had their most Challenging weekend's racing so far this season. Caolan had the top 10 pace in FP1 but unfortunately during qualifying his engine dropped



The Irwin brothers from Kilmacrennan.

feeling confident moving on to Thruxton in two weeks time. It's a fast circuit and I can't wait to get out again."

a valve forcing him to retire early. The team worked to change the engine but unfortunately couldn't get the bike to the line in time for Race 1. Race 2 saw Caolan finish 13th. "This was a frustrating weekend for sure, this track is one of my favourites so the situation with the bike was a shame. The Team pulled out all the stops to get me out for Race 2 but missing FP2 and because I missed Race 1, I had to start from the back of the grid so, for this weekend I was just aiming to get those points for the Championship. I'm



Luke Friel and Matthew Price at the Prom.



Keelin Doherty and Tiegan Robb at the Prom in the Mulroy Woods Hotel. Photo Clive Wasson



Friends enjoying the Mulroy College Prom in the Mulroy Woods Hotel on Thursday. Photo -Clive Wasson

Mulroy College Milford Prom



Oisin Harkin and Molly Pyper at the Prom.



Katy Merritt and Connor Herry at the Mulroy College Prom. Photo Clive Wasson



Emma Friel, Lisa Duggara, Orlaith McCleary and Ciara McIlwaine at the Mulroy College Prom in the Mulroy Woods Hotel on Thursday. Photo Clive Wasson



Leah Rowland and Ryan Harkin at the Prom.



Killian Kelly and Catherine Marley at the Prom.

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This week's winner was Patrick Doherty, Devlinreagh, Carrigart who found Shanagh in the Creeslough Tyre & Battery Advert on Page 2 andwins a €50 voucher for Whoriskey's of Ramelton.

Joseph Bradley launches latest Celtic Minded book

Last week I had the pleasure to be back up in Donegal for a few days to see family and especially grandkids, one of which Tiarnach reached the ripe old age of 21 recently and made me feel decidedly old! We also played a bit of golf at Dunfanaghy and Murvagh and as always the Donegal Links are the best place in the world to embrace the little white ball game.

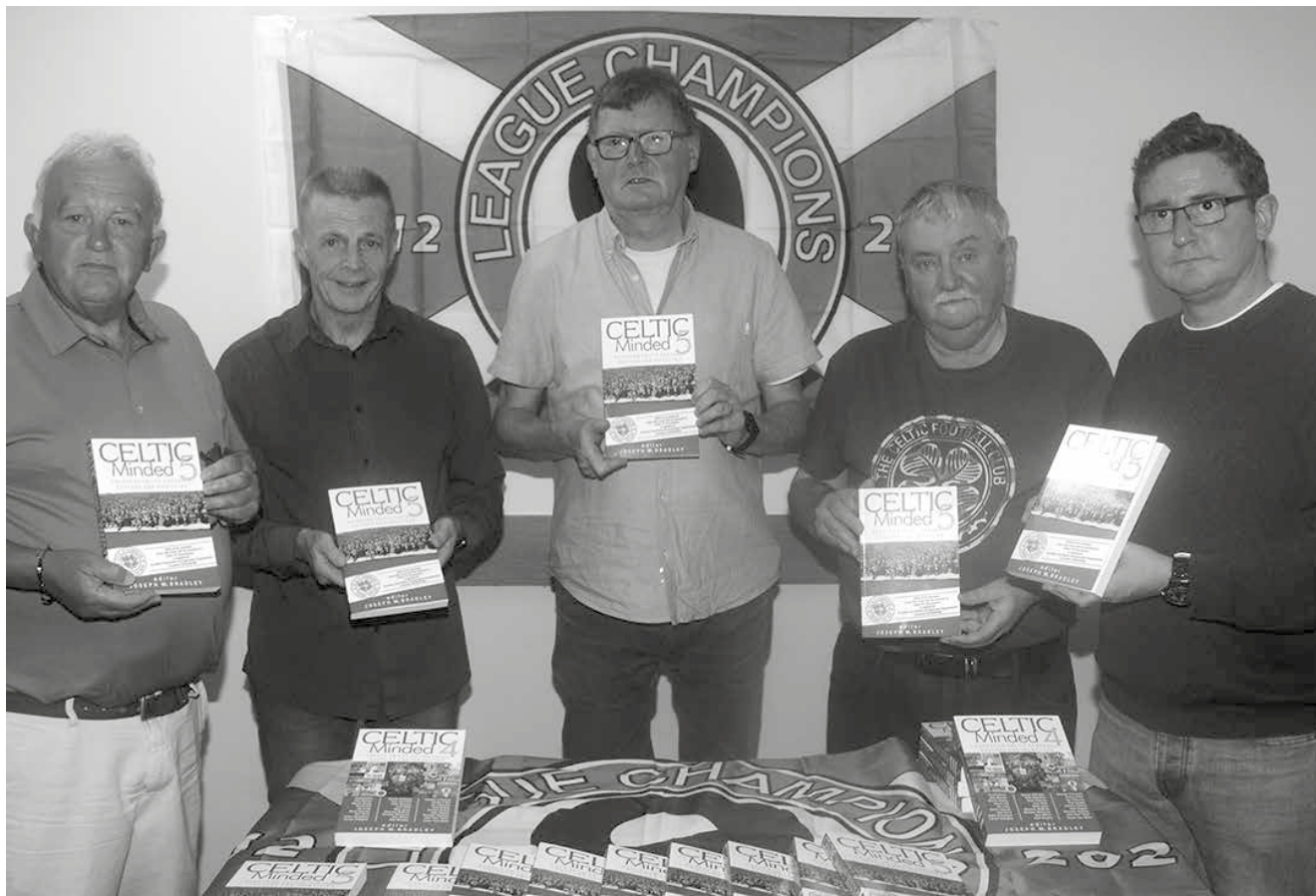
By Paddy McMenamin

But foremost we were up for the Donegal launch of Dr Joseph Bradley's latest book in the 'Celtic Minded' series. Covid like everything else had held up the launch the past two years but previously Joseph had launched Celtic Minded 1-4 since 2004. The series of books is a fascinating look into a football club which of course as we all know is much more than that. The concept of the collection of books is that Joseph invites 20 people from all walks of life to write a chapter about their connection to Celtic, and that is the link running throughout the book, in the series of books there are doctors, dentists, professors, academics, authors, MPs, even ex political prisoners, all contributed a unique insight in what it means to be a Celtic supporter whether it's in Scotland, Ireland, England, America, Asia, Africa, Scandinavia and throughout Europe!

Last week in the Station House in Letterkenny the Celtic 'family' came together for the launch of 'Celtic Minded 5'. Denis O'Donnell of the Donegal Association of Celtic Supporters was the host for the evening with contributions from local Teacher Jonathan Foley, Dr Aidan Donaldson from Belfast, myself and the keynote talk from Dr Joseph Bradley himself from Edinburgh University, it was an informative evening with all aspects of Celtic history and the links with Donegal illuminated. After the various talks there was a Q&A session which was followed by a bit of folk and rebel music from Celtic songstress Patricia Ferns from Glasgow but domiciled in Moville.

It was a lovely evening with another one planned for Galway in a few months after a previous one recently in Belfast. I've known Joseph Bradley for a few years and he actually helped launch my book 'Armed Struggle to Academia' in Glasgow back in February.

Joseph is a Lecturer in Sports Studies at Edinburgh University and previously at Stirling, he has researched and published extensively in the sphere of sport, history, politics and society. His 'Celtic Minded' series brings 'analysis, commentary,



Paddy McMenamin Dr Joseph Bradley Dr Aidan Donaldson Denis O'Donnell Jonathon Foley at the Celtic Minded 5 book launch on Tuesday night in the Station House Hotel

knowledge and understanding' and indeed an academic insight not only about a football club but the whole question of the Irish, and especially the Donegal diaspora who made the West of Scotland their home post famine times and indeed before it.

What does it mean to be a part of the Celtic family? To use the old cliché, 'to those who understand no explanation is necessary; to those who don't no explanation is possible!' I didn't grow up a Celtic man as they say but it was in the DNA, my mum from Donegal and Dad from Tyrone and I grew up in Belfast, really the heartbeat of Celtic in Ireland; the Donegal Diaspora post famine would be the roots of the club and Belfast Celtic the Irish equivalent. My dad wasn't a football man so there was no background to the game in our house, ironically I was born in Mountcollyer close to Crusaders ground who replaced Belfast Celtic after the infamous riot at Windsor in '48 when Jimmy Jones had his leg broken by sectarian bigots. We moved across to Turf Lodge and my introduction to the beautiful game as we would play street football under lights till the cows came home.

In '67 of course Celtic lifted the big cup in Lisbon and thousands of us marched down the Falls waving tricolours and the later Lord Fitt the Brit said in good politician fashion, 'we did it!' In the summer I would meet up with my Clydebank cousins in Donegal, our mothers were from Termon but theirs migrated the 'traditional route'

to Scotland on the Derry boat whereas my mum headed over Glenshane to Belfast The Scottish cousins would regale me with stories of this great team in green and white and I suppose helped begin what's been a 55 year relationship!

So in April '69 we crossed the bridge to the Oval for the last time and headed instead down to Tolka Park in Drumcondra, Bertie territory, to see Celtic in the flesh for the first time against Shamrock Rovers, 6 Lions were playing and Dalglish, McGrain were subs! That would be the first and last time in 35 yrs I would see Celtic in relatively normal times, in August '69 we had the Battle of the Bogside and the pogrom on the Falls and the burning of Bombay St as events accelerated.

I had left school early in '69, I had been at St Mary's grammar at the bottom of the Falls but quite a few of us had other things on our minds in that hot summer of '69 apart from preparing for our 'O' Levels; three of our class had also joined the republican army and were preparing for the oncoming onslaught; TC Campbell only survived 4 yrs and was shot dead during a gun battle with the Army/loyalists in '73; Phil McMahan and I ended up in the Cages where Phil escaped in '75 along with 9 others. His son Philly was a vital member of the Dubs 6 in a row team, and après match he climbed over seats in the Hogan to hand his Dad his Celtic Cross, sadly Phil passed last year.

Then the 90's arrived and Sky brought the Hoops to satellite

TV and a new young generation of Celtic fans was born; the Donegal supporters clubs amalgamated with 400 season tickets under their control; wee Fergus rebuilt a dying club and a new 61,000 all seater came to be and the place started to fill every game whether it was Brechin or Barca? In Letterkenny for a Rangers or European game 7 buses would leave for the Stena Line at Larne!

Then we entered the new Millennium and the Martin O'Neill era, the past 20 years have been the most successful in our history bar that evening in Lisbon. 16 league titles, 8 cups, a UEFA cup final, it's been a magnificent time to be a Celtic supporter, sometimes I'm not sure do the younger amongst our support realise the enormity of it all, if not just think back between 1925 & '65 we won just 4 league titles.

So it's been an eventful time to say the least over the past 50 yrs but that's what being part of the Celtic family is. In the past 20 yrs Dr Joseph Bradley as editor of the Celtic Minded series has brought an academic observation to the story of one of the most famous football clubs in the world. Those contributing have brought the Celtic story to the table and illustrated what an eclectic group the Celtic support is. Some were born into it, others embraced it later in life, many whose descendants came across from Donegal to the Broomielaw and settled in the Garngad; others who headed for the new world and still kept the Celtic tradition strong in Philly, Boston and New

York; 2nd and 3rd generation Irish whose great grandparents survived the famine and made Glasgow their home, in Royston, Blackhill, Clydebank, Govan, Gorbals, Castlemilk, Coatbridge; many made their way to England and still to this day despite the lure of the EPL Celtic supporters clubs exist in all major cities; I lived in Malta for a few years, a Celtic club exists there despite most following either EPL or Serie A. We were in Gran Canaria last month and when Celtic games are on the box Mulligan's in Playa del Ingles will be packed.

Celtic and Donegal go hand in hand, from the very foundations of the club in 1887 Donegal people were involved; in the first committee Joseph McGroary whose parents were from Mountcharles and John Glass and John McLaughlin also with parents from Donegal; Hugh Darroch & William McKillop from Antrim; Frank McErlean Belfast and John O'Hara Derry; Pat Welsh Leitrim and the Maleys Newry; Joseph Shaughnessy, Joseph Nelis and John McDonald from other parts of Ireland; and of course Ballymote native Andrew Kerins aka Marist Br Walfrid to bring it all together. So the club essentially was an Irish club from the very beginning, also there were members of every Irish political group involved; Fenians, Land League and Irish Party et al. Interestingly there were around 20 Irish football clubs formed in Scotland at the end of the 19th century but most didn't survive and Hibs & Dundee Utd diluted

their Irish connection over the century.

In the 135 years since the fortunes of Celtic and Donegal people have been intertwined; most Donegal migration has been to Glasgow and the West of Scotland. My grand daughter once told me at Termon national school the teacher asked how many had relations in Glasgow and 23 out of 25 had. Donegal players made the move to Celtic over the century; the famous Patsy Gallacher from Golan on the road between Termon and Milford who somersaulted with the ball into the net in the 1925 Cup final; big Packie from the Rosses of course who gave us the penalty save in Genoa, signed in the Ballyraine Hotel by the great Jock Stein, his last signing. Shay Given from Lifford who could also have been a Celtic legend but his head turned by English gold at 16. Another young prodigy Brian McLaughlin with connections to the Glen Bar who sadly passed way too young; Charlie Gallagher with Gaoth Dobhair connections; Aiden McGeady Falcarragh; Mickey Hamill, Charlie Tully and Anton Rogan Belfast; Bertie Peacock-Coleraine, Lenny-Lurgan, Paddy McCourt 'the Derry Pele'; Sean Fallon Sligo, Liam Miller Cork, the two Keanos, Anthony Stokes, Mick McCarthy, Chris Morris, the list is endless and just last week young Aidan Cannon with Falcarragh parents put pen to paper at Parkhead!

It's been 135 years of great success but the new Millennium brought a different focus to events; the noisy neighbours in Govan went into decline and Martin O'Neill arrived and things would never be the same again. The first night of the CL v Porto was special to hear Zaddock the Priest and we were back among the European elite.

That decade and more was a special time as we mixed it with the elite in the Champions League and hopefully we're on the verge of a new era under Ange. Nowadays in the retirement years and the free travel pass era we can take the train to Dublin from Oranmore and Ryanair to Glasgow for games and it's great to be back after Covid. I have a ST for the Lisbon Lions Lower and also a ST for the Republic games, but I'm selective and really only go to European games and attractive International games.

I'm afraid golf takes up most of my time now at Galway Bay and penning an odd book in between, and I may mention writing a piece for Celtic Minded 5. **If the club is in your heart I recommend you purchase the book at Bookmark Letterkenny.**

Donegal Food Network Call for Donations

The Donegal Food Network, with the support of DLDC, is calling on people in Donegal to support their local community groups with donations of money, food, or school supplies to their local food banks in the run-up to the financially pressured back-to-school period.

The Network is made up of 13 community organisations throughout Donegal that open their doors to accept donations of food, vouchers, cash, or gifts that will be distributed to those in need

in their local community. In recent months, demand has risen so much that community groups who usually have an emergency supply in stock are finding that they have no available supplies for local families in need. The back-to-school period is a time when many parents are worried about the financial repercussions of education. Families facing mounting costs for schoolbooks, uniforms, stationery and school and college fees can struggle to meet the daily budget demands of

family life, thus food insecurity increases at this time of year. To help alleviate this pressure on families, the network is asking people to donate what they can to their nearest food bank. Those who can't visit their local community groups to drop in donations of food and other supplies, but wish to donate, can do so through an iDonate fundraising page that is unique to the community organisation they wish to support.

Speaking about the back-to-school campaign, Margaret Larkin, DLDC, "Over the last few months, demand has risen so much that local community groups cannot meet the needs of those experiencing food insecurity. Rising food and energy costs have placed so much financial

pressure on families, that those who once donated to the charity are now approaching it for help. Many families are finding it hard to financially recover from the pandemic, when now faced with the rising cost of living, despite being in employment. The upcoming back-to-school period is due to cause more stress to families across the region, adding another burden to families who are already challenged financially. Any donation – no matter how small – will go a long way to help those struggling at this time of year."

For info on how to donate visit www.DLDC.org for a full list of iDonate page details for registered community groups or search your nearest community group's Facebook page.

Direct Rule in the North is not a democratic option

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Without doubt, Boris Johnson owns much of the Brexit mess and his ignoring of the EU's role obscures the reality. The EU shares some of the blame for the crisis, it has bought shares in the place and may never be able to sell them on and a border by whatever name is almost guaranteed to fail. But there is a solution because all political divisions find a unity of purpose.

It will not come as a surprise to anyone that the European Union has launched fresh legal action against the UK for failing to comply with the Northern Ireland Protocol. This was described by an erstwhile member of the Cabinet of Boris Johnson as an issue that will only affect a few Irish farmers with turnips in the back of their trucks. However not all turnips are root vegetables. All the latest interaction between the EU and Westminster means that there is not a chance in hell of the Northern Ireland Assembly returning this year and a fresh round of elections will be among the top items of the new British Prime Minister. Hardly an encouraging proposition given that none of the remaining challenges for leadership will inspire anyone. Rishi Sunak and Liz Truss are the last two standing and a minute percentage of the British public will now decide by ballot to select the new leader. Truss is now the bookie's favourite to become the UK's newest Prime Minister following hot on the heels of the disaster that was Boris Johnson. A former British diplomat has claimed that UK Foreign Secretary Liz Truss remarked in 2019 that the impact of a no-deal Brexit on Ireland would only "affect a few farmers with turnips in the back of their trucks". The claim comes as Truss continued to defend her Government's plans to legislate to override parts of the Northern Ireland Protocol as necessary to protect the Good Friday Agreement. Alexandra Hall Hall, a former

British ambassador to Georgia who was the lead Brexit envoy for the UK government in Washington for several years, alleged Ms Truss made the comments as part of a speech to a US audience in 2019. Hall tweeted: "So pleased to see Liz Truss become a genuine expert on Irish matters. She was, after all, the minister who told a US audience three years ago that Brexit would not have any serious impact in Ireland... it would merely 'affect a few farmers with turnips in the back of their trucks.'" So, no big changes in protocol around the British handling of Ireland's fourth green field. This is where partition and gerrymandering was allowed to continue from Irish Partition right up the point of the Good Friday Agreement. The electorate in the Republic continue to vote for the same party to lead the Government down the generations. Despite all that, there was no progress whatever by the time they were dumped out of office in 2011 when the wheels came off the construction wagon and Ireland was forced into a hugely expensive bailout. The European Commission launched its four new infringement procedures on Friday because the UK is ignoring obligations it has to the EU under the protocol, which imposes customs rules for goods going between Britain and Northern Ireland to avoid the need for checks at the border between Northern Ireland and Ireland. No doubt the electoral process in the North, apart from the DUP

will be ringing its hands in despair because they are likely to face a very long delay before there is any agreement that might allow MLAs to take their seats in Stormont this side of Christmas... but which year? The EU Commission says: "In a spirit of constructive cooperation, the commission refrained from launching certain infringement procedures for over a year to create the space to look for joint solutions with the UK. However, the UK's unwillingness to engage in meaningful discussion since last February and the continued passage of the Northern Ireland protocol bill through the UK parliament go directly against this spirit. The aim of these infringement procedures is to secure compliance with the protocol in a number of key areas. This compliance is essential for Northern Ireland to continue to benefit from its privileged access to the European single market, and is necessary to protect the health, security and safety of EU citizens as well as the integrity of the single market." Formal infringement procedures start with the commission writing to the UK and demanding remedial action. If the UK does not comply within two months, the commission could take the issues to the European court of justice, which could fine the UK. The commission has also not ruled out imposing trade sanctions on the UK as retaliation. Four complaints are identified. The rules apply under a protocol to the UK's 2019 EU exit deal, which London is trying to suspend via legislation. The European Commission said that failure to apply customs rules significantly increases the risk of smuggling via Northern Ireland. In a statement, the Commission said it had held off on launching legal proceedings for over a year to create space to look for joint solutions with the UK. Obviously the UK Government is hamstrung with the DUP refusing to participate in Government under the terms of the Good Friday Agreement. However the GFA could never have envisaged issues like the Protocol ever becoming a factor in the formation of the Assembly. Therefore, after all those 35 years of relative peace, a position of unacceptable stalemate has now arisen. In these circum-

stances there has to be an onus on London and Dublin and the EU to help to provide a pathway forward where no party can have a veto over progress. The EU's position is that the UK's unwillingness to engage in meaningful discussion since last February and the passage of the bill to suspend the Northern Ireland protocol go directly against this spirit. "There should be no UK bill going through parliament," European Commission spokesman Eric Mamer said on Friday. He added: "We have been extremely patient. We have engaged with the United Kingdom over a very long period of time in order to find solutions to the practical difficulties that could exist in the implementation of the protocol. We have bent over backwards in terms of making proposals to solve these issues. We are still in a situation where, in fact, the UK is not implementing its part of the deal. If we thought that the prospects were great of sitting together on Monday and coming to a solution, we would not be launching the infringements." Under the protocol, Northern Ireland is treated as part of the EU's single market for goods, and is required to apply EU trade, company, energy, tax and other laws. The EU has accused the UK of not collecting export data on goods moving from Northern Ireland to mainland Britain and of failing to provide that data to the EU. It says the UK has also failed to bring in new EU rules on excise duties, particularly on alcohol, with the bloc fearing it will lose revenues and hand the UK an unfair competitive advantage." And it says simplified vat rules for sales of goods under €150 are not being applied in Northern Ireland, which the EU says poses a "fiscal risk" to the bloc. Last Friday's move brings the number of open infringements against the UK to seven. London has two months to respond to the four new infringements or face a possible court case and fines. In June the Commission revived an infringement on food export certification, and added two new infringements for UK failures to carry out veterinary inspection and collect certain trade data in Northern Ireland. However, none of these challenges will force the DUP to engage with the political process that is part of the Good Friday

Agreement and therein lies a major border: a brick wall and one that leaves a huge share of the electorate effectively disenfranchised and a system that is broken and not fit for purpose. Against this worsening background is a fragile peace process that requires a very dynamic and fully engaged political process functioning fully in dealing with the many financial demands within Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland today, where the fragile peace settlement that has just about held for nearly a quarter century is close to breaking. While Boris Johnson stands accused of bringing this state of affairs to this stalemate, the European Union has also played a role because both bodies own the problem. However it was the consequence of the Brexit vote that left the UK departing from the EU. By exiting the EU's economic zone and political structure, the UK created a problem that did not previously exist: namely, the need for a trade and customs border between Britain and the EU. This border is at the heart of the crisis in Northern Ireland today as it has been for over one hundred years. In almost all other situations, the concept of Partition should not be a big issue. Economic borders exist alongside national borders in harmony and function without any problem. Northern Ireland is more complex in a land divided between those who consider themselves Irish and who mostly want Northern Ireland to join the Republic of Ireland - and those who consider themselves British and want to remain in the UK. Wherever an economic border is placed, one side of this divide is going to feel separated from the land they consider home. This is a problem because under the terms of the Good Friday Agreement, which everyone claims to want to protect, Northern Ireland remains part of the UK until a majority in all of Ireland says otherwise. It is governed by a system that functions only if power is shared between the sides. And to do this, there must be a consensus. To "Get Brexit done" after years of turmoil, Johnson agreed to a divorce deal with the EU that placed the economic border between Northern Ireland and Great Britain to avoid requiring checks on goods travelling between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Ever since this was agreed, however, Northern Irish politics has been in turmoil, with unionists arguing that the deal prioritises nationalists' wishes not to have a land border on the island over unionists' desire not to have a sea border within their own country. In protest, the DUP is refusing to share power until the issue is fixed to their satisfaction. It is ironic that a deal to protect the Good Friday Agreement is now the main block to the functioning of the political institutions set up by the Good Friday Agreement. Without doubt, Boris Johnson owns much of the Brexit mess and his ignoring of the EU's role obscures the reality. The EU shares some of the blame for the crisis, it has bought shares in the place and may never be able to sell them on and a border by whatever name is almost guaranteed to fail. But there is a solution because all political divisions find a unity of purpose. Why not in Ireland?

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Dunfanaghy born American Civil War war h

A former American soldier, Mike McClanaghan, who became intrigued by a war memorial which he stumbled upon dedicated to three fallen members of the Continental Army who died in the American Revolution. Little did he think it would lead to an emotional trip to Dunfanaghy to honour a fallen Irish hero over 200 years after his death.

by Eamonn McFadden

Several years ago Mike became fascinated with a memorial erected in his native North Carolina at the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park and this led to a quest to find more information on this unique chapter of history.

This monument is dedicated to a number of fallen soldiers who died fighting at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, including one called Private Cornelius Hagney who records show was born in an area described as "Danfanagh, Ireland" before emigrating to America where he later enlisted in the Continental Army.

As part of his search Mike explored many military, history and genealogy records to find out more about this man and that led him to reaching out to the owners of the dunfanaghy.info website, Garry and Lisa McGrath, owners of the Anseo B&B in Dunfanaghy.

Garry and Lisa began finding out what they could and passed the query from Mike on to the Tirconaill Tribune who published an article last August with the available on Pte Hagney in the hope it might yield some more

information on his life.

In turn they could feed it back to Mike if anything was discovered. Mike said the Dunfanaghy-born soldier died fighting for American independence on March 15th, 1781 and he was almost certain "Danfanagh" was actually a misspelling of Dunfanaghy. He said: "According to records I have been able to access, Private Hagney was born in 'Danfanagh', Ireland in 1734 before he emigrated to Delaware where he enlisted in the Continental Army. Today, a monument stands in a far corner of the battlefield where Private Hagney fell with two other members of his regiment. I am drawn to this monument whenever I visit, perhaps because I am of Irish descent and also served in the U.S. Army.

Private Hagney is my fellow in many ways and I feel compelled to know him better." Mike added that in American military tradition, the nearest kin of a fallen soldier receives a folded American flag presented on behalf of "a grateful nation" and that this may be a fitting honour for Cornelius if it was deemed suitable by his relatives, if they could locate any of them.

The article struck a chord with loyal Tribune reader, Charlie Sweeney from Swillybrin. Charlie is married to Agnes, née Hagney, and their son Cornelius, named after his grandfather, who was also Cornelius Hagney, got in touch to say they felt the fallen war hero may be related to them. Cornelius outlined that he knew that their family tree contained at least two relatives, including his grandfather, who were named Cornelius Hagney, with the eldest of the two dating back to 1816 and this is where the records he had been using seemed to stop. Cornelius had been using website

Ancestry.com to help establish if Pte Hagney is in fact a relation but their records did not contain any information for the relevant time period they needed to explore. Through the newspaper connection, Cornelius and Mike began corresponding via email over the winter to see if they could learn more and as the months rolled by they established that it is most probable that Cornelius Hagney was indeed a descendant of the current Hagney family, and they finally had the right family relatives to honour this once forgotten war hero, who would soon be forgotten no longer.

Following a trip of almost 4,000 miles, Mike arrived in Dunfanaghy with his wife Jill and daughter Meghan. His son Lance was unable to attend as he is currently serving in the US Marine Corp.

Once on Irish soil he collected a beautifully presented US military funeral flag encased in a wooden presentation box that he had shipped over ahead of his arrival.

Typically for fallen soldiers following their funeral, the flag is presented to the deceased's next of kin or those most closely related to the veteran. After receiving the flag, it is tradition among the family members to preserve it for display in the house, usually in a frame.

On Monday week, under a sunny summer sky on the shore-front green in Dunfanaghy, Mike, Jill and Meghan met with members of the last line of the Hagney family, sisters Agnes Sweeney and Mary Grace McGarvey, along with Agnes' husband Charlie and son Cornelius and Mary Grace's daughter Geraldine O'Donnell. Joining them was Lisa McGrath.

After a warm welcome was extended to the visitors, conversation turned to this remarkable story and how it has impacted on the lives of both families on opposite sides of the Atlantic. In a humble yet powerful few words Mike explained what drove his mission to honour Pte Hagney.

He began: "I want to thank you all for doing this. This little adventure of mine began about five years ago. I come from a town in North Carolina where there is a battlefield that took place in the American Revolution. During that battle, Lord Cornwallis was beginning a campaign into the southern part of the colonies as he wanted to suppress the American revolt against King George, but General Nathaniel Green met him there at Guilford Courthouse and stopped it. The battle technically turned

out to be a defeat for the Continentals but it so depleted and devastated Cornwallis' troops that he was forced to retreat into Virginia. He then took his troops to Yorktown where George Washington and the French Navy surrounded him. This ended the American Revolution and the British surrendered there. This is what gave us our independence and Cornelius Hagney was a participant in that battle. On that battlefield is a small monument dedicated to him and other soldiers



The Monument Inscription in the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park.



Agnes and Charlie

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the accouterments they had where they lay, by them they were able to deduce who they were and where they came from. There is a placard on the visitor side of that monument that describes Cornelius as a recent immigrant along with his wife Katherine. I've tried to track her down in Delaware but America has had so many wars and in 1812 we had another war with Great Britain and they burned all the records in Delaware."

He said the monument dedicated to Cornelius is in a National Park run by the US Park Service that has a dedicated visitor centre and this is because they died in a "historically significant battle". He added that this was a great help in his research. He explained "I could not find such a place and that is when I contacted Garry and Lisa McGrath and they helped me track this down by the records they were able to access and what Eamonn was able to do through the newspaper and then Cornelius (Sw just seems to come together so I'm pre that we have the right person".

Cornelius Sweeney also pointed out the tune that helped establish the connection his mother hailed from a family of all Hagney name from this lineage is likely their generation as they all changed names through marriage to their current family name. Mike and his family then spent a few days in Dunfanaghy and were brought to visit Hagney homestead in Swillybrin. They meeting up with members of the Sweeney and McGarvey families who showed them and hospitality.

fascinated with them and their story. We are descended from the Irish and I was a soldier once too, so I have a deep affinity for what he did and I am very grateful for his sacrifice and for all soldiers. When an American soldier falls and they have a funeral with military honours and the casket is brought to the graveside, it is draped in a flag and an Honour Guard would remove the flag and fold it and would present it to their family on behalf of a grateful nation. So, on behalf of a grateful nation - thank you".

With that he presented the perfectly folded flag in its presentation case to the family of Pte Cornelius Hagney, 241 years after he paid the ultimate sacrifice in the fight for American freedom.

Mike added that he enquired with the State Department prior to proposing the idea and was told he could carry out the presentation as a private citizen. His wife Jill and daughter Meghan explained that they carefully folded the flag in the traditional manner in their home in North Carolina and held Pte Hagney in their thoughts as they did so.

Cornelius Sweeney thanked Mike and his family for their thoughtful gesture and said they were bowled over by the beautiful presentation they had received on behalf of the Hagney family.

He said that when he looked into it, the way the name of Cornelius Hagney "kept cropping up" in their family over many generations they were pretty sure they had the right person and what Mike had brought to their attention was "an amazing story" that they did not know about previously.

Mike also told the relatives gathered that Pte Hagney's remains, along with the other men, were not discovered until many years after they had died and it was a chance encounter by a person walking the area who noticed what turned out to be a finger bone protruding from the ground. This led to their bodies being finally recovered and identified.

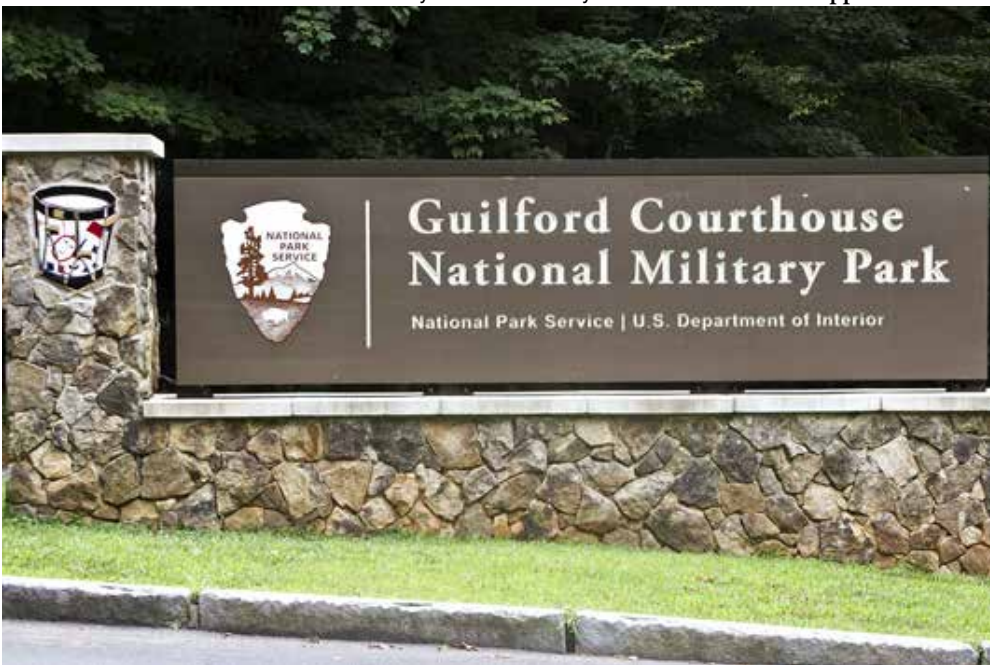
One record from the "Commemorative Landscapes of North Carolina" details that the remains of the three soldiers were found by Judge David Schenck, founder of the Guilford Battleground Company, on July 12th, 1888. He was walking with his wife through a farm that neighbours the Guilford National Military Park and found bones protruding from the ground. He was able to identify the soldiers as American Continentals by the buttons found with their remains.

Because of their location, they are suspected to be the three members of Captain Robert Kirkwood's Delaware Company who were killed during battle. The monument in their memory was erected in late 1888 or early 1889.

Mike added: "They were discovered by a finger bone protruding from the ground. They were not recovered immediately after the battle. They were identified by



Geraldine O'Donnell and Mary Grace McGarvey.



The entrance to the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, North Carolina, USA.



Group pictured at the

War hero honoured



Agnes and Charlie Sweeney admiring the American Flag.

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Cornelius Sweeney also pointed out the good fortune that helped establish the connection now as the other hailed from a family of all girls so the family name from this lineage is likely to end with a generation as they all changed name through marriage to their current family names. Mike and his family then spent a few days exploring Dunfanaghy and were brought to visit the old family homestead in Swillybrin. They also enjoyed catching up with members of the Sweeney and Cavanagh families who showed them the local sights and hospitality.



Mike McClanaghan with Cornelius Sweeney.

They also enjoyed family time exploring the area in their own time, as well as the music and hostilities in Dunfanaghy where they met and mingled with the locals. They then travelled south to Athlone to explore the area's rich heritage, including the world oldest pub Sean's Bar, as well as a few days in Dublin before they returned back to the US. Reflecting on events after he made his presentation Mike told the Tribune: "I would like to say, in retrospect, that meeting the family was poignant and I felt honoured. I'm glad to be able to make this connection, particularly since these sisters may be the end of the Hageny line. I was glad for the opportunity for them to receive gratitude for what their family has done".



Group pictured at the presentation of the flag in Dunfanaghy.

Mulroy College Milford Prom



Kelsey McGrory, Killian McBride, Conor Breslin, Alanagh McGlynn, Aine McElwaine and Brian Boyce at the Mulroy College Prom in the Mulroy Woods Hotel on Thursday. Photo by Clive Wasson



Danielle Kerr, Emma Friel, Orlaith McCleary, Ciara McElwaine and Leah McDaid at the Mulroy College Prom in the Mulroy Woods Hotel on Thursday. Photo by Clive Wasson



Above - Alec McConigley and Lean McCleary; above right - Daithi McFadden, Ross Doherty and Killian Kelly; below - Anna McFadden and Aleah Deery and below right Tigan McCauley and Lorcan Cavanagh at the Mulroy College Prom in the Mulroy Woods Hotel. Photos by Clive Wasson



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Angels look down on Charlie's crew

The six strong angling party of the half decker - Charlie's Angel that sank in over sixty feet of water in Lough Swilly on Saturday evening have given a graphic account of their ordeal in the 20 minutes they spent in the water battling for survival.

They stayed afloat using buoyancy aids and managed to make a 999 call from a mobile phone belonging to Cllr. Ciaran Brogan the former Lord Mayor of Letterkenny.

The six people were plucked from the chilly waters of the Swilly just before seven o'clock on Saturday evening as exhaustion began to overcome them and they have said they could only have stayed above the water for a few more minutes.

The swiftness of the rescue and a series of amazing coincidences has drawn high praise for all those involved and it has emerged that the garda patrol boat reached speeds of sixty-five miles an hour as it raced to the scene from Rathmullan. After being brought ashore at Portsalon the group was brought to Letterkenny Hospital by helicopter. They were treated for shock: hypothermia and water inhalation and later discharged.

The mobile phone and an extraordinary coincidence that left the garda inshore patrol vessel in the vicinity played a vital role in alerting the rescue services and in saving the lives of those involved.

A full emergency alert was sounded when news of the crew's plight emerged and within ten minutes the garda patrol boat had located the group as they struggled to stay afloat in the middle of Lough Swilly.

This was a fishing tale with a very happy ending thanks to the resources and presence of mind of the crew along with the prompt action of the Garda inshore patrol boat: the Lough Swilly Lifeboat: the crew of the Dauphin Helicopter based at Finner who made the mercy dash to Portsalon in under fifteen minutes.

On board the refurbished 26 foot half decker were the skipper Charlie Devlin of Oldtown in Letterkenny along with Cllr. Ciaran Brogan: his brother Brian and wife Yvonne and nine years old son Ryan. Also on board was Hugo McLaughlin who emerged as the real hero of the hour because he was the only adult member who could swim.

The group had spent the afternoon fishing off Fanad Head and were returning to Rathmullan when the drama began unfolding at a point midway between Portsalon and Dunree Fort. The craft suddenly began shipping water and with the bilge pumps working at full throttle the mystery deepened. As the situation deteriorated the boat headed for land but almost immediately it began to sink.

Crew members smashed the window of the wheelhouse to rescue Yvonne Brogan and Ryan as the vessel disappeared beneath the waves and the group suddenly found themselves in the water in a grim battle for survival.

The boat was carrying lifejackets but the passengers were not wearing them. In the circumstances three of the jackets along with buoyancy rings were put to use to keep the group afloat as a mobile phone call went out to James Doherty on Rathmullan Pier. A May-Day distress call was relayed by the Malin Head Marine Service and all

boating in the vicinity was put on full alert and the emergency services raced to the scene.

Garda John Joe Rowland said the patrol vessel headed back into the Swilly from Rathmullan in search of a fishing boat and one of the crew spotted a hand waving from the water. He said that luck and the organised actions of all those involved conspired to save six lives. The gardai have praised the bravery and courage of the six on board who coped admirably under very difficult conditions but have warned of the necessity that all those going to sea must ensure that life saving equipment is worn.

Garda Liam Dowds said that the crew could only have managed to stay afloat for a few more minutes because exhaustion was taking a very heavy toll.

However he said that had they been wearing wet suits and life jackets that period would have been extended by at least another two hours.

During an informal press briefing at the Holiday Inn on Monday evening the group relived their trauma and thanked all those involved in the rescue operation. And they appealed to all those going to sea to make sure they were wearing their life jackets.

Still shocked from the ordeal Ciaran Brogan gave a graphic account of the events leading up to the sinking and the subsequent arrival of the emergency rescue services. At the press briefing in the Holiday Inn on Monday evening it was obvious that the group were still visibly shaken and traumatised by the events.

Ciaran Brogan gave a detailed account of the sinking and how they first noticed water levels rising at the back of the half decker.

They initially thought the bilge pumps were not working but on checking they were operating at full capacity. They could not determine why or how the boat was taking in so much water since weather conditions were ideal and they did not strike any object in the water. "It is a complete mystery," added Cllr. Brogan.

As the condition of the boat dramatically got worse they decided to head for land and at this point they believed they were safe enough. Then in an instant they began sinking and were forced to abandon the vessel. Heroic work saw the men rescue Yvonne and Ryan from the wheelhouse as the boat went under.

In an instant they were left floundering in the water: at this point the ability of Hugo McLaughlin came into play. He stressed that at no time did anyone panic despite some of them being in considerable distress. Charlie Devlin got adrift of the group but somehow he managed to rejoin them as they formed a safety ring using whatever resources they managed to salvage from the sinking boat. Three life jackets were utilised with buoyancy rings and the five adults formed a circle around Ryan. However Ryan has learned to swim and despite his ordeal he survived very well indeed and never once panicked.

Ciaran Brogan recalls having talked to James Doherty on the jetty at Rathmullan pier as they set off on their fishing expedition earlier in the afternoon. The next call James got was again from Ciaran Brogan on his mobile phone telling him the



The rescuers and rescued, front, members of the Garda Water Unit Adrian Lyons, John Murphy, JJ Rowland and Liam Dowds. Back row Jimmy Doherty who took the emergency call at Rathmullan Pier with crew members Brian, Yvonne and Ryan Brogan, Hugo McLaughlin, Charlie Devlin and Cllr. Ciaran Brogan.

boat was sinking. At that moment the Garda boat was coming into the jetty at Rathmullan. They were returning

from a patrol, which had extended to Tory Island and they had just left Portsalon on the final leg of their patrol.

Ramelton youth hailed a hero



A sixteen years old Ramelton youth is being hailed as a hero this week after he helped to successfully resuscitate another youth after helping to save him from drowning in Ramelton at the weekend.

Seán Gallagher who is sixteen years of age and Curly Coyle were walking along the Quay around 11.30 on Friday night when they saw a youth struggling in the water. The tide was full and the water depth was around twelve feet.

They managed to drag the youth on to the quay side but a further complication then unfolded as he stopped breathing.

Sean who has had lessons in life saving administered CPR and managed to revive the victim before the medical and ambulance services arrived to bring him to hospital.

Sean is the son of John and Hilary Gallagher of Castle Street in Ramelton and is student of the Milford Community School.

He works part time at Whoriskey's Spar Supermarket and was reluctant to allow his heroic actions to be published.

Letter to the Editor

Swilly can be an oasis in the centre of Letterkenny

I would value a reaction on the recreational use of the River Swilly as it flows near to the Blaney Road. I envisage the river as in 3 sections-New Mills to Oldtown: Oldtown to the Port Bridge and from there to Golf Club.

I would like to think that my children will be able to walk from New Mills to the Golf Club and that planners would sterilise a strip along the bank and leave car parking spaces at points along the riverbank. It is possible that whenever a second bridge and a ring road is constructed and developments completed on the Blaney Road that the river would flow through the centre of the new town.

Wouldn't it be nice to have a riverside walk, coffee shops, and art shops in our new city - an oasis?

Everybody remembers a shopping experience where you can relax by a river, Meanwhile with a concerted effort from planners, fishermen and anyone concerned or interested should aim for access points along the river with parking, picnic tables, fishing platforms, and eventually connected by a path.

This recreational oasis would have enormous benefit to tourism and local people for walks. Even now at the Oldtown Bridge we have a rustic scene across the river and the remnant of the railway at Dunnes Stores.

A simple footbridge from Leckview Park could connect with Leck. There are many access points already there waiting to be developed and wild life present. Should we stand idly by?

This evening I had a pleasant experience as I drove into town the Alcorn family and team were planting hundreds of colourful mature plants and it made such a difference to this spot that has had so much negative press of late - the Port Roundabout, the gateway to Letterkenny.

This will impress tourists so much, it will brighten and cheer us all up and give us all in the Tidy Towns Committee such a boost.

Cllr. Jim Lynch:
Letterkenny Tidy Towns.



The children of Milford Presbyterian church, after they took their children's day service assisted by Rev. Stephen Rea.



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Water cuts cause fury

Engineers from Donegal County Council are meeting with the Mevagh Development Association and Deputy Niall Blaney in Downings as we go to press as serious concerns mount over the breakdown in the public water supply.

In the past week hundreds of householders and holiday homes have been left without a supply for six days across 25 townlands in the Melmore and Kinnalargy areas of the Atlantic Drive.

In a rural Gaeltacht area that has a fragile economy the six week holiday season provides the Melmore community with a tourism trade that is financially vital and now it is alleged that huge losses have been incurred as hundreds of visitors were forced to leave the area when the supply could not be restored last weekend.

The astonishing failure of the water supply in Mevagh has caused mayhem and havoc and many people have simply given up hope in the ability of the Council to address the issue. Householders have gone as far

as to accuse the local authority of having a hidden agenda in keeping funding away from Mevagh and they substantiate their allegations saying the current water crisis has been ongoing for almost twenty years and all the Council has offered are excuses - and even more extraordinary excuses.

Meanwhile the Development Association has vowed to turn the anger and frustration of the area into positive action as they confront the Council in a last ditch battle to resolve the crisis.

The water crisis has been at the heart of the area's problems for many years and despite dozens of representations to politicians and Council officials the situation has gradually worsened: it is now a total catastrophe. Last weekend the failure was dramatic as the supply conked out completely leaving householders scratching their heads in disbelief.

However it is known that the local water works dept of the Council worked day and night to resolve the



Members of the Mevagh Development Association with their meeting with the Tribune on Monday night and left, The Council's answer to the Mevagh Water Problem in the car park at Clontallagh!!!

crisis. Last weekend saw the local tourism season reach a peak: however it lasted for a few brief hours as visitors found they could not be guaranteed water. A large influx of tourist began arriving into the area over the July 12th period and these traditional numbers increased at the weekend. Hundreds of holiday homes were left

empty as the visitors booked out leaving the industry in tatters. Tourism interests say the loss is running into tens of thousands of Euro.

The County Council has come in for scathing criticism amid claims that this small rural community is being marginalised and neglected by officialdom. There are widespread accusations that the Council is engaging in spin and

puff administrative responses instead of getting the finger out and engaging in essential repairs needed to provide a proper public water supply.

At a meeting of the Mevagh Association in the Singing Pub on Monday night the Council stood accused of ignoring the plight of the community over a lengthy period and we heard that the lack of water was one aspect causing havoc.

Cranford marks 25 years of soccer memories

by Declan Kerr

Cranford football club celebrates 25 years of soccer with a special celebratory function in Logues of Cranford on this Friday night. It is fitting that this destination should stage such an event, as the late Tom Logue was one of the major driving forces in preparing the club for Donegal League entry back in 1976. Friday night's entertainment kicks-off at 9 p.m. with a display of club memorabilia followed by a buffet and a promise from club secretary Paddy Logue that the formal speeches will be kept to a minimum. The occasion will be rounded off by music which starts at 11.30 p.m.

However, the game just didn't suddenly start in Cranford 25 years ago because there had been a long tradition of soccer in the locality dating back to the early 1900's. The Cranford Sports Day, which was held on every 29th June, was a huge event which included the famous 7-a-side soccer competition with teams from all over the North West taking part. Then there was the golden area of the 1930's when the local team won 11 summer cups at a number of different venues including Swilly Park. The 1940's saw a decline in soccer in Cranford with emigration and the war taking it toll on the availability of playing personnel but in the 1950s and early 1960s soccer was back in full swing with perhaps its most memorable match being at the end of that decade in the Sports Day Cup final clash between Fanad and Gweedore.

Fanad had the upper hand in a tough bruising encounter against a side that included Manchester Utd's Pat Crerand and Celtic's Charlie Gallagher. Stars on the Fanad side that day included

Fr. Willie McMenamin, Fr Dan Doherty along with the Blaney brothers Teddy and Harry.

The last winners of the seven-a-side competition was Kerrykeel and their long serving manager John Joe McAteer is expected to be in attendance at tonight's function. The competitive nature of the neighbouring communities is marked by the intense local rivalry between Cranford and Glenree who play for the annual Carrigart Cup, which is an annual Boxing Day fixture.

Talking to the Tribune this week, club secretary Paddy Logue recalled a couple of the most memorable events in the history of Cranford soccer. One of the highlights at the start of their existence was undoubtedly the 3-2 away victory over Dunkineely which clinched the league title and in later years Paddy points to their most successful era as they lifted two successive Brian McCormack cups in 1997 and 1998 with a couple of fantastic performances against Castlefin and Dunkineely standing out. Bearing in mind that Cranford is a small area squeezed in amongst other soccer strongholds like Glenree and Milford, meant that management always had to go in search of players which in turn has given the club a high profile in junior soccer. In fact a big emphasis is put on the fact that Cranford FC is very much a "players club" with the locality focus playing second fiddle. The club was set-up by Tom Logue who was also the first chairman while the locally based Fr Dinny McGettigan was a very influential figure in the first two years and attended all the games up until his transfer to another parish. The other original committee



Pictured at a Cranford United presentation night were back from left, Eddie McGinley, James Duffy, Eamonn Toland, Paddy McFadden, Fr. John Boyce, Kevin Gavaghan and Joe Gallagher with Donegal League officials at front, Joe Duffy, Denis Martin and Brendan Duffy.

members were: Vice-Chairman, Willie Buchanan; President, Fr. Denis McGettigan; Secretary, Paddy Logue; Treasurers, James Duffy and Joe Gallagher. The area was of course as mentioned earlier renowned for its seven-a-side competitions which the small ground catered for and thus over a five year period from 1970 a major redevelopment took place to convert the pitch into a space suitable for 11-a-side soccer. The local Community Centre had just been built and provides to this day excellent changing facilities while the club continues to host a five-a-side indoor football competition at the venue with

teams from right across the North West taking part. Fans have been entertained by some fantastic games over the years and the tournament has been an invaluable source of financial assistance in keeping the club functioning. In fact last season was the first time since 1975 that it wasn't run due to improvement works at the Centre.

Cranford played their first Donegal League season in McHugh's field as final league was being carried out on their new grounds. The following year Cranford Park was formally opened with a top notch friendly tie between Shamrock Rovers and Finn Harps.



The Cranford team who won the Donegal League Division Three championship in 1976/77. Back from left, Brendan McAteer, Mandy Boyce, Joe Gallagher, James Duffy captain, Tommy Gavaghan, Hugh Vaughan and John Sweeney with at front Robert McHugh, Kevin Gavaghan, Patrick McLaughlin, Paddy Logue, Paddy McBride and Garret Horkan.



Pictured at the opening of the art exhibition by the Rathmullan Art Group in the Heritage Centre on Friday night were Terence O'Reilly, Omagh who opened the exhibition with members of the group.

Ballyare 10k Tractor and Vintage Car Run



Brendan McGinty, John Gallagher and Martin Friel at the run. Below left Raymond McGettigan with Noel Russell. Below right, Pauric Heraghty, James Russell and Oran Frize.



Christina Friel, Brigid Clarke with at back Tracy McKnight and Claire Collins taking the registrations for the Honda 50's on Sunday.



The Tractor and Vintage Car Run organiser Tommy Doherty on the phone.



Lawrence and Eileen McGettigan in their Anglia van.



A vintage Mini heading out on the run.



Some of the Honda 50's heading out the run from Carrs of the Diamond, Ballyare.



Billy and Primose Rankin, Clooncarney race against the rain to get their hood up on Sunday.



A Summer downpour didn't deter Chris McGinley from Ballyare in his Massey Ferguson.



The McDaid family from Glenswilly in Ballyare on Sunday.

Bringing different colours to Falcarragh's Main Street

By James Woods

This parade of togetherness was definitely a first for Falcarragh and the Gaeltacht as a whole. The whole idea for this local "Pride event" was the brainchild of Pól Penrose from an Ardí Beag, Gort an Choirce, and his partner Mark Grady from Cill Últa Falcarragh.

Behind them providing help and advice were fellow committee members Mel Bradly, Isobel Ni Currainn, Brian Lacy and Sam Ó Fearraigh. Pól would be better known to many as Colm' on TG4's Ros na Rún.

He has worked as an actor on lots of different film projects, visual art collaborations, radio projects as well as live performances.

Pól is not shy in pointing out that Gaelic is his first language which he is immensely proud of. The parade included floats and the Meendery marching band, start off from Ionad Naomh Fionán.

The parade was about shining a light on the fact that we are all the same in lots of ways, but different in many other ways which we must learn to respect and celebrate the fact that there are people born with different sexual orientations.

The world is not black and white and well wishers and onlookers would have been aware of the rainbow flag that was in abundance on the streets of Falcarragh reflecting the success of the event.



Cloughaneely

Monster Bingo

Ionad Naomh Fionnan will host a Monster bingo on Bank Holiday Monday night 1st August at 8 o'clock. €3000 in prizes must go.

Junior Band Lotto

Next Week's Jackpot €8,000. There was no Jackpot winner last week and the winning numbers were 4,7,10,12,16,17. Match 5 winner was J. Greene. Thank you

to all the businesses for helping to sell our tickets and to everyone who buys them every week, we really appreciate your continued support. Tickets will be collected from 1pm every Thursday.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh. 50/50

Congratulations to Jack Murtagh, McGroarty who won the Falcarragh Hall 50/50 prize this week of €858

Job Vacancy

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

Pobal Eascarrach

Campaí Samhraidh Eascarrach Camps continue and further in-

formation call Caitlín / Grace at 9180571 - 0861988830. Numbers are limited therefore booking is essential. Email pobaleas@gmail.com.

CE Scheme

Falcarragh Community Organisation have a number of vacancies on the CE Scheme in Falcarragh and Dunlewey, all of these vacancies are developmental opportunities.

Should you wish to apply please contact Kevin or Marion in our office above the Barber in Falcarragh or phone 9165782 during office hours.

PCC Reunion

PCC reunion of 1985 C year starters - in Ostan Loch Altan 29/7/22. Teachers welcome also. If interested please contact Sile O'Donnell 00447951791371. sheodonnell@yahoo.com.

Falcarragh Medical Centre

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

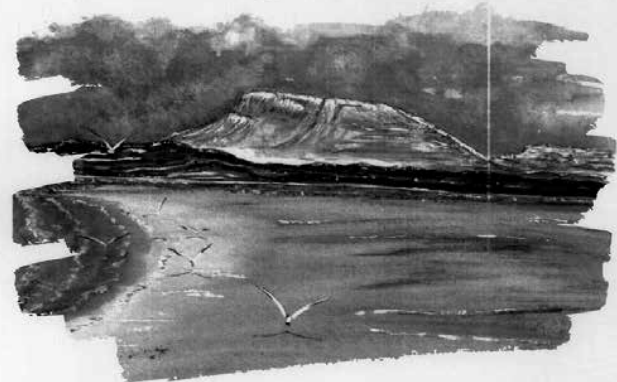
Also please be aware it is still necessary to wear a mask and hand sanitise at the Health Centre.

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Taispeántas Ealaíne / Art Exhibition

By James Martin Coyle



SA tSEAN BHEAIRIC, AN FÁL CARRACH

Oscailt Oifigiúil Dé hAoine 29ú Iúil - 7.30pm
Opening Reception Friday 29th July 2022 - 7.30pm

Exhibition runs until 13 August 2022
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Banna Cheoil Chloich Cheann Fhaola

Banna Cheoil Chloich Cheann Fhaola are inviting all past members and committee to the 40th celebration event on Sunday 7th August. The evening will begin with a Mass in Gortahork at 3pm followed by a parade at 4pm and celebrations in Falcarragh.

It is hoped as many of the past and present members and committee can attend on the day.

Buíochas

Buíochas mór daoibh sin uilig a thug ta-caoíocht do bhailiúchán airgid Coiste Glan agus Glas. Tógadh €360 rud a chuideoidh go mór le obair an Choiste. Falcarragh Tidy Town committee appreciate the support in their recent Church Gate Collection - a total of €360 was raised, this will help the ongoing work of the committee.



John pictured with his wife Brid and family at his retirement function.

John McLaughlin retires from Creeslough Community Enterprises

John McLaughlin retired from working with Creeslough Community Enterprises at St. John's Church Ballymore and St. Columba's Church Cashel on Friday last and a small retirement function was held in the Ballymore Parish Centre on Friday night. John has been working in the Parish for the past seven years.



Gordon Moore making a presentation to John



John McLaughlin pictured with Rev. David Skuce and the members of the Select Vestries of St. John's Church Ballymore and St Columba's Church in Cashel

Ladies Donegal Division 1 League Final

Report & Photos by Declan Kerr

League title for Termon Ladies



Lauren Gallagher with her mum Sharon

Termon 1-11 to 1-3 Glenfin

After a sluggish first half Termon pulled away to comfortably win Sunday's Ladies Donegal Division 1 League Final with an eight-point victory over an under strength Glenfin at the O'Donnell Park. Katy Herron, Yvonne McMonagle and Karen Guthrie were absent from the Glenfin squad while Termon manager Andy Connor started with Roisin McCafferty, Emer Gallagher and Nicole McLaughlin. Evelyn McGinley and Geraldine McLaughlin both came on as subs but it was Ciara McGarvey who was the star of the show with eight points on a miserably wet afternoon.

It was a low scoring first half with Glenfin managing just one point in the third minute from Anne-Marie McGlynn after a Termon defensive error. That was the opening score of the decider and McGlynn's side did have the upper hand in the opening stages but their finishing was very poor. McGarvey got her side off the mark in the seventh minute from play but Jodie McFadden missed an easy free. Termon did take the lead for the first time in the 18th minute courtesy of McGarvey and

it was the same player who gave Connor's outfit a 0-3 to 0-1 half-time lead following a foul on McFadden.

By that stage Emer Gallagher was forced off with what appeared to be a hamstring injury with Evelyn McGinley coming in as the replacement. McGinley took the game to Glenfin down the middle and that certainly contributed to Termon pulling away in the second half. A Katie Long free did briefly leave a point between the sides but Termon then hit a purple patch with four quick scores courtesy of McGinley and McFadden while McGarvey popped over two frees at the river end.

Geraldine McLaughlin and Rosin Friel were introduced before the end of the third quarter. A 46th minute McLaughlin effort looped over keeper Laura McKenna for the final's only goal and it was a decisive score leaving Glenfin trailing by eight points. Earlier McKenna had denied Sophie Curran a goal. A brace of excellent McGarvey frees extended the Burn

Road side's lead before Grainne Houston got Glenfin's last point of the game. McGarvey twice and McLaughlin rounded off the Termon total. Glenfin did swoop for a late consolation goal courtesy of Brenda Carr. Termon - Roisin McCafferty; Ella McGettigan, Jamie-Leigh Murray Emer Gallagher; Lauren Doherty, Niamh Friel, Aibhe McDaid; Jill McGettigan, Nicole McLaughlin; Lauren Gallagher, Shannon McLaughlin, Jenny McGettigan; Ciara McGarvey 0-8,(5fs); Jodie McFadden 0-1, Sophie Curran. Subs: Evelyn McGinley 0-1 for Gallagher 30 mins; Claire Orr for Ella McGettigan 37 mins; Geraldine McLaughlin 1-1 for Curran 43 mins; Rosin Friel for Jenny McGettigan 45 mins,



Termon captain Jamie Leigh Murray with her mum Donna.

Dara Kelly for Jill McGettigan 48 mins. Glenfin - Laura McKenna; Ciara Ward, Sharon McGlynn, Jemma Bradley; Caoimhe McGlynn, Mary Ward, Elaine Melaugh; Grainne Houston 0-1, Karen Ward; Katie Long 0-1 (f), Anna Marie McGlynn 0-1, Kathy Ward; Danielle McGinley, Brenda Carr 1-0, Colene McGrath. Subs: Lauren Martin and Jamie Lee McMahon for Melaugh and McGrath (half-time); Gemma Glackin for Bradley (44), Diane McGlynn for C.Ward (50). Ref: Paddy McGonigle (Buncrana).



Geraldine and Nicole McLaughlin with Shane Callaghan and Paul McDaid



Aibhe McDaid with her parents Brian and Eileen.



Jenny and Jill McGettigan members of the winning team with their father Liam.



Shannon McLaughlin with her mum Eileen.



Lauren Doherty with her dad Eunan and Sarah McFadden



The Termon squad celebrate Sunday's Division 1 league title success at the O'Donnell Park with young supporters.



Emer Gallagher with her mum Rosaleen and Seamie Friel.

Drislane wins Captain's Prize at Portsalon

Rathmullan's Conall Drislane claimed the honours at the Eamonn McConigley's Captain's Prize at Portsalon on Saturday despite some challenging weather at times, the large turnout was a sure sign of the esteem in which the captain is held. Conall came out on top with 40 points to win on break of tie. Conall's foundations were laid early, with pars on the second, third, fifth and eighth holes setting him up with a strong front nine and some steady back-nine golf was enough to secure

the gents Major. Captain Eamon is a local man, some might even say Beck was born within a stone's throw of Portsalon GC, and he has been a long standing member since childhood. In recent times, he has become synonymous as the leading light in our club when it comes to the promotion of youth golf, an endeavour that is starting to bear real fruit. A great night was enjoyed by his guests in the clubhouse to celebrate Captain's Day. The Ladies perhaps benefitted

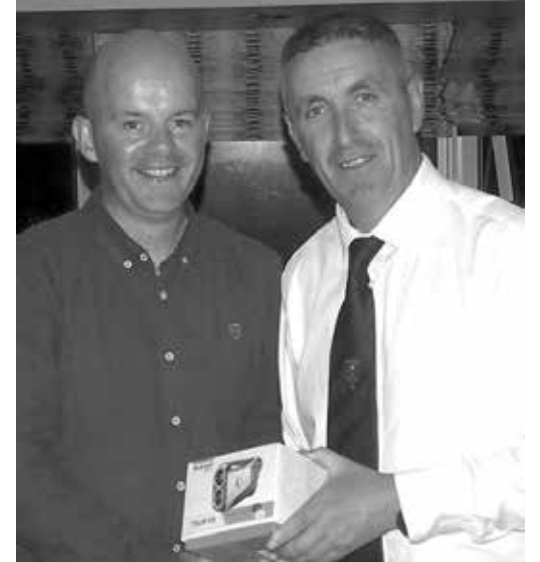


Conal Drislane receiving his Captain's Prize at Portsalon Golf Club from Captain Eamon McConigley.

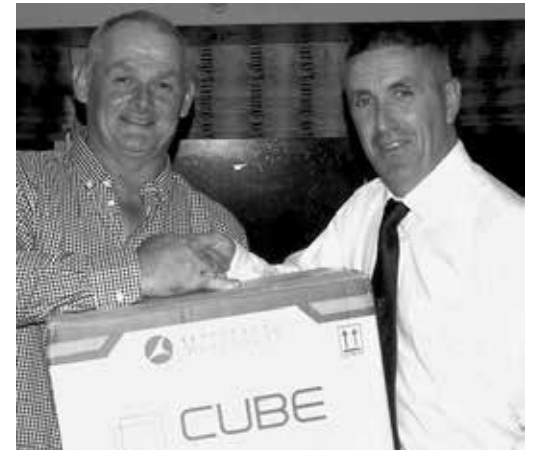
from the fairer weather on Friday evening and it was Deirdre O'Toole that won out, again on a break of tie, with 37 points to take the Captain's Prize for the ladies, providing some appropriate symmetry as Beck had won her own Lady Captains Prize to the gents during her year in office.

Captain's Prize Results: Winner: Conall Drislane (20) - 40 pts BOT; Runner-up: Enda McElhinney (15) 40 pts; Gross: Jamie Foley (2) - 34 gross pts; Third: Sean Barrett (20) - 39 pts; Fourth: Michael Don-

lon (17) - 38 pts; First Nine: Paul Travers (17) - 23 pts; Second Nine: Brian Haughey (17) - 20 pts; Visitor: Tony Kavanagh; Past Captain: Charlie McFadden - 34 pts; Council: Donal Callaghan Snr - 34 pts; Nearest the Pin: Donall Barrett; Longest Drive: Noel McCormick
 Captain's Prize to Ladies - Winner: Deirdre O'Toole (17) - 37 pts BOT; Runner-up: Alison Kilgore (45) - 37 pts; Third: Pamela Clinton (16) - 36 pts; First Nine: Alyson Owens (27) - 20 pts; Second Nine: Mae Blaney (31) - 19 pts.



Enda McElhinney runner up in Captain's Prize receiving his prize from Captain Eamon McConigley.



Sean Barrett 3rd Place winner in Captain's Prize receiving his prize from Captain Eamon McConigley.



Deirdre O'Toole winner of the Captain's Prize for the ladies receiving her prize from from Captain Eamon McConigley.



Ladies winners at Captain's Prize for the ladies at Portsalon Golf Club receiving their prizes from Captain Eamon McConigley at the presentation function on Saturday night are Mae Blaney 2nd Nine Winner and Pamela Clinton 3rd Overall.



Donal Callaghan Council winner in Captain's Prize receiving his prize from Eamon McConigley.



Charlie McFadden Past Captain's winner in Captain's Prize receiving his prize from Captain Eamon McConigley.

Letterkenny

Well done to the club's Minor League and Junior Scratch teams who both recorded good victories over the past week. In their second leg away match against Portsalon, two matches were required in order for Kevin Roche's Minor League team to progress. The team duly delivered with a great win in a match that was very close over the two legs. It means they now go through to the semi final where they will meet Bundoran. The team members in the second leg included: Tommy Grealley / John Russell; Mark Cohen / Paddy McCloskey; Dermot Rainey / Cian Walsh; Chris Nee / Tony Duffy and Noel Duggan / Finian Ferry. Meanwhile Barry Kavanagh's Junior Scratch team played their first round, second leg match against Portsalon on Friday. Leading 3 matches to 2 from the first leg played at Barnhill, the team made the trip to Portsalon needing 2 and 1/2 matches to win. In a close game, Letterkenny

won three of the five matches to progress to the next round. The Donegal League Scratch team are aiming to defend their title this year and they were back in action away to Strabane GC on Wednesday. The return leg is at Barnhill on Wednesday, August 3. Both matches tee off at 4pm. **Results** Sweeney's Spar kindly sponsored Wednesday's open competition and it was John Russell (19) with a brilliant 41 points just a single point to spare from Robbie McHugh, while the in-form Patrick Murray was third on a break of tie on 39pts. Jamie Foley (1) was just one over for his round to take the gross prize with 35 pts. The category winners were as follows: Category 8-16 George Onofrei, 39 pts; Cat 17-21 Finian Ferry, 39 pts; Cat 22-27 Gerry Keeney, 39 pts; Cat 28+ Hugo Daly, 38 pts. The ladies were to the fore in the 3 club challenge on Friday with six of the top seven players made up of lady members.

Congratulations to Deirdre McCarron who was first with 20 points followed by Anne Flannery, 2nd on BOT with 19 points from Lester Speer. Saturday's open sponsored by DMG Motors saw Frankie McNulty (31), win with 42 points. 2nd Hector McElwaine 3rd Peter Kavanagh 40pts BOT. Jamie Foley (2) was the gross winner, with 34 points. The category winners were Category 8-16 Marty McMullan, 38 pts; Cat 17-21 Mark McNulty 40 pts; Cat 22-27 Paddy O'Gorman, 37 pts; Cat 28+ Damien McGlynn, 38 pts. The terrible weather on Sunday ensured a very small field with Philip Friel (10) had the best score on the day with a nett 71 ahead of Adrian Daly (14) on 73. In the Category 4 competition played on Monday, July 18, two players who regularly play in the Monday evening competitions led the way. Cathal Sheridan was first with 31 points over the 13 holes, with Jimmy Breslin second on 30 points.

Fixtures

Cystic Fibrosis Ireland are hosting a charity classic at Barnhill on Friday. On Saturday, July 30 there's the Manor Motors Open and on Sunday, it's the Lady Captain's prize to the men hosted by Triona Daly. Liam Wiseman, our club president, will host his Ladies competition on Tuesday next, August 2nd.

Letterkenny Ladies

In extremely wet conditions, the Revive Active Team, captained by Eileen Williamson and assisted by Monica Mc Donagh were beaten by Narin and Portnoo, having made it all the way to the semi-final on Sunday 24th July. Thank you to all the panel who played this year and thank you to the supporters who braved the elements both home and away to support and encourage.

The Maire O'Donnell Team, captained by Cynthia Fuery and Tracy Spence, won 3 matches on Saturday 16th July. The return leg is on Thursday 28th July in Ballybofey and Stranorlar. Best wishes to the Maire O'Donnell Team and supporters are very welcome.

Lady Captain's Day

Lady Captain, Triona Daly is looking forward to hosting her Lady Captain's Day on Saturday 6th August. A gentle reminder that all Ladies need to have submitted 4 cards by 31st July to be eligible to compete in the main prizes. The timesheet for Lady Captain's Day is now open on the BRS and the Lady Captain's prize to the men is on Sunday 31st July. Here's hoping for some warmer weather in the days ahead.

Seniors Alliance

The Donegal Senior Alliance held an outing at Ballybofey & Stranor-

lar on Thursday 21st July and the winners were: 1st Brendan Dunleavy B & S 10 43; 2nd Charles McHugh Letterkenny 26 41 BOT; 3rd Hugh Gallagher Letterkenny 14 41; 4th Liam Mc Ginley Strabane 23 40; 5th Jimmy Mc Fadden B & S 23 39; Gross Eamon Mc Glinchey Letterkenny 6 29 GP's; 6th Sean Gilroy Letterkenny 23 38 BOT; 7th Gerard Harkin Letterkenny 18 38 BOT; 8th Frank Houston Strabane 20 38 ; 9th Cathal Mc Hugh B & S 21 37 BOT; 10th Patrick Mc Grath Letterkenny 25 37 BOT. CAT A - 1st Damien Carey Strabane 13 36 BOT; 2nd Eamonn P Mc Dermott Portsalon 9 36. CAT B - 1st Patrick Corry Strabane 12 37; 2nd Hector Mc Ilwaine Letterkenny 19 36 BOT. CAT C - 1st Dermot Rainey Letterkenny 18 37; 2nd Ciaran Williamson Letterkenny 16 36. CAT D - 1st Dave Mc Elhinney North West 33 37; 2nd Eamonn Mc Donnell B & S 23 36.



Prize winners in the Speers Drapery Open competition at Letterkenny Golf Club from left, Kevin Rafferty, President, Liam Wiseman, Laurance Duggan and Lester Speer (sponsor).

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Pre-Festival Events

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

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

Festival Weekend

FRIDAY 29TH JULY

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

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

SATURDAY, 30TH JULY

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

10am Mulroy Soccer Academy - Blitz

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

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

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

10pm Music in Fanad Lodge - Johnny K

SUN 31ST JULY

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fanad Festival returns

After an absence of three years the Fanad Festival is back and its based around its usual Bank Holiday weekend. The event is sponsored by Mowi. On Thursday the 29th of July in the Community Centre Tri-a-loch there will be a Disco from 7pm. The selection of Little Miss and Prince Charming will take place and Fancy Dress is optional with entry €5 per child. The weekend begins on Friday the 29th with a Tea Party at Tri-a-loch in aid of the Fanad Community Centre with music provided by local musicians and at 10pm the presentation of the Festival Queen takes place in the Fanad Lodge where Keelan Pritchard will provide the music. On Saturday the 30th of July from Portsalon Pier, Hugh Hunter and his team from Eco Atlantic Adventures are holding family Kayak tours at 9am, 12noon or 3pm. The trip takes two hours and its suitable for children from 8 years up and it will cost €20 per person. Booking is essential with Hugh on 086 2250599. Also at 10am Mulroy Soccer Academy will host a soccer blitz and there will be a History and Folklore of the Swilly Walk leaving from Malachy O'Doherty's Shop at Doaghbeg hosted by Cumann Choisiocht agus Chomhra Fhanada. A Teddy Bears Picnic and Storytelling featuring Goldilocks takes place in the Community Centre at Tri-a-loch from 1 to 3pm. The cost is €7 per child which includes a crepe and drink

and children are asked to bring a teddy and blanket. Booking is advised on 087 715 8214 or 087 7741136. Later in the evening at Tri-a-loch Liverpool Fans will take on Man Utd Fans in a soccer match at 7.30pm. Admission is €5 per person and it will be followed by refreshments in the Fanad Lodge where Johnny K will provide the music. Sunday morning has the Kayak tours from Portsalon Pier and at 10am the Sea to Summit 15k run and walk from the Community Centre to Murrin Hill starts at 10am shart with entry fee €20. The Field Day Activities begin at Tri-a-loch from 1.30pm on Sunday the 31st. The admission is €5 person with a family rate available. There will be individual races including wheelbarrow, egg and spoon, three legged races. The Bonnie Baby and Glamorous Granny will be chosen. There will be a Mini digger competition, quad reversing, penalty shoot out, pet farm, pony rides, bouncy castles, family obstacle course, music chairs, face painting and much more. At 3pm the Fun Dog Show takes place and at 5pm the Car Treasure Hunt beings from the Community Centre and admission is €15 per car. From 6 to 8pm there will be a BBQ night at the Stores Bar in Portsalon with music at 10pm by Bernard McGettigan to round out a busy weekend with something for all ages over the weekend.

Headline musicians at Seisiúin Fhánada

On Thursday night, August 4th two internationally acclaimed instrumentalists will play Seisiúin Fhánada at Fanavolty Hall in Fanad. The legendary accordion player, Dermot Byrne will be joined by Tim Edey. Brendan Quinn will play support and the show starts at 8pm. Admission is €15 and this is a non-ticket event. This is the second this year in the 'Seisiúin Fhánada Sessions' and all have been widely acclaimed in bringing top Irish and international artists to this part of Donegal. Dermot Byrne is one of the country's leading box players with Altan and he's also recorded and performed with The Chieftains: Frankie Gavin: Steve Cooney: Trevor Hutchinson: Donal Lunny featuring the squeeze box: double bass: bouzouki: guitar and bodhran. Dermot was taught to play the accordion by his father and featured on two of the Altan, 'The Red Crow' and 'Island Angel' before becoming a fully-fledged member of the group in 1993. Since then he's been featured on three further Altan albums: 'Blackwater', 'Runaway Sunday' and 'Another Sky'.



Dermot Byrne will be joined by Tim Edey (below) in Fanavolty Hall next Thursday the 4th. Tim Edey plays a host of different instruments and was a double BBC Musician of the year BBC ALBA/Scotland Best Traditional musician 2020, BBC Radio Two Musician of the year 2012, BBC R2 Folk Awards. Tim has toured the world and recorded with most of the major names



The Kerr family, Carland, Kerrykeel celebrating Kerry's All-Ireland Final win over Galway on Sunday on the banks of Mulroy Bay. Included from left - Darragh, Caoimhe, Siofra, Ruairi and Tiernan who watched the decider with great excitement as the Kingdom made it 38 Sam Maguires' - 8 more than the Dubs! Their mum Laura is a native of Tralee while dad Tommy is well known in GAA circles as a former physio with both the Donegal Senior Mens' and Ladies teams. The young Kerrs' are also involved locally with the Fanad Gaels Club.



in Celtic/Contemporary roots music including; The Chieftains, Christy Moore, Sharon Shannon, Ross Ainslie, Natalie MacMaster, Donnell Leahy, Altan, Capercaillie, Brendan Power, Michael McGoldrick, Seamus Begley - to name but a few. Tim is now a name on the world stage in his own right after seventeen years of hard work, is rated by many to be one of the world's finest ever melodeon and guitar players in the folk and contemporary scene today.

Fanad

Death of Madge McLaughlin



The death took place peacefully on Friday night at her home in Drumatrummon, Kerrykeel of Madge McLaughlin. Aged 85, Madge was a well known and highly respected member of the local community. She was born in Dunmore, Kerrykeel, the second eldest of four children. The family later moved to Creevery in Rathmullan and at the age of 14 Madge left school to work on a local farm. She emigrated to Glasgow and took up employment on the buses for a number of years. After she returned home, Madge met John McLaughlin at a dance in Glenalla School. They got married on the 29th December 1976 in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny and set up home in John's native Drumatrummon and on 7th July 1978 their beloved son Daniel was born.

Madge was a member of the household staff at Letterkenny General Hospital and later worked in the Milford Inn.

Much as Madge grieved John's sad passing after 39 years of marriage, she got a lot of comfort from her great neighbours and friends who visited her regularly and did so much to raise her spirits especially during her illness. She was a very kind person and the visits from her granddaughter Melissa brought great joy to her.

Madge had a great love of music and dancing, frequenting the Irish Nights in Kerrykeel and Logues of Cranford. In later years after John's death, her dear friends Kitty Friel and Mary Martin took her out and they became known as the Golden Girls enjoying a busy social life. Madge was a natural at the comical one-liners that would turn tears to laughter with a unique way of lighting the mood of a sad situation.

Madge was a one-off. A real character who will be so sadly missed by her extended family, friends and neighbours.

Madge's remains reposed at her home from Saturday afternoon. Requiem Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel, on Monday morning was celebrated

Coyle to ref All-Ireland Intermediate Final

Fanad Gaels Club woman Siobhán Coyle, will referee Sunday's All-Ireland Intermediate Final between Laois and Wexford (throw-in 13.45). It's the primary schoolteacher's second time to take charge of a national decider after reffing the All-Ireland Junior Final between Fermanagh and Wicklow two years ago which was played at Parnell Park. But, this will be a first Croke Park All-Ireland decider for Siobhán who also played for club last year on the run to to the County Intermediate Final.



referee the senior final between Kerry and reigning champions Meath, who overcame Donegal in the semi-final.

She also refereed the recent Ulster Intermediate Final between Tyrone and Down and the All-Ireland Senior Championship round-robin fixture between Mayo and Cavan.

Donegal Sports Partnership staff member Maggie Farrelly will officiate at the TG4 All-Ireland Senior Ladies final at Croke Park on Sunday which will be played after the Intermediate decider. Farrelly, who is from Laragh, Co Cavan, will

by Fr. Stephen Gorman C.C. Concelebrants were Fr. Pat McGarvey P.P. Fanad and family friend Fr. Neil Loughrey. Readings were by her goddaughters, niece Marie and neighbour Grace Anne-Friel Prayers of the Faithful were read by nieces Anne McCloskey, Eileen McLaughlin and Sheila McLaughlin. Gifts were brought to the Altar by Madge's nephews Paul and Neil Gordon. Music and hymns were by Kathy O'Hara. Madge was laid to rest afterwards in Milford Cemetery where Fr. Gorman said the graveside prayers. She was predeceased by her husband John, brother Eddie and sister Winnie; brothers-in-law Dan, William and Michael McLaughlin Madge is survived by her son Daniel, daughter-in-law Olivia, granddaughter Melissa, sister Teresa, brothers-in-law Willie Gordon and Brendan McLaughlin, sisters-in-law Pettie McLaughlin, Margaret McBride and Celia Kerr, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Madge's family, relatives, friends and neighbours.

Tea Party

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

Sea to Summit Challenge

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

Fanad SVP

The Society of St Vincent de Paul in Fanad is always willing to help any members of our Community who may be



Mulroy Academy 20th Anniversary 3-day Summer Camp

Venue: Trialough, Fanad F92 R281

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Closed for Annual Holidays

The shop will be closed for Annual Holidays from 1.00pm on Saturday 30th July and will reopen on Monday 8th August at 9.00am.

surgery to receive their pre-school vaccines, regardless of whether they are starting school this September or not.

Chronic Disease Management

For CDM patients please ensure you attend twice yearly for your appointments. These appointments are important for enabling us to help you manage your condition well in the community which may, in turn, reduce the likelihood of hospitalisation.

Walk in Memory of Mary T.

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

Fanad Lighthouse - still recruiting!

We are inviting applications for the post of Marketing Officer at Fanad Lighthouse. This will be an ideal post for someone with a 3rd level qualification in tourism/marketing/business and who demonstrates an interest in promoting and developing tourism in the area. This 2 year post is supported by Údarás na Gaeltachta and the successful candidate will be part of a learning network of strategic tourism projects in Gaeltacht areas. Fluent Irish, both spoken and written will be essential. The closing date for applications is Monday 15 August. Full details of the post are available on our website www.fanadlighthouse.com

experiencing financial difficulties at any time. Contact the Society on 0871411200, all matters will be dealt with confidentially. As always and thanks for the public's continued support. If returning to school expenses are a worry for you please contact the local St.Vincent de Paul Society on 0871411200. The Society is always available to help families or individuals experiencing financial difficulties. All matters dealt with confidentially. The Society appreciates the continued support of the local community.

Community Games

Well done to Zara Friel Rosnackill who took part in the provisional finals for the Community Games in Sligo for athletics. Zara won her heat but in the final just missed out on a medal. Well done to her manager Paul Friel.

Planning granted for caravan park extension

Planning permission has been granted for the construction of an extension to a caravan park consisting of 30 new static caravans in Portsalon.

Donegal County Council also granted conditional planning permission for a new sewage treatment plant, new access roads, walkways and all ancillary services at the site in Magherawarden, Portsalon.

The successful application was made by Colm Doherty

Tamney Health Centre Vaccinations

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

Pre-school Boosters

If your child is between 4-5 years of age please ensure they attend the

Restoration project at Massmount church and graveyard

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

It also includes the development of visual plans of all the graves in both Massmount and Fanavolty Cemeteries. There will also be an upgrade of the current facilities in St. Columba's Church, Massmount and to develop

a wheelchair accessible toilet. In order to carry out the above projects, the parish is seeking donations. The estimated cost is around €50,000. An account has been opened in the Swilly-Mulroy Credit Union, details as follows: BIC: SWCUIE21; IBAN: IE45SWCU99215310199025.

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



Gael Fhánada U15 team who faced off against Killybegs at Páirc Uí Shíadhail on Monday evening.

Falcarragh artist exhibition launches Friday



This Friday evening, July 29th, Falcarragh artist, Martin Coyle, will be on home soil to launch an exhibition of his original artworks. Martin hails from Main street Falcarragh but has been resident in London for many years and has won acclaim for his vivid landscapes that he began painting in London during the lockdown. At 7.30pm on this Friday evening in An tSeán Bearc the exhibition will be launched and will feature up to 50 of Martin's paintings. Titled "Thall agus Abus - Here, There and Everywhere", the exhibition will run until August 13th.

Letter to Editor

Bus Eireann challenged over prioritising online seats

It appears Bus Eireann are no longer guaranteeing to accommodate people on their buses who hold valid paper tickets bought at their ticket vending machine in the station, with drivers instructed to prioritise seats for those who have made an online reservation. Online Bus Eireann passengers taking seat priority over OAPs, people with disabilities and those of us who are not computer literate? Should we really allow Bus Eireann to 'downgrade' paper tickets, rendering them an inferior service? Even passengers entitled to free travel, who hold a Travel Pass, will find they don't escape either, as they are also expected to book online and will have to pay €2 for that privilege. One local lady, who recently travelled to Dublin alerted me to these changes. While waiting to board the bus at Letterkenny, the driver announced that, "the bus is full unless you have an online ticket." She challenged the driver and de-

Mevagh Family Resource Centre

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

Centre will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 1st August

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

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

Wins for Orr and McMonagle

Dylan Browne-McMonagle was again successful when partnering 4/7 favourite Good Heavens to win the eight-furlong conditions' race at Cork on Friday evening.

Trained by Joseph O'Brien, the three-year-old led over a furlong from home and raced away to beat his long-absent stable companion Federal by four

Senior Alert Scheme is available from Mevagh FRC. This is a personal monitored alarm for people aged 65+, of limited means. It enables older people to live securely and independently in their homes. Funded by Pobal. The installation and equipment is free and if you connect to a landline, the monitoring is free for the first year. Charges apply to alarms set up via GSM (sim card). Please contact the centre for more information. Tel: 074 9155055.

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

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

and a half lengths.

Meanwhile, Óisín Orr was in the winners enclosure twice on Friday for Richard Fahey at York. The Rathmullan was on board 17/2 shot International Girl to take a two length victory on Good Earth. Orr followed that up on 13/8 favourite Spirit Dancer to win from 4/1 shot What's The Story.

In Memoriam

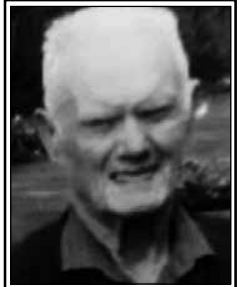
Doherty Charles Anney, Rathmullan 7th Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear friend Charlie who died of 31st July 2015.

Charlie you had a craic for everyone You had a heart of gold You left the best of memories anyone could ever hold.

Sadly missed by Bridget and Tom.

Anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Glenvar on Saturday 30th July at 6.00pm.



McAteer Jackie Carland, Kerrykeel 4th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear Dad and granddad Jackie who died on the 22nd November 2018.

We don't need a special day to bring you to our mind The days we don't think of you are very hard to find Gone but not forgotten.

Always remembered by Danny, Sarah and family.

Also remembering Jackie

Memories are precious they don't go away We think you always especially today

Sadly missed by all your family, the Laughlin, McGrenaghan and Ward families.

Prayer for Publication

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN (Never known to fail)

Oh Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me that here in You are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech You from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity. (Make request). There are none that can withstand Your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee (three times). Sweet Mother I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days. You must publish it and it will be granted. AM EK

Friel Thomas Oughterlin, Rathmullan 8th Anniversary

Treasured memories of a dear friend Tommy who died 31st July 2014.

Along the road of memories that leads us back to you Thinking of the happy times that all of us once knew Somehow dear Tommy we seem to find the way we wander back to meet you on that road to yesterday.

Always in our thoughts never to be forgotten. Charlie, Mary Kate and Aoife O'Donnell, Letterkenny and Anita and Paul Cavanagh, Ramelton.



Ward Wilfie Carland Lower, Kerrykeel 8th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear Dad and Grandad who died on the 26th of July 2014.

Our thoughts are always with you in a very special way not just on your anniversary but every single day.

Loved and sadly missed by David, Adrian, Steven and their families.

Quietly today your memory is kept no need for words we'll not forget.

Always remembered by Bernie and Teresa.

Memoriam Cards & Thank You Cards



Contact Tirconail Tribune 074 91 53600

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council Knockybrin, Letterkenny

We, Sean and Alicia McNulty, are applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission for the construction of a dwelling house with detached garage, connection to a new sewage treatment plant and percolation area, relocation of entrance gates to existing dwelling, Retention Permission for hardstanding area and access road, and all associated works and site works located at Knockybrin, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the townland of Knockybrin. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Planning Office, County House, The Diamond, Lifford, Co Donegal during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

Donegal County Council Glebe, Rathmullan

We, Ian & Yvonne McIvor are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for development at Glebe, Rathmullan, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Glebe. The development will

consist of the construction of a detached domestic garage/store and all associated site development works as part of previously approved dwelling under planning ref no. 21/51340. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority at the County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Planning Authority of the application.

Donegal County Council Meenaclady, Gortahork, Letterkenny

I, Kevin Mulhern, am applying to Donegal County Council for retention planning permission for development at this site at Meenaclady, Gortahork, Letterkenny, Co Donegal. The development is for the retention of an existing commercial garage from a previous use as a domestic garage and continued use of same and to retain all associated external site development works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority at The County House, Lifford, Co Donegal, during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

Donegal County Council Meenformal, Glen

I Jim Grimes am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to construct a detached garage containing a domestic garage, a small shed, a home office and workshop with a toilet and shower with connection to existing sewage treatment system on site at Meenformal, Glen, Co. Donegal in the townland of Meenfor-

mal. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application.

Donegal County Council Pier Road, RATHMULLAN and BALLYBOE, Rathmullan, Letterkenny M.D.

We, Salt n Batter Catering Limited, are applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission to demolish existing Storage Structure and to Erect New Storage Shed to Rear of Existing 'belle's kitchen' (Salt n Batter Catering Limited) Premises at Pier Road, RATHMULLAN and BALLYBOE, Rathmullan, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant Permission.

Donegal County Council Ballaghderg, Letterkenny

We, Barrack Bridge Limited are applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission to retain the fence around the boundaries with all other associated site development works at Ballaghderg, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Ballaghderg.

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 pub-

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

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In Memoriam



Barrett
Con
30th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear father, husband, son and brother who died on 29th of July 1992.

*They say there is a reason, they say that time will heal
But neither time nor reason has changed the way we feel
For no-one knows the heartache that lies behind our smiles
No-one knows how many times we have broken down and cried
We want to tell you something so there won't be any doubt
You're so wonderful to think of but so hard to be without.*

Sadly missed by your wife, children, parents, siblings and extended family.

Anniversary Mass in St Joseph's, Rathmullan on Friday 29th of July at 7pm.



Doogan
Mary Frances
Ballyness, Falcarragh
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother who died on the 31st of July 2020.

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

Always remembered and sadly missed by your husband, Seamus; son, Micheál; daughter, Noreen; daughter-in-law, Noeleen; grandchildren, James, John, Denis & Eamonn; brother, Joseph; and extended family.

Mary's Anniversary Mass with be held in St. Fionan's Church, Falcarragh on Saturday the 30th of July at 7pm and can also be viewed online at <https://www.mcn-media.tv/camera/falcarragh-parish-church>.



Diver
John
Gortmacall, Milford
5th Anniversary

Treasured memories of John, husband, father and grand father whose fifth anniversary occurs on the 8th August.

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

Sadly missed by your loving wife Agnes, Rest in Peace.

*We think of you with love today but that is nothing new
We thought of you yesterday and days before that too
We think of you in silence and often speak your name
All we have are memories and your picture in a frame.*

Always in our thoughts, never to be forgotten, Francis, Peter, Carmel and partners.

*Your life was one of kindly deeds
a helping hand for others needs
Sincere and true in heart and mind
beautiful memories left behind.*

Always remembered by your grandchildren Mark, Toni, Joey, Jynaid and Dhahi.

In loving memory of our dear brother John
Sadly missed by Kathleen and Rosaleen and families.

Anniversary Mass in St. Peter's Church, Milford on Saturday 30th July at 7.30pm.

Our Lady of Lourdes pray for him.



McCarry
Peter
Roshine, Dunfanaghy
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of uncle Peter who died 30th July 2021.

Those who think of him today, a little prayer to Jesus say.

Remembered by Mary Rose and family, Falcarragh.

Mass was offered.

Tel. 074 91 53600
Email: tribune15@gmail.com

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Brid
Doaghmore, Fanad
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear partner, sister, aunt, and friend who died on 1st August 2021.

*I'm missing everything about you, more and more each day
Your 'squeezey' hugs, your infectious smile
the things you used to say
I really wish you could come back
and be with me forever
I'm so thankful for the memories that every day I treasure.
You're still my silver lining
and even though we are apart
You'll stay with me forever pet
always in my heart
Lost without you...
hope you are sleeping soundly pet.*

Love always, Laura x x x

*Our special memories of you Brid will always make us smile
If only we could have you back for just a little while
We'd love to have another walk on Fanad's coast with you
Then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do.
We miss you more and more each day
our lives are not the same
We hold you close within our hearts
and there you will remain.*

Loved and missed by Seán, Catríona, Katie, Hannah, Annie, Molly, Nell and Meg x

*We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name
In life we loved you dearly in death we do the same
It broke our hearts to lose you,
you did not go alone
For part of us went with you,
for the day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories;
your love is still our guide
And though we cannot see you,
you are always at our side
Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same
But as God calls us one by one
the chain will link again.*

Loved and missed everyday Evelyn, Kevin, Edel, Noirín and Caoimhe x

*A special person, a smiling face
Someone we love and can't replace.
Never selfish, always kind
We will treasure the memories you left behind.*

Miss you Brid. Love always Padraig, Claire, Charlie, and Aoife.

First Anniversary Mass in St Mary's Church Fanavolty, Fanad on Monday 1st August at 11am.

Friel

Oughterlin, Rathmullen



Tommy
8th Anniversary



Eamonn
32nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a husband and son who passed away on 31st July 2014 and 5th October 1990.

*Gone are the days we used to share
But in our hearts you are always there
The gates of memory will never close
We miss you more than anyone knows.*

Always remembered by wife Kate and all the family.



Grier
Ivan
Hillcrest, Rameton
3rd Anniversary

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

*Every year on this day I think of you and smile
I sit back on my own and remember for a while.
All the times we sat and laughed
All the times we sat and cried
All the moments we shared together and all the things we tried
Whenever I miss your laughter
whenever I feel sad
I look up to the sky and give thanks that I had such a special Dad
Though you are not here with me, I hope you can hear me say that I'm thinking of you with love on this and every day.*

Loved and sadly missed by your son Stanley, daughter-in-law Debbie and granddaughters Sarah and Leah.

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

Loved and sadly missed by your son John, daughter-in-law Lyndsey and grandson Ryan.

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

Sadly missed son Daniel, daughter-in-law Olivia and grand daughter Melissa, brother and sisters and families.

Anniversary Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 6th August at 6.00p.m.



McFadden
Andrew
Grey Rocks, Milford
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband who died on 29th July 2020.

*We think about you always we talk about you still
You haven't being forgotten and you never ever will
We hold your smile and memory in our hearts and there you will remain
To walk and guide us through our lives until we meet again.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by his wife Dolores and family.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St Peter's Church, Milford on Sunday 28th August at 11.00am



McLaughlin
John
Drumtrumman, Kerrykeel
7th Anniversary

In loving memory of John who died on 2nd August 2015.

*Happy memories keep forever of days when we were all together
Each of us in our own way have special thoughts of you today.*

Sadly missed son Daniel, daughter-in-law Olivia and grand daughter Melissa, brother and sisters and families.

Anniversary Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 6th August at 6.00p.m.

Donegal County Council

Drumman, Ballyarr, Ramelton

I, Martina Carter am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to construct an extension to my existing dwelling. The extension will also provide for self-contained family accommodation and all associated site development works at Drumman, Ballyarr, Ramelton, Co. Donegal in the townland of Drumman. 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

Rosbrackan, Letterkenny

I, Colin Craig am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for extension to existing agricultural sheds including slatted tanks and all associated site works for dairy conversions at Rosbrackan, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the townland of Rosbrackan. 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

Grovehall Or Newtowngrove

I Michael Noonan am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with sewage treatment system, domestic garage and all other associated site development works at Grovehall Or Newtowngrove, County Donegal in the townland of Grovehall Or Newtowngrove. 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

Meenaniller, Derrybeg

I, Patrick McGinley am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with soil polishing filter and all other associated site development works at Meenaniller, Derrybeg, County Donegal in the townland of Meenaniller. 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

Camblestown, Letterkenny

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

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

Kill, Dunfanaghy

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

The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council

Bunnaton, Glenvar

We, Colin & Stefanie Lynch are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for development at Bunnaton, Glenvar, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Bunnaton. The development will consist of the construction of a single storey dwelling with attic accommodation, detached domestic garage with provision of a wastewater treatment system and all associated site works. The development will be accessed via an existing laneway. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority at the County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Planning Authority of the application.

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Family Fun Day Craft Fair and Auction in Dunfanaghy

A Family Fun Day, Craft Fair, and Auction will be held on the Parish Grounds on this Bank Holiday Monday 1st August from 12 noon until 4pm. Events on the day will include Fancy Dress and Bonny Baby at 12noon, Mini Tractor Run at 1pm. Ri-Oga Dance Academy at 1.30pm and an Auction at 2pm. There will also be Various Craft Stalls, Home Baking Toys, Handbags, Parcels, Bric-a-brac, Seeded Plants and much more including a burger stall and teas and coffees.

Other attractions will include a Mini Fun Fair, Penalty Kicks and Small Animals with the musical entertainment being provided by DJ Dave and Josie Cannon.

There will be fun for all the family and admission is free and everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a good day's fun and entertainment.

In the run up to Monday there are also a number of events taking place. This Thursday the 28th sees the annual Treasure Hunt leaving the Parish Hall at 7pm. Saturday 30th July sees the very popular 'Dunfanaghy Crufts Dog Show' taking place on the Green in front of Arnolds at with Registration at 2.30pm. This is always a very enjoyable event.

The annual Service in Clondehorkey Graveyard at Kill will take place on this Sunday the 31st at 4pm. **Community Survey**

A survey has been launched and will continue over the next number of weeks. The Innovating Communities project invites you to take ownership of Dunfanaghy's future, to develop a shared vision, by creating local solutions to local issues, by local people. This survey may identify priorities seen as requiring further action to benefit the Dunfanaghy Community.

The survey can be completed online by using the link:- <https://forms.gle/RJDN8q6Z9wxzBPqX7>.

There is a QR code which can be scanned to complete the survey online. For those who prefer a printed copy, these will be available from the Community and Family Resource Office (Main Street), the Workhouse - Donegal Famine Heritage Centre (Figart), and Revive (Market House). Completed copies can be returned to any of these.

Heritage Walking Tours

Every Wednesday at 2pm through August, The Workhouse operates a guided Heritage walking tour around Dunfanaghy village. These tours share local heritage stories with a total of 10 key interest points within the village. Booking is required as there are a limited approximately 1 hour and 15mins, and the meeting point at The Workhouse. To book call: 91 36540.

Summer Workshops

Kids Summer Workshops with Sorcha O'Malley at The Workhouse every Tuesday from 10.30am - 12pm and 12.30pm - 2pm there are art, poetry, dance and movement classes held

for children between the ages of 7 - 12 and 13 - 16. To book, please call Sorcha O'Malley at: 089 611 5348.

Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga classes with Sorcha O'Malley at The Workhouse every Thursday from 10am - 11am there are chair yoga classes for those looking to build on strength, flexibility and posture. To book, please call Sorcha O'Malley at: 089 611 5348.

Wellness Cafe

Wellness Cafe with Dunfanaghy FRC at The Workhouse, 'Connect with a Cuppa' and call into The Workhouse every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 10.30am - 12pm with a very warm welcome from the team at the Dunfanaghy Resource Centre. The next drop in Mondays are: Aug 8th, Aug 22nd, Sept 12th and Sept 26th. For more information contact: 086 076 6670.

Portnablagh Fishing Festival

The Portnablagh Fishing Festival was held on Saturday with the fishing taking place from 10am until 5pm and was very successful with 9 boats and 29 Anglers taking part.

The results were: 1st Paddy McGinty with 131pts, 2nd Thomas Stewart 85pts and 3rd Jack Robinson

Jnr with 70pts. The Heaviest Fish was caught by Aran Bowyer.

Junior Results: 1st Jack Robinson with 70pts, 2nd Paddy's Boat with 30pts and 3rd Katie McKemey Alcorn with 25pts, 4th Kevin McLaughlin who had the heaviest Junior Fish with 10pts.

Quiz Nights

Dunfanaghy FRC continue fundraising quiz nights on Tuesday evenings at Arnolds Hotel throughout August.

Summer Camps

Summer Camps and Workshops taking place at Dunfanaghy FRC in the next few weeks with - Mosaic workshop: 4th & 5th August for children aged 7-10. 10 places available Cost: €5; Mosaic workshop: 18th & 19th August for children age 11- 14. 10 spaces available Cost: €5 Advanced registration and payment required for all camps and activities. Call in person to the centre if possible to fill in the registration forms

Gartan Open Water Swimmers

The popular Crab Crawl swim continues on Wednesday evenings at Portnablagh Pier. Registration from 6:30pm

at the slipway. Swim starts at 7pm. Entry fee €15.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jamesie Wray came first in the Senior (Over.18) Miscellaneous Competition playing viola at the Ulster Fleadh at the Weekend. He will now compete in The All Ireland Fleadh in less than a fortnight in Mullingar. Good luck to Jamesie in Mullingar.

RNLI Flag Day

The Annual RNLI Flag Day Collections will be held in Dunfanaghy on this Friday and Saturday the 29th and 30th July. The RNLI rely solely on Charitable Donations to continue with their vital work of saving lives at sea around our coasts and on inland waterways. All monies raised on Friday and Saturday will go towards the Downings and Carrigart Fundraising Branch of the RNLI to which Dunfanaghy and surrounding areas are affiliated with and supports the crews of the Lough Swilly RNLI Station in Buncrana and all support would be greatly appreciated for this very worthy cause.

Dunfanaghy Youths hold U10s Blitz

Dunfanaghy Youths held a very successful U10 blitz on Saturday morning and with the exception of one shower, the weather was dry. The pitch in Creeslough was in good condition and the football didn't disappoint. This contributed to 10 exciting and evenly contested matches. The boys and girls displayed high levels of skill, with lots of great tackling, passing and

goals. The frame of the goals were well tested as well on several occasions. The 31 players all received their well deserved plaques at the presentation afterwards.

Thanks to the sponsor Buildcost for the plaques, and to Lorcan Roarty for providing the treats after. The morning all ran smoothly thanks to the help of all the coaches and referees.

Holy Trinity, Dunfanaghy



Fun Day, Auction & Craft Fair

Monday 1st August 2022

12noon to 4pm

Parish Grounds, Horn Head Road.

Fun for all the Family

Fancy Dress and Bonny Baby – 12 midday
Mini Tractor Run – 1.00 pm
RI-OGA Dance Academy – 1.30pm
Auction – 2.00 pm

Various Craft Stalls
home baking, toys, handbags, parcels,
bric-a-brac, seeded plants, books
and lots more
Burger Stall and Teas/Coffee

Mini Fun Fair
Penalty Kicks
Small Animals

Entertainment by DJ Daniel and Josie Cannon

Free Admission



Pictured are winners and competitors in the Dunfanaghy Youth U10 Blitz last weekend.



Creeslough

The late Eddie Carr



The funeral of Eddie Carr, late of Terlin, Creeslough, heard he was a dedicated family man with life-long a passion for fishing. Eddie passed away peacefully at his home on Friday evening after his recent illness that he bore with great dignity. He was 80.

A well-known and highly respected member of his local community, he was remembered as a dedicated family man who had a lifelong passion of angling on his local rivers and lakes, as well as casting his lines further afield. He was also remembered as a strong advocate for anglers rights, something he campaigned for with great success during his life and was a founding figure in the Creeslough & District Angling Association.

Eddie raised his family in the former "Station No. 9" gatehouse along the old Letterkenny to Burtonport railway line in Terlin, a house legendary for its hospitality and warm welcome for all who visit there. That welcome continued all weekend to the many mourners who visited his wake to pay their respects and was a testament to the esteem in which Eddie and the Carr family are held. A very large crowd also packed into St Michael's Church on Monday afternoon for his Requiem Mass where Fr John Joe Duffy said that Eddie's great love of fishing was shown in a prized picture called "Lord of the Manor" which was taken at the Delphi Lodge Estate a number of years ago and was placed close to his coffin in his home during the wake. He stated: "Peter, the Fisherman, will have welcomed this Fisherman into Heaven."

Fr. John Joe also talked in his homily about how a storm could blow up suddenly when all was calm on dry land. "The storm of illness was true for Eddie but it didn't cause too much turbulence because of the support from his wife, Madge, and his family, until twenty-seven minutes past nine on Friday night when he was taken safely home over the waves of the lake."

Eddie was very proud of his family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and taking Madge from her native Termon to Creeslough was a gift indeed, Fr Duffy added.

Creeslough Shop Celebrates



Annette and Danny Martin Lafferty celebrate at the launch of Nearby's 100th Shop at Creeslough Supermarket on Thursday which included an outside broadcast by David James Jive Time Show on Highland Radio and enjoying the celebrations are groups who attended on the day.



Highland Radio outside broadcast team of Cathal McGettigan and David James.



Good to see the spirit of the GAA with volunteers are still alive and well in St. Michael's GAA Club as Naomh Micheal Development Officer Shaun Langan amassed a team to give their Clubhouse at The Bridge a much needed paint. Thanks boys for a job well done Mickey McFaddan, Patrick Langan, Mark Langan, Martin McGarvey, Hugh O'Donnell, Tommy McGinley, Josie McGee, Philip Sweeney, (complete with white hat) and Joe Horan (who saw his native Kerry picking up their 38th All Ireland last weekend).

The local community and facilities for young people was very important to Eddie and he loved to talk about the early days of Doe Soccer Club and the people involved with him in establishing the club. He was also the founder member of the Creeslough Karate Club when he organised weekly visits from Instructor Rory McFadden came from Strabane, something which was a great outlet for young people and lasted for many years. Eddie had worked in London for a number of years as a young man but returned home to look after his parents Hughie and Agnes. Later he worked with the Donegal Oil Co as a lorry driver for many years.

Fr Duffy said Eddie's contribution to local life was even committed to a song penned by John McClafferty of Ards, which was something that Eddie was very proud of.

He highlighted that Eddie and Madge always had a warm welcome to anyone visiting their home and in recent years Eddie enjoyed nothing more than visits from his family members, particularly his grandchildren and two great grandchildren who brought him great joy. Predeceased by his parents Hughie and Agnes,

sisters Sally Kelly and Mary Vaughan, brothers Danny and Paddy.

He is survived by wife Madge, daughter Marjorie, sons Hughie, Dominic, Danny and Edmund "Tootsie", brothers Francie and Bill, and sister Grainne. Daughters in law, sons in law, 12 grandchildren and two great grandchildren, wider family circle and many friends and neighbors who will miss him dearly.

Requiem Mass was concelebrated by Fr Seamus Murphy, Fr Martin Doohan, Fr Rory Brady and Fr Pat McGarvey.

He was laid to rest in Doe Cemetery.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Aisling and Cornelius McMullan, Swillybrin on the death of Aisling's brother Enda Barrett of Ballyconnel, Falcarragh. Sympathy is also extended to Enda's wife, Kathleen and son Aiden, partner Julie and grandson Robin, mother Evelyn, brothers Barry, Kevin, and Brendan, sister Ena and their families. Mass was celebrated in St. Fionan's Church, Falcarragh on Wednesday and Enda was laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery.

Crafters Craft Fair

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

Men's Shed at Ards Friary

Men's sheds have become increasingly popular over the last few years. Friendly and welcoming meeting places for men of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities to come together and work on projects, socialise, share their knowledge and skills, promoting the health and well-being of all involved. The Friars at Ards Friary are keen to participate in this by creating a Men's Shed here on the Friary grounds. On the 4th August at 7.30pm all interested in joining a Men's Shed at Ards Friary are invited to come to a meeting at the Friary to assess interest and discuss the development of the shed. If you are interested but unable to come, please contact Br Ade at the Friary to let us know of your interest. Contact 91 38005, or by emailing adegreenofmcap@gmail.com

St. Michael's Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Mini Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were: 5, 8, 9, 10, 16, 20. There were no Match 5 winners and 18 people matched 4 and their names were drawn, the winner of the €100 was Seamus O'Domhnaill c/o Noel Toye. This week's Jackpot will be €7500.

Bingo

The €200 on the House on Game 9 at the St. Michael's Bingo on Sunday was won by Grainne Williamson, the winner of the €30 was Niamh Galavan, Dublin, the €100 House on Game 5 was won by Oisín Hill, the winner of the €30 was Joan McVeigh.

Dunfanaghy Youths

Congratulations to the winner of last week's 50/50 who was Richie Hunter who won €450.

Appreciation and Thanks

Creeslough Community Association appreciates and wishes to thank Churchill Stone for tarmac job carried out at the Corner of the Garden, beneath the Bridie Gallagher sign. This is now a clean and tidy area and a completed job.

Doe Graveyard Mass

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

The Workhouse Summer Community Craft Fair and 'Wee Hannah Day'



A few of the stall holders and crafters who took part in Summer Craft Fair and in Dunfanaghy "Wee Hannah Day" at the Workhouse Dunfanaghy.

Dunfanaghy Summer Craft Fair

On Wednesday the 20th of July, The Workhouse ran a Summer Craft Fair

that hosted 22 local stall holders and crafters, kids activities ran by Sorcha O'Malley, music by Porter McClister and Ciarán Doyle, a BBQ fundraiser with food sponsored by

Arnolds Hotel for the Dunfanaghy community playground and a Heritage Trail Walk led by Róisín McNally and Rev. Skuce (apologises sent by Fr. Martin) in remembrance of 'Wee Hannah' who died on the 20th of July, 1926. Go raibh míle maith agat to the community who supported this day. Raffle Prize Winners were: 1st Prize: Geraldine Harvey, 2nd Prize: Kevin Boyce, 3rd Prize: Martin Fleming, 4th Prize: Maisie Ferry and 5th Prize: Laura Stewart.



Margaret Doherty and Kathleen Gallagher



Jack and Harry Alcorn



Alan Harley and Gordon Moore



Kathy Ward and Maureen Moore



Robert and Sylvia Blake

Golf News - Golf News

Rosapenna

The Gents Four Ball Better Ball competition played over the Sandy Hills Links on Saturday the 23rd July resulted as follows: 1st - Pat Boyce & Mark Bradley with 37pts. The Gents Singles competition played over the Old Tom Morris Links on Sunday the 24th of July resulted as follows: Cat A (<13)- Michael M. McBride (13) with 36pts; Cat B (14-21) - Albert Strain (21*) with 40pts bot; Cat C (22+)- Simon Chodziesner (27) with 34pts; Gross - John Doran Snr (10*) with 26 gross pts. Two's - David Brock & PJ Giles **Nine & Dine Competition**

The very popular 'Nine & Dine' Competition took place again on Friday 22nd July, played over the front nine of Old Tom Morris Links. Amidst the mixed weather, it was great to see another positive entry, and the competition resulted as follows: 1st - Lisa McGee, Helena McBride, Claire Lenny & Sharon Bradley with 49pts. The next 'Nine & Dine' Competition will take place on Friday 29th July across the Sandy Hills Links (Holes 1-5, 13-18), with all entries via BRS Golf Members App.

Club Matchplay Events

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

See all draws on the members notice board in the front foyer of the Golf Pavilion. All ties in previous rounds which were not completed, coin flips have now been tossed & draws updated accordingly.

Rosapenna Ladies

Once again, super scoring from the ladies this week again in very blustery conditions and once more break

of tie required to separate some of the top scores, with Suzanne Gallagher way out in front way a magnificent score of 42 points. Claire Lenny (16) had the better 39 points to win second prize with Dymna Kelly (20) winning the Category A prize also on 39 points and Category B was won by Marjorie Morrison (49) with 36 points. The nines were won by Helena McBride (20) 19 points BOT and Mairead O'Connell (48) with 25 points. Many thanks to Annek Frozen Foods for their sponsorship this week.

Next Saturday's competition will be the annual Seiko Competition (GOY) with times available on the BRS system, and the monthly 9 hole competition takes place Monday to Friday with entries into the Competition book only and no entry into the computer. The Draw for the Lady Cup is currently on the notice board and 3rd rounds should be completed 31st July.

Summer is here and the Friday Nine & Dine continues this Friday for groups of four, any combination with Tee times bookable from 4pm to 5.50pm via the App, with 2 scores to count at each hole €20 entry fee including food and prizes.

The Ladies Annual Open in aid of the Breast Cancer Unit at University Hospital Letterkenny will take place on Friday 5th August kindly sponsored once again by McBride Fishing Co Ltd, Downings and the Rosapenna Golf Resort. Tee times may only be Booked for this event from 1st August via the BRS App. Members Entry Fee €20 with Visitor Entry Fee €30 payable on the day.

Play has now switched to the Sandy Hills Links in order that the Old Tom Morris course can be prepared for the staging of the Irish Legends Tour being hosted by the Paul McGinley Foundation on the Old Tom Morris Links 16-20th August. Therefore, we ask all players to avoid slow play

and to book on the BRS system. Upcoming Fixtures - July ALL MEMBER GOLF HAS NOW CHANGED TO THE SANDY HILLS LINKS FOR BOTH CASUAL & COMPETITION PLAY AS WE PREPARE THE OLD LINKS FOR THE 2022 IRISH LEGENDS, AUGUST 15th - 21st. ALL TIMES FOR THE SANDY HILLS LINKS WILL BE BOOKABLE VIA THE MEMBERS APP, BE SURE TO CHANGE COURSE VIA THE ICON AT THE TOP OF THE SCREEN. Saturday 30th July, Sunday 31st July and Monday 1st August - The 103rd Leitrim Cup Qualifying sponsored by The Pavilion Golf Shop, Sandy Hills Links.

Portsalon

Charlie Canning Memorial Trophy

The eighth annual Charlie Canning Memorial Trophy takes place this Saturday, July 30th. As always, the open competition is for both Ladies & Gents and the time sheet is now available for booking via BRS. The Canning family welcome all members and visitors to compete for the beautiful trophy in memory of our former Greenkeeper, as well as what is always a fantastic array of prizes on the day.

Barton Cup

Bank Holiday Monday, this year on August 1st, can only mean one thing in Portsalon and it is once more Barton Cup time. The Barton Cup is sponsored by Glen Estates and will remain in the same format, with a nine-hole stableford qualifier to find the quarter-finalists before the knockout stage begins at 1pm on Monday. Timesheet available until 10.30am for qualifying over the Barton Nine.

Lady Captains Day

Mrs Brighidin Hawke will host her Lady Captain's Day on Saturday 6th August and members are asked to indicate their intentions to play by Sunday 31st July in order to facilitate the Captains Draw. There will be time allocated for gents on the timesheet on the day.

Portsalon Ladies

O'Toole wins Mr Captains Prize
Congratulations to Deirdre O'Toole

(17) winner of Mr Captain's Eamon McConigley's Prize with 37pts BOT on a count back from Alison Kilgore (45) 37pts. Third, Pamela Clinton McDermott (16) 36pts, Front 9: Alyson Owens (27) 20pts and Back 9: Mae Blaney (31), 19 pts. Mr Captain, Eamonn recalled his joy of hearing of Deirdre's win as he had won her prize during her Lady Captain's Day a number of years back. Many thanks to Eamonn for a very enjoyable day.

Lady Captains Day



Mrs Brighidin Hawke will host her Lady Captain's Day on Saturday 6th August and members are asked to indicate their intentions to play by Sunday 31st July in order to facilitate the Captains Draw. Further details are available in the locker room.

Maire O'Donnell Cup

Team Captain, Sarah Nicholl and her team travelled to Dunfanaghy on Saturday last for the second leg of their match. After a closely fought round, Dunfanaghy edge out Portsalon to win their matches and progress to the next round. Many thanks to all the players for their time and efforts and best wishes to Dunfanaghy in their next game.

Charlie Canning Memorial Open

This very popular event will take place on Saturday 30th July. There are a few places remaining, to book via BRS or Telephone 07491-59459.

Passing of Mrs Ellen (Nell) McErlean

Lady Captain, Brighidin and the members of the club extend their sincerest sympathies to Secretary, Roseanne Logue on the sad passing of her mother Ellen (Nell) McErlean after a short illness. Nell was a recent visitor to the club and will be fondly remembered by all who meet her. Our thoughts and prayers are with Roseanne, Diarmuid and their families. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

Dates for your diaries

Sunday 31st July: Medal Competition (GOTY), Alt Day 29th July; Sunday 11th August: Members Competition (GOTY), Alt Day 9th August; Saturday 20th August: Mr Presidents Dr Paul Armstrong Day (GOTY); Saturday 25th August: Medal Competition (GOTY), Alt Day 25 August; Saturday 24th September: Past Captains Day.

Drum Bar Golf Society

Ballybofey and Stranorlar Golf Club hosted the latest outing for the Drum Bar Golf Society, Letterkenny on Saturday. The society had 22 players taking to the tee box on a day of good weather and on an excellent course.

Compliments to the bar and catering staff in the clubhouse for the excellent food and hospitality. Thanks to all for a great welcome as always. One of our new society members, Philip Connolly, is playing good golf at present, and he took first place overall.

A special mention too for our past captain Ollie Moran who produced another good score to finish second. It comes after he carded a brilliant score in the Garda Golf Society earlier in the week.

The next outing is Peter McGrath's Captain's Day at Letterkenny Golf Club on Saturday, August 13th.

Results from Ballybofey and Stranorlar Golf Club outing is as follows - Winner, Philip Connolly 36pts; 2nd Ollie Moran 31 pts; 3rd Cathal Sheridan 30pts; Ladies Eileen Crossan; Front 9 Liam Rodgers; Back 9 Brian Kelly.

Cat 1. Peter McGrath; Cat 2. Oliver Duffy; Cat 3. Mary McGlynn; Longest drive, Paul Mc Granaghan; Nearest the Pin, Mary Rose Dullaghan.

FAI Senior Cup

Bohs cup tie at Finn Park

Ollie Horgan has a break from league action this week as Finn Harps prepare to take on Bohemians in the FAI Senior Cup in Ballybofey this Friday night (kick-off 8.00). Horgan will be hoping that a release from the depressing run of league results will give his players a bit more freedom to express themselves against the visitors. Bohs were the beaten cup finalists last year when Georgie Kelly was in the team at the Aviva Stadium against St. Pat's.

The sides have met twice already this season in the Premier Division with both games ending in draws.

On Friday 4th March at Finn Park it was a 1-1 draw at Finn Park. Ryan Connolly got the hosts a 65th minute equaliser after Promise Omochere had given the Dublin outfit a 51 minute lead. It was an eventual night for Omochere who was sent-off late in the game. Omochere won't be featuring on Friday night or again this season on Irish soil after the 21-year-old became the latest young star to leave the League of Ireland this summer after agreeing a three-year deal with League One Fleetwood Town. Bohs had already lost Ireland U21 midfielder Dawson Devoy to MK Dons earlier this month.

Devoy got the opening Bohs goal when Harps played out a dramatic 2-2 draw at Dalymount Park on Friday 15th April. Horgan had been down to 10 players from the sixth minute when Eric McWoods was sent-off. Despite that Filip Mihaljevic put the visitors ahead from the penalty spot on 20 minutes. Devoy fired home the equaliser on 49 minutes and Ali Coote made it 2-1 eight minutes later. Harps then had a second player Ryan Rainey sent-off on 91 minutes. Again the visitors rallied and sub Mark Timlin got a 93rd minute equaliser.

Horgan's men had been scheduled to play Bohs in a third league last month in Ballybofey but it was postponed due to goalkeeper James Talbot getting a Republic of Ireland international call-up. It will be interesting to see how Horgan approaches the cup tie in terms of team selection. Will he rest some players or experiment a bit with the formation? Eric McWoods was back in the squad in Dundalk on Friday night after

injury but wasn't used. Elie Nzeyi was a late withdrawal from the game in Oriel Park due to injury.

Early goals sink Harps at Oriel

Dundalk 3-0 Finn Harps
With just six minutes gone Finn Harps were staring defeat in the face against Dundalk at Oriel Park in the Premier Division on Friday night. It was a horrendous start for Ollie Horgan's side were 2-0 down with Darragh Leahy and Keith Ward scoring early on for the Lilywhites. Steven Bradley made it 3-0 before half-time as Dundalk moved up to second in the top flight. Harps remain second from bottom on goal difference from UCD who lost 2-0 at home to Shelbourne.

Horgan made two changes from the side that started against Derry as Liam McGing made his debut while Filip Mihaljevic came back into the side. Harry Nicolson dropped to the bench while Elie N'Zeyi was absent from the squad after picking up an injury on Thursday night at training. Mark Anthony McGinley had to make an early save from Leahy at the expense of a corner. A second corner was conceded from that set-piece. Ward played it short to Bradley whose effort was blocked but Leahy hammered the rebound past a number of bodies for that third minute lead.

That advantage was doubled in the sixth minute when Lewis Macari, Pat Hoban and Greg Sloggett combined for Ward to tap into an empty net. Harps were in big trouble as the hosts came in search of more goals with star striker Pat Hoban coming close. The visitors did force their way forward too with big Rob Jones heading just over from an Ethan Boyle throw, while Ryan Rainey tested Peter Cherrie with a shot that the keeper could only parry.

A Mihaljevic cross looking for Donelon was cut out by Greg Sloggett. Sloggett was then involved at the other end with a pass to Bradley who curled the ball into the top corner over McGinley to make it 3-0 with 36 minutes on the clock. That was the last goal of the game that was over as a contest well before half-time. Harps needed a good start to the second half and almost got



Eric McWoods makes the 500 Club draws in company with club director Aidan McNellis

it when Donelon's free kick was met by a Conor Tourish but Cherrie was equal to the attempt.

The visitors were fortunate not to go 4-0 down when Daniel Kelly got to a long ball before McGinley and turned it back for Ward whose shot came back off the post. Dundalk - Peter Cherrie; Lewis Macari, Andy Boyle, Sam Bone, Darragh Leahy; Greg Sloggett, Paul Doyle, Steven Bradley, Keith Ward, Daniel Kelly; Pat Hoban.

Finn Harps - Mark Anthony McGinley; Ethan Boyle, Rob Slevin, Conor Tourish, Liam McGing, Regan Donelon; Barry McNamee, Ryan Connolly, Ryan Rainey, Filip Mihaljevic; Robert Jones. Subs: Harry Nicolson and Mark Timlin for Rainey and McNamee 66 mins, Dylan Duncan for Donelon 74 mins, José Carrillo for Jones 83 mins. Not used: Gavin Mulreany (Gk), Adam McCaffrey, Eric McWoods, Luke Rudden, Sebastien Hery.

Harps 500 Club

The July Draw 1 and 2 winners for the Finn

Harps 500 Club are listed below. Congrats to the winners and thanks to all members for being #PartOfTheTeam

Draw 1 July

€300 Paul Flanagan, Dunboyne
€100 Brian Walsh, Letterkenny
€100 John McGinley, Creeslough

Draw 2 July

€300 Oliver Boyle, Donnybrook
€100 Joe Harvey, Letterkenny
€100 Michael Meehan, Mountcharles

Super 4 Lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for Thursday 21st July. The numbers drawn were 7, 9, 12, 13.

The next draw takes place on Thursday 28th July and the jackpot climbs to €1,800. There were five match 3 entries this week, winning €40 each - Lorraine Bradley, Letterkenny; Monica Milligan, Ballybofey; Rebecca Long, Ballybofey; Roxy Doherty, Stranorlar; Katie Doherty, Ballybofey
Enter online via finnharps.ie

Letterkenny Rovers

Congratulations to our club chairman Dessie Kelly who this week was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Football Association of Ireland at their Annual General Meeting. As well as being a lifelong member of the club and chairman for over two decades, Dessie has been a dedicated and committed administrator across so many league organisations over the years, and the accolade is very well deserved.

The club in association with Everton are holding a Summer Camp this week with more exciting plans in our link up with the Merseyside giants to come in the future. It was great to have an FAI delegation at the club on Monday evening to present us with the Clubmark Onestar award and great thanks must go to clubmark officer Donagh McMorrow for his sterling efforts in spearheading the club's application.

The club were delighted to host Derry City v Institute last Saturday in a glamour friendly which City won 2-0. Our two sides did extremely well in the Foyle Cup and made us proud with some marquee results for our u12s and u17s. The u12s finished 7th out of 56 teams while our 17s finished top of the group before losing narrowly in the main quarter finals 1-0 to Altrincham.

The seniors with goals from Simon McGlynn (2) and Gareth Doherty defeated Illies Celtic 3-1 in the Community Centre Cup which followed our Legends 4-2 win over Bonagee with goals from Lee McMonagle (2) and Terence Shiels. Our Seniors are due in friendly action hosting Ballymoney at 2pm Saturday and Kildrum Tigers on Wednesday next.

An extremely busy week on the schoolboys front began on Tuesday as our 12s Rovers defeated Gweedore Celtic 3-1, goals from Sean Gallagher (2) and Ronan Ward and they are away to Bonagee on Saturday at 10am. The 12s Crusaders are away to Illistrin Rovers at 4pm while it's also a 4pm start as our 12s Utd travel to play Bonagee Athletic. The 14s Crusaders host Glen Rovers on Sunday at noon while 16s Crusaders make the trip to Glenree on Thursday at 7pm with the 16s Rovers hosting Ballyraine on Saturday at 4.45pm. The Youths open their Colin Breslin Cup campaign away to Mulroy-Fanad next Wednesday at 7pm.

Tickets for our annual draw are now on sale priced at ten euro or three for twenty euro. Top prize is €3000 with over €5000 in total in prizes and tickets are available from any club member. This week's mini lotto numbers drawn were 1-16-20 and 28. Three people matched three numbers and received €35 each with the lucky winners Noel McGinley, Donal Kelly and Anna Doherty. Next week's jackpot is €6000.

Club bingo continues in the Station House Hotel on Thursday evenings at 8.30pm sharp. Snowball is €2000 on 45 numbers or less. All support appreciated.

Blaney hoping for Motherwell win

Letterkenny man Shane Blaney will be hoping to help Sligo Rovers to advance in the Europa Conference League when they take on Scottish Premier Division side Motherwell in the second leg fixture at the Showgrounds on this Thursday evening (kick-off 7.00). Sligo have a 1-0 advantage after one of the club's best ever results last Thursday night at Fir Park. Aidan Keena was the scorer for John Russell's side while Blaney played his part at the back for the Bit O' Red.

Honorary FAI Award for Dessie Kelly

Letterkenny Rovers stalwart Dessie Kelly has been given honorary life membership of the Football Association of Ireland. Kelly is a long time football administrator at local, provincial level. He was on the FAI Junior Council for many years and also served on the Senior Council. The announcement was made at the FAI's annual general meeting on Saturday at the Mansion House in Dublin.

He served as secretary of both the Donegal Junior League and Ulster Senior League. Currently Kelly is the secretary of the Ulster Football Association and the Chairperson of the Donegal Women's League. He has also been on Donegal Youth League and Donegal Schoolboys League committees. He is also the chairperson of Letterkenny Rovers.

Bonagee United

The U10 team were the Rose bowl

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winners in the Foyle Cup last week congratulations to all players and management and the goals scorer's Matthew Finney (2) and Charlie Carr. Congratulations to all the other Bonagee teams and managers who did well in their games over the week. Thanks to all the helpers for all their time over the week. The USL team were defeated by Letterkenny Legends in the Community Centre Cup 2-0.

They are home this Sunday to Pike Rovers in the FAI Senior Cup kick off in Bonagee is 2pm. The senior ladies team defeated Lagan 3-0 goals from Bronagh Gallagher, Eimear Sweeney and Deborah Kerrigan. Dancing to Eddie Gallagher and Anne

McGroary this Saturday night 30th in the Bonagee hall doors open at 8-30 Adm €10. Hall and Astro pitches are available for hire contact the club office on 9178787 for details. Fixtures underage U16 Div1 home Thursday 7pm. U12 Div 2 home Saturday 4pm. U14 Div1 home Sunday 12 noon. U12 Div1 home Sunday 10am. U12 Prem home Saturday 10am. Please note that all games are in Goose Green.

Lagan Harps FC

We had a really hectic week in the Foyle Cup with teams from u/8 to u/17. Thanks to all the sponsors, coaches, parents and especially the kids for their efforts through the week. We had some great team performances and some dramatic finishes. It wasn't easy with a couple of really hot days, weather wise. Our u14As were in league action where they had a 3-1 home win over Glenea Utd with Aiden Devir getting a hat trick. The Club wishes a speedy recovery to Joe Gibson who suffered a bad arm injury in a recent 7 a side. We would also like to extend our condolences to senior player Maria Carr and family on the death of Eddie Carr. May he rest in peace.

Nikki getting ready for 2022 Donegal Half Marathon

Nikki Bradley is gearing up to take part in next month's Donegal Half Marathon. The Milford-based motivational speaker underwent an operation in Birmingham earlier this year to have her right leg amputated. She also had a new knee joint constructed from her right foot.

"I'm really looking forward to participating in the Donegal Half Marathon for a second time," commented the cancer survivor who is well known for her exploits as an adaptive adventurer. "I first took part in the event in 2019 and what I loved about it was the fact that while I was really slow, there was no pressure on me to go fast and I was able to talk to people as they passed me. That really kept me going and when I came in, I thought I was absolutely last as the ambulance crew was behind me. But that didn't bother me at all. It was all about participation and I absolutely loved it," she said.



"I'm so excited and I'd encourage as many people as possible to sign up for the 2022 Donegal Half Marathon and get active. You can bring your friends and family and have the best day. I know I will." The 2022 Donegal Half Marathon takes place on Sunday, August 28th in Letterkenny at 9.20am and will be sponsored by the Kernan's Retail Group, with support from Donegal Co Council, Optum, Donegal Sports Partnership, and Donegal Volunteer Centre. To register for next month's event, visit www.njuko.net/donegal_half.../select_competition

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English focus on Euros after Oregon exit

Mark English has quickly turned his attention to the European Championships in Munich which takes place from 11-21 August. That's after the Letterkenny native failed to make the 800m final at the World Athletics Championship in Oregon, USA in the early hours of Friday morning. The Finn Valley AC member finished fifth in his semi-final in a time of 1:45.78, narrowly missing out on a place in the final. A day earlier the medical doctor had run his second fastest ever time of 1:44.76 in the World 800m heats taking third place. That was just 0.05 seconds off his Irish record. English was upgraded to third after Jonah Koeh of the US was disqualified.

Martin managing at World U20s

Finn Valley's Neil Martin will be the Irish Team Leader at the World U20 Athletic Championships in Columbia which start on Monday week, August 1st at the Estadio Olimpico Pascual Guerrero in Cali. Martin is vastly experienced in coaching and managing at international level. Drimarone' Shaun Gallagher will be one of the technical officials for the Race Walking event in Cali. Competing at the Championships will be Tir Chonaill AC hurdler Lucy McGlynn who is entered in both the 100 and 400 metre heats.

Ireland coaching job for Chloe Magee

Chloe Magee is coaching Team Ireland's badminton players at the Summer European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF) which is on this week and finishes on Saturday. It's a multi-sport event for the 14-17 years age group and is taking place in Banska Bystrica, Slovakia.

FAI Intermediate Cup

Bonagee host Pike Rovers

There's a huge match for Bonagee Utd this Sunday in a first round FAI Intermediate Cup as Jason Gibson's side host Limerick side Pike Rovers at Dry Arch Park (kick-off 2.00). Pike have a big reputation in non-league football nationally and are previous winners of the FAI Junior Cup. Milford Utd don't have good memories of playing the Limerick outfit in a last 16 Junior Cup time at Moylevue Park in February 2012. It ended in a heavy defeat for the hosts. Last May, Pike lost their third FAI Junior final in six years following a 1-0 loss at the hands of Waterford outfit Villa FC at Turners Cross.

So Bonagee won't underestimate the opposition but at the same time Gibson will surely fancy his chances of guiding Bonagee to a victory. The likes of Packie Mailey, Gareth Harkin, Darragh Ellison and Tony McNamee have played on the big stage so it should make for an interesting spectacle on Sunday. However, McNamee is a doubt for the game due to an ankle injury.



Kilmacrennan players Caolan McTaggart, Daniel Drumond and Jamie Toland who were members of the Donegal Schoolboys squad who won the U13 Foyle Cup on Friday in Derry. They defeated Inishowen side 2-0 in the final.



Oisín McShane, Illistrin with his father Fabian after winning the U13 Foyle Cup in Derry on Friday



The Donegal Schoolboys squad and management team after winning the U13 Foyle Cup on Friday in Derry.

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