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Suckler farmers fear income loss

As Ireland's proposals for the new CAP continue to be analysed in Brussels, fears have emerged that 350,000 cattle in the national suckler herd may be excluded from payments in the new raft of rules that are now being considered. There are 800,000 cattle in the suckler herd with an estimated 1.6 million in the dairy sector. At the same time the INHFA say they've

also been left with a deficit of information in relation to plans to rewet and rewild 741,316 acres of Ireland's land mass and how that will impact on farm incomes. In relation to the future direction of the suckler herd it is also believed that payments will be linked to the Bord Bia quality scheme: according to Seanie Boyle of the INHFA in west Donegal.

He said the future of the suckler herd, especially in this county, is only one of the many issues of concern that are coming to light as the farm sector looks to the end of the current CAP deal on December 31st. Mr. Boyle said that this will see the end of all payments from Brussels and future income will be subject to compli-
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Donegal roads allocation down by €10m

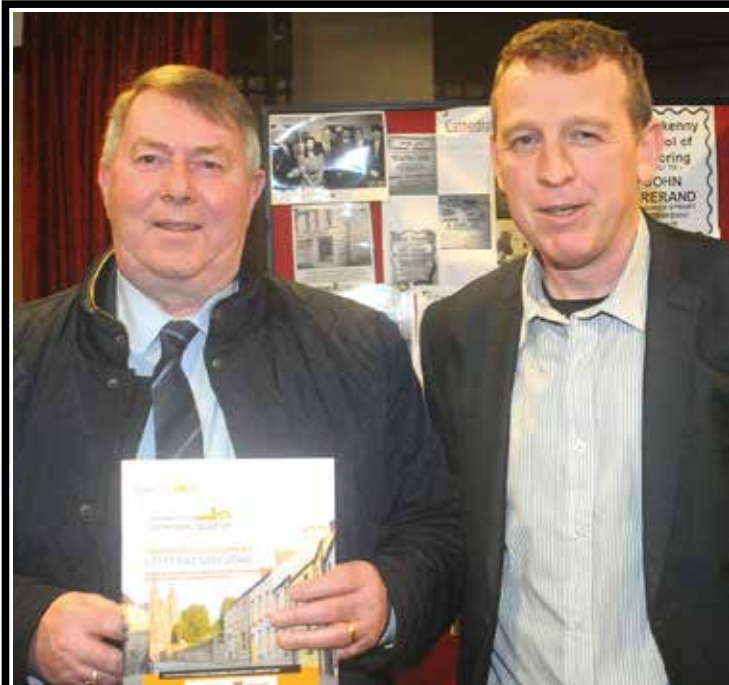
Donegal's roads budget for 2022 has fallen by around €10m compared to last year, figures show. **by Eamonn McFadden** A statement from the County Council this week highlighted that a budget of over €70 million has been allocated to the maintenance of the county's road this year. Comparative figures across the same spending modules show

that last year's allocation was just over €80m. While there are increases in Dept of Transport and National Transport Authority funding, there is a significant drop in funding from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) of around €12m. Reacting to these figures Sinn Fein TD, Pádraig MacLochalinn said they need to be clarified by the authorities. He stated: "If there is a statement that doesn't seem to highlight a re-

duction in funding but looks positive at the first read, we need to know why. So, I think it's important to get the full facts". Donegal Co. Council's statement said that on February 15th the Dept of Transport confirmed allocations of more than €35m for county Donegal for 2022. They said that added to the TII funding of €29.5m confirmed in December and the National Transport Authority funding of

€5.6m confirmed in January, this equates to a total allocation of approximately €70m for maintenance and upgrades to the county's roads and cycling and walking infrastructure in 2022. Comparative figures show that in 2021 over €42m was allocated in Donegal as part of TII's grant allocations for national roads. The breakdown shows €41m went on improvements while €1m went on maintenance,

with no listed allocations for any greenway projects. This is a drop of over €12m compared to the 2022 allocation. The 2022 TII funding details that €2.5m has been allocated to greenways, €25.8m for improvements and €1m on maintenance. However, the figures also show the 2022 allocation from the Dept of Transport was up 4% from last year's allocation of €34,407,556 and the National Transport
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Cllr Gerry McMonagle with Donnan Harvey at the launch of the Letterkenny 2040 document on Thursday night in Dillon's Hotel. Photo by Declan Kerr.

Termon launch for memoir of the 'Troubles'

A new memoir about 'The Troubles' in Northern Ireland will be launched in Donegal, at the Lagoon Lounge in Termon on this Friday at 7pm. Paddy McMenamin, the author of "From Armed Struggle to Academia" will be joined for the launch by John McAteer of the Tirconail Tribune and there is an open invitation to the public to attend. 'From Armed Struggle to Academia' is the title of the book and Paddy will sign copies. It is his third publication. He's already been clocking up the miles promoting the book with visits to Galway, Glasgow, Belfast and Castlebar along with radio interviews in Galway and Ballyhaunis. Next week the Dublin launch is at O'Shea's in Temple Bar on March 12th between 1-4pm. The book has been serialised in recent weeks in the Tribune and



Paddy is an accomplished writer, a columnist and pod-caster. He is a native of Belfast and has close Donegal links with his mother born in Termon. Ahead of Friday night Paddy said: "My story is of an ordinary working-class youth who became involved in something extraordinary; a story of armed struggle, death, prison ships and prison camps. This morphed into life in Donegal, family and work, and then a return to academia, graduating as a 'Teacherman', and a new life in Galway. In writing this memoir, I've found it to be a story representing those I grew up with, those who embraced conflict on the streets in the '70s and the years in Long Kesh; they were friends for life with an unbreakable bond. Many didn't survive the conflict and others succumbed to the passage of time in recent years."



Bishop Alan McGuckian presenting Benemerenti Medals to Brigid and John Pat Carr and Mary Bowden in St. Catherine's Church, Oughterlinn on Friday night. Also included are Fr. James Friel and Fr. Martin Collum. Full story Page 20.

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Cathedral Quarter presents 2040 vision

The Mayor of Letterkenny Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh launched the Cathedral Quarter's briefing document for Letterkenny 2040 on Thursday night in Dillon's Hotel. The document is focused on their vision for the regeneration and revitalisation of the town centre in the Letterkenny Master Plan 2040. The document offers ideas for projects that have the potential to transform not only the built environment but also the life and heart of the town. Chairperson of the Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter Committee Laurie McGee said her group had proven that community pride comes from an appreciation of the past.



Cllr Donal Kelly with Donnan Harvey and the Mayor Jimmy Kavanagh at the launch of the Letterkenny 2040 document on Thursday night in Dillon's Hotel.

CEO of Letterkenny Chamber Toni Forrester said the document was an opportunity to build on the heritage of the town and she pledged that the Chamber would work in partnership to make that happen. Also among the speakers was Lee Gooch who bought a house on the Church Lane some years ago and undertook a major renovation job which is now completed.

The briefing document has proposed the development of a new public realm space at Grieve's field below the graveyard along the Church Lane. The authors say the vacant land is ideally positioned in the Cathedral Quarter area for a public open space. "We worked with the architectural technology students in LYIT to develop a concept plan to visualise how the field could be transformed into a multi-purpose outdoor public recreational space."

They also want to see support for existing architectural conservation plans and improvements to streetscapes. The document also has a vision of new walkways connecting streets within Letterkenny Town Centre like between Church Lane, Speers Lane and Upper Main Street. "We would welcome regeneration plans to build upon our voluntary work to promote the existing cultural heritage attractions within the Town Centre and to make these attractions accessible and amenable to visitors."

The committee would also like to see the inclusion of the 'Cathedral Quarter' as a designated zone within the town centre and the establishment of a community hub in a derelict building along the Church Lane. They have also called for the setting up a 'Civic Trust' which would employ a Regeneration and Development team to lead out on a range

of projects within Letterkenny Town Centre.

"We would like to work with partners to explore the feasibility of establishing craft facilities and businesses within derelict buildings, an artists studio and amenities for artisan craft producers, similar to the concept of the Craft Village in Derry."

Master of Ceremonies was the Cathedral Quarter's special adviser Shane Toolan. Other speakers included Committee Secretary Donnan Harvey, Stephen Barrett (International Fund for Ireland) and Sinead McCauley from the Regeneration Section of the Council before Mayor Kavanagh officially launched the document.

The Cathedral Quarter Committee said that the launch had a common thread throughout all the speeches which was collaboration and how different organ-

isations can all work together for the betterment of Letterkenny. "By different stakeholders working with each other, we can make the town a better place to live, work, visit and invest in."

Among those in present were Cllrs Gerry McMonagle, Donal Coyle, Donal 'Mandy' Kelly, Senator Niall Blaney, Kristine Reynolds President of Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce, Joe Gallagher and Jo Anne McMenamin of Donegal Co. Council, Mary Kerrigan, Rev. David Houlton from Conwal Parish Church, Judith McCarthy of Donegal Co. Museum, Charlie Gallagher from County Donegal Historical Society, Jim Lynch, Josi Gomes, Pauric Hilferty, Katherine Davem, Allan Gould and Rosa Nic lochlainn from Coláiste Ailigh.

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Table Quiz in Ballyare

There will be a Table Quiz every Wednesday night in Carr's of the Diamond in Ballyare. The quiz began on Wednesday the 2nd of March at 9.30pm and everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun and win a prize if your lucky.

RNLI to hold Fundraising AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the local area Lifeboats Fundraising Branch (796455) takes place in The Harbour Bar, Downings on Friday night, 4th March at 7.00pm. Due to Covid Restrictions, there was no AGM held during 2020, but the Committee in situ then agreed to continue in office for a further year. New Volunteers are always welcome, and this is the ideal opportunity to lend a hand to 'our crew' when they raise much needed funds to keep the Fleet and Volunteers ready for action at all times, every day, every week, all year every year. Area Fundraising Manager Brian Wilson will also be in attendance, and as this is an Open meeting, everyone is welcome to attend to ask about finance, fundraising, equipment, training or whatever. As there was no Face to Face fundraising during past 18 months, the Club are anxious to get a plan of events ready for 2022, so your input would be greatly appreciated.

Anam Cara

Online Bereavement Information and Support evening for bereaved parents only taking place on Wednesday 9th March. Starting at 7pm, our guest speaker is David Tricky, a UK based professional who specialises in working with family members who have experienced a traumatic loss or event. For this event, David will be addressing bereaved parents whose son or daughter died in traumatic circumstances. Explaining how traumatic grief can impact them and what they can do to help themselves or another family member. This will be followed by a 'Question and Answers' opportunity with David. If you have any questions about this event or about Anam Cara's resources and the online and face-to-face groups for your area, please get in touch on l.milligan@anamcara.ie or call 085 2888 88.

jections listed against the development. Concerns had been raised by local residents over the location and height of the proposed structure in the popular seaside holiday location. It is understood those who objected to the initial planning application were informed by letter last week that the matter was being appealed by the company and details of it are presently listed on the Bord Pleanala website. A decision is expected by June 20th.

Carrigart social housing update

Cllr Liam Blaney has been told that the planned Carrigart social housing project is at preliminary design stage but there were difficulties identified in relation to the ground conditions and access arrangements. "We are not in a position to provide a clear timeline at this stage but we will keep Cllrs advised of progress," the Council said in their written reply.

FITNESS Resolutions

Classes continue at the Boardwalk, Carrigart
(beside Hooked Restaurant)

Pilates Classes - Wednesday morning 9.30 - 10.30am
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Housing developments get the green light

Planning permission has been granted for a number multi-residential housing developments.

Conditional planning permission has been granted to McHugh Bros (Builders) Limited for a development at Windyhall Road, Windyhall, Letterkenny. It allows for the construction of 21 residential units over 5 blocks.

Dorrian Construction Limited have been granted conditional planning permission for a development at Ramelton Road, Ballyboe Lisnennan and Magheranan in Letterkenny.

It allows for the construction of 25 residential units over 6 blocks.

In Dunfanaghy, Sheephaven Properties have been granted conditional planning permission to construct a seven dwellings development with on

site primary treatment plant discharging into the existing public sewer and all associated site development works at Rinnaraw, Portnablagh.

Rathmullan mast decision appealed

A communications company that was refused planning permission to erect a 30 metre telecommunications mast in Rathmullan is appealing the decision to An Bord Pleanala.

Vantage Towers Limited had applied to construct the 30m high lattice telecommunications support structure together with antenna, dishes and associated telecommunications infrastructure with a proposed access track at Rathmullan and Ballyboe, but this was refused by Donegal County Council. There were seven ob-

Food for thought



Rev. Mark Loughridge

The words of Psalm 2 summed up our studies:

"Therefore, you kings, be wise;

be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling.

Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him."

The day will come when all in power will answer to the King of Kings. They do not have the final word. But why does he not intervene and bring justice right now? He may well do - Putin and others may find that out the hard way that their "way leads to destruction". But he is also patient, giving men and women - you and me, and even Vladimir Putin - time to come to him, to

A charging bear - be wise, Mr Putin

Last Thursday we awoke to the news that Russia had invaded Ukraine. The veiled but chilling threats of Vladimir Putin to use nuclear weaponry should other nations intervene set this on a much more precarious footing than any other conflict.

I grew up in the Cold War years with its talk of ICBMs (Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles) and Strategic Defence Initiative (nicknamed the Star Wars programme) and nuclear winters. It was a world of uncertainty and fears. Putin's words were calculated to evoke all of those memories so that he could get his own way unhindered.

On Friday morning I turned to the next verses in my daily Bible reading schedule. They were from the book of Proverbs:

"Like a roaring lion or a charging bear is a wicked ruler over a helpless people.

A tyrannical ruler practices extortion, but one who hates ill-gotten gain will enjoy a long reign." (Proverbs 28:15,16)

How appropriate. And so, reminded that there is nothing new under the sun, and that God's word has delivered his verdict on unjust and wicked rulers I turned to prepare my sermon for Sunday on the next passage as we study the biblical book of 2 Samuel - a story of kings and kingdoms, of justice and injustice.

And again I found the same themes to set our hearts at rest: God the Father has set his Son to rule; that one day he will make all things right; that he is a King of unflinching justice who will punish those who use brutality and force to achieve their own ends; and that kings, presidents and politicians will one day have to bow the knee to Jesus Christ.

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Property Auction News



BRG Gibson Online Auctions sold 20 Meadowbank Park Letterkenny (*above*) sold for auction on the 4th of February for €137,000. The AMV was €100,00 for the four bedroomed semi detached house which saw two bidders placing 38 bids during the auction which lasted around 15 minutes.

The house with a partially completed garage has oil fired central heating and pvc windows with enclosed front, side and rear gardens. It is within walking distance to Letterkenny Hospitals and all amenities.



While last Thursday the 24th of February No. 49A Gleann Tain Manor in Letterkenny (*above*) sold for €72,000 at auction. Two bidders placed 12 bids for the property which had a AMV of €50,000. The two bedroomed first floor apartment is 700 square feet in size.

One of the busiest sales last Thursday was a country cottage and land at Ballyhallion, Clonmany which attracted 48 bids between four bidders. The AMV was €50,000 for the detached house which requires remedial work and 8.8 acres of land was sold for €168,000.

No sales

No 7 at Radharc na Seasca in Dungloe a three bedroomed semi-detached house and a three bedroomed semi detached house at The Hawthorns, Ardaravan in Bunrana both failed to attract any bids.

Relay for Life marks tenth year

The Donegal Relay for Life Cancer committee marked ten years in existence with a special conference in the Mount Errigal Hotel on Saturday. It was the first time for a live meeting of the local organisation in two years as they look forward to the 10th Relay for Life on the 28th and 29th of May in Letterkenny. The theme of the conference was 'Remember you are not alone' and that atmosphere of support for people and families coping with cancer was very evident as guests spoke about different aspects of a

hugely challenging health condition. Saturday was also a significant occasion for Relay for Life Donegal as they launched the first support programme for schools in the country. The initiative will assist teachers to support students where cancer issues arise be that at an individual or family level. The programme had been in pipeline but was paused with emergence of Covid in March 2020 and by the untimely death of Nora Friel a former Principal at Loreto Convent in Letterk-

enny who had been working on its content along with Mulroy College Milford Principal Fiona Temple. Charlie Collins was the MC for the event and among the speakers were Relay for Life Donegal Chairperson Robert O'Connor and the CEO of the Irish Cancer Society Averil who joined by video link. Sharon Goff from the Irish Cancer Society spoke about the delivery of the new support programme for schools which will be available at both primary and secondary level to equip teachers with the appropriate skills to interact with students when it comes to cancer. Saturday's conference also got an update from Dr Janice Richmond and Mary Grace Kelly on the progress of the Letterkenny University Cancer Research Project. A review of the last decade on cancer statistics, treatment and research was given by Dr. Rob O'Connor Head of Research with the Irish Cancer Society. Survivors' experience stories were told by Donal Kavanagh and Paul McLoone while Joan Burke spoke about coping and counselling. The Relay for



Sharon Goff (Irish Cancer Society) with Principal teacher Tracey McBride who is involved the rollout of a new support programme for staff in schools. Life's Survivors Choir was also in attendance and there was a live yoga session with Sarah Marie McDevitt. Dr. Rob O'Connor told the conference that in the last ten year the incidence of cancer had increased by about a third with the primary reason being that more people are living longer. However, he pointed out that the deaths from cancer were not increasing at similar rates. That he said was due to better treatment regimes and earlier diagnosis. Enhanced screening programmes have been hugely beneficial as has awareness initiatives in schools.



Mary Kate O'Donnell with Martina Harley and Bridgeen Doherty at the Relay for Life Conference in the Mount Errigal Hotel on Saturday

Rachel Akkoç's cancer story

Letterkenny woman Rachel Akkoç and her 16-year-old son Ziya are featuring on the Irish Cancer Society's Daffodil Day 2022 advert this year.

by Declan Kerr

49-year-old Rachel who was in attendance at the Donegal Relay for Life Cancer Conference in the Mount Errigal Hotel on Saturday has told her story of the diagnosis and the challenges that she and her family have faced over the past three years. Ziya was just a first year secondary school student when he learned of his mother's cancer and it hit him hard.

Rachel tells her own cancer story. "It was November of 2018, I had been experiencing intermittent breast pain for about two years prior to this and the doctors had always told me this was nothing to be concerned about.

"As the pain got progressively worse, I trusted my gut and went to my GP. She discovered a lump in my left armpit and I was referred to my local breast clinic. On the day of my appointment at the clinic I was told that I had breast cancer, they felt they didn't need to wait for the biopsy results to tell me. I later learnt that the cancer had also spread to my lymph nodes.

"I remember that day well as it was the day Storm Diane hit the country. I will never forget walking to my car alone, with the wind and the rain hitting me and feeling so numb and in shock from



Rachel Akkoç (centre) with Donegal Relay for Life Chairperson Robert O'Connor and Donal Kavanagh.

what I had just been told." Rachel began chemotherapy but only managed two sessions initially, as she was hospitalised after both and experienced problems with drug intolerances and other pre-existing medical conditions, leaving her faced with the difficult decision as to whether to continue treatment or not. She opted to move straight to surgery. Following surgery, she was referred back for more chemotherapy using a different drug combination, but didn't manage to complete the recommended course, again due to side effects. She then went on to receive radiation, and antibody treatment

injections. She will also be on Tamoxifen for ten years. For support during her diagnosis and treatment, Rachel used a number of Irish Cancer Society support services including the counselling service and the Daffodil Centre. "When I was first diagnosed, it triggered an episode of depression and anxiety. I was very fortunate however, as I was pointed in the direction of the Irish Cancer Society's free counselling service, which I availed of. "From that, I was also referred to the Daffodil Centre in my local hospital, which I hadn't ac-

tually heard of before. My husband and I went in there and spoke with a lovely nurse who offered us advice and support on the many aspects of a cancer diagnosis, from the financial impact, to how to tell your children about your diagnosis.

"The nurse also referred me on to a course called 'Look Good, Feel Better' which works to boost your self-esteem while going through cancer treatment. I found that incredibly helpful."

Rachel says her cancer diagnosis was very hard on her family and that her two sons basically had to cope without their mother for a year and a half. "I was physically and mentally unable to be present as a mother, or indeed as a person throughout my treatment, which was very upsetting and had a huge impact on us."

On learning of his mother's diagnosis, Rachel's son Ziya says, "I was in first year of secondary school and it was all such a massive shock, it hit me so hard and put a dent in my life. I had never dealt with something so difficult before."

On sharing her story as part of the advert, Rachel says "We are delighted as a family to be given the opportunity to share our story. The filming has allowed us to tell our truth about our cancer experience. Our experience was often very difficult, but in many ways, being a part of this advert has brought a sense of closure. I'm a big believer in making positive opportunities come from something bad like cancer."

Dark shadow over Europe

A darkening shadow of authoritarianism is being cast over Europe. The invasion of Ukraine makes that shadow a shade darker. The shadow, though, is not just falling on the East. It is extending as far West as us. In London Chris Mullin is appearing at the Old Bailey. The journalist and former MP exposed the frame-up of the Birmingham Six. Mullin is challenging an order under the Terrorism Act.

That's a sign these are dangerous times. The notes are in connection with the Birmingham Pub Bombings of 1974. Twenty-one civilians were killed in two bomb explosions.

From those incidents flowed one of the most notorious miscarriages of justice of the 20th century. That was the wrongful imprisonment of the Birmingham Six. They were just six Irishmen in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Mullin put great energy into establishing the extent of the miscarriage of justice. He was central to the Six being freed after 15 years in prison. He wrote a book 'Error of Judgment: the Truth about the Birmingham Bombings'. He was also responsible for several television documentaries. Mullin achieved this because he spoke to some of the real bombers. They did not even know any of the Six.

Mullin is rightly refusing to name his sources. That is a central principle of journalism.

In that he has the full support of his and my union, the National Union of Journalists. First of all, he was able to establish the innocence of the six because he agreed not to name his sources. Had they thought he would 'shop' them to police, they would never have talked.

Mullin put it all well himself: "If West Midlands Police had carried out a proper investigation after the bombings, instead of framing the first half-dozen people unlucky enough to fall into their hands, they might have caught the real perpetrators in the first place. It is beyond irony. They appear to have gone for the guy who blew

In both Russia and Ukraine, limited democratic liberties are under further threat. Further West, governments are tempted to never let a good crisis go to waste. Thus the British government is seeing the crisis as a good time to bury bad news. The Ukraine War has the same function as 9/11.

That is why many are unaware that a leading journalist, Brian Mullin is in court at the Old Bailey challenging an order under the Terrorism Act.

His investigative work exposed the frame-up of the Birmingham Six...

the whistle."

We should remember the case of the Birmingham Six was very embarrassing for the British Establishment. It raised fundamental questions about the poor quality of British justice. And about the role of senior police, judges, politicians and civil servants in events.

The notes being sought date from the mid-1980s. It is known since then that Mullin had them. He published his book on the bombings in 1986. He made documentaries in subsequent years. We can assume that some police officers must have read it at the time. Many must have been aware it included information. Others must have, even casually, watched television.

Michelle Stanistreet, the General Secretary of the National Union of Journalists, has well explained why we are supporting Mullin: "I have deep sympathy for those who lost loved ones in such shocking circumstances. But I am just as clear that the NUJ will be backing our member to the hilt. In doing so, I hope that we can persuade the broader public that far from hampering justice, it is Mullin's steadfast determination to protect his sources that has inched this whole sorry episode towards just resolution.

"... It is hard to think of a journalistic campaign that was braver at its inception, more doggedly pursued, nor that has been so spectacularly vindicated. Had Mullin not persisted as he did, it is highly likely that 'the Birmingham Six' would still in prison, rather than being recognised as victims themselves."

For journalists it is very important to re-

fuse to name sources. Journalists can only operate successfully on that basis. Most of us have, at some stage been given documents or interviews that have been vital to exposing some form of wrongdoing.

This action against Mullin is just the latest in a series of attempts to attack media freedom in Britain and the North. In recent years we have had the cases of Trevor Birney and Barry McCaffrey, arrested in connection with their film on the Loughinisland Massacre of 1974. Before that we have the attempt to seize notes from Suzanne Breen. Before that, again, we have an attempt to seize notes from Ed Moloney, regarding the murder of Pat Finucane. The Northern courts knocked back all these attempts.

A while after every knock-back, the state makes another try. They are persistent.

While Mullin's case is in England, it affects Ireland. For all the rhetoric about independence, and EU membership, English law is still influential.

People in the Republic also consume English media. They watch British television, read British newspapers, listen to British radio. Some newspapers frequently use syndicated material from British news

agencies or newspapers. If there are further curbs on British media, that inevitably curbs media in the Republic.

All that can also produce a tendency to self-censor. Erring on the side of caution becomes a policy. At the very least, media outlets don't want to be tied down in courts for months. That means expense in money, time and effort.

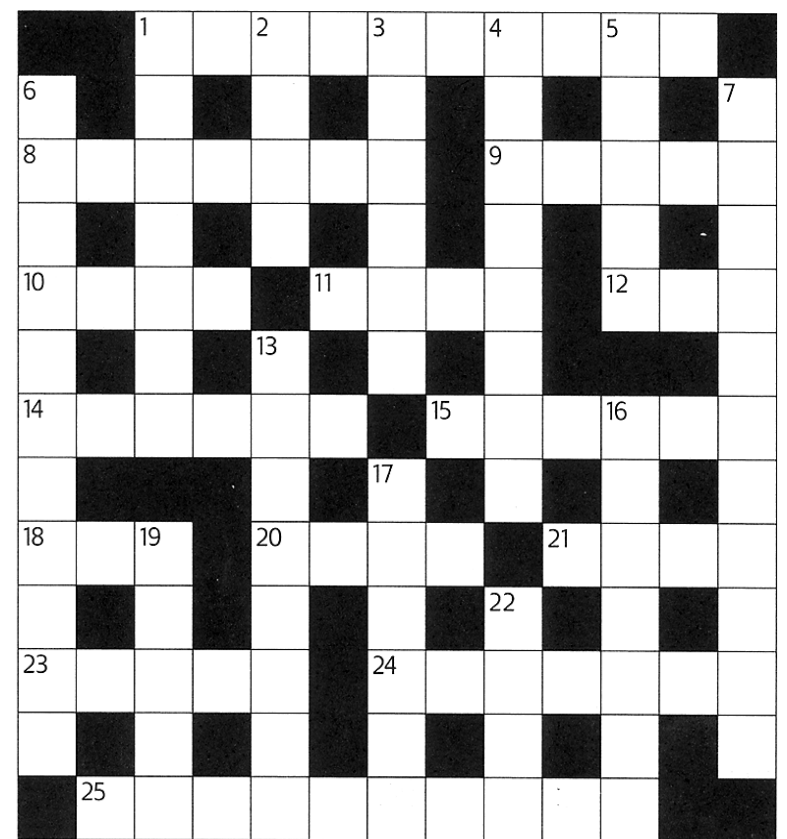
Continual attempts to restrict media mean we are heading into a very dangerous place.

Incidentally, Mullin's documentaries were broadcast on 'World in Action' on ITV. They put an end to that programme in 1998.



By Anton McCabe

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 1. Deadly ____, or belladonna (10)
 8. Spray-can (7)
 9. Nautical (5)
 10. Affair of honour (4)
 11. Wine sediment (4)
 12. Quick swim (3)
 14. Sri Lanka's old name (6)
 15. Early form of life (6)
 18. Cat's foot (3)
 20. Water-carrier (4)
 21. Hawaiian dance (4)
 23. Two below par in golf (5)
 25. Pierluigi -, Italian Grand Prix driver (7)
- Down**
 25. Gate, crowd (10)
 1. Place for young children (7)
 2. Puff (4)
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 4. Good-looking (8)
 5. Film producer, ___ Selznick (5)
 6. At a disadvantage (11)
 7. Obsessive impulse to steal (11)
 13. Whole (8)
 16. Bring together again (7)
 17. Darkened (6)
 19. Isle off the English south coast (5)
 22. Country bordering Afghanistan (4)

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MS Sufferers left stranded by lack of accessible transport



Social Prescriber Lesley Newberry, Catherine Nelis, Artist Facilitator Bernadette Hopkins, Noelle McGinley, Christina Friel, Christine Friel, Jane McGarvey, MDRC Manager Declan Meehan. Front row Martin Casey, Amanda Doherty Anne McCardle, Michael McGinley.

Milford & District Resource Centre have just made a donation of €1,200 from the Milford Development Fund towards transport costs for the Swilly-Mulroy MS Support Group.

The group has a number of wheelchair users who have been unable to attend the weekly support group recently due to a lack of funding for accessible transport. This donation will only bridge the gap temporarily until a more permanent transport solution can be secured.

Manager of Milford & District Resource Centre, Declan Meehan said "The community sector do so much to try and provide services and support to people who need it most, to combat social isolation and to help people living with long-term illnesses. However, the constant challenge is transport for those with mobility needs or who are faced with unsuitable and inaccessible public transport. We need a long-term solution to this issue which is faced by all community groups and community healthcare providers in this area. This donation is a short-term fix for one group, but we need support to source a permanent resource, such as a mobility-friendly bus which can be shared between various community groups. I will be working on this in the coming weeks and months as the latest funding for this has been opened for applications under CLAR funding."

The Swilly-Mulroy MS Support Group is coordinated by Social Prescriber Lesley Newberry said "This support group is a vital lifeline for those attending it, particularly for those whose mobility issues mean that this might be the only time they get out in the entire week. We are so thankful to Declan and MDRC for the

donation to fix this problem for the coming weeks, but we really need investment in a shared mobility vehicle which can benefit all groups and all community organisations in the wider Milford-Fanad-Rosguill area."

Michael McGinley from Carrigart is one of the wheelchair users who couldn't attend the group in recent weeks due to the transportation issue. "I'm very grateful for the donation for transport. It was hard not being here, because when you're used to doing something it's hard when you can't. Especially with the bad weather, you know you get depressed quicker, and then you're not chatting to anyone," he said. "Everyone has a bus pass, but then there's no buses for wheelchair users here. Why can't the wheelchair taxi take the pass?" he asked.

Amanda Doherty also found it difficult knowing the group was on but she wasn't able to attend. "You'd know it was on and you were stuck at home thinking about what you would be doing at that time and who you would be chatting to... It's all about the socialising, rather than being stuck at home on your own," she said.

"The only people you see then are the home help. But I can come here, and a lot of the people are in the same position as me. I have this support group, and the IWA meeting on a Friday and other than that I'm stuck at home. I don't get out."

For many it is not just a support group, but a lifeline and a way to meet with others who understand what they are going



MDRC Manager Declan Meehan presenting group member Christina Friel with the €1200 donation.

through. For some it is their only social outing in a week. "I missed it surely. It's somewhere to go on a Monday. The best thing about it is meeting people, it's nice to meet people," said Martin Casey from Kilmacrennan.

The group meet weekly on Mondays at the Presbyterian Church Hall in Milford. They are currently working on a 12-week art project funded by DLDC to create a large collaborative art piece with facilitator Bernadette Hopkins.

The finished piece will be displayed in the Community Health & Wellbeing Garden currently under development at Milford & District Resource Centre.

Information meeting for Donegal school secretaries

Fórsa trade union will host an information meeting for school secretaries in Donegal on Monday the 7th of March ahead of a ballot of its school secretary members on a set of proposals designed to regularise their employment terms and conditions.

The draft proposals, which follow the

union's lengthy campaign for pay equality for school secretaries, were finalised last week at the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC).

The meeting in Donegal will take place at the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny from 7pm to 8.30pm.

The proposals include a new pay scale

aligned with civil service grade III clerical officer, an agreed method of assimilation into the new pay scale, alternative arrangements to the current practice of signing on for social protection payments during school holidays, a centralised payroll system and standardised arrangements for maternity leave, sick leave and annual leave.

Fórsa said that while the proposals did not include any substantial progress on pensions, the union reserved the right to press the case for suitable pension arrangements in the future.

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NW 10k launch

The launch of the 25th North West 10k Charity Run & Walk will take place in the Mount Errigal Hotel on next Monday night, March 7th in the Mount Errigal Hotel at 7p.m.

Plans are at an advanced stage to make the 25th event special and the organisers are hoping that as many of those who participated in that inaugural run and walk will come out and support the three charities who will benefit this year. To date nearly

€834,000 has been raised for 36 charities and North West 10k Chairperson Neil Martin wants to see that figure rise significantly when the cheques are presented after the 2022 event which takes place on Monday, May 2nd at 11 am in Letterkenny.

"The 25th North West 10k is so special to so many people be that the committee themselves, the many charities that have benefitted from the generosity of the public and the runners and walkers that have taken part over the last 24 years. It

would be just great to see as many of those people as possible on the starting line on Monday 2nd of May to be part of the anniversary celebrations. Every year it's about raising as much money as possible for the charities. This year we have three very wor-

thy causes in Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Ireland Donegal



Branch, the Donegal Diabetes Parents Support Group and the No Barriers Foundation. We have raised nearly €834,000 over the 24 years and now we want to push

that figure up significantly with the support of the people of Donegal and further afield" Mr Martin said.

The 25th North West 10k takes place on Monday 2nd of May in Letterkenny at 11 a.m. The online entry fee is €15. There is a commemorative t-shirt for all who enter before the 31st of March and a North West 10k medallion will be presented to participants on the day of the event.

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Chiropodist visits Ramelton

The Ramelton Care of the Aged have organised the Chiropodist to visit the town on Monday the 7th of March in the Mackemie Hall.

They will visit the Mackemie Hall at 9.30am and people are asked to attend at their usual times and full Covid-19 Protocols will be in place.

World Day of Prayer

A service to mark the World Day of Prayer will be held in St. Paul's Church, Ramelton on this Friday, 4th March at 8pm. All welcome.

Table Quiz in Ballyare

There will be a Table Quiz every Wednesday night in Carr's of the Diamond in Ballyare for Lent.

The quiz will begin on this Wednesday the 2nd of March at 9.30pm and everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun and win a prize if your lucky.

Ramelton Bowling Club

Ramelton Bowling Club competitions are ongoing

at the Makemie Hall on Tuesday nights from 8pm. All welcome to join up and we will keep going until April playing for the Hunter and John Murray Memorial Cups.

SVP Conference

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

Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall this Saturday from 10.30am until 12.00noon.

Our full range of homemade bakes, cakes, ready meals, curries, vegetarian & vegan foods are available. Our Sourdough breads, cinnamon rolls, sausage rolls, side salads, Lasagne and Cot-

tage Pies all ready to heat & eat. Having a party or family gathering? Ask about our ordering service for large food orders and leave the fuss to us. Orders for market day can made on 0879699715 for collection during market hours. Our Tearoom is open for a relaxing cuppa & chat with family and friends. Please note our market on March 19th will be from 10.30am until 1.00pm. See you Saturday.

Thursday Night Dancing

Unfortunately due to the adverse weather conditions last Thursday's dancing had to be cancelled. Social dancing will resume this week in the Milford Hall at the new time of 8pm.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again and new people are always welcome. As usual we will be on hand to help, but as we haven't danced for two years now we are all a bit rusty.

Price remains at just €5 and tea will be served. So all in all, great value for money.

Line dancing resumes in Ramelton

Line dancing has resumed at the Ramelton Town Hall on Wednesday nights from 7-8pm and beginners from 8.15-9.15pm. And on Monday

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nights in Kerrykeel from 7-8pm for absolute beginners. This is a great opportunity to get back to dancing in very safe conditions.

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.

Thanks to all those who attended the Coffee Morning in the Quayside Bistro and Wine Bar on the Quay on Tuesday.



Scenes from the Coffee Day in aid of the Ramelton Care of the Aged in the Quayside Bistro and Wine Bar on Tuesday.

Rathmullan

Tidy Towns & Clean Coasts

The weekly Pier area and beach cleans take place every Wednesday, with equipment available outside the White Harte from 10.00am. New Volunteers and support always welcome, and sincere thanks to those who have recently joined up.

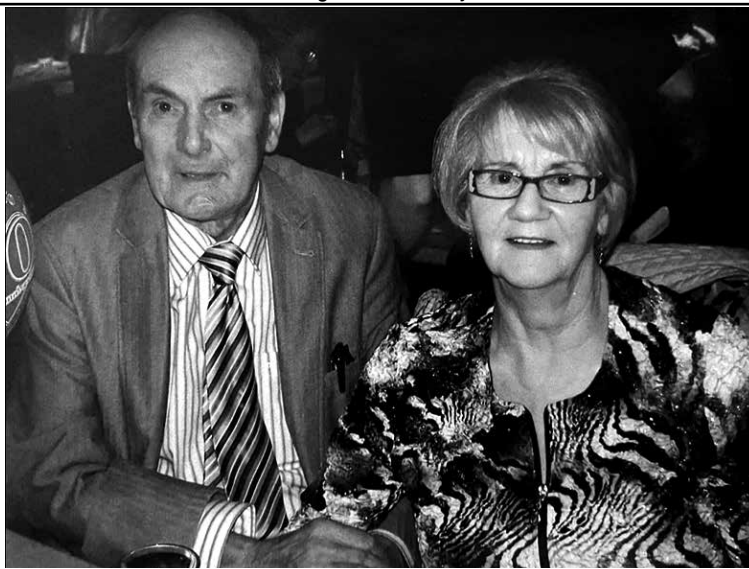
Calling all volunteers and families to assist once again with the Big Spring Clean taking place this year again on Saturday 12th March. Your local coordinator for approach roads will be in touch as before, but general meeting point for Village and Town areas is outside White Harte from 10am onwards where pickers, gloves & bags will be available. Get involved to make a difference. It has been a particularly bad week for Rathmullan with evidence of so much Dog fouling and indiscriminate dumping along our roadsides and beaches, with even bags and bottles left laying at the Bring Banks. Please, be kind to our town and beaches.

We love our 'four legged friends' but we respectfully remind owners of their responsibility to clean up after them, and dispose of the waste in a sensible manner, 'any bag, any bin'. Put your recyclables into the Bring Banks, and don't just leave for someone else to clear up.

This is slurry season, so please be mindful to avoid seepage into any open water ways. Clean, healthy water is essential to our wellbeing, communities and the environment. Have your say on the Draft River Basin Management Plan by March 31st at www.gov.ie/draft/RBMP, promoted by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

A 'Sustainability Fair' will take place on Saturday 26th March focussing on Recycling and domes-

tic Water usage and treatment, with guest speakers on Recycling, Water, and Clean Coasts focusing on the 'Dirty Dozen'. The Tidy Towns AGM will take place on Tuesday 15th March in the Ozanam Centre. This is your opportunity to have your say in what work we do in the future in Rathmullan, as well as review the results for 2021, so The bench (below) donated by the family members of the late Bobby and Mausheen Elliott from Letterkenny (right).



please make an effort to attend and lend your support.

Marvellous March is here, with Spring very much in the air and it's a month to celebrate all things Irish. It's wonderful to see the new growth with the Snowdrops, crocus and daffodils coming in to bloom.

Its Nesting time too for our feathered friends. By putting up a nest box near your home or in your garden, you are inviting birds to come and share your world. How great is that, but with so many nest boxes now on the market, which type should you use? Home made with recycled materials, or a fancy decorated bought one? Maybe even install a camera.

There are so many choices, so check out the excellent tips and advice on the RSPB or British Trust for Ornithology websites, and it's certainly rewarding for all ages.

New Bench

Many thanks to the family members of the late Bobby and Mausheen Elliott from Letterkenny for the fabulous Bench, carved by Gintas Poderys Wood Carver. His attention to detail is just magnificent, and he has encompassed the various elements dear to the family in this amazing piece of artwork, as well as remembering a sadly deceased brother in law.

The Sunflower for the Hospice where there Mum spent her final days, and the nature elements which was so significant to their father who sadly suffered from dementia.

They both dearly loved Rathmullan and even though the six siblings mostly now live in Raphoe, Convooy and Letterkenny, they are frequent trippers to Rathmullan as many of their holidays and younger days were spent there. This Memorial will now bring them much joy and such a gift to Rathmullan will also bring

Rathmullan raises €1029 for Rocco



Rocco McGinley with the organisers of the February 100k challenge Elaine McFadden, Aisling Coyle, Anne Sweeney, Amanda Logue and Brendan Martin

Two events in Rathmullan on Sunday raised a combined total of €1029 for the Rocco McGinley Recovery Fund. The first fundraiser on a very breezy day was the 3km beach walk at noon followed by the donation of the gate receipts from the Donegal Junior League Division 1 game between Rathmullan Celtic and Swilly Rovers at the Flagpole an hour later.

Chief organiser Elaine McFadden was delighted with the generosity of the public in supporting the walk and Rathmullan Celtic's decision to support such a worthy cause. And their near neighbours down the road Whitstrand Utd also donated the gate receipts from their Division 2 game against Deele Harps to the fund.

Elaine thanked everyone involved with Sunday's fundraising events in Rathmullan and Whitstrand. "A huge thanks to Rathmullan F.C. especially Seamus, Enda, Martin and Cormac for

their support. Well done also to those who supported the 5k walk in Meenanearry that raised €180 on Sunday. Thanks to Margaret, Monica, Eileen, Michelle, Maire, Brid and Seamus for keeping things right.

Thanks to everyone who walked, donated, baked or helped in any way with the closing event in the 100km February fundraiser for Rocco. Your support and kindness was very much appreciated. Thanks to all those who braved the February weather and completed the challenge. We also appreciate very much Whitstrand donating the proceeds from their game on Sunday also. I would also like to thank over 100k sponsors O'Reilly Sports, the 3k main sponsors, Dunnes Stores and also Highland Bakery, Lidl, the Value Centre, Tesco and Simpsons Letterkenny for their kind donations. And to our very special guest on Sunday, Rocco McGinley we wish you well on your road to recovery" Elaine said.



BBC Political Correspondent Enda McClafferty getting his weekly local news fix with the Tribune in the Dry Arch Service Station in Letterkenny.

Donegal-London community unites to support Rocco and Ellie

The Donegal community in London is set to host a bumper fundraising event this weekend and even before the charity event gets underway they have already raised £40,000 for two worthy local causes. This Sunday (March 6th) in Tifty's Tavern in Sudbury Hill, London, a special charity afternoon will take place that will see the auctioning of a classic vintage tractor, as well as a raffle that includes a range to top prizes including a number of weekend hotel breaks, signed Donegal and Tyrone jerseys, among other items.

Everton football star, Seamus Coleman from Killybegs, has also donated a number of signed jerseys for the big occasion. All the proceeds will be donated to support the Ellie's Wish to Walk Campaign and Rocco's Road To Recovery. Carrigart man Brendan 'Tiny' Vaughan, a long time resident in London, said that to host the event a committee was formed and that there has been great support among the Donegal Diaspora in London since they announced the event.

The classic Gray Ferguson tractor that will go under the hammer on Sunday was restored by Kerrykeel's Michael Whoriskey and has been sponsored by Paul O'Donnell from Glencolmcille who runs engineering firm Pod-Trak and Kevin McGinley from Glenswilly who runs Tifty's Tavern.

Brendan told the Tribune: "We have had great support for these two very worthy causes. Once we got involved we decided we had to involve both of these children to support them on their journeys. We have raised over €40,000 already and that

is before we even host the auction and raffle. There should be a lot of interest in the auction of the tractor and there is a range of other great prizes in the raffle. Myself and the committee must thank all our sponsors and people who have donated so generously and I'm sure the event will be well supported as it will be a great event for all the Irish over in London and all the proceeds will go to two very worthy causes." The event even attracted the support of Country Music star Daniel O'Donnell who has sent a video message of support the event encouraging all the diaspora to support the event.



Up for auction - Grey Massey Ferguson Tractor refurbished by Michael Whoriskey, Kerrykeel and transported to London JD Recovery Services Ltd, Kilmacrennan. Sponsored by Paul O'Donnell, Crove (Pod-Trak) and Kevin McGinley of Tifty's Tavern (Glenswilly) pictured testing out the tractor.



Brothers Zach and Adam Bradley from Ramelton enjoying the snow.



Sunday was the 27th daily swim completed by the Principal of St. Joseph's National School Rathmullan Alma Kavanagh for the Rocco McGinley fundraiser. Alma swam every day of the month as part of the February fundraiser. On Sunday she was joined by family and friends while Rocco and his mum Yvonne travelled over from Buncrana to acknowledge Alma's efforts.

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Ukraine: a battle the West dare not lost

This is a battle the West dare not lose. At the same time it brings home the realisation that with relative peace in this new century, Western countries no longer saw the need to enhance their tools of war that might have prevented a dictator from creating a carnage in peacetime and the only yearning is freedom in our time.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine is the work of a man who poses the greatest threat to mankind and peace since the rise of Adolf Hitler. And for those allies of democracy, the US: NATO: the UN and the EU there is the worrying fear that if they interfere in combat, the spectacle of a nuclear response is a real fear and a potent threat to mankind.

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It was inevitable that this would turn into a humanitarian crisis as Western nations were left to wonder if the Russian dictator might create a nuclear disaster. This was an invasion that had been predicted months ago and the US President told us so.

The pictures coming out of Ukraine, the destruction, the bombings and the disregard for human life is on a parallel never seen in peacetime. There is incredulity at the barbarity and the behaviour of Putin and his commanders who are the unelected military generals representing a population of 143 million where freedom of speech or expression is banned. By any standards, Russians know poverty all too well because their annual income per capita is among the lowest in the world.

Given Putin's carnage and bare-faced war crimes against humani-

ty, it is really shocking that Ireland has not expelled his ambassador and twenty strong staff in Dublin. What are they waiting for?

Russian Ambassador Yuriy Filatov serves no function in this country and he's been told so at a protest at his Embassy where the sign said it all. "Ambassador Filatov please go home, you are a Putin puppet and have insulted the Irish people with your lies".

President Michael D Higgins has spoken for the nation saying that "a great sense of darkness" has fallen across the world at the "unfolding tragedy" in Ukraine. He said the hearts of Irish people go out to all of those who are suffering from this "completely unacceptable, immoral and unjustified violence" Meanwhile the world of soccer has done the right thing.

Russia's national and club football sides have all been suspended until further notice, UEFA and FIFA have confirmed.

The Presidents of both associations said that football is fully united here and in full solidarity with all the people affected in Ukraine.

They've expressed hope that the situation in Ukraine will improve significantly and rapidly so that football can again be a vector for unity and peace amongst people. The fact that the European Union has become involved in purchasing weapons for Ukraine is significant because this has never happened before and it is a political reaction to an ever worsening situation.

"For the first time ever, the European Union will finance the purchase and delivery of weapons and other equipment to a country that is under attack," Ursula von der Leyen said. In all, it is believed the European Union is to spend

in the region of a half a billion euro for weapons and medical supplies.

And as the free world pledges support for the beleaguered Ukraine, a watershed moment came on Sunday when the EU shut down their airspace to Russia.

Ukraine, a country of 44 million peace loving people who have their own legacy of times past, have waited in hope for international intervention and apart from last minute sanctions, they suddenly found themselves in the first three days of the invasion fighting a lone battle.

However, that has altered forever as the freedom loving capitals of the world have taken a proper stand against tyranny.

The people of Ukraine have suffered horrendously and the criminal acts against them must be brought to the full glare of justice with the full rigours of democracy deployed to prevent these dreadful acts of war from happening again.

There is a price for freedom and it would seem from this distance that Joe Biden was reluctant to pull the plug on the very heartbeat of Russia: its central banking system and to paralyse Putin into the history books of a failed a communist dictatorship that he wants to reinvent as the ultimate penalty for a landmass that yearns to determine its own path and its own democracy.

However as the bombings and loss of life continued, the Worldwide Interbank (Swift) moved to impose sanctions on Russia. The system is used by over 11,000 financial institutions to send secure payment orders and is key to the movement of funds to Russia's oil and gas sector.

Removing Russia from the system it is hoped will make it close to impossible for financial institutions to send money in or out of the country.

However, the real aftershock came on Sunday when Putin ordered his military to put Russia's nuclear deterrence forces on high alert after the fourth day of the invasion of Ukraine. Throughout the previous days, the western powers were left flat-footed by the ferocity and extent of the war machine that Russia visited on a country whose only ask was the freedom of expression.

Putin's nuclear alert only goes to show Russia is an irresponsible state.

If the Kremlin choses to put

tactical nuclear weapons with non-strategic objectives in high alert, it would be a clear threat to Europe - thus, to Nato allies, including indirectly to the United States. Both situations point to a dangerous escalatory situation.

EU leaders met in Brussels on Thursday night for an emergency meeting of the 27 Member States to draft economic and financial sanctions.

It seems like they were caught entirely unawares with the swiftness and brutality of the invasion. And as expected those early sanctions were already far too late and they were never going to be a deterrent to Putin's plans to recreate the kind of war not seen since 1945.

Micheál Martin said that Ireland was a liberal democracy that fundamentally believes in the principles of the United Nations Charter, "which have been violated by Russia."

Fair enough, but there are 4,000 Ukrainians living in this country and they are looking to the Government to impose the kind of sanctions that will drive Putin back from their homeland.

While we are a small country, Ireland does play a role on the world stage and our voice adds to the pressures coming from the West in responding with the toughest sanctions that will cripple the Russian money markets: that will seize control of the massive billion of the oligarch fraternity.

And it is time to let them see that the power of sanctions is much stronger than attacking democracy with the might of an armed superpower.

Those days should have been long since gone since it was assumed that the Kremlin, with all its wealth, had no other option than to be part of a world banking and trading community. But last week's actions have proven that they are not.

Ukraine has had a very troubled history dating back in time given its proximity to the Russian border. And last Thursday as Putin launched dozens of airstrikes it was as if nothing had been learnt from the past. There had been intense battles between Ukrainian forces and pro-Russian rebel forces in the Donbas in 2014. Then the regular forces moved in from Russia, and a war began that has lasted for the last eight years, with thousands killed and wounded. It is as if Ukraine was destined never to be able to think freely or to dream of democracy. They

have a very crucial border of 2000 miles with Russia in some of the most hostile weather conditions on earth.

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There have always been counter claims in this region as to who has precedence: we are reminded of Israel and Palestine, Armenia and Azerbaijan and here in Ireland there are political divisions on a small island that has seen too much bloodshed and lives lost down the centuries.

Russia claims Donbass with its own arguments about ethnicity, but so can Ukraine with arguments based on historical possession.

The sanctions now imposed will have to be a real deterrent to stop Putin: if they do not halt his bloody regime that's already killed too many innocent people.

When Putin recognised the Donbass republics as independent states, he seriously escalated the conflict, which turned out to be the prelude to a full-scale invasion of Ukraine. That invasion is the most brutal signal to the West that Russia will not back down and accept the further arming of and placing of weaponry in Ukraine, Poland and Romania. The Russian leader has now led his country into a dangerous war - a war based on the anxiety that sometime in the future his country will be attacked.

And those fears became all too real on Thursday when Russia attempted to take control of the skies over Ukraine and they captured the Chernobyl Nuclear Plant.

Flashbacks to 1986 when the massive nuclear disaster emerged and we may never know it's legacy.

There is an estimated 219 tonnes of highly radioactive graphite and uranium in the exploded reactor.

The founder and CEO of Chernobyl Children International, Adi Roche, described the move by the Russians as "a scenario that is my worst nightmare which I would not want to imagine coming to pass".

She said there is a huge potential "lethality" on the site of the 1986 nuclear disaster. Ms Roche said that if the Russian and Ukrainian sides engage in exchanges, the level of potential danger increases. "if anything were to hit the waste storage tanks or if a weapon or a bomb was large enough to penetrate the new sarcophagus which was built over the nuclear reactor."

She pointed out that there are burial sites of items left behind by many families who had to leave the areas around Chernobyl following the 1986 disaster. The sites are shallow and not lined with lead, increasing the risk of contamination if the topsoil on the sites are disturbed.

Ms Roche also said that there are many cemeteries across more than 3,000 towns and villages which were left abandoned after the 1986 disaster.

Taoiseach, Micheál Martin said the Irish government would also support "the strongest possible sanctions". The Government has provided ten million Euro for humanitarian reasons and this is to be welcomed.

These sanctions will suppress Russia's economic growth, increase the borrowing costs, raise inflation, intensify capital outflows and gradually erode its industrial base, cutting off their industry from the technologies desperately needed today to build a future.

However, ordinary Russian citizens will hardly notice any difference because they reside in a regime that takes away everything and gives nothing in return.

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Local community support Ukraine

As the world looks on at the death and destruction being visited upon Ukraine by Russian forces, many local events are taking place to support the victims of this unfolding atrocity. Collections of essential items for the many refugees who have fled the country took place around Donegal during the week including Letterkenny, Termon and Milford.

It was organised by members of the local Polish community with the collection being coordinated by Polish run grocery stores in Strabane and Bundoran.

The organisers said they were overwhelmed by the support they had received to date.

Mulroy College in Milford held a collection of much needed items that they plan to send to Poland to support the waves of Ukrainian refugees, most of them women and children, who have fled as Russian troops flooded their country since the invasion began.

They were appealing for bedding and sleeping bags, non-perishable food including baby food, hygiene and sanitary items, as well as bandages, painkillers and towels.

These items will be brought to Letterkenny on Thursday and will be shipped to the Refugee Centre in Rzeszów, Poland for distribution along with all the other material collected around Donegal.

A Ukraine solidarity mural was due to be unveiled at a vigil in Letterkenny on Wednesday evening. It was organised by members of the local community and was painted by street artist Ciarán Dunlevy.



This Saturday the Honey Pot Cafe in Letterkenny will hosting a Benefit Day for the people of Ukraine 9am to 6pm which will include a sponsored spin bike event and raffle prizes. Haulage firm, Donegal Groupage in St Johnston, are lending there support to a major collection drive to help families forced to flee Ukraine.

The distribution company has joined forces with their leading Pallet Network and other hauliers across Ireland to collect essential items free of charge and deliver them to a distribution centre on the Polish-Ukraine border for refugee relief.

In Fanad, the staff of Tamney Health Centre are running an urgent fundraising drive for the people of war-stricken Ukraine.

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Editor of Donegal Daily bereaved

The death took place on Tuesday of Ann Maguire, Kerlogue Road, Ringsend. She was the mother of Stephen Maguire, the Editor of Donegal Daily.

Predeceased by daughter, Barbara-Ann, she is survived by her husband, Eamon, sons, Stephen and John, sister, Lisa, grandchildren, Sophie, Dáire, Nathan, Orlaith and Méabh; loved and remembered always by her family, sister Tessie, daughter-in-law Lab-



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A recent charity run from Conwal Graveyard to Rathmullan Cemetery in memory of sister and brother Pasqueline Blake and Malachy Keeney raised €12,261 for the Donegal Down Syndrome Association. Pasqueline's son Gabriel his cousins Conal Doherty and Patrick Keeney all nephews of Malachy's led the charity run. Conal Doherty and Gabriel Blake presented the cheque to their cousin Tom Melvin, his dad Gearoid and Catriona Kavanagh (Speech and Language Therapist) all representing the Donegal Down Syndrome Association. Photo by Charlie Joe Doherty.

Donegal Roads allocation down

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 Authority funding has also risen in 2022 by around €300,000.

In 2021 Donegal Co. Council was allocated €5,311,100 from the National Transport Authority.

The Council's statement this week said: "The Dept of Transport funding includes more than €18m for regional and local roads strengthening and €4.8m for Surface Dressing. Included also is nearly €1m to help manage the impact of climate change on the road network.

The Department of Transport funding will allow the R263 Fintra Bridge and Road Realignment project to complete the CPO process and prepare for the construction phase. Included also is funding to advance the route options stage of the Letterkenny Southern Network Project.

TII funding will allow for continued progress on the critical Ten-T Priority Improvement Project

as well as other major projects. This is particularly welcome as eight major projects in other parts of the country have been suspended in 2022 due to lack of funding.

A number of TII allocations have also been received for new projects which include N56 Gortahork to Falcarragh, N15 Blackburn Bridge Phase 3/McGroarys Brae and N15 Corcam Bends. The TII has allocated €2.5m to commence 5 new strategic greenway projects and to progress the Inishowen Greenway from Buncrana to Bridgend & Newtowncunningham through the planning process."

They added: "The €5.6m in NTA Active Travel funding will allow 80 separate projects to progress, 37 of which are at construction phase. One of the larger NTA projects, located at Cathedral Quarter in Letterkenny (€750,000) has also attracted co-funding of €165,000 from the Dept. of Transport for road improvement works."

Funeral of John McGinley



The funeral took place on Monday of John McGinley, Grange Hall Mountmellick, Co Laois, formerly of Grattan Park, Greystones and Letterkenny. John passed away on Friday at his home surrounded by his family following a brief illness.

He was predeceased by his wife Georgina and son John, brothers Dan, Willie, sisters Tessie, Maureen and Una. John is survived by his partner Bridget, son Danny, daughter Róisín, daughter-in-law Siobhán, son-in-law

Jim; grandchildren Matthew, Hannah, Lauren; brother Charlie and sisters Róisín and Margaret and the extended McGinley and Campbell families and friends.

The remains of the late Mr McGinley reposed in Moloney's Funeral Home, Sarsfield Street, Mountmellick. Requiem Mass took place on Monday morning in St Joseph's Church, Mountmellick. Burial was afterwards in Redford Cemetery in Greystones, Co. Wicklow. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Patricia Cunningham

The funeral took place on Monday in Ardara of Patricia Cunningham. Patricia who had been a resident of Hillcrest Nursing Home, Letterkenny was a native Killastewart, Ardara. She passed away at Letterkenny University Hospital. Patricia is survived by her sister Kathleen Reape (Mayo), her husband Willie; her two nephews Martin and Liam, their wives Michelle and Frances and all her extended family.

Patricia's remains reposed at Sholin's Funeral Home Sandfield on Monday morning prior to removal to The Church Of The Holy Family Ardara for Requiem Mass. Burial took place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

The late Molly McElhinney



The death occurred on Friday at her home of Molly McElhinney (née Doherty), Coneyburrow Road, Lifford and formerly of Glenmaquin, Letterkenny. Aged 89 Molly, was a very well known and popular member of the local community in Lifford while keeping her family ties to Glenmaquin was very much part of her life. She worked in various places over the years on cleaning duties including at the national school and the Customs Hut on Lifford Bridge.

Her remains reposed at her home on

Tuesday and funeral was on Wednesday with Requiem Mass in St Patrick's Church, Murlog where the celebrant was Fr. Colm O'Doherty. Interment took place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

Molly was predeceased by her husband John. Deepest sympathy is extended to her daughters and sons Marie Little, John, Teresa and Danny; grandchildren Justin, Paula, Caoimhe, Sam, Sorchá and Daniel; sister Teresa, brothers Willie and Eugene and a close friend Mary. She was predeceased by her brothers James, John, Brian, Danny, Charlie and Pat.

Death of Jim McMonagle

The death took place at Letterkenny University Hospital on Saturday of Jim McMonagle, Carrygauley, Letterkenny. Aged 90, Jim worked in Kelly's Mills for a period before emigrating to Scotland. When he returned home he took employment at the Rockhill Army Barracks. Jim loved looking after his garden and was a great family man.

The remains of the late Mr. McMonagle were removed on Saturday from the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest to the family residence. Funeral was from there on Monday to St. Eunan's Cathedral for Requiem Mass celebrated by Fr. Damian Nejad. Interment afterwards to New Leck Cemetery.



Jim was predeceased by his brothers Lawrence, Joe and Redmond and by his sister Mary McAuley. He is survived by his wife Margaret; daughters Anne Cosgrove and husband Paul, Wood Road, Letterkenny and Louise Hilley and husband Brendan, Cullion Road, Letterkenny; grandchildren Mairead and Ciaran; sister Kathleen Stevenson, Rosemount, Letterkenny, brother Charlie, Leck, Letterkenny, brother-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and a wide circle of family, friends and neighbours. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Milford

Death of Colm Gallagher



The communities of Falcarragh and Milford were in shock on Monday night with the news of the untimely death of Colm Gallagher, Ballintemple, Falcarragh. Colm is survived by his wife Sheila, daughter Alana and son Adam. Colm was aged 53 years originally from Upper Mount Marian, Milford before moving to set up home in Falcarragh following his marriage to Sheila Boyle, Errarooy, Falcarragh. Colm was predeceased by his father Colm in 2003 and sister Brid in December 2016.

Colm was a very jovial and out going person known affectionally over the years by his family and friends as 'Golly'. Colm was a talented basketball player at Loreto Convent, Milford and Milford Senior Men's Basketball team for many years winning the Senior County Cup title in 1996.

His Funeral Mass will take place this Thursday in St. Finian's Church, Falcarragh at 1pm followed by burial in adjacent graveyard.

Deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Sheila, daughter Alana, son Adam, mother Nuala, brothers Christopher, London, Conor, Galway, sisters Maura, Eileen and Lisa, Milford, father-in-law John Boyle, Errarooy, Falcarragh, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, cousins and all other extended family members and friends.

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Death of John McBride, Cranford



The death took place on Tuesday at his home in Cranford of John P McBride. John was predeceased by his wife Celine on 31st July 2007.

John was involved in the family run business John McBride (Cranford) Limited Wholesalers which was set up in 1961. The business was run from the premises in Cranford before moving in recent years to the Milford Business Park.

His Funeral Mass will take place in Coole Chapel this Thursday at 1pm followed by interment in St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Carrigart.

Deepest sympathy is extended to his daughter Eilish, sons Michael, Joseph, Sean and Dermot, sister Susan, brothers-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, cousins, relatives and friends.

50/50 Draw on Saturday Evening

The next Milford United 50/50 draw will take place on Saturday 5th March with a minimum jackpot of €1000 to be won. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5. The ticket office will be open at the old AIB on Main Street, Milford on Saturday 5th March from 10.00am.- 6.00pm. Your support is greatly appreciated. Tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder or by Revolut to Noel Gillespie 086 8224091 and Martin Roarty on 087 9129691 and various outlets in the town.

Coffee Morning in aid of Ukraine

Milford & District Resource Centre are hosting a coffee morning on Monday, March 7th from 10am-1pm in aid of Ukraine. Everyone is welcome and all money raised will go to the Red Cross in Ukraine, who are helping people on the ground in Ukraine, as well as refugees on the borders. Please support.

Thursday Night Dancing
Unfortunately due to the adverse weather conditions last Thursday's dancing had to be cancelled. Social dancing will resume this week in the Milford Hall at the new time of 8pm. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again and new people are always welcome. As usual we will be on hand to help, but as we haven't danced for two years now we are all a bit rusty. Price remains at just 5 euro and tea will be served. So all in all, great value for money.

Coffee Morning in Glenvar

Please join us for a cup of coffee or tea and homemade treats on St Patrick's Day at Glenvar School from 11am. Great raffle and plenty of things to buy! Come along and have a browse, in aid of small animal welfare.

The Big Spring Clean

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cess of last year. It will take place from 11am-1pm on Saturday, March 12th. We hope to have as many volunteers out as possible across Milford, Ray, Ramelton, Rathmulan, Kerrykeel and Cranford, all taking part in the community clean up. Last year over 300 people took part so we hope to see this level of engagement again ahead of the spring season commencing. This is being organised in partnership with Donegal County Council, the local Tidy Towns committees and community centres. If any other areas would like to get involved contact Declan on declan@mdrc.ie or 0749153736.

Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society next outing will take place on Saturday 12th March at the Sandy Hills Links, Rosapenna. The society will host a weekend away on the weekend 13th and 14th May.

Charity Party Night

Ka Marley, Gortmacall the 18th of March. The Race will begin at 1pm will host a Party Night and with no entry fee but people are asked to in aid of the Moun- make donations on the day at Knockmore GAA tain Rescus and Coast Grounds from 11am or via the GoFundMe link - Guards in the Travellers <https://gofund.me/77b598f6>.

Inn, Milford on Saturday More details on Facebook "5k Charity Run in 12th March at 8pm. Fin- memory of Patricia Buchanan". Looking forward ger food will be served to all your support

Masses in Milford

Boyce and your support Mass times in St. Peter's Church, Milford this and donations will be week are - Thursday 3rd March 8am; Friday greatly appreciated. 4th March 8am and 7pm; Saturday 5th March

Charity Walk Run 7.30pm; Sunday 6th March 11am. Mass in Our A 5k Run / Walk/stroll Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday with a buggy will take 5th March at 6pm.

Confirmations


Confirmations will be celebrated for the children of Scoil Cholmcille, Kerrykeel on Saturday and formerly of Knock- 5th March and Scoil Cholmcille, Drumman on more who sadly passed Saturday 5th March.

away last year on Friday **First Holy Communion**





The Canadian Ambassador to Ireland, Nancy Smyth visited Downings on Tuesday where she visited McNutt of Donegal. She is pictured with William McNutt and Deputy Joe McHugh and pictured right with staff members Demelza Doran and Charlotte Rankin. She also visited the Mevagh Family Resource Centre.





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per Club dining offer from 6-9pm. Music on 3rd March is by Eddie Gallagher and Ann McGorry.

There is live Music on Saturday nights and this week 5th March will see the very popular Paul McCahill entertaining the patrons with weekly Take Your Pick Jackpot of €2,350 to be won.

Food is served daily with Breakfast served from 7.30am - 12noon, followed with lunch from 12.30pm - 3pm and the evening menu is available from 3pm - 9pm. Thursday night Sup-

per Club is served from 6.00 - 9.00pm and Sunday lunch served from 12.30pm - 4.00pm. Communion and Confirmation Meals are available at €24.95.

Visit the Mulroy Woods Hotel for that unique dining experience and for further enquiries and bookings contact reception at 074 91 53313.



Letter to Editor

Dumping in Rathmullan

Dear Sir,
I read in your paper last week of the problems with litter and dog waste in other towns. Like all of our neighbouring towns and villages, Rathmullan is being inundated with indiscriminate dumping and dog fouling. We have a lot of dog owners and walkers coming to enjoy the freedom of our beaches and beautiful seaside facilities every day, but this behaviour is just dreadful.

A short walk on Sunday brought it home to me just how bad this situation is at the moment, on the footpaths and sand dunes. Some owners pick up the poo and put it into bags but then just throw them into the dunes or even worse, leave bags beside the bin as opposed to putting it in a bin. Its a no brainer, if a bin is full, then take it to another bin, or home.

As you can see from the photo, this is the bin beside the play park which is a huge attraction for families in the locality and further afield, especially at weekends. Why leave your waste for someone else to clean up? This seriously affects everyone, especially young mothers with prams or toddlers, wheelchair users or just anyone walking on the footpath. They're uneven enough without having to watch where you're putting your feet all the time.

As for the dropped bags at the recycling bins, most of that could easily have been recycled as the bring banks were not full. Yet, because it was left off during a very wet period, the shoes and clothing were only then fit for the skip and ultimately landfill.

The Tidy Towns team, scheme workers and volunteers are out every week cleaning up and trying to keep the town and beaches litter free and presentable for us residents and the many visitors. They even won an Award last year, so how is this

Above and below - dumping at the bins in Rathmullan.



going to effect their efforts this year. This disgraceful behaviour is just unacceptable but how are we to tackle the problem it's not the dogs, but the owners who are not looking after their pets responsibly and letting them off their leads to do their business anywhere.
From a very disgruntled resident.

Rathmullan FC happy to help Rocco

Rathmullan Celtic have said a huge well done to Elaine McFadden and her team of walkers and volunteers on their 100km Walk in February for Rocco's Road to Recovery Raffle. "We were thrilled to host them on Sunday after the final walk across the beach in Rathmullan - in very windy conditions they all did brilliantly! Elaine put on a superb spread afterwards at the RDRC for everyone - even feeding the Rathmullan and Swilly Rovers players and supporters into the bargain!

And the news that over €1,000 was raised on the day - to go along with the sponsorship money raised throughout the month by the walkers! Brilliant work from everyone. It was great to have Rocco at the Flagpole on Sunday and we wish him the very best on his road to recovery. He is a brave young man and we are all behind him and the McGinley/Hegarty clans." Rathmullan F.C. donated the gate receipts from Sunday's Division 1 league game against local rivals Swilly Rovers to the Rocco Recovery Fund.

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A Rathmullan woman in exile Lamb feeder is a gift from the Gods

Now I'm going to have a mug of fekn cocoa without whiskey in it and get to the nest for a bit of shut eye before the alarm goes off at 4am to check the woollies. If all is quiet then I'll kick off the boots and dream and rave on the sofa till 6.15am and start the whole show over again.



Kate Carton

We're well on with the lambing now and thankfully it's going very well; we have a serious crop of lambs again this year. We got hobbled by the storms a couple of weeks ago and couldn't let out sheep and lambs but Himself bit the bullet and gave in to bedding the calving shed which won't be needed till April anyway and we put a load of forward lambs and sheep into it till the weather settled.

It worked perfectly and the lambs were just a week older and stronger than normal when we got them out. They were easily minded in the big shed and we were very proud of them when they did finally see the light of day. This weekend is the busiest period of the lambing season and the ladies-in-waiting will be thin on the ground by the middle of next week.

There was a massive leap forward into the 21st century made this year when Himself gave in to getting a lamb feeder for the pets and orphans. Until now we used to be advertising on Done Deal and tearing up and down the country like eejits buying sheep that had lost lambs and putting them in fostering crates for ages till they'd take with the foster lamb/s. It was a tiring, time consuming and thankless ordeal with no guarantee of success.

The lamb feeder is a gift from the Gods; you mix up the powdered milk and pour it in and the lambs feed themselves ad lib from the rubber teats. It keeps the milk at a constant temperature and you just wash it thoroughly once a day and away it goes again. No more pricking around with bottles and contrary foster ewes. Himself is very slow to adapt to new ways and he hates change but this year's changes were worth the long wait so fair play to him for getting there in the end.

I'm two weeks off work now and I haven't had time to miss it yet. I think things are fairly quiet in the vaccination centre these days so they can struggle on without me for another couple of weeks. I took the whole month of June off work a few years ago and had the best month ever. I went up and down the country visiting people and having the craic in the height of summer but it was some ordeal to go back to the grindstone after it. It took me ages to settle back into the tedium of work and I said I'd never do it again but needs must when the devil drives and the sheep have to be lambed. Unfortunately there's not much scope for craic when you're buried to the oxters in a sheep's rear end on a sleety night in February!

One thing I really do miss is a few jars at the end of a long day. I had the ould annual bloods done in October, as you do, and for the first time ever they came back showing a bit of reduced liver function. I got them re tested a month later, just to be sure, in the optimistic hope that the quack had put a decimal point in the wrong place or something. No such luck!

I had always said that I'd batter away on the gargle till it affected my health and then I'd quit when I got the warning. I'm on the dry since the 8th of November and I never mentioned it before because I didn't know if I would be able to do it; I am extremely fond of alcohol and have been since I was knee high to a grasshopper. It has both got me into a lot of scrapes and got me through a lot of hard times so it's been a kind of a mixed blessing and a frenemy for about 43 years. Anyway, it had to be knocked on the head and I have managed reasonably OK so far. Sleep is a bit of a pain in the arse without the

sleepy juice; it's very hard to get to sleep and then the great brain gets active and I'm raving and dreaming all night and by morning I'm only fit for a good rest to recover from the ordeal. I'd love to be able to say that I'm feeling far the better of not drinking but that would be a big, fat lie and neither can I see any obvious health benefits whatsoever. I'm for bloods again next week and with a bit of luck the quack will tell me that I now have the body (and liver) of a 29 year old and I can reasonably hope to live forever. Not much point though if I can't have a feed of gargle to celebrate!

To be honest I do very occasionally have a drink; I was dreading Christmas 'cause I didn't know how I'd cope but I was quite proud of my little old self and had a very modest amount over the couple of days. I don't think I had a drop at New Year and there have been virtually no break outs since. There's one sure thing in life and that is that if you enjoy something it's certain sure to be unhealthy, illegal, immoral or fattening. I have to say that Himself has been very good about it and doesn't mention it at all which helps a lot; if he went on about it that would only drive me to drink. I have a good friend whom I phone at night when I would previously have been opening a beer and the chat distracts me and kind of marks the official end of the day.

I won three quid on the lotto recently (big deal in a matchbox) and re-invested it in a Euro Millions line to keep the hope alive. I haven't checked it yet but if I win the big one I'll buy a couple of spare livers and normal service will immediately resume. Someone asked me recently how I think of things to write about but sure if you're alive at all haven't you lots to talk about. Indeed, if some folk are to be believed even the dead have lot's to talk about if you happen to have a Ouija Board handy in your back pocket. If people just wrote down their conversations they'd fill a telephone directory every day. Do you remember the three ould farts on the Gerry Ryan Show, I think they were Shil, Peter and Ned, and the conversations they used to have over a pint and a half one would leave you doubled up laughing.

I don't know much about anything and I'm a perfect example of blissful ignorance when it comes to world affairs but I find life down near the earth in my tiny bit of the planet is an infinite source of idle chatter and useless information.

Now I'm going to have a mug of fekn cocoa without whiskey in it and get to the nest for a bit of shut eye before the alarm goes off at 4am to check the woollies. If all is quiet then I'll kick off the boots and dream and rave on the sofa till 6.15am and start the whole show over again. Ava Gardner had the right idea when she said "I wish to live to 150 years old, but the day I die, I wish it to be with a cigarette in one hand and a glass of whiskey in the other." I'd settle happily for a hundred years, a glass of whiskey in each hand and forget about the fag!

Donegal Local Enterprise Week

Put the wind In Your 'Sales'



At the launch of Local Enterprise Week which runs from 5th – 11th March. Pictured (l-r) are Brenda Hegarty, Assistant Head of Enterprise, Donegal, Mayor of Letterkenny Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh, Cllr. Donal Coyle, Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly, Cllr. Ciaran Brogan, Head of Enterprise Donegal, Michael Tunney, (front from left) Cllr. Jack Murray, Cathaoirleach, Donegal County Council, and John McLaughlin, Chief Executive, Donegal County Council. Photo by Joe Dunne.

Businesses across Donegal are being encouraged to take advantage of the array of events and topics at this year's Local Enterprise Week, which runs from 5th – 11th March 2022. Local Enterprise Week is a collaboration between Local Enterprise Office Donegal and its partners. The theme of this year's event is the Wind In Your "Sales." Minister Charlie McConalogue and Cathaoirleach Cllr. Jack Murray will officially open Local Enterprise Week on Monday, 7th March with the 'Wind In Your Sales' event, which will also mark the launch of the 'Donegal Strategic Enterprise Plan'.

Michael Tunney, Head of Enterprise Donegal, said this year's theme is about encouraging businesses to move forward with energy, determination and enthusiasm: "After a difficult few years, there's a bit more optimism in the air, so this year's theme is a reflection of that. Putting 'The Wind In Your Sales' is about mapping out the future, taking calculated risks, and setting sail. This year, we have a range of events that will inspire businesses to catch and sail close to the wind, accelerating sales. From building high-performance teams and stepping up to export, to digital transformation in the workplace and recruiting and retaining top talent, this Local Enterprise Week has everything you need to put the wind in your 'sales'.

Adding to this, Brenda Hegarty, Assistant Head of Enterprise, Donegal, said: "Local Enterprise Week is the perfect opportunity for many businesses to dip into a specific area of interest and gather information on a topic that may be relevant to their business now or in the future. Along with our Donegal events, there are also 12 national Spotlight events available online. These events are free to join online and are open to all small businesses and entrepreneurs across the country, covering everything from digitalisation and exporting to future proofing your business and boosting your online presence. Local Enterprise Week also provides the perfect opportunity for someone who may be interested in starting a business in Donegal to get an idea of some of the key areas of focus and how to take those first

steps."

The first event of Local Enterprise Week 2022 will see businessowners and their teams go to An Chúirt Hotel, Gweedore for an intensive workshop on building leadership. Participants will work with leaders in sport and industry, including Ireland football legend, Packer Bonner who will be joined by Lisa Fallon, Pádraig Ó Céidigh and Iain Miller.

On Tuesday, 8th March, join Jenni Timony, Ciarra McGlynn and Sonya Lennon at Castlegrove House Hotel to celebrate International Women's Day with a unique event to inspire female founders. Also on Tuesday, keynote speaker, Helen King will be joined by a panel of experts to discuss innovation insights at the "The Future of Food" event.

On the third day of the programme, Dr Ken van Someren will discuss wellbeing for high performance, while Letterkenny Institute of Technology will present the 8th DICE (Design, Innovation, Creativity, Enterprise) Conference to celebrate creativity on a local and global scale.

On the Thursday of Local Enterprise Week, Ray Cunniffe will host a workshop, "Transform Your Business With Digital" at the Radisson Hotel, while Kathy McKenna will host a panel discussion on remote working. For those who are ready to set sail, Gerry Moan will host the "Become Your Own Boss" event in the Villa Rose Hotel along with a range of speakers who have founded their own businesses.

On the final day of Local Enterprise Week, learn how to recruit and retain top talent in your business with Lucy Adams, Tina McKenzie and Damien Doherty. Aisling McVeigh will share practical advice and tips on how hospitality businesses can play to their strengths and position and market their business to drive bookings from domestic visitors. Local Enterprise Week will culminate with an event in Rockhill House hosted by Pádraig Ó Máille celebrating 25 Years of the Enterprise Awards in Donegal.

Booking is essential: www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal

Ray Community Group

RAY PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

Are you a parent, childminder, grandparent looking after babies/toddlers then why not come along to our Ray toddler group every Friday at 10.30-11.45am. This is an enjoyable morning to meet and socialise with other adults over a cuppa while toddlers/ babies play in a safe environment. Any queries contact Syria on 087 2877900

RAY COMMUNITY GROUP A.G.M.

We will be having our A.G.M. on NEW DATE Thursday 31st March at 8pm and are actively looking for new members to join our committee. If you interested please get in touch with us or come along on the night to hear all about us and our future plans.

CLIMB WITH CHARLIE

'CLIMB WITH CHARLIE' is on Saturday 2nd April in aid of Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association and Pieta House. The walk/ climb will begin from Ray Community Centre at 11am to 'Standing Man' Glenalla. We will also be planning shorter walks up and transport to be arranged from centre. No dogs allowed on walk. Queries to Syria 087 2877900.

LOCAL HISTORY PROJECT

Ray Community Centre has launched a com-

munity history project in anticipation of the 10th anniversary of the opening of the building in 2012. The committee are calling on members of the community to submit historical photos from the wider Ray area, from Brownknowe to Craig to Glenalla, Glentidally and Ballyconnolly. The committee hopes to publish a book later this year which will celebrate the Ray community.

Photographs can be left into Milford & District Resource Centre, during normal opening hours, where copies will be taken. These precious family items will be returned to their owners the very same day. They can also be emailed into MDRC on history@mdrc.ie. The public is asked to provide information and descriptions along with the photographs, e.g. names of people in the photos, dates (if known) and places where taken.

"We are also asking members of the community in Ray and the surrounding areas to let family members and friends know about this project, who may no longer live in the area to ensure that our community's diaspora is also included in this project" Boyle concluded. For more info check out the Ray Community Centre Facebook page.

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Support Group Meeting for Stoma Patients

Clinical Nurse Specialists from Letterkenny University Hospital are organising a support group meeting for patients with a stoma and their families on this Thursday 3rd March from 5-7pm in the Mount Errigal Hotel.

The evening aims to support people with stomas and their families. It is an informal event and people can drop in at any time and bring a friend.

Rita Marren and Jodie-Anne McIntyre, who are the Clinical Nurse Specialists organising the event, will be joined by a physiotherapist and a dietitian at the support group meeting to provide advice. In addition a number of companies will display ostomy products.

Win a €50 Voucher

Where's Shanagh?!



If you can spot Shanagh hiding in one of our Adverts this week text us on **086 2147088**.

You could win a €50 voucher for Whoriskey's of Ramelton She can be hiding in any advert on any page.... just txt us your name and address and the advert she's in before Monday March 7th at 6pm to be in with a chance to win...

This week's winner was June Ryan, Fernhill, Letterkenny who found Shanagh in the Ballymore NS School Advert on Page 26 and wins a €50 voucher for Whoriskey's of Ramelton.

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A View from the Bridge

New Health Centre

The news that a new Health Centre is to be built in Dunfanaghy has received a warm welcome for those who live in the district. This news is light at the end of the tunnel for the local community and the battle began five years ago. The current centre has served the people of the area since the 1950's but a few years ago it faced the prospect of being closed as it did not meet the health and safety needs. Dr. Paul Stewart attended a meeting to raise his concerns with the local community and this was followed by a public forum with 500 people present. A committee was formed at this meeting and they organised a petition which was handed over to the HSE. A new Health Centre was promised on a site at Kill to be built under a Public Private Partnership but the project remained stalled for a couple of years and now the community is delight-



Cllr. Michael McClafferty and Deputy Joe McHugh on a visit to the site of the health centre in Dunfanaghy years ago with contractors Trevor and Darren Stewart.

ed that it is to be built by Glencar Healthcare with work to start shortly. For the past couple of years the people of the area had to travel to Creeslough to access the a health centre but the Dunfanaghy facility is open two days per week and this is to be welcomed.

Crows Wedding Day

Tuesday last was the 1st of March, some consider it to be the first day of spring and it's also the day that traditionally the Crows begin to build their nests in the trees in the woods. This building led to the day being known as 'The Crows Wedding Day' in the countryside and the sight of crows

flying to and from their nests carrying the twigs for their nests was a welcome one as it signified the beginning of spring after a sometimes long hard winter. So, if you were out walking in the country on Tuesday last and saw crows busily flying about. They were just getting building or repairing their nests in preparation for the nesting season ahead.

Arnold's Centenary Year



The year of 1922 was a momentous year in the nation's history with the establishment of the Irish Free State. These were turbulent times in the country. It was just recovering from the War of Independence and before that the 1916 Rebellion and soon the bloody civil war would occur. It was against this backdrop that the Arnold Family opened their new venture Arnolds Hotel in Dunfanaghy and since that time the family have been welcoming tourists to stay in their hotel overlooking Dunfanaghy Strand and Hornhead, which this year celebrates a milestone event- its centenary. Tourists have been coming to Dunfanaghy for generations, in the early years they stayed at one of the 'Big Houses' in the area and then in the 1800's, would have stayed in Mullen's of Portnablagh, Faugher House and other boarding houses as well as the Stewart Arms Hotel (Carrig Rua) in Dunfanaghy. In the early 20th century, the town became very popular with

tourists especially those from the north of Ireland and Arnolds was one of a number of hotels that were established in the area at that time to cater for this demand. Prior to being turned into a Hotel by the Arnolds, the building was known as St. Patrick's and was the residence of the then Manager of the Ards Estate Edmund Murphy. Since being built Arnolds Hotel has become a familiar landmark for those traveling to Dunfanaghy as they make their way around the Wild Atlantic Way. The busi-

ness survived the Civil War and a World War as well as recessions and the effects of the recent Covid-19 Pandemic which presented a crisis like no other just not for Arnolds but for all businesses. The Hotel has always had and still has a very loyal clientele who return year after year and this has been one of the secrets of its success over the years and the family has served as pillars of the local community. Arnolds Hotel is not just a landmark in Dunfanaghy, the family and their hotel have also become part of the fabric of the local community and a place for local families to gather for occasions and functions. Over the years working in the hotel was almost a rite of passage for young people living in Dunfanaghy to get a job in Arnolds and for generations of local families their first job was working in either the hotel or in earlier years in the farm or in the stables at the hotel a tradition that still continues until this day. The Hotel itself has also seen many changes

Beached whales

The huge waves generated by the storms in recent days have had an impact on our shoreline with Sand Dunes in a number of locations being changed by the pounding of the waves. The storms and high tides also saw the washing up of two sperm whales on beaches at Maghery and Malin Head. These are just the latest sea mammals to be washed up around our shores, with strandings of whales and dolphins been reported on a regular basis. There have been a number of theories put forward as to what may be the cause of this. Undoubtedly some of these deaths will be down to natural causes, these animals all have lifespans and when they die their bodies if not eaten by other fish will wash ashore. It's also thought that modern fishing practices are responsible for the increase in these deaths and large supertrawlers work the waters off Donegal almost all year round. Just last Saturday evening the German Factory Ship Anna Hillina, one of the largest in the world, was operating close to the north west Donegal Coast.

Working toward a better community in Churchill

On Saturday a special fundraising Jumble Sale to support the development of the local Churchill Community Park, as well as other local initiatives, will take place at the Colmcille Heritage Centre from 11am to 5pm.

By Eamonn McFadden

The sale promises a great range of new and high quality second hand

goods as well as a raffle on the day with top prizes on offer and all the proceeds will go to the continued development of the Community Park and locality.

The event is being hosted by Churchill Community Group CLG, a voluntary organisation who are working to develop the area and enhance the area for locals and visitors alike.

Group spokesperson, Carol Margy, says that they are working to breathe new life back into the area and they have seen great results already with the development of the local park and sports pitch that are a hive of activity each week.

She said their fundraising efforts, like this Saturday's Jumble Sale, are aimed at helping match State funding to develop a range of local amenities.

They have just received funding of €100k from the Town and Village Renewal Scheme to help enhance Churchills picturesque main street and she says this grant will go towards a "Heritage Lights Scheme". She stated: "We have been very lucky to receive that

funding under the village renewal scheme when we were allocated €100,000 for the village and if we want to do anything with it we have to have match funding so that is why we're having to keep the fundraising going.

The community group was set up after we did a community survey and asked people in the area what their concerns or issues were and what would they like to see happen in the area? We had a great response and one of the big things that came back from that was they were worried about rural decline and young people leaving the area.

Over the years we have seen a number of businesses close or move out of the area. So we had great feedback to the survey and people highlighted some of the things they would like to see done to help the community and one of the things sought was a park for young people. So the park work began as a facility for young children, then we got a mini-pitch last year for teenagers and older people. So these little fundraisers are part of an ongoing drive to make sure we have funds to do a bit more for the community."



The new Heritage Lighting Scheme will see a range modern but old-styled public light fittings that will be in keeping with quaint vernacular style of the village.

"It will see the new old style lights and a bit of landscaping and it will bring back a bit of vibrance to the main street. It is a nice heritage village that hasn't changed that much over the years so this will add a lot to it," Carol added. They group is also planning to create a new looped walkway and cycling trails in some of the scenic areas Churchill Hill is well-known for. All are welcome to attend Saturday's Jumble sale that runs from 11am to 5pm.



From Armed Struggle to Academia

'From Armed Struggle To Academia' by Paddy McMennamin is an in-depth book that takes you inside the H Blocks: life on the front line: being imprisoned for a number of years and surviving the conflict. The book, newly published is a true account of what happened in the Six Counties over a lifetime of experience and observation. Paddy's memoir will be launched on this Friday at 7.00pm in the Lagoon Lounge in Termon and everyone is welcome.

Sunday.... Bloody Sunday 1972

On the day of the march, Sunday the 30th of January, it was a sunny day. The marchers set off from the Creggan to march down through the Bogside and head into Guildhall square. Derry was a nationalist city so there should have been no problem on the day but the presence of 1 Para was ominous. Their actions the previous week called into question their suitability to be let loose on Derry streets. Within a few hours, that suitability would forever be in question. The story of that day in January is so well known that there really is no need to go over it again. Needless to say, British paratroopers slaughtered 14 innocent civil rights marchers, all unarmed, on the streets of their native city, and the British state tried their best to deny the truth through the Widgery enquiry. It would take 40 years before Saville concluded that they were murdered and the British PM issued an apology to the families and the people of Derry.

The issue of charging soldiers with murder, however, was watered down to just one soldier and no higher-ranking army personnel or politicians were ever charged.

On the Maidstone, we watched with astonishment as the news came through. Many of us had friends who attended the march, including Madeleine, and there were nervous hours as we waited to hear if they were ok. On the day of the funerals, we organised a guard of honour on the ship in relays of teams of six. It was our small tribute to those murdered.

The following week, we were transferred to the internment camp at Magilligan strand. A whole convoy of military vehicles brought about 100 of us from the Maidstone to the newly constructed cages in Magilligan overlooking the Foyle.

What if...?

Over the decades, there would be 15,000 republican activists, and another 10,000 loyalists, mostly working-class kids, all caged during the conflict between 1971-2000, involved in something way over our heads. In August '69 armed loyalists and B-Specials, attacking the Falls and Ardoyne. We became involved in something that would affect our lives gravely, some would die, most of us ended up in gaol. How do we analyse it?

What would our lives have been like if the unionist council in Caledon had given the house to the Catholic family of six rather than the 19-year-old single Protestant girl? What if the RUC had let the civil rights march walk down Duke St. in Derry unobstructed in October '68? What if the Stormont government had banned the Apprentice Boys march in Derry in August 12th'69? What if the new Tory government hadn't sent the army in to enforce a curfew on the Lower Falls for three days in June '70? What if the government hadn't introduced internment in August '71? What if the Paras hadn't slaughtered 14 civilians in January '72?

But history doesn't work like that. When the shit hits the fan, it becomes an unstoppable tsunami; events take over with an onrushing stampede to anarchy. Would our lives have been different? Of course they would. It had been estimated in various reports that 90% of republicans who went to Long Kesh would never have seen the inside of a gaol cell were it not for the conflict. Some, of course, might have, as in any society, but a hell of a lot more would have become teachers, doctors, engineers, or lecturers.

Loyalists, on the other hand, hadn't that history to look back on. They were loyal to the state so it was confusing for them. They didn't embrace education to the same extent, although there were many who did. Their experience was of pumping iron, tattooed skinheads, and a sectarian culture which was reprehensible but part of their society which



By Paddy McMennamin

they brought into the Cages.

Republican walks free: dressed as priest

Long Kesh was always in the headlines, right from day one, but more so for the first time in Feb '72 when the first escape took place. Francis McGuigan, a republican internee from Ardoyne, literally walked out of the camp dressed as a priest - a tactic used at different times over the years. The authorities didn't even know for 24 hours when, by that stage, McGuigan was in Dublin and ready to give evidence to the American Foreign Affairs Committee on events in Ireland. It was a massive propaganda victory for the IRA as Long Kesh was seen as escape-proof, but like Alcatraz and Robbin Island, the challenge was always accepted willingly by the inmates. Meanwhile, we got on with life in Magilligan as you do.

It's soul-destroying not knowing when you would get out. At least when you were sentenced you had a release date and could work towards it; every day 24 hours, you were closer to freedom. We had old record players sent in and the Barleycorn's 'Men Behind the Wire' would be rattled out regularly along with 'Come Out You Black and Tans' and 'The Boys of the Old Brigade'. Nightly sing songs could occur at random, and there were always a few Joe Dolan types from the country.

The Abercorn bar bombing left two dead and 130 injured, then four IRA volunteers were killed by their own bomb in the Lower Falls - one of them was Tony Lewis who was with us in the Fianna in the house on the Kashmir in August '69.

At the end of March as we whiled away the days in Magilligan making handicrafts, our thoughts would often drift across to Donegal just a few miles across the Foyle: the beautiful hills around Inishowen sparkling in the evening sunset; the small towns of Greencastle, Moville, and Redcastle; and further round to Culdaff, Malin Head, and Glengad on the peninsula.

Inishowen is part of Donegal but it always felt as though it's in the hinterland of Derry, cut off by partition from its natural trading area. I, more than most, felt a bit homesick as my mum was from Donegal and I spent every summer there. Escape was always in the air, and with Donegal so close there was a feeling that something could be worked on."

A new destination... Long Kesh

"The unionist government at Stormont was suspended and power invested in Westminster. It brought great celebrations in nationalist areas. After 50 years of partition, the cracks began to appear in the 'apartheid' regime.

For us, early April would bring new surroundings for us. We were given a few hours to pack up our gear and then huddled together at the edge of the camp where a helicopter landed and we board-

ed quicker than Michael O'Leary could issue an online boarding pass. For a few seconds, I think we all looked at each other wondering if we could possibly hijack it and fly to Donegal but we were neither Steve McQueen nor 'Sully', and so we sat back and relaxed as the chopper whisked us away to our next domicile just outside Lisburn, a place which was starting to acquire legendary status: Long Kesh.

Back in the Cages, there was 'gate fever' in the air during the early weeks of May. Every day, a screw would appear and read out a list of names: "Get your gear, you're going home."

On the 10th of May, I was chatting to 'Hack' across the wire when a screw appeared. "You're for off" he said, and so I said my goodbyes to 'Hack' and then others in our hut. I grabbed my stuff and was on my way to the front gate and the PDF mini bus home-free again. Hopefully, it would last, but the reality was that the life span for an IRA volunteer in '72 was about three months.

I reported back to my unit. It was a no brainer, just the times we were living in. It might now feel like we had a death wish but it's just the way it was, swept up in the euphoria of it all. But we weren't like lambs to the slaughter; we knew exactly what we were doing. We were committed to the armed struggle; whatever lay ahead we went into it with our eyes fully opened. We lost many friends along the way, but do we regret it?

I was back on the streets and things had markedly deteriorated. Three days after release and back on active service, a weekend of murderous violence took place involving UDA/UVF, the IRA and the British Army. The incident to kick it all off was a bomb planted at Kelly's bar at the top of the Whitewall between Ballymurphy and Turf Lodge on 13th May '72. A no-warning bomb injured many, and John Moran, a part-time barman, was critically injured. John was the brother of a good friend, Tom, who would later spend many years in the H-Blocks.

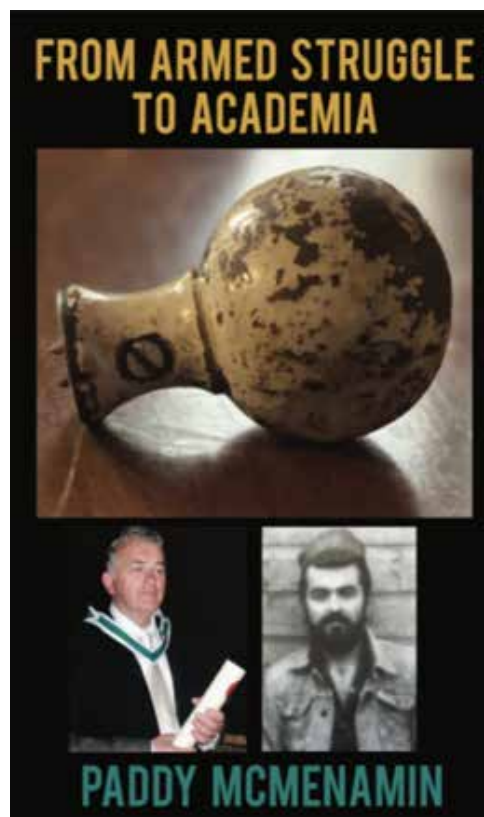
A young Catholic was also the victim of a blatantly sectarian murder on the Shankill, and a Protestant youth was simultaneously killed by the army in Springmartin. Seven died over that weekend in May amid massive three-way gun battles. All IRA volunteers were involved in defending the area from loyalist gunmen and the army; it was as fierce a few days as we had seen.

John Moran died a week or so later and we went along to the wake. At the same time, we were planning an attack on the army near his house. We were preparing an ambush site at a large roundabout above his house when a large convoy of army Saracens, 'Pigs', armoured troop carriers, they came rumbling along, and as we lay flat on our stomachs, they drove around the roundabout a few times before driving off; it was a close encounter.

These occasions were becoming commonplace, and within a fortnight my childhood friend Norman Campbell would join the ever-increasing list of casualties. Of all the people I knew who were killed in the conflict, Norman was probably the saddest. He was just 19 and lived just up the street from me. We had known each other since moving to Turf Lodge in the early '60s.

He never joined any of the various armed groups. He lived for his girlfriend and was to get married five weeks later. She was from the Shankill, and a Protestant, but they were soul mates. Norman was killed by loyalist gunmen on a building site where he worked on the Shankill.

Norman was murdered by the UVF - the first of the group of four who sat on the wall in the Turf Lodge flats in '69 talking about the future. Micky



Kearney and Kevi McCracken would follow him in the years to come."

Tentative talks behind the scenes

"While there was virtual mayhem on the streets in the early summer of '72, behind the scenes, tentative talks were taking place between various groups such as the SDLP, the church, representatives of the British Government, and the IRA. John Hume met Willie Whitelaw, the first British Direct Rule secretary of state, and conditions for a first ceasefire were laid. Secret talks took place between British Government officials and the IRA leadership near the border and the IRA announced there would be a ceasefire from midnight on the 26th June 1972. In the 48 hours before the ceasefire, an undercover British Army unit, the MRF, shot four innocent civilians in Andersonstown and the IRA killed five British soldiers. It was as if both entered the suspension of hostilities from a position of strength. On the streets, it was welcomed equally by civilians, IRA volunteers, and British soldiers. After three years of conflict, there was a little chink of light at the end of the tunnel. As the news spread of an imminent ceasefire, people came onto the streets in party mode. There were water 'bombs' tossed about instead of nail bombs, soldiers driving through the estate were met with cheers and more water bombs; it was probably like Dublin in 1921. Even the dogs stopped barking at the soldiers; for the first time since they came here, the soldiers seemed to be enjoying themselves. IRA volunteers on standby in safe houses emerged into the streets to an enormous wave of emotion and relief that it was over. There would be no more shooting and dying, no more gaol; unfortunately, it was to be short-lived. If it had ended there and then it would have lasted the same length of time as the War of Independence, we weren't to know it was destined to become 'the long war'!

On the 7th July, the first face-to-face talks between the IRA Army Council and the British Government since 1921 took place in an apartment in Cheyne Walk in Chelsea. William Whitelaw et al took the place of Lloyd George and Winston Churchill whilst Sean McStiofain, Daithi O'Conaill, and the late Martin McGuinness stood in for Collins and the plenipotentiaries on the Irish side. Also, Gerry Adams was released from Long Kesh for the discussions but the talks were doomed from the start. The IRA demanded British withdrawal while the British just wanted an end to violence, and so never the twain would meet for another 25 years. The ceasefire collapsed and 35 people were killed the following week after the breakdown of the ceasefire in Lenadoon and then, on one horrific day, Belfast was rocked by 22 bombs which left nine dead. Another bloody day was then added to the calendar: Bloody Friday. It was utter chaos.

The years singing 'Sean South' were coming to an end in the disillusionment of real conflict rather than a misty-eyed emotional attachment to the fourth green field. Moreover, with a state moulded in the shape of Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael who had never done a thing about partition, their singing about 'The Dying Rebel' or 'Come Out you Black and Tans' didn't sit that comfortably.



Bloody Sunday victims.

The life and times of Joe

“We got the boat from Derry which we had to share with cattle that were being shipped, that was rough and the smell even worse. Imagine doing that nowadays with fancy trainers, high-heels and fake-tans! We landed in Glasgow at nine on the Sunday morning and stayed that night with Joe Bán’s brother Jimmy and left on the Monday morning for Dunc and then to a town called Greenlaw and stayed in a house with loads of others that we knew from home...”

Joe Mangan had something on his mind as he paced the kitchen floor in the house that he first walked through the front door as an adopted seven-year-old in 1949, 72 years ago.

Joe put on the kettle for a ‘cupan tae’ explaining that he had to call the vet when a cow had trouble calving. Despite their best efforts the Belgian blue calf died. It was caring for cows that brought Joe to the Hills of Donegal in the first place and now within touching distance of a thrifty eighty years on planet earth, he hasn’t lost the farming instinct and still has seven cows and six calves borne from the spirit of ‘Buachaillacht’ as a boy on the heathery hills of Cnoc na nGloch and Taobh a’Leithid which provides a protective sense of shelter from storm force gales that sweep in over the bogland.

Joe is among a long list that came through the children’s homes adoption system at a time when babies born out of wedlock brought much shame on a family. In a bygone era where social welfare was non-existent and the humiliation was a step too far for an intolerant religious abiding society, irrespective of a mothers’ feelings. Young women were sent off to give birth in a children’s home or in many cases sent on the boat to England until the baby was born and return home under the pretence of having been away working.

Joe was born in a private foster home paid for by his mother/family whose name was Margaret O’Rourke aged 19 (she gave the name Mary Mangan as they were farmers from Rhode in Offaly.) Joe was born in July 1942 at 33 Pearcy Place Dublin and was baptised four days later at St Mary’s Had-



By James Woods



Picture taken at Gortahork School in 1955.

dington Road.

Joe was then fostered out to a family in county Wicklow for a number of years, before being moved to a family in Co Kildare. In between the various moves he had a bad fall that damaged his shoulder where it has impacted him physically ever since due to bones not being set correctly. He was adopted officially by Bridget Doogan, Lower Keeldrum, Gortahork,

on the 2nd September 1949. James and Bridget Doogan were getting on in years and their own two oldest sons Jimmy and Barney and had taken the boat to Glasgow, leaving Joe Bán the youngest son and Máire the only daughter at home. As was common in those days children were adopted from orphanages mainly run by religious orders to help out on the farm.

Joe was lucky in that he came to a good home and his main daily task was herding (ag Buachaillacht) the cows and feeding the hens. Joe remembers being told he was going to meet his mother as a white-haired lady brought him from Dublin to Derry station where he was met by Máire and another woman Biddy Coyle (Jimmy Hudai) on a cold December day which was a Friday. They got the Lough Swilly bus to Gortahork where they alighted at McFadden’s Hotel at eight o’clock in the evening.

Joe recalls: “I remember having to walk the two and a half miles to this house here in pitch dark-



Joe with his first Minibus at home in 1972.

ness with the moon and the stars showing the way. There were no street-lights in them days and no torches. Inside the house it was hard to see much with the dimness of the little Hurricane paraffin oil lamps with the globe and light flickering and dancing on the wick creating moving shadows on the walls. It wasn’t until 1967-68 that we could use a switch to turn on the light rather than burning your fingers trying to light a cipin solas on the fire to light the wick.”

It did not bother him when he discovered he was not going to meet his mother.

“No not at all, it just got shelved in the back of my mind until later years as I had plenty of other things to take up my time. It was a learning curve in that I hadn’t a word of gaelic and it was all Irish spoken here at that time.

Although I soon picked it up when I was getting chased out to mind the cows or told to put on the cotá mór if it was raining, (bhí ár gcomhrá go hiomlán tríd an teanga dhúchais).

I started school in Gortahork in 1950 and was immersed headfirst in Irish there, so you had no choice but to get with it or be left behind.”

In the intervening years Joe says he worked with neighbours with the horse and cart, taking in hay, corn and working at the turf along with anything else where help was needed.

“I decided along with Danny who was a good bit older than me to head for Scotland as he had been working over there before, and lived about a mile down the road in Drim na Searrach, where we’d get work with Joe Bán’s father who had gone over to work on farms as was the custom in those days to send money home.

I remember the tears in the house that day when I was leaving, Bridget, Máire and Joe Bán were trying their best to get me to stay, but I had made my mind up and I was intent on going. Joe Bán walked down with me on the Saturday where there was a path through the fields to Pól Antain where the stop was for the Lough Swilly bus at twelve midday.

Danny (Danny Johnny Sheán Mulhern) came down the field towards the bus with his hands in his pockets and him whistling a tune wearing a pair of wellington boots that were turned down at the top, which was akin to sports wheels on a car. I asked him if he was coming with me as he looked more like a man that was going to dig spuds or spread cow dung. Don’t be talking, get into the

bus quick, Danny whispered from the side of his mouth. The reason for the strange carry-on was because he didn’t tell anyone at home he was going anywhere because his brother Eoin had just come home and one of them at least had to stay home to look after the elderly parents, and if Eoin had got wind of Danny’s plans, he would have been off like a rocket,” Joe laughs.

“We got the boat from Derry which we had to share with cattle that were being shipped, that was rough and the smell even worse. Imagine doing that nowadays with fancy trainers, high-heels and fake -tans!

We landed in Glasgow at nine on the Sunday morning and stayed that night with Joe Bán’s brother Jimmy and left on the Monday morning for Dunc and then to a town called Greenlaw and stayed in a house with loads of others that we knew from home. John Charlie Manus, Tommy Carr, Danny Johnny Sheán were some I remember who stayed there to work on the farms. Harvesting the potatoes which was backbreaking work, six days a week and sometimes we’d have to work on the Sunday depending on the weather. That lasted a month and the weather broke. Jimmy was going home so I went with him as far as Glasgow and went to work on a housing scheme with his two sons Jimmy and Barney.

My next stint was working at the construction of a power station and then digging tracks and laying power cables to new housing estates, it was jumping from one set of backbreaking work to the next but it strengthened you up if nothing else.



Joe’s wife Ann who died on the 11th July 1986.



Joe with wife Ann and family Mairead, Martin, Joseph and James.



James and Bridget Doogan - Joe’s adoptive parents.



Joe with his first coach in 1976.

Joe Mangan



First car bought in Glasgow, a Woolseley in 1964.

It was all above board
My first Mini Bus was a Ford Thames in 1955 in Glasgow and I began driving men to work on various jobs like Weir and McAlpine's, as well as working myself, followed up then by a second van. It was a new Ford Transit twelve-seater, bringing people shopping and to functions. I came home on holidays 1964/65 and began a taxi service but got reported and lost the licence for six months. I went back to Glasgow for a spell and when I returned with a minibus, I began taking people to dances, bingo and Mass. This time it was all above-board.

I bought a Ford Transit in Friel's Garage in 1974 in Creeslough, that was a fourteen- or fifteen-seater, and I bought my first coach in 1976. The seventies and early eighties were busy times that I won't forget, taking the young crowds to the Ray River Inn, The Milford Inn, Tramore Inn, Downings, the Corncutters Rest, the Pier Hotel in Port na Blath, The Sea View and the Dodge in Gaoth Dobhair with Meat Loaf going full blast singing 'I'll do anything for love, but I won't do that'.

'Bat out of Hell' was another one and I remember well the night Meat Loaf played at the Maas Inn in Glenties.



Joe appeared on the Late Late show.

The idea of starting up a soccer club light a bulb in Joe's head while playing with a group of locals, Michael Coyle, Michael (nan) Cannon, Seamus (rua) Ferry, Micky (Johny Sally) Curran, Michael McGeever, Donal Harkin, Ownie Keegan on Glasgow Green.

Glenea Soccer Club
I came home in 1970 and I started up "Glenea Soccer Club" in '72. We used to play on a sloping field called 'Pairc Ned' in Keeldrum, now taken over by nice houses and lawned gardens. The permanent Glenea soccer pitch is located at Glaisachú with young players toting out unaware of how or who started the club." Joe was also instrumental in starting up the Cloich Ceann Fhaola marching Band in 1972 and played for the first

time on Saint Patrick's Day 1973. The band went from strength to strength in the following years, and now there is a junior to accompany the senior band, all thanks to Joe Mangan. "I met my wife Ann Mulhern from Gortahork at a dance in the local parish hall to celebrate winning a cup in 1972. We got engaged in 73 and married on 19th October 1974 in Pobal Chroist Rí Gortahork the same year, with the



Joe's first meeting his uncle Brendan.



Surprise party by family for Joe on his retirement in 2017. They presented him with a framed photo of the first coach he bought in 1976. From left James, Anne Marie, Joe óg, Martin and Mairead.

reception in Ostan na Rossan in Dungloe. We left the next day for the honeymoon in Majorca. We had five of a family, Joseph, James, Mairead, Martin, Anne Marie, unfortunately Ann died on the 11th July 1986 after a short illness which was a terrible shock.

Ann would be fondly remembered by many who travelled over and back to Glasgow on Mangan's buses. Ann was the driver, packing in the cases or throwing them up onto the roof rack, as well as potatoes going over and furniture back on the bus was common enough.

"It was a busy time with buses plying their trade on the same well-worn routes back and forth to Glasgow during the seventies, with Antony McGinley, John McGinley, Anthony Doherty, Feda O'Donnell, Michael Coyle, John Joe Boyce and myself going over on the Tuesday, back on Wednesday, over on Friday and back home again on Saturday, they were memorable times," Joe says.

Joe has a slight tendency to undersell his achievements in life, but that is possibly due to not giving enough credence in recognising how strong his built-in survival instincts actually are.

And so began a journey to trace his parents.

"When James and Bridget my adoptive parents passed away, although my memory is vague on the time before I came here, I was always aware that I was adopted and Máire explained as much as she knew about where I came from and tried different avenues in finding out, but it was like hitting a blank wall.

Later my wife Ann wrote to the Adoption Board and was told that due to a fire most files and records were destroyed. I thought that was the end of the road, but in further correspondence, I was told my mother could have been from Mayo or Galway (I later believed that was intentional to throw me off the scent, as I at the time believed my mother was from Celbridge in Kildare).

Many times, in the middle of this you'd be on a high on getting a bit of good news, only to end up deflated and dejected when it led to nowhere and it wasn't until I heard a man who came through the adoptive process explain on Highland Radio how he managed to trace his parent(s) through a social worker in Dublin.

I phoned Highland and got essential details. I headed for Dublin, met with her and we went to the registered adoption agency in Haddington Road, and gave them all the information I had at my disposal. I still had a faint hope lingering within me and that bore fruit when Sr Gabriel gave me the rightful name for my mother. While I did uncover the truth of who and where my mother was from, in a time consuming and exhaustive process, you have to take into account the fact that there may have been a lot of pain, anger and suffering involved, and that turning up on someone's door to turn their life upside down



Joe appeared on Léargasa documentary in 1998

could lead to disappointment. But it was too late for me as she had passed away in 1993, but I had some consolation on discovering she had a sister Molly and a brother Brendan who I met up with and took delight in putting the pieces of the missing years together.

I also discovered that my father Eddie Doran was also dead and neither of them had married. I located the graveyard where he was buried, but unfortunately his grave was unmarked and no-one was able to tell me the exact spot where he is buried.

He came from a farming family in the next townland but his relatives had all passed away, and from what I was told the State bought his house and outbuildings and it was used as a setting for films."

Today Joe is happy with his life and what he built up from scratch. When he retired from the bus business in 2017, his eldest son Joe Óg took over the mantle of "Mangan Tours" and brought it to another level in keeping with the times. But Joe wasn't going to sit back and relax all day.

"I have my Massey 690 for shifting black bales to feed my cattle unlike after the first few years after coming here, your back was used for carrying bales of hay, straw or bags of turf and spuds. I enjoy farming because it was the cows that first brought me here, as well as that I have three dogs to keep me company, and nieces and nephews to keep me occupied or watch over me, so I consider myself very lucky in that sense, even though I'm busier now than I've ever been."

There are no airs or graces about Joe. What you see is what you get. He is already planning a birthday hooley in the local hotel, Ostan Loch Altan in Gortahork for his eightieth birthday, and to put a spring in his step and add spice to the occasion, Joe tells me that he's doing a strong line with an American lady he met while touring down around Westport and Achill Island.

So it may be a case of "I'll do anything for love" but I won't do that."



Joe and Joe Junior first meeting with his mother's sister, Molly in 1996 at Clearys in Dublin.



Joe's first minibus in Glasgow in 1965.

Political storm at Rathmullan Pier

The neglect of Rathmullan Pier in recent years has left it in a most dangerous condition and could even lead to its closure: that's according to Cllr. Sean Maloney last night.

Already a weight restriction has been placed on lorries using the pier, and recently a man was badly injured when he was forced back where no barrier exists and ended falling into the water and having to be rushed to Letterkenny General Hospital - says the Letterkenny FG Cllr.

Maloney also claimed that some of the traffic using the pier is over the restricted limit imposed by the council. And he has questioned why investment in such an important landing point has not been made a priority by the three local Dail deputies.

The cost of repairing the pier is now estimated far in excess of £1 million, Maloney claims. He told the Tribune the pier in Rathmullan is a real jewel in the crown for Donegal. This deep water landing facility is a major asset to the county, and there is massive potential in terms of marine related activities and tourism.

"It should have been a priority for funding and one has to ask why local public representatives like Harry Blaney have not been more forceful in securing investment.

The matter has now been raised in the Dail by Fine Gael spokesperson on the Marine Alan Dukes. The Minister for the Marine, Frank Fahey, replied: "Rathmullan Pier is owned by Donegal Co. Council and responsibility for its repair and mainten-

ance rests with the Local Authority in the first instance. In 2001, the Co. Council submitted a proposal to my Department for repairs to the pier at an estimated total cost of £1 million.

"A proposal was also received for the funding of a quay wall at Lehardan, Rathmullan estimated to cost €253,947. The question of funding development and repair works at Rathmullan Pier will be considered in the context of the funding available under the National Development Plan and overall national priorities."

Reacting to the Minister's reply, Cllr. Maloney expressed grave concern that in terms of overall national priorities this pier is not been given enough attention. Cllr. Maloney referred to documentation which was sent to the Dept of the Marine and Natural Resources in January 2001 from Donegal Co. Council in January 2001.

It notes that the outer portion of the pier was built in the 1950s and that over a period of time "the condition of the fendering has deteriorated to a dangerous condition" and that there "is substantial corrosion of the concrete evident on the soffit of the deck."

Cllr. Maloney added that the Council has placed a weight restriction of seven tonnes on traffic using the pier. But the Council, in its submission to the Dept. conceded: "However, due to the nature of the landings, which are usually high volumes of fish and the time which these landings occur which often happens in the night hours, it is difficult to enforce this restriction.



Tourism and Sports Minister Dr. James McDaid cuts the first sod on the new development at the Rathmullan and District Resource Centre at the Flagpole Field on Monday afternoon. Also included from left are Jayne Quigg, Manager IRD Donegal, Thomas Merritt, Noel Scott, Liam McLaughlin and Margaret Todd members of the Rathmullan and District Resource Centre Committee.

New controversy in Lough Swilly

A new controversy has broken out in Lough Swilly this week with the local Preservation Group at the Loughside Ramelton claiming that mussel dredging operations near Fortstewart are in breach of existing legislation.

The current controversy centres on the location of the dredging which is taking place: on the one hand it is claimed it is outside of areas licensed for mariculture development while conflicting claims say it is within areas specifically set aside for oyster cultivation.

In a complaint to the Northern Fisheries Board and the Dept of the Marine the preservation group says they believe there has been material breaches of the legislation and that legal action to enforce compliance with the Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1997 is now possible.

Trudi Mooney of the preservation group has told the Marine Dept that they are not satisfied the dredging that has taken place in Lough Swilly over the past week has complied with the requirements to preserve the archaeological assets of the seabed there and she has sought an urgent response to her queries.

Copies of the complaint have also been sent to the Minister for the Marine and to all other interested parties in this crux. Queries have been raised by the group on the definition of 'public fishery' or 'commonage'. At the same time it is claimed that

in the present circumstances it may now be possible for any member of the public to conduct dredging operations in the Swilly outside of the areas licensed for mussel cultivation.

The Lough Swilly Preservation Group has now demanded the publication of the Fisheries Minister's survey into oyster beds in this particular area of the Swilly which they say has been completed but not published.

The Minister Frank Fahey said last October that it had come to light that some areas of the Swilly licensed for mussel cultivation included oyster beds and a comprehensive survey would be conducted to identify all oyster beds in the Lough with local fishermen acting as observers.

The Minister then told the Dail in response to a question from Deputy Eamon Gilmore that the survey would soon be completed and will be acted on 'in terms of appropriate modification of the mussel licences in question' and as a basis for drawing up a development plan for native oyster production in Lough Swilly.

The group says that in recent days extensive dredging has been taking place and this action has been notified to the appropriate authorities. The Lough Swilly group says they are now deeply concerned with the lack of action and have sought clarification of the role of the CLAMS initiative in this area of the Lough.



Staff from Glenveagh National Park with the best tour visit award from CIE Tours which was voted on by 21,000 tourists from left are Eileen Murray, Margaret McFadden, Mary Nellis, Mary Gallagher, Nickie Warner, Rosaleen Nellis, Tres Alcorn and Madge Doherty.

Further to the correspondence of June 2000 a further complaint was made to CZAD earlier this year and a reply was received on February 21st. In response to a complaint from the preservation group a Dept of the Marine spokesperson wrote: the Dept has investigated your complaint and it has been confirmed that the 'the group concerned' was not in fact harvesting their own site but an area outside his licensed area which lies within a public

fishery. The requirement of Duchas to carry out an archaeological survey does not relate to the public fishery.

"The Swilly group alleges that the Dept of the Marine has said that dredging has not taken place within areas licensed for mussel cultivation. "If not: what is being dredged?" asks the preservation group in their complaint to the Fisheries Board.



Students from Pobal Scoil Cloughaneely at the annual prom in Letterkenny at the weekend. From left, Siobhan Cannon, Evelyn O'Leary, Aoife McBride, Kati Hona, Anne Harkin, Caoimha Sweeney, Sarah Marie McDevitt and Sarah Roarty.

Plastic bag levy from Monday

As a 15 cents levy on plastic shopping bags comes into operation from next Monday some business premises say they will discontinue the supply of such bags or else use paper ones if a sufficient supply is available.

The levy has already been criticised by small shopkeepers groups saying that the public would assume the levy was being imposed by business concerns themselves.

The plastic shopping bag levy will be paid into a fund for environmental improvements. The latest measure is aimed at reducing the amount of

plastic going to landfill and to prevent littering of the countryside. The monies collected at the supermarket checkouts will be paid directly into the Environmental Fund for new waste management initiatives including enforcement procedures.

Shoppers will have to decide whether they need a plastic bag: the retailers must charge for each bag and it must be itemised separately on receipts to the shopper. The stores say the levy will add substantially to their administration levels and costs and may lead to confusion at the checkouts.

McHugh calls for smaller buses

Fine Gael Councillor Joe McHugh has called for the introduction of smaller Bus Eireann buses to improve the service in rural areas.

"While the larger buses are important from the point of view of linking the main population centres one cannot help observing that on many occasions they are travelling with just a handful of passengers," he said.

"Bus Eireann should consider smaller more compact buses to augment the service. These would be less costly to purchase and run and would

provide a more frequent and possibly a faster service at more commuter friendly times. Apart from providing a service for rural villages which have no service at present they could also act as a feeder service for some of the larger buses serving the existing main routes." He pointed out that many parts of Donegal have no public transport at all. Although there are a number of private operators who do a very good job, he feels that there is a need for the provision of community based public transport services.

Family composts 75% of waste

As Donegal County Council unveiled their latest waste management strategy, one Letterkenny man has come up with a simple method to get rid of over 75% of his household waste.

Gabriel McCole from Scribley has, the past ten years been composting long before the council took up the notion. Using composting, he was been able to deal with 75% of all of household foodstuff naturally.

Gabriel (pictured right with his family) uses a wormery to get rid of vegetable matter and for the past two years, he has discovered how maggots are able to get rid of meat products. He places the meat both cooked and uncooked into a standard barrel. The barrel has twelve holes drilled along the side. There are four holes at the bottom of the barrel to drain the water from the food and it is covered by a removable lid to stop water from getting in. At the start of summer, a bluebottle would fly into the hole and lay its eggs on the decomposing food. The maggots further breakdown the protein in the meat into compost. Once the maggots are ready to mature, they will leave the barrel where the birds lie in wait to pick them off for food. He says that there is no great mystery to the process and it is just nature taking its course. "If the maggots are good enough to be used on surgical food then they are good enough to get rid of food."

As the holes are only a centimetre in diameter, vermin is unable to enter the barrel. Another bonus from the maggots is that there is absolutely no smell. Other protein based foods such as diary products can be used in the barrel. The compost that is produced can be used for lawns and is great for fruit trees, according to Gabriel, as the calcium helps them to grow.

"If people are worried about the sight of rot-



ting meat, they can throw in vegetable matter on top of it to cover it over, the results will all be the same. The compost that is produced is only a very small quantity."

Gabriel also operates a wormery in his shed to get rid of vegetable matter and has not emptied the bin for the past four years despite throwing tonnes of food into it. He explains as most foodstuffs is 90% water, it starts to decay as the air helps to partially break down the food. The wormery will need only a handful of dung worms at the start but they breed pretty quickly. The biggest difference between the wormery and the maggot bin is that there is a wooden board with holes and a sump filled with stones below the board that are used to drain the water.

The wormery operates best in warm conditions and Gabriel recommends it be kept in a garden shed especially during the winter months as the worms could freeze. While he recognises that some time and effort is needed at the start to organise the wormery, he says there is no effort needed in separating the food. He keeps two plastic buckets in his house each covered with a lid and once the buckets are full he dumps them into the wormery or the maggot bin.



Religious Education and Royal School House prizewinners pictured with Rev. McBride at the Raphoe Royal and Prior senior prizegiving in the school last Friday night. Included are Joanne Boal, Jennifer Elvin, Tara Jacob, Carol King, Jenifer Simms, Rachael Campbell, Emma Scott, Derek Stewart and William Young.

IFF selects Joe Kelly in Donegal SW

Joe Kelly of Falcarragh is the IFF candidate in Donegal SW for the general election and his unanimous selection in Glenties on Sunday night has put in place most of the party selections ahead of polling day in May.

It now remains for outgoing Independent Deputy Thomas Gildea to announce his convention date before the final field is completed.

The IFF convention in the Highlands Hotel on Sunday evening was over effectively when Udaras Member Sean O'Baoill announced he would not accept a nomination this time around. He had earlier been tipped for the nomination and he was proposed by Dan Sweeney of Drumkeen.

O'Baoill whose name had been featured by TG4 on the mock ballot paper in the recent opinion poll captured 3% of the vote and while IFF may not have put much store in that statistic they will be very conscious that they face a big battle on the hustings.

Joe Kelly is the son of Cllr. Padraig O'Ceallaigh who was a founder



member of IFF over thirty years ago and he is currently Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council.

The convention was well attended with delegates coming from all areas of the south west. Along with that many IFF supporters travelled from Donegal NE to offer their support. The elected representatives flanked party leader Deputy Harry Blaney on the platform: Cllr. Joe Gallagher from Ballyshannon Town Commissioners; from Donegal County Council Cllrs. Albert Doherty; Niall Blaney; Dessie Larkin and the Mayor of Letterkenny Town Council, Cllr. Ciaran Brogan.

All elected members spoke pledging their fullest support to the Kelly campaign and while there was very little mention in front of the media about the opinion poll. Cllr. Dessie Larkin added a note of mirth to the proceedings when he declared the only poles that IFF knew about were the ones on which they put posters.

Did anyone remind Dessie that the practice of postering poles is somewhat a constitutional imperative that is frowned upon by the upper echelons of the Attorney General's Office?

Joe Kelly said: "In letting my name forward I know that I must win the trust of the voter, I would like to share with you my vision of how we can fight the good fight and carry on the mantle.

In Ireland we are moving towards a new political process. It is something that is far beyond anything we every imagined. The process of change is so instant that it is almost frightening. And we require all our skills to stay ahead of the process - especially in rollercoaster times of sharp economic downturn and nowhere has that been more evident to me than in my own home town of Falcarragh where in recent weeks four factories have been closed and there has been a complete collapse in employment. In fact Donegal South West has an employment rate of nearly 20%. Surely this

reflects a know nothing do nothing attitude.

We are in a new era. We are part of a new Europe. And on the island of Ireland a new North-South political process of partnership is the order of the day - which hopefully will provide a lasting peace for all of our community.

The electorate is more educated than ever before. They have a greater choice. They are more politically mobile and they demand quality of leadership from their publicly elected representatives. The electorate no longer vote with their feet - no - they vote with their heads.

There is the danger of disaffection and disillusionment with party politics today. The voter recognises when there is no political leadership and they recognise a situation of "political crisis management". - that is when politicians run from one crisis to the next. They witness political corruption, selfishness and greed at an elite level - and as a consequence good politicians are all branded the same. There is a professional crisis of identity. I believe that the runaway success of the Celtic Tiger has been achieved at the expense of society in general - and in particular, at the expense of the family.

There is an electoral wilderness - with over 20% of the voters still undecided as to who they will support. Why? Because our political leaders have lost their way and don't know how to lead.

It is time to offer both the economic success and the social vision. It requires vision, imagination and courage and I believe that we will have to take bold decisions and steps. Our beliefs have to be our cause if we are to sell our platform to the electorate. We have to let the electorate know that we are central to their aspirations and dreams and their needs.

I believe that our character is shaped by the choices we make. I believe that we are united by principle and truth. We have a proud history and an honourable one and we are different.

Even allowing for the supposed success of the Celtic Tiger there are many needs and deficiencies in Donegal. I don't need to list them for you - you have lived with them and I have grown up with them - we know them all.

Our greatest danger is that we become the nation's holiday village and that our young people leave - and stay away. We are the nations unemployment blackspot - year on year.

Our challenge, though, is that we provide the political will to do something about it.

Locally we know what is best for our area and we need to challenge political decisions at Regional, National and European level."



Michelle Gildernew the Sinn Fein MP for Fermanagh South Tyrone pictured with Padraig MacLochlainn the Sinn Fein candidate in the forthcoming General Election at the Ramelton Geneological Centre last Thursday during their visit of the Milford Electoral Area.



Cpt. Joe Doherty with a group of FCA colleagues in Rockhill House on Saturday at his retirement function after 35 years service.

Bishop Alan presents Benemerenti Medals

The Bishop of Raphoe, Alan McGuickan came to St. Catherine's Church in Oughterlin on Friday night to honour three parishioners as he presented them with the Benemerenti Medal on behalf of Pope Francis.

John Pat Carr and his wife Brigid and Mary Bowden were honoured with the medals.

John Pat and his wife Brigid who are both in their 90's have been looking after the Church since the 1950's while Mary Bowden has been the organist and conductor of the choir for 48 years in Oughterlin. Prior to that at the age of 14, Mary began in St. Joseph's Church in Rathmullan before going to college and since 1974 has been organist and in charge of the choir.

Concelebrating the Mass with Bishop Alan were Fr. Martin Collum PP and Fr. James Friel, retired PP who was in the class at National School as Mary Bowden. Mary's daughter Deirdre McLaughlin did the readings during the Mass.

Bishop Alan welcomed John Pat and Brigid Carr and Mary Bowden (who was conducting the choir), their families and friends to the Mass.

He said that we are here to honour John Pat, Brigid and Mary people who have given what they have over the decades just like the people of Jerusalem.

Your contribution not only to this lovely church but also to building up the faith and community and I hope you see an abundance of grace.

"When we are constant we let the life of love shine on us and when people give faithfully in God's service over the years and I'm delighted that Pope Francis is now honouring them."

John Pat Carr who is 91 while his wife Brigid is 92 have been looking after the Church for decades as sacristan and caretaker and in fact they have been instrumental in preserving the Church in the early 1970's and ensuring that it wasn't closed as was threatened on a number of occasions.

The current version of the Benemerenti medal was designed by Pope Paul VI. It is a gold Greek Cross depicting Christ with his hand raised in blessing. On the left arm of the cross is the tiara and crossed keys symbol of the papacy. On the right arm is the coat of



James Keyes pictured with Bishop Alan in St. Catherine's Church, Oughterlin.



Bishop Alan presenting the Benemerenti Medals on behalf of Pope Francis to John Pat and Brigid Carr in St. Catherine's Church, Oughterlin on Friday night. Also included family and friends and Fr. James Friel.



Bishop Alan presenting the Benemerenti Medal on behalf of Pope Francis to Mary Bowden. Also included are her daughters Naomi Kasolowsky and Deirdre McLaughlin and granddaughter Thea McLaughlin with Fr. James Friel and Fr. Martin Collum.



Organist Mary Bowden leading the St. Catherine's Choir on Friday evening and below a section of the attendance at the Mass.



arms of the current Pope. The medal is suspended from a yellow and white ribbon, the colours of the Papacy. They also received parchments in Italian signed by Pope Francis.

Fr. Martin Collum PP thanked the Bishop for celebrating the

Mass and presenting the medals and parchments on behalf of Pope Francis. He congratulated the three recipients for the long and constant service which they have given to the Church and invited everyone to refreshments in the St. Vincent De Paul Centre in Rathmullan.



Bishop Alan presenting the Benemerenti Medals on behalf of Pope Francis to John Pat and Brigid Carr with Fr. James Friel.

Donegal Junior League Division 1

Fanad stay on title course

Milford United 2-3 Fanad United

Fanad Utd's bid for promotion to the Premier Division and a first league title in 11 years remains on course after the win over Milford Utd at Moyleview on Sunday. Arthur Lynch's side stay



Martin McElhinney wins this header from Mark Wilson, Milford on Sunday.

top of the Division 1 table and two points ahead of St. Catherine's who also won on Sunday. With seven games to go it looks like a two horse race now and both sides at this stage are firm favourites for promotion to the top flight. Fanad's last title success was in the Ulster Senior League in 2011. Sunday's result was a different story for Milford who are sitting in around the relegation play-off spot along with Ballybofey Utd. Swilly Rovers and Cranford Utd currently occupy the bottom two places in Division 1. Manager Noel Gillespie will be focusing on getting his side away from that danger area as the season heads into the home straight. Neither side is in action this weekend. Sunday's game was a closely contested derby but it was Fanad who went away with the three points. Aided by a strong breeze Milford started brighter with Gary Merritt and Mark Wilson proving a handful for the Fanad defence. Fanad conceded a few corners from which Milford were unlucky not to score after working a few short set-pieces. It was Fanad though who took the lead on the half hour when Milford failed to clear and Keelin McElwaine poked the ball home from a tight angle. Fanad got their second five minutes before the break through Eddie O'Reilly with an effort from twenty yards. Milford pulled one back before the half-time whistle when Gary Merritt latched on to a dropping ball and scored from 26 yards with a contender for goal of the season. Fanad got off to the perfect start in the second half when Milford failed to clear a corner and Kyle Mc Garvey headed home. Darren McLaughlin got Milford back into the game on the hour after a good move down the left-hand side. Against the breeze the hosts found it hard to get out but had a few chances on the break where they were unlucky not to draw level. For the last ten minutes Milford threw everything at Fanad but we're just unable to apply a finish. Another entertaining derby with Fanad very happy to take the three points from Moyleview Park. Milford Utd - Caolan McGettigan, Conor



Milford's Finnian Coll is closely marked by Fanad's Patrick Moffitt.

McHugh, Ciaran Gibbons, Lorcan Friel, Pauric Curley, Darren McLaughlin, Jonny Logue, Kilian McBride, Cathal McGettigan, Garry Merritt, Mark Wilson. Subs: Ciaran McGettigan for McBride, Finnian Coll for McLaughlin. Fanad Utd - Mark McConigley, Patrick Moffitt, Darren Lynch, Declan O'Donnell, James Gallagher, Oisín Langan, Paddy McGinley, Keelin McElwaine, Kyle McGarvey, Eddie O'Reilly, Patsy Friel. Subs: Martin McElhinney for Darren Lynch, Declan McGarvey for Oisín Langan, Cian Sweeney for Patsy Friel, Seamus Coyle for Kyle McGarvey.

Donegal League marks 50 years

On Friday evening the Donegal Junior Football League will host a special event to mark its 50th anniversary at their Diamond Park, Ballyare headquarters. President of the FAI Gerry McAnaney will be a special guest at the unveiling of a commemorative plaque to mark the occasion. PRO Gary Foy explained that the executive decided on this weekend as it is exactly 50 years to the date of the playing of the first ever round of league fixtures at the beginning of March 1972. The league had actually been formed in December 1971 but obviously it took a while to get everything in place to get the competition started.

The inaugural season was a short one and it saw Lifford Celtic being crowned the first champions after a 4-2 win over Swilly Rovers at Leckview Park in a play-off. Lifford were 2-1 up at the break through a Hugh White penalty and the other coming from Robbie White. Joe Gallagher equalised for Swilly but T White and second for Robbie White saw Lifford take the title. The two teams that day - Lifford Celtic: Denis Porter, R Casey, Terence Patton, Danny Burns, Jerry Crossan, V Shiels, Hugh White, Jamsie Callan, Robbie White, Marty Gormley, T White. Swilly Rovers - Thomas Gallagher, Willie McDaid, Peter Kelly, Brendan Duffy, Corney Murray, Tommy Logan, Kevin Toland, Joe Logan, Hugh Diver, Joe Gallagher, Danny Cullen.

Fanad Utd won the title the next three years. The third success was secured at Leckview Park in a 3-1 win over Lifford Celtic with Brian McIvor, Eamonn McConigley and the last James Doherty the scorers. The team was Sean McAteer, James Duffy, John Kerr, Sean Sweeney, John Friel, Tommy Patton, James Doherty (RIP), Eamonn McConigley, John Sweeney (RIP), Brian McIvor, Aidan Kelly (RIP). Subs: Fr. Kieran McAteer, Seamus Vaughan. Following the plaque unveiling there will be light refreshments served on Friday night at Diamond Park.

Cup semi-finals this weekend

As part of the 50th celebrations there are four Cup Semi-Finals on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The first game is at Diamond Park on Friday night when Bonagee United and St. Catherine's meet in a Brian McCormick Cup semi-final. Bonagee by virtue of being a side challenging for league honours in the Premier Division will be favourites but St. Catherine's are at the top of Division so the Dry Arch men can't be complacent. The second McCormick Cup semi-final takes place at Diamond Park on Sunday when Keadue Rovers take on Kildrum Tigers at the Flagpole Field in Rathmullan. There are also two Voodoo Venue semi-finals on Saturday. Fintown Harps AFC play Oldtown Celtic at Dreenan, Ballybofey while the Ramelton Mariners and Strand Rovers will meet

at Carrickboyle, Gweedore. All four semi-finals kick-off at 1.00.

Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

Oldtown draw in Maghery

Strand Rovers 2-2 Oldtown Celtic

Strand took the lead through a James Mc Cole free kick but Oldtown levelled through Luke Nelis before a fine finish from Sean Cleary had Oldtown ahead just before the break. Oldtown then saw a Tommy McLaughlin penalty saved before Aaron Ward equalised with a fine effort. Both sides had chances to win it late but it finished all level.

Brian McCormick Cup Letterkenny Area Final

Hunter hits cup winner

Letterkenny Rovers 0-1 Bonagee United

The derby day Letterkenny Area Final of the Brian McCormick Cup saw Bonagee United emerge victorious 1-0 in a keenly contested encounter at the Aura Centre on Sunday. Both sides went into the game flying high in their respective Divisions with Bonagee second in the Premier and Rovers leading the way in League Two. And it was the Premier outfit who started the game the quicker and aided by a strong wind came close through Aidan Mc Laughlin with a free kick and the same player again forced home goalkeeper Blake Forkan into a save before Lee McMonagle tried his luck with the resultant header while Rovers had big claims for a penalty waved away by match referee Mick Lagan. Conor O'Donnell came closest for the home side in the early stages. But it was the visitors who took the lead on 21 minutes when Darren Hunter's shot from outside the box took a slight deflection giving Forkan no chance. Rovers responded with Jack Dwyer teeing up O'Donnell while Sergey Alcorn came close for Bonagee with a headed effort but in truth neither John Carr in the Bonagee goal nor Rovers Blake Forkan had many saves to make in an intriguing opening half full of endeavour but lacking any real quality. The second half started much as the first had ended but it was Rovers who were on the front foot for most of the period and aided by a strong wind tried hard to get back on level terms but a stubborn, and well drilled Bonagee rearguard sniffed out any real threats with the nearest Rovers came were a couple of Jack Dwyer snapshots while Caolan Mc Connell's late strike just whizzed over the bar. Bonagee were happy to sit in and absorb any pressure and attack on the break but they saw the game out well to advance to a semi-final with St Catherine's on Friday.

Brian McCormick Sports Premier Division

Big win for Glenea

Glenea United 3-1 Kilmacrennan Celtic
Glenea picked up all three points at home with a

well-deserved victory over Kilmacrennan. Both teams played safe in the first half with very few chances created. Glenea started the second half with more intent and were rewarded in the 55th minute, Michael McHugh laying the ball off to Martin McGuire who struck low to the corner from 20 yards. Kilmacrennan were back on level terms within five minutes, Gary Whoriskey getting on the end of a cross and slotting home from three yards. The hosts took the lead again in the 78th minute, Darren McGeever with a teasing cross for Dean Gallagher to volley into the roof of the net. Not content on trying to hold on to the 2-1 lead, Glenea went for the jugular and were rewarded when Lee O'Brien pressurised the Kilmacrennan defence into an error, resulting with a tap-in to an empty net. Both teams played well and battled hard in windy conditions.

Temple Domestic Appliances Division One

Big three points for Cranford

Ballybofey United 3-6 Cranford United

Cranford Utd gave themselves some hope of avoiding automatic relegation with a very welcome win away in the Twin Towns on Sunday. It proved to be a very bad day at the office for Ballybofey United when Cranford United were the visitors to Dreenan. The only highlight for the home side was the fact that they actually took the lead in this Division One clash. Once Cranford drew level and then took the lead they never fell behind again despite the scoreline showing level on a few occasions. The visitors eventually pulled away and never looked back as they secured three points on the road.

Missed chances misery for Kerrykeel

Kerrykeel '71 F.C. 0-0 Raphoe Town

Kerrykeel will wonder how they didn't get the three points against Raphoe at Rabs Park. Playing with the breeze in the first half the '71 threw everything at Raphoe but their keeper made some great saves to deny Darren McElwaine and Semie Friel. It was all Kerrykeel and Marty McAteer hit the crossbar from 20 yards and Mark McAteer tested Brolly again on the stroke of half time. It was a hot-tempered game and referee Semie Friel had a few yellow cards to dish out. Kerrykeel went three at the back for most of the second half in search of the goal they deserved but just couldn't find the net. Darren McElwaine went close on 55 minutes and Michael Sweeney then headed wide. The best chance came on 85 minutes when Johnny Nanny rounded the keeper and thought he had got the all-important goal but Scott Devenney somehow cleared the ball off the line. Soon after that Sweeney had a great chance but his header went over the bar. Raphoe will be happy with a point and Kerrykeel will be really disappointed

Donegal Junior League Fixtures

Friday 4th March K.O. 7.45p.m.

Brian Mc Cormick Cup Semi-Final
Bonagee United v St. Catherine's

at Diamond Park, Ballyare

Saturday 5th K.O. 1p.m.

Voodoo Venue Cup Semi-Finals

Fintown Harps AFC v Oldtown Celtic

at Dreenan, Ballybofey

Ramelton Mariners v Strand Rovers

at Carrickboyle, Gweedore

Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

Cappry Rovers Res v Kildrum Tigers Res

Keadue Rovers Res v Glencar Celtic

Milford Utd Res v Arranmore Utd

Old Orchard Saturday Division Two

Drumbar F.C. v Cranford Utd Res

Swilly Rovers Res v Drumoghill F.C.

Sunday 6th March K.O. 1p.m.

Brian Mc Cormick Cup Semi-Final

Keadue Rovers v Kildrum Tigers

at Flag Pole Field, Rathmullan

Donegal Physiotherapy & Performance Centre

Division Two

Gweedore Utd v Dunkineely Cel

Lagan Harps v Deele Harps

Results

Saturday 26th February

Voodoo Venue Cup

Area 1

Ramelton Mariners 4-1 Kilmacrennan Cel Res

Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

Cappry Rovers Res P-P Kildrum Tigers Res

Glenea Utd Res P-P Donegal Town Res

Strand Rovers 2-2 Oldtown Celtic

Old Orchard Saturday Division Two

Copany Rovers 2-3 Drumbar F.C.

Dunlewey Celtic 1-0 Castletin Celtic Res

Donegal Physiotherapy and Performance Centre

Sunday Division Two

Curragh Athletic 3-1 Dunkineely Celtic

Ulster Junior Shield

Glencar Celtic 3-1 Buncrana Hearts

Sunday 27th February

Brian Mc Cormick Cup

Letterkenny Area Final

Letterkenny Rovers 0-1 Bonagee United

Brian McCormick Sports Premier Division

Cappry Rovers 2-1 Drumkeen United

Castletin Celtic 1-1 Convoy Arsenal

Donegal Town P-P Kildrum Tigers

Glenea United 3-1 Kilmacrennan Cel

Temple Domestic Appliances Division One

Ballybofey United 3-6 Cranford United

Kerrykeel '71 F.C. 0-0 Raphoe Town

Milford United 2-3 Fanad United

Rathmullan Celtic 1-1 Swilly Rovers

St. Catherine's 4-1 Drumoghill F.C.

Donegal Physiotherapy & Performance Centre

Division Two

Gweedore United 1-3 Letterbarrow Celtic

Whitestrand Utd 2-1 Deele Harps

not to take all three. Scott Devenney was excellent for Raphoe. Best for Kerrykeel were Mark Mc Ateer along with Darren McElwaine and Marty McAteer. Referee: Semie Ferry

Division Two

Home win for Whitestrand

Whitestrand United 2-1 Deele Harps

Whitestrand United picked up their seventh win of the season, ending a poor run of three successive defeats, with a hard-earned victory over a spirited Deele Harps side. Despite both teams being missing several regular starters, this was an entertaining and keenly contested match. The opening 25 minutes saw both sides cancel each other out with few chances of note on offer for either team. The game came to life when the home team, playing with the aid of the breeze, went ahead in the 28th minute, with Aaron Curran slipping Jordan Nugent through on goal in a central position and he calmly finished to the left past the outrushing David Arthur in the Deele nets. The second half saw Harps play with the wind but it was the home side that doubled their advantage courtesy of a long range effort from Ryan McGinley in the 61st minute. Substitute, Charlie Creran, held the ball up well and offloaded to McGinley who unleashed an unstoppable effort from 35 yards that flew past the helpless Arthur. The home team were reduced to ten men on 70 minutes when referee, Michael Connolly, issued a second yellow card to Ryan McGinley who was booked in the first half. This rallied the away team and they were denied a goal in the 81st minute from a fantastic save from the Strand netminder, Johnny Gallagher, who turned a low drive from Aidy Gallagher around the near post. Two minutes later, Deele got a goal back when Corey Lindsay, scored with a header from a long through ball, his looping effort going beyond the outstretched arms of Gallagher. However, despite their backs being to the wall, the home team held out for a much needed win.



The finale to the Rocco McGinley February 100k walk/run/cycle/swim took place on Sunday at Rathmullan beach. There was a good turnout for the 3k walk in cold and very breezy conditions. Afterwards the participants were treated to very welcome warm soup, tea, sandwiches and plenty of other goodies. Elaine McFadden led out on the February fundraiser for Rocco who is currently undergoing treatment for an aggressive brain tumour. She was delighted with the turnout on Sunday.

Photos by Declan Kerr.



Rocco McGinley's grandmother Mary Hegarty (second from right) with family members and friends



Chief organiser Elaine McFadden (extreme left) with family members



Fanad

Death of Kevin Harper



The death took place on Saturday of Kevin Harper, Colmcille Close, Kerrykeel and formerly St Mary's Terrace, Ramelton. Aged 53, Kevin was a well known member of the local community in Kerrykeel and will be sadly missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his daughter Margaret-Ann and her partner Gavin, Bernie, brothers Charlie and Vincent, sister Bridie, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. Kevin was predeceased by his brothers Packie, Paul and William and by his sisters Ann and Angela. Funeral takes place this Thursday with Requiem Mass at 12

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Caolán and Odhrán Friel, Kerrykeel enjoying the snow last Thursday.

noon in St Columba's Church, Massmount. Burial will be afterwards in St. Mary's Cemetery, Ramelton. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Death of Rose Gibbons Aughadreena

The death has occurred in the USA of Rose Gibbons, Aughadreena. Rose trained as a nurse working in Northern Ireland and Cardiff before moving to Boston. Following her retirement she continued to reside there. She was the daughter of late Dan and Mary Gibbons, Aughadreena.

She is survived by her brother Danny Gibbons (Fanad), sisters, Sadie Callaghan (Fanad), Hilda Taaffe (Fanad and Dublin) and Celine Gibbons Dublin, nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

The Funeral Mass on Saturday was in St Columba's Church, Massmount was celebrated by Fr. Pat Davis. Burial followed in the adjoining cemetery.

World Day of Prayer
The World Day of Prayer will be held in Kerrykeel Presbyterian Church on this Friday 4th March at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Coffee Morning in Glenvar
Please join us for a cup of coffee or tea and homemade treats on St Patrick's Day at Glenvar School from 11am. Great raffle and plenty of things to buy! Come along and have a browse, in aid of small animal welfare.

Seachtain na Gaeilge i bhFánaid
Satharn 05/03/22 Siúlóid & Snámh Trá ag Baile Thiarnáin 12:30 i.n.
Domhnach 06/03/22 Siúlóid Cnoc

Colbha Gleann Bháirr 10 r.n.
Luan 07/03/22 Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Halla Fán a' Bhualtaigh 5 i.n.

Aoine 11/03/22 Comórtas Ealaíne na scoileanna
Aoine 11/03/22 Tráth na gCeist Lóiste Fhánada 9 i.n.

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Céadaoin 16/03/22 Buaitoírí an chomórtais ealaíne a fhógairt
Céadaoin 16/03/22 Oíche Cheoil - saorhead isteach- fáilte roimh achán duine

Lóiste Fhánada 8:30 i.n.

Déardaoin 17/03/22 Comhaltas Ceoltóirí ag Aifreann 11rn Fán a' Bhualtaigh 11 r.n.

Beidh turas Gaeilge ar fail ag 1.00 i.n. gach lá Céadaoin go Domhnach ag Teach Solais Fhánada.

Tuilleadh eolais ar fáil ar 086 357 8503. Bigí Linn - An Ghaeilge - is leatsa i!

Tamney Health Centre Fundraiser for Ukraine

The staff of Tamney Health Centre are running an urgent fundraising drive for the people of war-stricken Ukraine. We are appealing to the public to donate any amount no matter how small. Donations can be left in to the health centre and will be forwarded on the Red Cross. Your support would be much appreciated.

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Seachtain na Gaeilge is here! Naíonra Fhánada will hold a table quiz in the Fanad Lodge Friday 11th March 9pm - all welcome. Questions will be done bilingually, in Irish and English. There will be a draw and prizes on the night. Your support would be much appreciated.

Table Quiz

There will be a quiz night in McGinley's Bar, Kerrykeel on Friday 4th March starting at 8.30pm. Teams of 4, €20 per team. Proceeds in aid of the Mulroy Hoops Basketball Club teams travelling to All Ireland Finals in Gormanstown.

The Big Spring Clean
Milford & District Resource Centre are organising the Big Spring Clean, following the success of last year. It will take place from 11am-1pm on Saturday, March 12th. We hope to have as many volunteers out as possible across Milford, Ray, Ramelton, Rathmullan, Kerrykeel and Cran-

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ford, all taking part in the community clean up. Last year over 300 people took part so we hope to see this level of engagement again ahead of the spring season commencing. This is being organised in partnership with Donegal County Council, the local Tidy Towns committees and community centres. If any other areas would like to get involved contact Declan on declan@mdrc.ie or 0749153736.

St. Patrick's Day Parade in Kerrykeel

There will be a St Patrick's Day parade in Kerrykeel this year starting at 3 pm. All floats are welcome and a new route is also planned for this year.

The organisers have launched a GoFundMe campaign and as of Wednesday evening they have raised €1,150 of their €2,500 goal. Your donation will go towards insurance, prizes, advertising/marketing and any other associated

costs involved with running a successful parade. Surplus cash will be reinvested to the community group and will go towards various community incentives such as Kerrykeel Christmas lights and St Patrick's Day parade 2023.

In order to help with the running of the event

Launch of Mulroy Bay Drive

Following the launch of the Mulroy Bay Drive group in 2012, they have been working very busy in developing and promoting the Drive. This Friday the 4th of March, Fáilte Ireland, in partnership with Donegal County Council and the Mulroy Drive Tourism Group, will unveil ten new and updated viewing points along Mulroy Drive, a 38km looped route off the Wild Atlantic

Way designed to encourage visitors to explore more and stay longer in the Mulroy Bay area in Donegal. At 11am the unveiling of new Kerrykeel Viewing Point will take place followed at 12noon by the official launch at Logues of Cranford. This will be one of only three official offshoot routes from the Wild Atlantic Way. Fáilte Ireland will officially launch

the route and promote it along with the WAW, adding it to their website and promotional literature. The Mulroy Drive is a 38km route of outstanding natural beauty along north Donegal's wild coastline. It connects the Atlantic Drive to the rugged beauty of the Fanad Lighthouse, the Portsalon beaches and Knockalla drive. It begins at Kindrum and comes

up through Kerrykeel, into Milford and down the other side of Mulroy Bay through Cranford finishing at the Harry Blaney Bridge where it rejoins the Wild Atlantic Way. Next Friday to celebrate the occasion there will be plenty of entertainment at Logues of Cranford with John Breslin and the Highland Radio Roadshow broadcasting live from 12noon to 2pm with lots of spot prizes to be won on the day as well as finger food and give aways on offer.

Portsalon Golf Club Ladies

Ladies Winter Links
As the saying goes the early bird catches the worm and, in this instance, it was Lady Vice Captain, Claire Ferry, the first player out on the course, set a high very standard with a fantastic round of 41pts. Closely followed by Madge Kelly, Rosapenna (25) with 40pts with a few points to spare from Sarah Buchanan, Letterkenny (37) in

third place with 37pts BOT.
Winter Links Results- 25th February 2022
1st Claire Ferry (17), Portsalon, 41pts, 2nd Madge Kelly (25), Rosapenna, 40pts, Gross Dolores Devaney (13), Ballybofey & Stranorlar, 23gr pts BOT, 3rd Sarah Buchanan (37), Letterkenny, 37pts BOT, 4th Monica McDonagh

(18), Letterkenny, 37pts, 5th Maura Cavanagh (36), Letterkenny, 36pts. Front 9, Patricia Bradley, Portsalon (40), 17pts BOT and Back 9, Deirdre O'Toole (15), 21 pts BOT. Twos Competition: Rena Herlihy, Deirdre O'Toole, Hazel Russell, Stephanie Canning (2), Bridie Faulkner. Final Event: Links Captain's Day - Thursday, 31st March 2022

Cumann Gaif Chloich Cheann Fhaola

Due to the recent inclement weather, we decided to move the 2022 Captain's Drive-In to Saturday 19th March. More details to follow soon. There will be a two day open competition on 17th and 18th March. Our 2022 Golf Membership is now open please email or call us for more details. Cuir reann Cumann Gaif Chloich Cheann Fhaola fáilte roimh bhaill úra - fir, mná agus daoine óga. Tá na táillí bliantiúla iontach réasúnta. Beidh fáilte romhat chuig Cumann Gaif Chloich Cheann Fhaola. Bigi maith dá chéile!

Lagan Harps FC

Our u16 girls had a great 5-1 win over Kinnegad in the National cup. In a great team performance the scorers were Rosie O'Donnell (2), Sarah Conaghan (2) and Holly Mc Carron. They now face Dundalk in the last sixteen. In our weekly online lotto there was no jackpot winner. Rory Kavanagh was the weekly winner. Next week's jackpot is €2050. You can enter by using the link on our Facebook page or on our website lagan-harpsfc.com. The club extends sympathy to the family and friends of Mrs Molly Mc Elhinney on her passing.

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council Letterkenny, Co Donegal

I, Allister Johnston am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the change of use for the development at this site at the Baptist Church, Port Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. The development will consist of the following: the change of use from a store to a church extension and all associated site works and including connection to existing public foul sewer and water mains. 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.

Market Square, Milford, Co Donegal, F92 X5D9 & F92 P6X0.

We, Ivor McGettigan and Annemarie Mullins, intend to apply for planning permission for development at Market Square, Milford, Co Donegal, F92 X5D9 & F92 P6X0. The development will consist of demolition of existing semi-detached bungalow dwelling (F92 X5D9), a new replacement two storey townhouse dwelling in its place, utilising the existing connection into existing sewer in public road and all ancillary site works. The application also consists of minor alterations to the existing adjoining townhouse dwelling (F92 P6X0) including loft conversion of existing attic space into home office and tv room. The application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the County House, The Diamond, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening office 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

Derrora, Temple Douglas, Letterkenny M.D., I, Gemma Gallagher, am applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission to Erect New Dwelling House, Domestic Garage and Sewage Treatment Plant @ Derrora, Temple Douglas, 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

Derrora, Temple Douglas, Letterkenny M.D. I, George Gallagher, am applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission to Erect New Agricultural Shed @ Derrora, Temple Douglas, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased

In Memoriam



Gormley
Sophia
Letterkenny Rd,
Ramelton.

In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother who died on 3rd March 1988.

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

Always remembered and missed by your daughters Teresa, Mary and grandchildren xx.



McGranaghan
Andy
Letterkenny
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of Andy who died on the 8th March 2019

Daddy, your life was one of kindly deeds A helping hand for others needs Sincere and true in heart and mind Beautiful memories of you left behind.

Thinking of you today and always Daddy And while you sleep a peaceful sleep Your memory we will always keep

Forever in my heart, your loving daughter Connie, son-in-law Hugh and your grandchildren Clare, Kate, Sean, Jack and David.

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

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Donegal County Council

Market Square, RATHMULLAN and BALLYBOE, Rathmullan, Letterkenny M.D.

I, Dela Kerr, am applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission to Erect New Two Storey Townhouse @ Market Square, 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 Open-



Sweeney
Tommy
Meentaugh,
Glenvar
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband and father Tommy who died on 3rd March 2019.

I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new I thought about you yesterday and days before that too I think of you in silence, I often speak your name All I have are memories and your picture in a frame Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part God has you in His keeping I have you in my heart.

Always remembered and sadly missed by your wife Sheila.

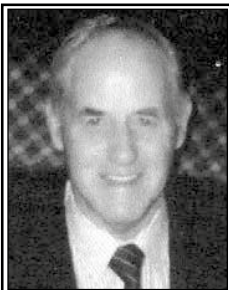
A precious one from us has gone, a voice we loved is stilled A place is vacant in our home, which never can be filled. We hold you close within our hearts, and there you shall remain To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again. So rest in peace dear loved one and thanks for all you've done We pray that God has given you, the crown you've truly won.

Always remembered and sadly missed by your sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A loving thought a quiet prayer for someone special in God's care.

Always remembered by your sister Mary.

Anniversary Mass in St Mary's Star of the Sea, Glenvar on Saturday 5th March at 6.00pm.



Henderson
Bobby
Ballyare, Ramelton
17th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, Dad and Grandad who died on 5th March 2005.

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 by your loving wife May, daughters Marie, grand daughter Caitlin.

A photograph to treasure is all I have to touch Of a Dad I loved with all my heart and miss so very much Off all the things we had in life however big or small To have a Dad like you was the greatest gift of all.

Always loved and missed by your daughter Kathleen son-in-law Gerard, Ramelton.

The most wonderful Grandad that ever lived, whatever he had he was willing to give Goodbye for now dear Grandad, we hope you know That we will not stop loving you no matter where we go.

Always remembered by grandson Gary, grand daughter Gemma and great grandson Jake.

No matter how life changes No matter what I do A special place within my heart is always kept for you.

Sadly missed by Anne, Ballyare.

In loving memory of a dear Dad and Grandad Bobby,

Though your smile is gone forever and your hand we can not touch We still have so many memories of the one we love so much.

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

Love always Valerie, Andrew and girls.



Shevlin
Peter
Rosapenna
6th Anniversary

You'll never be forgotten that simply cannot be As long as I am living, I'll carry you with me. Safely tucked within my heart your light will always shine A glowing ember never stilled throughout the end of time.

Sadly missed by your wife Mary

If we had all the world to give we would give it, yes, and more... To hear your voice, to see your smile and greet you at the door.

But all we can do dear Dad is go and tend your grave And leave behind tokens of love to the best Dad God ever made.

Never forgotten by all your family

Goodbyes are not forever Goodbyes are not the end They simply mean we'll miss you until we meet again.

Remembering you always Gah from all your grandchildren

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of St. John the Baptist, Carrigart and on-line via the Mevagh parish Facebook page, on Saturday 5th March at 6.00pm.

Memoriam Cards & Thank You Cards



Contact
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Acknowledgement

Bradley Barnes, Termon



We the family of the late Teresa Bradley who died on 1st February 2022, would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathise with us on our recent great loss.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to those who travelled long distances, called to the house, and attended the wake, rosary, funeral and burial. To our extended family, neighbours and friends, who provided emotional and practical support for us all at this difficult time.

For those who telephoned, sent floral tributes, cards and messages of condolences, as well as those who sent messages online and on rip.ie, we convey our heartfelt appreciation.

We offer our sincere thanks to Paul Gallen and all the paramedics and to the members of the Gardai who attended, also to Brian Trearty and the staff of Letterkenny University Hospital Mortuary.

To the local men who managed the flow of traffic during the wake and funeral, our help was greatly appreciated and to everyone who brought food to our home during the wake and on the day of the funeral, your support means so much to all of us.

To Fr. Pat McHugh for saying the Rosary on both nights of the wake and for the beautiful funeral Mass, that was a wonderful tribute to Mammy and to our dear family friend Fr. Dinny McGettigan for concelebrating the funeral Mass, also to Josie O'Donnell for the music.

To Frankie Bradly and Damian O'Doherty of Bradley Funeral Directors, Letterkenny for their sensitive and professional handling of all arrangements and also to the gravediggers.

Last but not least, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Mammy's wonderful neighbours who visited her regularly and especially John and Kathleen, we greatly appreciate all the time that you gave to her.

To those who helped in any way, your contribution made our loss more bearable.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude. The Holy Sacrifices of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Teresa's Month Mind Mass will be held on Saturday 5th March at 7pm in St. Columbas's Church in Termon.

McBride Sheila

We the family of the late Sheila McBride wish to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who conveyed their condolences, by way of Mass cards, sympathy cards, messages on rip.ie, social media, telephone calls, letters and donations.

A special word of thanks to our kind neighbours and friends who provided food and those who paid their respects by lining the road side, outside the Church and at the graveside.

Our deepest appreciation to Sheila's extended family, residents and staff of Ard Gréine Court for their wonderful care and devotion to Sheila.

Thanks also to the staff of CCU, Medical 4 and the Hospice for their dedicated care of Sheila in her final days.

A special thanks to Fr Paddy Dunne for his empathy and kindness during the wake and his celebration of a meaningful and comforting Mass.

Thanks to the Garda Síochana for traffic management. To McElwee Funeral Directors for their services and support throughout.

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

Sheila's Month Mind Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Coole at 7.30pm on Saturday 12th March.

fuse to Grant Permission.

Donegal County Council

We, Michael & Michelle Harte are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to construct new dwelling house, domestic shed and install a wastewater treatment system at Trenchtagh, Co.Donegal in the townland of Ballybolaunder. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority, County House, Lifford during its public opening hours. Submissions or observations in relation to the development may be made to the planning authority in writing, on payment of €20, within five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority.

In Memoriam



McCleary Willie

Urbalshinney, Milford 1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law and uncle who died on March 6th, 2021

Death leaves heartache no-one can heal Memories are treasures no-one can steal Some may forget you now that you are gone But we will remember no matter how long You will also stay loved and remembered in every way, no tears, no verse can ever say how much we miss you every day.

Deeply missed and always remembered by your wife Margaret, son Eddie, daughter Anne Marie, daughter-in-law Caroline, grandsons Peter and Mark and extended family.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St Peter's Church Milford on Saturday March 5th at 7:30pm.



McBride Convey Rose Ann Glinsk, Fanad / London

10th Anniversary

In loving memory of Rose Ann who passed away on 28th February 2012.

No special day is needed for us to think of you for you were very special and we thought the world of you. We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain to walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again. So rest in Peace, dear Mum, and thanks for all you've done We know that God has given you the crown you've truly won.

Michael, Maureen and John x



Friel John Gortcally, Kerrykeel 3rd Anniversary

We thought of you with love today but that is nothing new we thought about you yesterday and days before that too We think of you in silence we often speak your name now all we have are memories and your picture in a frame your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part God has you in His keeping we have you in our hearts.

Sadly missed by your wife Madge, sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass will be held on Saturday 5th March at 6.00 in Our lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel



Leavy Katie Tully Mountain 19th Anniversary

In loving memory of Katie who died on March 5th, 2002.

In our hearts your memory lingers sweet and tender, fond and true There is not a day, dear Mother that we do not think of you.

We think of you in silence, we often speak your name But all we have are memories, and your picture in a frame.

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

Always remembered and sadly missed by your family

Anniversary Mass will be held in the Church of the Irish Martyrs on Sunday 6th March at 9.30am.

Acknowledgement

McGettigan Grace (nee O'Connor)

Belturbet, Co. Cavan / Dungloe, Donegal

The family of the late Grace McGettigan wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them on the recent sad loss of Grace, a devoted wife, mother and Granny. Thank you to Dr Fergus and staff, the staff at Cavan General Hospital and particularly the Oncology Unit and the Palliative Care Team for their excellent care. Special thanks to Deirdre Coll for her dedication in making it possible for Grace to spend her final weeks at home with her family.

We would like to thank all those who called to the house during the wake, telephoned, sent Mass cards, sympathy cards, messages on RIP.ie and those who made contributions to Grace's nominated charities, and those who helped in the house in any way.

A heartfelt thanks to Fr Jason Murphy for his spiritual guidance to Grace in her final days and for the personal and meaningful funeral Mass. Thanks also to Fr John McTiernan (Belturbet), Fr Michael McCullagh (Vincentian Order, Dublin) and Fr Paul McGeehan (Glenvar) for con-celebrating the funeral Mass. Thanks to Caitriona Coll and members of the Belturbet choir for their beautiful singing and to Earnan for the music.

We really appreciate the IWAI for their Guard of Honour during Grace's removal from the house.

We are grateful to Mark Lawlor funeral directors for their professional and dignified support and to the grave diggers for doing a wonderful job.

Thanks to Francis Cahill and staff of the Seven Horseshoes for all their help over the days of the wake and the funeral dinner. An additional word of thanks to those who brought gifts of food etc to the house.

We appreciate the help and support of the Gardai during the funeral cortege.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation.

Grace's Months Mind Mass will take place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Belturbet on Saturday 5th March at 12 midday.



McBride Knocknafaugher, Dunfanaghy



Bridget 1st Anniversary 14th March 2021

Missed in the morning of every day Missed in the evening as light fades away Missed in a thousand and one little ways Around every corner a memory stays. No one knows the pain we bear When we all meet and you're not there We talk, we laugh, we play our part But behind it all lie broken hearts. You gave us years of happiness Then sorrow came with tears You left us lovely memories We will treasure through the years.

Loved and sadly missed by all your children, grandchildren and extended families.

Anniversary Mass will take place on Monday 14th March at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Chapel, Creeslough.



John 40th Anniversary 18th March 1982

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council Dundoan Lower, Downings

I, Daniel Love, intend to apply for permission for development at Dundoan Lower Downings Co. Donegal The development will consist of the completion of 1 no. dwelling house and all associated site works including onsite sewage treatment. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been submitted as part of this application and the NIS is available for inspection or purchase for a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy of same. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding

Crossan John

Castlegay, Coolboy Died 31st January 2022

We the wife and family of the late John Crossan wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone who sympathised with us on our recent loss.

A special thanks to those who sent Mass cards, sympathy cards left messages of condolences on rip.ie, the parish social media, flower tributes, letters and those who attended the Chapel of Rest.

We would also like to thank Fr. Gorman for his prayers at the Chapel of Rest. Thanks to those who supplied food for the family, it was very much appreciated.

Many thanks to the Ambulance Service and the staff of A&E at Letterkenny University Hospital.

A special world of thanks to the staff of the Donegal Hospice who cared for John with such compassion and dignity in his final days and for their support to us as a family. Thanks to Fr. Shane Gallagher for praying with us for John in the Hospice. His prayers brought great comfort.

Thanks to all the staff and doctors of Ark Medical Centre and staff of Ruth's Chemist.

Thanks to Fr. Dunne who attended John during his illness and for his support during the wake. Also thanks to Fr. Gorman who called to visit John at home. Thanks to Fr Dunne and Fr. Gorman for the lovely funeral Mass, Josie O'Donnell for the beautiful singing and to Fr. Gorman for their graveside prayers.

Thanks also to those who joined us online for the Mass. Thanks to our neighbours and friends who paid their respects by lining the roadside on the day of John's funeral.

Thanks to Patrick Sweeney Funeral Directors for the professional and dignified manner in which he carried out the funeral arrangements and for his support throughout. We would also like to thank the Chapel of Rest for the use of their facilities and dignity shown to John and our family as well as the gravediggers who prepared John's places of rest with such professionalism.

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

John's Month Mind Mass will be celebrated on Friday 11th March at 7.00pm in St. Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan.



Gallagher John Mandy Creeslough

We the daughters of the late John Mandy and his brother Neil would like to whole heartedly thank all those who supported us on our recent sad loss, especially friends and neighbours.

To everyone who attended the wake and funeral, all those who sent Mass and sympathy cards, left condolences via rip.ie or other social media platforms and those who donated to the Hospice in lieu of flowers.

Thanks to all the people who very generously brought food and to the staff of the Day Centre. Sincere thanks to Fr. John Joe Duffy for his visits to the house which were a great comfort and for saying the rosary both nights. To Fr. Martin Doohan and Fr. Pat McGarvey who concelebrated the Requiem Mass with Fr. John Joe. Further Fr. John Joe's Eulogy was so special and personal to Dad. It really exemplified his life and the many lives he had touched in his own way.

Thank you to all who joined the Mass online at home and abroad.

A very special thank you to all the readers and to Joe O'Donnell who provided such meaningful song and music during the Mass. To the sacristan John Whoriskey who prepared the Chapel.

Thanks to the children and principal from Scoil Mhuire who formed a Guard of Honour. To all those who stood along the route for his final journey including outside the Church and at the graveside.

We are indebted to Harkin Funeral Undertakers James and Leo for the very kind and caring manner in which the funeral arrangements were carried out. Thanks also to the gravediggers.

A very special word of thanks to Collette and staff of Rose's Kitchen for providing food during the wake and after the funeral.

There are so many good people to thank thus making it impossible to thank each and everyone of you individually. Please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of the family's deepest gratitude.

There's no doubt Dad would have been very appreciative of the tremendous support and kindness shown by the community which he was so genuinely proud to be a part of.

John's Month Mind Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 5th March in St. Michael's Church, Creeslough at 7.30pm.



O'Donnell Mollie Mount Marian, Milford

In loving memory of Mollie who died on 8th March 2021.

Deep in our hearts your memory is kept To love, to cherish and never forget.

Always remembered and sadly missed by sisters Kathleen, Angela, Noreen and Rosaleen and brother-in-law Martin, nieces and nephews and family.

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 6th March in St Peter's Church, Milford at 11am.

the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours.

A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00,



Gibbons Annie Fananoughan, Milford 16th Anniversary

In loving memory of Annie who died on 24th February 2006.

Always remembered by James and Eileen, Frank, Michael and Brenda, grandchildren and great grandchildren and extended family members.

within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

The planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission

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applying to Donegal County Council for Retention Permission for the Demolition of the Fire Damaged HSE Stores/Watson Hire Building; and Planning Permission for the following: (a) Construction of a New Development consisting of 4no. Light Industrial Units with Ground Floor & Mezzanine Levels, including Storage (b) Wall Mounted Signage (c) and all associated works and site works, including reconnection to Storm and Foul Drainage. All located at Ballyboe Lisnenan, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the townland of Ballyboe Lisnenan. 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.

Dunfanaghy News

The late Declan Shiels

There was widespread regret and sadness in the local community on hearing of the recent death of Declan Shiels, The Court, High Park, Dublin 9 and formerly of Rockhill, Portnablagh. Deceased was 41 years old and was well known and respected in the local area. Prior to going to live and work in Dublin, Declan worked in Ramsay's Stores as a young man and was always very helpful and had a friendly chat with all his customers, and had a great rapport with everyone who entered the shop. When he moved to Dublin, he worked first for ATA Security and REW Electrical in Finglas.

Whilst doing his day job went to Evening Classes and went on to work in CORU and the Court Service. Declan had spent the last number of years in Dublin, but he was immensely proud of his local area and he would enjoy chatting about Donegal and the county GAA Team with work colleagues. he returned home to Rockhill regularly to meet with his family and friends.

The deepest sympathy of the community is extended to his wife Deborah, daughter Sarah, parents James and Grainne, brother Kevin and Dermot, to Deborah's family and to the entire family circle. His remains reposed at his parents' home at Rockhill Portnablagh. Funeral Mass in Holy Cross Church Dunfanaghy on Thursday was concelebrated by Fr. Martin Doohan and Fr. John Joe Duffy. Also present was Rev. David Skuce. His burial took place immediately afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

No Greater Love

A Lenten programme of Reflection 'No Greater Love' is a 5-part Lenten programme which will take place in Ards Friary for the

first five Thursdays of Lent beginning this Thursday 3rd March at 7.30pm to 9pm. This programme is being organised by the parish of Dunfanaghy, Creeslough and Ards and a warm invitation is extended to everyone and look forward to welcoming you to partake in this time of reflection. The programme starts in the Garden of Gethsemane and leads you to the foot of the Cross at Calvary over the 5 sessions. Each session has a 30-minute video filmed in the Holy Lands, a time of discussion and prayer.

Table Quiz

A Table Quiz will be held in Arnolds Hotel in Dunfanaghy on Friday the 4th March at 9.30pm in aid of the Community Playground at the Dunfanaghy Workhouse. €5 per person and everyone is welcome to come along for a good night's fun whilst supporting the Playground at the same time.

Family Resource Centre

Yoga: 8 weeks of beginner's yoga with Victoria Toye and subsidised by Donegal ETB, starting at the Ozanam centre Monday evenings from 5.15 Start date: 7th March €40 (€5 per session).

Gardening Classes: With Joanne Butler resume at Dunfanaghy Community Garden on Monday mornings from March 21st.

Art Classes: 10 weeks of Art Classes for Beginner and Improvers, subsidised by Donegal ETB starts Tuesday afternoons from 2 - 4 starting March 8th.

Craft Classes: Names are being taken for an 8-week block of craft classes subsidised by Donegal ETB, starting at The FRC Dunfanaghy from April 25th Monday afternoons 2-4.

Counselling Service: The pastoral centre in Letterkenny are currently providing a service for children age 5+ (playtherapy) and youth and adults here at the FRC in Dunfanaghy. Please get in contact directly with The Pastoral centre on 9131853.

Baby & Toddler support continuing on Mondays until March 28th The PlayStation - Baby and Toddler @Holy Cross church hall, Horn Head road and is expected to restart our outdoor group at The Workhouse from 25th April. It will run in blocks of 6 weeks. Tuesdays - Breastfeeding support facilitated by PHN Labhaoise Maguire. Fridays: 10 - 12 Baby connect with Victoria Toye at Creeslough Day Centre (Spaces available).

Parenting workshops online: Donegal Parenting Support network have arranged a series of workshops online for the month of March from 10-12. Workshops are as follows: 9th March: Healthy Food Routines. 16th March: Active play 23rd Managing technology, 30th Restful sleep. Contact Chloe on 0860675186 for additional info or to book your place.

BreakOut is a youth project focused on providing a safe, fun and informative space for young LGBTI people, LGBTI Allies and young people that believe in social justice. The project is supported by Donegal Youth Service. Contact: Pearl on 9129630 Or 083846814.

Friday Youth Club: are currently seeking volunteers to support the development of a youth club in this area. Please contact Breege on 9136548 or ring Pearl at Donegal youth service on 0749129630 if this is something you'd like to be involved in.

Dunkers Walking Group: Meet at Dunfanaghy FRC (or pre-arranged meeting point) at 10.45 weekly on Wednesdays.

Wellness Café: The Dunfanaghy Wellness Café has reopened and meet on the first and fourth Monday of the month at the workhouse Dunfanaghy (March 14th and 28th). Come along and say hello. There's a warm welcome for everyone.

The Bluestacks Special Needs foundation runs a Saturday club

Casa Café honoured

Congratulations to Tara and Anderson from the Casa Café and Deli who have received two awards recently having been included in the 2022 Georgina Campbell and McKenna Guides.

In the citation for their award Georgina Campbell says "Located in a beautifully refurbished building on the Main Street of this charming small town, Tara Alcorn and Anderson Rodrigues, da Silva's Casa Café and Deli hit the ground running when it opened in April 2021 - with its bright pop of colour, energy and sheer deliciousness, it cheered the town and people took it to their hearts. Call in for a seriously tasty brunch, or lunch - and Anderson's irresistible Brazilian influenced pastries".

Casa Café and Deli also received another award recently when they were included in the McKenna Guides for 2022.

Since opening just under a year ago, Casa has become a very popular stop for locals and visitors alike in Dunfanaghy and these awards are a recognition of the hard work put in by Tara and



Casa Café and Deli premises in Dunfanaghy since opening in difficult times.



Tara Alcorn and Anderson Rodrigues, da Silva's proprietors of Casa Café and Deli, Dunfanaghy.

for children with special needs at Ionad Naomh Finann in Falcarragh to serve the NW Donegal region. They are actively seeking volunteers to help

them with the club. If you feel that you could help out once per month please call them on 9740828

Hot desk & administration services available, contact administrator Bernie for assistance.

Ozanam Defibrillator

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

St. Michael's Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were: 2,5,13,17,18,19. There was no match 5 winner. 17 people matched 4 and their names were drawn. The €100 winner was Helen Greer, Hornhead Road, Dunfanaghy. This week's Jackpot will be €5400. Lotto Tickets are on sale in the usual outlets and also online from Clubforce until 6pm on any Sunday evening.

St. Michael's Bingo

St Michaels weekly Bingo Sessions

will this Sunday night return to the Massinass Hall Creeslough for their weekly bingo at 8 o'clock and the club look forward to welcoming customers back in doors.

Online will continue but hopeful will eventually get all patrons back on a Sunday night. There will be a few bonus lines on the night as a welcome back and we look forward to welcoming you all on Sunday evening in Creeslough. The winner of the €200 on the House on Game 9 at The St. Michael's Bingo on Sunday night last was Frances Griffin, €30 Tina Carolan, the winner of the €100 on Game 5 was Liam McElhinney, €30 winner was Ann Butler.

Dunfanaghy Youths

Congratulations to Sarah Ferry, who is this week's 50/50 winner of €490. The hut will be in Creeslough every Friday 10am-2pm and Dunfanaghy every Saturday, 10am - 2pm, you can also go to Dunfanaghy Youth football club Facebook page, click on the PayPal link, and buy your tickets online.

Fairtrade Town Fortnight in Dunfanaghy

The Fairtrade fortnight continues this year until March 6th and a programme of events has been developed, for details, check the Dunfanaghy Fairtrade Facebook page.

For those who want to source Fairtrade products locally, you may be surprised by the number of products available and stocked or presented by local business-

es, most of whom are displaying the stickers showing support for Dunfanaghy Fairtrade.

Thanks to all businesses in and around Dunfanaghy who show their strong support for Fairtrade.

Dunfanaghy Fairtrade has been supported by Donegal Changemaker's and Fairtrade Ireland. Fairtrade Fortnight

has an exciting programme of events that will be part of the International Fairtrade 'Choose the World You Want'. Throughout the County it will feature coffee mornings, local markets, baking demonstrations, panel discussions, workshops and collaborations with Self Help Africa, the Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny and Fairtrade Ireland.



As part of Dunfanaghy/Donegal Fairtrade Fortnight, new signs have been commissioned and produced by Donegal Creative. These were erected on Tuesday and supporters of Fairtrade gathered at the Golf Club / Community Alert sign on the N56 where the new sign where the unveiling took place. Other Fairtrade events, including the popular Dunfanaghy Fairtrade Prize Quiz, continue during the week.



Councillor Michael McClafferty has welcomed the two new benches installed by Harkin Plant Hire on behalf of Donegal County Council at Killyhoe Beach in Dunfanaghy. Thanks to the Environment Section of the Council who secured funding for the benches and the three more are destined for Drimnatinney Beach in Falcarragh over the coming weeks.

Please note the new hot plate feature clearly marked BBQ (inset) for hot plates etc to save the overall benches from getting destroyed as has happened in the past.

Cloughaneely

Death of Colm Gallagher



The communities of Falcarragh and Milford were in shock on Monday night with the news of the death of Colm Gallagher, Ballintemple, Falcarragh. Colm is survived by his wife Sheila, daughter Alana and son Adam.

Colm was aged 53 years originally from Milford before moving to set up home in Falcarragh following his marriage to Sheila Boyle, Errarooy, Falcarragh.

He was predeceased by his father Colm in 2003 and sister Brid in December 2016. Colm worked in the Milford Bakery and Flour Mills for many years before working in Iscourt Service Station, Falcarragh for a few years, and in later years was the devoted Carer for his son Adam. Colm was a very jovial and outgoing person known affectionally over the years by his family and friends as 'Golly'.

Colm was a talented basketball player at Loreto Convent, Milford and Milford Senior Men's Basketball team for many years winning the Senior County Cup title in 1996.

His death has come to as a shock to all who knew him in the communities of Falcarragh and Milford and the extended Boyle and Gallagher families.

His remains reposed at his family home on Tuesday and Wednesday evening for the wake which was private to family, close friends and relatives. His Funeral Mass will take place this Thursday 3rd March in St. Finian's Church, Falcarragh at 1pm followed by burial in adjacent graveyard.

Deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Sheila, daughter Alana, son Adam, mother Nuala, brothers Christopher, London, Conor, Galway, sisters Maura, Eileen and Lisa, Milford, father-in-law John Boyle, Errarooy, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, aunts, uncle, nieces and nephews, cousins and all other extended family members and friends.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

After two years of lockdown, the town are delighted to announce that there will be a St. Patrick's Day Parade in Falcarragh, on Thursday 17th March at 3pm. As many businesses, community groups, clubs, schools, etc. are encouraged to participate in any way possible. More details nearer the date.

Ranganna Sa tSean Bheairic

Tá múid anois ag glacadh ainmneacha dona ranganna seo a leanas; Ranganna Gaeilge (TEG)* Leibheál A1 - Dé Máirt ón 7 - 830* Leibheál B1 - Dé Céadaoin ón 7 - 830 Leibheál C1 - Déardaoin ón 7 - 830* Comhra Gaeilge - Déardaoin ón 7 - 830 Damhsa Beirte: Ranganna damhsa beirte le Connie Mac Ceallabhuí Ag tosú Dé Luain 14ú Feabhra ón 8 - 10i.n. Two hand Dance Classes with Connie Mc Kelvey Starting Monday 14th February from 8-10pm Péintéireachta: Ranganna péintéireachta le Joe McClafferty achan Déardaoin ón 7-10 Painting Classes every Thursday from 7-10pm Fáilte Roimh Thosaitheoirí - Beginners Welcome *Dáta tosú ag bráth ar éilimh. 9180888 / 074 9180655.

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Cloughaneely Junior Band

If any past members have band uniforms, instruments, hats or jackets in their possession please pm and we can

arrange to have them collected or alternatively drop them into Gortahork Parish Hall on a Thursday between 6.30-8pm.

Computer Course

Are you good at doing stuff on your phone or tablet like answering emails and a bit of shopping, but would like to be able to transfer those skills to a laptop. Learn to attach documents to emails, type up letters, make a poster etc. Course starting soon in the Adult Education Centre in Gortahork. It's free and it's fun! The day and time will be organised when we have enough people. Call Dolores on 0861740677 to apply.

English Classes

Do you know of anyone who is a beginner English speaker? The Adult Education Centre in Gortahork are organising a class, for further information contact 0861740677. Free to participants.

Pobail Le Chéile

Oifig Pobail is now open to the public next door to Siopa Pobail. There is a public access computer and printer. Thank you very much to all those who helped to get Siopa Pobail and Oifig Pobail up and running. We have a vacancy for a Youth Support Worker based at Pobail le Chéile, Falcarragh. This is a training initiative and applicants must be 21+ and unemployed (or on qualifying scheme like TÚS) for 12 months. Accredited training provided - exciting opportunity - 19.5 hours per week (flexible) Call Lee at Donegal Youth Service (074 91 29630).

Siopa Pobail

Siopa Pobail are accepting donations on Tuesdays and Saturdays. No electrical items or duvets please. Opening times: Sunday & Monday closed. Tuesday 10am-2pm, Wednesday 10am-1pm, Thursday & Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 11am-5pm. Míle buíochas ar son bhur dtacaíocht go dtí seo.

The Songhouse

Cór an Chroí is welcoming new singers. We meet Tuesdays 7.30-9.15 at Song House /Teach na nAmhrán. €8. Join us to sing songs in harmony, from many traditions, all taught by ear. All welcome. Phone Candy 085 889 3154 for further details.

Pobal Eascarrach

Folúntas ar Scéim Fostaíocht Pobal: Tá folúntas faoi láthair d'oibrí ginearálta ar an Scéim Fostaíocht Pobal ag Ionad Pobal Eascarrach. Lé bheith rannpháirteach sa scéim caithfidh tú na rialacha maidir leis an Scéim leagtha síos ag an Roinn Choimirce Sóisialaí, a chomhlíonadh. Má tá suim agat dean teag-



Hugh agus Méabh O'Donnell with their new baby lambs in Killult.

mháil lé Caitlín ar 0749180571.

There currently is a vacancy for a general worker on the Community Employment Scheme at Ballina Resource Centre. To be eligible to participate on the Community Employment Scheme you must meet the criteria as laid down by the Department of Social protection. If you are interested please contact Caitlín for further information on 9180571.

Cursaí: Ag bráth ar éileamh beidh na cursaí/ranganna seo a leanas ag toiseacht san ionad Pobal Eascarrach, sna seachtainí amach romhainn. Má tá suim ag duine ar bith iontu thig scairt a chur ar Caitlín ag 074-9180571 lé clarú: Seilg Feamainn, Beachaireachta, Tógáil Coirceogach, Fótagrafaíocht Dhigiteach & Ealaín Le Owenie. Subject to demand, the following courses/classes will commence shortly in Ballina Resource Centre. Anyone interested should call Caitlín on 074-9180571 to register: Coastal Seaweed Foraging, Bee-Keeping, Bee-Hive Building, Digital Photography, Art With Owenie. All the above courses are part-funded by the ETB (Donegal Education & Training Board).

Gloria House: As part of International Women's Day in March,

Mná Eascarrach are hosting a fund raising day in aid of Gloria House, Letterkenny. A representative from Gloria House will call to Ballina Resource Centre on Wednesday March 9th between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. She will give a talk of history of the Domestic Violence Services in Donegal, plus information on the various help-lines available. It is important for us to keep up to date with the current changes to legislation, the situation regarding lack of housing and possible cash flow difficulties that are prevalent in today's society. The focus of the morning will be to give information, help with developing healthy relationships and answering any concerns. All money raised will go towards Gloria House, Letterkenny. Refreshments served on the morning. Contact 9180571 for further info.

Donegal Domestic Violence Services is a registered charity working with women and children affected by Domestic Abuse in Donegal. Funded primarily through the national unit of Domestic, Sexual and Gender Based Violence within Tusla, and have a Service Level Agreement for the delivery of our services. Helpline No 1800 262677 (24hr)

GOLF NEWS

Rosapenna

Gents Competition Results

The Gents Singles Stableford played over the Sandy Hills Links on Sunday the 27th of February was the maiden competition using the new category prize format. This format will be adopted throughout the golfing year and we look forward to the members embracing and enjoying this slight change in prize format. Category A (13 & below) Peter Smyth 12 with 39pts, Category B (14-21) Denis O'Kane, 14* with 38pts, Category C (22+) Frank Cullen, 23* with 36pts.

Gross Prize Michael Carr, with 32 gross pts??. Please note this is your playing handicap on the day from whichever tees you select. The categories were determined from the average entry from a dozen+ competitions during the 2021 season with an even 3 way split. As with the current 1st, 2nd, Gross, 3rd prize structure a certain number of entries will have to be reached to include a gross prize and the more entries on the day the larger the payout per category. The full category price structure is posted on the members notice board in the front foyer of the Golf Pavilion. The * above denotes a player who played from the blue tees receiving 2 additional strokes to their course handicap re the mixed tee format. Two's - Denis McBride, John Dowds, Kieran Sweeney, Iggy Larkin, Denis O'Kane, Danny Gallagher & Gary McClafferty. Entries - 39 pax.??

Winter Scramble Series Results

The latest Winter Scramble Series event took place on Saturday 26th of February. Weather conditions on the day were breezy but dry and mild, the results were as follows - 1st - T Doran, M Doran, J Feeney & B Feeney with 53.5 nett; 2nd - J Dowds, V Dowds, C Bradley & M Kelly with 54.05 nett; Gross - M McDermott, S McGarrigle, M McGarrigle & M McDaid with 64 gross?3rd - S Breen, L Breen, B Kelly & D Kelly with 55.9 nett; 4th - M Bradley, S Bradley, A McKeague & P McKeague with 56.6 nett.

Club Sweaters

It has been decided at committee level to introduce a new colour of club sweater for all team competitions. All members are encouraged to purchase same from The Pavilion Golf Shop and would wear this when representing Rosapenna Golf Club at both provincial level and county level. The Pavilion Golf Shop will not hold a stock of the jumpers. Orders after this date will incur embroidery & shipping charges and will be placed on a bimonthly basis. Members must order their jumper(s) by Monday 21st March via email - golf@rosapenna.ie. Contact The Pavilion Golf Shop for any further information required. ?

Course Notice

Winter Mats are in play for both casual and competition golf, this includes using the mats on all tee boxes. All members are kindly asked to repair all pitch marks, replace divots in the semi rough and rake all bunkers after use. Please keep all trollies & drive buggies off tee boxes and away from green surrounds. If you are on the course you must be on the tee sheet, all tee times

are bookable via the BRS App. Booking enquiries over the phone will be offered the same tee times as showing via the BRS App, no additional times will be available.

Upcoming Fixtures

March Sunday 6th - Gents Club Competition; Saturday 12th - Winter Scramble; Sunday 13th - Gents Club Competition; Thursday 17th - Gents Club Competition; Friday 18th - Winter Scramble; Saturday 19th - Gents Four Ball Better Ball; Sunday 20th - Gents Club Competition; Saturday 26th - Winter Scramble - Sandy Hills Links; Sunday 27th - Gents Club Competition - Old Tom Morris Links.

Letterkenny Ladies

Captain's Drive In

The 2022 golfing season at Letterkenny Golf Club will officially begin on Sunday 6th March with the ceremonial Captain's Drive in at Letterkenny Golf Club. The format will be a 4 ball scramble with a shot gun start at 11am. The timesheet is now open and members wishing to play should put their names on the time sheet before 8pm on Saturday 5th and the draw will take place on Saturday night.

This is one of our season openers so we encourage you to come along to support our President Liam Wiseman, Captain Ian Ireland and Lady Captain Triona Daly as they drive into office to get the golfing year started.

Tea, Coffee and tray bakes will be served from 10am in Hunters bar. The weather is to be favourable so please come out to support this fun event. We wish our president and captains every success in the coming

Craoibhín Community Centre

Monday is Parent & Toddler group from 10:30am-12:30pm. €2 per family with refreshments provided. Every Friday night @ 8:30pm Termon GAA Bingo.

The Co-working space is proving to be a very popular. Contact us on 0749119988/ email info@craoibhintermon.ie to book a tour of our building.

ETB Yoga and Dressmaking are running presently. Cookery and flower arranging will be starting soon.

Craoibhín are also agents for the Senior Alert Scheme (Panic Alarm). These are available for the elderly and the vulnerable in our society. First year monitoring is free. Call us on 0749119988 for further details.

Vital OBS Donegal will be running a mini medics first aid course shortly contact Paul Stevenson on 086 0809443.

Ashlene Finnegan running jiving lessons here in the Centre on Wednesdays from 8-10pm.

Discover Termon

Launching the new Discover Termon social group during

Seachtaine Na Gaeilge. This idea has come from people in Termon who are interested in documenting and recording information about the area both history and current. The initial idea is to get a social group together pick a few topics that you would like to learn more about each week we will undertake some research, road trips and engage with others who may have the information you are looking for.

Recently we have been asked about the story behind Doon Well and also Lough Salt. To our shame we really didn't know very much about them. It would be great to keep some local knowledge and with the advances in technology all the information we gather could be easily put onto a website or book. First meet up Tuesday 15th March here in Craoibhín both 11am and 7pm to hopefully suit all ages. If you cannot make it and want to be included via zoom we can arrange that.

As part of ETB funding we have a small number of tablets we can lend to the community to help you join this group virtually.

Creeslough

St. Michael's Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were: 2,5,13,17,18,19. There was no match 5 winner. 17 people matched 4 and their names were drawn. The €100 winner was Helen Greer, Hornhead Road, Dunfanaghy. This week's Jackpot will be €5400. Lotto Tickets are on sale in the usual outlets and also online from Clubforce until 6pm on any Sunday evening.

St. Michael's Bingo

St Michaels weekly Bingo Sessions will this Sunday night return to the Massinass Hall Creeslough for their weekly bingo at 8 o'clock and the club look forward to welcoming customers back in doors. Online will continue but hopeful will eventually get all patrons back on a Sunday night. There will be a few bonus lines on the night as a welcome back and we look forward to welcoming you all on Sunday evening in Creeslough.

The winner of the €200 on the House on Game 9 at The St. Michael's Bingo on Sunday night last was Frances Griffin, €30 Tina Carolan, the winner of the €100 on Game 5 was Liam McElhinney, €30 winner was Ann Butler.

We have discontinued selling the bingo books in the shops - they can be purchased on line or at the Massinass Centre on Sunday evening before the Bingo begins. Anyone who has any trouble accessing a book should contact Ann Marie Kelly or Suzi Roarty and we will sort you out. We will still continue to broadcast bingo on line but would encourage as many of you as possible to attend in person. Books can also still be bought online from Clubforce before 1pm on Sundays.

Dunfanaghy Youths

Congratulations to Sarah Ferry, who is this week's 50/50 winner of €490. The hut will be in Creeslough every Friday 10am-2pm and Dunfanaghy every Saturday, 10am - 2pm, you can also go onto the Dunfanaghy Youth football club Facebook page, click on the PayPal link, and buy your tickets online.

No Greater Love

A Lenten programme of Reflection 'No Greater

Love' is a 5-part Lenten programme which will take place in Ards Friary for the first five Thursdays of Lent beginning this Thursday 3rd March at 7.30pm to 9pm. This programme is being organised by the parish of Dunfanaghy, Creeslough and Ards. We will like to extend a warm invitation to everyone and look forward to welcoming you to partake in this time of reflection. The programme starts in the Garden of Gethsemane and leads you to the foot of the Cross at Calvary over the 5 sessions. Each session has a 30-minute video filmed in the Holy Lands, a time of discussion and prayer.

St. Patrick's Day

Creeslough Community Association are calling on all businesses, groups and clubs to participate in this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade. They are asking all those interested in having a Float to get in with them via Facebook to register in this year's event. There are prizes for the Best Float in each category.

Prayer and Praise

The Diocesan Pastoral Centre is launching the first of their Prayer & Praise nights at the Pastoral Centre in Letterkenny starting at 7.30pm and running to late (approx. 10.30pm) on the 5th March 2022. This is first of a monthly event the Pastoral Centre will be running for young adults.

Crafters

The Crafters of Creeslough meet every Monday from 11.00 a.m. until 1 o'clock. You are welcome to come along and learn or revive an interest in knitting / crochet etc.- and have a cup of tea.

Social Dancing Classes

Social Dancing Classes continues in the Massinass Centre Creeslough on Tuesday evenings from 8pm to 10pm.

Climb Muckish

Swilly Hiking Club are taking part in Charlie Bird's "Climb with Charlie" charity climb on April 2nd. Join us as we climb Muckish Mountain with a choice of four different routes. 1. The Grotto. 2. The Miners Path. 3. The Nose and 4. The NW side. See www.climbwithcharlie.ie for further details and donation page.

Muckish Development Group

Charlie Bird launched his "Climb / Walk with

Trawler Wreck exposed at Killyhoey Beach



As well as causing significant damage to the local sand dunes the recent stormy weather has exposed the wreck of the Milford Steam Trawler Dinas on Killyhoey Beach in Dunfanaghy. The Dinas was stranded on Killyhoey in 1937 and cut up for scrap. The moving sand covered the remaining parts of the wreck and it can only be seen periodically when weather conditions and storms allow. Interestingly this was the first time that the Dinas had run aground as in 1911 the Haverfordwest & Milford Haven Telegraph of Wednesday 23rd August 1911 reported that "The steam trawler "Dinas" (Messrs. Hancock and Harries) which, with others, left Milford Haven on Friday for the South Coast was, according to the London papers, stranded on Sunday afternoon on the Shingles Bank, between the Needles and Totland Bay. Mr. T. G. Hancock was himself aboard. A wire was received later at Milford Haven that the vessel had got off under her own power without any assistance, and sustaining no damage. She then proceeded to Portsmouth, where she arrived safely." The trawler had also come through World War 1 unscathed before meeting her end in Dunfanaghy. There was no loss of life.

Charlie" to raise money for Motor Neurone Disease Ireland and Pieta House. He will climb Croagh Patrick on April 2nd. We will be supporting Charlie's charities by hosting a walk on the Muckish Railway Line. This will be suitable for people of all abilities who want to join in, includ-

ing those with push chairs or buggies. More information at a later date. Keep your Diary free on April 2nd.

St. Vincent De Paul

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

Annmarie launches poetry book

Dunfanaghy Workhouse was the setting on Sunday for a well attended book signing by the Poet, Annmarie Ni Chuirreain who read from and then signed copies of her new book The Poison Glen.

After reading some poems from the collection Annmarie was joined by Sinead Gallagher from The Song House in Falcarragh for a question and answer ses-

sion with those present.

The story of the stolen or missing child sits at the heart of The Poison Glen, alongside a desire to bear witness to family loss and cultures of silence in Ireland. Weaving together landscape, history, and the compelling mythology of a Donegal site known as 'The Poison Glen', here are poems of grit and burn-

ing, of wildness, grace and magic, of dreaming and compassion. The collection is rooted by 'The Foundling Crib', a poem that dwells on a long-gone Foundling Hospital in Dublin, accompanied by poems written as responses to sites of various Irish church- and state-run institutions.

In poems both tender and ferocious the

book illuminates questions that run deep in the Irish psyche. Ultimately it asks, How can darkness be overcome by light?

The Poison Glen will be available for sale in The Workhouse when it opens shortly and other outlets.



Annmarie Ni Chuirreain reading from her collection of poems The Poison Glen at the signing in The Workhouse Dunfanaghy on Sunday.



Annmarie Ni Chuirreain with Claire Curran, Manager of the Workhouse Dunfanaghy at the launch of her book The Poison Glen in The Workhouse on Sunday.



Annmarie Ni Chuirreain reading from her collection of poems The Poison Glen at the Book signing.



Annmarie Ni Chuirreain pictured with Dinead Gallagher from the Song House in Falcarragh at the Book Signing in The Workhouse

League of Ireland Premier Division by Declan Kerr

Big Bohs match for Harps

Finn Harps will be relieved that there are no major adverse weather warnings ahead of their scheduled home Premier Division game on Friday night against Bohemians (kick-off 8.00).

A fortnight ago on the first weekend of the season the Harps game was called off against Drogheda due to the snow.

Since then Ollie Horgan's men drew 0-0 with UCD at Belfield last Friday evening before losing 3-0 to Dundalk at Oriel Park on Monday night. That leaves Harps second from bottom on just a point when it could possibly have been six.

After a slow start against UCD, Horgan's side created the better chances but didn't score and it

was a similar story on Monday night. Harps were the better side for much of the first half creating chances but couldn't finish but this time they were punished by Dundalk.

So while it is early days it will be slightly worrying for Horgan that no goals have been scored yet.

So he will be hoping that home advantage can make the difference but Bohs come to Finn Park on the back of a fine win over St. Pat's on Monday to give themselves four points from two matches. Horgan will just be hoping that his side first of all continue the habit of creating chances that will be rewarded with goals this time.

Missed chances costly for Harps

Dundalk 3-0 Finn Harps

Ollie Horgan saw his Finn Harps side pay a huge price for not converting at least a couple of the decent first half chances created against Dundalk on Monday night at Oriel Park. Steven Bradley made the visitors pay by scoring against the run of play for the hosts before the break. Sam Bone made it 2-0 before in-form on-loan signing Bradley netted his second when the game was already pretty much beyond the reach of a Harps comeback.

Horgan made three changes from the UCD game with Conor Tourish, Mark Timlin and Ryan Rainey all coming into the starting 11.

Out were Regan Donelon who was not in the match day squad while Yoyo Mahdy and Bastien Hery dropped to the bench. Damien Duffy was added to the subs list due to Donelon's absence.

It looked like Harps were going to make an early breakthrough when a poor touch from Lewis Macari saw Ethan Boyle take possession to burst forward to release Filip Mihaljevic. The Croatian rounded inside the 'keeper but his effort was cleared off



Harps Yoko Mahdy shoots for goal against Dundalk on Monday night.

the line by a relieved Macari. On 18 minutes Mihaljevic got in behind the Dundalk defence and crossed for Barry McNamee who headed wide when he should have tested the keeper. A Boyle long throw found Ryan Connolly whose effort had Shepperd scampering to make the save. A Ryan Rainey corner had Shepperd in action to prevent the ball going directly into the net in the 23rd minute. Mihaljevic was very unlucky not to get his first Harps goal on the half-hour mark when he intercepted a weak back pass before his shot came back off the crossbar. Then against the run of play completely Dundalk took the lead. Bradley dispossessed Mark Timlin before turning inside to fire a sweet shot past Mark Anthony McGinley. It got worse for the visitors inside the first minute of the second

half when Bradley's cross-field ball found Sam Bone who also cut inside to fire past McGinley at his near corner. Horgan's triple substitution on the hour-mark didn't work the magic as Eric McWoods, Jesse Devers, and Yoyo Mahdy were introduced.

Dundalk rounded off the scoring when Keith Ward and Pat Hoban combined to find Bradley who produced a super finish for his second of the game.

Finn Harps - Mark McGinley; Ethan Boyle, Conor Tourish, David Webster, Jose Carrillo, Mark Timlin (Jesse Devers 60); Elie N'Zeyi, Ryan Connolly (Bastien Hery 71); Ryan Rainey (Luke Rudden 84), Barry McNamee (Eric McWoods 60); Filip Mihaljevic (Yoyo Mahdy 60). Subs not used: Gavin Mulreaney (GK), Nathan Logue, Stephen Black, Damien Duffy.

Late goal victory for Donegal



Donegal's Jack McKelvey punches the ball into the back of the Tyrone goal despite the attempts of Johnny Monroe and Conor Meyler. Photo Anne McMenamin.

Donegal 2-10 Tyrone 0-12

There was a nervousness in Donegal folk about this one. That feeling only lifted when Jeaic Mac Ceallabhuí, in the final seconds of a tense night, bent down to flick home their second goal.

On a night when they needed a win, the bus carrying their old foes from across the border - who just happen to be the reigning All-Ireland champions - was perhaps just what Donegal needed to roll into Ballybofey.

Level eight times in all, it was a game that seemed destined to finish level.

Donegal, though, found a way. Sub Oisín Gallen, appearing on his home turf, kicked Donegal in front. Gallen, along with Peadar Mogan, had a role in the move for the clinching goal, MacCeallabhuí's finish raising the roof. Donegal stretched their unbeaten run in League games at Sean MacCumhaill Park to 21 - a sequence that goes back 12 years.

Donegal were without a score in almost 25 minutes when Conor O'Donnell batted into the River End net late in the first half. Patrick McBrearty was the engineer, a determined surge opening

Tyrone up. McBrearty of-flooded across goal for O'Donnell to convert.

To say that it was badly needed would be an understatement.

Tyrone had popped over the game's five previous points and it was Donegal's first score since a 12th minute point by McBrearty.

Tyrone assumed control with a flurry of points, including a brace from the marauding corner-back Michael McKernan.

They led for the first time through the towering Conn Kilpatrick in the 15th minute and the Red Hands opened up a 0-7 to 0-3 lead.

Donegal started the half

well - indeed, they ought to have made more of their early play - and they finished likewise.

O'Donnell might have had a second goal, but Niall Morgan did well to keep out the Carndonagh man's effort during a lengthy period of stoppage time, brought about by a nasty injury that saw Pádraig McNulty carried off on a stretcher.

Donegal, still without the influences of Michael Murphy and Michael Langan, brought themselves level, 1-4 to 0-7, by halftime, Jason McGee soaring over from long range.

Goalkeeper Shaun Patton converted a free while the busy O'Donnell - who was named Man of the Match - landed three second-half points.

Donegal: S. Patton (0-1, one free), C. Ward, B. McCole, S. McMenamin, R. McHugh (0-1) E. Gallagher, O. McFadden-Ferry, H. McFadden, J. McGee (0-1), S.O'Donnell (0-1), P. Mogan, C. Thompson, P. McBrearty (0-2, one free), C. O'Donnell (1-3), N. O'Donnell. Subs: J. Mac Ceallabhuí for N.O'Donnell (36), O. Gallen (0-1) for McFadden (59), D Ó Baoill and E. O'Donnell for S. O'Donnell and McFadden-Ferry (68).

Referee: B. Cawley (Kildare)



Tyrone's Brian Kennedy gives chase to Donegal and Red Hughes Stephen McMenamin. Photograph Anne McMenamin.

Gaels meet Eunan's in U12 girls game

Letterkenny Gaels U12 girls travelled across town to O'Donnell Park last Sunday morning

to play neighbours St Eunan's in the first challenge match of the 2022 season. Both clubs fielded

strong teams who did not disappoint on the day. The game was played in great spirit and these young footballers had a very enjoyable time. The girls got an unplanned surprise with the Donegal senior ladies team training on the pitch before the game.

Many of the girls are school mates in the different schools in Letterkenny and the game eventually finishing in a draw, 2-12 to 3-09.

Girls Football at Letterkenny Gaels continues from strength to strength with the club now fielding girls-only teams from U8 up to Senior Ladies. The girls winter training programme runs up until the end of March at the Aura Leisure Centre before teams move to Pairc na nGael at the beginning of April. Training takes place on Sunday mornings and games take place at weekends and midweek during the summer.



The GAA St. Eunan's and Letterkenny Gaels Girls U12s teams before their opening challenge game of the season on Sunday.

GAA Club News

Cloughaneely

Comhbhrón

Ba mhaith linne uilig anseo i gCLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola ár gcomhbhrón a dhéanamh lenár gcairde i gCLG Naomh Muire, Iochtar na Rosann ar bhás Tony Doherty a cuireadh i gcré na cille inniu.

Ní bheadh lá ar bith a bheadh muid ag imirt sna méilte nach mbeadh Tony ann le fáilte a chur romhainn - Gael go smior.

Tá muid ag smaointiú ar a theaghlach fosta ag an am seo.

Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh a anam uasal Gaelach. Ticéid

Má tá deacrachtaí ar bith ag duine ar bith ticéid do chluichí idirchondae a cheannacht ar líne déan teagmháil le Ciarán ar 087 227 9155 nó ball ar bith eile den choiste.

If anyone has any difficulty purchasing tickets for inter county matches online please contact Ciarán on 087 227 9155 or any other committee member.

Club 100 Eanáir/January 100 Club

€500 Murt Collins

€100 Charlie & Marion Gallagher, Laura Gallagher, Denise Doogan, Brid McVicar, Cormac McGarvey

Club 100 Feabhra/February 100 Club

€500 Sandra McGeever

€100 Bridie Sweeney, Charlie & Marion Gallagher, Madge Boyle, Vincent Collum, PJ McGinley Beidh an chéad tarraingt den chlub úr ann ar Dé Máirt 8 Márta. Tá an Cisteoir ag déanamh teagmháil le baill ratha agus iar-bhaill an tseachtain seo le cuireadh a thabhairt daofa a bheith páirteach i 2022. Tá muid fíorbhuíoch do gach duine a thug tacaíocht dúinn go dtí seo.

The first draw of the new cycle will be held on Tuesday 8th March. The Cisteoir is contacting everyone this week that is a current or past member to invite to them to join us for 2022. Thank you to everyone who supports this vital fundraising effort year after year.

Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta - Sóisear

Scór Deiridh

CCF 3-10 Naomh Columba 2-11

Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta - Sinsear

CCF v Na Dúnaibh, Dé Sathairn 5 Márta sna Dúnaibh at 1:30i.n.

Lotto

Uimhreacha na seachtaine 3,5,6,12,13,15. Níor bhain aon duine an pota óir. Bhí ceathrar déag ann le ceithre uimhir. Comhghairdeas le James Coll, Doire Uí Fhrighil a bhaineann €100.

Tá €6,250 sa phota óir anois.

The numbers drawn were 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 15. No jackpot winner..we had 14 match 4s; Congratulations to James Coll, Derryreel who wins €100. Our jackpot is now €6,250.

Gaeil Fhánada

Lotto Results 27/02/2022

Numbers: 1, 7, 11, 16, 22. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Eddie McKinley, Pollaid. This week's Jackpot: €2500

Underage Training Returns

We're delighted to announce that the first of our underage teams will return to training during the next week. All players should ensure they are registered and have their membership paid prior to returning to training. This can be done at <https://returntoplay.gaa.ie>

U10 Girls - Saturday, 5th at 11am in Páirc Uí Shíadhail

U12 Girls - Saturday, 5th at 11am in Páirc Uí Shíadhail

U14 Girls - Saturday, 5th at 11am in Páirc Uí Shíadhail

U16 Girls - Monday, 7th at 6:30 in Traigh a Locha

U15 Boys - Tuesday, 8th at 6pm in Traigh a Locha

Welcome Zack

Congratulations to senior player Jonny Friel and his partner Meghan on the recent birth of their son Zack.

Cruinniú Chomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta

Beidh an chéad cruinniú ullmhúcháin eile ar siúl Dé Máirt, 8ú Feabhra sa Fanad Lodge ag 8 a chlog. Fáilte roimh achan nduine.

Siúlóid na Gaeilge ar an Trá

Ar mhaith leat do chuid Gaeilge a úsáid agus a chleachtadh agus tú amuigh faoin aer maidin Dé Sathairn? Beidh scaifte ag cruinniú le chéile ag carrchlós Din i mBaile Thiarnáin ag 12:30 Dé Sathairn.

Every Step Counts

Well done to everyone who took part in the Irish Life 'Every Step Counts' challenge. Gaeil Fhánada finished in tenth place on the Ulster leaderboard amassing almost 22,500KM in the process. Congratulations to the top three competitors in

the competition who received the prizes below.

1st - Jennifer Gallagher - €30 euro voucher for BMC Sports

2nd - Seamus McAteer - Club Hat

3rd - Patrick Duffy - Club Hat

We also had a draw for 8 Gaeil Fhánada hats among the competitors. The winners were; Megan Martin, Sharon Coyle, Michael Logue, Roisin Logue, Fiona Shiels, John McConigley, Fergus Friel, Sarah Peoples. Can all winners please message our Facebook page to arrange collection of the prizes.

St. Michael's

Comortais Peile Na Gaeltachta

Both teams were in action in Comortais Peile Na Gaeltachta last weekend. On Saturday the Reserves were defeated by Gweedore in Magheragallon.

The Seniors were also away to Termon on Sunday and also made their exit from the competition losing on a scoreline of 3-10 0-9.

The St. Michael's team and scorers were: Dean McColgan Jamie Hunter, Liam Pau Ferry, Stephen Doak, Ciaran Kelly, Antóin McFadden, Ruairi Friel, Lorcan McDaid, Bryan Creed, Eoghan Kelly, John McFadden, Darragh McCarry, Andrew Kelly, Colin McFadden, Odhran McFadden. Subs Kit Regan, Martin McElhinney, Kyle McGarvey, Jubal Williamson, Dan Ferry Scorers were: Andrew Kelly 0-4, Eoghan Kelly 0-1, Colin McFadden 0-1, LP Ferry 0-1, Odhran McFadden 0-1, John McFadden 0-1.

The All-County League Fixtures were released last weekend. We have been given a tough start to the League. Our campaign will get underway on Saturday 2nd April away to Gweedore in Magheragallon. The following Sunday we are at home to St. Eunans. We have a bye in the third round of fixtures, while in week 4 we are away to Ardara.

Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the Mini Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were: 2,5,13,17,18,19. There was no Match 5 Winner. 17 people matched 4 and their names were drawn. The €100 winner was Helen Greer, Hornhead Road, Dunfanaghy. This week's Jackpot will be €5400. Lotto Tickets are on sale in the usual outlets and also online from Clubforce until 6pm on any Sunday evening.

Bingo

The weekly Bingo will this Sunday night return to the Massinass Hall, Creeslough at 8pm. We look forward to welcoming our customers back in doors. On line will continue but we are hopeful that we will eventually get all our patrons back on a Sunday.

The winner of the €200 on the House on Game 9 was Frances Griffin. €30 Tina Carolan, the winner of the €100 on Game 5 was Liam McElhinney, €30 winner was Ann Butler.

We have discontinued selling the bingo books in the shops - they can be purchased on line or at the Massinass Centre on Sunday evening before the Bingo begins. Anyone who has any trouble accessing a book should contact Ann Marie Kelly or Suzi Roarty. Books can also still be bought from Clubforce before 1pm on Sundays.

CLG An Tearnainn

Numbers drawn in Friday's lotto were 4, 8, 11 and 12. There was no winner of the €2150 Jackpot. There were three Match 3 winners receiving €30 each - Charlie Kerr, Kilmacrennan; Joan Trearty, Meenreagh, Termon and Noreen McColgan, Gortlee. Open Draw winners of €10 each were Ann Doherty, Bingo and Linda McElwaine, Millbridge. This week's Jackpot is €2,200.

The weekly bingo continues each Friday night online, drive in and indoors at the Craoibhin, in Termon.

With training now in full swing, all players are reminded that registration is now due, registration link available on the social media pages and from coaches. All players must be registered to train/play for Clg An Tearnainn for insurance purposes.

Both our senior and reserve teams were in action over the weekend in the opening round of the Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta, two fine wins over Baile na nGalloglach in the reserve game and Naomh Micheal in the senior game. Fixtures for upcoming games will be posted on Facebook when available. All our underage teams are in training also, with new members always welcome, please contact any club member or the social media pages for further information.

Well done to Bobby McGettigan who helped the County U20's to a win at the weekend with the two goals that won the game for them against Ro-



Steve McDaid in action for Termon in the Gaeltacht game against Milford at the weekend. Photo by Chloe Callaghan

common.

The walkway around the pitch is now completed with a tarred surface and new lighting installed. This will be a safe environment for everyone to walk or run on. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make it happen.

CLG Baile na nGalloglach

Lotto: 27/2/22

Numbers drawn were 1-14-17-19 and there was no Jackpot winner. Lucky Dip winner gets €50, Sean Barrett, Gortnacor, Portsalon. Jackpot Next Week: €5,300.

Gaeltacht Championships

Our Senior men have their first match of the season away to Ardara on Saturday 5th March at 7pm in the Gaeltacht Championships.

Ta an cluiche Sinsear idir Ard Ratha agus Baile na nGalloglach socraithe don Satharn 5u la de Marta ag a seacht o chlog.

Hard luck to our Senior Reserves who were well beaten by Termon in the Gaeltacht Championships last Saturday.

Scór na nÓg

Good luck to the 4 Club representatives in Scór na nÓg this Sunday in Burt.

Hannah Lynch - Recitation, Emily Harte - Solo Singing, Lizzie Haughey (Concertina) and Ellen Griffin (Flute) - Instrumental Duo.

Ba mhaith le CLG Baile na nGalloglach gach rath a ghúir ar na hiomaitheoirí a bheadh ag glacadh páirte I gcomórtas Scór na nÓg ar an Domhnach beag seo 6ú Márta sa Bheart, Co Dhún na nGall. Is iad Hannah Ni Loinhsigh (aithriseoireacht), Emily Nic Airt (amhránaíocht aonair), Lizzie Nic Eochaidh (an consairtín) agus Ellen Ní Ghríofa (an fhliúit) na daoine óga atá i gceist, Go n-éirí go geal leo uilig.

Table Quiz

The club will host a virtual table quiz on Saturday the 12th March at 7:30 pm (Please note change of date). There will be prizes for the winning team as part of Ciste Sheachtain na Gaeilge with Energia 2022. Send in name of one person for each team of four, with contact number to address; culture-clg@gmail.com

Irish/Culture classes

Tháinig na ranganna Gaeilge ar ais ar lá nua : gach oíche Mháirt ag a 8pm. Más mian le haon duine teacht ar na ranganna, seol téacs teachtaireachta ríomhphoist chuig cultureclg@gmail.com chun an nasc don rang a fháil. Nó cuir scairt ar Aodh ag 087-8131565. Is ranganna iad seo a chuireann fáilte foimh aon duine a bhfuil suim acu inár dteanga dhúchasach, ár gceol, ár gcultúr agus

sa stair áitiúil. Fáilte is fiche romhat.

Climb With Charlie

There will be a walk/climb up the Standing Man in Glenalla on Saturday April 2nd, leaving from Ray Community Centre at 11am, to support 'Climb with Charlie Bird' with the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association and Pieta House. Registration on Club Facebook page or from Roisin on 0879188795. There is a shorter walk and longer walk/climb option available. Refreshments will be served in the Centre after the walk/climb. Health Checks will also be available at 10am prior to the climb in Ray Community Centre for anyone interested.

Underage Training

Girls U10 Training in Ray Community Centre on Fridays from 6 to 7pm.

U9 boys are in Ray Community Centre on Fridays from 7 to 8pm

U11 boys are in Ray Community Centre on Saturday mornings at 9.30am.

The U6s (born in 2016 and 2017) are on Saturday mornings at Ray Community Centre from 10.30am to 11.20am.

U7s (born in 2015) will be training in Ray Community Centre on Saturday mornings from 11.30am to 12.30pm.

U12 and U14 girls training is at the training pitch on Wednesdays at 6pm.

LIDL LGFA Stamps - Appeal to All Members

The Club are appealing to anyone who shops in LIDL to download the LIDL app, enter your phone number, choose Milford/Baile na nGalloglach in the list of Donegal Clubs and start collecting your stamps. If we get enough stamps we can qualify for jerseys for our ladies/girls.

CLUB REGISTRATION

Registration on Clubforce has opened and to join just download the Clubforce App or visit clubforce.com and follow the instructions.

Last Man Standing

Our Last Man Standing Competition continues. There are only 12 players left as we go into Week 5 in two weeks time. Good luck to those still standing! All proceeds will go to our Minor Board to support our underage teams within the Club.

IRISH LIFE STEPS CHALLENGE

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Challenge this year.

Congratulations to Cathy Carr, Ciara Mailey and Rachel Ivers who the €20 vouchers from the draw for all Club participants in Weeks 3, 4 and 5.

Below - MaryAnn Connolly and Roisin Diver (along with her son Pauric) with the vouchers they won in Week 1 and 2 of the Irish Life Steps Challenge.





Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

COMÓRTAIS EARCAÍOCHTA

Tá Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall ar lorg iarratas ó iarratasóirí cáilithe do na poist seo a leanas:

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Tá sé beartaithe ag an Chomhairle painéal d'iarratasóirí cáilithe a chruthú óna líonfaidh muid folúntais de réir mar a thiocfaidh siad aníos (buan agus sealadach). Tá tús láithreach leis an ról seo.

Is é an dáta deiridh fá choinne foirmeacha iarratais comhlánaithe a bheith linn ná 12 meán lae: **Déardaoin, 10 Márta 2022.**

Tá foirmeacha iarratais agus tuilleadh eolais ar fáil ag www.donegalcoco.ie

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Is fostóirí comhionannas deiseanna í Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall.

RECRUITMENT COMPETITION

Donegal County Council is seeking applications from qualified candidates for the following position:

- **Beach Lifeguard Supervisor (Permanent)**

The Council proposes to form a panel of qualified candidates from which it will fill permanent and temporary vacancies as they arise. This role has an immediate start.

The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 12 noon on: **Thursday, 10 March 2022.**

Application forms and further details are available at www.donegalcoco.ie

No late applications will be accepted.

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Planning Notices

Donegal County Council

Breenagh, Newmills Letterkenny PO
We, Aoife & Michael Carroll are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the construction of a dwelling house with associated sewage treatment system, domestic garage and all associated site development works at Breenagh, Newmills, Letterkenny PO, Co. Donegal in the townland of Breenagh. 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 its 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
Creerary Upper, Rathmullan, Letterkenny PO

We, Brian & Josephine Patton are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the construction of a dwelling house with sewage treatment system, domestic garage and all associated site development works at Creerary

Upper, Rathmullan, Letterkenny PO, Co. Donegal in the townland of Creerary Upper. The planning application may be inspected or purchased, at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority, County House, The Diamond, Lifford, County Donegal during its 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

Dunlewey Group Water Scheme Coop Ltd. intends to apply for permission for development in the townlands of Meenagall & Meenabol, Dunlewey, Co Donegal. The development consists: Existing light gauge 2" water supply pipe serving 14no. houses to be removed and replaced with heavy gauge 63mm water supply pipe on same route. The planning application and accompanying Natura Impact Assessment [NIS], 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

Nuacht CLG na nDúnaibh

Torthaí an lotto (28/02/2022). Uimhreacha: 3, 4, 19, 27. Trí uimhir - Fiona Pasoma, Gearóid Ó Conn-aigh - €75 an duine. Pota ór - gan buaiteoir. Tá tarraingt an tseachtain seo chugainn ar an 7ú Márta agus tá €2100 sa phota óir. Go raibh maith agaibh as tacú leis an gclub. Imir ar líne ag bit.ly/NDLotto

Tá an bingo ar siúl san Ionad arís oíche Shathairn ag 8:30 i.n. Is féidir leabhar a chéannacht ar líne ag nadaibh.ie/bingo suas go dtí 1:00 i.n. ar an Satharn. Tá leabhair ar fáil freisin i Siopa Mici Joe, Centra, Carraig Airt agus i Siopa na nDúnaibh, arís suas go dtí 1:00 i.n. ar an Satharn.

Damhsa agus Dinnéar

Beidh Damhsa agus Dinnéar ar siúl i Óstán Chuain na nDúnaibh oíche Shathairn ag 7:30 i.n. Ticéid ar fáil ó Aodh MacLaifearthaigh ar 085-8507774 nó Eoin O Broin ar 087-9672217 ar luach €40.

Comhghairdeas le Sean (Johnny) Mac Ródaigh a d'imir do fhoireann Dhún na nGall - faoi 20 ar an Satharn seo caite in éadan Rós Comáin. Chríochnaigh sé an chluiche le 0-5

agus bronnadh laoch na himeartha air. Ádh mór ar an fhoireann sa chluiche Ceannais Dé Sathairn seo chugainn.

Beidh an chéad chluiche don bhliain ag an fhoireann sinsear in éadan Cloich Cheann Fhaola i gcomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta ar an Satharn seo chugainn, 5ú Márta, ag 1:30 i.n. sa bhaile.

Cuirfear tús le traenáil faoi 16 agus mionúir ar maidin Dé Domhnaigh ó 9:00 - 10:30 r.n. Beidh fáilte roimh imreoirí nua.

After last year's response to the LIDL Serious Support Campaign, we are asking that you again get behind our efforts this year. Just Download/Open the LIDL Plus app and follow the prompts on screen.

U16 and minor training resumes on Sunday mornings from 9:00 am - 10:30 am. New players welcome.

Volunteers required: We have an ever-expanding club with exciting developments ahead of us. Because of this, we are in need of more volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved within the club



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Donegal County Council
Legmuckduff, Milford

We, Danielle Friel & Andy Horsman, are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with connection to public sewer and all other associated site development works at Legmuckduff, Milford County Donegal in the townland of Legmuckduff. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will

be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council
Ballykeeran, Kilmacrennan

I, Pauline McLaughlin am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission to retain site development works including filling and all other associated site works at Ballykeeran, Kilmacrennan, County Donegal in the townland of ballykeeran. 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
Ballyraine, Letterkenny

I Darren Kerr intend applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect a drive through café at Ballyraine, Letterkenny, Co Donegal. Planning permission is also sought for alterations to

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the existing road layout, connection to existing services and all associated site works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority at County House, The Diamond, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of 20 euro, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will 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.

Suckler farmers fear income loss

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of all payments from Brussels and future income will be subject to compliance with different regulations and a whole new raft of changes that are not yet fully worked through.

He said: "Since the beginning of the year INHFA has been seeking clarification of concerns raised by our members. Most of the relevant questions we are raising with the Minister for Agriculture seem to be a work in progress.

However we see that the Glas scheme is being replaced by a results based system and there will be no further five year guarantees for premia since a scorecard will determine success or failure on an annual basis."

He said the current suckler numbers are in the region of 850,000 and while there is not any obvious plan to curtail those numbers, the facts seem to indicate that only 450,000 of those cattle will be eligible for further EU payments."

The INHFA had already said the new Agri-Environmental Climate Measure (ACEM) will be very different to Glas or Reps - but regardless of rules and compliance it must ensure access for all farmers delivering on environmental outcomes, unlike what happened in the previous scheme where pri-

vate hill land was effectively excluded.

The Association is calling on Minister McConalogue to guarantee access to all farmers that are willing to take on environmental measures under the new measure. National President of the INHFA, Vincent Roddy expressed concern on the proposed budget and the number of farmers that it will accommodate.

He said: "With an annual budget allocation of €300m supporting 50,000 participants, it will see a large number of farmers unable to access support under this scheme as they seek to deliver improved environmental outcomes on their farms.

With climate change and biodiversity loss a major priority for this Government and farming central to that, it is he stressed "vital that those farmers who are willing to engage are supported appropriately. This is why we are calling on the Minister to go back to Cabinet to secure an improved budget."

Meanwhile farm groups have raised concerns about the social and economic fabric of rural communities under the new CAP. They point to the fact that the farm sector is being asked to do much more by way of compliance with an inordinate swathe of paperwork amid fears that many will be put off from seeking grant aid into the future.

Vincent Roddy says the new demands by EU Commission to commence rewetting and rewil-

ding programmes on Ireland's drained farmed peatlands will have dire consequences for both farmers, farm families and their rural communities.

With 300,000ha of this land in Ireland, the proposals outlined, will have direct impact on up to 20,000 farmers with many of these being forced out of the industry.

It is vital that we fully assess the overall impact of what is being proposed and how this will impact the farmers and their wider communities. In doing this we must recognise how these proposals will jeopardise the social and economic fabric of our rural communities.

"While all counties could be impacted by these proposals, the greatest impact will be felt in western seaboard counties and into the midlands where suckler farming is often the main enterprise" added Roddy.

In discussing the proposed Biodiversity law, the INHFA President pointed to the strategy that was launched in May 2020. He said this was a forerunner to the proposed biodiversity law as it specifically targeted our peatlands for a new and more restrictive designation called 'strictly protected.'

"This threat is something we have outlined in various forums and despite the slow reaction by others we are still hopeful that all those interested in protecting our farmers and rural communities will now act and work with us in challenging these proposals," he added.

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