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Your priest may be the last resident pastor - Archbishop

In the most significant changes since becoming Bishop of Raphoe, Alan McGuckian has appointed a number of priests on loan from far distant destinations in Africa and India.

by John McAteer

This is a trend that is likely to intensify in the future as vocations are now reaching crisis point right across the country.

With clergy being brought in from destinations of over 10,800 kilometres away in Uganda, these appointments reflect the decline in vocations.

One source in the Diocese said the fall in numbers attending Mass was a matter of much concern and had been that way for a considerable time.

Speaking in Mayo on Saturday, the Arch-

bishop of Tuam, Francis Duffy (pictured right) said that the only certainty for the future of the Catholic Church in Ireland is the "ongoing and sustained decline" of worshippers and priests.

He said "all trends point dramatically downwards" and there is "no turning point in sight" across Ireland.

Archbishop Duffy in his homily in St. Mary's Church Westport said "I suggest you look at your priest, he may be the last in a long line of resident pastors and may not be replaced. I suggest you look at your church, you may be lucky to have a Sunday Mass or several, but for how much longer?"

He encouraged pa-



rishioners not to "give up" or "let the situation drift" and said this is "a time of decline in some respect but it is a time of great hope". He said now is not the time to be "silent about the good news of Jesus Christ and to relegate it to the back pages. This is a time for faith, faith into action, faith into reaching out.

There are no quick fix solutions or approaches as we reflect on and consider our Church," he said. "Instead we journey together on a path that will have many twists and turns and will not always be easy."

His comments reflect the years of decline in vocations and dwindling parish numbers and the Church is having to merge parishes and share priests to ensure the continuation of regular services - which are set to be greatly reduced under new strategies now underway.

Last month it emerged that half of the priests serving in the diocese

of Cashel and Emly will be above the age of retirement within five years and just one candidate is training for the priesthood, a story repeated across the country. As part of a plan to deal with projected priest shortages across Ireland, Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly said the Church will form pastoral units which will encompass multiple parishes and require lay people to share the work of priests.

And as vocations decline worldwide, the Church is currently undergoing a global synodal process that seeks to gain feedback from all members on the future of its existence, with some hoping for progressive voices to be heard in Rome next year at the

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Father beats son to win 103rd Leitrim Cup



Liam Breen (right) who defeated his son Chris to win the 103rd Leitrim Cup at Rosapenna Golf Club on Monday pictured with Club Captain Michael Bradley.

Anger as farms hit with 25% emission cuts

After a bitter political battle between the farming lobby, business groups and environmental interests, the government has committed to a 25% cut in greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture by 2030.

The legally binding targets laid out only last year indicated a cut of between 22 and 30% cut in farm emissions but few believe that will come to pass as the

country's main parties in Government are already fighting a battle to keep their Dail seats.

Farm organisations reacted with dismay to the new developments. IFA President, Tim Cullinan said the cuts will pose a devastating blow to Irish farming and the rural economy. Brendan McLaughlin, Chair of Donegal IFA said at this re-

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Carole McGarvey and Kerry Whoriskey pictured at the new location for the Ramelton Post Office in Whoriskey's Eurospar, The Mall.

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close of the three-year synod.

Raphoe changes...

The changes for the Diocese of Raphoe include: Fr. Austin Laverty, PP, Ardara is retiring and to be PE, Ardara: Other PP's retiring are Fr. Sean Ó Gallachóir, PP, Gort a' Choirce: Pat McHugh, PP, Gartán and Termon and Fr. Pádraig Ó Baoighill, PP, Gaith Dobhair.

Fr. Ciaran Harkin, PP, Newtowncunningham & Killea to be PP, Aghanishin (Irish Martyrs). Fr. Aodhan Cannon, PP, Dungloe (Templecrone) to be PP, Ardara. Fr. Michael McKeever, VG, CC, Gartán & Termon to be PP Gartán and Termon. Fr. Philip Kemmy, CC, Conwal & Leck to be PP, Newtowncunningham & Killea.

Fr. Donnchadh Ó Baoill, CC, Fintown to be PP, Gort a' Choir-

ce & Tory Island. Fr. Brian Ó Fearraigh, CC, Gaith Dobhair & Chaplain to Pobalscoil Ghaith Dobhair to be PP, Gaith Dobhair.

Rev. Johnny Moore, CC, Ardara to be PP, Dungloe (Templecrone). Fr. Brendan Ward, CC, Aghanishin (Irish Martyrs) to be CC, Gaith Dobhair & Chaplain to Pobalscoil Ghaith Dobhair.

Rev. Kizito Kalemeera on loan from the Archdiocese of Kampala, Uganda to be CC, Conwal & Leck.

Fr. John Attoh on loan from the Diocese of Kafanchan, Nigeria to be priest in residence Termon.

Rev. Dominic Thoomkuzhy on loan from the Diocese of Thamarassery, India to be CC, Aghanishin (Irish Martyrs) as well as Chaplain to the Syro-Malabar Community in the Diocese.

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RNLI Fundraising

Sea to Summit Challenge

The second Sea to Summit Fundraising Challenge in aid of the RNLI took place last Sunday in brilliant sunshine and glorious conditions, when the Fanad peninsula was showing off her beautiful scenery and vistas to visitors and locals alike, as competitors battled their way over golden sandy beaches and roads up to the Summit of Murren Hill (Cnoc na Boirne) at a height of 227 metres. 'Simply amazing', and 'stunning' were some of the comments. Huge thanks to the main organisers Fin Begley & Evelyn O'Kane, supported by local family, Marshalls and Volunteers and of course time keepers Paddy & Mary Bond who all contributed to a fantastic seamless event. The use of the excellent facilities at Fanad Community Centre for the registration and catering facilities was also invaluable. Mary Rose & Rosaleen made

sure everyone was well fed and refreshed after the finish and thanks also to Anne Sweeney and Mrs Begley for their fabulous baking and homemade jams once again.

Many thanks to main sponsors, MOWI and to Eco Atlantic Adventure sports for their generous financial support, and also to Martin Clinton of Carraig na Ron for sponsoring the fabulous Trophies, as well as making the individual medals for all finishers. While a few bills yet to be paid, it is estimated that over €800 was raised for the Lifeboats fund.

Congratulations to all of the 60 participants and especially to Martin Lynch first home on a fantastic time of 55.56 mins, followed by Conal McCambridge 59.16, and to Brendan McCambridge in third place. The ladies winner was Ita McCambridge on 75.45, with Nancy McNamee in runner up spot

on 83.22 and in third place was Julie Isenger on 93.25. Well done everyone on a fantastic event and plans are already being made for 2023.

Dunfanaghy Flag Day
Many thanks to all collectors and contributors for the Bucket Collections last weekend in Dunfanaghy where a substantial amount of €1725 was raised in support of the Lifeboat funds.

Mulroy Bay Angling

The annual fishing event from Kerrykeel pier will be taking place on Saturday 20th August. Fishing from 12 noon to 5pm, and teams of 4 which can be male and or female. Fee €25 per person of €10 juvenile and a Family Ticket will be available too. Life Jackets much be worn at all times with proceeds in aid of the RNLI. Any further information or details can be obtained by contacting Tommy Logue 087 4103292.



Participants in the Sea to Summit at Fanad on Sunday in aid of the RNLI.



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Anger as farms hit with 25% emission cuts

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move it is very hard to see how these 25% cuts in farm emissions can be achieved in less than eight years. He said that the industry is under threat, farm jobs are under threat and until the Government produces a blueprint for the survival of farming, the IFA is left in the dark.

Mr. McLaughlin said that he'd been promoting biogesters as far back as ten years ago but the investment needed to create the infrastructure was not put in place.

Insofar as selling energy back to the national grid through the installation of solar panels on farm buildings is concerned, that is a closed system and he did not see any progress on that front in the medium term.

"Farmers are well able to comply with many of the regulations, however the government has been talking for long enough about emissions, but they've not come forward with any roadmap for the future of our industry," he added.

Tim Cullinan was highly critical of last week's deal saying it was more about the survival of the government rather than the survival of rural Ireland.

He claims the government has agreed on a target without any pathway to get there or any budget to assist farmers to reduce emissions.

Agriculture Minister Charlie McConalogue said the emissions ceiling for agriculture falls within the target range assigned to the sector under the country's Climate Action Plan.

"In that strategy document, the farm sector was allocated emission cuts of between 22 and 30%. This target reflects a very challenging but achievable ambition for the sector," he stated.

The ICMSA's President, Pat McCormick did not agree saying the decision represented 'a sell-out' of the family farm model.

He said the decision to go past 22% to 25% was not realistic - and if not realistic, then the process loses all momentum.

Last July, the Government set binding objectives across sectors to slash overall carbon emissions by 51% by 2030. Even by the most optimistic environmentalists, that is most unlikely to happen.

On Thursday, they announced binding sectoral targets to slash overall carbon emissions by 51% by 2030, a daunting challenge for a country that has consistently missed climate goals by miles.

Eamon Ryan, the Environment Minister, called the announcement hugely significant.

The most contested sector in the negotiations was agriculture. It causes about 37% of Ireland's emissions but farm groups lobbied hard for special treatment saying that its traditional role in society and food security needed to be protected.

The 25% target was a compromise between farmers who hoped for 22% and environmentalists and representatives of other sectors who wanted agriculture to cut emissions by 30%.

The agriculture cuts will be incentivised and voluntary, rather than mandated, but cattle farmers will face pressure to reduce cattle numbers. However any scheme aimed at reducing the national herd is predicted to be a vote loser right across the heartland of rural Ireland.

Even if all sectors reach their targets, Ireland will be shy of the 51% reduction that is mandated by law. Twenty-six million tonnes of carbon reductions are "unallocated" pending further studies of land use. Authorities hope technological advances will help plug the gap.

However technology alone is hardly likely to produce the desired compliance of the binding regulations now in place.

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Missing woman found safe

A Dunfanaghy woman who had been reported missing from her home in Co. Kildare has been located safe and well.

Information had been sought on the whereabouts of 49-year-old Andrea McCollum who had not been seen since July 20th when she was reported missing from her home in Nurney Co. Kildare.

Following appeals for the public's assistance in locating her, a family member gave an update on the situation last Thursday evening saying she has been found safe and well.

They also thanked everyone for their support and prayers over the previous week.

Donegal Mountain Rescue Team support Reek Sunday

Volunteers from the Donegal Mountain Rescue Team travelled to Co. Mayo over the weekend to play a support role in the annual Reek Sunday pilgrimage at Croagh Patrick.

Members of the team joined with the Mayo Mountain Rescue members as well as Sligo & Leitrim for the popular event.

A statement from the Donegal group said it was a successful, safe day spent working with their fellow rescue volunteers.

"What beautiful weather everyone had for a day on the hill. It was a busy day for everyone - well done to all the emergency services, volunteers and all who took part in the day to make it a safe and memorable one," a spokesperson stated.

Croagh Patrick is climbed by thousands of pilgrims every year on Reek Sunday, the last Sunday in July, a custom which goes back to the Middle Ages.

Cash register stolen from Rathmullan take away

Gardaí are investigating a burglary that occurred at a takeaway in Rathmullan where a sum of money and a cash register was taken.

The incident occurred on the Pier Road, Rathmullan sometime between 11.40pm on Saturday July 30th and 2.30pm on Sunday July 31st.

Gardaí stated: "Entry was gained to the premises and a cash register containing a sum of cash was stolen. No damage was caused within the property. It is believed that entry may have been gained through a side window that had been left ajar. We appeal to anybody who may have seen suspicious activity in the area between those dates to contact Gardaí in Milford on 9153060."

Student Accommodation Landlord Appeal

The Atlantic Technological University Student Union is looking for Houses/ Apartments/Digs for the new academic year. Please contact the ATU SU on 086-7702701 / 9186000 or email: Barry.Breslin@ATU.ie

Mary's Meals fundraiser walk

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

Camper Van Super Draw a 'Massive Success'

Letterkenny Gaels GAA Club and Letterkenny Rugby Club held a joint Camper Van Super Draw at their shared facilities at the Glebe, Letterkenny on Bank Holiday Monday.

The lucky winner of the Camper Van, supplied by Donaghey Motor Homes, and worth a whopping €80,000 was Breda Brett, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. Draw coordinator, Kieran Barron said at the draw; 'members from each club have been working hard over the last few months to make this draw a massive success. This is the first time that both clubs have worked together on a joint fundraiser and the proceeds raised will go towards developing our shared facilities at the Glebe.'

Diarmuid Doherty was the MC on the night and Cathal Roarty from Farren Roarty Accountants acted as independent observer to oversee the draw.

The Camper Van subcommittee was made up of representatives from both clubs and included Kieran Barron, Peter Orsi, Mark Bundshu, Brian Sweeney, Mark McFadden and Andrew Stewart.

Kieran went on to say 'we are extremely grateful to everyone who purchased tickets both locally and further afield.'



The Camper Van subcommittee who organised the draw include; Peter Orsi, Mark Bundshu, Kieran Barron, Andrew Stewart, Brian Sweeney and Mark McFadden.

Kieran also acknowledged the support of local businesses who facilitated the sale of tickets on their premises.

Following the draw, entertainment was provided by local men Martin Orr and Tony with a BBQ hosted by The Kitchen and a surprise call from Rockets Ice Cream Van, which was enjoyed by the children and adults alike.



Bairbre Cahill and Ailish Barron who helped out with hospitality for the event.



Gaels ladies, Laura Walker, Ursula Gallagher and Mairead Crossan enjoying music at the Camper Van draw



Andrew Stewart, Peter Orsi, James Frain and Arthur McMahon having a chat at the draw.



Letterkenny Gaels Club Chairman Danny Cahill along with Letterkenny Rugby Club President Shaun McGuinness at the Camper Van draw.

David Trimble - end of an era

The death of David Trimble leaves an era in Irish politics almost ended. Another big beast of Northern politics from the time of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement is gone. Ian Paisley, key Sinn Féin negotiator Martin McGuinness, and SDLP leader John Hume and Seamus Mallon are all dead. Ill-health had forced Hume out of public life years before his death. Only Gerry Adams of that cohort is still alive. He, though, is no longer in the front line of politics. My generation remembers those times and those names. For a younger generation they have become names heard, without being sure of their importance. A completely new generation has come to the fore. In Sinn Féin leadership has passed on to the post-IRA generation. There are twists and turns also. Jeffrey Donaldson now leads the DUP. In 1998 he was, like Trimble, a member of the Ulster Unionists. Older DUP members remember him as being combative in opposing them. Many in 1998 would have thought his leading the DUP unthinkable. Back then Paisley was undermining Trimble. Having undermined Trimble, Paisley then broadly adopted Trimble's politics. Most commentators forget Paisley was better at them. There were similarities in both their political paths. Trimble first came to the fore in the mid-1970s. He was a member of Vanguard. That made Trimble a link to organisations and individuals that were household names, now forgotten. Vanguard was set up in 1972. It had a paramilitary wing, the Ulster Volunteer Service Corps. The leader was former Unionist Cabinet Minister Bill Craig from the old Stormont government. Then Craig was as prominent as Ian Paisley. Craig succeeded a significant achievement. He managed to be sacked from the Unionist cabinet in December 1968

David Trimble was originally a law lecturer in Queen's University, Belfast. During his more ferocious Loyalist years in the early 1970s one of his students was interned as a Republican. Trimble regularly went to the Official IRA compound in Long Kesh to give the student tutorials.

for being too right wing. From then he became a leader of right-wing Unionist. Craig staunchly opposed any concessions to Nationalists. He undermined successive Unionist leaders as too compromising. Vanguard was officially called the Vanguard Unionist Progressive Party. It had, though, a strong strain of Ulster nationalism. In 1972 it issued a policy statement raising the possibility of an independent North. Craig's rhetoric was fierce. He told a rally in Belfast: "We must build up the dossiers on the men and women who are a menace to this country, because one day, ladies and gentlemen, if the politicians fail, it may be our job to liquidate the enemy." He also threatened the British Government with Unionist revolt: "We are prepared to come out and shoot and kill. I am prepared to come out and shoot and kill, let's put the bluff aside. I am prepared to kill, and those behind me will have my full support." Such talk was dangerous in the North of the early 1970s. Craig dealt with those who went beyond wild talk. He and Vanguard were prominent in the Ulster Workers Council strike of 1974. That brought down the first power-sharing Executive. It was also violent. Loyalist paramilitaries killed 39 civilians, mostly Catholic, during the strike. That included 33 in the Dublin and Monaghan bombings. Civil war was definitely seen as possible. Vanguard is not largely forgotten. Even a political anorak like me has had to check on the history.

In the mid-1970s, it had three of the 12 MPs the North had. That compared to only one for the DUP. As well as being able Craig was also erratic. Suddenly he announced he was in favour of power sharing with the SDLP. That never happened. He had stirred up too much opposition to any deal for it to work. More, his record meant potential Nationalist partners lacked trust. The proposal split Vanguard and Trimble went with Craig. Trimble and others went into the Ulster Unionist Party. They staged a reverse takeover, and came to dominate their new party. There was a certain similarity to the former Ulster Unionists Arlene Foster and then Donaldson becoming leaders of the DUP. With Trimble's death, it has been pointed out how Paisley undermined him - then became First Minister himself. In fairness, it has to be said that Trimble had done the same to Unionist leaders of the 1970s. Maybe the big difference was that Paisley had the personality to effectively sell his compromise. Trimble had an awkward personality. He was famous for totally lacking social graces. How he managed to come to the leadership of a political party must be a mystery. He certainly had a ferocious intelligence. He understood compromise was necessary to save the Union with Britain, and to save Unionism. After a death, there is usually a tendency not to speak ill. It's fair to say Trimble produced a mixed reaction,

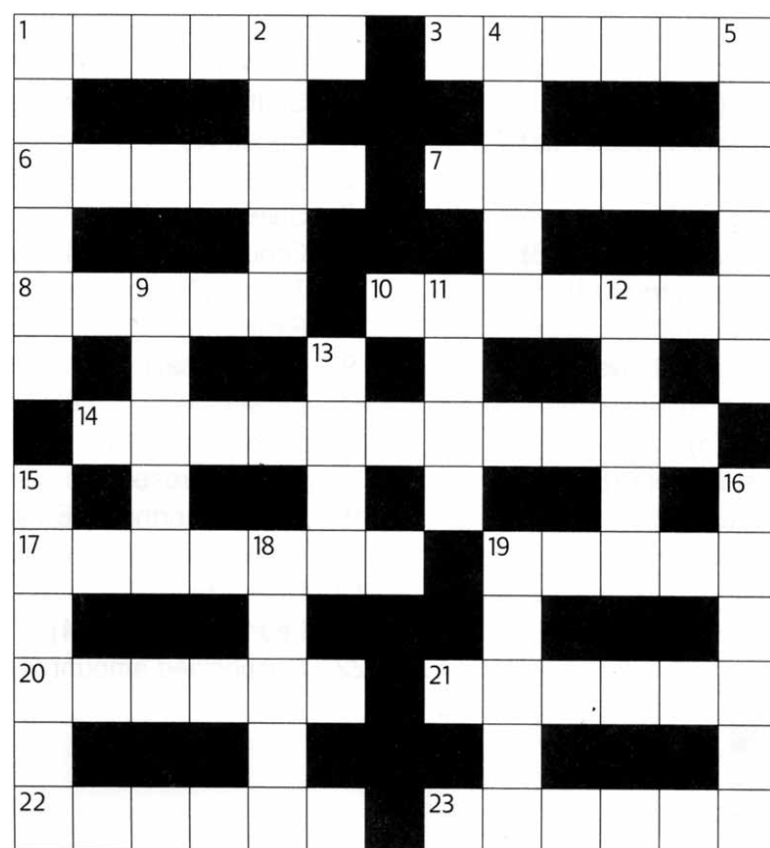
from Northern Catholics in particular. Many remember the Garvaghy Road in Portadown in 1995. Police forced an Orange march through that Catholic area. He and Paisley danced hand in hand in Portadown town centre afterwards. Paisley had always been more ferocious. However, he had a personal charm and used it with great effect to reinvent himself. Trimble, like everybody, was more complex than he seemed. When he learned of the later Martin McGuinness' illness, he wrote a letter appreciating "how much all that you did to make (devolution) happen. In doing so you reached out to the Unionist community in a way some of them were reluctant to reach out to you." He paid tribute to "that even tempered manner was characteristic of all your time in office, and we knew that it was never at the expense of



By Anton McCabe

your principles."c Before being Unionist leader, Trimble was a law lecturer in Queen's University, Belfast. During his more ferocious Loyalist years in the early 1970s one of his students was interned as a Republican. Trimble regularly went to the Official IRA compound in Long Kesh to give the student tutorials. Superficially, one would have imagined that as a place he would never have gone. Reality is, though, that all humans are complex. Some are even more complex than others.

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- 3. Sentimental song (6)
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- 7. Blood product (6)
- 8. News sheet (5)
- 10. Extremely bad (7)
- 14. Outlaw William Bonney (5,3,3)
- 17. Staved off (7)
- 19. Inexpensive (5)
- 20. Lethargy (6)
- 21. Third-place medal (6)
- 22. Moving fast (6)
- 23. Formal discussion (6)

Down

- 1. Apart from (6)
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- 4. Back street (5)
- 5. Lethal (6)
- 9. Aplomb (5)
- 11. Jean ___, actress in Bread (4)
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Karen and Lester 'swim back in time'

If you go for a swim at five minutes past midnight on a Saturday morning in Rathmullan in the month of July you wouldn't finish the event 55 minutes later on the day before.

by Declan Kerr

Well you wouldn't do that in the dark in any case but if you were in the Arctic Circle the skies are bright at that time of night and there a Letterkenny couple enjoyed one of the most memorable swimming experiences of their lives.

Karen Crawford and Lester Speer swam the open water 3k on the Torne River from Finland to Sweden in under 55 minutes just after midnight on Saturday 16th July and with the one-hour time zone difference remarkably they finished across the border in Sweden the day before as it approached midnight on Friday 15th July.

It's certainly a big one ticked off the bucket list for Karen and Lester to 'Swim the Arctic Circle' between two countries and across time zones in the land of the midnight sun. A couple of years ago Karen spotted the adventure event in a travel book. "We had first tried to enter in January 2020 but within 30 minutes but it was booked out. But, it came up again in May and we jumped at the chance to do it. We flew into Stockholm and then took an internal flight before driving 2 and a half hours. It is a small community and very rural area near Lapland. There was reindeer crossing the road as we were driving to the lodges. It is a winter tourist destination so they just open up specially for the Arctic Swim" Karen said.

The competition is based at the Arctic Circle in the village of Juoksengi, which is located in Övertorneå municipality, in Torne Valley, Lapland. Lester and Karen headed across the border to Finland for the start of the swim. Conditions were good with temperature in



Lester Speer and Karen Crawford with the Torne River in the background at the Arctic Circle in the village of Juoksengi.

the water around the 17 degree mark. "It was fast and a good swim. We started five minutes after midnight and swam across the border to Sweden so with the time difference you could say we were back before we started! It was a very good achievement for Lester who has been doing open water swimming for about five years. Afterwards hot tubs and saunas were laid on for us at 1am in the morning. There were people there taking part from Australia, US and from Ireland" Karen said. Her next event is a swimming holiday in September in Turkey. At home Karen is involved this summer with Swim Ireland supervising classes with Paddy Bond in Rathmullan for beginners to the open water adventure. The

Arctic Circle event started in 2011 and is an open-water swimming competition on the Torne River. The water temperature, the weather during the competition day and the river streams are challenging for the contestants.

The Torne river is an unregulated river with free-flowing water. Depending on water levels the streams can be more or less strong. During the competition days, the water temperatures are usually between 16 and 19 degrees Celsius. There are two distances. The 2000m is done during the daytime. It starts at the beach north of the Arctic Circle and before reaching the finish line south of the Arctic Circle contestants will have swum over the national

border to Finland. It starts and finishes at the Swedish shore.

The other distance is the 3000m or swim back in time! It's swimming in the bright Nordic summer night and starts from the Finish shore right after midnight. Karen and Lester not only swam over the border between Sweden and Finland but also crossed the Arctic Circle and the time zone. All those that are able to swim the distance in less than 55 minutes will actually cross the finish line before the day the competition begins.

The events are for enthusiasts and professionals, everyone can swim at their own pace. The strong flow of the river helps people to swim faster than the corresponding distance in small rivers. The minimum age is 12 years and the maximum number allowed to participate in the competition is 130 swimmers per start. Swim the Arctic Circle is based on the Torne River. To guarantee the safety of all contestants there are canoe riders and rowers in escort boats close by the contestants at all times throughout the swimming distance. The swimming is held along out-marked swimming lanes down the river.

Doctors and divers are present within the competition area and the volunteers have completed lifesaving courses. Due to the length of the swimming distances it is recommended that wetsuits be used by all contestants. It is important to have a good basic fitness and to have practiced in open water before the race.

The event is organised by IF Polcirkeln and hosted by Juoksengi Village Association. The competition is organized mostly by volunteers. People can also support the event by ordering official Swim the Arctic Circle products. The competition is held according to the Swedish swimming federation rules.



1932 Pilgrimage marked

Fr. Michael Conaghan reciting the rosary at Doon Well on Sunday after a group walked from Churchill to Doon Well. This was 90 years after a similar gathering to mark the 1932 Eucharist Congress. Pictured far left is Fr. Conaghan with Mary Gallagher of Doon Well and Kathleen Toner.

Ramelton

Mary Bond retires



Aston Villa the following day. Always an excellent two night stay in Manchester. Christmas vouchers for the trip are very popular. More details at 9151043 or 0862456746.

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

Swilly lotto
The numbers drawn in the Swilly Rovers lotto on Friday were 5, 8, 11 and 24. No jackpot winners. Two 3 number winners: May Parkinson, Ramelton and Kathleen Aiken, Ramelton. This week's jackpot is €5,000. Thanks for your continued support. You can enter at the usual places or by using the club force.

Country Market
Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.00noon this Saturday and every Saturday. Advance orders can be placed on 087 9699715 or message us on Facebook. Orders are collected from our Advance Order Table at the market during market hours. Food items, crafts &

Best wishes to Mary Bond, Booragh on her retirement on Tuesday from the administration staff at Letterkenny University Hospital. In recent years Mary has worked in the Day Services Unit and prior that had been based in the Emergency Department. Her working career in the HSE started in St. Conal's Hospital. Mary and her husband Paddy are well known in local sporting circles. Sympathy
Deepest sympathy is extended to Noelle McLaughlin, Bucht Road on the death of her father John Sexton, Gurteen, Co. Sligo. John's Funeral Mass took place in St. Patrick's Church, Gurteen on Monday afternoon.

Man Utd/Aston Villa trip

A coach will leave Ramelton and Letterkenny on Friday April 28th, 2023 for the Man Utd v

fresh flowers bouquets may be ordered in advance. This option is ideal for anyone who may be delayed getting to our market as some produce sells out quite quickly. Our Tearoom is open for Teas/ Coffees, scones & sweet treats. Please note that our tills do not open until 10.30am. We did facilitate early checkout opening during Covid19 to prevent queuing but this has now reverted back to 10.30am till opening time. Loyalty cards are available. Cards should be stamped at checkout and 4 stamps will see you entered into our regular draw for €20 market voucher. See you Saturday.

Intermediate Sewing Class

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Care of the Aged help

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

Charity Shop

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

Sheep Dog Trials at Ballyare

There will be Charity sheepdog trials next Sunday the 7th of August in Aid of Cancer Care West and MS Ireland Donegal Branch at Patrick Sweeney's field, Carrs Of Diamond Pub in Ballyare. Open and intermediate classes start time 8:30am Sharp. No booking after 12pm. There will be a raffle and spot prizes on the field, everyone welcome.



James Sheridan presenting Clement Clarke prize for clean sweep and highest score. The event was run as part of the fundraiser for Ballyare 10k charities Cancer Care West and MS Donegal

Letterkenny AC

'Danny McDaid 15K' on Sunday

LAC's 'Danny McDaid 15K' will take place on this Sunday August 7th at 11.30am. Registration is at Aura Leisure Centre from 10am. Online entry is €15 and entry on the day is €18. Technical Tee Shirts will be given to the first 200 entrants. Details about online entries are available on the club's Facebook page. The page is 'Letterkenny Athletic Club'. The club event is sponsored by the Station House Hotel, Letterkenny.

Dungloe, was the setting for the Festival 5K. LAC man, Ciaran Doherty, won in 15.36. Ciaran's wife, Teresa of Finn Valley AC won the women's race in a time of 16.49.

2 days later, the action remained in west Donegal. The Dunlewey Festival 5K. John Hughes put on a fine display and crossed the line in 22.07. The winner was Inishowen AC's Liam Bradley 16.46. It was an excellent performance, as Liam is one of a very small number of M50 athletes to have been first in a Donegal race. The first woman was Fionnuala Diver, formerly of LAC and now competing for Rosses AC. Her time was 18.55. Over 100 runners, including a large number from

Swilly Rovers Awards Night



Paul Callan presenting Marty McDaid with his Donegal Junior League Player of the Year and Top Goalscorer Awards from the previous season.

Swilly Rovers held their end of season presentation in the Lennon Lodge on Friday night in the Lennon Lodge.

Senior Team Awards:

Player of the Year: Ciaran Kelly
Player's Player of the Year: Damien Friel

Top GoalScorer: Cameron Gormley

Reserves Team Awards:

Player of the year: Brad Patterson
Player's Player of the year: Darragh

McDaid
Top GoalScorer: Shaun Bryant
Most Improved Player: Raymond Boyce
Marty McDaid received his two awards from the previous season from the Donegal League for Player of the Year and Top Goal scorer for that division.

Congrats to all the winners and thanks to the Lennon Lodge for their hospitality.



Players Player of the Year Damian Friel and Player of the Year Ciaran Kelly at the Swilly Rovers Awards event in the Lennon Lodge on Friday night.

LAC, took part in Friday evening's 'John Kilmartin Memorial 5K' in Milford. The race winner was in-form Rosses AC man Declan Ferry, who clocked 15.20.

The first LAC runner was Mark Greenan, who was 3rd in a time of 15.35. Milford native, Karol Duggan, was 4th and the first M40 finisher in 15.48. LAC's 3rd runner in the top 10 was Philip McHugh, whose time was 16.49.

The women's race was won by Noeleen Scanlan in 16.56, which gave her 2 seconds to spare over club mate Nakita Burke. Maria McCambridge 2nd in 17.19. Shauna McGeehan 3rd in 19.15.

Paul Caulfield's time was 17.01, and he was followed by Stephen Robinson in 17.06. Danny Mooney in 17.09. Michael Harkin 17.42. Frank Sherry clocked 18.11, Liam Tinney 18.25, Mark Nee 18.30, Cian Friel 18.43 and Dessie Shiels 18.51. Barry Mackey was 3rd in the very competitive M50 category in 18.57. Keith Shiels' time was 18.58.

Mark McFadden 20.17 and Paul Sweeney in 21.59. Brian McBride was to the fore in the M60 category with a time of 22.36. Pat McKenna was the 2nd F50 runner in 24.13. Niamh McDaid's time was 24.18.

M60 runner, Richard Raymond, overcame a troubling injury to come home in 24.38.

Kathryn McDevitt, put on a quintet of quality performances on the track in Athlone on Sunday. She was running as a guest for Tir Chonail AC and helped them to 3rd place in the Division 1 competition. Kathryn was 2nd in the 100 metres sprint in 13.12 seconds. Her time of 27.36 seconds for the 200 metres also gave her 2nd place. Kathryn showed her versatility by finishing in 4th place in the shot putt with a throw of 8.55 metres. She also performed well in the 2 relay races. Kathryn ran the 3rd leg of the 4 X 100m relay. The team finished in 54 seconds. She ran the 1st leg in the 4 x 400m relay, where her team was 3rd in 4.36.98.

John Doherty completed his 48th Letterkenny parkrun on Saturday morning in a time of 25.29. Noel Lynch was the leading M50 runner in 28.23.

Martin Gormley had an excellent run in Saturday's Bunrana parkrun. Martin was 2nd overall and the leading M55 finisher in 20.11. This is the fastest time Martin has done in the 9 Bunrana parkruns he has taken part in.

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Pat Hegarty presenting prizes to winners of the Doubles Skittles Challenge in Carr's of the Diamond, Ballyare to Kevin Friel and Malachy Friel.



Pat Hegarty presenting runners up prize to Brian Brogan and John Martin Doherty (on behalf of Joseph Doherty)



Officers of the LE James Joyce with members of the Sailing Club and Garda Paul McGee on Regatta Day in Rathmullan.

Rathmullan Community Festival

Congratulations to all involved with the annual Rathmullan Community Festival which was a huge success from start to finish on Sunday night. The hard working Committee, council and scheme workers and all of the Volunteers ensured that the events over the entire weekend ran smoothly, including the Gig rig entertainment, one way traffic system, off street parking, litter control, and general orderliness throughout the Festival.

Having the LE James Joyce in Rathmullan for the weekend was a huge boost. The publicity generated after the Nationwide programmes last week, obviously assisted their popularity, which resulted in large queues forming on a daily basis hoping to go onboard. Many thanks to the Crew for sharing their vessel and informing the public of what their lives are like onboard this state of the art ship, which is built and fitted out to the highest international standards in terms of safety, equipment fit, technology and crew comfort, as well as

able to withstand the rigors of the North East Atlantic.

For full results and photos of the weekend, see Facebook Rathmullan Donegal and Rathmullan Community Festival.

Rose of Tralee Festival

The Donegal Rose, local lady Katie McAteer officially opened the Community Festival last Friday and best wishes to her as she now goes forward to compete in the Rose of Tralee Festival from 19th to 23rd August.

Regatta Day

The Annual Regatta Day 1st August, 2022 dawned bright and sunny but sadly the weather deteriorated for the afternoon. However, congratulations to the Sailing Club and all involved for another successful day with many on shore and off shore events including Live Entertainment on the gig rig from 3.30pm onwards. The RNLI Lifeboats from Lough Swilly were in attendance too and huge thanks for the generous contributions to the Lifeboat Collection on the Pier.

Tidy Towns



Best in Show at the Scruff's Dog Show.



Italy - winners of the mini World Cup football on Saturday at the Festival.



Winners of the Denis Sheridan 5 A Side Football during the Rathmullan Festival.

Rathmullan is looking great at the moment,

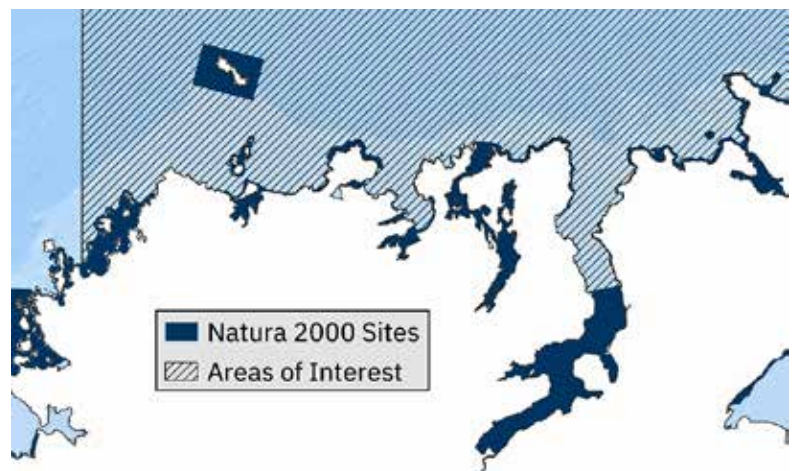
Marine protection designation explored for local coastal areas

An area of coast stretching from Bloodyforeland to Fanad Head to Malin Head has been identified for a potential 'Marine Protected Area' designation.

The north Donegal Coast identified as high biodiversity 'Area of Interest' for the potential Marine Protected Area designation, in a recent report by Fair Seas, a coalition of Irish eNGOs.

They detailed that the cliffs from Horn Head to Fanad Head are home to important colonies of seabirds of high conservation concern such as kittiwake, razorbill and puffin. Lough Swilly provides sanctuary for breeding terns, black guillemots and black-headed gulls. Tory Island and Inishtrahull are rich in seabird diversity. Bloody Foreland is of major importance to migrating birds with more than 31,000 seabirds and 24 species recorded over a four-year period.

The 'North Coast Area of Interest' covers 3,744km² and is rich in biodiversity. Basking sharks are seen in large numbers, especially around Malin head, where between 60 to 75 individuals have been seen in a single sighting. Bottlenose dolphins and harbour porpoises are found along the north coast year-round, with particularly high numbers at the mouth of Lough Swilly.



Marine Institute surveys found this area to have one of the highest average catches per haul of tope shark. The tope shark is listed as Critically Endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The main threat to this species is overexploitation from commercial fishing as there is still allowable catch even though evidence shows it is declining. Thornback skate are found across this area and Lough Swilly is a refuge site for the critically endangered flapper skate, the largest skate in the world, reaching up to 2.85 metres in length.

The largest herring spawning grounds in the country are located north of Donegal. Some of these grounds are located within this proposed MPA. Whiting spawning grounds also cover this entire area. Historic herring spawning grounds have disappeared from much of the Irish coast; therefore, protection must be given to ensure the last of these areas are not lost forever.

Donegal Rose Celebration & Send Off



Join us as we celebrate our Donegal Rose and raise funds for two local charities.

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Thursday, 4th August from 7pm
in the Beachcomber Beergarden

EVERYONE WELCOME



and thanks to all the Volunteers, residents and businesses who are supporting our endeavours. The Council, Volunteers and Scheme workers did fantastic work over the Festival & Regatta weekend, clearing up very late and out again early each morning. So now for the remainder of the holiday season, it is vital that we are litter aware. We have no idea if the judges have been to assess Rathmullan as yet, but If everyone just lifted the litter on the streets in their own area, then that would be a great help to us all. Our volunteers are out many times too during the week trying to keep our area presentable, but If our bins are full, then please just take your litter home. Every little helps.

A Scruffs Dog Show thank you
Thank you to everyone who made the 2022 Scruffs Dog Show such a success, held at The Battery, Rathmullan on Sunday afternoon as part of the Rathmullan Festival. There were over 60 dogs competing, and we raised over €1000 for animals in need in our locality. We hope to see you and your dogs in 2023- same time, same place!

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Donegal rental vacancies double national average - report

Donegal has more than double the national vacancy rate for rental properties according to a new report.

The 'GeoDirectory Residential Buildings Report' for the second quarter of 2022 details the residential vacancy rate for Donegal in June 2022 of 9.7%.

The same source cites the average national vacancy rate was 4.2%.

It goes on to state there were 666 residential buildings under construction and 707 new residential 'address points' were recorded by GeoDirectory in Donegal in the twelve months to June 2022.

It added that the average residential property price in Donegal was €162,969 in May 2022.

Out of the 26 counties surveyed, the residential vacancy rate decreased in all but one, Wicklow. The highest vacancy rates in the

country were found in the west and north-west of the country. At 12.8%, Leitrim was the county with the highest vacancy rate, although it did post a year-on-year vacancy decline of 2.0pp. Mayo (11.4%) and Roscommon (11.0%) were the other counties to post notably high vacancy rates.

The twice-annual residential buildings report, prepared by EY, found that a total of 86,708 residential buildings were classified as vacant across Ireland by GeoDirectory, a 5.9% drop when compared to the previous year.

Dublin was the county with the lowest vacancy rate in the country at 1.5%, closely followed by Kildare at 1.6%. Meath (2.5%), Waterford (2.6%) and Louth (2.6%) all recorded residential vacancy rates under the 3.0% mark.

In addition to vacancies, 21,897

residential address points were classified as derelict. This total was 3.8% lower than the corresponding figure in Q2 2021.

Buildings under Construction

In Donegal, 666 residential buildings were under construction in June 2022. Nationally, residential construction activity accelerated in the first half of the year, with 22,390 residential buildings under construction in June 2022 that the number of buildings under construction was 18.4% higher than the corresponding period in 2021.

In Donegal, 707 new residential 'address points' were added to the GeoDirectory database in the twelve months to June 2022.

Nationally, a total of 34,198 new residential addresses were added to the GeoDirectory database in the twelve months to June 2022. This represents an increase of 34.1% on the total recorded between June 2020 and June 2021.

The number of residential property transactions increased by 13.5% in the twelve months to May 2022, representing an additional 5,500 transactions on the corresponding figure for the previous twelve months.

In Donegal, there were 1,280 residential property transactions, 9.6% of which were new dwellings.

The average property price nationally in the twelve months to May 2022 was €338,394. The highest average property price was recorded in Dublin (€514,796), while the lowest was in Longford (€154,306). When Dublin is excluded, the average property price nationally fell to €267,351.

Commenting on the findings of the GeoDirectory Residential Buildings Report, Dara Keogh, CEO of GeoDirectory said, "The level of residential construction has increased significantly over the past twelve months as Covid-19 public health measures on the construction sector were gradually eased then removed. This activity indicates a strong pipeline of residential properties that we would expect to enter the market in the months ahead. The GeoDirectory Residential Buildings Report found that the number of vacant properties has also fallen in the last year, although when combined with derelict properties, there are still over 100,000 potential properties which could re-enter the market."

GeoDirectory was jointly established by An Post and Ordnance Survey Ireland (OSi) and claims to

be the most comprehensive address database of dwellings in the Republic of Ireland.

Local Riders in the ribbons at National Pony Club Champs

Three young equestrians from East Donegal Pony Club made the journey to Gorey, Co. Wexford last week, having qualified 4 weeks earlier to compete in the National Pony Club Championships.

17 year old Ellie Simms from Milford and her mare Carnone Diamond Beach competed in the Senior Individual Showjumping Championship, picking up an impressive 2nd place.

15 year old Tara Brennan from Creeslough, riding Carnone Annabelle, competed in the Open Combined Training Championship, pulling off a high level dressage test and jumping clear in the 1.10m showjumping to finish up in 3rd place, while her sister - 12 year Éabha Brennan, riding Millfields Killnascully in the Junior Combined Training Championship, rode a very good dressage test and jumped clear in

the 90cm showjumping to finish up 11th place overall in a very large.



Éabha Brennan & Millfields Killnascully



Ellie Simms & Carnone Diamond Beach.



Tara Brennan & Carnone Annabelle



Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

ROADS ACT 1993 SECTION 75, ARTICLE 12, ROADS REGULATIONS 1994 TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS MILFORD

27th & 28th August 2022

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

Roads to be closed:

L5582/2 in the townland of Glenkeen from its junction with the R246/12 Milford Ramelton road to its junction with LPI372/1.

Date and Times of Closure:

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

Proposed Diversions:

Traffic to be diverted via R246/12 and the LPI372/1.

Bryan Cannon,
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Book Review by Connie McGranaghan

The Phone Box at the Edge of the World Laura Imai Messina

The main character of this beautifully written novel is radio presenter Yiu who is heartbroken after her three-year-old daughter and her Mother were killed in a devastating Tsunami that hit Japan on 11 March 2011. Yiu hears of a disconnected telephone box in a garden on a hill in Bell Gardia, where people visit to speak with the departed. Bell Gardia is some distance from Yiu's Tokyo home, but she sets out to seek this telephone box and to see if it can bring her some comfort. Yiu finds that it is a place for people to tend to their pain and the voices of the grieving are carried away on the wind to their loved ones and while Yui is drawn to the phone box, she struggles to actually go inside and use it. She meets a number of characters while visiting Bell Gardia, the main one being Takeshi a surgeon from Tokyo who has travelled to the phone box in order to talk to his deceased wife. Takeshi has a daughter, the same age as Yiu's deceased daughter, this child Hana has not spoken a word since her Mother's passing. Takeshi and Yiu become friends and begin to travel to Tokyo together to Bell Gardia where a tender and loving relationship slowly forms between them. When Yiu begins to form a relationship with Takeshi's daughter Hana, she



compares Hana to her own deceased daughter and spends a lot of time worrying that she will not be able to love Hana as she would have done her own little girl.

It is a beautifully told story of losing and finding family but at times I did feel a little overwhelmed by Yiu's sorrow and her tendency to overthink. This would not put me off recommending this book however particularly as its beautiful premise was inspired by a true story. Known as "The Phone of the Wind" in Japan, this actual phone box sits in the garden of its caretaker in Bell Gardia. It was built by Itaru Sasaki, who owns the garden in a town some 500 km (310 miles) northeast of Tokyo, a few months before the tsunami, after he lost his cousin to cancer. The phone now attracts thousands of visitors from all over Japan. It is not

only used by tsunami survivors, but also by people who have lost relatives to sickness and suicide. It is a place where people go to seek mental health and healing. I think that this beautifully written and thought-provoking novel really does the remarkable story of "The phone of the Wind" incredible justice and is definitely worth a read.



Public consultation day at Fanad Lighthouse



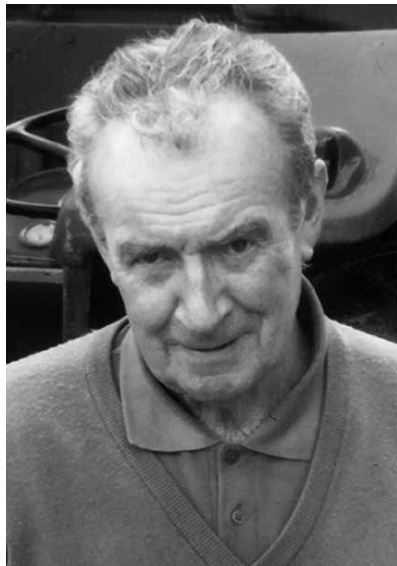
The board of Teach Solais Fhanada would like to thank everyone who attended the recent public consultation day regarding the proposal for the development of a new visitors centre experience at Fanad Head. Many constructive and positive comments and suggestions were received and the design team led by Vincent Hannon Architects, will now review all of these to help improve the overall design.

The board would also like to acknowledge the contribution made by Udaras Na Gaeltachta without whom the development would not of reached this stage. The next stage will be

the final design development, application for planning permission and application by Udaras Na Gaeltachta for public funding. If you did not get a chance to see the proposed design the presentation boards are still available for viewing at the existing visitors centre at the Lighthouse.

At the Consultation Day were from left Ana Pereira (VHA) Aisling Leahy (VHA), Marion Ni Chadhain (Udarás Na Gaeltachta), James Griffiths (VHA), MacDara Hosty, Eimear Ni Mhathuna and Ray Moore from Teach Solais Fhanada.

The late Jimmy Sharkey



The death occurred on Tuesday night in the Dungloe Community Hospital of Jimmy Sharkey, Shroughan, Falcarragh. 91 years old Jimmy worked in England and Dublin before retiring to Falcarragh to work on the farm with his late brother Michael. A quiet unassuming man he kept in touch with current affairs in the daily newspapers and had a great interest in his extended family.

Predeceased by brothers Paddy and Michael, sisters Gracie and Rosemary. Sadly missed by his sister Madge in Birmingham, nieces and nephews and extended family.

Jimmy's remains were removed to the home of his niece Rosemary Curran in Shroughan on Wednesday afternoon and Requiem Mass will be celebrated in Christ the King Church, Gortahork, on Friday morning at 10.30am with burial afterwards in the adjacent cemetery.

The Funeral Mass can be viewed on Kieran Roarty Funeral Director's Facebook page. <https://bit.ly/3DoIMm> and on the parish webcam <https://bit.ly/3ByZ7YJ>.

Funeral of Brigid (Bride) McAuley

The funeral took place on Monday of Brigid (Bride) McAuley, Lower Main Street, Letterkenny. Bride resided in the town her entire life and grew up in a close knit community on Lower Main Street where her neighbours included the McDaid's and Kelly's. They made

their own entertainment and singsongs went on regularly in the homes. Bride was a contributor with her favourite number being Bridie Gallagher's 'Cuttin the Corn in Creeslough'. Her favourite international entertainers included Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby.

Bride's working life was spent as a member of the administration staff at Letterkenny General Hospital from the early 1960s to her retirement in 2002. She was a skilled hand writer with a big interest in calligraphy. Cooking, doing crosswords and travelling to Boston and California to visit relatives was how Bride spent her leisure time. Bride had many friends including Annie and Brigid Kelly. In his homily Fr. Damien Nejad said Bride would be remembered as a woman of great gentleness and kindness.

Bride passed away at the Hillcrest Nursing Home, Letterkenny on Thursday. Bride remains reposed at the Letterkenny Funeral Home, Port Road Letterkenny on Saturday and Sunday. Remains were removed to St. Eunan's Cathedral on Sunday evening to repose overnight. Funeral took place on Monday morning with Requiem Mass celebrated by Fr. Damien Nejad. Readings were by Ciaran and Paul. Psalm was sung by Evelyn. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Barbara, Sophie, Catherine, Fiona and Helen. Rosemary and Louise brought the Gifts to the Altar. A Reflection was read by niece Barbara. Music and hymns were by Brighdin Carr and Evelyn.

Interment took place afterwards in Leck Cemetery where Fr. Nejad said the graveside prayers. Bride was predeceased by her parents Eddie and Brigid; brothers David and Gerard; sisters Mary and Joan. Deepest condolences are extended to Bride's sister-in-law Maureen; nephews Paul, Ted, and Danny; nieces Joan, Barbara, Deborah, Maureen and Colleen; grandniece Sophie, relatives and friends including Eileen and Brigid.

Funeral of Laurence Deery

The funeral took place on Friday of Laurence Deery, Gortnabrada, Carrigart. Aged 75 Laurence was a native of Scotland and had family connections in Eglinton, Derry. His mother was Bridget Ferry a native of Gortnabrada and that's where Laurance settled. He

was the caretaker on a scheme at Devlinreagh National School for a period. Laurance passed away on Wednesday of last week at the Donegal Hospice. The remains of the late Mr Derry were removed from the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Mountain Top, Letterkenny last Wednesday evening to his family residence in Gortnabrada. Funeral was from there on Friday morning going to the Church of St John the Baptist for Requiem Mass. Fr. Charlie Byrne P.P. officiated there and at the burial in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Death of Sarah Diver (née Boyce)



The death occurred on Monday at the Donegal Hospice, of Sarah Diver, Coshclady, Bunbeg. Sarah was formerly a member of the Boyce family of Tullagh, Carrigart.

She was predeceased by her sister Grace and brother John Willie. Sarah is survived her husband Seán, daughter Deirdre, sons; Antoin, Declan, Adrian and Seán, daughters-in law Kerry and Louise, grandchildren, Kieran, Grace, Hugh and Maitiú, sisters; Bridie and Kathleen, brothers Patrick, James and Josie and extended family and friends.

Sarah's remains are reposing at her home in Coshclady. Funeral Mass will be in St. Mary's Church, Derrybeg on Friday (5th August) at 11am, with interment afterwards in Magheragallon Cemetery.

The Funeral Mass can be viewed live

Ramelton man remains critical following collision

The best wishes of the entire Ramelton community is extended to Brendan Friel and his family circle as he recovers from a road traffic collision near his home at Cashelshangan, Ballymaleel last Thursday evening at around 6.50pm.

He sustained extensive injuries in the collision and remains critically ill in ICU at LUH. Two nurses and a member of the emergency dept at the hospital were among the first to tend the injured man at the scene.

Gardaí in Milford are investigating the collision and they are appealing for witnesses to come forward to help in the investigations. The road remained closed for forensic investigations until midday on Friday.

'The collision involved a car and a motorcycle,' said the Gardaí.

He is wished a full recovery from everyone in Ramelton.

The Friel's are one of the best known families in the area and news of the accident came as a huge shock.

A family member said that Brendan remains in a serious condition in hospital and the good wishes and the prayers of the community are much appreciated and they thank everyone for their support.

Brendan who is 26 and a mechanic is the son of Paul and Bridget Friel and he lives with his partner Lucy at Cashelshangan. Other members of the family are Dermott, Claire and Mark.

Gardaí have appealed to anybody who travelled on that stretch of road around the time and who had a dash cam to make the footage available to them.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact Gardaí at Milford on 9153060.

Devlinmore Reunion

The community of Devlinmore are hosting a Reunion on Saturday 6th August at Teach John Mici Bán, Carrigart (opposite Carrigart Service Station) between 4.00 and 6.00 pm. The event is a gathering of people from Devlinmore who attended either old or new school in Devlinreagh up to the 1970s and also include residents who didn't attend the school. There will be refreshments

and music on the afternoon and the event will continue in Logues of Cranford with a buffet meal and refreshments at 7.30pm. Every one is welcome to come along and enjoy the day, meeting old colleagues and friends.

Contact details Shaun Coll 087 6481137 or shuancoll47@gmail.com; Mary T Sweeney 086 8635704 Hugo Boyle 087 2515387.

Galway win for Conor Orr

Rathmullan jockey Conor Orr landed his fourth success on Politesse which won the conditions' chase over two miles and six furlongs on the final day of the Galway festival on Sunday.

Trained in Meath by Lorna Fowler, the 9/4 chance came home a one and a quarter-length winner from the Gordon Elliott-trained 11/10 favourite Battleoverdoyen.

The eight-year-old is now the winner of five races and has been ridden by Orr to land a maiden hurdle and three races over fences.

Conor's brother Oisín Orr continued his winning form as he won again on Flylikeaneagle in Nottingham on Thursday. He took the win for trainer Lucinda Russell on the

11/4 favourite as Flylikeaneagle continues to improve around the one mile distance.

Last Wednesday Oisín Orr was a winner at the British EBF Alice Keppel Fillies' Conditions Stakes at the Goodwood festival for trainer Richard Fahey on 5/6 favourite The Platinum Queen. He led from start to finish in the five furlong race to win by four lengths over 11/2 shot Union Court.

It was the third win in four starts for the two year old filly who has been ridden by Orr in every race. Orr was also a winner last week at Ayr for Fahey on 5/1 shot Sipahsalar in Scotland winning by two lengths from Dream For Gold in the five furlong

on Kieran Roarty Funeral Director's Facebook page <https://bit.ly/3DoIMm>. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

The late Mary Gibbons



The death occurred on Thursday of Mary Gibbons (née Gillespie), Loughbarra, Doochary. Predeceased by her husband John, Mary is survived by her sons, Hugh, Shaun, Kevin, Martin, Paul, Brendan and her daughters, Noreen Nelis, Gearl-

dine McSwiggan and Bernie Devine; sisters Grainne Hanley, Ballaghderreen, Roscommon, Babs Bonner, Fintown and brother Robert Gillespie, Doochary; sons in law, daughters in law; nieces, nephews; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family circle, carers, neighbours and friends.

Mary's remains reposed at the family residence in Loughbarra from Friday morning. Fr. Eddie Gallagher celebrated the Requiem Mass on Sunday morning in St Conal's Church, Doochary. Interment afterwards to Temple Douglas Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Death of Denis Leach

The death occurred on Friday at Letterkenny University Hospital of Denis Leach, Rosapenna Cottages, Downings. A native of England, Denis and his wife Mary came to reside in Downings four years ago. He is survived by his son Christopher, relatives and friends to whom deepest condolences are extended. Funeral took place on Sunday in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart where Fr. Charlie Byrne P.P. was the celebrant and he also officiated afterwards at the burial in the adjoining cemetery.

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Wedding

The wedding took place on Friday 29th July in St. Columba's Church, Massmount, Fanad between Katie Gibbons, Warden, Kerrykeel and Seamy Harkin, Coole, Cranford. Katie is the daughter of Michael and Dolores Gibbons, Warden, Kerrykeel. Seamy is the son of Maureen and the late Mickey Harkin, Coole, Cranford.

Maid of Honour was Rosie Gibbons, sister of the bride and Bridesmaids were Frances Friel, sister of the bride, Emma Brannigan, friend of the bride and Abbie Harkin, niece of the groom. Bestman was Sean Harkin, brother of the groom and groomsmen were Kilian McBride, son of the groom, Mark Duffy and Ciaran McGlynn, friends of the groom. Flowergirl was Katie Doherty and Page Boy was Jamie Harkin.

The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Pat McGarvey, PP Fanad. The reception was held in the Blue Haven, Kilcar and the couple are spending their honeymoon in Bali.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Jacqueline Sharkey and family, Coopers Crest, Milford on the death of her uncle Jimmy Sharkey, Shroughan, Falcarragh on Tuesday night. Funeral Mass will take place in Christ the King Church, Gortahork, on this Friday at 10.30am with burial afterwards in the adjacent cemetery.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Anne Ferry and family, Magheradrumman, Milford on the death of her sister—in-law Sarah Diver (née Boyce)Coshclady, Bunbeg. Sarah is the sister of the late John (Willie) Boyce, Tullagh, Carrigart and former Chef at the Travellers Inn, Milford. Funeral Mass will take place in St. Mary's Church, Derrybeg on this Friday at 11am, with interment afterwards in Magheragallon Cemetery.

Mission Hall

Milford Mission Hall host meetings on the first Sunday of each month at 8.00pm. Speakers on the following nights are Auguts 7th Eric Borland,

Barrett signs for Turbine Potsdam

Amber Barrett is to remain in German football with confirmation that the Milford woman has signed for Turbine Potsdam. Turbine is one of the top sides in the Frauen Bundesliga in the state of Brandenburg. They have a good track record in European football competition having reached the Women's Champions League four times which included title triumphs in 2005 and 2010. Barrett is making the move to Turbine Potsdam from FC Köln senior squad for the crucial World Cup qualifier against Finland at the start of September in Talaght Stadium, which is sold out. Victory over the Finns would see Ireland being guaranteed a semi-final play-off for the World Cup.



season, while Köln were seventh. Barrett will also be linking up with the Republic of Ireland senior squad for the crucial World Cup qualifier against Finland at the start of September in Talaght Stadium, which is sold out. Victory over the Finns would see Ireland being guaranteed a semi-final play-off for the World Cup.

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Thank You

I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported me on my charity night for the Mountain Rescue / Coast Guards held in the Travellers Inn recently. It would be impossible for me to mention everyone individually so please forgive me for doing so. I am so thankful to everyone, Tirconaill Tribune, Travellers Inn, Milford business people, fellow walkers, friends and neighbours who helped out on the night and family who once again came up trumps for me. €4000 was a lovely amount of money to hand over. *Thanks Ka.*

Childminder Wanted

Seeking Childminder to care for a 7 month old baby boy, five days per week, Monday - Friday
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September 4th Paster Carter; October 2nd James McKean.

50/50
The next draw will take place on Saturday 27th August. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder or by Revolut to Noel Gillespie 086 8224091 and Martin Roarty on 087 9129691 and various outlets in the town.

Golf Society

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

NW Truck Fest

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

Masses in Milford

Mass times in St. Peter's Church, Milford this week are - Thursday 4th August 10.00am; Friday 5th August - 10.00am; Saturday 6th August

7.30pm; Sunday 7th August 11.00am. Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 6th August at 6.00pm.

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Tennis Club

Milford Tennis Club welcome new members whether your are new to the game or a veteran tennis player. The club offers the opportunity to learn, to improve and have fun. If you are interested in joining contact Doreen Jones 0861729092. Coaching also available. Club night continues every Monday evening from 7pm.

Ju Jitsu for Beginners

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



Competitors at the start of the John Kilmartin Memorial 5k in Milford on Friday evening won by Declan Ferry of Rosses AC.



Rain and Runners in Milford

The 18th running of the John Kilmartin Memorial 5km took place in Milford on Friday evening with a splash of rain that kept the dust to a minimum and the 116 runners suitably hydrated. Brown's cars Milford were the race sponsors and Declan Ferry, Rosses AC was the winner in 15.20 with visiting athlete, from West Waterford AC, Pat Hennessy next in 15.26, Mark Grennan LAC, was 3rd in 15.35. Local man, Karol Duggan, LAC (returning from a long injury lay-off) came through the field to place 4th overall and win the 0/40 category in 15.48.

The ladies field had a noticeable quality from the off as the in form trio of Nakita Burke, Noeleen Scanlan and former Olympian, Maria McCambridge made their way to the start line.

Nakita Burke, LAC set the pace over the first 3km but her resilient club colleague, Noeleen Scanlan was feeling strong over the last 2km and closed the gap and draw level as they entered the Main Street. It was a ding dong battle over the last 200mts with Noeleen just edging it by 2 seconds to score a rare victory over her club colleague. Both were outside Nakita's course record of 16.43 as Noeleen ran 16.56 with Nakita on 16.58. Maria Mc Cambridge finished a strong 3rd in 17.19.

Milford AC had 27 club athletes take part - Liam Doherty 17.35 3rd 0/40; Anthony Doherty 18.11 2nd 0/50; Kevin Logue 18.48; Frank McTaggart 19.24; Jp McFadden 19.52; James Whoriskey 20.12; Daniel Hewett 20.32; Martin Kerr 20.34; Joe Gallagher 20.41; John Fealty 20.51; Philip McGovern 22.19; Seamus Ferry 22.41; Patrick Shields 23.03; Christopher Doherty 23.07; Zach Ferry (juvenile) 23.09; Rachael Stilvern 24.40; John Mc Fadden 24.52; Aileen McGovern (juvenile) 24.53; Nancy McNamee 25.53; Paul Gallagher 27.16; Cora Ferry 27.53; Aoife Kilpatrick (juvenile) 28.07; Brendan Little 33.55; Aiden Kilpatrick (juvenile) 33 58; Calvin Lynch (juvenile) 34.14; Marty Lynch (pacing) 34.15; Kathleen Harrison 34.49.

Thanks extended to all who helped out in any way, particularly to all the marshalls who kept the runners and the traffic moving on a wet and busy Bank Holiday Friday evening.

Thanks to Barry Browne, Browne's Cars Milford; Frank McGettigan, McGettigans Bakery Letterkenny on supply of the majority of the buns and pastries etc; the local Gardai and First Aider, Phonsie McAteer. Thanks to Herbie and Teresa McDaid for chip timing. Next Milford race is the Hugo Duggan memorial 10km on Sunday 11th September starting at 11.30am



Fr. Stephen Gorman CC with concelebrants Fr. Kieran Harkin, Fr. Willie Peoples and Fr. Pat McGarvey before the Graveyard Mass in Milford on Sunday and below members of the choir entertaining the crowd.






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Martin Roarty presenting Alice O'Driscoll with her winnings of €1,050 in the Milford United July 50/50 draw.

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Social Dancing at the Mulroy Woods Hotel

Every Thursday from 9 to 11pm

- Thurs. 4th Aug - Hugo Duncan & Brian Kerrigan Adm. €10
- Thurs. 11th Aug - Paul McCahill & Johnny Haughey Adm. €8
- Thurs. 18th Aug - Olivia Douglas Adm. €10
- Thurs. 25th Aug - Fanadian & Tory Sound Adm. €8

Spot Prizes Light Refreshments Served



Participants in the Milford United Summer Camp at Moyle View Park last week.

Will the doubling of fines make our roads safer?

Unfortunately, road fatalities have become an all-too-common occurrence in Donegal. The pain, suffering and heartbreak that has been visited on families who have lost loved ones on our roads is severe and long-lasting. Donegal ATU's campus on Letterkenny's Port Road was the venue for the recent launch of the mid-summer road safety appeal by the Road Safety Authority and An Garda Síochána. At the event, Junior Transport Minister, Hildegard Naughton, announced that fixed charges relating to the key road safety offences will be doubling. The fine for speeding is set to increase from €80 to €160, while motorists caught using a mobile phone or not wearing a seatbelt will be fined €120.

According to the Minister, these increases in fines will act as a stronger deterrent to those who break the lifesaving rules of the road. So far in Ireland this year, the roads have claimed 95 deaths - an increase of 27 compared to the first eight months of 2021, and a rise of 17 compared to the same period in 2020. To date in 2022, 673 people have sustained serious injuries. And while urgent and even drastic measures are needed to curb the worrying increase in those dying and suffering serious injury on Irish roads, one wonders if going down the route of a hike in fines will have the desired effect, considering the decrease in road activity by Gardai. The significant drop in the number of Garda checkpoints being conducted for intoxicants is alarming.

According to the Garda

website, for the first five months of this year, there were 6,415 fewer checkpoints carried out in 2022 compared with the same period in 2019. There has also been a significant reduction in the number of detections for drivers using their mobile phones while driving. For the first four months of this year, there are 4,300 fewer detections compared to the first quarter of 2019.

Fewer checkpoints are resulting in fewer detections. More Garda patrols and checkpoints can only have a positive impact on driver behaviour.

That said, there is also an onus on drivers to abide by the rules of the road and adopt a more patient, respectful and tolerant approach when behind the wheel. Ditto when it comes to cyclists when they're in the saddle, pedestrians when they're walking, and runners when they're out for a trot.



Johnny McGroddy is mobbed by team mates after his last kick of the game winner over Malin on Sunday.

Johnny McGroddy and that last-gasp goal

When the folklore of Downings GAA club is written and recalled in years to come, the manner of their last-gasp win over Malin in the Division Two final at O'Donnell Park in Letterkenny will be a tale that will always enthrall.

Trailing by two points as the game entered the last seconds of the 20 minutes of extra time, Kevin Gallagher's charges were awarded a 13-metre free by the referee, Shane Toolan. Before Johnny McGroddy stepped back and took aim, he was told by referee, Shane Toolan, that it was last kick of the tie.

Malin lined the goal with 14 of its 15 players and the possibility of a green flag being raised looked highly unlikely. But the centre-half forward, who had already chipped in with

seven points, smashed the ball high to the far corner of the net with a meaty right-footed pile driver. The Malin men fell to their knees in disbelief, while the joy among the Downings team was unbridled. It was an incredible finish to a most entertaining contest. Sunday evening's memorable win by Downings brought a busy weekend of action at the home of St Eunan's to an end. The previous afternoon, Senta, who were appearing in their eighth successive decider, won the Donegal senior



by Ciaran O'Donnell

hurling title after an extra-time victory over Burt who have 20 titles to their name. It was a bitter-sweet day for Burt corner forward, Liam McKinney.

The 18-year-old scored 12 of Burt's 18 points and was rightly named man of the match by former St Eunan's manager, Eugene Organ, who was co-commentating on the game for Highland Radio with Oisín Kelly. The man of the match award winner, who is a son of Letterkenny native, Kathy Hannigan, showed maturity way beyond his years as he gave a superb display of free converting. Breaking with the tradition of awarding the player of the match to a member of the winning team is a welcome development. Hopefully, it's something that will catch on. That the best player has to be from the winner's enclosure should never be a given.

And finally....

Bumped into St Eunan's GAA Club President, Ollie Harvey, outside Paddy Delap's on Letterkenny's Main Street on Sunday morning. Keen to spread the word about the club's car draw that takes place on November 1st, Ollie placed a sticker promoting the draw on the car's back window. Tickets are €20, with an option of buying three for €50. Before heading off to decorate another club member's vehicle, Ollie handed this columnist a batch of 50 tickets to sell. You have to hand it to the Conwal man, he never misses a trick.

Seventh heaven for Elevator's debut track



A Sligo-based band with strong Donegal connections are set to launch their new single this month which will come out not just in one language, but seven!

Irish rock band, Elevator, set out to record their debut single "The Rainbow Song" in both English and Irish, but ended up recording versions in German, French, Spanish, Italian and Mandarin as well.

Founding members Paul Mooney, who has relatives in Carrigart and spends a lot of time in the area, said they had great fun recording the various versions and that they are currently working on recording their new album.

The three piece band's ska-infused debut single 'The rainbow song' will see a double release of the Irish and English versions scheduled for August 11th.

Paul explained: "We are a three piece band full time but we have a brass section playing on our first single. The song is a bit left of centre for us as it is a ska song, which is quite bouncy and upbeat. Once we did the Irish language version we said we might have a crack at putting it into German and then went way off track and did it in Mandarin and all the other languages and we had good craic doing it."

They have been praised for their novel approach and musicianship. One industry promoter stated: "Fantastic songs, arrangements and musicianship. That in tandem with the great vibes, I can see Elevator being a popular act on festival stages very soon!"

Paul said the band are looking to begin touring this September once their album is finished. For find more visit <https://elevator-band.com/>

Mevagh Family Resource Centre

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

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

Volunteers Needed for Donegal Festival of Golf on Friday 19th & Saturday 20th August @ 5pm to 8pm at Na Dúnaibh GAA pitch. For more information please contact Mevagh FRC Tel: 074 9155055 or email: info@mevaghfrc.com

Healthy Food Made Easy Programme starts in the centre on Tuesday 6th September for 6 weeks @ 7pm to 9:30pm. This is a fun course where you will learn how to make healthy meals on a budget. Places limited, to book please contact the Centre on Tel: 074 9155055 or email: info@mevaghfrc.com

Downings Wellness Café will meet on the first Thursday of every month and is on Thursday 4th

August @ 10:30am - 12pm, in The Galley. Everyone welcome, call in for a cuppa.

"Big Fish Little Fish" Transition from National School to Secondary School *SAVE THE DATE* Monday 22nd August, 2 - 4 pm. This is a FREE, fun workshop for local children moving onto secondary school from the Mevagh area. Providing an opportunity to meet new friends and covers all issues that may affect your child moving on. We cover timetables, classroom changes etc and hold fun team building exercises. To book a place please ring the Centre on 0749155055.

Other Notes

Yoga

Yoga kindly facilitated by Brigitte Hemmerle will be running in Mevagh FRC during August. Saturday classes are @ 9:30am on 6th, 13th & 20th. Wednesday 17th August @ 7pm and Thursday 18th August @ 10:30am. Contact Brigitte to book your place, Tel: 087 065 3333, email: brigitte@yogakindly.com

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Cash taken in Kilmacrennan burglary

Gardaí in Milford are investigating a burglary that occurred in the Rosemount area of Kilmacrennan where a sum of cash was stolen.

The incident occurred sometime between Friday, July 22nd at 9am and Wednesday July 27th at 8pm. Gardaí stated: "A couple of upstairs windows had been left ajar at a property and entry was gained. A sum of cash was stolen from the property. A mirror was smashed within the house and a number of items were moved around. We appeal to anybody who observed any suspicious activity in the area between those dates to contact Gardaí in Milford on 9153060. If anybody has any relevant information in relation to this incident they should contact Milford Gardaí."



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Above - Declan McGeever, Killydesert winner of the pen of Hogs at the Kilmacrennan and District Sheep Show on Sunday with Neil McDermot and George McGeever and judge Declan Robinson.

Right - Charles Gallagher with his father Charles and his Champion Novice at the Kilmacrennan and District Sheep Show on Sunday.

Below - Paul Mallon, Towny, Kilmacrennan Overall Show Champion at the Kilmacrennan and District Sheep Show on Sunday with judge Declan Robinson.

Below right - Gerard Shiels, Woodtown, Ballyare Champion Milford X Bred at the Kilmacrennan and District Sheep Show on Sunday with judge Ronnie Edwards.

Below centre - Gavin Friel winner of the Reserve Champion at the Kilmacrennan and District Sheep Show on Sunday with judge John Friel.

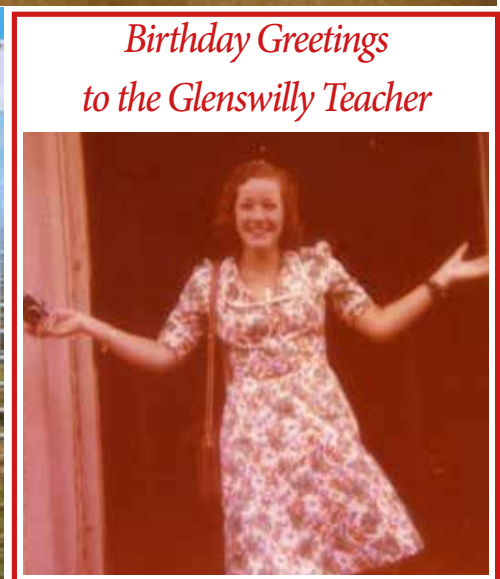


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A Rathmullan Woman in exile...

We walked the Stations of the Cross: all fifteen

We brought home the turf a couple of weeks ago. It was the first time in my recollection that we did that job over two days rather than making a clean sweep of it in one. Himself is only in middling form and he was concerned that he mightn't be able to do much in the way of useful work but he surpassed himself and did a decent few hours work both days.

I was a bit handicapped myself following yet another earlier farming accident. I had lost the nails off two fingers on my right hand and while they're slowly growing back I could only lift bags of turf one handed which slowed the progress somewhat. We brought Conan with us for help or we'd be there still. He's one of the best gossions to work that ever set foot in shoe leather. He's willing, able, cheerful and a great man to eat whatever is put in front of him. All was brought home and safely stowed in the old meal store for use in a few years time.

I was heading for Rathmullan for the bank holiday weekend but we were running a pop-up vaccination clinic on the Friday in Cavan and it was one of those Murphy's Law days when everything that can go awry went awry on site. The team pulled out all the stops and we got the issues sorted so eventually everyone got vaccinated but it meant that we were two hours late finishing and packing up. I dashed back to the ranch and ran through the shower before throwing a few bits into the Caddy and hitting the road north. I had to stop in Ballyduff for a fill of diesel and I could have done with grief counselling after that terrible financial trauma but stoic to the last I battled on till I hit Monaghan where. I pulled in for the loo and a fill of coffee.

There were dozens of very well dressed youngsters and their frazzled parents thronging the car park and I thought it was a deb's dance in the Four Seasons Hotel opposite the filling station but the patrons seemed a bit young for that. I had to ask the shop staff to unlock the toilets for me and I inquired why they were locked and what was going on outside. A youth disco across the road was the reply. The shop had to keep the toilets locked to prevent anti social behaviour and associated accidents in them.

As we were about to leave the stud I spotted a tall, handsome man strolling across the yard and I thought he looked vaguely familiar but couldn't place him till I saw the jeep and horsebox and realised that it was Dim. Dim had brought mares from Cranford to Mountnugent for several years to the stallion I was standing at the time.

Indeed by the time I emerged into the forecourt some 15 minutes later there were several pools of vomit on the path and some very whey faced disco goers. The fashion and makeup was eye scorching to say the least with acres of fake tan and some extremely lurid dress colours on show. I'm a very open minded person and I'm sure it was every young fellas dream scene but there are definitely times when "less is more". I suppose the only difference between those youngsters and me at that age was that I left out the fake tan and disco bit and went straight to the drinking and puking.

I had a lovely outing with my good friend Jim a few weeks ago. He had a carer for his wife Teresa for three hours and we took a drive over to Multyfarnham which is about 20 miles from Mountnugent. It's a nice little village with a Franciscan friary with well tended grounds where we walked around the Stations of the Cross. It was a real blast from the past to reminisce on the story of the Way of the Cross. While neither of us is Christian we were both brought up in the Catholic tradition and would have learned all the bible stories as children. I had forgotten that there are 14 stations (although there were actually 15 in Multyfarnham) and found that I remembered folks like Veronica, Simon of Cyrene and Joseph of Arimathea from the stories. We had a ramble round the church afterwards and it's one of the most gorgeous Irish ones I've ever been in. It's all bare stone inside, no plaster or paint, and all the rather minimal fittings and fixtures are very tasteful and compliment the lovely building. It was a very pleasant, peaceful change of scenery within half an hour's drive from base. I just love to get out and do something completely different with someone different from time to time.

I was chatting to the postman last week and asked him how Simon (he who had to rouse the naked farmer when I banjaxed my leg) was doing. I had only seen Simon once since the traumatic incident and I wondered had he been transferred or was still undergoing PTSD counselling or something.

Turns out that Simon had transferred alright...

from An Post to the more peaceful surroundings of the prison service! While I'm sure he had already applied for the job and probably gone through a rigorous selection process I can't help but think that his early morning encounter with Himself in his birthday suit probably sealed the deal. Simon will be sorely missed from the post but I wish him the very best of good luck in his new career. I was reading Mark Loughbridges column recently about what our beds could say about us and I reckon Himself's bed will have a few quare ones to tell its friends about postmen and such like.

Before I left for Rathmullan Himself was chatting about David's heifers across the lane from my parent's house. David has a batch of the loveliest heifers you ever left an eye on running with a bull and Himself was on eggs to know if he was going to calve them or sell them springing. I hadn't bumped into David the previous time I was up so Himself was left none the wiser but I pounced on David this time and got answers so Himself will get great satisfaction when I have that bit of news for him. He bought a go of store lambs a month or so ago and when they were fit we shipped them off to Athleague. They had been kept in the garden over the house for the few intervening weeks where they were getting meal three or four times a day to finish them. Dinner times in the house became a torture for those weeks because Himself sits in front of the window when he's eating and every meal was punctuated with endless complaints about the "crawkinfuckers" of crows eating the lamb meal. He really has a bee in his bonnet about the crows so when the lambs went I was commenting that it must be a great relief to him to have his dinner in peace with a wedge of lolly in the back pocket and no crawkinfuckers laughing at him. The response was lost in the spud which thankfully stayed in his gob this time and wasn't distributed round the kitchen in a spray of birdie obscenities.

We were over to Ballybay twice last week collecting mares from stud; it's not that I have a huge herd of brood mares it's just that one of them (50% of the herd!) is getting it hard to go in foal



Kate Carton

and she's been over and back like a boomerang this season. The other was the mare with the foal at foot that was on her first round.

As we were about to leave the stud I spotted a tall, handsome man strolling across the yard and I thought he looked vaguely familiar but couldn't place him till I saw the jeep and horsebox and realised that it was Dim. Dim had brought mares from Cranford to Mountnugent for several years to the stallion I was standing at the time. It was great to see him and catch up after a few years absence and Dim remains one of the most decent gentlemen I have ever had the pleasure to meet in the horse world. When I was back at the stud for the second time later in the week Gladys and Eamon, the proprietors, had a go at me about writing for the newspaper and no one being safe to say anything anymore.

Dim had let the cat out of the bag and my cover was blown. So far they're safe enough because I've never had anything but top class service from Drumhowan Stud. Gladys and Eamon run a very tight ship and they are both professional and pleasant to deal with in every way. I remember 19 years ago when a previous partner of mine, Paddy fell off his perch, I hadn't two brass farthings to rub together, never mind the price of covering a mare or paying the undertaker; I rang Gladys and explained my situation and she said to come on ahead with the mares anyway. I later sold the mares in foal, and thankfully paid all my dues. I'd have been rightly up the creek without even a canoe much less a paddle if they hadn't taken the chance on me. It's great how everything comes round in life and how everyone drifts in and out and in again if you wait long enough.

Strangely (or not?) it only seems to be the good ones who drift back in again. I've been massively blessed this past year or two to have several of the best of people sail back into my life after many years absence. I'm a happy bunny!

Ray News

Camping Weekend

Due to popular demand we are delighted to announce that we are having another camping weekend on Friday the 19th and Saturday the 20th of August. We have listened to feedback and both nights will be for families, with the option to stay one or two nights. More details coming soon. Tickets on sale through our Klubfunder.

Condolences

Deepest condolences to former Ray Community Group Committee Member Eddie McFadden and family on the death of his mother Liz McFadden in Scotland. Details to be confirmed in the following days. May she rest in peace.

Draw

Tickets on sale now. The Group are holding a six-week development draw to raise funds towards the building of an astro pitch and walking and running track on site. All funds raised will go towards this project. There will

be a total of €10,000 up for grabs over the six weeks, with weekly prizes of €500, €400, €300 and €200, and additional bonus prizes worth €1,600 in Week 1.

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

Yoga

Yoga classes at Ray Community Centre have finished until mid September. Details will be advertised closer to the time.

Gribben returns from Euro tournament

Letterkenny native Killian Gribben has returned from the FIBA U20 European Championship in Montenegro where Ireland finished ninth overall. Killian, who is currently on a basketball scholarship in the USA scored six points in the final game when the Irish defeated Hungary 66-55. Gribben played his part as his country won five of their six matches. Ireland won two of their three group games and just missed out on the quarter-finals on points difference. Killian is the son of Monica and Brian Gribben. He is a former St. Eunan's College student and played club basketball with Letterkenny Blaze and LYIT Donegal.

Cashless Banks

I'm just back from holidays and catching up with what's been going on. The whole issue with AIB planning to go cashless in parts of the country reminded me of an experience from a few years back when the very idea of a cashless bank was new to us.

I was in a bank with a friend from another country who had business to attend to. I settled into one of the comfy sofas to wait, only for him to come with a bewildered look on his face saying, "They don't do money". That's what the lady said as she explained that they were a cashless bank.

"We don't do money" - what a line for a bank!

I understand the thinking behind it - outsourcing the more costly, less productive aspects, to maximise efficiency and profits. Yet still, it's forgetting the basic function of a bank.

But the banks aren't the only ones at it; rather staggeringly churches have been at this game for years. Where we now have cashless banks, we have had Christ-less churches for much longer. What do I mean? Simply put, there are churches right across the religious spectrum where Christ is rarely preached. He may be given a passing nod, in the manner of a long-gone founder figure, but he is not preached about, his great work of salvation is not explained and his great offer of forgiveness is not held out week by week.

Churches have been turned into some sort of a social club, whose main purpose is to maintain a cultural identity. Christ has been lost; his message is ignored and even disliked.

And what mystifies me is that there are people who genuinely love Jesus who persist in attending such Christless churches. At least my bank, for all its faults, hasn't lost sight of its main purpose, it still looks after my money, if not the cash aspect. But these churches have eviscerated themselves of their very heart and

soul. Why stay there? The church is not primarily a mission field; it is where Christians go to get fed so that they can go out to tell people about Jesus. If where you go on a Sunday is a treasureless chest with little more than cultural cobwebs keeping people together, then I implore you to find a place where the preacher reaches weekly into the great treasure chest of scripture and brings out the riches of Christ for you to enjoy.

"Therefore every teacher who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old." - Matthew 13:52

A cashless bank can still handle our finances, but a Christless church cannot handle our souls.

Mark Loughridge is one of the ministers in Milford Reformed Presbyterian Church. He can be contacted on 086 3907726 or jmarkloughridge@gmail.com. You can watch or listen online at www.milfordrpc.org

Food for thought



Johnny McCollum

Evelyn honoured at Station House

Friday night saw the Letterkenny Community Heritage Group honour Evelyn Gallagher in the Station House for her contribution to music and charities over the last few years. Evelyn from 'Evelyn and the Envoys' fame has recorded many songs and entertained in dance halls across the country for many years.

Johnny Joe McCollum, Chairperson of the Letterkenny Community Heritage Group presented Evelyn with a beautiful painting. Flowers were presented to her after the singer sang a few numbers accompanied by Hugh McLean and Malcolm Patton. The audience enjoyed her music and also great words of praise from local singers Jean Curran and Hugh McLean.

Refreshments were served and Evelyn sang a few more numbers and entertained us all. A good night was had by all in the Station House on Friday night.



Evelyn Gallagher with Hugh McLean and Jean Curran.



Letterkenny Community Heritage Group Chairperson Johnny Joe McCollum, Eileen and Frank O'Donnell, Kay and Charlie Grant and Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh at the Evelyn Gallagher Tribute Night in the Station House Hotel.



Evelyn with Paddy Walsh, Charlie Fox and Louis Walsh.



Donegal Rose and Rathmullan woman Katie McAteer enjoying the Galway Races on Friday with her brother Luke who was on jockey duty at the Festival event.



Family and Friends of the late Patricia Buchanan from Cranford took part in a recent charity walk in Mayo in her memory and raised €16,175.87 for the Donegal Hospice.

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This week's winner was Eleanor McDaid, Drumbrick, Termon who found Shanagh in the Holy Trinity Dunfanaghy Advert on Page 30 and wins a €50 voucher for Whoriskey's of Ramelton.



CLIMATE CHANGE: THE NUMBER OF FARTING AND BURPING COWS TO BE REDUCED IN THIS COUNTRY? ... AND THEN IMPORT FROM BRAZIL! THIS GOVT. HAS LOST THE PLOT

I THINK THE NUMBER OF POLITICIANS SHOULD BE REDUCED - THEY'RE EMITTING TOO MUCH HOT AIR

Downings Festival



Downings Festival Queen Eve Kelly at the parade.



Farmers deserve more than hot air from Govt.

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Last year's Climate Action Plan made Ireland one of the most ambitious countries in the world in cutting carbon emissions. But what is the political price for ambition? That was sadly missing in the last two weeks as the parcel was passed in the name of saving Dail seats... and reputations! Perhaps not. It is going to cost somewhere north of €120 billion not to reach the carbon cuts as agreed by 2030. It could be at least 10% short of that. Sounds a really stupid way to make progress!

The existential threat posed by global warming is undeniable and you need not be a scientist to see the results and the ravages of recent years on every beach and coastal infrastructure in Ireland. Those towering sand dunes have but all disappeared and now more likely than ever, rising tides are posing new threats to country towns and villages. It is claimed that the country needs 1.3 million less cattle to reach anticipated government targets for reducing greenhouse gasses in the agriculture sector, a new report has concluded. In the aftermath of last week's agreement to achieve a 25% cut in farm emissions in the farming sector, it is too early yet to contemplate the implications or the consequences. But the signals are ominous given that the two main parties in Government blinked and their demands for 22% finally went out the window in pursuit of seats and party numbers in Leinster House. At the same time we were reading about a proposal to pay farmers €5,000 to cull cows with speculation that this is the thinking in the Food Vision Dairy Group. In their latest report they said that this move would directly reduce agricultural activity in Ireland and would reduce gas emissions. It is estimated that such a plan would take 45,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent out of the atmosphere for every 10,000 cows culled. The cost for culling 100,000 cows would run to €430 million. But what about the industry: the farm families: the way of life: the further use of farmland: the demand for more milk: more beef? The signs are obvious: however Irish farmers have not been given a clear pathway forward to preserve their

future and their heritage. Surely, if nothing else the current lame duck government owes it to rural Ireland to protect and ensure the viability of Ireland's most important indigenous industry. Irish farmers were already expecting the worst after Taoiseach Micheál Martin described the report by KPMG, commissioned by the Irish Farmers Journal, as "scaremongering" last year. But climate change: global warming is the current and present threat to mankind and the huge weather variations, even across Europe are undeniable. In three days of the recent 'heatwave' in the UK, it is estimated that as many as 900 people died as a consequence. The debate over agriculture's role in reducing carbon emissions is and will continue to be a hugely controversial and highly emotive issue because the land is our heritage producing the world's most sustainable product for generations. There is this predictable political conundrum whereby farming is being asked to reach a legally binding 25% cut in emissions on a voluntary basis. Were life that simple, why would anyone bother getting out of bed in the morning. The reality is that farmers must have a route map to achieve what is a pretty well unachievable goal by 2030 and it seems impossible it will happen given that it will cost thousands of jobs and probably billions of euros. Livelihoods are on the line and there is no obvious road map to protect the industry! Seems more than peculiar, but what else is new in politics? Of course, there is the kick back that farming divides the country between rural and urban opinions. And already Dublin and Cork have 63

seats in the Dail: soon to increase to 70+ and therein lies the power base that see politics become a dominant factor. It is only a short year ago that the Government, amid much backslapping and an air self-belief that the country was leading the fight to save the planet when the Climate Action Plan was signed into law. So what could go wrong? Holy smoke, everything that moves seems to have fallen down the table of expectations. We were going to a million EV cars on the roads by 2030: the Government was going to retrofit 4000 homes and there is going to be 600,000 heat pumps. The Climate Action Plan 2021 provides a detailed plan for taking decisive action to achieve a 51% reduction in overall greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and setting us on a path to reach net-zero emissions by no later than 2050, as committed to in the Programme for Government and set out in the Climate Act 2021. The climate action plan included installing 600,000 heat pumps in our homes by 2030, with 400,000 in existing homes. It would put Ireland on a more sustainable path; cut emissions; create a cleaner, greener economy and society; and protect us from the devastating consequences of climate change. It is a huge opportunity to create new jobs and grow businesses in areas like offshore wind; cutting-edge agriculture, and retrofitting, making our homes warmer and safer. This Plan makes Ireland one of the most ambitious countries in the world on climate action. But what is the political price for ambition? That was sadly missing in the last two weeks as the parcel was passed around in the name of saving Dail seats... and reputations! Perhaps not. You really do forget these targets amid all the petty squabbling that would be out of place in a school yard disco. But this latest fiasco was more about politics than saving the planet. It is going to cost somewhere north of €120 billion not to reach the carbon cuts as agreed by 2030. It could be at least 10% short of that. The evidence of pushing back is plain to see. The farming community has been laid out to dry with no cohesion about their future role in life. Where is the point in cutting beef production in Ireland, only for the deficit to be made up in haste by some other country; and that's what will happen. So who is the government pandering to or more seriously do they know? After all, the Irish footprint for

emission is about half of one percent and if you enclosed the country in a protective cover for the next five years, nobody would notice any difference. But still there would be demands for more emission cuts in our output. It does seem quite mad... that's because it is as mad as it can get. Irish agriculture is under huge pressure: 35% of national greenhouse gasses come from the sector, the highest level in Europe, where the average is 11%. And more than 60% of that comes from methane associated with the national herd. We can complain and castigate the green agenda all we like but remember that over a hundred countries pledged to reduce methane emissions by 30% by 2030 in Glasgow last November and Ireland was top of the class in promoting this policy. But we were not to worry: so said the Government. It is always a bit dangerous to pay a blind bit of notice to such assurances, but any port in a storm. Were we not assured that the new green agenda in resolving the climate emergency would help countries like ours reliant on agriculture to focus on how to operationalise reductions? If that sounds as clueless as its promoters, then it is just that. El Nino: remember when Ireland became a frozen wasteland in 2010? We were frozen to bone marrow and every news headline featured fears of the county running out of salt... It was terrible really. The reasons why such a sustained spell included having a settled period of dominant high pressure, with polar air moving southwards. Also, given that the days are very short and the strength of the sun's rays - because of their low angle - is relatively weak at this time of year, it is easier for a high pressure cold system at mid to high latitude to be sustained over a relatively long period of time, running to weeks or even months. It all sounded as if we had an invasion of Baltic proportions and scientists were actually saying that the country was facing fifteen years of this nature and El Nino was on everyone's minds as they kept their top coats on in bed for weeks on end. It had been suggested that one of the contributing factors to this mode becoming stable and sustained was the occurrence of a moderate El Nino, which has the effect of distorting world climate. The influence of El Nino on European and high latitude climates was not fully understood, yet it would be a strange coincidence indeed if it was not playing a role. The fact that many northern

countries across Europe and Asia, including Japan, China and northern India, are also affected shows the size of the climatic disturbance and also the size of this polar air mass that is causing all the problems. However it must be noted that temperatures in the northern USA and Canada are well above average for this time of year, by as much as 10c in some places. But what of global warming? Surely this shows global warming has weaknesses. That was 2010 and we've lived in warm, balmy winters ever since and all the money spent on winter tyres and studs are rusting in the attics of this nation. In their report for the Farmers Journal, KPMG looked at four scenarios, concluding that rural Ireland faced a €4bn hit to the economy and the loss of more than 56,000 jobs if the government opted for the 30% target. It also warned that a 30% cut would require a 20% cut in cattle numbers, 22% of the beef herd and 18% of the dairy herd. With 6.5 million cattle in the country according to official CSO data this equates to a reduction of 1.3 million of the national herd. The lower target of 21% would mean a reduction of about 5%, or 325,000 cattle, according to the KPMG analysis. No matter what way one tries to analyse these findings, there is only one conclusion. And all the claptrap from Cabinet members with one eye on a Dail seat and the other assuring farmers there would not be cuts to the national herd must now spell out clearly exactly what they are talking about. As custodians of the countryside, a pristine environment is fundamental to good farming practice and there has always been full acknowledgement of the necessity to reduce emissions. The consequent cost is the responsibility of Government, but so far we've no clear roadmap to assure the farm community that their livelihoods are assured down on the farm. Farmers are convinced that they are being targeted without government assessments of the impact on their industry and the official response has been limp and lacking in clarity. We need to be very careful of that "scaremongering," after I might be wrong; therefore I stand corrected but I've not seen where the government leaders plans are for the 20,000 fewer jobs in agriculture. And if Irish beef and dairy production is cut, that space will be filled by Brazil and many others. The big hitters for cattle numbers globally are India, Brazil, China and the United States. Those top countries account for 74.7 million head of cattle which is 74.6% of the world total. Contrast that with Ireland where the national herd accounts for 0.6% of the world's total. So what on earth is the problem with the size of the Irish herd? Brazil has been planning to ramp up production of 24 million head of cattle by the end of this decade. They can do whatever they like and there is nothing the EU or the UN's management of a global response on global warming, can do about it. So, could we arrange another town hall meeting to bring us all into the picture as to what the EU is proposing for the massive increase of 24 million cattle in Brazil by 2030? By that time our herd numbers may be halved while Brazil has a figure of 210 million bovines and we are left to prop up an EU agenda that will see our livestock and suckler sectors decimated. When the relevance of Ireland's cattle herd is considered in a global context, you begin to wonder what planet is the government living on. Do they know themselves: that is a hot topic just now down the local farmyards in Donegal.

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30 years of Sheephaven Credit Union



Sheephaven Credit Union held an Open Day at the Carrigart Office on Saturday to celebrate 30 years of the Union in the area. Right is the poem composed by Catriona Coyle to mark the event.

Bank Holiday Monday Mass at Tullagh Massrock



Tony Reilly (2nd from left) made a presentation to Fr. John Boyce who celebrated Mass at the Massrock at Tullagh, Carrigart on Bank Holiday Monday. Also included are Donnelly Doherty, Brian Boyce, John Reilly and Tony Boyce.



Scenes from the Mass at the Tullagh Massrock celebrated by Fr. John Boyce on Monday.



The Gift by C. Coyle

The mist hung heavy in the sky,
People struggled to get by,
The daily drudge of household need,
Bills to pay and mouths to feed,
With no recourse like those who knew
Where peace was found and money grew
Not for them the lofty halls
Forced instead to Pawn Shop stalls
Or Loan Shark sneers by lonely walls.

Out of the heavy mist he came
His willing mind and heart aflame
To save his people from the pain
Of unfair rules and needless shame.
Afraid at first to show delight
Social Vision burned so bright
Through John Hume's eyes,
he led his Town

From searing darkness, into light.

The Movement spread, a tidal flow,
An echo, "Let my people go,"
Lifted hearts and banished woe.
Watered seeds advance and grow.

Years away, and Noel McBride
Dared to swim against the tide
Of gathered gloom and chasms wide
To bring The Movement to our side.
Like Hume, he scaled each barricade,
With willing hands and best plans laid
They came from ferny hills and glades
With only honest hearts to trade.

Yet when a Prophet sets his stall
He needs Safe Hands to break his fall
And no man better than Shaun Coll
To crunch those numbers
and hit that ball.
To use that camera and make the call
And show Noel, no man has it all!

A bird never flew upon one wing
A choir of two could never sing
With the power that only women bring
Showing parity is a beautiful thing.
In July of 1992
Sheephaven Credit Union grew
Out of the hearts of a chosen few
To rally those whose spirits knew
That sometimes dreams
really do come true!

"Empty your pockets,"
John Hume said, many years ago
And the meagre sum so humbly laid,
told him all he had to know.
"No Movement has ever done so much
for our people to thrive and grow."

So we raise a glass to one and all
To Noel Mc Bride and to Shaun Coll
May The Gift, that sprang
from a rebel Call
Endure from eternal Spring to Fall.



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Council to scrap Press ban

Donegal County Council along with other local authorities is being forced to remove their ban on Press reporting: a special meeting in Lifford on Monday will discuss the adoption of new standing orders to comply with legislation for local government.

This is in stark contrast to a decision taken by Councillors in County Donegal on September 8th in 1997 when they overwhelmingly agreed by 20 votes to 4 to dump media coverage of their electoral area meetings. The new local government legislation forces a total U-turn on this and other aspects of Council business.

While the press will now be allowed to attend more Council meetings there are fears that Sky Television may come in and gobble up the exclusive coverage rights and wreck the whole plot.

And a woman close enough to things at the Council pointed out there is a shocking scarcity of hard cash for Donegal and they could find any number of potholes to fill with the money from the satellite broadcaster.

In the past number of years it is estimated the Press was only allowed to report 10% of Council meetings and this added to the mystery of the local government process and it led to the public perception that the Council was promoting a culture of secrecy.

No official reason was ever presented for excluding the media from the area meetings but sources say that little progress would be achieved because too many Members were only playing to the Press gallery.

The Sept. '97 GP meeting heard that meetings "could proceed in a more positive fashion in the absence of the press." How that thinking can now be reconciled with the new legislation remains a matter for conjecture.

The ban came amid concerns that all controversial issues were being shifted away from the public gaze and important decisions were being taken behind closed doors. As the Council meeting in '97 confirmed the media ban five sets of minutes were adopted but no information whatever was presented to the reporters present. A huge deficit emerged on how decisions were reached with accusations that covering Council meetings was a pathetic waste of time and effort.

Obtaining information from the Council in the meantime has proven to be a perilous occupation. A Freedom of Information query from this paper and addressed to Lifford on Sept 26th last year has still not been acknowledged.

The Donegal County Manager Michael McLoone said five years ago the issue was entirely a matter for the Members and he had no objection whatever to the presence of journalists at meetings and that he said included the GP's.

Mr. McLoone as recently as July 5th reiterated his own position when speaking to the Tribune and said he could see no reason whatsoever for excluding the media from any meetings.

The Local Government Act of 2001 allows press coverage of all local authority meetings, which is in direct contradiction with previous practices. At the moment the Press is only allowed to attend



Rally Driver Andrew Nesbitt who opened the Churchill Fair on Friday night pictured with members of the committee who presented him with a painting of Gartan Lake.

the public sessions held every two months and the latest ban in 1997 precluded media attendance at the electoral area meetings.

The irony of the Council being shy of media coverage meant that in many instances the General Committee and Electoral Area meetings might be over for two hours before any hard information became available to the reporters.

The Council will meet in a special session at noon on Monday ahead of the two monthly session in the afternoon to consider their response to the new legislation. We understand that Standing Orders must be adopted ahead of considering Section 4 motions coming up on the agenda.



The Scottish and Irish Tarmac Rally champion Andrew Nesbitt at the opening of the Churchill Fair on Friday night with his biggest fan Ryan Brogan.

FG hails McHugh Senate win

The election of Cllr. Joe McHugh to the Senate on the last panel on Friday was greeted with acclaim by Fine Gael in Donegal North East and no area more so than his native Carrigart where he was given a rapturous welcome home on Saturday night at the end of a day of celebrations that stretched across wide swathes of the constituency.

Over on Lifford Bridge the Donegal SW Deputy Dinny McGinley was among the throng awaiting Senator McHugh's arrival into the county from Dublin. Dinny was overheard telling supporters how relieved he was that another voice was joining him in Leinster House to represent the county after a break of over five years.

"It really was desperate being a lone voice for the county," admitted McGinley.

Fine Gael in Donegal hailed the McHugh win and his supporters turned out in some numbers to join in the mood of celebration. "And," confessed one party strategist, "we've had very little reason to celebrate in recent years".

Elected to Donegal County Council in the June elections of 1999 Joe McHugh hails from Claggan just outside the village of Carrigart. He is a teacher by profession and has also been involved in a number of community projects, most notably in

the Glenboe area of Letterkenny. His agenda includes promotion of a youth agenda giving them a bigger voice in local politics and involving them in debate and the whole consultative process.

In the race for the Senate he contested the Administrative panel and he told the crowd in Carrigart on Saturday night that he canvassed for 26 days and 26 nights in 26 counties to meet with the 380 public representatives whose votes would decide the outcome. It was a hard tough slog he confessed and he praised local man Louis Boyce who accompanied him on the difficult journey into the unknown.

McHugh polled 51,000 votes on the first count and was finally elected on count 13. However it was not all good news for Donegal because outgoing Senator Enda Bonner failed in his bid for re-election and he was eliminated after polling 27,000 on the first count. Elsewhere Cllr. Patrick McGowan was also eliminated earlier in the week as was Sean O'Baighill the Fintown based Udaras representative who polled a highly credible 47,000.

For Joe McHugh it was a different story: on a panel with a quota of 119,126 he drew substantial preference votes across several constituencies from his FG colleagues. Originally FG held three

of the seats on this seven seater panel. However they lost one on Friday with long serving Fintan Coogan from Galway holding his seat. The much fancied Frances Fitzgerald the defeated high profile FG deputy who lost her seat polled 57,000 on the first count on the Administrative panel but was later eliminated with transfers failing to fall her way.



Senator McHugh with his parents Dennis and Mary and brothers Paul and James at the homecoming.

County population up by 5.7%

The population of Donegal has shown a 5.7% increase since 1996 according to the preliminary findings from Census 2002. The present population of the county is 137,383; it was 129,994 when the '96 Census was compiled.

Most areas of the country have recorded increases and the national population is now at 3.917 million: an increase of 291,000 in six years. In this county the trends shows an increase in towns and villages with some rural parishes declining.

The general Letterkenny urban area is showing an increase of 6.6%: up from 7606 to 8109 while rural parts of the electoral area have also increased.

In the Milford area the increase is only a modest 1.5%. Towns and villages have increased while some rural parishes are showing a serious decline. This is most evident in the Fanad peninsula: North Fanad records a decline of 10.7%: figures here are down significantly from 633 in '96 to a current level of 565. And in Fanad West the statistics are similar. The decrease is 9.1% with the population down to 482 from its level of 530 six years ago.



Senator Joe McHugh was given a rousing welcome home to Donegal NE by supporters at Lifford Bridge on Saturday when he returned from Dublin following his election.

Rathmullan Festival





Postmistress Eileen McDaid with 100 years old Rose Diver and Mary Hyland.

Postmistress Eileen McDaid with some of the telephone exchange staff who worked in the office down the years.

Postmen Paul, John and Seimi making a presentation to Eileen McDaid.

Postmistress Eileen McDaid with some of her Castle Street neighbours.

Paul and Eileen McDaid with Seamus and Bernie Gunn.

Eileen with Susan Patterson and Margaret O'Donnell.

Eileen with Mickey McHugh.

Eileen with customers on her final day on Friday.

Eileen with Bridget Crerand and Maureen Cullen.

Eileen with Catriona McCafferty.

Eileen McDaid making a presentation to Patricia McDonald of An Post.

Eileen with Charlie Durning and Elizabeth Love.

Eileen with Alan McLaughlin, An Post.

Eileen and Paul McDaid with neighbours from the Spicy Grill in Ramelton.

Postmistress Eileen McDaid retired from Ramelton Post Office after 25 years of service last Friday and pictured above are scenes from her final day at work. The office has now been taken over by John Whoriskey and opened on Tuesday in their Eurospar Shop at the Mall.

Portsalon Golf Club McGettigan wins Barton Cup

The Barton Cup took centre stage on the August Bank Holiday and it was Kerrykeel's Ryan McGettigan that added to his haul of success by raising the famous old trophy for a third time. Ryan was one of the eight qualifiers from Monday morning and he won his opening knockout games against Brian McAleer and Justin Green to set up a final against Seanan McAleer. Seanan edged out Johnny Shields and Patrick McBride to make his way into the final. Some excellent golf over the Barton Nine ensured Ryan, playing off one, gained the win over young Seanan (8) who can be proud of his achievement on the day.

Charlie Canning Memorial Trophy

The eighth annual Charlie Canning Memorial Trophy took place on Saturday and it was won by Paddy Ward (36) with a fine score of 45 points, just enough to see of Sean Canning (25) by a single point. Thanks as always to the Canning family for organising the event and for their array of excellent prizes on the day.

Lady Captains Day

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

Club Results

Wednesday 27th July - Winner: Gerard Duffy (12) - 41 pts; Runner-up: Seamus Patton (7) - 40 pts; Gross: Ryan McGettigan (2) - 34 gross pts; Third: Charlie McCall (22) - 39 pts.

Charlie Canning Memorial Trophy - Saturday 30th July - Winner: Paddy Ward (36) - 45 pts; Runner-up: Sean Canning (25) - 44 pts; Gross: Conor Connolly (7) - 32 gross pts; Third: Justin Green (14) - 43 pts; First Nine: Ronan McAteer (19) - 24 pts; Second Nine: Shaun Callaghan (19) - 23 pts; Best Lady: Aedean Conway (16) - 40 pts

Sunday 31st July - Winner: Rory McDermott (21) - 65 nett- Runner-up: Colm Kelly (26) - 67 nett BOT; Gross: Ryan McGettigan (2) - 74; Third: Stephen Boucher (22) - 67

Barton Cup - Monday 1st August - Winner: Ryan McGettigan; Runner-up: Seanan McAleer

Portsalon Ladies

Best wishes to our Lady Captain, Brighidin Hawke (pictured below) on her Captain's Day on Saturday. With the Ladies draw done and a



timesheet in operation for the men, and the course in magnificent condition, the members and guests are eagerly awaiting their opportunity to play for the captain's prizes.

Medal win for Ferry

Lady Vice Captain, Claire Ferry sprinkled a little bit of Ferry dust on Sunday to win the medal competition in fine style, returning a score of 69 nett, two shots clear of Alyson Owens (27) 71 nett. Great shooting ladies.

Dates for your diaries: Sun-11 Aug: Members Competition (GOTY), Alt Day 09-Aug; Sat-20 Aug: Mr President's Dr Paul Armstrong Day (GOTY); Sat-25 Aug: Medal Competition (GOTY), Alt Day 25-Aug; Sat-03 Sept: Mary McDaid Cup; Sat-24 Sept: Past Captains Day.

Letterkenny

It's another big weekend ahead for Letterkenny Golf Club with Lady Captain Triona Daly hosting her Captain's Prize on Saturday. Best wishes are extended to Triona - and here's hoping for good weather and a great turn-out on your big day.

Any gents members who wish to play in the members competition on Saturday can put their name on the timesheet before 9am and then



Ryan McGettigan who won the Barton Cup at Portsalon Golf Club on Bank Holiday Monday receiving the cup also included are Gareth McLarnon Glen Estates who sponsored the day, Club Captain Eamon McConigley, Runner up Seanan McAleer and President Dr Paul Armstrong.

after 2pm.

On Sunday, we celebrate the memory of a dearly missed former club member with the Michael Bouchier Hayes Memorial Open.

Results

John Hession (26) produced his best card for some time to record a brilliant win in last Wednesday's open competition (July 27) which was sponsored by Bonner Engineering who parred four of his first seven holes on his way to a fantastic 47 points.

On any other day, Dessie Ferry's 46 points would have been good enough for victory and Lester Speer, with 46 points, was third. The gross prize winner was Jack McGarrigle (7) who had an equally fine round of 40 points.

In the Category prizes, the winner were: Category 8-16, Philip Cassidy, 41 pts; Cat 17-21, Adrian Flanagan, 41 pts; Cat 22-27 Shaun Harley, 39 pts; Cat 28+ Ed Wickes 37 pts; Visitor, Michael McShane (bot).

On Friday, the good weather welcomed a large entry field for the Cystic Fibrosis Champagne Scramble. The top two four balls were separated by just a single point with B. McGuigan / D. McGowan / S. Kelly / R. Tyrrell winning on 111 points, and C. Doherty / N. McClafferty / T. Logue / R. McClafferty second on 110 pts. In third place was the team of S. Lynch / P. Carlin / M. Carlin / B. Mullen. The winning ladies team

was E Russell / S McMonagle / A Condon / A Kilgallen. Nearest the pin prize went to Derek Wilson; and Longest Drive to Daniel Gallagher.

On Saturday, Manor Motors kindly sponsored the open competition which once again, was played off the blue tees. It was a day for the Philips with the in-form Philip Connolly and Philip Gillespie separated on a break of tie, both shooting 44 points - Philip Connolly (38) taking first prize. Anthony Delap was third on 41 points while the gross prize winner was Darragh McMenamin (3) who was two over gross for his round and signed for 37 points. The Category prize winners were as follows: Cat 8-16, William White 36 pts; Cat 17-21 John Bowe, 37 pts; Cat 22-27 Gerry Keeney 37 pts; Cat 28+ Tom Wherity 38 pts.

It was great to see such a big entry list for Sunday's competition which was Triona Daly's Lady Captain's Prize to the men. Shaun Duffy (9) was the winner with 40 points. He had one point to spare over Ed Wickes who after his good score on Wednesday, produced another fine round to take second on a break of tie on 39 pts from Vinny McLaughlin. Kevin Rafferty (3) was the gross prize winner on 36 points while the prizes for the nines were won by George Onofrei (front nine) and John Russell (back nine).

The Bank Holiday weekend offered a bonus Bank Holiday com-

petition on Monday and it was Michael Collum (6) who was an impressive winner with a brilliant 44 points. Ryan Tyrrell was second on 38 points on a break of tie from Mark Cohen who was third. Darragh McMenamin was the gross prize winner.

Letterkenny Ladies

The competition on Tuesday 19th July, sponsored by the Radisson Blu Hotel saw Marian O'Sullivan who plays off 10, bringing in an amazing score of 43pts to take 1st prize. Catherine Cooke Harkin (26) finished in second place with 38pts and Eileen Williamson (23) came 3rd with 36 pts BOT. Front nine was won by Sandra Mc Monagle (20) with 22pts whilst Tracy Spence (19) claimed the back nine with 20 pts BOT. Thank you to Paul Byrne from the Radisson Blu Hotel for presenting the prizes and the sponsorship and continued support.

The Jimmy Gallagher Golf Shop competition was held on Tuesday 21st July with one of our younger members, Sarah Mc Brearty (22) bringing in a fantastic score of 40 points to take first prize. Kay Kelly (31) came in second with another great score of 37 pts BOT and Jackie Ireland (27) finished in 3rd place with 37 pts. Winner of the front Nine was Patricia Mc Brearty (36) with 20 pts and Bridie Gildea (28) won the back nine with 19 pts. The winner of the 9 hole 36+ competition was Rosaleen Mc Daid with 20 pts. Thank you to Jimmy Gallagher for the sponsorship and continued support.

Team News

The Maire O'Donnell team, under the guidance of Team Captain Cynthia Fuery and Tracy Spence faced a tough battle against Ballybofey and Stranorlar on Thursday 28th July. On a fabulous day for golf, Letterkenny managed to secure 3 matches away which means that they are now through to the semi-final. Well done to everyone on the panel. it was a great team effort and Letterkenny will play Murvagh in the next round. A warm thank you is extended to the loyal supporters on the day

Lady Captain's Week

Lady Captain Triona Daly hosts Lady Captain's week at Letterkenny Golf Club with the 9 hole Play in Pink Greensomes competition for breast cancer is being held on Thursday 4th August. Pre-Lady Captains mixed Foursomes, over 13 holes, is on Friday 5th August and the main event, Lady Captain's Day is on Saturday 6th August. We wish Lady Captain Triona all the best for her week and her day on Saturday and hope that the sun will shine for the events of the week.

Senior Alliance

Donegal Seniors Alliance held an outing in Letterkenny Golf Club on Thursday 28th July and the winners were 1st Timothy O Farrell Letterkenny 21 43 BOT; 2nd Don Ponsonby Letterkenny 8 43 BOT; 3rd Eddie Mc Hugh Strabane 21 43; 4th Jimmy Mc Fadden B & S 25 40; 5th Paddy O Gorman Letterkenny 23 39 BOT; Gross Eamon Mc Glinchey Letterkenny 7 30 GP's -BOT; 6th Joe Blake Letterkenny 10 39 BOT; 7th Pete Kavanagh Letterkenny 25 39 BOT; 8th Dessie Foy B & S 29 39 BOT; 9th Joe Hensey Portsalon 15 39; 10th Hector Mc Ilwaine Letterkenny 20 38 BOT
CAT A - 1st Mark Carrigy Letterkenny 21 37, 2nd Joe Mc Manus Letterkenny 19 35. CAT B - 1st Bill Doherty B & S 20 38, 2nd Martin M Gallagher Letterkenny 7 37. CAT C - 1st Anthony Delap Letterkenny 20 37 BOT; 2nd Hugo Mc Cormick B & S 20 37 BOT. CAT D - 1st Gordon Dickenson Letterkenny 38 38 BOT - 2nd Bryan Harkin Letterkenny 28 38 BOT.



Winners of the Jimmy Gallagher Golf Shop Competition at Letterkenny Golf Club pictured with Lady Captain Triona Daly.



Winners of the Raddison Blu Hotel competition at Letterkenny Golf Club pictured with Lady Captain Triona Daly and sponsor, Paul Byrne.



County Board Assistant-Secretary Frankie Doherty presents the Donegal Division 2 League Cup to Downings captain Ben McNutt.



The Na Dunaibh squad celebrate Sunday night's league title triumph at the O'Donnell Park

County Division 2 League Final Report & photos by Declan Kerr

McGroddy goal seals Downings title triumph

Na Dunaibh 1-16 Malin 1-15 (aet)

Two points down in the dying seconds of extra-time at the O'Donnell Park on Sunday evening it looked like Downings dreams of the Donegal Division 2 League title were practically gone even though they had been awarded a close in-free.

However, despite almost the entire Malin team being stationed on the goal-line Johnny McGroddy somehow managed to squeeze the free into the top corner of the net for a winning score that will surely go down as one of the most memorable moments in the history of the Na Dunaibh Club. As the light faded at the Letterkenny venue the dramatic late goal avoided the dreaded penalty shoot-out way of deciding the winners.

On a near perfect evening weatherwise, the two promoted sides produced a hugely entertaining final with Malin going into the decider as slight favourites having finished top of Division 2 ahead of Kevin Cookie Gallagher's men. Downings were minus players like Oisín Boyce, Paddy McElwee and Ronan Gallagher but they introduced a new

face in Conor McGettigan who previously played with his native Killyclogher but has been based in Dubai recently. He is the grandson of the late Anton McGettigan one of Mevagh's GAA great players and grand-nephew of Hugh McClafferty

This was a decider full of attacking football with only very short periods of lateral possession football. There were some exciting passages of attacking play, super points and top-class performances. Johnny McGroddy just edged it in that roll of honour with a personal tally of 1-7 but Malin's Christy 'Fildara' McLaughlin was a close second. Lorcan Connor was always a threat when Na Dunaibh could get him the ball to him while debutant Conor McGettigan was influential with three points. Forwards Josh Conlon and Benny McLaughlin also had big games for the Inishowen outfit.

McGroddy got the decider's first score inside the opening minute but it was Malin who had the upper hand thereafter in the early stages despite losing defender Gary Farren to what appeared to be a serious injury. Josh Conlon and Christy McLaughlin put the Inishowen outfit in front. And then in the seventh minute the impressive McLaughlin swept a sweet low 20-yard shot past John McGroddy at the river end of the ground. New Na Dunaibh recruit Cormac McGettigan broke the Malin momentum briefly before McLaughlin popped over from play and then converted a free to leave his side 1-3 to 0-2 ahead at the end of the first quarter. Both sides also

registered wides but on the whole the standard of score taking was good.

Cookie Gallagher's side then got a foothold on the final for a period with McGroddy and Lorcan Connor clicking in attack and by half-time the sides were level. That form continued on the restart with Connor and McGroddy both on target from play. Then it was Malin's turn to have a dominant spell hitting four points without reply through Conlon, Christy McLaughlin and Benny McLaughlin. At the other end Na Dunaibh's finishing was letting them down while Connor was denied a 37th minute goal by keeper Daniel Mullarkey.

But, the Mevagh men dug deep with McGroddy's 52nd minute point signalling the fightback was on and there was a goal chance that ended with the consolation of an Alan Pasoma point to bring the sides level again. It was followed by a McGroddy miss and suddenly it looked like the silverware was in sight for the Inishowen outfit when Matthew Byrne split the posts. However, the point advantage was wiped out in the second minute of injury time when ref Shane Toolan awarded a free for what appeared to be a pick-up of the ground. McGroddy took responsibility to land a super free between the uprights to send the final to extra-time (0-12 to 1-9).

It was a real rollercoaster of a decider with Malin having



Danny McBride tracking the run of Malin's Conor O'Neill.

the best of the first period of extra-time with two Christy McLaughlin frees and one from play courtesy of Benny McLaughlin. A McGroddy free was the sole Downings response and it left them trailing 1-12 to 0-13 at the break. Back came Na Dunaibh with three points on the trot from play with McGroddy, Conor McGettigan and Pasoma all on target. Now Malin was a point behind but not for long as a couple of Christy McLaughlin frees and a Conlon effort from play left Na Dunaibh trailing by two.

The Inishowen side had the chance to cut out the next Downings attack but a fumble allowed Kevin 'Gooch' Doherty to take possession in front of goal. Subsequently ref Toolan decided there was a foul on Doherty that Malin didn't appear to complain too much about. Probably because they were two ahead and time was nearly up. McGroddy took the ball knowing he had to go for goal but facing a mass of de-



Kevin 'Gooch' Doherty with his son Odhran fenders between the posts that looked practically impossible. But, his powerful kick somehow squeezed into the top corner of Mullarkey's net. It was the last action of a fantastic final as the ecstatic McGroddy raced towards the sideline to celebrate with the management team and supporters at the O'Donnell Park. The festival in Downings had an added buzz in the village on Sunday night as Na Dunaibh celebrated a super success ahead of the Intermediate Club Championship which starts for them with a home game on Saturday evening. Scorers - Na Dunaibh:



Johnny McGroddy on the attack for Na Dunaibh.



Young Downings fans Sophie and Michael Shiels with Roan Ladley (centre) with the league trophy.



Hugo and Max Davis with mum Angela, Lorna Robinson and Sinead Montgomery



Mickey Doherty, Hughie McClafferty, Paddy Bradley and Enda McClafferty

Johnny McGroddy 1-7 (1-2fs); Lorcan Connor 0-4 (1f); Conor McGettigan 0-3; Allen Pasoma, 0-2
Downings - John McGroddy; Hugo Davis, Ben McNutt, Max Davis; Keelan McGroddy, Kevin Doherty, Conor Boyce; Conor McGettigan, Shane Boyce; Martin McBride, Johnny McGroddy, James Lee McBride; Kyle McFadden, Lorcan Connor, Allen Pasoma. Subs: Danny McBride for McFadden 41 mins, Gary McClafferty for C Boyce 52 mins.
Ref: Shane Toolan (Aodh Ruadh).
Linesmen: Robbie O'Donnell, Anthony McCallig.

Fanad Festival



Eamonn Scott with his pony and trap.



Contestants in the Fanad Festival Queen Competition. Front left to right, winner Aideen Friel, Roisin Carr and Sorcha Friel. At back Meabh Duffy, Marie Kerr, Caitlin Heraghty, Catherine McBride, Aoife Gibbons and Leah McLaughlin.



Above - Jamie Gorman with barn owl 'Alba'.



Left - Jack McCreevery, Kerrykeel, Prince Charming and Little Miss Festival Rhea Friel, Portsalon.



Amy and Lucy McAteer, Doaghbeg at the Festival.



Below - Clodagh McAteer, Kerrykeel and the gallant 'Toby'. He won big at the Fanad Festival, scooping up a number of category awards and enough dog food to feed the whole family for a full month.



A stop at The Turas during the History & Folklore Festival Walk.



The Millers on holiday in Portsalon for the Festival.



Trevor Gorman, Kilmacrennan with his Eagle 'Bubbles'.

Fanad Lighthouse AGM

The AGM of Fanad Lighthouse took place at the end of June and the first board meeting of the new year was held last week. Ray Moore was elected Cathaoirleach for a second year, Colin McAteer was returned as Treasurer with Declan Coyle as vice-treasurer. The board are currently working on a development plan for the visitor centre with ambitious plans for a low-impact building to cater for all visitor expectations. The public consultation on the design was also held last week and there was very positive engagement from the crowd who came along. The plans are now on display at the lighthouse and comments are still welcome. The board would now like to invite more Fanad people to become members of the lighthouse company and to keep in touch with the developments going forward. Membership is now open until the end of the year. Anyone over the age of 18 is eligible. The €10 charge entitles you to attend and vote at the AGM. You will also receive newsletters during the year and will be invited to attend any public events. Membership forms are available at the lighthouse or by calling 074 9116020. The youngest Hiker in Fanad, Baby Alexander with his parents Sandra & Heikki Vesanto at the top of Drumnacraig Hill for Festival Hike. A stop at The Turas during the History & Folklore Festival Walk.

Childminder Wanted

Childminder wanted for a 7 month old and a 2 year old. Starting from September on. Monday to Friday. School hours. In the Portsalon, Kerrykeel or Fanad area.

Please contact Hayley on 0838105533.

Fanad SVP

The Society of St Vincent de Paul in Fanad is always willing to help any members of our Community who may be experiencing financial difficulties at any time. Contact the Society on 0871411200, all matters will be dealt with confidentially. As always and thanks for the public's continued support.

If returning to school expenses are a worry for you please contact the local St. Vincent de Paul Society on 0871411200.

The Society is always available to help families or individuals experiencing financial difficulties. All matters dealt with confidentially. The Society appreciates the continued support of the local community.

Tamney Health Centre Vaccinations

We are currently NOT offering any Covid 19 booster vaccines.

If you are eligible for a booster you can avail of it at the vaccination centre in Letterkenny.

Pre-school Boosters

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



Mulroy Academy 20th Anniversary 3-day Summer Camp

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Coyle refs first Croker Final

It was a proud Sunday for Siobhan Coyle and the Fanad Gaels Club as she refereed her first All-Ireland Final at Croke Park. It was the Intermediate decider where Laois had a 1-13 to 1-11 victory over Wexford. It wasn't Siobhan's first time to referee an All-Ireland Final as she was in charge of the Junior decider two years ago between Wicklow and Fermanagh but that game was played at Parnell Park. Here is Siobhan receiving the match ball before Sunday's final at Croke Park. Cavan native Maggie Farrelly, a Donegal Sports



Evelyn O'Kane presenting a cheque for €957.50 to Hazel Russell from the RNLI part proceeds of the recent Fanad Coastal Walk.

Chronic Disease Management

For CDM patients please ensure you attend twice yearly for your appointments.

These appointments are important for enabling us to help you manage your condition well in the community which may, in turn, reduce the likelihood of hospitalisation.

Walk in Memory of Mary T.

There will be a Memory Walk remembering Mary T. McConigley in aid of St. Vincent de Paul in Fanad on Friday the 12th of August

at 7pm. They will be meeting at Din's Car Park and for more information contact Margaretta on 086 874 4405 and everyone is welcome to join the walk and make a donation.

Bingo

The Fanad Bingo continues in the Community Centre every Monday evening at 8pm.

Ceili Dancing

The Ceili and Old Time Dancing resumed in the Fanavolty Hall on Tuesday and continues every Tues-

Intermediate Football Championship

Fanad Gaels host Termon

Club Championship football commences this weekend and in Portsalon there is a big match on Saturday evening between Fanad Gaels and Termon (throw-in 4.30) in Round 1. The Gaels will be hoping to make home advantage pay against the Burn Road outfit who have been relegated from Division 1. Aidan McAteer's side comes into the championship on the back of that All-Ireland Gaeltacht success in Galway on the June Bank Holiday weekend. A lot will depend on what players are available to each team.

Termon won't have Bobby McGettigan or Jamie Grant who are on GAA duty in the USA. Daire McDaid will be a key man for the visitors as per usual and he will have to deliver a decent return of scores if his side is to come out on top. Fanad Gaels will be looking to Bernard McGettigan, Seamie 'Nanny' Friel, Darren McElwaine and Mark McAteer to create and convert the opportunities at Páirc Uí Shíadhail on Saturday evening. The Round 2 games on the following weekend sees a Friday night game (12th August) at the Burn Road when An Tearmann will host Naomh Muire Íochtar na Rosann with an 8pm start. The following evening Saturday (13th August) at Páirc na Rosann, Gaeil Fhánadá take on An Clochán Liath (throw-in 7pm).

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Fanad Lighthouse - still recruiting!

We are inviting applications for the post of Marketing Officer at Fanad Lighthouse. This will be an ideal post for someone with a 3rd level qualification in tourism/marketing/business and who demonstrates an interest in promoting and developing tourism in the area.

This 2 year post is supported by Údarás na Gaeltachta and the successful candidate will be part of a learning network of strategic tourism projects in Gaeltacht areas. Fluent Irish, both spoken and written will be essential. The closing date for applications is Monday 15th August. Full details of the post are available

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Ceili Dancing

There is Ceili and Old Time Dancing taking place every Tuesday night in Fanavolty Community Hall from 8.00 - 10.00pm. Admission is €5 and everyone is welcome.

TUS Vacancy in the Glen

A vacancy has arisen in the old school Glenvar for person to carry out cleaning duties in the old school and Glenvar chapel.

Applicants must be in receipt of Social welfare payment for more than one year. Contract is for one year. If interested please contact Teresa 086 3342346.

Headline musicians at Seisiúin Fhánada

On this Thursday night, August 4th two internationally acclaimed instrumentalists will play Seisiúin Fhánada at Fanavolty Hall in Fanad. The legendary accordion player, Dermot Byrne will be joined by Tim Edey. Brendan Quinn will play support and the show starts at 8pm. Admission is €15 and this is a non-ticket event.

This is the second year in the 'Seisiúin Fhánada Sessions' and all have been widely acclaimed in bringing top Irish and international artists to this part of Donegal.

Dermot Byrne is one of the country's leading box players with Altan and he's also recorded and performed with The Chieftains: Frankie Gavin: Steve Cooney: Trevor Hutchinson: Donal Lunny featuring the squeeze box: double bass: bouzouki: guitar and bodhran.

Dermot was taught to play the accordion by his father and featured on two of the Altan, 'The Red Crow' and 'Island Angel' before becoming a fully-fledged member of the group in 1993.

Since then he's been featured on three further Altan albums: 'Blackwater', 'Runaway Sunday' and 'Another



Dermot Byrne will be joined by Tim Edey (below) in Fanavolty Hall next Thursday the 4th.

er Sky'. Tim Edey plays a host of different instruments and was a double BBC Musician of the year BBC ALBA/Scotland Best Traditional musician 2020, BBC Radio Two Musician of the year 2012, BBC R2 Folk Awards.

Tim has toured the world and recorded with most of the major names in Celtic/Contemporary roots music including: The Chieftains, Christy Moore, Sharon Shannon, Ross Ainslie, Natalie MacMaster, Donnell Leahy, Altan, Capercaille, Brendan Power, Michael McGoldrick, Seamus Begley - to name but a few.

Tim is now a name on the world stage in his own right after seventeen years of hard work, is rated by many to be one of the world's finest ever melodeon and guitar players in the folk and contemporary scene today.



Household Waste Management Survey

This August households in Letterkenny, Buncrana, Ballybofey, Donegal Town and Glenties will be visited and given the opportunity to take part in a survey gathering information about recycling and waste management practices and opinions.

Donegal County Council is partnering with VOICE Ireland, an environmental charity, who will be going door to door to find out how residents of Donegal manage their waste and each household participating in the survey will be provided with an information brochure, a pocket guide full of useful information for managing household waste and recycling and useful tips on how to save money by avoiding food waste. This project has been funded through the anti-dumping initiative (ADI) which encourages a multi-faceted approach to tackling the problems associated with illegal dumping incorporating enforcement, public awareness and education. Donegal County Council was successful in securing nearly one hundred and thirty thousand euro in ADI funding this year to deliver a range of projects throughout the county including resources to support community groups, clean ups, a reduced price bulky waste initiative run through the recycling centres, paint reuse initiative, surveillance equipment as well as the household waste project.

We would like to ask that everyone who gets the opportunity to get involved in the survey takes it and that we all work together to shape the future for sustainable waste management in Donegal.

The initiative is funded by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications and is co-ordinated through the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLAs).

Calling All Heritage Week Event Organisers

Have you organised or are planning to organise an event for National Heritage Week that takes place from Saturday, August 13 to Sunday, August 21? If you are support is available. The County Donegal Heritage Office has organised a lunchtime event for all Heritage Week event organisers in the Donegal County Museum, High Road, Letterkenny at 1 p.m. this Friday, August 5. Event organisers can collect National Heritage Week-branded merchandise free-of-charge at the event. Food and light refreshments will be served. "There are over 50 events organised for Heritage Week in County Donegal so far" said Joseph Gallagher, County Donegal Heritage Officer. "People from heritage organisations, community groups, museums, heritage centres and the Culture Division, Donegal County Council have come together again this year to produce a great Heritage Week events programme in County Donegal. Although we will not be producing our highly-popular, pocket-size County Donegal Heritage Week Event Guide this year, we have a limited supply of National Heritage Week-branded merchandise that we can supply free-of-charge to Heritage Week event organisers. These include high-visibility vests, t-shirts, large flags, small flags, bunting, lanyards and pencils that event organisers can collect at Friday's event."

This year's National Heritage Week theme is sustainable heritage and biodiversity and event organisers are encouraged to address this theme through built, cultural and natural heritage events and projects. On-line registration is now open and all events or projects can be registered on the National Heritage Week website at www.heritageweek.ie There are training and information webinars with useful tips for organising and promoting your events and projects on the Heritage Week website. If you would like to attend Friday's event, please contact the County Donegal Heritage Office by e-mail at heritage@donegalcoco.ie or by telephone at (074) 917 2576.



Members of the Finn Wheelers Cycling Club presenting a cheque for €12,500 to Mary Coyle of Donegal Hospice raised by members who completed the Mizen to Malin Cycle for Donegal Hospice at the beginning of July. Pictured from left - Paul Curran, Kevin Harrold, Paul Kelly, Brendan McNulty, John Boyle holding granddaughter Sienna, Michael Houston, Mary Coyle of Donegal Hospice, Mary Harrold, Eileen Houston, Enda McIntyre, Dean Herron, Brian McElhinney, Paul McCabe. Missing from photo are Seamus and Jennifer McDermott. The group would like to thank everyone who donated so generously to the charity event and to all the businesses who sponsored and supported the cycle team.

Planning Notices

Donegal County Council

We, Aidan & Bernadette Mc Hugh are applying to Donegal County Council for 1. Retention permission for a) Dwelling house and septic tank as constructed, b) Site development works and 2. Permission for a) Alterations to facade and construction of extension to existing dwelling house, b) Construction of domestic shed at Carrigart, Co. Donegal in the townland of Tullagh. 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.

Comhairle Condae Dun Na nGall An Dún Mór, An Fhál Carrach

Tá mise Seán Ó Fearraigh ag deanamh iarratais chuig Comhairle Condae Dun Na nGall chun céad pleanála a lorg do, 8 pod glampála le h-ionad cóireála fuioiluisce agus gach obair forbartha láithreáin ghaolmhar eile ag an Dún Mór, An Fhál Carrach, Co. Dun Na nGall í mbaile fearainn An Dún Mór. Thig an t-iarratais a scrúdu nó cóip a cheannacht ar luach mó na costas cóipeála ag oifig an t-Údaras Pleanála Comhairle Contae Dhún Na nGall í Leifear le linn uaireanta oscailte na hoifige. Is feidir achainní nó tuairimí faoin t-iarratas a deanamh í scribhinn & faoi reir táille €20.00 chuig an t-Údaras Pleanála lastúigh de 5

seachtain ó data lóiste an t-iarratas leis an t-Údaras Pleanála. Cuirfear na hachainní nó tuairimí sin san aireamh & an t-Údaras pleanála ag deanamh cinneadh ar an t-iarratas. This leis an t-Údaras pleanála céad a thabhairt faoi reir gan coinníollacha nó gan céad a thabhairt.

Donegal County Council Meenlaragh, Gortahork

I, Patrick McGee am applying to Donegal County Council for retention planning permission for retention of existing extension consisting of enclosed seating area at Dixons Bar, Meenlaragh, Gortahork, Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

Donegal County Council Edenacarnan South, Letterkenny

I, Greg Stewart am applying to Don-

egal County Council for permission to erect dwelling house with septic tank system and domestic garage including all associated site development works at Edenacarnan South, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Edenacarnan South. 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 Ballymagahy South, Kerrykeel

I, Mary McGettigan am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect a dwelling house with wastewater treatment system and all other associated site development works at Ballymagahy South, Kerrykeel, County Donegal in the townland of Ballymagahy South. The planning application

Acknowledgement

Boyce (Owen) Annie

Tullagh, Carrigart

We the family of the late Annie Boyce, would like to express our sincere thanks to all those who supported and sympathised with us on our recent sad loss.

Thanks you to all those who visited our mother during her illness and a special thanks to Fr. Charlie Byrne, Fr. Patrick McGlanaghy, Fr. John Canavagh and Fr. James Friel who attended her in her home.

Thank you to all those who attended the wake, sent sympathy cards, Mass cards and the many text messages. Thank you all to those who attended the funeral and especially those who travelled long distances to support us and those who followed the funeral online. Thanks to those who stood along the road as the funeral cortege passed by.

Thanks to Dr. Mee, Dr. Lannon, Nurses Eileen and the staff of the Carrigart Medical Centre, The Palliative Care team for their great support along with Aidan and his team in the Carrigart Pharmacy and OT Nadeen.

Thank you to our kind neighbours who helped out in the house during the wake and kept the family fed. A special thanks to the Mevagh Fire Brigade and those who helped with traffic management, the Gardaí, the Mulroy Coastguard and those who donated to Palliative Care €1350.

Thank you to Seamus Gallagher Funeral Director, the gravediggers, the Carrigart Choir and those who took part in the funeral Mass. Thank you to Logue's of Cranford and The Carrigart hospitality team for providing the food after the funeral.

A special word of thanks to Fr. Patrick McGlanaghy, Fr. John Boyce and Fr. James Friel for the beautiful funeral service.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our sincere appreciation for your continued sympathy and support.

Annie's Month Mind Mass will be celebrated in St John the Baptist Church, Carrigart on Thursday 11th August at 7.00pm and can be viewed via Mevagh Parish Facebook page.

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Donegal County Council Keenaghan, Kilmacrennan

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

Donegal County Council Fawns, Termon, Letterkenny

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

In Memoriam



Carr

Sarah Jane Leverock, Tamney 4th Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear mother Sarah Jane, grandmother and great-grandmother who died the 7th August 2018.

*Time may pass with many changes
Fresh with every coming year
But your memory lingers ever
In the hearts that hold you dear*

Ever remembered by the family circle in Ballycallon, The Leverock, Croaghross and Killinchy.

Heraghty

Eileen

Ballyheerin, Fanad 12th Anniversary

Treasured memories of our dear mum and sister, Eileen, who died on August 6th, 2010.

*The hands of time keep turning
The years have slipped away;
But in our hearts and thoughts
You are with us every day.*

Loved and remembered by Anthony, Noreen, Mary and families.



McFadden Declan

20th Anniversary

In loving memory of a darling son, brother and uncle who died on 7th August 2001.

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

Loved and sadly missed by Mum and Robert, your daughter Coby, sister Sharon and Gerard, brothers Patrick and Mary, James and Teresa, Hugh and Shruti, Daniel and Magda and also your nephews and nieces.

Anniversary Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmullan on Monday 8th August at 7.00pm.

In Memoriam

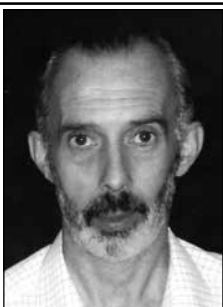


Friel
Rebecca
Gortnavern,
Coolboy,
Letterkenny
40th Anniversary

In loving memory of my dear grandmother who died on 8th August 1982.

Of all the precious gifts in life however great or small To have you as a grandmother was the greatest gift of all.

Always loved and remembered by your granddaughter Rose, Matt and family x



Friel
Michael
4th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear son, brother and uncle who died on 5th August 2018.

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

Loved and missed by Mum, brother John, sister Caroline, sister-in-law Mary, brother-in-law Seamus, nieces and nephews.

Martin
Susanna
Devlinmore,
Carrigart
3rd Anniversary

Treasured memories of a dear wife, mother and grandmother who died on 7th August 2019.

Precious memories keep you near As time unfolds another year Out of our lives you may have gone But in our hearts you still live on.

Always loved and remembered by your husband Frank, daughter Kerry, son Tony, son-in-law John and grandchildren Neve, Hugh and Boyd.

Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday 6th August at 6.00pm in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart.



Harper
Paddy
St. Mary's Terrace,
Ramelton
34th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who died on 7th August 1988.

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

Sadly missed by your sons, daughters, daughters-in-law, son-in-law and grandchildren



Harper
Angela
St. Mary's Terrace,
Ramelton
32nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear sister who died on 7th August 1990.

Your memory is so precious Your presence missed so much You will always be remembered And loved by all of us.

Sadly missed by your brothers, sisters, sisters-in-law, brother-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Tel. 91 53600

Hagan

Kathleen
Mount Marian,
Milford
8th Anniversary

In loving memory of a wife, mother and grandmother who died on 11th August 2014.

Memories are precious they don't fade away We think of you always especially today.

Sadly missed and loved by your husband, Cathal

A letter to Heaven

I know you are up in Heaven and I hope you realise how much You are loved by all those you left behind We think about you all of the time

Love from daughter Sinéad and granddaughter Katie.

You are near even if I don't see you You are with me even if you are far away You are in my heart In my thoughts, in my life always

From daughter Marguerite

Mother You left us beautiful memories Your love is still our guide Although we cannot see you You're always at our side.

Remembered by Hugo, Susie and Killian X

It broke our hearts to lose you but you did not go alone For a part of us went with you the day God called you home.

Love from PJ and Stephanie

Mum

Your memory is so precious Your presence missed so much You will always be remembered and loved by all of us Miss you every day.

Daughter Una and son-in-law Gerard

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

Grandchildren Cian and Kaylagh

No matter how life changes No matter what we do A special place within our hearts Is always kept for you Mum xxx

Love daughter Noelle, grandson Luke and Marcus

I still see your face before me Your voice I long to hear I miss and love you dearly God knows, I wish you were here xxx

From your daughter Elaine, son-in-law Hughie, grandchildren Hayden and Erin xx

Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 7th August in St. Peter's Church Milford at 11.00am.



McBride
Anton (Shuss)
Gortnalough,
Downings,
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a loving father and grandfather Anton who died on 26th July 2021.

We think about you always we talk about you still You haven't being forgotten and you never ever will We hold your smile and memory in our hearts and there you will remain

To walk and guide us through our lives until we meet again.

Always loved and sadly missed by your daughter Susan, Cathy, Tony, Lisa, Susan-Rose and their families.

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

Always loved and sadly missed by your son John and Catherine.

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be

So he put his arms around you and whispered "Come to Me" With tearful eyes we watched you and saw you pass away Although we loved you dearly we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands now rest God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.

Always loved and sadly missed by your son Antony, Bernie, Shannon, Michael, Anthon and Áine.

Your memories are so precious Your presence missed so much You will always be remembered and loved by all of us Will those who think of him today a little prayer to Jesus say.

Always loved and sadly missed by your daughter-in-law Margaret, Louise, Patrick and their families.



McDaid
Mary Alice
Letterfad,
Kilmacrennan
7th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, grandmother Mary Alice who died on 5th August 2015.

Sweet is your memory, precious your name Deep in my heart you will always remain.

Sadly missed and loved by your husband Jim.

God saw you getting tired when a cure was not to be He closed his arms around you and whispered "Come to me". In tears we saw you sinking, we watched you fade away It broke our hearts to lose you, you fought so hard to stay.

But you didn't go alone, for part of us went with you, the day God called you Home.

Love always your daughter Mary.

The memories are so precious, your present missed so much

You will always be remembered and loved by all of us The happy times we once enjoyed how sweet their memory still But death has left a vacant place this world can never fill.

Always remembered by your son Patrick and family.

Anniversary Mass in St. Columba's Chapel, Kilmacrennan on Saturday 6th August at 6.00pm.

Acknowledgement

McMonagle

Hughie Gerard
Meenatinny, Fintown

Ann McMonagle and family would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who sympathised with us on the recent passing of Hughie Gerard. Thank you to everyone who called to the house during the wake and all who have called to the house in the weeks since, to everyone who travelled long distances and to all who joined us for the funeral both in person and online.

Our thanks also for all who gave/sent Mass Cards, Sympathy Cards, flowers, donations to Donegal Hospice, phone calls, letters, texts, emails, social media condolences and the kind words on RIP.ie. We are very grateful to all those who made tea, who dropped off food and who managed the traffic during the wake and on the morning of the funeral. We also want to express our thanks to the gravediggers.

We would particularly like to extend our appreciation to the priests who called to Hughie Gerard while he was ill and especially wish to express our deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Fr Donnchadh O'Baoill for his many visits to Hughie Gerard during his illness, for rosaries and prayers at the house and for such a beautiful Funeral Mass. A sincere thank you to Bishop Alan McGuckian for his presence at the Funeral Mass. Thank you to Fr Michael McKeever and Fr Eddie Gallagher who helped concelebrate the Funeral Mass. Special thanks also to Lisa Philbin, Soloist for her beautiful singing and music.

Thank you to everyone who helped care for Hughie Gerard in his last few years and who made it possible for him to be at home with his family during his illness. A special word of thanks to the Healthcare Workers to whom we will be eternally grateful. The Local Doctors, Doctors and Nurses of Letterkenny University Hospital, NowDoc, the Community Care Nurses, the District Health Nurses, Palliative Care Nurses and Specialist Team and McFadden's Pharmacy, Letterkenny all of whom were always so kind, caring and considerate.

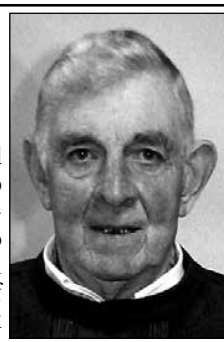
Also a huge thank you to Fintown Day Centre and their volunteering staff for the lovely soup and refreshments in Fintown Hall after the funeral.

Finally, the family would like to express a special thank you to Moy Funeral Directors for all their help and consideration in taking care of every detail in organising Hughie Gerard's funeral. We will be forever grateful for everything.

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

'Ar dheis Dé go raibh an am uasal'

Hughie Gerard's Month Mind Mass will be celebrated in St Colmcille's Church (Teach Pobail Cholmcille Naofa), Fintown on Saturday the 13th of August at 6.00pm.



Planning Notice

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. New 125mm water supply pipe serving 40no. houses. 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 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
Drumman, Ballyarr, Ramelton

I, Martina Carter am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to construct an extension which includes elevational changes to my existing dwelling. The extension will also provide for self-contained

Memoriam
Cards &
Thank You
Cards



Contact
Tirconail Tribune
074 91 53600

family accommodation and all associated site development works at Drumman, Ballyarr, Ramelton, Co. Donegal in the townland of Drumman.

The planning application may be inspected or purchased, at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority, County House, The Diamond, Lifford, County Donegal during the public opening hours of the Planning Authority and that a submission or observation

Prayer for Publication

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail)
Oh Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me that here in You are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech You from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity. (Make request). There are none that can withstand Your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee (three times). Sweet Mother I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days. You must publish it and it will be granted. AM EK

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Bonny Baby Winners at the Family Fun Day



Kevin McLaughlin pictured at the Tractor Run at the Family Fun Day in Dunfanaghy



Young Ri-oga Irish Dancers performing at the Fun Day.



Ri-oga Irish Dancers performing at the Family Fun Day.



A young lad all set for the Tractor Run



Bonny Baby Competition winner



A busy Pancake Stall at the Family Fun Day in Dunfanaghy

Family Fun Day in Dunfanaghy

Scenes from the Family Fun Day Craft Fair and Auction Held in Dunfanaghy on Bank Holiday Monday last in aid of Holy Trinity Church Funds



Enjoying the Fun Day in Dunfanaghy



Rev. David Skuce and Fr. John Joe Duffy



William, Margaret and Jennifer Sayers enjoying the day.



Families enjoying the Family Fun Day.



Sarah Ann Alcorn and her granddaughter Soracha



Bonny Baby Winners at the Family Fun Day



Susan Moffitt and her grandchild



Bonny Baby Winners at the Family Fun Day



Fancy Dress Winners at the Fun Day

Dunfanaghy

Fun Day Craft Fair and Auction

Holy Trinity Church held their Family Fun Day, Craft Fair and Auction in Holy Trinity Hall and on the grounds of the Hall, Church and Rectory on Bank Holiday Monday. The event attracted a large crowd and was the first big fundraising event that the church has held because of Covid restrictions. It was great to see everyone out enjoying themselves again both on the day itself and at the events running up to the Bank Holiday event including the Beetle Drive, Table Quiz, Treasure Hunt and Dunfanaghy's very own Crufts Dog Show.

Congratulations to the organisers who have worked very hard over the past few months putting the event together.

Sympathy

The deepest sympathy of the community is extended to the Robinson family.

Dunfanaghy on the death of their cousin Anne Keating in Kettering in England recently. Anne was the daughter of the late Bena Robinson and niece of the late Bert and Val Robinson. Anne loved Dunfanaghy and holidayed here frequently. She will be much missed by her partner Tommy, sons Jamie and Andrew, daughter Roisin, sister Eileen and the wider family circle to whom deepest sympathy is extended.

Dunfanaghy Youths FC 5K

Dunfanaghy Youths F.C. fundraising 5K Fun Run or Walk will take place on Saturday August 6th. Registration open at 10a.m. at Ozanam Centre. Run starts at 10.30 a.m. Child €5, Adult €8. Family discount. All welcome.

Community Survey

A survey has been launched in Dunfanaghy and will continue over the next number of weeks. The Innovating Communities project invites you to take ownership of Dunfanaghy's future, to develop a shared vision, by creating local solutions to local issues, by local people. This survey

may identify priorities seen as requiring further action to benefit the Dunfanaghy Community. The survey can be completed online at <https://forms.gle/RJDN8q6Z9wxzBPqX7>. There is a QR code which can be scanned to complete the survey online. For those who prefer a printed copy, these will be available from the Community and Family Resource Office (Main Street), the Workhouse - Donegal Famine Heritage Centre (Figart), and Revive (Market House). Completed copies can be returned to any of these. For further information, visit www.innovating.ie.

Heritage Walking Tours

The Workhouse Heritage Walking Tours continues every Wednesday at 2pm throughout the month of August. These tours share local heritage stories with a total of 10 key interest points within the village. Booking is required as there are a limited number of spaces. Tours are free, they last approximately 1 hour and 15mins, and the meeting point to begin is at the Dunfanaghy Currach on display at The Workhouse. To book your space call: 074 91 36540.

Kids Summer Workshops

Kids Summer Workshops with Sorcha O'Malley at The Workhouse every Tuesday from 10.30am - 12pm and 12.30 - 2pm. There are art, poetry, dance and movement classes held for children between the ages of 7 - 12 and 13 - 16. To book, please call Sorcha O'Malley at: 089 611 5348.

Yoga Classes

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

Wellness Cafe

Wellness Cafe with Dunfanaghy FRC at The Workhouse every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 10.30am - 12pm with a very warm welcome from the team at the Dunfanaghy Resource Centre. The next drop in Mondays are: July 25th, Aug 8th, Aug 22nd, Sept 12th and Sept 26th. For more information: 086 076 6670.

Summer Camps

Summer Camps and Workshops taking place at Dunfanaghy FRC, Mosaic workshop: 18th & 19th August for children age 11- 14. 10 spaces available Cost: €5. Advanced registration and payment required for all camps and activities. Please call in person to the centre if possible to fill in the registration forms

Open Water Swim

Gartan Open Water Swimmers host the Crab Crawl swim series on Wednesday evenings at Portnablugh Pier. Registration from 6:30pm at the slipway. Swim starts at 7pm. Entry fee 15€.

Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the St. Michael's Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were: 3,4,7,9,13,16. The match 5 winner was Mary Frances McElhinney, Croydon, London who won €100. This week's Jackpot will be €7600.

Bingo

The €200 on the House on Game 9 at the St. Michael's Bingo on Sunday was won by Ann Marie Kelly, the winner of the €30 Maria McVeigh, the €100 House on Game 5 was shared by Ann Hewitson and Emma Hogg, the winner of the €30 was Grainne Williamson.



Aishling Arnold who was the lucky winner of the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 draw last weekend pictured receiving her winnings of €430.



Danny Langan with his grandson Donegal player Michael Langan at the St. Michael's Cul Camp at The Bridge on Friday.



Richard Bowyer presenting €545 from Portnablugh Fishing Festival to Derek Alcorn from the Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns Committee.

Cloughaneely

The death of Mary Curran



The death took place on Tuesday of Mary Curran, Meenderry, Falcarragh formerly of Meenacrieve. Mary was predeceased by her husband Barney and sister Maggie. Her remains will repose at home with Funeral Mass taking place on Friday 5th August at 1pm in Christ the King Church, Gortahork with burial afterwards in the adjacent cemetery.

Deepest sympathy is extended to her daughters Mary Booner, Falcarragh, Frances Curran, Meenderry, Brid Barrett, Falcarragh, Agnes Curran, Meenderry and Anne o' Reilly, Meenderry, sons Eddie, Falcarragh and John, Letterkenny, In-Laws, grandchildren and great grandchildren and a large circle of family and friends.

50/50 Winner

Comhghairdeas Madge and Roisin Gallagher, Devlin who won the Falcarragh 50/50 jackpot this week of

€805.

Junior Band

Next week's Lotto jackpot is €8,000. Winning numbers last week were 3 5 6 7 10 15 and there was one match 4 numbers winner and congratulations to John McClafferty who wins €100. Tickets will be collected from 1pm every Thursday.

Banna Cheoil Chloich Cheann Fhaola

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

Cloughaneely Food Bank

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

CE Scheme

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

Falcarragh Medical Centre

Preschool booster clinic on the following date: Monday 15th August. Contact the surgery to make an appointment on 9135491/ 9135490. Also please be aware it is still necessary to wear a mask and hand sanitise on entry to the Health Centre.



Scenes from the Craft Fair organised by the Cresslough Crafters in the Massinass Centre last weekend



Groups at the Art Exhibition in the An tSeán Bearc by Falcarragh Artist Martin Coyle on Friday evening. The exhibition titled "Thall agus Abus - Here, There and Everywhere" features 50 of Martin's paintings which he began during lockdown at his home in London. The exhibition runs until 13th August.

Creeslough

St. Michael's Mini Lotto

There was no Jackpot winner in the Mini Lotto on Sunday. The numbers drawn were: 3,4,7,9,13,16. The match 5 winner was Mary Frances McElhinney, Croydon, London who won €100. This week's Jackpot will be €7600. Lotto Tickets are on sale in the usual outlets and also online from Clubforce.

St. Michael's Bingo

The €200 on the House on Game 9 at the Bingo on Sunday night last was won by Ann Marie Kelly, the winner of the €30 Maria McVeigh, the €100 House on Game 5 was shared by Ann Hewitson and Emma Hogg, the winner of the €30 was Grainne Williamson.

Clerical Changes

The Bishop of Raphoe Alan McGuckian has announced a number of new clergy appointments which will see a number of priests move to new parishes across Donegal. In neighbouring Parish of Termon, Fr Pat McHugh P.P. is retiring and we wish him well in the future. Replacing him is Fr Michael McKeever the current CC, Gartan & Termon to be PP. Appointments effective 20th/21st August 2022.

Graveyard Mass

The Graveyard Mass was offered in Doe Cemetery for the deceased of the parish on Sunday July 31st at 11.00 a.m. followed by Blessing of the Graves. The celebrant was Fr. John Joe Duffy, St. Michael's and assisting were Brother Philip OFM, Cap. Guardian and Brother Jeremy OFM, Cap Ards Friary. The Ro-

sary was recited by Charlie Gallagher. Fr John Joe in thanking everyone for the large turnout and for looking after their family graves, also paid tribute to the Scheme workers who had the graveyard looking so very well. Thanks to Margaret O'Brien for doing the Readings, the Sacristan, Collectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Reynolds for the amplification and everyone who had helped in the preparations.

Fundraising

Dunfanaghy Youths F.C. fundraising 5K Fun Run or Walk will take place on Saturday August 6th. Registration open at 10.00 a.m. at Ozanam Centre. Run starts at 10.30 a.m. Child €5, Adult €8. Family discount. All welcome.

Groundworks

Expressions of interest are being invited from interested Groundworks and Construction contractors for the provision of groundworks and construction services at Doe cemetery. Expressions of interest must be received no later than 2.00 p.m. on August 25th. Contact by email to Kenneth@mfriclar-chitects.ie.

Scoil Mhuire Clothes Bank

Scoil Mhuire continues to use the Cash for Clobber initiative as a fundraiser for school development. The bank is located in the Chapel Car Park into Creeslough.

Dunfanaghy Youths

Congratulations to the winner of last week's 50/50 who was Aishling Arnold who won €430. 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.

Men's Shed at Ards Friary

The Friars at Ards Friary are keen to create a Men's Shed on the Friary grounds on Thursday the 4th August at 7.30pm. All interested in joining a Men's Shed at Ards Friary are invited to come to a meeting at the Friary to assess interest and discuss the development of the shed. If you are interested but unable to come, please contact Br Ade at the Friary to let us know of your interest. This can be done by calling on 91 38005, or by emailing adegreenofm-cap@gmail.com

Covid Vaccines

Covid boosters are available for eligible patients of the practice. As per updated HSE advice patients aged over 50 yrs or aged over 12 yrs with an underlying health condition can now avail of a booster shot. It must be over 4 months since your last vaccination or having had covid. Please email or call the surgery for an appointment email creesloughprimarycare@gmail.com or call 9138388 or 9136527.

Memorial Walk

The Patrick Mc Intyre Memorial Walk will take place on Saturday August 20th from Muckish Sand and Gravel and go along the Railway Walk.

The Secular Franciscan Order

The Secular Franciscan Order mass is on in Ards Friary on the Thursday 11th Aug (Feast of St. Clare) @ 7.30pm, ro-



Maria Cable, neé McFadden, Warwickshire, England and Creeslough pictured at her graduation at Cardiff University recently where she received a Doctorate in Advanced Healthcare Practice. Dr Cable is the daughter of John 'Jim Pat' and Mary McFadden, Roscad, Creeslough. She is pictured with one of her supervisors, Professor Danny Kelly OBE. She attended the graduation with husband Martin and sons Killian and Conor. Maria is a former pupil at Scoil Mhuire NS, Creeslough and PCC Falcarragh.

sary is at 7.10pm. All are welcome.

Crafters Thank You

We would like to thank all those who attended our very successful Arts and Crafts Sale of locally produced items and to those who helped in many ways. The Raffle winners

were :Brian Dolan, Patrick Cowan, Rose Toye, Roseleen Moore, Majella Fisher, GrainneMartin, Lucy McFadden, Philip Sweeney, Catriona Boyle, Sally Kelly, Evelyn Hunter, Anna Lafferty and Gretta Mc Carry. The Crafters would like to thank all those who sponsored the prizes.

FAI Senior Cup

Bonagee to host Shels in FAI Cup

The dream of a home draw against a Premier Division side was realised for Bonagee Utd on Tuesday when Jason Gibson's side was the first team out of the hat to host Shelbourne in the second round of the FAI Senior Cup. The game against Damien Duff's side will take place on either Friday, Saturday or Sunday 26th/27th/28th August. Shels had a 3-0 win over Bray Wanderers in a first round tie at the Carlisle Grounds on Friday night where ex-Finn Harps striker Sean Boyd scored twice. Another former Harps player Mark Coyle is also with the Tolka Park club but has missed a lot of games due to injury. Bonagee booked their place in the second round of Sunday with an emphatic 6-0 win over Limerick side Pike Rovers at Dry Arch Park. It was

thought that Pike, who are a Junior League side, would be very tricky opposition for Jason Gibson's side. That had contested three of the last six FAI Junior Cup Finals and were beaten in last May's decider. However, two of the players that were sent-off and were suspended for Sunday's match. Pike travelled with just 14 players and had a new goalkeeper on board. Former Galway Utd and Limerick F.C. man Robbie Williams was the player-manager of the visiting team. New Bonagee recruits the Black twins Conor and Stephen did well on their debuts. Conor scored twice including the opener which came after an error from Pike's new keeper Sean Moroney. The visitors' cause was not helped by the straight red card shown to midfielder Stephen McCann in

the 32nd minute. They also travelled up the long journey on the day of the game in order to avoid the high cost of accommodation. After being the better side in the opening stages the hosts deservedly went ahead in the 15th minute when Conor Black's intended cross looped over the keeper. McCann got a straight red card in the 32nd minute for a foul on defender Mark Harkin. Seven minutes before the break it was 2-0 to the hosts Conor Black was fouled just outside the penalty area. Up stepped Michael Doherty to bend the resulting free-kick around the wall and past Moroney at his near post. Conor Black was involved again when Doherty who should have scored but the ball eventually fell to Tony McNamee who made no mistake with a clinical finish. The second half was only two minutes old when McNamee made it 4-0 after a good build-up involving Gareth Harkin and Mickey Funston. The fifth goal came in the 72nd minute when Doherty's corner saw Jamie Lynagh head into the

top corner past replacement keeper Ryan Manning. The final goal was Conor Black's second of the game. With seven minutes of normal time remaining, sub Aidan McLaughlin found Michael Doherty who released Black who did very well to hold off a couple of defenders to steer the ball into the back of the net. Bonagee Utd - Oisín Cannon (John Roulston 81mins), Mark Harkin, Jamie Lynagh , Peter Carr (Duncan Patterson 65 mins), Stephen Black , Mickey Funston (Aidan McLaughlin 81 mins), Gareth Harkin (Sean Hume 65 mins), Dan O'Donnell, Michael Doherty, Tony McNamee (Noah Barrett 55 mins), Conor Black. Pike Rovers - Sean Moroney (Ryan Manning 60 mins), Edward O'Donovan , Danny O'Neill, Sean Madigan, Robbie Williams , Eoin O'Hanrahan, Nathan O' Callaghan (Diarmuid Grimes 60 mins), Kevin Barry, Aaron Murphy (Adam Fitzgerald 60 mins), Stephen McCann , John Connery . Ref: Packie Coll.

Letterkenny Rovers News

Congratulations to our u12s Rovers who were crowned Premier Champions with a 3-1 win at Bonagee Utd. A brace of goals from Sean Gallagheer while Ronan Ward also netted to

cap a fone league campaign for the boys. We congratulate coaches Paddy Gorman and Brian Gallagher on their success. They are back in action on Thursday week when hosting Swilly Rovers at Leckview at 7pm.

It was a good week for our 12s as the Crusaders won 4-0 at Illistrin Celtic with goals from Matthew Odedokun (2), Kyle Shiels and Eamonn Sampson and they host Lurgy Celtic this

Saturday at 4pm. The 12s Utd won 4-2 at Bonagee Athletic with goals from Nathan Duffy (2), Cade Crossan and Sam Tourish.

The 14s Rovers are back in action on Tuesday night next when making the cup trip to Bonagee Utd while the 14s Crusaders had a big win over Glen Rovers with goals from Adam Dwyer, Aaron Brolly, Noah Casburn and Sean Gallagher and they host Milford Blues on Thursday at 7pm before making the trip to play illistrin Utd on Sunday at noon,

The 16s Crusaders had a great 3-2 win at Glenree with goals from TJ McMorro, Ronan O'Donnall and Ciaran Lloyd while the 16s Rovers lost out 3-1 to Ballyraine with Mikey McDonnell scoring there.

Our Youths were due in action against Mulroy-Fanad on Wednesday evening in the Colin Breslin Cup before hosting Drumkeen on Wednesday August 10th with a 7pm start.

Both adult teams are busy in pre-season and suffered defeats to Oldtown Celtic and Ballymoney with the Donegal League side travelling to play Castlefin Celtic on Saturday at 2pm.

Our annual draw tickets are currently on sale priced at €10 or three for €20 and are available from any club member with over €5000 cash in prizes to be won including a top prize of €3000. This weeks mini lotto numbers

drawn were 1-11-14 and 20. Five people matched three numbers and receive €20 each with the lucky winners Eric White, Cadan Vaughan, Charlie McDaid, David + Victor Fisher and Pat Corcoran. Next weeks jackpot is €600.

Club bingo continues in the station House Hotel on Thursday evenings at 8.30pm. Snowball is €2025 on 45 numbers or less. all support appreciated.

Lagan Harps FC

On the field of play last week, our women's team lost 3-0 to Bonagee Utd. Our u16 girls had a 1-0 win over Cappry Rovers with Ashling Mungan scoring. Our u14 A's had a 3-1 win away to Keadue Rovers with Lukas Doherty, Aiden Devir and Cillian Cannon scoring. Our u14B's lost 4-1 to Illistrin with Riley Dowds scoring. Our u12A's beat Glen Rovers 3-1 with Lukas Doherty, Aogan Rodgers and Tiernan McBride scoring. Our u12 girls lost 2-0 to Mulroy. There was no jackpot winner in our weekly lotto. Roisin Gallagher was the weekly winner. Next week's jackpot is €1575.

You can enter by using the link on our Facebook page or on our website laganharpsfc.com.

Everton Summer Camp at Leckview



Letterkenny Rovers and Everton recently teamed up as the Premier League giants came to Leckview Park and provided a fantastic five days of football and fun for all the kids in their wonderful summer camp. Top class delivery and a great opportunity for the young players for Rovers with the link set to grow in the next few years with a reciprocal arrangement seeing coaches also learn from the best at the Goodison Park club. The week was a real success for Rovers in their first association with the Premier League club and the great news is they are coming back next year!



Blaney gearing up for Viking test

Letterkenny man Shane Blaney is in Norway with Sligo Rovers for the European Conference Cup tie against Viking on this Thursday evening. Blaney fired home a fabulous free-kick last Thursday night as Sligo swept to probably their biggest result ever in the club's history. It ended 2-0 had won the first leg 1-0 in Scotland a week earlier. Sligo against Motherwell go's third qualifying round of the Conference League at the Showgrounds takes place this Thursday evening (kick-off 6.00) at the after the Bit O'Red SR-Bank Arena in Stavanger.



Gallagher on target for UCD

Letterkenny man Michael Gallagher was one of the scorers as UCD ran out 3-0 winners against Cockhill Celtic at the UCD Bowl on Friday night. In-form striker Tom Lonergan bagged two goals in the space of four minute after the half hour mark and ex-Finn Harps man Gallagher headed home the third in the 74th minute. Donegal Town's Jack Keane and Carn man Sam Todd also featured for the home side.



Liam beats son Chris to win 103rd Leitrim Cup at Rosapenna

The 103rd Leitrim Cup took place last weekend over the Sandy Hills Links sponsored by The Pavilion Golf Shop. The qualifying scores were as follows - 1st Kieran Sweeney (6) with 67 nett bot 2nd Eddie McGroddy (12) with 67 nett 1st Gross Seimi Connor (2) with 74 gross 2nd Gross Chris Breen (5) with 76 gross 3rd Liam Breen (15) with 68 nett 4th Gary B. McClafferty (11) with 70 nett 5th Johnny Connor Jnr (15) with 71 nett bot

6th Luke McBride (29) with 71 nett The 12 hole quarter finals were played on Sunday morning and resulted as follows: Chris Breen def Gary McClafferty Seimi Connor def Luke McBride Johnny Connor Jnr def Eddie McGroddy Liam Breen def Kieran Sweeney

The 12 hole semi finals took place immediately after and resulted as follows: Chris Breen def Seimi Connor Liam Breen def Johnny Connor Jnr

The 18 hole final between Liam Breen & Chris Breen was contested on Monday morning at 11.00am. The father and son final, perhaps the first ever, was played in great spirit. Chris rallied with a hot start and was 3up through 3 holes but Breen

Snr clawed his way back making great use of his strokes getting back to level after just 8 holes and took a 1 up lead at the turn. The 10th was halved with Chris winning the Par 3 11th to get back to all square with 7 holes to play. Liam pulled away winning the 12th & 13th holes, with the 14th halved in 5's. Liam also won the long 15th, Index two, for a 3up lead and with the 16th halved in Pars the contest ended 3&2 in Liam's favour. Congratulations to all the qualifiers and to Liam on his great win in this very prestigious event, commiserations to Chris. Many thanks to The Pavilion Golf Shop for their continued support of the event.

Gents Club Competition

The Gents Singles competition played over the Sandy Hills Links on Sunday the 31st of July resulted as follows (Entries - 24 Pax)

1st Simon Chodziesner (26) with 42pts bot

2nd Martin Coary (16) with 42pts

3rd Rod Geddes (11) with 40pts

Two's - R Geddes, C McMenamin,

S Daly, B Kelly, M Kelly (x2).

Team Golf

Our Junior Cup team hosted Letterkenny at home on Monday the 1st in the first leg and lost 3-2. The return leg is yet to be fixed.

Best wishes to the Irish Junior Cup team, lead by Brendan Roache, who take on Carrickfergus in the Ulster North Semi-Final this coming Sunday. We have been drawn 3 matches away and two matches at home. Best wishes to all players & caddies.

Course Notice

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.

Rosapenna Ladies

The Annual Seiko competition took



Rosapenna Captain Michael Bradley presenting Liam Breen with the 103rd Leitrim Cup.

place on Saturday and the informant Mariana Hamilton (35) once again produced a fine score of 42 points on the Sandy Hills Links, and Sheila Breen (15) was in the runner up position with 39 points BOT. Category A was won by Ann Currie (19) 38 points BOT and Madge Kelly won the Category B section with 39 points. The nines were won by Ciona Murphy (33) with 20 points and Patricia Bogan (22) also on 20 points BOT. Well done ladies and terrific scoring once again. The monthly 9 hole competition takes place Monday to Friday with entries into the Competition book only and no entry into the computer. The Lady Cup is currently at the Quarter Finals stage and matches should be completed by 21st August.

The Friday Nine & Dine have been very well supported recently, but due to the 'Members Weekend' there will be no event this coming Friday. Instead, the Ladies Annual Open in aid of the Breast Cancer Unit at University Hospital Letterkenny will take place this Friday 5th August on the Old Tom Morris course, kindly sponsored once again by McBride Fishing Co Ltd, Downings and courtesy of the Rosapenna Golf Resort. Tee times may only be Booked for this event from 1st August by contacting 074 91 55000 and or by members on the BRS system. Members Entry Fee €20 with Visitor Entry Fee €30 payable on the day. Other golf ladies can participate in this weekend,

will be the four person team event on Thursday 4th, or Fourball Better Ball on Saturday 6th any combination, and also on Monday 7th the four person team event.

Play has now switched to the Sandy Hills Links in order that the Old Tom Morris course can be prepared for the staging of the Irish Legends Tour being hosted by the Paul McGinley Foundation on the Old Tom Morris Links 16-20th August. Therefore, we ask all players to arrive on time for their Tee slots, and avoid slow play. A gentle reminder too that time searching for a lost ball is only 3 minutes. If needs be, call the group behind through and be courteous to fellow golfers and staff, to ensure the smooth running of the Tee Times, particularly now during the busy holiday season.

Upcoming Fixtures -

Members Weekend - Confined to Members Only, no guests

Thursday 4th

Four Person Team Event - Sandy Hills Links

Friday 5th

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Saturday 6th

Four Ball Better Ball, any combination - Sandy Hills Links Sunday 7th

Gents Singles - Sandy Hills Links

Monday 8th

Four Person Team Event - Sandy Hills Links



Rosapenna Captain Michael Bradley presenting Luke McBride with the quarter finalist prize in the 103rd Leitrim Cup.



Rosapenna Captain Michael Bradley presenting Gary McClafferty with the quarter finalist prize.

Division 2 promotion play-off

Milford no match for MacCumhails

MacCumhails 2-16 Milford 0-10

Milford suffered a 12-point drubbing by MacCumhails in Sunday evening's Division 2 promotion play-off at the O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny. The Twin Towns outfit had led by six points at the break with Stephen O'Reilly's 26th minute goal being the key score of the first half. Paucic Curley's side struggled to get points from play and were heavily dependent on Cathal McGettigan's expertise from frees but that was never going to be enough against MacCumhails. They registered 2-10 from play compared to Milford's four points.

Both teams were without key players but really Curley missed Kane Barrett more than the opposition did Oisín Gallen. Ryan McMahan didn't feature either while Shay Durning could be out for a while after being forced

off before half-time on Sunday evening with what appeared to be a hamstring injury. Former Milford manager Sean Paul Barrett was a member of the opposition backroom team on Sunday evening. So there is a lot of work for Curley and his selectors to do ahead of the Senior Championship opener against Kilcar in Towney on Sunday week followed seven days later by St. Michael's at Moyleview. Joel Bradley-Walsh top scored for MacCumhails while Kevin McCormick and Jamie Keegan also impressed in attack and the veteran Stephen O'Reilly finished with a personal tally of 1-2.

McCormick and a Bradley-Walsh mark gave the Twin-Towns side a good start before the impressive Dylan Dorrian opened Milford's account in the fifth minute. That signalled the start of Milford's best spell of the play-off but not enough scores came from that. McGettigan recorded a wide while Rory O'Donnell was denied a goal by the advancing Eoin Gallen. The sides were tied at 0-3 each at the end of the first quarter.

That's where things started to go a bit off track for the Moyleview men. Keegan landed two points, Bradley Walsh converted a free and O'Reilly got the goal with the only reply being another Dorrian point. It was 1-7 to 0-4 at that stage as half-time approached. Each side added a point before the break. At the end of the third quarter Milford were trailing by eight points as they struggled to get players forward. McGettigan tagged on a few more scores but Bradley-Walsh kept the scoreboard ticking over nicely for his side before McCormick added the second goal with five minutes of normal time remaining after the ball had come back off the crossbar.



Conor Coll tries to halt the progress of MacCumhails Joe Boyle in the promotion play-off at the O'Donnell Park on Sunday evening.

Scorers - MacCumhails: Joel Bradley Walsh 0-7 (4f, 1m); Stephen O'Reilly 1-2, Kevin McCormack 1-2; Jamie Keegan 0-3 (1m); Gary Wilson 0-1, Padraig Patton 0-1.

Milford - Cathal McGettigan 0-7 (6fs); Dylan Dorrian 0-2, Rory O'Donnell 0-1.

Milford - Sean Gallagher; Anthony Curran, Conor Coll, Shay Durning; Eoin O'Donnell, James Doyle, Dylan Dorrian; Ronan Docherty, Rory O'Donnell; Darragh Black, Cathal McGettigan, Patrick Ferry, Gary Merritt, Marty Doyle, Lorcan Friel. Subs: Tony McNamee for Durning 26 mins, Brandon Wilkie for Ferry 40 mins, Ferry for McNamee 60 mins.

Ref: Connie Doherty (Naomh Conaill)



Milford management of James McGinley, Harry O'Hara and Paucic Curley.

League of Ireland Premier Division

Harps need Drogs lift

The grind to get even a point continues for Finn Harps this Friday night when Ollie Horgan's side hosts Drogheda Utd in Ballybofey (kick-off 8pm). Harps went bottom of the Premier Division on Monday night after UCD recorded a 1-1 away draw in Drogheda. Drogheda is two places above Harps with a 12-point advantage. With just nine league games remaining, bearing in mind the poor form, the Donegal side is not going to catch the Drogs. Instead Horgan's almost exclusive focus is now on getting above UCD. Harps do have a game in hand on the Students and have a better goal difference if they can level with them again.



Finn Harps Gary Boylan who is on loan from Galway Utd. in action in the cup game.

Friday night will be the third time Harps have played Drogheda this season and the two sides will meet for a fourth and final in the last games of the regulation season. That fixture is on November 4th at United Park.

In early April Horgan's men were a bit unlucky to have to settle for a point in early April at Finn Park in a rearranged fixture for the opening match season which had to be postponed due to an unplayable pitch.

The rescheduled game ended 2-2 after an 85th minute Ryan Brennan equaliser which took a big deflection on it's past debut goalkeeper Gavin Mulreany. And there was late drama when Drogs keeper Sam Long made an unbelievable save to make sure his side left Finn Park with a share of the spoils.

The now departed James Clarke had given the visitors a fifth minute lead but Horgan's side responded im-

FAI Senior Cup Round 1

Bohs seize on keeper errors

Finn Harps 1-3 Bohemians

It was a nightmare debut for goalkeeper James McKeown as Finn Harps made an early exit in the FAI Cup at the hands of Bohemians in Ballybofey on Friday night. The visitors took the lead on 20 minutes through Declan McDaid and made it 2-0 just before half-time when a cross was spilled by McKeown and Josh Kerr fired home. Harps hit back quickly as Ethan Boyle found Eric McWoods who rounded Tadhg Ryan to find the net.

Bohs regained their two goal lead when a McDaid chip wasn't dealt with by McKeown as the keeper made his second big mistake of the night. McKeown and Gary Boylan both came in for their first starts for the club, while McWoods returned after missing three games due to injury. Out went Regan Donelon who was not in the match day squad while Liam McGing and Mark Anthony McGinley dropped to the bench.

There was a physical start to the game with two bookings before the half-hour mark. The visitors broke the deadlock when Liam Burt and ex-Drogheda Utd man combined for Declan McDaid to produce a clinical finish. Ethan Boyle intervened to prevent a second goal to deny Burt at the expense of a corner.

McKeown's first major mistake led to Bohs doubling their advantage as the keeper failed to hold the cross and Joshua Kerr was on hand to steer the ball into the net. To their credit Harps got themselves back into the game almost immediately courtesy of McWoods. Bohs restored their two-goal advantage as McKeown gifted Junior an easy headed goal from a yard out to make it 3-1. The leg of McKeown twice denied Keith Long's side further goals.

Horgan's men pushed forward in a desperate



Finn Harps, Eric McWood, is under pressure from Bohs Declan McDaid.

bid to salvage a dire situation but Bohs keeper Tadhg Ryan only had one save of note to make and that was when injury time had kicked in. Finn Harps - James McKeown; Ethan Boyle, Conor Tourish, Rob Slevin, Gary Boylan; Ryan Connolly, Barry McNamee, Ryan Rainey, Filip Mihaljević; Eric McWoods, Robert Jones. Subs: Dylan Duncan for Boylan (76 mins), Mark Timlin for McNamee (82 mins) Luke Rudden for Mihaljević (87 mins). Subs not used; Mark Anthony McGinley, Jose Carrillo, Shaun McLaughlin, McCaffrey, Harry Nicolson, McGing.

Super 4 Lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for Thursday 28th July. The numbers drawn were 3, 5, 12, 29. There were three match 3 entries winning €70 each: Noel McMenamin, Ballybofey; Winifred Henderson, Stranorlar; Erin McCrory, Ballybofey. The jackpot is €1,900 this week. Enter online via finnharps.ie

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pressively with an Eric McWoods equaliser and then the now departed Yoyo Mahdy with his first competitive goal put Harps in front just before the break. When the two teams met on Friday 20th May at United Park, Drogheda United made light of a numerical disadvantage to put Finn Harps to the sword with three late goals. Conor Tourish had put Harps in front early in the second half before United centre-back Sean Roughan was sent off for two bookable offences. That left Kevin Doherty's side with an uphill struggle. They had come into the game having lost their previous four matches.

However, it was United's substitutes that proved the difference. Evan Weir levelled the game just after his introduction on 67 minutes. Former Harps frontman Adam Foley,

making his first appearance after a lengthy injury lay-off, put the hosts in front in injury time. More drama followed in the form of the now departed Bastien Hery's red card and then came Darragh Nugent's late, late third.

Almost every week Horgan has to pick up the pieces after yet another defeat and it was the same story after the loss to Bohemians in the FAI Senior Cup at Finn Park where debut keeper James McKeown had a nightmare being at fault for the second and third Bohs goals in the 3-1 defeat.

Harps are still capable of picking up points and certainly won't fear Drogheda on Friday night and it would be a real boost to get something from the game ahead of the big trip to the Belfield Bowl to take on UCD the following week.

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Jimmy Bruen Final for Cloughaneely GC

Cloughaneely Golf Club have reached the North Ulster Jimmy Bruen Final. This is the biggest achievement of the Club's history to date. Our Jimmy Bruen team beat City of Derry golf club 3-2 in the North Ulster Semi Final last Saturday. A super, super achievement for a small 9 Hole club in the Donegal Gaeltacht. Paul Doherty & Francis Boyle won 7&5 at home with a great win. Sean O Gallchoir & Martin Terry won 3&2 at home to secure two matches.

Our fancied home pairing of Dean Gallagher & Dermot McCallion met difficult opposition as did Chris McCallion and Brian Geaney away. That left the score 2-2 with only Phelim McGeady & Fraser Morriis left away in City of Derry. A very high standard match, the two lads finished strongly to secure a 1up win on the 18th green to secure the victory with the final putt. A super result away from home. We would like to thank Shane and his City of Derry team for their kind hospitality.

Cumann Gailf Chloich Cheann Fhaola meet Fortwilliam Golf Club in the 2022 North Ulster Jimmy Bruen Final on Sunday 14th August in Lurgan Golf Club. Best of luck to manager Seán Ó Gallchoir and his team in the Ulster Final. All support welcome. Éacht iontach ar fad. Maith sibh uilig.

Gerard Doran's 2022 President's Prize has been rescheduled until Saturday 27th August. This is due



Members of the Cloughaneely Golf Club team against City of Derry in the Jimmy Bruen competition.



to the club's involvement in the Jimmy Bruen and also some other reasons. Club President Gerard looks forward to seeing you all on 27th August 2022. We will have a Shoot-Out on Wednesday 24th August, Ladies Day on 25th, 9 Hole Scramble on 26th followed by the main day on 27th. More details to follow closer to the time.

Competition Secretary Mark will be in touch about the competition for 13/14 August. The Competition this weekend is an Open Singles Stableford play Saturday 6th or Sunday 7th re-entry allowed.

The winner of last weekend's competition was inform birthday boy Chris McCallion with another solid performance. 1st Chris McCallion (10) 39pts; 2nd Martin Giles (23) 37pts; 3rd Stephen McCafferty (24) 36pts.

Please note we have some society and other bookings in August. Therefore it's essential clubnet is used to monitor this. Cloughaneely Golf Club raised €935 in aid of Donegal Hospice last week. Well done to everyone who organised, played in and supported this fundraiser.

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