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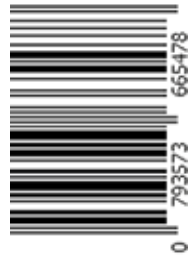
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## Alternative plans for Milford turnkey properties

With more Ukrainian due to arrive in Milford shortly, the Tribune wishes to confirm that the paper has not been in receipt of any responses to our queries from Donegal County Council on the issues raised with them in the past week.

by John McAteer

The issues relate to the turnkey development of 17 houses where numbers of local families expected to be housed.

Cllr. Ian McGarvey said he's been trying to contact the Council's Housing Dept. for over a week - ever since the news that Ukrainians were to be housed in Milford on a turnkey development and nobody is available to call him back.

However, Cllr. John O'Donnell said he'd been in receipt of correspondence on Wednesday afternoon stating: "The Council confirms that it remains committed to proceeding with the acquisition of the 17 properties in Milford at this time, under the turnkey programme, for allocation to approved applicants on the social housing waiting list with a preference for Milford."

However, the Council now understands that the developer may have alternative plans for the properties." Meanwhile, the Council Cathaoirleach, Liam Blaney said that Roderic O'Gorman, the Minister for Equality and Integration had made it clear that refugees coming into Ireland



Declan Meehan - disfunction between Council and press.

would not impact on social housing plans. "The reality," said Cllr. Blaney, "is that locals waiting to be housed have lost out and that should not have happened."

After the Council failed to answer any of our ten queries, Declan Meehan, Manager of the IRD office in Milford said it is totally unacceptable

that Donegal County Council can ignore the concerns of the community as raised through the local press. "Does the Council have a policy to ignore the press and for what purpose?" he asked Mr. Meehan said: "The failure of the Council to recognise legitimate press queries speaks to a wider dysfunction between the Council and the press and that has to be addressed. What does the Council see as the purpose of the press if the queries raised are ignored?"

On Monday, the Tribune addressed further queries to Lifford seeking to get clarification for families in Milford. "Can you confirm the numbers on social housing waiting lists in the Milford Electoral

area? Can you confirm the reason why the completed turn-key development of 17 houses at Lough Fern Heights in Milford is no longer of interest to Donegal County Council? Can you confirm what plans do the Council, in the short term, have in place to address the deficits caused by the fact that the above turn-key development is now being utilised for other purposes?

Can you confirm if it is now local authority policy to house Ukrainian families in turn-key developments earmarked for local families on social housing waiting lists? Can you confirm how many Ukrainian families or units who are

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### It's over to you!



Paul Doherty who just completed his paramedic training pictured with his father Paddy also a Paramedic who is due to retire in September. Both worked in the one team this week for the first time.

Photo by Brian McDaid.

### Vicky Phelan enjoys Dunfanaghy gesture

Well-known Cervical Cancer Campaigner, Vicky Phelan, enjoyed a special breakfast treat at Lizzie's Diner in Dunfanaghy after a random act of kindness by two strangers.

Vicky had been on a six day campervan holiday around the country with her husband and son when they stayed the night in Dunfanaghy.

Not only did they enjoy a pizza at the Rusty Oven at Patsy Dans, but the following morning she said she was treated to breakfast 'on the house' at Lizzie's Diner on the Main Street, after she was recognised by two women. The well-known campaign-



Vicky Phelan with her husband and son on holiday in Donegal.

er said this was "a lovely gesture". The family spent six nights visiting Sligo, Dunfanaghy, Carlingford and Portrush. Posting on social media she explained the stop in Dunfanaghy on the second night of the adventure was memorable.

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Long service awards were presented to volunteers at an RNLI event in the Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny. Seated are Anna Classon, Head of Ireland Region, Joan Browne, 50 years Service, Mervyn Browne, Letterkenny 40 Years Service and Brian Wilson, Community Manager. Back, Fiona McNutt, Heather McBride, Peter McBride, Downings, John McCarter, Seamus McDaid, Derek Little, Tommy Logue, Cranford and Hazel Russell, Rathmullan. Photo by Clive Wasson

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seeking social housing in the Letterkenny Municipal District?

What capacity does Donegal County Council have to offer social housing to non-residents of Donegal?

Can you confirm if there is a policy of Donegal County Council to accommodate Ukrainian families in turnkey or social housing units ahead of local families on housing lists?

Can you confirm how many families are awaiting social housing in Donegal as of this week?



Ramelton journalist Noreen Taylor Greenslade met with former President of the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev, (who died on Tuesday), in Minnesota in 1990 during an American series she was doing for The European newspaper. Left is the medal memento she received from during the visit.

Can you confirm how many families in the county who've been allocated social housing accommodation so far in 2022? Initially on Tuesday August 25th we addressed the concerns on turnkey housing in Milford after we had received complaints that families promised consideration for a social house discovered at the last minute that there was a change of plan.

No response to either of our two communications was received.

Declan Meehan added: "The questions of contracts for turnkey developments needs to be clarified and those who'd expected to get one of these new houses needs answers as to where they stand insofar as provision by the Council. He said that it was important that each local electoral area had a clear list of housing needs and housing stock. From what I understand, what has happened in Milford is unacceptable and we need clear answers from the Council."

It is anticipated that when the August figures for Ukrainians are compiled, the numbers will have exceeded 50,000 which is creating huge pressures with demand far outstripping supply.

The Government's initial 'Housing for All' document less than a year ago suggested that it was planned to lease 3,500 homes for social housing in the coming years. The deal was scheduled to cost the Government €1.4 billion.

In July the Government allocated additional funding of €450 million due to the demand to house Ukrainians arriving here.

Around 2,500 Ukrainians are due to vacate student accommodation where they lived since June.

Cllr. Ian McGarvey said he was informed that IPAS had informed a senior official in Lifford that projects for social housing and turnkey developments would be retained for social housing and that was a guarantee. McGarvey said: "I have no idea where the executive officials have gone but for sure, not one of them has answered my phone but nobody has come forward to explain where they are."

I'm not the only Member seeking clarity on the decision to locate refugees in Milford. I have no problem with that but there is no way that should happen on a turnkey development already earmarked for local families. There is a serious shortage of social housing in the Milford area and I want to know what plans the Council has for finding accommodation for them and I want the Council to explain why local families are excluded from being housed."

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## Downings 'Post To Post' Adventure Race this Saturday

This Saturday will see over 200 adventurers take part in the 'Post To Post' Race around the Downings and Carrigart areas.

The Post to Post Adventure Race consists of a run, bike and kayak literally from 'Post to Post' starting and finishing under the goal posts at Pairc na nDúnaibh GAA grounds in Downings.

Taking in spectacular scenery around Downings and Carrigart on the Wild Atlantic Way this multi-discipline event takes place over seven stages.

On Site Check-in takes place on Friday, 2nd September, between 6pm and 9pm at the CLG na nDúnaibh clubhouse and there will be no registration on the morning of the event.

The competitor briefing will take place in the GAA clubhouse at 7.00am on Saturday with the first to compete getting underway at 7.30am.

Distances/Events over 7 stages include Stage 1: a 4km Coast Guard Loop run, Stage 2: Atlantic 25k Cycle around Atlantic Drive, Carrigart and Glen, Stage 3 Glen Lough for a 1K kayak, Stage 4: 10K bike ride at the Boardwalk Resort, Glen, Glen Lough, Lackagh Bridge, Stage 5: Boardwalk Sprint 2K run, Stage 6: Tour de Carrigart 9K bike from Boardwalk Resort to Carrigart, Pairc na nDúnaibh, finishing up with Stage 7 which is the Grandstand Finish 1K run through Downings Village and back under the posts of Pairc na nDúnaibh.

The race gets underway over the course of 6 "waves" of competitors with Wave 1 at 7.30am followed by Wave 2: 7.42am, Wave 3: 7.54am, Wave 4: 8.06am, Wave 5: 8.18am and Wave 6 at 8.30am.

Organisers say they are looking forward to hosting the event and ask all competitors to be mindful that much of the event takes place on public roads and to stay safe and follow the guidelines throughout the event.

For more information see <https://posttopost.ie/>

## Wanted

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Old stone shed / outhouse /

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a view to renovation.

Cash buyer.

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Main Street, Milford, Co. Donegal.

## Glenalla River Project

Ray Community Centre have received funding to carry out a community project on the River Glenalla and its catchment area. The aim of the project is to collect information and knowledge on the river from the past, present and future, and to plan to protect and enhance the existing biodiversity and habitats along the river. There will be a public information evening and consultation as part of the project in Ray Community Centre on Tuesday, September 6th at 7pm and everyone is invited to come along. This will be of particular interest to all those with an interest in nature, biodiversity and the impact of climate change. This event is also suitable for children!

## Vicky Phelan enjoys Dunfanaghy gesture

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She stated: "Second night - Dunfanaghy. We continued on to Dunfanaghy where we parked up for the night. Made it just in time to get orders in for the most amazing pizza at @therustytoven. Breakfast at Lizzie's Bistro and Diner the following morning which was on the house, courtesy of two amazing women who recognized me. Thank you both for this lovely

gesture".

She added that among the other highlights was a trip to the Giants Causeway and added she was delighted to have the health to do it.

"I am so glad that I was well enough to make this trip and to make it to the Giants Causeway, which has been on my bucket list for a looong time. I thoroughly enjoyed the vanlife experience and will definitely do it again," she added.

Vicky Phelan exposed the CervicalCheck screening scandal in Ireland, after discovering she was not told she had been given incorrect smear test results.

She also helped establish the 221+ support group to help the other women and their families affected by the Cervical Check scandal.

She also is the author of the book 'Overcoming' about her ordeal.

## RNLI Long Service Presentations

A unique occasion took place last week, when 12 Fund Raising Volunteers for the RNLI Lifeboats were conferred with 360 years' worth of Long Service Awards.

Due to covid restrictions and no Face to Face Fundraising or indeed any other type of gathering had been permissible for a few years, a special gathering of Invited Guests and Awardees was held in the Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny to honour the 12 Fundraising Stalwarts.

Anna Classon, Head of Region, Ireland travelled to perform the honours, and personally congratulate the recipient. Also in attendance was Brian Wilson, RNLI Community Manager Ireland West, North West & The Lakelands, as well as John McCarter, RNLI Lifeboat Operations Manager Lough Swilly.

Some of the founding members of the Downings /Carrigart Branch, who are still in active positions included Chairman Pete McBride, Box Secretaries Heather McBride, Tommy Logue and Trish Boyce were each awarded 30 Year Medals, together with Derek Little Hon Treasurer and Moses Alcorn, Committee Member. Hazel Russell, Hon Secretary and Committee Members Fiona McNutt and Peter McNutt were also awarded 20 Year Medals. Funds raised by that branch are estimated to be in excess of €400k down through the intervening years, which has helped considerably to keep the Fleet afloat.

Seamus McDaid from Lough Swilly was also awarded a 30 year Service medal for his dedication as a crewman on active service with the Station.

Undoubtedly, the highest tribute of the evening, most certainly was to husband and wife team, Mervyn and Joan Brown from Bogay, Letterkenny, who between them have ninety years' service Fundraising for the Lifeboats. Joan has 50 years of service and her husband, Mervyn 40 years of service. No matter where they lived in Ireland throughout their careers, they were actively involved in Fundraising and indeed encouraged many others to join in their endeavors



Joan Brown receive their 40 years and 50 Years service medals from Anna Classon, Head of Ireland region at an RNLI event in the Clanree Hotel to present long service awards to volunteer fundraisers. Photo by Clive Wasson

along the way. Some of their most recent notable events working with other fund raising branches included a 'Night at the Dog Races', 'Art Sales', and Beat the Banker as well as organising their numerous Flag Days in Letterkenny.

During his commendation, John McCarter remarked "The RNLI has in its ethos four core values 'Selfless, Dependable, Trustworthy, Courageous' and I believe you will all agree with me that Mervyn and Joan have these values in spades."

He also commented that the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary was 'helpful' in Lough Swilly being awarded the Shannon Class, in 2014. The Donegal lifeboat station was the first in Ireland to receive the then new lifeboat, making it the most agile and manoeuvrable all weather lifeboat in the fleet, with a top speed of 25 knots and a range of 250 nautical miles. She was developed to operate in the worst of sea conditions and is self-righting automatically turning the right side up in the event of a capsized.

Anna Classon, Head of Region, Ireland commented that she was 'privileged to be back in her home county to participate in such a wonderful

occasion, having worked with all of the recipients during her career" and she felt that each and every one of them was part of the 'RNLI Family that we all hold dear to our hearts'. It was a 'pleasure for her', she said to attend such a worthy celebration, and congratulated each and every one, for their dedication over the years, and in this case, 360 years; "often out in all weathers, spending many unsociable hours away from family and friends, raising hundreds of thousands of Euro for the Lifeboat funds". "These medals are only a symbol of our appreciation but very much warranted" she commented. During the evening, she spent time with each recipient and was magnanimous in her praise of Joan and Mervyn, whom she has spent many pleasurable times with over the years.

Mr. & Mrs. Brown were very much moved by the events of the evening and Joan remarked 'that they were just doing their bit' over the years, and the RNLI was really very much a part of their daily lives. They enjoyed every minute of their involvement and had gotten to know so many people through their association. They hold each and every one of them very dear, especially their good friends who had helped out in many ways down through the years, particularly Kathleen Sammon who was a great support to them with the annual Flag Days.

Joan and Mervyn will now take an easier life away from fundraising, but will undoubtedly continue to keep an eye on the activities and daily lives of the crew at Lough Swilly Station. In conclusion, John McCarter commented that "if you take their combined service of 90 years, and the symbol of 90 years of marriage is Granite, Strong and Durable which also describes Mr and Mrs Brown so well.

We are privileged to have had their service for so long and look forward to having them as friends and lifeboat family members for much longer."

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# Devlin World No. 1 after Scottish Draughts win



Letterkenny man Hugh Devlin returned to the checkerboard last weekend to win the Scottish "Robert Stewart Memorial" Tournament held at Kelty, in Fifeshire. That wasn't the end of the good news for Devlin as the World Rankings of Draughts players as published on the American Checkers Federation's (ACF) website this week shows Hugh to be ranked as the World's number one player. That's an astonishing feat for a man who stepped away from top level competition a decade ago.

Hugh who is a multiple times former Irish and British Open Draughts champion only returned to the game last autumn after a ten-year layoff and demonstrated that he has lost none of his skills at marshaling the pieces on the board. The Scottish tournament was organised to celebrate the centenary of Scotland's Robert Stewart who won the World's Championship title in 1922, a title he held for 15 years before he retired from the game undefeated.

Also making the journey to Scotland at the weekend was Con Boyle (Kilcar), and current British Open Champion Shane McCosker from Sion Mills, Co. Tyrone. The Irish North-West players were dominant in a strong international field with Hugh Devlin winning the tournament on 27 pts and Shane McCosker finishing as runner-up on 26 pts, ahead of nearest challenger Danny Oliphant (Scotland) on 18pts.

# Record entry for 50th Knockalla Hillclimb

The Donegal Motor Club has announced that the Knockalla Hillclimb, set for Saturday and Sunday the 3rd & Sunday 4th of September, has received "an unheard of" entry of over 100 competitors for both days.

Race Secretary Sam Pearson has confirmed that Motorsport Ireland agreed this week to the Club's request to run extra numbers due to the unprecedented demand for entries on what is Ireland's most famous ALEKTO Irish Hillclimb Championship venue, and easily it's most scenic.

Clerk of the Course Michael Kelly commented "We are blown away by the interest in the 50th anniversary Hillclimb. It's an unheard of entry in Irish Hillclimbing. It's obvious that so many are coming out to pay tribute to our former COC Danny Gormley, as we are renaming the event in his memory. We have been inundated with people who want to join in the tribute."

"We want to thank Motorsport Ireland, series sponsors ALEKTO and the Hillclimb Commission for their help. This will be the first Hillclimb since Danny passed away in 2021. With their help we are confident that everyone that entered will now get to run on the hill so spectators should aim to be in place early. Its going to be a busy weekend up in the most spectacular venue in Irish motorsport."

"There will be a stunning array of cars and competitors on show. From John Donnelly's specialist Pilbeam MP62 rocketship to Kerrykeel's own Ernest Stewart in his Chrysler Hunter, still going from the very first Hillclimb (that's Ernest, not the car), there will be nonstop action from 10.30am to 5.30pm both days."

"We are also delighted to receive the support of St. Eunan's GAA in Letterkenny, who operated the camping facilities on the Donegal International Rally weekend, and are supplying essential safety equipment for marshals and officials. It is a much



Clerk of the Course Michael Kelly (2nd from left) pictured with committee members organising this weekend's event.

appreciated gesture." "Spectators are advised to approach from Kerrykeel/Portsalon as car parking will be available and a shuttle bus will operate up the hill from the start line. No spectator access will be possible from the Rathmullan side, and the road will be closed at the Glenvar junction."

We want to thank all the local residents, landowners, Donegal County Council, the emergency services, An Garda Siochana, programme sponsors and everyone who is supporting us."

"Our event is only possible thanks to the generosity of Kelly's Toyota, CBM Signs and DMG

Motors as title sponsors, but their enthusiasm to mark this as a special 50th anniversary has been infectious. We are really looking forward to a very special weekend."

"With added pressure on paddock space Chief Marshall Francie Devine has put out a call for anyone wishing to marshal to be at the Marshal meeting point 8:30am at the Main Car Park at the bottom of Knockalla and reminds all spectators to proceed with extreme caution while the competition is running. Safety will always be our first priority. Marshalling points are available for all DMC members."

"A full entry list will be available in the event programme kindly supported by our associated sponsors and a specially commissioned 50th anniversary starters medal will be presented to each competitor."

## EVENT TIMETABLE.

**Friday:**  
- Scrutiny at the Main Knockalla Car Park from 17:00 hours. Recommended.

**Saturday:**  
- Scrutiny at the Main Knockalla Car Park from 07:00 hours.  
- Drivers briefing 09:30 hours at the start line.  
- Practice runs start 10:30 hours  
- Racing finishes 17:30 hours  
- Saturday Prize Giving at Ripples Restaurant Kerrykeel from 20.30 hours.

**Sunday:**  
- Practice runs start 10:30 hours  
- Racing finishes 17:30 hours  
- Sunday prize giving and presentation of the John Leinster and Danny Gormley Memorial Trophies will be on the Knockalla Hillclimb start line immediately after the conclusion of racing.



A competitor in action in one of the earlier Hillclimbs.

## Planning refused for Kilmacrennan development

Planning permission has been refused for a proposed development on Kilmacrennan's Main Street. An application was made in July for the partial demolition of an existing building including the outbuildings to the rear and the refurbishment of existing two commercial units and the construction of four new residential apartments with connection to all public services on the village's main street. The application was made by Ben Almond.

Donegal County Council refused the application on the grounds the proposal was contrary to proper planning and sustainable development for the area.

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# Sinn Féin still ahead in North

The latest opinion poll puts Sinn Féin as still the largest party in the North. Support is now 30%, up 1% from the Assembly election in May.

LucidTalk carried out the poll for the Belfast Telegraph.

Nationalists are seeing Sinn Féin as the viable party to represent their interests. They see Sinn Féin having produced a First Minister who is Nationalist for the first time in the North's history. Many interpret attacks on Michelle O'Neill as attacks on their democratic right to have a Nationalist First Minister. That includes many who didn't vote Sinn Féin supporters in May.

Growth in Sinn Féin has quickened because differences with the SDLP are increasingly historic. Significantly it now has a higher percentage of middle-class support than of working-class. In the South, it may be seen as offering red ruin. In the North, it is seen as responsibly running the economy. It is also the biggest party among the older age group. Its share there, though, is less than among other age groups. Thus, given current circumstances, support will increase further as supporters age.

Meanwhile, the poll has bad news for the SDLP. It is the Southern Establishment's favourite party. Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael and what remains of Labour canvass for it. The limited Southern media coverage of the North tends to be SDLP-leaning.

That support is not a great use. Support is now on 7%. That is down 2% on the Assembly. Such figures leave the SDLP teetering on the edge of not being viable. Twenty-four years ago it was the biggest party.

There are worrying figures in a further LucidTalk poll. Support is more concentrated in the older generation. There is a prospect of the vote dying. The full name is the Social Democratic

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and Labour Party. When established in 1970 a significant number of elected representatives came from a Labour direction. It has always been a sister party of the Irish Labour Party. Unfortunately, it is meeting the same fate. It only has 2% support in the working class.

It has also lost the traditional nationalist heartlands of Tyrone and Fermanagh. Support there is only at 5%. That is only just over one third of Ulster Unionist Party support in that area.

There is improving news for the DUP. It is now on 24%. That is up 3% on May. That, too, is despite the obvious weakness of leader Jeffrey Donaldson. The DUP has the most working-class support of any party. At the same time, it energetically courts business. Currently, working-class Protestants see the DUP as best at standing up for their interests.

DUP growth is partly from fear of Nationalist growth. In reaction many want to gather round the strongest and most viable Unionist party.

Certainly, the stance on the Protocol has gathered support. Eighty-two percent of Unionist voters believe there should not be a return to the Assembly unless the Protocol is removed or radically changed.

The DUP is in a difficult position, though. It needs back into the Assembly and the Executive. Just follow the money. An Assembly member receives a basic salary of £55,000 (€64,400) per year. Levels of expenses are also generous. A number of DUP members claim close to the maximum limits. There is no allegation of any illegality.

However, they would suffer by losing that funding.

The DUP has some very strategically-minded thinkers. They fear that, with no Assembly, talented representatives would just drift off. They remember that happened to the SDLP in the 1980s without an Assembly.

Importantly, abstention is not a viable long-term policy. Yes, cynicism towards the Assembly unites all sides of the community. However, voters expect their representatives to deliver something.

Certainly, nothing will happen before the new British Conservative leader settles in. At time of writing Liz Truss seems the almost certain winner. She has made promises on scrapping the Protocol. What she will do has to be seen.

For the DUP it could be tempting to gamble on an early election. They are only two seats behind Sinn Féin. That was despite being 66,000 votes behind. While Sinn Féin grew the vote it did not take a single extra seat. There is no sign of where it can take an extra seat in the near future. The DUP has some good election strategists and could focus on a few possible gains. There is even the less likely possibility of Sinn Féin losing a seat somewhere.

An election, though, would be a dangerous gamble for the DUP. Certainly it would mobilise Nationalist voters even more behind Sinn Féin. They would see it as denying them their democratic right to have a Nationalist First Minister. The astute strategists would feel it is better to wait. Five years to the next election is a long



By Anton McCabe

time. There are countless possibilities by then.

Alliance continue to be the winners. They are on 16%. That is 2% up on the May election. If there is an election anytime soon, they will gain another seat or two. Their big weakness is that their support is more middle-class. They only have 11% working-class support. They also have regional weaknesses, with only 8% support in Tyrone and Fermanagh.

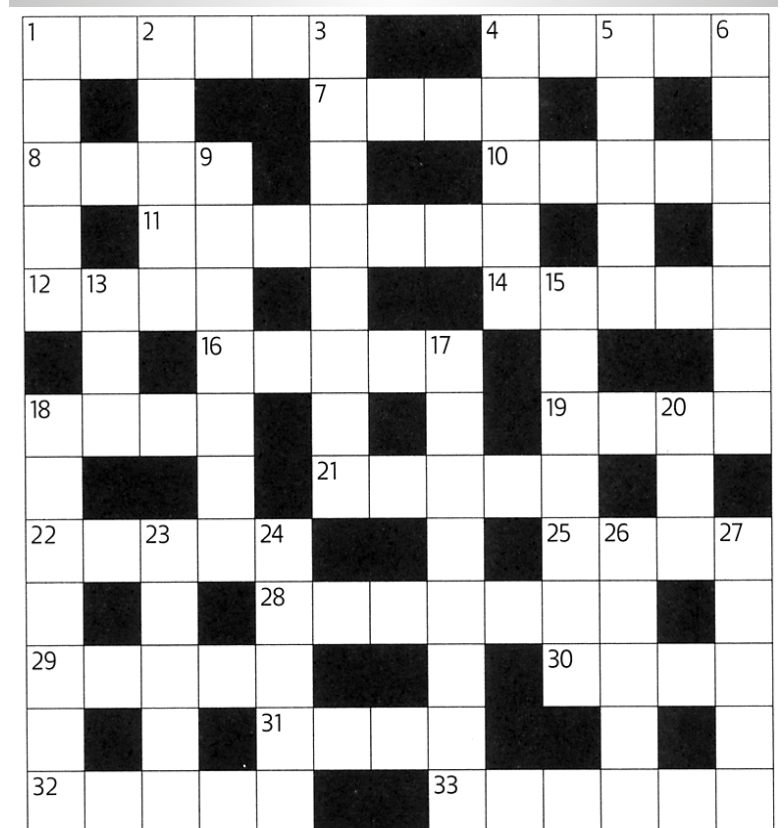
The Traditional Unionist Voice has slipped by 2% from May. It hasn't gone away, though. It represents a significant body of opinion. The peculiarities of the electoral system disadvantage it. In May it was 0.4% behind the SDLP. The SDLP took eight seats, the TUV one. It is, though, still spooking the DUP.

While the Green Party was wiped out in the Assembly, it is still on 8% in Bel-

fast. As the Alliance bandwagon rolls on, it will find return to the Assembly difficult. Support, surprisingly, is not mostly middle class. It is on 4% support among the working class across the North.

Whatever, though, the big two threaten to push all others, except Alliance, over the edge and into political oblivion.

## Tribune Crossword No. 979



### Across

- 1. Circus tent (3,3)
- 4. Cautions (5)
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- 10. Homer's epic poem (5)
- 11. Alterations (7)
- 12. Proper (4)
- 14. Pleasant surprise (5)
- 16. Songwriter \_\_\_ Hammerstein (5)
- 18. Meals list (4)
- 19. Hurried (4)
- 21. Vote into office (5)
- 22. Buoyant (5)
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- 28. Silhouette (7)
- 29. Beverage (5)
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- 1. Foundations (5)
- 2. Singer/actress, \_\_\_ Jones (5)
- 3. Summit (8)
- 4. Card game (5)
- 5. European river (5)
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- 9. TV show, \_\_\_ the Keyhole (7)
- 13. Adam's mate (3)
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# 30 years of Atlantic Travel

One of Donegal's most popular travel agents is celebrating 30 years in business. Atlantic Travel first opened its doors in 1992 and has been leading the way in travel and tourism in the northwest for the past thirty years. Based in Letterkenny, this award-winning travel agency is celebrating its 30th birthday milestone in style, by giving one lucky family the chance to win an amazing holiday. Discussing the celebrations, Emma McHugh owner of Atlantic Travel said: "We are delighted to be celebrating thirty years in business. The past few years have been extremely tough on businesses like ours in the travel industry, so it's great to see people excited about travelling the

world again. We're celebrating our 30th birthday with a fantastic prize of a five-night cruise for a family of four. The competition runs until Thursday, 15th September and you'll find all the details on our website, atlantictavel.ie."

"As you can imagine so much has changed in the past thirty years" Emma added. "Three of our team have been with us since the beginning; Moya McCrossan, Mary T Toye and Caroline Kerr. When we were booking flights in the pre-internet era, prices for flights had to be calculated manually; short haul flights were calculated based on fare types in a manual, which we still have in the office today. Long haul flights



Atlantic Travel is celebrating 30 year in business. Pictured are: Moya McCrossan, Caroline Kerr, Emma McHugh, Donna Feeney, Mary T Toye and Yvonne Hutchinson. Missing from that photo are: Noreen Cullen, Evelyn McClafferty and Maria Pazienza.

were calculated by mileage and the number of stopovers they had. All business with airlines and tour operators was done over the phone; you could only hold a holiday option for 24 hours

before committing, and agents had to know the visa and vaccination requirements for each location off by heart. The January sales were renowned in the industry often leading to seven-day work weeks for agents in the early months of the year. One thing that has remained constant however, is the huge trust placed in an agents' knowledge, particularly when clients did not have any other reference point for researching holidays."

"We have been so lucky with our dedicated and hardworking team and our many loyal customers, which we owe a lot of this milestone to." Emma added. "The travel industry, and travel in general, has changed so much in the last 30 years, but the values that we started out with in 1992 continue to drive our business today. We've also taken huge strides forward investing

in new technology and staying one step ahead so that our customers always get the best possible experience. We are very excited about what the future holds for Atlantic Travel and are looking ahead to a bright future, and to bringing our clients on the journey with us for the next 30 years!"

Earlier this year, Atlantic Travel was named Ireland's Top Agency as part of the TTG Top 50 Travel Agencies 2022, : an annual power-list of the nation's best agents by industry bible, Travel Trade Gazette.

Atlantic Travel is an independent agency with established relationships alongside commercial agreements with leading suppliers and cruise lines. The team has also accumulated many awards over the past number of years. Visit [www.atlantictavel.ie](http://www.atlantictavel.ie) for more.



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## Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal launch

"The Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal is just around the corner!" Since Team Hope began over 100,000 Christmas Shoeboxes have been sent by the people of Donegal.

Team Hope will be hosting a special Information Event in Letterkenny for anyone looking to learn more about the Christmas Shoebox Appeal and hear stories of the children that have been gifted a Christmas Shoebox from the people of Donegal. It will be held on this Saturday the 3rd of September from 11am to 12noon in the Mount Errigal Hotel in Letterkenny.

Tea and Coffee will be served and we'd be delighted to see you there.

For more information on Team Hope please check out our new website: [www.teamhope.ie/csa](http://www.teamhope.ie/csa) or contact Jonathan Douglas (Christmas Shoebox Appeal Manager) at [jdouglas@teamhope.ie](mailto:jdouglas@teamhope.ie)

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# Ramelton nominated for Chambers award

The Ramelton Historic Towns Initiative has been nominated by the Council for a Chambers Ireland award. The entry is in the heritage and built environment category.

Donegal County Council has been nominated for a Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Award in the Heritage & Built Environment category for the Ramelton Historic Towns Initiative.

The award recognises the best local authority initiatives to promote public interest in, and knowledge, appreciation and protection of local heritage. The awards ceremony takes place at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Dublin on Thursday, November 24th and Donegal County Council has been nominated in two categories.

## Death of Eamonn Coyle

The death has taken place in Rutherglen, Scotland of Ramelton man, Eamonn Coyle.

Aged 78, Eamonn and his wife and family were regular visitors back to the town that he left over sixty years ago.

Before he emigrated he worked for a brief period in McDaid's Bottling Stores.

Eamonn is survived by his wife, Helen, daughter, Michelle, son, Damien, grandson, Morgan, his brothers and sisters, Carmel Howell, Manchester: Kathleen McDaid, Ramelton, Patsy, Ramelton, Barney, Scotland, John (Kissinger), Ramelton, Kevin, Ramelton. He is also survived by his many relatives and friends in Ramelton and Rutherglen to whom deepest sympathy is extended. His funeral took place on Wednesday in Rutherglen.

## Well done Thomas

Congratulations are extended to Thomas Harte who has just celebrated his 91st birthday. He is currently resident at Aras Uí Dhomhnaill in Milford. Thomas celebrated his birthday, as always with Anne Campbell and it was an occasion he loved so much. He is wished well from everyone in Ramelton, not forgetting the panto society.



## Ramelton Bowling Club

Ramelton Indoor Bowling Club will restart af-

"We're delighted that Chambers Ireland has recognised the Ramelton Historic Towns Initiative with a nomination in the forthcoming Excellence in Local Government Awards" said Joseph Gallagher, County Donegal Heritage Officer.

"The Ramelton Historic Towns Initiative was a collaboration between Donegal County Council, Ramelton Georgian Society, Dedalus Architecture and local property owners. Fourteen historic buildings along Castle Street, Back Lane, at the Market Cross and the House on the Brae on Bridge Street, Ramelton benefitted under the Historic Towns Initiative. All 14 buildings are Protected Structures or included on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage and contribute to Ramelton's historic streetscape," he stated.

ter the summer break on Monday 5th September with practice games from 8pm onwards in the Mackemie Hall. The club are looking forward a good turn out of members and new members are very welcome. League games will begin in the 3rd week in September and the club needs to know the names of those wishing to play in the league. Contact Lee on 086 4493737 or Malcolm on 087 4016637.

## Swilly Rovers new pitch opening

The official opening of the new pitch at Swilly Park will take place on Saturday 10th of September. It will start with a match between Swilly and the Mariners at 1.00. There will be other fun activities before the formal opening of the pitch later in the afternoon.

## Swilly ticket draw

Swilly Rovers' big draw will now take place at the official reopening of the new pitch. The monies raised from this draw will be used to match funding in order to draw down the €70,000 Sports Capital grant awarded for the upgrade of our AstroTurf. Tickets are €10 for 1 and €20 for a book of 3 can be bought from any committee member, coach or player.

Prizes for the draw are: €1000 cash prize; A Sports First Aid course which includes Irish Heart Foundation Heartstart CPR & AED x 6 people; €100 Boyce Travel voucher; €100 Lennonside Butchers Voucher; 1 year Swilly Lotto subscription; €50 Bridge Bar Restaurant voucher

## 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, 9, 13 & 17. No jackpot winners. Four 3 number winners - Sean and Alison Gibson, Milford; May Parkinson, Ramelton; Gilbert Fisher, Ramelton and Gerard McFadden, Ramelton. This week's jackpot is €5,000.

## Man Utd/Aston Villa trip

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

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## Milford Dancing

After the summer break the Social Dancing will return to the Milford Hall on Thursday 1st. September at the usual time of 8 -10pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a bit of craic and some very good fun exercise. Light refreshments will be served and all for a small fee of €5.



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The Ballyare 10k committee had a charity football match in Ballyare on Friday evening and some awards for fun in the Diamond afterwards. One of the award winners was double gold medalist Paul Sweeney who received his prizes for loitering with the intent to score and the most missed chances in a match (26). He is pictured with a delighted Gerry Durning.

# Seaview Hotel set for major redevelopment

One of west Donegal's best known hotels has been granted planning permission for a major new development. Conditional planning permission has been granted to Vesada Private Ltd for the redevelopment and expansion of the Seaview Hotel in Bunbeg to an 80 room hotel at the Gaoh Dobhair site.



The hotel complex was a well-known hostelry and nightclub owned by the Boyle family for many years until it closed its doors in 2015. In 2020 it was announced the hotel, along with the nearby Ostan Gaoh Dobhair, were bought over by Bunbeg Revitalisation Limited which is part of Vesada Private in a planned €15 million investment to breathe new life into the area and create up to 80 new jobs. This week Donegal County Council gave the green light to the redevelopment of the hotel that will see its more than double its previous capacity and add new facilities. It allows for the construction of 44 new hotel bedrooms and gym within a new three storey block. It also allows the change of use of a storage area

at ground floor level in the existing three storey block to the rear of the site to provide eight additional bedrooms at ground floor level. The existing 28 hotel bedrooms at the site are to be renovated creating a total of 80 bedrooms at the Machaire Chlochair location. Planning also allows for the two, two storey extensions to the front of the street facade (west elevation fronting the R257) of the existing hotel bar and restaurant to provide a cafe and additional restaurant area at ground floor level and the construction of two first floor apartments. It is also proposed to carry out internal alterations to the restaurant, reception area, new toilets and plant rooms and demolition of part of the building to remove the existing nightclub and toilet block to facilitate the new hotel rooms and gym, ancillary car parking for 94 car spaces and coach set down for patrons of the hotel, and all associated site development and engineering works

John Joe Harkin pictured with John Whoriskey at the mural he has completed at Whoriskey's Eurospar and Post Office at the Mall in Ramelton highlighting the Bridge in the town.



## Benny Lee is 30 Still a country girl Happy 30th Brenda McDaid



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## '90%' of illegal rubbish could have been recycled - Cllr

A local area councillor has hit out at the large-scale illegal dump found near Falcarragh recently saying that a huge amount of the rubbish received could have been recycled for free. The area saw 28 tonnes of rubbish taken from the site located in boglands heading towards Muckish from the town. The area was approximately a mile off the main road and Donegal County Council responded to a public complaint about the discarded waste. Among the 28 tonnes removed from the site included household waste including bottles and tin cans, that can be recycled locally for free. It also included large amounts of construction and demolition waste, as well as agricultural wastes. Cllr Michael McClaferty has condemned the dumping saying it is left to the public to now pick

up the cost of this illegal act. He said this one area alone cost the public over €12,000 to repair and he appealed for public support to help out this problem. He said "There was a huge amount of rubbish dumped in this area and it didn't happen by accident. I'd say about 90 per cent of it could have been recycled for free or for very little cost. I would urgently appeal to all members of the public who are responsible for littering our homelands, to cease with immediate effect. This one project, situated outside Falcarragh has cost €12,000 alone to rectify - this is money that is much needed in other areas of our county." He said the rubbish has now been removed and is being examined for items that may reveal who carried out the dumping.



The site restored to its natural beauty.

# Donegal League kicks off

The Donegal League kicked off last weekend with the annual Brian McCormick Cup.

## Hat-trick for Dillon

**Cranford United 1 v 5 Kilmacrennan Celtic**  
Goals from Chris Dillion (3), Gary Gorman and Cathal Mc Daid ensured last year's Premier Division Champions Kilmacrennan started their Brian McCormick Cup campaign with a win against an under-strength Cranford. Kilmacrennan were out of the blocks quick and were four goals to the good after twenty-five minutes. Cranford improved in the second half and got a goal back but Kilmacrennan added a fifth to run out comfortable winners.

## Victory for Kilmac Reserves

**Cranford Utd Res 0-3 Kilmacrennan Cel Res**  
Kilmacrennan went away with the win from Cranford Park in a game that was closer than the score-line suggests. Cranford started the better and had two great chances in the first 20 minutes to take the lead but both times they couldn't find the target. Kilmacrennan took the lead after 25 minutes when a speculative shot found its way into the net. Five minutes later it was two when a mistake in the Cranford defence let Eddie Doherty run clear and score. Cranford again started the second half well and had chances to score, one of which saw Martyn Cullen beat three men but his effort somehow hit the post and didn't find the net. While Cranford pushed hard they conceded a 3rd in the last minute.

## Six goal thriller

**Swilly Rovers Res 3-3 Milford Utd Res**  
Swilly got on the score-sheet first when Shaun Bryant was first to react firing the ball home from close range after John Matthews made a save from the initial shot. Swilly then doubled their lead after a Shaun Bryant free kick was stopped again by Matthews but Evan Ryan was there to get his first goal for his new side. Milford got one back shortly afterwards when Corrie-Lee Blaney got on the end of a

Ciaran Blaney cross. The half-time score was 2-1 to Swilly. The second half started brightly and Swilly restored their two-goal lead when Dylan Hegarty got on the end of a fine delivery from Edan Bradley. Milford started to push forward more and got one back after some fine play by Corrie before he found the top corner from the edge of the box. Milford got the leveller with ten minutes to go after they broke down the left side and got through on goal, Blaney in the Swilly nets made the initial save but Blaney followed in to make it a hat-trick and rescue a point for the visiting side. Referee: Paul Murphy

## Glenea lose at Glentoran Park

**Glenea Utd Res 4-1 Dunlewey Celtic**  
Dunlewey welcomed local rivals Glenea Utd Res to Glentoran Park to the season opener in the Voodoo Venue Cup. Dunlewey started brightly and went on the attack straight away with Chris Cannon playing a dangerous diagonal ball through to Joseph Devenney. Dunlewey then broke the deadlock when Paul Coll pounced on a loose ball in the box to slot home. Dunlewey kept the pressure on and scored a second when Conor McMahon broke through and rifled the ball into the top corner beating the Glenea keeper to make it 2-0 to the hosts. Conor McMahon then turned provider when he took on the Glenea defence to pull the ball back to Joseph Devenney who slotted home from close range. 3-0 was the score at half time. Glenea started the second half very well and were a different side compared to the first half.

They upped the tempo and began creating chances. They were thwarted on a couple of occasions by fantastic saves from Daniel Roarty in goals for the home side. Glenea grabbed a goal back with a well worked move finished off by Calvin Murray in the area on 75 minutes. Dunlewey however struck back immediately when Joseph Devenney restored Dunlewey's three goal cushion on 77 minutes.

## Seven and easy for Oldtown

**Oldtown Celtic 7-0 Castlefin Celtic Res**  
Oldtown started the better applying pressure before taking the lead through a Joe Friel penalty after Luke Nelis was fouled in the box. Michael Gibson in the Oldtown goal pulled off a fine stop before Luke Friel added a second. Both Luke and Joe Friel added another each from close range before half time. Oldtown started the second half in a similar fashion with Ciaran Gibson firing home a 5th on the volley before sub Mick Howe headed home a superb 6th. Ciaran Cleary added a 7th with a neat finish before Oldtown played the last fifteen minutes with ten men due to an injury.

## Strand win at Rabs Park

**Kerrykeel '71 F.C. 1-3 Whitestrand Utd**  
A great day for football and a great game between two neighbours. The '71 started well and went in front on 20 minutes when Aaron McConigley fired home after great work from young Charlie McAteer. 'Strand' hit the post on the stroke of halftime when John Heraghty was unlucky. Kerrykeel missed a few chances to go two up and were made rue them as 'Strand' levelled after the water break with a great finish from inside the box. Young Declan Brouhan then came off the bench to score two in the last five minutes, the first a great finish. Kerrykeel were unlucky with injuries and lost two men in the first half and two in the warm up which proved costly. To be fair the young 'Strand' side played well and a large bench proved the difference. Best were young Charlie McAteer and Brandon McClafferty, both making their debuts and McDevitt did well. A solid Team effort from the 'Strand'. Referee: Allister Gourley

## McElwaine penalty point for Fanad

**Rathmullan Celtic 1-1 Fanad United**  
The Hoops opened the scoring on 35 minutes when the hugely impressive Jay Curran latched onto a scintillating Kevin O'Donnell run and cross from the left wing after Eoin Sheridan set the winger on his way. Both sets of supporters enjoyed Anne Sheridan's exquisitely good sandwiches and tea which certainly fuelled the teams for a breath taking second half of football which kept referee Vincent Mc Loughlin busy in the centre. The game somewhat changed on the hour mark when the Hoops talismanic midfielder Eoin Sheridan was put through one on one with Fanad keeper Mark McConigley with the shot stopper coming out on top with a fine save to keep his team in the game. With this lifeline, Fanad launched an attack on the Hoop's goal with Hoops midfielder Jamesy Gallagher fouling United's forward Dylan McGloin in the box which resulted in a penalty kick. Caolan McElwaine made no mistake giving Hoops' stopper Shaun Gallagher no chance to equalise. Fanad probably should have taken the lead on 75 minutes when McEl-

waine hit the post from outside the area with the rebound falling to McGloin but the striker struck his clear-cut chance off the opposite post much to the relief of the home faithful. The final attack saw Hoops' winger O'Donnell whip in a dream corner to Chris Kemp who thundered a header bound for the top corner but the Fanad keeper Mc Conigley made an outstanding reflex fingertip save to deny Rathmullan a winner and it was a save that drew huge applause from all supporters. A fair result for Sheridan and Lynch's sides with Ronan Morris and Jay Curran impressing all afternoon. Referee: Vincent McLaughlin

## Brogan bags Bonagee winner

## Bonagee Utd 1-0 Milford Utd

The first real chance fell to the visitors on eight minutes when a cross into the box from Ciaran McGettigan went just wide of the post. The home side had their first chance on twelve minutes when Eamon Cannon saw his strike from thirty yards go just wide of the post. Jordan Gallagher, for the home side, hit the post from twenty-five yards two minutes later. Niall McCrossan had a great chance to put the home side ahead on sixteen minutes but his shot from ten yards was blocked by Hagan in the visitor's goal. Bonagee took the lead on twenty-three minutes when Gallagher laid the ball off to Cannon who put through a great ball to Coady Brogan and he shot home from eight yards. On twenty-seven minutes Harkin in the home goal had to make a very good save from a Garry Merritt strike from the edge of the box. Three minutes later Merritt again laid the ball off to Liam Donnelly but his strike from fifteen yards went wide of the post. On thirty-eight minutes an Eamon Cannon shot from thirty yards went just over. Merritt was a handful up front. The visitors thought they had levelled on forty-four minutes when a cross into the box was dropped by the keeper but it was cleared off the line by a defender. Merritt again saw his shot on goal on fifty minutes well saved by Harkin. Jordan Gallagher saw his free kick from twenty yards go over the bar on fifty-seven minutes. Merritt also saw his free from the edge of the box go over on the hour. Peter Carr for Bonagee had a strike from twenty yards brilliantly saved by the keeper on seventy-six minutes. Both sides had half chances in the last ten minutes but both Keepers were in top form and the home side held out for the win.

## Away defeat for Kilmac

## Keadue Rovers 3-2 Kilmacrennan Celtic

Keadue emerged victorious from this tight encounter at Central Park on Sunday. It was Kilmacrennan who were the quicker out of the blocks and shot wide in the first minute. The home side got to grips with things a few minutes later and on six minutes David Ward had a header saved while the rebound was put over by Chris Greene. David Ward then had a good effort go just wide after fifteen minutes and just when Keadue were beginning to take control they went behind after a ball over the top caused a little confusion in the home defence and Paul Bradley pounced to strike low to the net to give Kilmacrennan the lead. The visitors were confident at this stage and should have been further ahead after the half hour when Paul Bradley shot wide after a good move. Kilmacrennan had most possession and chances but just weren't taking them. Keadue did lift their game in the last five minutes of the half and got the break of a leveller when Aidan Brennan's pass found Brian Proctor and he struck a good leveller to make the teams all square at half time. At the start of the second half Chris Greene had the first chance for Keadue. On fifty-three minutes, Chris Flanagan should have scored but struck wide while a minute later Brian Proctor had a shot well saved. The game was opening up nicely now and just short of the hour good work by Peter McGee on the edge of the box lead to a pass to Chris Greene who neatly tucked away his effort in the top corner. Both sides then made some substitutions which interrupted the flow of play somewhat. For the closing period of the game Kilmacrennan had the majority of possession and on seventy minutes Keadue keeper Ben Boyle made a good save. The possession continued to favour the visitors but they were met with good resistance by the Keadue defence that stood firm. Keadue went 3-1 up on eighty-one minutes when Kilmacrennan's centre back erred on a back pass and the ball went past the keeper. Kilmacrennan did pull one back however on eighty-eight minutes with a well-timed run and finish by Chris Flanagan. However, the hosts saw out the final few minutes for a satisfying first day of the season win. Best for Kilmacrennan were Ryan Shields and Chris Flanagan while best for Keadue were Chris Greene, Maurice McGee and Mark Forker. Referee: Dessie McLaughlin.

# McConnell signs McGinley

Letterkenny Rovers manager Danny McConnell has made Finn Harps goalkeeper Mark Anthony McGinley one of his new signings ahead of the start of the Intermediate soccer season. Also coming to Leckview Park are striker Johnny Robb and former Finn Harps underage player Charlie White. Mark Anthony McGinley started off his senior career with Fanad Utd as a teenager under Ollie Horgan in the Ulster Senior League. He went on to play League of Ireland football with UCD before be-

ing the first choice Donegal GAA keeper for a period.

Horgan then brought him to Finn Park four years ago. However the Creeslough man fell out of favour over the summer months with Gavin Mulreany getting in for a few games before James McKeown was brought in from Grimsby Town to take over as a first choice netminder. McGinley had not been on the bench in recent weeks leading to speculation that the secondary schoolteacher was going to leave Harps.

## Letterkenny Rovers

The new Ulster Senior League season kicks off this weekend as we welcome Bonagee Utd to Leckview Park on Saturday at 5pm in the group stage of the League Cup. We wish Danny McConnell and his squad the very best for the season ahead. We have also been drawn at home to Bonagee in the FAI Intermediate Cup with that game taking place on the weekend of September 11th.

Our Donegal League side opened their campaign with a good 2-1 win over Swilly Rovers in the BMC Sports Cup with goals from Patrik Gahir and a Jordan Nugent penalty. They are away to Bonagee Utd this Sunday at 1pm. The youths qualified for the Colin Breslin Youth Cup semi finals with an impressive win at Keadue. Faolan Gibson, Ultan McMonagle (2) and Aaron Temple on the scoresheet as we won 4-1.

The 16s Rovers lost out to Gweedore Celtic and are away to Ballyrairie this Saturday at 3.30pm. The 14s Rovers have a final at Leckview on Saturday when hosting Bonagee at 1pm in the Premier Cup decider. The side claimed their final spot with a 5-1 group stage game at Bonagee on Tuesday with goals from Evan Hickey (2), Shea McFadden (2) and Temple Akpo.

The 14's Crusaders defeated Glen Rovers Celts 4-2 and are home to Glen Rovers this Sunday at 11.30am while the 14s Utd lost out to Glenree and Lagan Harps Colts in the last week. Our u12s are also in final action on Saturday when making the trip to play Swilly Rovers at 4pm having qualified with a 4-2 semi final win over Bonagee Utd. Goals from Colm Og Breathnach (3) and Jack O'Donnell.

The 12s Utd defeated Mulroy Celtic 1-0 with the winner from Jack McLaughlin while goals from Zander McLaughlin and Matthew Odedokun (2) saw Crusaders win 3-0 at Milford Blues. They host Keadue Utd on Sunday morning at 10am. Well done to all the girls who took part in the UEFA Disney Playmakers programme over the past 10 weeks having fun and making new friends.

Special thanks to all the coaches who helped in running the programme. Watch out for further details on the next block which will be coming very soon. Junior Rovers continues every Sunday from 10am to 11am and new members are always welcome. Sales for our annual draw are well underway with tickets available from all club members priced at €10 or three for €20.

This week's mini lotto numbers drawn were 11-17-19-27. Four people matched three numbers and received 25 euro each with the lucky winners Mark Harkin, Evelyn McConigley, Neil Carberry and Frankie Doherty. Next week's jackpot is €6,000.

Bingo continues every Thursday night in the Station House Hotel at 8.30pm. Snowball is €2125 on 45 numbers or less and all support is appreciated.

## Bonagee Utd

The USL team were defeated 4-0 by Shelbourne last Friday night in the FAI senior cup. The club would like to thank all supporters, Stewarts, sponsors and all that helped on the night and over the week.

They are away to Letterkenny Rovers this Saturday in the League Cup kick off 5pm in Leckview. The Donegal League team defeated Milford 1-0 in the Brian McCormick Cup Coady Brogan the scorer. They are home this Sunday to Letterkenny Rovers in the Brian McCormick Cup kick off 1pm. The youth team drew 1-1 with Kilmacrennan Zak Breen the goal scorer. This puts them top of the group in the Colm Breslin Cup. The U16 ladies were defeated 3-1 by Illistrin in the Rosebowl semi-final Grace Murphy the scorer. The U12 Prem team defeated Milford 4-1 in the league cup scorer's Evan Duffy, Shai Thompson and Leighton Green (2).

The club would like to offer its sympathy to the Doherty family Ard Colmcille / Gildea family Correnagh, the McFadden family Carn High, Ramelton, Callaghan family Ramelton/ Letterkenny on their recent bereavement.

## Lagan Harps FC

Our men's team got their season off to a good start with a 2-1 win away to Raphoe Town in the Brian McCormick Sportsman's Cup. Kenny and Philip Doran were the scorers. Our women's team lost 3-2 to Bonagee in a cracking cup match. Zoe Green and Catherine Grier were the scorers. Our u16 boys won 2-0 away to Mulroy with Ryan Mc Gee getting both. Our u16 girls lost 2-0 to Mulroy. Our u14Bs won 4-3 away to Glenree Utd with Dylan McClintock (2), Rian Feeney and Anton Rodgers scoring. Our u12As won 5-1 at home to Illistrin with Senan Kavanagh, Aogan Rodgers Kayden McBride, Keegan Devine and Lukas Doherty scoring. Our u12Cs had a 3-2, win over Ballyrairie with Kyrone Gibson and Jake Toner scoring. Our u12 girls lost 3-1 to Illistrin with Amy Moore scoring. In our weekly lotto there was no jackpot winner. Thomas Nelis was the weekly winner. Next week's jackpot is €1675. To enter you can use the link on our Facebook page or on our website laganharpsfc.com.

## Results

### Wednesday 24th August

**Brian Mc Cormick Cup Gweedore Area**

Gweedore Celtic 1-1 Gweedore United

### Thursday 25th August

**Brian McCormick Cup Gweedore Area**

Cranford United 1-5 Kilmacrennan Celtic

### Lifford Area

Convoy Arsenal 1-2 Drumoghill F.C.

### Saturday 27th August

#### Voodoo Venue Cup

Cranford United 0-3 Kilmacrennan Celtic Res

Ramelton Mariners 2-0 Glencar Celtic

Swilly Rovers Res 3-3 Milford Utd Res

Drumbar United 2-2 Copany Rovers

Fintown Harps AFC 5-2 Donegal Town Res

Arranmore Utd 2-2 Keadue Rovers Res

Dunlewey Celtic 4-1 Glenea Utd Res

Drumoghill F.C. Res 0-0 Ballybofey Utd Res

Kildrum Tigers Res 1-0 Cappry Rovers Res

Oldtown Celtic 7-0 Castlefin Celtic Res

### Sunday 28th August

**Brian Mc Cormick Cup Letterkenny Area**

Kerrykeel '71 F.C. 1-3 Whitestrand Utd

Rathmullan Celtic 1-1 Fanad United

Bonagee United 1-0 Milford United

Letterkenny Rovers 2-1 Swilly Rovers

### Donegal Area

Donegal Town 3-2 Letterbarrow Celtic

Dunkineely Celtic 0-10 Cappry Rovers

Curragh Athletic 4-2 Drumkeen United

St. Catherines 4-1 Ballybofey United

### Gweedore Area

Glenea United 3-0 Gweedore United

Keadue Rovers 3-2 Kilmacrennan Celtic

### Lifford Area

Raphoe Town 1-2 Lagan Harps

Kildrum Tigers 4-0 Lifford Celtic

## Fixtures

**Thursday 1st September 6.30p.m.**

#### Voodoo Venue Cup

Donegal Town Reserves v Drumbar United

### Saturday 3rd September 1p.m.

#### Voodoo Venue Cup

Glencar Celtic v Swilly Rovers Res

Milford Utd Res v Kilmacrennan Celtic Res

Ramelton Mariners v Cranford Utd Res

Copany Rovers v St. Catherines Res

Glenea Utd Res v Arranmore Utd

Keadue Rovers Res v Strand Rovers

Ballybofey Utd Res v Castlefin Celtic Res

Cappry Rovers Res v Drumoghill F.C. Res

### Sunday 4th September 1p.m.

Kerrykeel '71 F.C. v Rathmullan Celtic

Whitestrand Utd v Fanad United

Bonagee United v Letterkenny Rovers

Milford United v Swilly Rovers

Donegal Town v Dunkineely Celtic

Letterbarrow Celtic v Cappry Rovers

Curragh Athletic v St. Catherines

Drumkeen United v Ballybofey United

Gweedore United v Gweedore Celtic

Cranford United v Keadue Rovers

Raphoe Town v Convoy Arsenal

Kildrum Tigers v Castlefin Celtic



# GoFundMe set up for Brendan Friel

A GoFundMe Page has been set for young Ramelton man Brendan Friel who sustained life-changing injuries in a motorcycling accident last month.

25-year-old Brendan remains in hospital as he continues to recover slowly from his injuries. His brother Dermot, is spearheading the fundraising initiative to help with some of the costs that will be incurred during the rehabilitation.

In a post on the GoFundMe Page Dermot said: "Brendan, unfortunately, had a motorcycle accident a month ago and sustained many life-altering injuries. He is currently in Letterkenny General Hospital and



has undergone multiple surgeries to date.

We are fundraising to help Brendan with his long road to recovery, including medical bills, rehabilitation, and after-hospital care. And any funds raised that are left over will be donated to the first responders who helped at the scene of the accident. We appreciate everyone's help and well wishes and are grateful for any donations, no matter how small."

So far, over €12,000 has been donated to the cause. A target figure of €15,000 has been set on the GoFundMe Page.

Any donations can be made via [gofund.me/3c7ae74d](https://www.gofundme.com/3c7ae74d)

## Finn Harps manager bereaved



Deepest sympathy is extended to Finn Harps Manager Ollie Horgan on the death of his mother Bernie whose funeral took place in Salthill, Galway on Monday. Bernie was a native of Thomond Gate, Limerick and she passed away on Wednesday of last week.

Bernie is survived by her husband Joe; daughter Mary; sons Gerard, Martin and Ollie; sisters Jackie, Mary and Peggy; in-laws including Ollie's wife Anita and 12 grandchildren.

Bernie's remains reposed at the O'Flaherty Funeral Parlour, Munster Avenue on Sunday evening prior to removal to the Church of Christ the King, Salthill for Requiem Mass on Monday followed by burial in Ragoon Cemetery.

### Death of Liam Doherty



The death took place at his home on Sunday of Liam Doherty, Ard Colmcille, Letterkenny. Aged 88, Liam was a well known member of the local community in the town. He was a loyal Glasgow Celtic supporter and that was reflected in the Guard of Honour that was formed as the remains were removed from the family home on Tuesday evening. Members of the local Supporters Club carried the remains prior to going to St. Eunan's Cathedral.

Liam's remains were received at the Cathedral on Tuesday evening by Fr. Damien Nejad C.C. Requiem Mass took place on Wednesday where the celebrant was Fr. Kevin Gillespie. Concelebrant was Fr. Kizito Kalameera. Interment took place afterwards to New Leck Cemetery, Letterkenny. Music and hymns were by Declan Nee and Una-Marie. Deepest sympathy is extended to Liam's wife Kathleen, daughter Philomena Gildea and husband Laurence (Correnagh,

Letterkenny), son Ciaran and wife Mary (Lisnennan Court, Letterkenny), brothers Duncan (Hillcrest Nursing Home) and Jim (London), grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nephews and a wide circle of family, friends and neighbours.

### The late Kathleen McFadden



The death occurred on Sunday at Letterkenny University Hospital of Kathleen McFadden (née Callan), Cairn High, Ramelton. Aged 92, Kathleen was a well known and highly respected member of the local community. After her national school days in Killycreen and Ramelton, Kathleen took up employment with Denis Lawler in his solicitor practice in Milford for 20 years. She stayed in the legal sector moving to work with Seamus Gunne at his Ramelton office. While Kathleen retired in 2008 she maintained close contact with her former work colleagues, meeting up socially in the following years.

She had married Ali McFadden in 1961 and the couple set up home at Cairn High, Ramelton. It was her pride and joy and she was passionate about keeping a beautiful garden. Sadly Ali passed away in April 1980. Margaret was also predeceased by her parents Mary and Hugh. She had a positive outlook on life taking up other interests including keeping fit and learned cake decorating with Kathleen Loughrey in Rathmullan. Margaret's Christmas and wedding cakes were much sought after. She was a master baker into the bargain. Margaret was a regular winner at the Bonagee Shows and represented Donegal in the All-Ireland Backing Championships.

She also had a great love of dancing and animals especially dogs and many stray cats she looked after as well. When her sister Connie passed away in Bonagee leaving a young family 30 years ago, Margaret moved up to the family home and with others helped to look after the four boys. As her nephew Ray said in a eulogy she was a second mother to them, a 'lady' and 'one in a million' who would be sorely missed by all who came to know her during a long life.

Those sentiments were echoed by Fr. Michael Carney during his homily who spoke about Kathleen's unselfish devotion to looking after her nephews especially the two younger boys Niall and Damien. Kathleen lived very independently up until the last few months of her life and that Fr.

Carney said it was something she was very grateful to have the health to enjoy her latter years.

Kathleen was predeceased by her husband Aly and sister Connie. She is survived by her sisters Rosemary Callan and Margaret Murray, her nephews Niall, Ray, Gregory and Damian Callaghan and Anthony Murray, niece Geraldine Murray, grandnieces, grand-nephew, relatives and friends.

The remains of the late Mrs Callaghan reposed at her home in Carn High from Sunday evening. Fr. Michael Carney P.P. officiated at the Requiem Mass in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton on Tuesday morning. Concelebrant was Fr. Stephen Gorman, C.C., Milford. Readings were by Kathleen's nephews Damien and Niall. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Laura, Kerri, Caoimhe and Emma. Music and hymns were by Patrick Shiels. The eulogy at the start of the mass was read by her nephew Ray when mementos of Kathleen's life were brought to the altar. Interment took place afterwards in the adjoining Cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

### The late Mary Gallagher



The death occurred on Monday of Mary Gallagher, Kildangan, Kildare and formerly of Letterkenny. Mary passed away in the loving care of the staff of Kildangan Manor. Deeply regretted and sadly missed by her housemates Babs and Ann, her very good friend Anne Murphy and all those who helped and cared for Mary throughout the years.

Mary's remains reposed at her residence in Kildangan, on Wednesday from 2 to 4pm. Removal is from there on this Thursday morning to arrive at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Monasterevin for 11am Requiem Mass with interment afterwards in St. Evin's Cemetery. Mass will be streamed live at [www.monasterevinparish.ie/](http://www.monasterevinparish.ie/)

Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

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## Golden anniversary for Patsy and Vera



Vera and Patsy Sweeney of Greenhill, Letterkenny who celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary on Sunday. The happy couple tied the knot 50 years ago in St Mary's Church, Ramelton on September 4th, 1972, when they were married by Fr. John Kennedy.

They have two sons, Patrick and John Paul, and good wishes are extended to them from all their family and friends.



## Winners unveiled Mulroy Drive draw

In March, Fáilte Ireland unveiled ten new and updated viewing points along Mulroy Drive, a looped route off the Wild Atlantic Way designed to encourage visitors to explore more and stay longer in the Mulroy Bay area in Donegal.

To coincide with the unveiling, The Mulroy Drive Tourist and Development Group together with the Irish Centre in Philadelphia organised a Super Draw in March and the winners were Emma Robinson and Jason Kamienski.

The winners are travelling to Ireland with Aer Lingus organised by Liberty Travel Letterkenny, and they arrive at Donegal Airport on Sunday 4th September. Car Hire is provided by Noel McGinley Letterkenny and Enterprise Car Hire. For the first three nights the winners will stay at the beautiful Harvey's Point Hotel Donegal Town where they can avail of all facilities including a visit to Sliabh Liag and walks around Lough Eske organised by Noel Cunningham, Donegal

Person of the year.

On Wednesday the lucky winners continue their travel to the scenic Rosapenna Hotel and Golf Resort who have just hosted the very successful European Legends Tour Golf week. They can avail of a trip to Fanad Lighthouse, Kayaking on Mulroy Bay with Eco Atlantic Adventures, Horse Riding with Ash-tree Riding Stables and a visit to The Old Forge at Logue's of Cranford.

On Friday they travel to Letterkenny, Donegal's main shopping town, where they will stay at the Radisson Blu Hotel. They can avail of a trip to Glenveagh Castle with an electric bike trip around the gardens organised by An Craobhinn Centre Gartan, a trip to Oakfield Park Raphoe and a tour of the Cathedral area of Letterkenny.

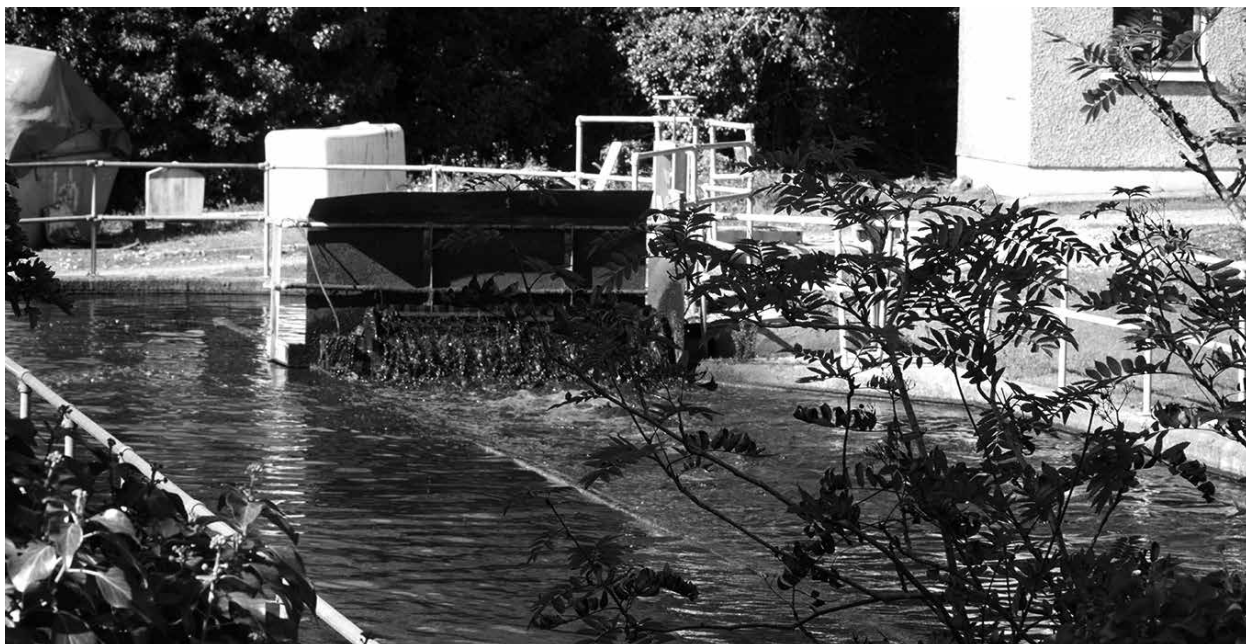
A farewell function on Saturday evening is being held in Letterkenny and is hosted by the Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce.

# Milford's foul smell came with the Celtic Tiger

The foul smell from the so-called Milford sewerage system is back in the news again because the weather has been hot, but not half as hot as the stink from the Milford sewage treatment works. According to residents on the nearby Kilmacrennan Road, there are tens of thousands of tonnes of effluent behind their gardens and the situation is deplorable.

The sewage system for the town hasn't been fit for purpose for the past fifty years (or more) amid the growth of new housing estates and the huge pressures from the era of the Celtic Tiger.

The impact of the smell has been dealt with in the Tribune over the years and no doubt we shall have the occasion to return there again because there is little possibility of any improvements in the coming five years. Cllr. Liam Blaney, Cathaoirleach of the Council says he's been inundated with phone calls about a disgusting foul smell in Milford. Things get much worse in good weather and this week



The Milford sewage treatment works.

it's been bloody awful. The area and housing estates and government buildings in the vicinity of the town's sewerage plant on the edge of the Council office are the worst hit. Over the year's staff at the office would keep their windows open. However with a massive lagoon of countless millions of litres of sewage close to their back door, the choices are few.

The smell is believed to be coming from the sewage treatment plant and it is believed that the plant is not fit for capacity. Obviously with fifteen and more

housing estates and an ever increasing population, the sewerage problem is in urgent need of being remedied because nobody would want to wait five years or possibly more.

However, the current problem is really a 'Child of the Celtic Tiger' when hundreds of new houses were constructed with little regard for improving services apart from the promise of 'catch-up' to improve the management of sewage in the town.

A new plant is planned for the area at Tiroddy Woods in 2026. Liam Blaney

says it would be unfair to expect the people of Milford to wait that long. Apart from that there are no guarantees that the new works will be completed or funded by that time.

He says the smell has been there for years but it has become worse in recent weeks.

He has asked those affected to keep calling the Irish Water helpline over and over again on 1800 278 278.

And keep ringing them to complain until the smell is gone... so start dialling now and do not stop.

## Milford Utd host Swilly Rovers

Milford United senior team will host neighbours Swilly Rovers at Moyle View Park this Sunday in the Brian McCormick Cup at 1pm. The reserves will host Kilmacrennan Reserves on Saturday 3rd September at 1pm. Support welcome.

## Bike Run

Friends of the late Francie McGinley are hosting motorbike run in his memory on Saturday the 17th of September, meeting at the bottom of the town, Milford at 11am, All welcome.

## Childminder Wanted

Seeking Childminder to care for a 7 month old baby boy, five days per week, Monday - Friday - Start Oct / Nov  
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## Milford AC

### Athlete of year

Congratulations to Martin Kerr who was selected as the Donegal Master athlete of the year for 2022 at the County Board Meeting in Ballybofey on Monday night, closely followed by Paucic McKinney, Inishowen AC and Martin Cunningham, Tir Chonail AC.

Congratulations to Martin and best wishes as he takes part in the world mountain running championships in the Comeragh mountains in Tipperary this Saturday. Other category winners were... Senior Female athlete: Ann Marie McGlynn,

## 50/50 Winner

Congratulations to Maureen McHugh, Cranford who won the Milford United Football Club 50/50 Draw Jackpot of €1010 on Saturday last.

## GAA Championship

Milford GAA Reserves and Senior teams will play the 4th round Senior Championship on Sunday 4th September at home to Aodh Ruadh at Moyle View Park with 1.30 and 3.00pm throw in times.

## Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society next outing is Gary Sheehan's Captain's Prize at Rosapenna Golf Club on 10th September. For more details contact Eugene on 087 7704149 or Captain Gary Sheehan on 086 1904632.

## Golf Winners

Milford golfers were among the winners at Portsalon last week with young John Shields (34), Rosgarrow the stand out performer winning his first senior title on Saturday with an excellent 46 points, to beat Aidan Cannon (21) on 43pts and Joe Ferry

## LAC.

Senior Male athlete: Mark English, Finn Valley. Master Female athlete: Ciara Kearns, Finn Valley. Junior Female athlete: Lucy McGlynn.

Junior male athlete: Fintan Dewhirst, Tirconail AC.

Overall athlete of the year: Mark English, Finn Valley.

## Donegal Half Marathon

At the Donegal Half Marathon on Sunday Marty Lynch was the overall winner in a time of 1 hour 13minutes and 34seconds. The other club finishers were 4th Peter O'Donnell 1.16.54; 11th John Whorisley 1.21.50; 18th Anthony Doherty

## (14) on 40pts.

Dean Shields (15) recorded 38pts on Wednesday claim runner up spot and in the monthly medal on Sunday, Cathal Toland (16) had an excellent 66 for runner spot with Johnny Shields (3) winning the gross on 74gross.

## Mission Hall

Milford Mission Hall host meetings on the first Sunday of each month at 8pm. Speakers are Sept 4th Paster Carter; October 2nd James McKean.

## Masses in Milford

Mass times in St. Peter's Church, Milford this week are - Thursday 1st Sept 10.00am; Friday 2nd - 10.00am; Saturday 3rd 7.30pm; Sunday 4th 11.00am. Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 3rd at 6.00pm.

## REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT OUTREACH

The Regional Employment Service can help long term unemployed to get back into full time employment, identify training opportunities, prepare CV and fill out application forms and much more.

1.22.53; 23rd Barry Coyle 1.25.00; 32nd George Grier 1.30.12; 60th Harry Boyce 1.36.46; 66th Peter McBride 1.37.19; 84th Danny McLaughlin 1.40.56; 120th James Whorisley 1.46.13; 126th Kenneth Moore 1.47.15; 166th Patrick Shields 1.54.47; 172. Nancy McNamee 1.56.28; 195th Eileen O'Gorman 1.58.44 and 277th Mark Carr 2.20.37.

## 10km

The second Annual Hugo Duggan Memorial 10km Race takes place on Sunday the 11th of September starting at Grey Rocks at 11.30am finishing at the Council offices. Same route as previously run.



Marty Lynch (No. 186) on his way to winning the Donegal Half Marathon on Sunday in Letterkenny.



At the end of the Donegal Half Marathon were Liam McLaughlin, Cormac O'Kane, Deirdre Gormley and Nancy McNamee.

## Milford and Kerrykeel CE Project Ltd Vacancies

- Vacancies Available in the following locations.
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So if you wish to avail of our service: The Outreach Officer will be in attendance in Milford & District Resource Centre on Wednesday 7th Sept from 1.30-3.30pm.

## Yoga in Kerrykeel

Yoga classes resume Thursday 1st September 10:00-11:00am at The Old Schoolhouse, Kerrykeel. Six week blocks; Gentle/beginner class, suitable for all. Contact Jacqueline at www.healingflowyoga.ie or on Facebook: Healing Flow Yoga or call 087 2135877 to secure your place.

## Glenalla River Project

Ray Community Centre have received funding from the Local Authority Waters Programme to carry out a community project on the River Glenalla and its catchment area. The aim of the project is to collect information and knowledge on the river from the past, present and future, and to plan to protect and enhance the existing biodiversity and habitats along the river. There will be a public information evening and consultation as part of the project in Ray Community Centre on Tuesday, September 6th at 7pm and everyone is invited to come along. This will be of particular interest to all those with an interest in nature, biodiversity and the impact of climate change. This event is also suitable for children!



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**Clean Coasts**

The weekly Pier area and beach cleans take place every Wednesday, with equipment available outside the White Harte from 10.00am. Support is always welcome, and thanks to those who come out every week in all weathers to help keep our beaches, shorefront and street areas litter free. Good to have the Coastal Warriors from Letterkenny back in our midst again too.

**Highland Radio**

It was great to have Highland Radio in Rathmullan on Monday last, broadcasting the Nine til ' Noon Show with Greg Hughes live from their Outside Broadcast Unit.

Thanks to all of the locals for their contributions which added a touch of local flavour, and a huge Well Done to Katie McAteer on her fantastic Trip and participating on the Rose of Tralee Contest.

**Intermediate Sewing Classes**

The weekly sewing classes in the St Vincent De Paul Society are now at full capacity and will take place on Tuesdays from 10-12 until 27th September.

**Honour for Hazel**

Congratulations to Hazel Russell, secretary of the local RNLI Group who received a medal to mark her 20 years with the service at a function in the Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny last week.

Anna Classon, Head of Region, Ireland travelled to Donegal to perform the honours, and personally congratulate Hazel along with the other recipients on the night.



Denis and Stephen Sheridan presenting a cheque for €3,600 to the Kilmacrennan Hall to committee members Paul Doherty, Ann Harkin and Michael McBride following the proceeds of their recent walk to base camp at Mount Everest.

**Rathmullan**

**Lough Swilly Ferry**

The Ferry to Bunrana is back fully operational again, with 7 return journeys daily throughout September, connecting Rathmullan with the Inishowen peninsula.

This Ferry became very popular this summer, and 18 cars and over 100 foot passengers can travel on each journey. Unfortunately the service is due to cease on 18th September, a sure sign that Autumn is on the way.

**Tidy Towns**

Many thanks to everyone who is keeping Rathmullan looking great at the moment, and especially the Volunteers, residents and businesses who

are supporting our endeavours. Disappointing to notice a discernible increase the amount of littering and dog fouling recently, and we once again remind pet owners to please clean up after your pets and dispose of the Poo Bags properly, take your litter to the nearest bin, any bin will do or even take it home.

**BioDiversity Classes**

The Group are looking forward to the continuation of the Biodiversity Classes with Aengus Kennedy Nature North West over the next few weeks, with Classes on 31st August, 13th September and finishing up on Tuesday 20th September.

**First Aid**

The 'Event First Aid' in association with the Donegal Volunteer Centre will take place on Monday 12th September from 6-9 pm in the RDRC.



Baile na nGalloglach U9s in Ardara at Thomas Maguire Memorial Tournament and below U7's after their game against Downings on Sunday.



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**Draw**

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**Exercise Classes**

Men on The Move starting back on Monday the 12th of September with a beginners class and an advanced class. Try something new this year and get fit. Other classes starting in

September, dates to be announced soon: Bums & tums, circuits classes, 6am classes, pilates, yoga, zumba. For more information about any of these classes or to sign up contact Syria on 087 2877900.

**Music lessons**

Kids music classes starting back on Thursday 8th September at 4pm for ages 3-6. 5pm ages 7-10. Ukulele, Singing, Percussion. New Pop-up Ukulele Class for adults starting September 5th for 4 Mondays only. Suitable for absolute beginners and instruments are provided. Learn how to tune, strum, and the basic chords Contact Tracy for further info or to make a booking on 0851500123.

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Condolences to Niall and Louise Callaghan on the death of Niall's aunt Kathleen McFadden, sister of Rosemary Callan from all at Ray Community Group.

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# A Troy story you couldn't make up



by Ciaran O'Donnell

It's hard to know where to begin in relation to Robert Troy who resigned last Wednesday as Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise. The subject came up in conversation with a friend at the weekend.

"Was he naive or stupid?" the friend asked. This columnist reckoned he was both, and that he has an off-the-wall sense of entitlement. I can't recall the subject that was being debated on the national airwaves last year, but the one thing I noted at the time was just how out of touch and ill-informed the Fianna Fáil public representative was during his contribution. Out of touch came to mind again when the drip-drip revelations about his errors in not declaring property interests and incomplete declarations came into the public domain. In his resignation statement, The Longford-Westmeath TD said he will not apologise for being a landlord.

"I bought my first house at the age of 20 as I went straight into a job after school, so I was in a position to purchase my first property then. I am not a person of privilege and I have not been brought up with a silver spoon in my mouth, I have worked for all I have."

What has buying his first house at 20 got to do with anything now?

Those who chose to pay €2 to purchase this newspaper have also worked hard for all they have.

By claiming he's not a person of privilege is where he got it completely wrong. It should be a privilege for Deputy Troy to represent his constituency and he abused his privilege of Dail speaking time to call for more funding for the Rental Accommodation Scheme.

No one should need reminding about the on-

going crisis Ireland is experiencing, least of all our senior politicians. Our policymakers not alone need to keep doing the right thing, and more, to improve the situation, they also must be seen to be doing the right thing.

In his resignation statement, he also chose to fire a scud at "certain media" for their role in the scandal.

And what made a sorry mess even sorer was the decision by the Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, and Tánaiste, Leo Varadkar to give Robert Troy their full support on Tuesday of last week, following his car-crash interview with Brian Dobson on RTE's News At One.

In a joint statement, a spokesman said: "Both the Taoiseach and the Tánaiste acknowledge and accept Minister Troy's comprehensive statement, explanation and apology for the errors and welcome the amendments that have been made to the record."

By Tuesday night, Mr Troy had resigned. So, which words would you use to describe the thinking of the country's leader and deputy leader?

Stupid? Naive?

## Community spirit is alive and well

Covid has impacted negatively on so many things in life over the last two and a half years. Most notable has been the drop-off in volunteerism.

However, last weekend that trend was well and truly bucked in Letterkenny,

On Friday night at Dry Arch Park, Bonagee FC pulled out all the stops for the meeting of its

senior team with Shelbourne in the FAI Cup, with loads of stewards visible both outside and around the venue. The home side may have lost 4-0, but they made Damien Duff's Premier Division battle all the way for a place in the next round.

The facilities and the success at various levels are a credit to those involved at the club, and Friday night's occasion will live long in the memory of those who have soldiered with Bonagee United down the years.

On Sunday, Letterkenny hosted the ninth Donegal Half Marathon, and thanks to the large team of volunteers, the race went off hitch-free. The planning for Sunday's half marathon began at the launch back in March. Since then, the organising committee has been busy making sure that those taking part would have a good experience. Thankfully, they did.

Without the invaluable assistance of the volunteers who manned junctions, crossings, busy roads, and water stations, and helped with entries and post-race catering, the committee's efforts would count for nothing. The success of Sunday's race was down to good planning, excellent teamwork, and the willingness of people to give off their time to allow others to compete in a safe and friendly environment.

Whatever about the rest of the country, volunteerism is alive and well in these parts.

So, the next time you rock up to watch a big game being hosted by your local club, or to take part in a major event being held in the region, might be no harm to extend your thanks and gratitude to those who make it happen.

## And finally....

It's twelve weeks since Donegal's senior foot-

ballers were knocked out of the championship by Armagh.

It's six weeks since Declan Bonner announced that he was stepping down as Donegal manager. And while the rumour mill is on overdrive in relation to who will be the Na Rossa club man's successor, there has been nothing forthcoming officially from the Donegal County Board about where the process is at.

The last two managerial appointments were fairly straightforward. Rory Gallagher was the natural successor to Jim McGuinness when he called time in October 2014, while Declan Bonner was the obvious choice when Rory Gallagher quit as Donegal boss in July 2017.

With the club championship nearing the knockout stages, time really is of the essence.

The sooner a new manager is in place, the better for Donegal football.

# London Irish Vintage Club Charity Day

After a two-year absence, due to the Covid pandemic, the London Irish Vintage Club is to celebrate its delayed 10th Anniversary Charity Day on Sunday 4th September at Tir Chonaill Gaels Grounds, Berkeley Avenue, Greenford, UB6 0NZ.

With the main purpose of the event to raise money for charity, LIVC's four charities for 2022 are: Peace Hospice (Care), Dementia Concern (Ealing), Southwark Helping Hands and Wormwood Scrubs Pony Centre (Therapy Horses).

The day will start with a Vintage Road Run, facilitated by Tony and Bernadette McGovern, from Wexham to Greenford



Carrigart's Brendan 'Tiny' Vaughan the driving force behind the London Irish Vintage Club Charity Day.

then be put on display.

The family day out offers a throwback to the past with a working threshing mill together with craft displays, children's amusements (including traditional swing boats) and live music. The main stage will host Nathan Carter, David James, Hungry Grass, and Mary Rose with a second stage dedicated to Traditional musicians and Irish dancers. Greg Hughes from Donegal's Highland Radio will be broadcasting live from Greenford between 12 and 2 pm.

LIVC's Brendan 'Tiny' Vaughan would like to thank the extended Irish Community for their support of the Vintage Day

down the years. "It very much is a team effort



Irish comedian Patrick Kielty at one of the Vintage Days in London.

and the LIVC are thankful to all the companies and individuals who come together to make the event possible. After our absence due to Covid we are very much looking forward to celebrating our 10th Anniversary."

The Vintage Day runs at Greenford from 12 noon to 7pm.

Admission is £10 for adults with children under 16 free (please note children must be supervised by an adult throughout the event).

# Running to get the Prize

Imagine a scene - It's sports day at school. There are the parents hollering and shouting encouragement at their children. But there is one dad - the ultra-competitive one, dressed in tight t-shirt, shorts and sunglasses - and he is standing at the end of the finish line. Veins are popping in his neck as he bellows down the track to his little boy, "RUN, RUN, TRY HARDER! YOU'LL NEVER GET THE PRIZE IF YOU RUN LIKE THAT!"

Of course you know what happens - the little boy struggles all the more with the weight of his father's expectations, and fears even coming near the finish line.

Some people have a view of God that is like that. As if he is constantly bellowing at us to try harder, and if we are good enough, upright enough, we might just

get a prize.

Imagine another father, but this one isn't at the end of the track, he is beside his little girl at the start line. He has her by the hand, and he looks down at her little worried face, "Don't worry, I'll run with you." And off they go, he with his big long strides, his hand, not just holding her hand, but his arm bearing her weight, and she is flying, huge strides, even laughing at the wonder of it. She is confident they will make it to the end - and even get a prize!

I was preaching recently on a verse in the Bible which reads: "Not that I have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me... I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:12)

The Apostle Paul is painting a picture of the Christian life as a race. He hasn't finished running yet, but some things are assured. He is assured that there is a prize. And he is assured that he will get there. Why is he so certain?

Is it because he is so brilliant? No, certainly not. In the previous verses he has described all his religious performance as rubbish (even 'dung!')

He is certain that he will get hold of the prize because Jesus Christ has taken hold of him. And so he will run with determination, joy, expectation and confidence, because God the Son is holding on to him and running with him. It's back to our illustration of the race. Is your view of God the 'Unsatisfiable Coach'? Or is it the God who takes hold and runs alongside? It makes all the difference. Only one is the Bible's image. It is of a God who comes close and who runs with his people, and holds on to them.

Don't try and run in your own strength - start by asking Jesus to come and take hold of your life - seeking his forgiveness and entrusting your life to him. He is the God who comes alongside and who brings us safely to the prize. There is no other way - we'll never get there in our own strength.

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## Food for thought



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The four new first year classes who started secondary school at Errigal College, Letterkenny on Friday. Photos by Brian McDaid



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## Charity Auction in Burt

A charity auction will be held in St. Mary's Hall Burt on Saturday 10th September at 12 noon sharp. Viewing on Friday 9th from 7-9pm and on the morning of the sale, Catalogue €2. Guest auctioneer is Gerald Deehan. Proceeds to Fahan Parish funds (Burt Inch & Fahan) Inch Presyterian Church and Burt Hall. The housekeeping bills have increased so much with no fund-raising of late.

The organisers would deeply appreciate your support. They also appeal for any item that can be resold and to businesses for vouchers or merchandise. Items can be left in Hall from 12 noon Wednesday and Thursday 11am till 4pm. Please contact Kathleen on 086 3931426 or 074 9368373 or Kenneth on 086 4547666. They also appeal for help to set up and on the day of the auction.

Another successful charity Burt Inch and Fahan calendar for 2022 raised €3,480. This could not have happened only for your support. Special thanks goes to the sponsors for advertising, local shops for selling, local photographers for their kind permission to use their photos, the local media for their help and the general public from near and far who purchased the calendars.

This generous amount was shared between Oncology Patients Comfort Fund LUH €1,725 and Inch Chapel webcam €1,000 also Fahan Parish Funds €755. Calendar organizer Kathleen Grant wishes to acknowledge her ace calendar team of Malachy Harrigan, Lily Elder and Kevin Callaghan for without their valued help this calendar to promote the parish would not happen.



Janice Richmond, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Oncology; LUH with Burt Inch and Fahan calendar organiser Kathleen Grant. and front Breige Grant, Oncology Patient handing over cheque to Mary Grace Kelly, Oncology Research Nurse LUH.



Fr. Francis Bradley P.P. receiving a cheque for €755 towards parish funds from one of the Burt Inch and Fahan calendar team, Malachy Harrigan.

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# Shels too strong for Bonagee

Bonagee Utd 0-4 Shelbourne

From early on there wasn't really any doubt that Bonagee Utd would find it difficult to prevent pre-match favourites Shelbourne from winning this FAI Senior Cup second round tie at Dry Arch Park on Friday night. And Jason Gibson's side probably had the rub of the green a couple of times before the visitors broke the deadlock just before half-time in somewhat controversial circumstances when referee Oliver Moran allowed a quick throw-in with Stephen Black on the ground injured right in front of him.

That was the big decision of the match from a Bonagee perspective and it certainly had a psychological impact on the players going in at the break. The team had put in a big shift in the first half but the boost of restarting with the game scoreless was gone. There was no argument about the final result as Damien Duff's side were deserving winners adding three more goals and the home team were perhaps fortunate that the margin of defeat wasn't more. Bonagee's best scoring changes came when any thoughts of a comeback were well and truly gone. Sub Deano Larkin should have at least hit the target from a Tony McNamee cross and likewise Michael

Doherty should have tested the keeper after good work by another replacement Darragh Ellison.

While a giant killing act would have been terrific in reality Friday night was about more than that slim possibility. It was about an historic occasion for Bonagee Football Club with a full house on an ideal night for the fans to come see the team play its biggest match ever. For men like Eric Funston, Laurence Gildrea, Derek Hunter and many others it must have been an occasion that filled them with immense pride to see Bonagee have the facilities to host an FAI Senior Cup tie against a Shelbourne side managed by Republic of Ireland legend Damien Duff. For the current committee it's been a great experience and one that the club will hope to build on going forward.

The first Bonagee man to touch the ball in a competitive match against a League of Ireland senior team was Tony McNamee from the kick-off and within a minute the Ramelton was also the first player to be booked. The tackle left Shane Farrell hobbling and he eventually had to come off with just 17 minutes gone. That didn't help the hosts cause as his replacement Jack Moylan torment-

ed Bonagee for the rest of the half. The home side were in bother from almost every corner and crosses from wide areas. However, they managed to stay very disciplined in terms of conceding free-kicks in dangerous areas.

With a game coming up against Derry on Monday night Duff did make a number of changes for the Dry Arch game. None of the ex-Harps players Mark Coyle, Sean Boyd or Dan Hawkins featured due to injury. As expected Jason Gibson's side started very cautiously and while they rode their luck at times the fact was that the visitors didn't score until just before the interval. They pretty much lined up with five at the back with Conor Black getting forward a few times in the first half from left-back. The young Kilmacrennan man impressed to the extent that maybe he could get a chance at senior level having previously been with Finn Harps for four years at underage level.

Bonagee didn't threaten the Shels goal at all in the first half. The Tolka men should have taken the lead in the 13th minute when with a free header that went over the bar. It was a similar story for Matty Smith man from a cross. Oisín Cannon did very well to get a hand to a

23rd minute Moylan cross at the expense of a corner as Duff's outfit upped the tempo. The Creeslough man also got down to parry another effort with the rebound going wide. It was an anxious time for Gibson, his assistant Michael McHugh and the home supporters.

Moylan should have tested Cannon on the half-hour mark after the keeper hadn't dealt well with a cross. Moylan was involved in almost every Shels attack. He saw a header go wide and then some fancy footwork saw Bonagee perhaps fortunate not to concede a penalty. Then disaster struck with just seconds to go in the third and final minute of injury time. Stephen Black conceded the throw-in on the Stand side near the clubhouse end. The twin brother of Conor went down injured but referee didn't stop play and from a quick throw-in Moylan crossed for Josh Giurgi volley low past Cannon.

That really rocked the hosts who could have done with the confidence booster of going into the second half scoreless. It certainly unhinged their game plan a bit even though there was only a goal between the sides. The visitors doubled their advantage on 52 minutes when Dan Carr headed home Kameron Ledwidge's left wing cross. Just past the hour mark Moylan got through one to one with Cannon and the game's outstanding player produced a sublime chip to make it 3-0. Carr got his second of the game to round up the scoring in the



Kilmacrennan's Conor Black who impressed against Shels on Friday night at Dry Arch Park.

70th minute. It was good to see Damien Duff posing with the Bonagee mascots before the match and he also mingled with fans on what truly was an historic night for the Dry Arch Club.

Shels were back in action on Monday when a very late goal gave Derry a 1-0 win at Tolka Park in the Premier Division. Meanwhile Jason Gibson's side are now getting ready to play in the cross-border cup competition. After that Bonagee have been drawn away to Letterkenny Rovers in an FAI Intermediate Cup opener. They reached the quarter-finals of last season's Intermediate Cup where the Dry Arch outfit lost 1-0 to Rockmount in Cork. That's how Bonagee qualified for the FAI Senior Cup. The eight Intermediate Cup quarter-finalists are guaranteed a place in the Senior Cup draw.

Bonagee United - Oisín Cannon; Jamie Lynagh, Conor Black, Jack Parke, Mark Harkin; Stephen Black, Michael Funston, Gareth Harkin, Tony McNamee; Dan O'Donnell, Micheál Doherty. Subs: Darragh Ellison for Stephen Black (h-t), Deano Larkin for Dan O'Donnell 68 mins, Peter Carr and Sean Hume for McNamee and Funston 83 mins, Noah Barrett for Doherty 89 mins. Subs not used: Shaun Patton (Gk), Dylan McAteer, Packie Mailey, Gareth Breslin.

Shelbourne: Scott Van Der Sluis - Stephan Negrú, Gavin Molloy, JR Wilson, Joshua Giurgi, Kameron Ledwidge, JJ Lunney, Aodh Dervin, Shane Farrell; Dan Carr, Matty Smith. Subs: Jack Moylan for Farrell 21 mins, Conor Kane and Gavin Hodgkins for Wilson and Dervin 62 mins, Lewis Temple and Jad Hakiki for Lunney and Carr 76 mins.

Ref: Oliver Moran



The Bonagee team and mascots prior to Friday night's FAI Senior Cup tie against Shelbourne at Dry Arch Park.

Brian McCormick Letterkenny Area Group B

Report and Photos by Declan Kerr

# Swilly lose to Letterkenny in cup opener

Letterkenny Rovers 2-1 Swilly Rovers

Leckview Park was the venue for the opening Brian McCormick Letterkenny Area Group B on Sunday where the hosts Letterkenny Rovers deservedly secured the victory against Swilly Rovers.

However, the hosts did make hard work of it after being the better side for most of the game which was played on a warm afternoon in the Cathedral Town. It looked like Stephen McConnell's men were going to have the win wrapped up before half-time but despite playing second fiddle the Ramelton outfit kept plugging away and were nearly rewarded for

that endeavour in the closing stages after Kyle Black had pulled a goal back from the penalty spot.

The hosts started very positively putting Swilly under pressure and were ahead with just three minutes on the clock when Patrick Gahir latched onto a low Jordan Nugent cross to shoot low past Barry Gallagher at the Leck end of the ground. It came after poor defending by the visitors who were being harried into mistakes. It was almost 2-0 in the sixth minute when the lively Nugent's shot was blocked well by the leg of Barry Gallagher who had advanced to narrow the angle. And Ciaran Kelly got his body in the way of the rebound shot as Swilly desperately tried not to concede a second goal so early in the match. Paul Callan's side did rally a bit after that slow start with a couple of Paddy Sheridan frees seeing James McCahill having an effort blocked while Brad Patterson headed wide. But the respite was short lived as the hosts doubled their advantage in the 16th minute when referee Sean McBride pointed to the penalty spot for a foul on Nugent by keeper Gallagher. And it was the former Whitestrand Utd striker who tucked the spot-kick into the right-hand corner of the Swilly net.

A minute later the Ramelton men went close to pulling one back when new signing

David Craig just couldn't get the right contact on Tyler Durning's low ball but the attempt went wide. Letterkenny keeper Blake Forkan then had to tip over a Durning free from near the end line in the corner flag area. At the other end Barry Gallagher had to come to his side's rescue again when Nugent latched onto a long quick kick-out from Forkan in the 34th minute.

It could have been game over in the space of 60 seconds starting on 56 minutes when the Swilly keeper did well to deny both Chris Malseed and Nugent. Then right-back Leon Doherty unleashed a thunderbolt 25 yard drive that crashed off the underside of the crossbar. After all that Swilly got a lifeline on 69 minutes Sergey Alcorn fouled Kyle Black who got up himself to send Forkan the wrong way from the resultant penalty. That left Letterkenny a little jittery, slowing the game up and resulted in keeper Forkan getting a yellow card for time wasting.

However, Swilly didn't threaten the home goal until injury time and by that stage Barry Gallagher had performed heroics with a double save to deny sub Darragh Morrison in the 89th minute at the town end goals. The visitors did push more players forward in search of an equaliser with McCahill just unable to get a touch to a good Black cross. Then in the dying seconds Ciaran Kelly found himself in a race with Forkan for the ball. The keeper did get there first but mis-kicked. Fortunately for him Kelly was unable to capitalise and that was the last action of the game.

This Sunday in the McCormick Cup Letterkenny travel for a local derby against Bonagee Utd at the Dry Arch while Moyleview Park is the venue for Swilly's next match against Milford Utd. Both sides will be looking for a win



Letterkenny Rovers David O'Donnell about to take possession being watched closely by Swilly's Ryan McDaid.

to have any chance of advancing from Group B. Milford lost 1-0 to Bonagee at the Dry Arch last Sunday.

Letterkenny Rovers - Blake Forkan; Leon Doherty, Paddy Tobin, Sergey Alcorn, Gareth Temple; Mokhtar Bourasria, Chris Malseed, David O'Donnell, Conor Temple; Patrick Gahir, Jordan Nugent. Subs: Fnuad Bashar for Bourasria h-t, Nathan Bonner for Tobin 64 mins, Darragh Morrison for C Temple 74 mins, Mohammed Touhami for Malseed 84 mins, Aaron Temple for Gahir 87 mins. Not used: Krystian Fiut, Faolan Gibson.

Swilly Rovers - Barry Gallagher; Oisín Coyle, Ciaran Kelly, Brad Patterson, Paddy Sheridan; Ryan McDaid, James McCahill, David Craig, Tyler Durning; Leon Boyce, Kyle Black. Subs: Dylan Hegarty and Marty McDaid for Sheridan and Craig 58 mins. Not used: Jamie Lee Blaney, Damien Friel, Adrian Toland, Shay Durning, Darragh McDaid, Mark McDaid.

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Chris Malseed and Swilly's James McCahill in a battle for the ball from a corner at Leckview Park on Sunday.



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## Extension to Agri-Environment Training Scheme

Minister for Agriculture Charlie McConalogue announced an extension of the Agri-Environment Training Scheme (AETS) for an additional two months. All courses provided to the farmers under the Scheme had been due to be completed by 31st August 2022, with the extension allowing AETS Course fa-

cilitators to continue to offer courses in September and October. The new closing date is 31st October. Announcing the extension, he advised, "I am encouraged to see the participation rates in courses run under the Agri-Environment Training Scheme (AETS) to date, with over 21,000 farm-

ers attending, or due to attend, courses by next Wednesday (31st August 2022). The range of subjects being covered at the courses, including environmental advice, lessons learnt from participation in the most recent agri-environment scheme, and farm health and safety standards. These are all very relevant

and I understand that the response by farmers has been positive and that they are finding the courses beneficial. Farmers have really embraced the AETS and I want to ensure that we provide the opportunity for as many farmers as possible to partake in the scheme. There continues to be demand for courses, so I have extended the scheme to end October."



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This week's winner was Kim McBride, 21 Lough Fern Heights, Milford who found Shanagh in the Piano Classes Advert on Page 27 and wins a €50 voucher for Whoriskey's of Ramelton.

## A Rathmullan Woman in exile...

# Autumn is closing in all around us

I was off work last Tuesday and had a few chores to do locally; bank and post office and insurance, the stuff that you can't do at weekends and then I met Jim and we went for a quick run up Lough Crew (not bad for an oul' fella of 81!) to walk round the cairns and chat with the old Gods.

As always it was very windy up there but the wind was reasonably mild and it was a lovely lung-full of fresh air. Jim only had two hours while the Alzheimer's Society carer was available so we just got cups of coffee and a packet of digestives in Millbrook garage on the return journey and made it back in the nick of time.

Being a full time carer to someone with advanced dementia is no easy sentence and if he didn't get the couple of hours break now and then he'd be in a home for the bewildered himself.

I was absolutely wall falling with tiredness last week while I waited to get my Vitamin B12 injection and get my bloods checked. I have Pernicious Anaemia so I have to get B12 by injection every two and a half months. If it runs low I get exhausted and get cold sores and mouth ulcers as well as being mentally lethargic (more so than normal!) and an extended period without it causes me to become depressed. It's hard to believe that a deficiency in one little vitamin can have such a profound effect on the body and mind. It wasn't diagnosed till I was 39 and I wonder would an earlier diagnosis have saved me from some of the more extreme effects of depression in younger life. Hindsight is a wonderful thing!

I had several funerals last week and none of them was the crature I'm doing palliative night care with. Saturday morning saw me at the church for the funeral of young Conan's granddad. Conan is the young fella who gives us a dig out on the farm and he lives a few hundred yards up the road. There was a small million at the church in Virginia; you couldn't get space to turn a sweet in your mouth either inside or outside the church.

It's a big family with a lot of connections and the deceased was a well respected man in the area. The heavens opened early that morning and the rain came down in biblical quantities. There's a channel cut along the side of our road and a pile of gravel deposited along the ditch below from the

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deluge sluicing down the hill. The thunder and lightning storm we had, coupled with the monsoon-like rain seems to have ushered in the autumn. There's a noticeable cut in the evenings and in the darker mornings and there's very heavy autumnal dew every morning. There's talk of another bit of heat coming soon; probably as soon as the nippers go back to school. Roll on the day!

I was meant to go up to Rathmullan last weekend but I was just too tired to make the journey safely. The way things are looking I doubt if my poor devil of a night client will be on this side of the sod for much longer and that coupled with the absolute end of this year's stud season will leave me a lot freer.

At this stage of the game I don't give one damn if the mares are in foal or empty, it's just gone too late in the year to do anything more. The grey mare has finished her course of hormones and both mares will be scanned this week. I'd nearly buy a colt next spring to run with them to avoid all this hassle, it's an expensive and time consuming outfit. Note to self; take up knitting or stamp collecting or something.

One of the old ladies that lived down the hill from us is going under the wing of the palliative care team this week. They were moved into a nursing home last year after they point blank refused to accept home help or home-care. They were both in different stages of dementia and no longer able to cope with the basic functions of daily life. They could have had a few more years in considerable comfort

in their own home if they hadn't been so contrary about letting 'strangers' into their house. Himself wanted to go into Cavan to visit them on Sunday and we duly set sail together because he didn't want to go on his own. It's a very modern and luxurious care facility, with every comfort and convenience but it's still a horrible place to visit; all the units are locked to prevent escapes and there's the ever present whiff of urine over everything. Both the dolls were looking fantastic and were in very good form, even the lady who is so unwell, which is lovely to see. They're content where they are and well cared for which is as much as anyone can hope for in the latter end.

I had been in Cavan earlier in the day to do the dreaded shopping in Lidl. I missed out on the feminine love-of-shopping gene and I'd happily bypass every shop in the country if I could. On the way back I dropped into a friend in Kilnaleck who had recently had a bit of a workplace accident and was crippling round like a three legged dog. He borrowed a walking frame and crutches from me a few weeks previously but couldn't make any hand of them so wanted to return them.

He had rung me a couple of weeks ago, at about 4.30am, to see if I'd make him a cup of coffee and bring him to A&E in Cavan. I was on palliative night duty at the time so I had to refuse him and advise him to call an ambulance. He got cobbled together in as much as you can when you pull ligaments and tendons but it's going to be a long haul before he's firing on all cylinders again. He's one of



**Kate Carton**

two friends of ours who moved from Dublin to Cavan shortly after we did in 1998. Unfortunately they're both alcoholics and now at 59 and 64 respectively the years are starting to show on them.

I had occasion to visit the friend in Cavan (he's 64) a few weeks ago and I was very disappointed to see that he's starting to let the house go. He has one of the little old farts of homes in an estate in Cavan town and it used to be immaculate, as he was himself, but the house is now dark, dirty and smelling bad.

I noticed the same with the friend in Kilnaleck (59) on Sunday; the house is becoming shabby, dirty and whiffy. It's a shame to see two intelligent, gifted tradesmen slipping into the abyss of alcohol and dwindling into typical "dirty old men".

It will only be a short time until their personal hygiene starts to suffer and they will no longer be welcome in company. It's sad and frustrating to see it happening and to know that they're both well aware of it but powerless to stop the journey. It's a pity there isn't some magic cure for alcohol dependency, it's a curse. I'm damnably fond of the stuff myself but I've been able to manage to do without it most of the time since last October. I do have a few drinks when I'm in Rathmullan and occasionally in Cavan but so far so good. It really is a one day at a time job but at the moment I'm winning. Stubborn, thravn doggedness can be a virtue sometimes. That's worth a drink to celebrate!

## Donegal ETB Publishes Prospectus

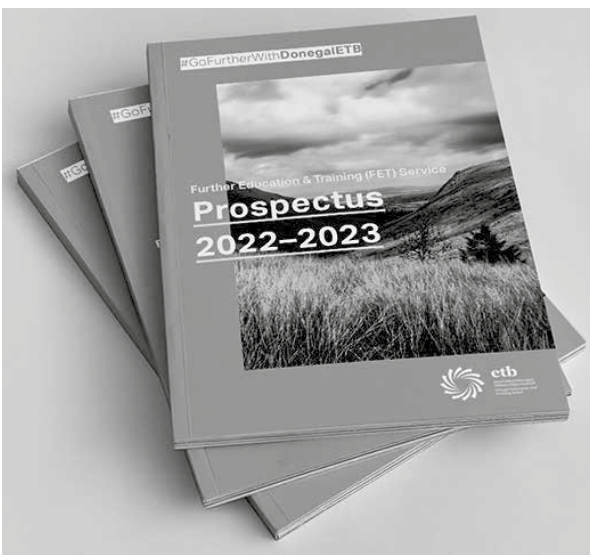
Donegal ETB's Further Education and Training (FET) Service has published its new FET Prospectus for the incoming academic year, 2022-2023, which includes several exciting new courses starting across the county in September. The Prospectus provides detailed information on over 120 full and part-time courses in a diverse range of areas from Levels 1-6, many of which are funded by the European Union - NextGenerationEU.

These include administration, business and finance; art, craft and design; construction and the built environment; courses for people with disabilities; customer care; early childhood care and education, engineering and manufacturing; enterprise engagement; family learning; general learning; hair and beauty; health and social care; horticulture; IT and computing; languages; Leaving Certificate for adults; sports, recreation and fitness; tourism and hospitality; transport and logistics; veterinary and the Youthreach programme for early school leavers.

It also contains information on how to gain qualifications through the Recognition of Prior Learning process and supports for business.

Amongst the many courses listed in the Prospectus are three newly developed courses in Data Science, Early Care and Learning and Public Works Operations and Maintenance.

Data Science skills are in increasing demand and this thirty-six week course has been designed in conjunction with industry to focus on developing skills and processes required to interpret large amounts of data from a variety of data types to assist in de-



cision making and drive business forward. This full-time course will provide students with entry level skills within the financial technology sector in databases, data analytics, programming and project management.

As a leading provider of childcare courses in the county over the years, the ETB has recently developed a new Level 5 Early Learning and Care course in line with best practice in the early learning and care sector (0-6 years). It aims to improve the quality of childcare provision across the county and is available as a one-year full-time QQI Level 5 award in Letterkenny and Bunclara as well as a part-time option in a number of other locations.

Working in partnership with Donegal County Council, the FET Service has also developed a full-time Public Works Operations and Maintenance traineeship to provide work ready operatives for entry level operations and maintenance positions

for the construction or local authority sectors. Taking place in Letterkenny, it provides guaranteed work placements across the county with Donegal County Council, a range of industry qualifications and can be completed in thirty-five weeks, placing those interested in these positions well ahead of other applicants.

Speaking about the publication of the Prospectus, Donegal ETB's Director of Further Education and Training, Ciaran O'Brien said, "the mission of Donegal ETB is to offer education and training opportunities that help students to achieve their full potential and to contribute to the social, cultural and economic life of their communities. Our FET Service provides a diverse range of certified courses from NFQ Levels 1-6 in every corner of the county to meet this mission and I'm delighted to see all of these published together in this new Prospectus."

He added, "Last year almost 7,000 people availed of our FET courses across the county so we're looking forward to welcoming many more new students this Autumn and next year."

The ETB's Prospectus can now be viewed in the Publications and Resources section of its website or contact the Adult Guidance and Information Service by emailing [adultguidance@donegaletb.ie](mailto:adultguidance@donegaletb.ie) or calling 074 9178088 for further information.

Applicants can also apply online for these courses through the ETB's website ([www.donegaletb.ie/fetcoursefinder](http://www.donegaletb.ie/fetcoursefinder)).

## Ballybofey has highest commercial vacancy rate in Ireland

The commercial vacancy rate in Donegal stood at 17.2% in June, according to the latest GeoDirectory Commercial Buildings Report. This represents an increase of 0.4 percentage points (pp) compared to June 2021.

Ballybofey remained the town with the highest commercial vacancy rate in the state at 30.2%, while Bunclara had the lowest at 13.1%.

The report, prepared by EY, found that the national commercial vacancy rate stood at 13.9% in June 2022, a marginal increase of 0.25 percentage points (pp) when compared to the same period in 2021. The national commercial vacancy rate is the highest level recorded by GeoDirectory since it began reporting on the rates in 2013.

Commercial vacancy rates increased in 15 out of 26 counties in the twelve months to June 2022, with a total of 29,241 vacant commercial units recorded across Ireland.

The highest commercial vacancy rates in June 2022 were found in the west and north-west of Ireland, continuing a trend observed in previous Reports. At 19.4%, Sligo was the county with the highest commercial vacancy rate, followed by Galway and Donegal (both at 17.2%), and Leitrim and Mayo (both 16.9%).

The county with the lowest commercial vacancy rate was Meath at 9.9%, followed by Wexford at 10.6% and Kerry at 11.7%.

There were 181,683 occupied commercial address points in Q2 2022, representing a decline of 1,225 on the corresponding figure in Q2 2021. Of these, 86.7% were allocated a NACE\* code. The number of NACE code-classified commercial units declined by 2,520 between Q2 2021 and Q2 2022 with most of this decline found in the Retail and Wholesale sector, with 800 fewer units. The broader sector of Services, which encompasses a range of economic activities, recorded a decline of 952 units.

The analysis also found that the Accommodation and Food Services sector accounted for 14.3% of all commercial address points in Ireland in June 2022. In total, 22,597 commercial units were classified as operating in this sector. Kerry, at 24.3%, was the county with the highest proportion of Accommodation and Food Services units relative to the overall commercial stock in the county.



# Michael Collins deserved better on his anniversary

*“On a far off August day, Cold young men in ambush lay.  
On a roadside by a hill where flowers grow, So much hate for one so young.  
Who was right and who was wrong,  
Though a thousand years may pass we’ll never know.”*

As silence descends on the roadside where Michael Collins was killed at Beal na mBláth in West Cork one hundred years ago on August 22nd, perhaps he deserved better than the empty rhetoric that Micheál Martin and Leo Varadkar offered on behalf of the people of Ireland on his anniversary. Shame on them because this was an event written large with the scourge of revisionism and exclusion.

Collins deserved better, much better.

Things were going well for the Taoiseach and he'd nailed his flag to Robert Troy's mast, things were really looking good for Micheál on his own legacy tour in West Cork. So what could go wrong? Actually the boat ran aground and Martin was again left with that sinking feeling.

Could you imagine Michael Collins as leader of this nation having elected members in parliament who ran the risk of conflict of interests on any level?

I'd guess that Collins would have made it mandatory for all TD's and Senators to relinquish all other interests in life during their periods in office and that would have applied to cowboys, cardinals, archbishops, choirboys (the Dail is full of this lot) and those millionaire landlords and developers would never have seen the inside of the Dail, never mind the tent at the Galway races.

Nobody can disguise the reality that Collins was a true leader in the fight for Irish Freedom. An honest farmer's son of West Cork, he was once the most wanted man in the British Empire. He lived in an action-filled three turbulent decades of warfare in our history. He fought in the 1916 Rising and as a guerilla leader in the War of Independence his intent and leadership forced the Empire to its knees in a campaign that changed our history. He would go on to negotiate the Treaty that led to partition, the Civil War and the new Irish State. He became a minister in the first government and Commander-in-Chief of the army. In the end, he was truly a rebel with the greatest cause of all: Irish Freedom.

And on a more mundane level, Collins and his party would have ensured that those waiting for a social house would not be left scratching their heads as their hopes vanished into thin air as a coach drove up to the shiny new estate with a load of Ukrainians on board.

None of that would Collins have been a participant because his life in the minefield of Irish politics was in its most embryonic phase but it's a fair bet that he'd not have aspired to lead either of Ireland's two main

parties, regardless of the fact that they did not exist in his lifetime.

But had they done so, he would have seemed to have been above their less lofty ambitions that led to a nation exporting its most precious heritage, the countless hundreds of thousands of unemployed generations of young people forced to take flight to other lands because the government policy of the day never did attempt to live up to the aspirations of the 1916 Proclamation.

At no time in his short life did Collins come to formulate the best methods that were to be deployed to promote his objectives but what we heard from the FF and FG leaders ten days ago fell far short of what he lived for in his deeds and actions. Never mind what has transpired since as Varadkar and Martin are left to feebly explain why they expressed absolute confidence in Robert Troy.

At 31 years of age, Michael Collins was far too young to die and shame on those who killed him and shame on those protesters who went to Beal na mBláth last Sunday week to shout their pointless slogans. Collins had so much to offer the nation: he was a military man, an idealist who could make his actions speak louder than words. He was one who never stood still but perhaps he never should have been in London trying to negotiate with the duplicitous British who'd earned a name for short changing nations they'd conquered by military force and bloodshed.

He remains the enigma of Ireland's past: he had a future that promised much to the Irish nation and obviously neither Fianna Fail or Fine Gael have lived up to those aspirations.

De Valera was the statesman that should have led the Irish negotiations and who knows, he might not have achieved a better outcome. The reality is that the deal accepted was divisive and the results have resonated ever since in an Ireland with too many deaths, too many divisions and the rancour of history.

In death, as in life, Collins was destined to divide the country. Yet he had character: full of ambition, charm, military leadership, but not long enough for historians to define his legacy.

In his remarks at Beal na mBláth, Micheál Martin said that this country had been saved by our history since Collins from the extremes of left and right that have done so much damage elsewhere and described any use of the term civil war politics as lazy. Good man Micheál. More than most, his party should reflect on missed chances for

on forty years, through the UN and what other protocols they should have engaged to bring political pressures to bear on the Unionist Government in power forever in Northern Ireland to quit the exclusion of Catholics from jobs, the gerrymandering of housing and effectively of the Government.

How could such a menu of sectarian politics driven by force and the full strength of a Protestant police force have been tolerated, even accepted by Dublin and no real attempt to confront it? That is a legacy that should not be forgotten as a lesson for a newer generation now cutting their teeth in the political landscape. But how could Micheál Martin ever forget the legacy of Fianna Fail's past generations?

Yet Micheál Martin is the Leader of Dev's party that was created in 1926 with the profound ideal to reunite Ireland. And by that token, FF and their Leaders have never attempted to tell the electorate why was it that from then until the creation of the Civil Rights campaign of the late nineteen sixties, that the party sat on their hands in Dublin?

It was never inevitable that mythology alone should have reached such a crescendo about the life of Michael Collins and that both FG and FF are now riding shotgun in the wake of his appeal at this time in history. That's exactly where one has to take issue with both leaders who spoke at Beal na mBláth.

Collins deserves to be remembered for more than the views expressed at his commemoration. He would seem to have a mindset of inclusivity, yet at his 100th commemoration the Government chose to politicise the occasion and they deserve no credit in their failure to see that all parties and none were included in the ceremony. The two main parties hardly need to be reminded that rewriting history in a span of a hundred years is far too short for a lame duck revisionism.

The political landscape of those hundred years has been dominated by the bitter differences between Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael. But was there ever any real ideological difference between them? It seems not and the Split became a fist fight on election hustings to ensure that the green flag they revered was a different shade of green.

Even now and at this short remove it is quite hard to qualify how our two main parties built

their bases on the mythology around Dev and Collins.

It would be wrong to assume the electorate knew no better. But the politics of Catholicism was effectively the building blocks of politics in Ireland for far too long.

Fianna Fail was to become the party of the small landowner, the voice of those with no arse in their trousers who counted the penny farthings from chapel gate collections that were created with the same zeal as John Charles McQuaid in crafting a Catholic Constitution for a Catholic State in 1937. That particular one did the nation some service and the confessionals of this tawdry time imprisoned rational thinking in a mindset of sin and shame by the Church.

Fine Gael saw itself as... well, different and hardly ever in power until the Celtic Tiger blew the lid off the construction bubble. FG, first led by the Fascist Blueshirt, Eoghan O'Duffy was into state-building and the party of enterprise and progressive ideas law and order, yes it was ahead of the Heavy Gang but it was a close thing.

Fianna Fáil was the party of no hope, no real future with a very rural base. No... that's not a fairy tale, but it was a fair while ago. And later Charlie Haughey had the nation squirming as he kissed reverend mothers on the campaign trail.

Michael Collins would have been turning in his grave at those realities and he'd not have bought into one part of any of this lack of idealism.

In 1933, three organisations - Cumann na nGaedheal, the Centre Party and the National Guard, which was under the control of the ex-Garda Commissioner, General Eoin O'Duffy amalgamated to form a new party called Fine Gael as part of a major realignment among the opposition forces in the bitterly divided politics of the Irish Free State. O'Duffy, who had been dismissed as chief of the police force in February 1933 by de Valera, was elected as president of the new political party but W.T. Cosgrave remained as its leader in the Dáil. This arrangement was short-lived, however, and O'Duffy was forced to resign from the party in September 1934 due to his violent rhetoric and unconventional leadership.

Fine Gael has tried hard to write O'Duffy's name out of Irish politics because it sits uneasily in

their desire to convince the new generations that they've never subscribed to O'Duffy's ideals: the fact is he was their first President and in that respect nothing has changed.

Can you ever imagine Michael Collins subscribing to Fascism?

There's no doubt that Collins had the potential for genuine greatness and that he was robbed of that potential in an ambush a century ago. But it could also be true that his premature death has left all that in doubt since we'll never know the real truth of that speculation.

History and legacy unite to show that Collins was an intense man, ruthless in his objectives to the last breath of his brief life. School children were told all about the murders on Bloody Sunday in Croke Park, when British troops opened fire on a crowd at a football match. A fundraiser it was, between Dublin and Tipp for the families of republicans imprisoned in English jails. Fourteen people were murdered.

However, very little has been said of the history of that morning when fourteen British spies were killed because they posed a real threat to this country. The assassinations were coordinated and ordered by Michael Collins. The War of Independence was at its height back then and rebel homes in the heartland of Ireland were on fire and later to be celebrated in song and story and why not?

With the passage of time it is never easy to be certain about the judgement we pass on decisions made in a time of war.

What we do know is that Collins and DeValera were close friends with the one objective, Irish unity... sadly it all went wrong and ever since things have never been the same.

Collins was for many of his time, the man that contributed most to Ireland's status on the world stage. That does not say that there are questions that can never be fully answered.

Was the Treaty the best deal that could be done? Perhaps, but who are we to judge? If it hadn't been signed it, would Britain have resorted to more atrocities in Ireland? Probably yes. If he had lived, would Collins have been the great leader of his generation? Possibly yes.

Could or would DeValera and himself come to the point of being able to agree to disagree? Possibly not since the fallout from the signing of the Treaty left raw wounds that are still healing.

One thing is for sure, it left young men in early graves and that sceptre continues to haunt our history.

Perhaps the legendary Johnny McEvoy ballad with such deep empathy and emotion is as close as we can be in believing about the life and times of Michael Collins.

“On a far off August day, Cold young men in ambush lay. On a roadside by a hill where flowers grow, So much hate for one so young. Who was right and who was wrong, Though a thousand years may pass we’ll never know.

Candles dripping blood, They placed beside your shoulders. Rosary beads like teardrops on your fingers. Friends and comrades standing by. In their grief they wonder why, Michael, in their hour of need you had to go.”

Collins still talks to us with passion and pride, yet a great sadness: the love for his native land. That is as relevant today as a hundred years ago.



## Comment

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# First Years at Loreto CS Milford



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The Naomh Senan Class at Loreto CS Milford with their year tutor



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The Naomh Seosamh Class at Loreto CS Milford with their year tutor



The Naomh Sorcha Class at Loreto CS Milford with their year tutor Michael Shiels and prefects Sophie Deeney and Rory McGrenra.



The Naomh Searlas Class at Loreto CS Milford with their year tutor Cla

# CS Milford

# Fresh investigation into Inishbofin mystery



Students at Loreto CS Milford with their year tutor Lorraine Kelly and prefects Emily Irwin and Thomas Cannon.



Students at Loreto CS Milford with their year tutor Emma Black and prefects Evan Keown and Jenny McGettigan.



Students at Loreto CS Milford with their year tutor Claire Donaghy and prefects Grace Doherty and Oisín Kelly.



Investigative journalist Kevin Magee at Glenveagh.

**A fresh investigation into the mysterious disappearance of a Harvard millionaire who vanished without trace on a remote Donegal island to be screened on TG4 sheds new light on the case.**

It will be broadcast on TG4 next Wednesday 7th of September at 9.30pm. Arthur Kingsley Porter, 50, was last seen alive by his wife Lucy on the tiny Gaeltacht Island Inis Bó Finne or Inishbofin off the northwest coast of Donegal on 8th July 1933. He disappeared while out walking but no body was ever recovered.

An inquest – the first held in the Irish State without a body – accepted his wife’s opinion that the internationally-renowned academic slipped, fell into the ocean, and was washed out to sea.

However, many of the islanders and a surviving relative of Porter’s believe he may have staged his death to create a new secret life for himself abroad.

“What I believe happened, to put it simply as possible, is that he faked his own death,” Porter’s grand-nephew Scott Arneill told the programme.

A leading expert in his field, Arthur Kingsley Porter taught art history at Harvard. He and his wife Lucy bought Glenveagh Castle in County Donegal in 1929 for £5,000 which today forms a key part of Glenveagh National Park.

The mystery of American Arthur Kingsley Porter’s disappearance is re-examined by veteran investigative journalist and filmmaker Kevin Magee for TG4. In the hour-long documentary, Magee uncovers new information about Kingsley Porter and his disappearance including some previously unseen material that lay undetected in a Harvard archive for decades.

“As part of my investigation I travelled to Boston and found some papers and other materials that Porter’s wife deposited in an archive at Harvard University where he’d taught. Among the papers were some historic photographs of the island taken days after Kingsley’s disappearance.”

“The documents themselves were very revealing. One showed that a fishing boat that was not mentioned at the inquest was in the bay of the island the night before Kingsley disappeared. He actually got his feet wet helping prepare the vessel for its departure, so he clearly had the chance to quietly slip off the leave if that was his intention.”

Arthur Kingsley Porter’s disappearance made international headlines in 1933 with the first newspaper reports saying he had left the island in a small boat and was caught in a violent storm.

The TG4 documentary includes the first broadcast of a tape recording of a late friend of Lucy Porter’s speculating on what happened to her husband Kingsley. The programme also reveals that the million-



Reconstruction of Kingsley Porter and his wife Lucy.

aire had changed his will not long before he disappeared.

Around the time of his disappearance Kingsley Porter was being treated for depression by the eminent London-based sexologist Havelock Ellis who recommended that Kingsley take a young male lover which he did with his wife’s knowledge. Not long before he went missing, Kingsley Porter confided to Ellis that he was concerned details of his clandestine relationship would be made public. Homosexuality was illegal at the time.

On July 8th 1933, Porter was staying in a small two-roomed cabin he owned on Inishbofin, some 15 miles

from Glenveagh Castle. Within hours of him going missing, Porter’s wife Lucy told a friend. “Kingsley will not return tonight. Kingsley will never return.”

Last year a memorial was unveiled on the island to all those lost at sea off the island’s coast. Arthur Kingsley Porter’s name does not appear on the memorial. Said Kevin Magee: “I came across this story of Arthur Kingsley Porter when I first started visiting Inis Bó Finne about twenty years ago. Talking to people there, I heard lots of folklore and many different stories and theories as to what had happened to him.

“Being an Irish speaker, I felt I got a really deep insight and understanding from the islanders as to what they’d heard about the story from their parents and grandparents when they were growing up on the island. I even managed to speak to the oldest surviving islander who actually remembered seeing Porter walking on the island, and who believed the millionaire was seen abroad after his disappearance.

“When the memorial was unveiled on Inis Bó Finne last year without Porter’s name on it, I thought it’s time to investigate this remarkable story and try and bring it to a national audience.

“When the rich American disappeared, the rumour mill went into overdrive. In this documentary I have tried to set-aside the fiction and bring together all the facts both new and old, and tie them together.

“Hopefully the viewers will be able to draw their own conclusions as to what happened to the American millionaire Arthur Kingsley Porter on the day he disappeared without trace.

The director of the programme Méabh Fields said: “It is a wonderful story that criss-crosses the Atlantic from Inis Bó Finne to Boston and back to the island. As well as a compelling narrative, viewers will also see a dramatic reconstruction of the fateful day when Kingsley disappeared.”

**Ar Iarraidh/Missing was produced by Clean Slate TV, with support from NI Screen’s Irish Language Broadcast Fund will be broadcast on TG4 on Wednesday 7th of September at 9.30 pm.**



# N56: strapped for cash

The ongoing saga of the N56 at the Mountain Top in Letterkenny has taken a new twist this week with the Illistrin Action Group claiming the Council has not paid them for plots of land taken under the compulsory purchase order which became effective on June 6th.

The landowners have now alleged the Council is strapped for cash and cannot pay for the land. And it is claimed that negotiations to finalise agreement with the property owners cannot go ahead because what is termed in official lingo as a 'notice to treat' has not been authorised.

Landowners say they have been informed that the Council had hoped to begin the process of land negotiations but they claim the special notice to grant powers to officials to start the procedure has not been forthcoming.

A spokesman for the Illistrin Action Group said this news has left the landowners high and dry and it has led to new fears that essential works on this stretch of the N56 will now be delayed, indefinitely.

Plans are now being made to call a further meeting to address what the Illistrin Committee says are a number of questions including the lack of progress on negotiations with land owners along with a definite time scale for commencement of the work and evidence will be sought about the funding package schedules for next year.

"All we are getting from political sources are more excuses and promises and no substance," commented Henry Murray and he confessed that it looked as if the whole project had been put on the back burner once again.

And some property owners say that despite the CPO being completed they are still waiting for some direct contact other than a vague letter sent to them on July 15th. It seems the Council wrote to those involved in the deal a month ago saying that the CPO had become operational earlier. Last night Henry Murray of Calhame who is a member of the Illistrin Action Group said they had been guaranteed at a public meeting in the local national school on June 15th of last year that when the CPO was activated the works would commence immediately and be completed in two years.

He told the Tribune the Action Group could only interpret this decision not to issue authorisation as being due to a shortage of money to compensate the landowners. A number of others have concurred with this view and there is renewed speculation that essential funding for construction of the new road could be as far away as ever. Mr. Murray said the residents were assured last

year by senior Council engineers that if the CPO was completed by June the road could go to immediate construction... 'but that deadline had long since passed'. He added the community was left in the dark as to why the authorisation for the notice to treat had not been granted.

He has reminded the Council that at their public meeting in June of last year senior engineers said the road works would be completed by 2004 and that deadline was now in serious doubt. Mr. Murray has now poured cold water on the notion that any major works on the Mountain Top are imminent.

Winding back the clock to the foundation of the Illistrin Action Group Mr. Murray said the meetings were assured that very substantial money running to twenty million pounds had been promised by certain politicians to upgrade the road from Calhame to the Termon junction. He is now asking where that money has gone and when it is intended to begin spending this amount.

He has pointed to the fears that many of statements made at the meetings last year and on Highland Radio were window dressing aimed at winning votes in the general election. He has pointed to the fact that the Council was given extensive funding of €1.7 million for 2002 to continue with the CPO and further design works and so far the property owners were not paid and in instances were not made an offer.

The controversy that led to the setting up of the Illistrin Actin Group began in Lifford at the public meeting on May 28th last year when the Members were informed by the County Manager that in the present circumstances this road was not likely to receive substantial funding in the next five years.

In his report the Manager said the N56 was classified as a Phase 11 project and it ranked behind backlog and Phase 1 Projects.

In the normal course of events, said the Manager the Mountain Top project was unlikely to receive any funding as a major scheme in the 2000-2006 period.

The former IFF Cllr. Anne O'Donnell reacted with fury: she challenged the then Tourism Minister Dr. James McDaid 'to explain the whereabouts of the £20 million he was alleged to have said was available for this section of the N56'. And she further challenged McDaid in his capacity as a member of the Cabinet to explain why he had not been able to convince his colleagues that Donegal NE deserves 'more than promises'. And other spokespersons in the Calhame area expressed similar sentiments.



Prizewinners at the Cranford Sports on Sunday

Anne O'Donnell told the Tribune some fifteen months ago that it was about time the culture of Councillors blaming Council engineers and officials for the ongoing delays was firmly laid to rest and she hoped the elected representatives would now accept full responsibility 'failing to deliver on their promises'.

The Council comments came in the aftermath of a public meeting in Illistrin National School on May 4th of last year when the public lashed into politicians over failed promises and failed policies that had left the Mountain Road one of the worst in Ireland.

This was the first such meeting in the area and it was called to address why progress had bypassed this community amid mounting concerns about safety at the school junction. The community sought answers to their questions along with assurances that the realignment of the

road would go ahead prior to the general election. This was a controversial night with accusations flying that the government had put pressure on the NRA to delay the signing of the CPO to prevent funding

being drawn down.

The community reacted with an ever increasing degree of incredulity to a series of political remarks which went down like a lead balloon.



John Stewart, Ramelton who won the Ewe Lamb 1st prize at the Premier Texel Sheep show in Blessington, Co. Wicklow last week. John also won the champion Female at the show and top Price Female of 71500.

## Letter to Editor

# Somebody likes us!

Dear editor

Having recently returned from a wonderful holiday based in Milford, I couldn't agree more with Gillian Dickson (Letter to the Editor - 2nd August) about the warmth and hospitality extended to visitors to the area.

Our host at Moyle Hill was kind enough to provide a wealth of reading material, including a copy of Lawrence Donegan's "No News at Throat Lake", a fascinating and very entertaining account of the months he spent as a reporter on the Tirconail Tribune.

Intrigued by what I had read about this newspaper, I went and bought a copy. I was not disappointed. Unlike the majority of local papers, which tend to be bland and insubstantial, The Tirconail Tribune demonstrates pride in, and clear commitment to, the local community, together with trenchant analysis of wider events affecting the

area and brilliant humour (I loved "A sort of television column", which had me crying with laughter!) - what a unique combination.

The two editions I read of the paper gave me, as a visitor, a great deal of information and insight into the area that would have been hard to come by otherwise - in addition to some excellent entertainment (I'm still working on the first bumper crossword and am disappointed to be out of the running for the ball point pen).

An independent newspaper of this quality can only be the result of integrity and hard work. This certainly shows in the results. Should you ever decide to leave Donegal (though I can't imagine why you would) to start up a newspaper in Lancashire, I would be first in line to take out a subscription!

Good luck and very best wishes for the future.

Yours Sincerely, Ms Linda Balfe



Cllr. Ciaran Brogan gets the runners off at the start of the Ballyvare Road Race on Sunday evening with the help of Neil Martin

# GAA controversy continues

The Executive Committee of the Donegal GAA has issued a statement disassociating itself from recent comments made by the County Chairman Danny Harkin in which he said that players should be compensated financially for playing the game.

Harkin said in a Highland Radio interview he favoured the concept of providing some recompense for players and

this issue is set to dominate the GAA scene for the future as the Association Headquarters is seen to rake in the money from the backdoor entry into the All Ireland series.

In a brief comment issued by the Donegal Executive Committee last evening through the press officer Paddy Mullan they said: "Further to a meeting

on Monday 19th we the Donegal GAA County Executive Committee unanimously wish to disassociate ourselves from the recent public comments made by our County Chairman, Danny Harkin.

As members of the County Executive, we fully endorse the Amateur Status of the association, as outlined in Rule 12 of the Official Guide.'

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# Dunfanaghy elects community council

Dunfanaghy has elected a new parish council aimed at supporting and developing the local area: the novel election finished with the count in the local resource centre on Monday night after more than three hours of counting the ballot papers.

A total of 42 townlands in nine separate districts involving hundreds of households were involved in this unique election.

The parish was drawn into a series of districts and those eligible to vote were asked to nominate four people from within that locality. In fact there were no nominated candidates and the choice of personality was left to each individual household.

And those who were selected have been asked to give favourable consideration of sitting on the eighteen strong council.

The concept was that the community would select nominees whom they believed could best represent their communities and those selected are now being asked to decide if they wish to serve on the council: mindful of the confidence

expressed in them within their own areas.

The ballot boxes were taken around each district and families were asked to select two females and two males with all votes counting equal in the final count.

The novel method of selecting a council in the community attracted a lot of interest and when the votes tumbled out onto the table in the resource centre on Monday evening it showed there was a very keen interest in the election.

There was a detailed and lengthy process to bring the count to a close just after ten o'clock and the final result will be announced when those selected have indicated their willingness to participate on the council.

The public was invited to come along and witness the process of democracy in operation and during the night many took the opportunity to come into the centre as the count proceeded under the strictest of scrutiny. The former County Council Chairman Cllr. Paddy Kelly of Falcaragh was among the attendance in the earlier part of the count.



Margritia O'Donnell, Community Development worker displaying the votes during the Dunfanaghy Community Council voting on Monday night last. Also included are Charles Sweeney, Donegal County Council, Ann Sweeney, Independent Facilitators and Lawrence Lafferty.

The initiative for conducting the election in this manner came from a public meeting some months ago and the idea of conducting such a ballot using this method generated much local interest and it is likely that other communities in the north west will use this as a template for their own areas in the future.

The Dunfanaghy area is large in territory stretching from Horn Head right up towards Ards and Derryharriff and it borders closely with Creeslough.

When the final eighteen members of the new committee are finally determined it is expected they will hold their first meeting soon afterwards.

# Red letter day for Portsalon Golf Club



The ongoing progress and development at Portsalon Golf Club was further underlined on Saturday when the newly extended course was officially opened.

Designed by Pat Ruddy the extensive redesign of the course which now stretches to more than 7000 yards began over two years ago and a new automatic sprinkler system has also been incorporated.

Saturday was a red letter day as Club President Danny Kerr who is also the longest serving member at Portsalon

unveiled a plaque to mark the occasion.

It was the culmination of two years of hard work on this renowned links course overlooking Lough Swilly originally founded by the Barton Family over one hundred years ago.

Among the special guests on Saturday were Senator Joe McHugh and the IFF Leader Harry Blaney who said the purchase of the club by local interests in 1981 was among the finest achievements in the area for many years. He congratulated all



Patricia McBride, McBride's Bar, Rosnaskill with the trophy for winning the Singing Pubs competition at the Fanad Festival. Also seated is Jimmy Begley, Festival queen Marie McAteer, Kathleen Callaghan and Ann McConigley with the first individual prize in the Singing Pubs Competition. Ann represented the Drumhill Hotel, Portsalon.

concerned saying the course was a vital asset that would lead to the development potential of Fanad in years to come.

He said he was engaged in seeking to have a new hotel built on the original site and the in-

terest for such a proposal came because of the excellence of the links course which was amongst the finest in the whole country.

Senator McHugh echoed similar sentiments wishing the club every success in future years and congratulating them on their initiative so far. Representatives of the Golfing Union of Ireland were present.

The Captain of Portsalon GC Willie McCleary said it was a great honour to be chosen for this office in the current year and this was 'a class day in our history'.

He paid many tributes to individuals who have given their time and undoubted talents to the club and he

was very proud of each and every one of them.

Sean McCormick who is club Treasurer said it was a 'red letter day' and he was proud that the club had made such progress and many people had contributed to that success.

Danny Kerr the Club President had the signal honour of unveiling the magnificent plaque as the southerly gales blew in off Ballymastocker strand. He made a wonderful speech full of character and humour which reflected his own personality and indeed the very proud traditions of the Kerr family's contribution to the evolving scene at this renowned club.

# Lough Swilly garage moves to Bonagee

The Lough Swilly Bus Company has assured commuters that the passenger facilities at the CIE depot in Letterkenny will not be affected when the garage facilities are relocated to temporary premises.

The garage and repair facilities are being temporarily transferred to a site at Bonagee this week. A Company spokesman said that the bus service and destination departure

facilities at the CIE depot were remaining and passengers could be assured this part of the service was not affected in any way.

The move had led to speculation that all of the Lough Swilly services were being transferred away from the original site on the Port Road. However the company said there are no plans to locate normal passenger services from their present location.



The Downings U12 team who won the County title after a replay with Naomh Brid from Ballintra at MacCumhail Park, Ballybofey.

# North West Truck Fest



John and Margaret McCollum and below John Graham and Lorraine O'Loughlain at the NW Truck Fest in Milford. Photos by Clive Wasson



Catriona Browne, NW truck Fest, Philomena Holian and Robert Browne, NW Truck Fest presenting the Decky Holian Memorial Trophy for the Best Truck of the Show to Robert Long, Driver of Wesley Long's 660S with Jake Long at the NW Truck Fest in Milford. This year's event raised funds for Ellie's Wish to Walk and MS Ireland. Photo by Clive Wasson



Spectators along Milford's Street for the drive through on Sunday evening.



Cody Boyle in the driving seat.



Dermott, Evan and Oran Kelly at the NW Truck Fest. Photo -Clive Wasson



Gary Crerand, Oran Friel, Ellen Friel, Killan McGee, Tanya Friel and Shaun Crerand at the NW Truck Fest.



Grace and Issac Pyper with Anne Biddy at the NW Truck Fest in Milford on Sunday. Photo -Clive Wasson

# Golf News - Golf News - Golf News

## Letterkenny

Last Wednesday's event, kindly sponsored by Patrick Callan Groundworks and Plant Hire, was won by Niall O'Donnell (29). Niall produced a steady round of 41 points and his par on the 18th proved key as he had just a point to spare over Diarmad Coll who was second on 40 pts on a break of tie from Cathal Roarty who was third.

The gross prize on Wednesday was won by David McGowan (6) with 37 points while the Category prize winners were as follows: Category 8-16, Paul Doherty, 39 pts; Category 17-21, Pat Browne, 39 pts; Category 22-27, Mark Walshe 39 pts; Category 28+, Gordon Dickonson, 38 pts.

On Saturday, the club hosted a fundraising Champagne Scramble for Ballyraine National School. It was a very well supported event and with a trip to play the beautiful Slieve Russell course as first prize, competition was intense. In the end, the winning score was an impressive 130 points and the winning team included J. Kirwan, M. Bryce, J. Rooney, and T. Hay. They were well clear of the chasing pack with the team of V. McLaughlin, H. Herry, S. Doherty and P. McGranaghan in second on 125 pts and the team of K. Collins, D. McGlynn, S. Harley and M. McMullan third on 121 points.

The first ladies team was M. Fowley, A. McGrath, A. Flannery and S. Grant with 114 pts. Nearest the pin prize went to Vinnie McLaughlin and the longest drive prize was won by Peter Muldoon.

Those who played in Sunday's August Medal competition did so under brilliant sunshine. Playing off the blue tees the format was stroke, and Paul Doherty (14), who was just one over for his back nine, recorded a winning score of 65. Ciaran Bradley (10) was second with a 67 and Tommy Dempsey (13) third on 69. The Category prize

winners were: Category 8-16, Shaun Duffy (9) 70; Category 17-21, Dermot Rainey (19) 70; Category 22-27, Paddy O'Gorman (23) 70 and Category 28+, David McHale (31) 73.

A reminder that the Category 4 competition continues over 11 holes each Monday night. Players should note that there are only two more Monday night competitions left due to the fading evening light.

## Letterkenny Ladies

The Maire O'Donnell team, under the captaincy of Cynthia Fuery and Tracy Spence played Donegal Golf Club, Murvagh in the 2nd leg of the Semi-Final on Sunday 28th August. The Letterkenny Ladies were victorious on the day to secure them a place in the final when they will play Portnoo. Well done to the Maire O'Donnell team and thank you to all of the supporters on the day.

### Beginner Ladies

The beginner ladies and members of the Lady's club came together for an end of year scramble on Thursday 25th August. This brought to an end a very successful season for the beginner ladies in Letterkenny Golf Club. Lady Captain Triona Daly would like to thank the ladies for their commitment to the Get into Golf Programme and extend a huge thank you to all those who volunteered to help and mentor this year. Here's wishing the Ladies all the best as they continue their golfing journey at Letterkenny Golf Club.

## Hospital Society

The Society held John O Friel Captain's Prize Outing at Cruit Island Golf Club on Friday last. John and his wife Bee were excellent hosts at a super venue for his Captain's Day.

Patrick Murray Junior kept a

long tradition of family success in the Society alive, his father Paddy Senior just recently retired, after been the long serving member for many years and his sister Mary is also a member, who has also enjoyed much success. Patrick's excellent score of 40 points gave him victory over Mickey Ferry and Kieran Doherty, both on 38 points. Making up the top six were Charlie McHugh and Joe Blake, both on 36 points and John James McBride on 33 points. Russell McKenna took the Gross Prize.

### Results

Winner - Patrick Murray 40pts. R/up Mickey Ferry 38pts Bot; 3rd Kieran Doherty 38pts. 4th Charlie McHugh 36pts. 5th Joe Blake 36pts. 6th John James McBride 33pts. Gross Russell McKenna.

Section One - Eunan McGlynn 30pts, Paucic McHugh 27pts, John Doherty 26pts.

Section Two - James McFadden 31pts, Ciaran Williamson 31pts, Anne Cannon 30pts.

Section Three - John O Friel 30pts, T J Evesson 29pts, Marion Keating 28pts.

Section Four - Maureen Sweeney 27pts, Barry Ramsay 26pts, Carmel McGeedy 23pts. 1st Nine Kevin Mills. 2nd Nine John McCloskey; Past Captain; Charlie Collins 28pts.

The Society's final outing of 2022 will take place at Portsalon Golf Club on Monday 19th September.

## Seniors Alliance

The Donegal Senior Alliance held an outing at Murvagh Golf Club, Donegal Town on Monday 22nd August and the winners were, 1st Gordon Dickenson Letterkenny 42 46; 2nd Liam Mc Ginley Strabane 29 45 BOT; 3rd Anthony Harkin Portnoo 25 45; 4th Michael P O'Donnell Letterkenny 18 44; 5th Joe Hensley Portsalon 18 43 BOT; Gross Paul O Hare Strabane 15 28 GP's; 6th Charles



Winners from Mr. John O'Friel Captain's Day in the Hospital Golf Society outing at Cruit Golf Club last week.

Deeney Rosapenna 26 43 BOT; 7th Vincent Gallagher Portnoo 21 43; 8th Anthony McCormick B & S 24 42 BOT; 9th Tommy Grealley Letterkenny 19 42 BOT; 10th Enda Mannion Letterkenny 19 42. CAT A - 1st Gerard F McCloskey Letterkenny 22 40 BOT; 2nd Oisin Harkin Letterkenny 22 40. CAT B - 1st Neily Gildea, Portnoo 20 38 BOT; 2nd Patrick Corry Strabane 15 38. CAT C - 1st Patrick S Doherty Rosapenna 21 41 BOT; 2nd Shaun Coll Portsalon 30 41. CAT D - 1st Cathal Toland Portsalon 16 39 BOT; 2nd Hugh Temple B & S 25 39.

## Bridge Bar Society

The long awaited rematch between the Bridge Bar and Hideaway Bar Golf Societies finally took place in Port Salon Golf

Course on Saturday last. Up for grabs was the Beautiful Trophy very kindly sponsored by Golf Legend Dennis McBride of the Hideaway Golf Society. It was very evident that the standard would be high with the the Hideaway Golfers looking to recapture the trophy after being beaten by the narrowest of margins by the Bridge Bar the last time round. The Bridge Bar Golfers were equally determined to retain the Trophy on this occasion to Honor the Memory of the much revered and sorely missed Bridge Bar Matriarch Breege Mackey who had recently passed away. Breege was always extremely supportive to the society through the years and was always on hand to meet and greet the returning golfers with a friendly enquiry as to how they had fared, before offering congratulations to the winners and encouragement to those looking to improve.

Bridge Bar Captain Joe McManus selected tactical pairings that would be likely to generate good scoring and would keep the pressure on the Hideaway Golfers who no doubt were being equally tactically selected by Hideaway Captain Gary Sheehan. Teams of four balls, comprising of two from each Society headed out to compete. When the last putt was sunk and the scoring all counted, it emerged that the competitors had produced a very high standard of golf.



Pictured are the Captains of the Bridge Bar Society and Hi-da-way Bar Society Joe McManus and Gary Sheehan before the match on Saturday at Portsalon which was won by the Bridge Bar by 355 to 335.



Denis McBride, Milford sponsor of the Trophy played for between the Bridge Bar and Hi-da-way Bar each year, presenting winning Captain Joe McManus with the Trophy.

The Bridge Bar scoring another victory over their neighboring rivals the Hideaway Bar Golf Society.

The Bridge Bar Society individual winners on the day were as follows.

Winner James Friel with a fine score of 41 pts, second place went to Gerard Duffy with 39 pts, Front 9 won by James Durning with 20 pts, Back 9 won by Ian Morton with 21 pts

Congratulations to all the Bridge Bar Team on their fine victory when they done us all proud and to the individual winners on the Day. A reminder to all our members to keep the day free for our next outing which is Joe McManus' Captains day in Letterkenny Golf Club on Saturday 10th September



The Beginner Ladies and volunteers after their end of year scramble at Letterkenny Golf Club, pictured with Lady Captain Triona Daly.



Tom McDonagh, President Liam Wiseman, Kevin Mills, Niall O'Donnell, Hugh O'Kane and Jamie Foley pictured after receiving their prizes following a recent competition at Letterkenny Golf Club.



Winners in the Carpet Interiors Open played recently at Letterkenny Golf Club are from left, Tony Duffy (winner), Donal Murphy, President Liam Wiseman, Mark Carrigy and Cathal Sheridan

# Local music producer on song at film awards

A Dunfanaghy-based music producer has hit the right note with the soundtrack for a new film that claimed an award at a Portuguese film festival recently.

**by Eamonn McFadden**  
Orri McBrearty, originally from Castefin, teamed up with former Dunfanaghy resident and film-

maker Alice Ward on the film "Other Land", a short documenting the travels of Australian surfer, Vittoria Farmer on her adventures during the harsh Irish winter.

'Other Land' was recently shown at the Portuguese Surf Film Festival in Ericeira where it claimed the best soundtrack award out of the 43 films screened during the event.



Vittoria Farmer in the unforgiving Irish waters.



Film maker Alice Ward and Claire Williamson from Dunfanaghy Work House and below with Creeslough Surfer Bea Greenberg.



A section of the attendance at the launch.

On Sunday evening they premiered the film in Ireland when it was shown at the Dunfanaghy Workhouse where a large crowd gathered to see the production.

Sligo-based Alice has a strong affinity with the area having lived and worked in Dunfanaghy for a number of years and it was there she learned to surf.

Welcoming the audience Alice said that she was delighted with the response the film had been receiving and added that the film festival in Portugal did not initially have a category for the best sound track until they saw 'Other Land' and they were blown away by the powerful music that compliments the strong imagery of west and north west coast of Ireland.

"The film is about Vittora, a young Australian surfer, who came to Ireland and through mutual friends were put in contact as they thought we would work well together. We met for coffee in January and within an hour we were shooting in the water. We had no plans, no funding and a little amount of time before winter ended but we just went for it and that is how it came about. I worked on the music with Orri, who did a wonderful job and it won best soundtrack a few weeks ago. This was never previously an award but they said they were so moved by the music for Other Lands with the best soundtrack so that is testament to Orri work," she stated.

Orri, a producer who has recorded with many well-known names in the Irish and international music scene, produced the soundtrack that featured songs including Let The Light In by Chanele McGuinness, Perpetual Party by Rachael Lavelle / Carry My Song by Clare Sands and Susan O'Neill. Alice tracked the travels of Vittoria, a 23-year-old surfer from the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Australia, as she takes on the famous waves of the rugged west coast during snow storms and blizzard conditions a far cry from her homeland of mellow waves and warm water.

The film is now destined to be screened at the

Women's Surf Film Festival in New York before it will be released online.



Above and below sections of the attendance at the launch.



Lisa McKinney, Orri McBrearty, Laura, Darcey, Phelim and Enda McFadden.





# Michael Bradley hosts Captain's Day at Rosapenna

On Saturday August 27th Club Captain Micheal Bradley hosted his 2022 Captain's Day (G.o.Y) over the Old Tom Morris Links. There was a huge turnout on the day with both the Ladies & Gents showing great support for this years Captain. With very benign conditions there was a low score out there and it was posted by long time member Jon Wilson with a 64 nett. Results: 1st - Jon Wilson 15 64 nett bot; 2nd - Gerry Burns 18 64 nett; Gross - Seimi Connor 4 72 gross; 3rd - Martin Carlin 12 66 nett; 4th - Denis McBride 10 67 nett bot; Front Nine - Paul Fogarty 28 28 nett; Back Nine - Barry Connor 6 31 nett; Past Captain - Brian Kelly 21 68 nett bot



Two's - Connor Sheils, Seimi Conner, Eddie McGroddy, Peter Griggs, John Doran, Rod Geddes, Tony Carr & Paul Hughes. Many thanks to all the members that played on the day and attended the evening function. Micheal was a fantastic host with the very generous halfway house and a great display of prizes including original Marina Hamilton art pieces as the main prizes.

### Gents Club Competitions

The Gents Singles competition played over the OTM on Sunday 28th of August resulted as follows: Cat A - Conor McMenamin 9\* with 39pt; Cat B - Shane Doherty 17\* with 43pts; Cat C - Brian Toomey 31\* with 52pts; Gross - Chris Breen 8\* with 33 gross pts. Two's - Shane Doherty & Chris Breen.

### 2022 Golfer of the Year

After six events including the Captains Prize the top of the Golfer of the Year table is now as follows - Damien Coyle 18; Jon Wilson 17; Barney Boyce 13; Ben McBride 12; Michael Bradley 12; Simon Chodziesner 12; John McBride 12; Brian Garrity 12; Charles Jr McBride 12; Shane Sweeney 10; Brian Kelly 10; Albert Strain 10; Brendan Moore 10; Mark Campbell 10; Gerry Burns 10.

### Club Matchplay

Michael Bonner Singles Scratch Matchplay Semi-Final's, must be completed by Monday 5th Septembe Berkeley Meppem vs Pete McBride Jr; Sean Boyce vs Frank Casey Jr. Seamus Mallon Singles Matchplay Semi-Final's, must be completed by Monday 12th September Brendan McGee vs Liam McConigley; PJ Gallagher vs Luke McBride. Semi-Final's, must be completed by Monday 12th September Paddy & Gary McClafferty vs PJ Gallagher & Mark Lenny; Raymond Doody

& Brian Garrity defeated Brendan & Gerard McGee

### Rosapenna Ladies

Huge congratulations to Captain Michéal Bradley for the wonderful hospitality extended to the ladies branch on Saturday last, when he hosted his Captains Day. He personally welcomed all competitors and even had a little gift for everyone, as well as the much welcome array of foodstuffs and refreshments at the 'Half Way House'.

Congratulations winner Ann Currie (17) who returned a fantastic score of 41pts to take home the much sought after, hand made specially commissioned One Off Bowl created by renowned artist and fellow golfer, Marina Hamilton. Runner up Kit Boyce (20) with 40 points while the Category winners were Mary Devlin (22) 38 pts and Annie McCarthy (32) 39 pts BOT. The nines were won by Madge Kelly (27) 22 points and Susanne Gallagher (25) on 23pts. Longest Drive on the 18th was won by Dymrna Kelly with Susanne Gallagher nearest the pin on the 14th Green. A packed Presentation Night dinner and function was held in the Rosapenna Golf Pavilion, and thanks to Management and Staff, and of course Mr Captain Michéal and family for ensuring everyone enjoyed the occasion. Thank you and best wishes for the rest of your Term of Office.

Back to basics, and next week's competition will be Stableford on the Old Tom Morris course, while Lady Captain Betty, accompanied by seven other club members, will travel to Portsalon to take part in the annual Mary McDaid Cup. This is usually a fun filled day, and a great occasion to remember Mary and all other deceased members of the participating clubs. On the match play front, the Lady Cup is currently at the Semi Final stages with Final to be completed by mid September.

### Upcoming Fixtures -

September Saturday 3rd - Gents Four Ball Better Ball / Sandy Hills Links; Sunday 4th - Gents Singles

/ Old Tom Morris Links; Saturday 10th - Gents Four Ball Better Ball / Sandy Hills Links; Sunday 11th - Gents Singles (Golfer of the Year) / Old Tom Morris Links; Saturday 17th - Gents Four Ball Better Ball / Sandy Hills Links; Sunday 18th - Gents Singles / Old Tom Morris Links; Saturday 24th - Gents Four Ball Better Ball / Sandy Hills Links; Sunday 25th - Gents Singles (Golfer of the Golfer) / Old Tom Morris Links.

### Portsalon

The Shaw Shield took place this afternoon in Portsalon and had a great turnout of young golfers from across the county. The Shaw Shield is open to all under-18s with a GUI Handicap and is the second of our annual summer junior 'Majors'. The winner on the day was Ballybofey & Stranorlar player Charlie O'Hara with a fine score of 41 points, just enough to hold off Portsalon pair Alfie Rodger and John Harkin by a point. The best girl's score on the day came from Rosa Davis from North West GC. Thanks to all that competed today and to Derek Shaw for his kind sponsorship of this event. Winner: Charlie O'Hara (Ballybofey & Stranorlar, 32) 41pts; 2nd Alfie Rodger (Portsalon, 36) 40pts BOT3rd: John Harkin (Portsalon, 16) 40pts; Best Girl: Rosa Davis (North West, 15) - 30pts.

### Portsalon Scratch Cup

The 2022 Portsalon Scratch Cup takes place on Saturday 10th September and is once more sponsored by Manor Motors.

### Club Matchplay

In the doubles, the first semi-final is a real father-son affair as Alistair and Alfie Rodger will be facing Daniel and John Shields.

Youth Matchplay champs partnership of Ultan Blaney and Liam Donlon and they face Stuart Nicholl and Garrett Horkan on the opposite side of the draw.

In the singles, Alistair Rodger will face Michael Donlon in the first semi-final, with James Duffy squaring off against recent Presidents'



Rosapenna Captain Micheal Bradley with his wife Sharon and family on his Captains Night in the Pavilion.



Rosapenna Captain Micheal Bradley presenting Seamus Connor with the Captains Prize gross prize.



2022 Captain Michael Bradley presenting Ann Currie with his Captains Prize to the Ladies.

Prize winner Ultan Blaney in the second pairing.

### Club Results

Wednesday 24th August - 1st Thomas Merritt (20) 40 pts; 2nd Dean Shields (15) 38pts BOT; Gross: Michael Campbell (5) 31 gross pts; 3rd Ollie O'Dowd (12) -38pts.

Saturday 27th August - 1st John Shields (34) 46 pts; 2nd Aidan Cannon (21) 43 pts; Gross: Jack Friel (10) 32 gross pts; 3rd Joe Ferry (14) 40 pts

Sunday 28th August - Medal sponsored by Donegal Oil - 1st Ivan Brunt (20) 64; 2nd Cathal Toland (16) 66; Gross Johnny Shields (3) 74 gross; 3rd Kieran O'Neill (20) 67; First Nine: Martin O'Reilly (26) 33; Second Nine: Sam Anderson (18) 30.

### Portsalon Ladies

Well done to Anne Speedie (32) 70 nett, winner of the August Medal Competition (GOTY). 2nd Deirdre O'Toole (14) on BOT from Mary Barrett (24) and Claire McGonagle (6) on 73nett.

### Mary McDaid Cup

Lady Captain, Brighidin and Portsalon Ladies will host Letterkenny and Rosapenna for the very popular Mary McDaid Cup (in honour of deceased members of Portsalon Golf Club) on Saturday. While the visiting teams will be competing for the Mary McDaid Cup, the format also includes a separate 3-ball and the infamous Yellowball competition adding to the camaraderie and craic between the players. The Portsalon Team accompanying Lady Captain, Brighidin include Sarah Nicholl, Frances Shannon, Vera Kearney, Deirdre Hensey, Mary Barrett, Roisin McCormack. Any player who is unable to attend is asked to contact Roisin McCormack or Deirdre O'Toole as a reserve list

### Ladies Winter Links 2022-23

The dates for the Ladies Winter Links Season have been confirmed for Thursday 29th September, 27th October, 24th November, 26th January 2023, 23rd February and the Links Captains Day in on Thursday 30th March 2023. Timesheet in operation - which will be open 7 days in advance of each event. Alternatively ring the Club on 074-9159459

### Lady Captains Outing to Gweedore

Lady Captain, Brighidin, will host her outing to Gweedore Golf Club on Sunday 2nd October. Further details



2022 Captain Michael Bradley presenting Seamus Connor with the Captains Prize gross prize.



2022 Captain Michael Bradley presenting Brian Kelly with the Captains Prize Past Captain prize.



2022 Captain Michael Bradley presenting Denis McBride with the Captains Prize 4th place prize.



Captain Michael Bradley presenting Suzanne Gallagher with the Captains Prize to the ladies back 9 prize.



Rosapenna Golf Club Captain Michael Bradley pictured at Presentation evening with his wife Sharon, Mark English, European 800m Bronze medalist, Joanne English and Paddy Brennan.

are posted in the Ladies locker room.

Dates for your diaries: Members Competitions Ongoing. 11th Sept. Members GOTY (Alt Day 9th Sept), 24th Sept. Past Captains Day, 25th Sept. September Medal GOTY (Alt Day 23rd Sept), 29th Sept. Ladies Winter Links (OPEN).

# Ice Cream fundraiser in Portsalon



Cllr. Liam Blaney, cyclist Patrick Ferry and John Joe McGowan at the ice cream day.

A number of paramedics from the area did a three day charity cycle from Mizen to Malin Head arriving back in Donegal on Saturday.

To help with the fundraising the team at Pixie's Pod in Portsalon held an Ice Cream fundraiser last Sunday and they could not have picked a better afternoon with the sun and the setting adding to the atmosphere.

One of the cyclists Patrick Ferry from Milford attended on Sunday and he was joined by consultant Dr. Gerry Lane and paramedic John Joe McGowan.

The cyclists have an idonate fundraising page which will remain open for donations until the end of September and to date over €11,000 has been donated.

All funds raised will go to the HEMS (Helicopter Medical Emergency Service) Air Ambulance

is based in Rathcool, Co Cork with critical care teams on the ground in Dublin, Mayo and Donegal.

The organisation has a fleet of Rapid Response Vehicles on the ground in counties Mayo, Donegal and Dublin. These Rapid Response Vehicles are staffed by Volunteer Critical Care Doctors and also by Community based GP's. They too are tasked by the National Ambulance Service to traumas and medical emergencies within a 40-50km range.

The ground fleet includes five Advanced and Critical Care Rapid Response Vehicles. They are staffed by Emergency Medicine Doctors who volunteer their time and provide hospital-level interventions at the scene. They are often called to the sickest and most critically injured patients including cardiac arrests, RTC's, falls from heights, assaults and stabbings.

By responding to the patient in the community, the specialist doctors can intervene earlier, essentially bringing the Emergency Department to the patient and giving them the best chance of survival.

The Air Ambulance is staffed by a team of Advanced Paramedics and EMTs from the National Ambulance Service and a HEMS pilot. It brings patients to the hospital that best suits their life-saving needs.

In 2021, the Irish Community Air Ambulance was tasked more than 1,300 times. The helicopter was launched to 512 missions and the fleet of doctors were tasked 880 times.

The ground teams work closely with the National Ambulance Service and the fact that Donegal crews have chosen the service as the beneficiary of their fundraiser shows the value that is placed on the service locally and how well the teams work together.



Cyclist Patrick Ferry, John Joe McGowan and Dr. Gerry Lane in Portsalon on Sunday.



Cllr. Liam Blaney, John McConigley and Sean Barrett.



Tracey McBride, Eamonn McConigley, Rosaleen McGowan and Shauna McGowan



Hannah Shiels, Terri Ferry and Fiona Shiels.



The Dorrians from Rosnackill at the Ice Cream Day Fundraiser on Sunday.

## Charity 5k Fun Run & Walk



Saturday 3rd September 2022

**JIGSAW**  
Young people's health in mind

Registration at 10:15am at  
Rinboy Car Park (Din's Shore), Fanad  
Walk/Run starting: 11:00 am

Finishing at Mowi, Rinmore Processing Plant  
Fast Course, Refreshments available in Rinmore

Entry fee €8 per adult

All monies raised will go towards Jigsaw - National Centre for Youth Mental Health

All welcome - A great local cause and excuse to get active!

**MOWI**



## Charity walk and run in Fanad

After a three year hiatus the MOWI annual Charity 5k is back this year in Fanad.

The Charity (walk and run) will take place on Saturday 3rd September at 11am (registrations from 10.15am), starting at Rinboy Carpark (Din's shore) and finishing at Rinmore Carpark.

All monies raised will go towards the Jigsaw, which is the national centre for youth mental health. Their centre's provide free, confidential mental health supports for young people aged 12-25 in communities around Ireland. For more information visit <https://jigsaw.ie/>

There will be refreshments provided in Rinmore canteen afterwards.



Jessica Coll and Maeve McAteer busy at work at Pixie's Pod, Portsalon.

# Mapping of Massmount and Fanavolty graveyards

The mapping and updating of both the Graveyards at St. Columba's Massmount and St. Mary's Fanavolty has begun. In order to proceed parishioners are being asked for their cooperation and full assistance to ensure that all details are updated correctly. Each grave has been allocated a plot number.

Parishioners are being asked for a family member to be responsible to ensure that all details are correct, especially on any new plots and those whose family members' names haven't yet been added. There are also a number of unknown graves to be identified and your assis-

tance would greatly appreciated. In order to do so a copy of the draft maps are positioned at the back of both St. Columba's and St. Mary's. Please check all details of your family plots on these draft maps and if necessary please take a sheet provided for alterations or additions, one sheet per family plot. When you have these forms filled out please place them in the box provided beside the maps.

If anyone requires any assistance in filling out the forms or have any questions, help will be available on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th September between

1pm and 3pm at both Churches. This will be the final weekend for any amendments. All forms are being sent back to Irish Graveyard Surveyors on Monday 26th September. No further amendments can be made to these plans for another 3 years.

All donations will still be gratefully accepted via our GoFundMe page or at Swilly Mulroy Credit Union details at: SWCUIE21 IBAN: IE45SWCU99215310199025.

Cheques to be made payable to St. Columba's Massmount Project Fund. There is also a donation box at the back

of St. Columba's Church in Massmount for anyone who wishes to make a private donation.

## Death of Kate Flanagan, Ballywhoriskey

There was regret and sadness on the death of Kate Flanagan (née Carr) Ballywhoriskey on last Wednesday. She passed away at Áras Uí Dhomhnaill Nursing Home, Milford and was predeceased by her husband Edward (Ted) in April 2019.



Catherine led a very full life and after raising a family of five, she went to Hull University where she graduated as a solicitor. After a number of years, the couple returned to Ballywhoriskey where they welcomed visitors from many parts of the world to share and enjoy their love of religion: of history, of nature and music.

She is survived by her sons and daughter Edward, Richard, Irene Gray, John (all UK) and Jeremy (Peru), her grandchildren and close friends and relatives to whom deepest sympathy is extended.

Kate's remains reposed at The Eternal Chapel of Rest, Mountain Top, Letterkenny on Monday evening ahead of the funeral service there on Tuesday.

A private cremation followed.

## Funeral of Ann McFadden

The funeral took place on Saturday in Ballyshannon of Ann McFadden formerly from Ballymichael, Fanad. Ann who resided at The Mall, Ballyshannon passed away at Beaumont Hospital surrounded by her family. She is survived by her husband Eddie; children Elaine (John), Breege, Joanne (Gavin), Enda and Adrian; grandchildren Emma, Abigail, Jamie and Jack; her brothers Art, Jim and Pat; sisters Nora, Margaret, Mary and Catherine; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. Ann was predeceased by her sons Patrick and Shaun, her parents James and Bridgid and sister Bried.



The remains of the late Mrs McFadden reposed at the family residence on the Mall, Ballyshannon on Thursday and Friday. Removal was from there on Saturday morning going to St. Patrick's Church, Ballyshannon, for Requiem Mass. Burial took place afterwards in The Abbey Cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

## Death of Josephine McAteer

The death took place on Saturday of Josie McAteer, Killedmond, Borris, County Carlow and with strong links to Shanagh in Fanad.



Her husband who died a number of years ago was the son of



"Borealis", Fred Olsen Cruise Liner are doing a "Scenic Ireland 5 day loop" on way from Liverpool to Liverpool, via Cobh, Galway and Belfast with darts onto the Wild Atlantic Way. Doaghbeg's Martina McConigley on holiday from Australia spotted doing a trip up Lough Swilly to view the Fanad Lighthouse on Saturday evening, turning at Portsalon.

## Gaël Fhánada to play Na Dunaibh

Gaël Fhánada and Downings will clash in a big Donegal Intermediate Football Championship Quarter-final next weekend. Aidan McAteer's men had a 2-9 to 0-8 win over Burt in Portsalon last Saturday. Na Dunaibh had a 5-12 to 2-9 victory over Naomh Bríd in Ballintra. The other quarter-final ties see Dungloe taking on Naomh Muire; Termon will face Red Hughs and Naomh Columba's opposition will be Bunrana.

## Whitestrans home to Fanad

The Brian McCormick Cup Area games continue this Sunday with two more local derbies in Group A. Whitestrans Utd who won their opening game host Fanad Utd who had to settle for a draw. So it should be an interesting tie at McGarvey Park. In the same group Kerrykeel '71 F.C. are home to Rathmullan Celtic. Kerrykeel lost their first match to Whitestrans while Rathmullan drew with Fanad at the Flagpole. Both matches kick-off at 1p.m.

James and Elizabeth McAteer and in his younger times, he was a teacher at Doaghbeg national school. Josie, James Edward and their family were regular summer visitors to Fanad in days of yore and they are fondly remembered this week.

Josie, late of Borris Lodge Nursing Home passed away on Saturday and she was into her late nineties. She is survived by her sons and daughters, Gerry, Mary, Aine, Patrick, Maggie, Helena, Breda, Ita, Seamus, Barbara and Jenny, daughter and sons-in-law and extended circle of relations to whom deepest sympathy is extended.

The Requiem Mass on this Friday at 2.00pm is in St. Potcherna's Church, Rathanna followed by burial afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

## Death of Mary Kelly

Sympathy is extended to Karen McAteer, Ballymaggowan, Kerrykeel on the death of her grandmother, Mary Kelly, Carndonagh.

Mary was also the mother of Andrew Kelly, the former Principal at Loreto Community College, Milford. Mary was laid to rest on Tuesday in Carndonagh following Requiem Mass in the Church of the Sacred Heart and deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

## Community Games

The Fanad Community U12 girls' soccer team have been successful in qualifying to represent Ulster in the Community Games All Ireland Finals in Limerick on Sept 24th. In order to raise some funds to assist with travel costs, equipment, & accommodation they will host a Coffee Morning in Fanavolty Hall on Sun 18th Sept at 11.30am.

The girls & their families would love to see you all there & would appreciate any support you can give them towards making this long journey to represent Ulster. They will also be selling tickets in the coming weeks, with the 1st prize being Afternoon Tea & 1 hr in the Thermal Suite in the Shandon. Many other prizes available. All donations & sponsorship will be much appreciated.

## Chiropodist

Chiropodist will attend Fanad Day Centre on Tuesday 30th August and Wednesday 7th September. For appointment contact Patricia on 087 7720043 or ring 07491 59631.

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## 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.

## Personal Carer (s) Required

Personal Carer (s) required for elderly gentleman in his own home at Ballymaggowan Fanad.

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Contact Mary on 085 2240403

## Clondevaddock Church of Ireland

### Thank You

Thanks to everyone who support our fundraising event at Greenfort House and Garden on Saturday 27th August. A special thanks to Paddy and Mary Perry who so generously allows their House and Garden to be used for the occasion, to Edward and Sally for all their help and to everyone who worked so hard to make the day such a success.

ingflowyoga.ie or on Facebook: Healing Flow Yoga or call 087 2135877 to secure your place.

## 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.



At the charity Ice Cream Day at Pixies Pod in Portsalon on Sunday were Amy and Marie McAteer and right, Brigeena McFadden with Mary and Cormac McBrice.



# Cloughaneely Golf Club

A fantastic few days in Cloughaneely Golf Club last weekend for Gerard Doran's 2022 President's Prize. The Shoot-Out, Ladies day, Scramble and the main President's day all went very well with lots of great golf and great entertainment.

Congratulations to Martin Terry on winning back to back President's Prizes with a super first round of 5 over par Nett 60. Martin had a 5 shot lead over Brian McGee and ended up after the 27 holes with that intact. Well both to Martin and to Brian a great golf by both.

Cian McGarvey was 3 over in the morning but backed it up with -3 under par in the play off for a total of level par for 27 holes great shooting. The first player in the club to reach +1 handicap congratulations!

Full Results from 2022

Presidents Prize on Saturday 27th August 2022; 1st Martin Terry (15) 60 + 34 = 94; 2nd Brian McGee (19) 65 + 34 = 99; Gross Cian McGarvey (0) 73 + 32; 3rd Paul Doherty (8) 70 + 34 = 104 bot; 4th Seán Ó Gallchóir (8) 69 + 35 = 104; 5th Gerry Doohan (11) 73 + 34 = 107; 6th Philip McGeady (13) 72 + 36 = 108; Best 18: Manus McClafferty (17) 67; Beginner Prize; James Mangan 76; Distance Prize: Michael Gallagher;

Last of the Summer Wine: Joe Gallagher; Nearest the Pin 11th: Patsy McVicar; Nearest the Pin 16th: Dean Gallagher; Longest Drive 18th: Mark McGinley; Visitors Prize; 1st Aisling Mac Cumhaill (Gaoth Dobhair); 2nd Colm Donaghy (Dunfanaghy GC). Well done to Gerard Doran and family on a very successful event.

The Ladies Results from Thursday 25th August; 1st Breda McGeady 47pts; 2nd Roisin McGee 44pts; 3rd Kathleen Rodgers 35pts; 4th Noirin O Grady 34pts.

The Shoot-Out results from Wednesday 24th August; 1st Shaun McGarvey; 2nd Feargal Kilfeather; 3rd Micheal Murray. Shaun was delighted to beat his good friend Brian Geaney on the final hole in his group. Cian McGarvey's Donegal League Team travelled to Cruit Island last Sunday for the semi final match. Cruit Island came out strong winning the first two matches on the 18th green but great wins for Chris McCallion & Gerry Doohan and Francis Boyle & Brian McGee secured two matches away. We play the return leg this Sunday at 2.30pm at home. Best of luck to Cian and his team.

Our 2022 Club Development Golf Classic is on this Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th Sep-

## Party for Willie Moore

There will be a 80th birthday party in Logues of Cranford on Friday 2nd of September for Willie Moore starting at 9pm. €10 donation at the door to cover costs, open invitation to anybody that would like to celebrate Willie's birthday. Anybody that would like to join please call Bernard McHugh or text him your name 0035383206668

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tember. 4 person Team Event €100 per team. This includes a €5pp Meal Voucher for the Strand Road Bar & Kitchen after the golf. Excellent prizes this classic is in aid of club development. We welcome any sponsorship or donations from local businesses and club supporters. Go raibh maith agaibh as an tacaíocht.

ity, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

## Planning Notices

### Donegal County Council

#### Brinlack Lower, Brinlack, Letterkenny

I, Barry Lytle am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to demolish an existing dwelling house and erect a new replacement dwelling house including installation of a new upgraded wastewater treatment system and all other associated site development works at Brinlack Lower, Brinlack, Letterkenny, County Donegal, in the townland of Brinlack. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

### Donegal County Council

#### Camblestown, Letterkenny

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

### Donegal County Council

#### Kill, Dunfanaghy

I, Margaret O'Neill, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect a dwelling house with domestic garage, connection to the public sewer (with tertiary treatment prior to discharge to sewer), construction of a previously approved access roadway and all other associated site developments works at Kill, Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal in the townland of Kill. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

### Donegal County Council

#### Creevesmith, Letterkenny

We, George Doherty Construction (IRL) Limited are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for revisions to previously approved Planning Ref. No's. 06/80149 and 20/50479. The revisions now sought are as follows: (1) Change of house type on site no's 87, 103, 108, 122, 125, 128, 152, 155 & 160. (2) Minor revisions to layout to include alignment of roads and turning areas and additional parking to apartment blocks at Crieve Mór Avenue, Creevesmith, Letterkenny, Co Donegal in the townland of Creevesmith. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application.

### Donegal County Council

#### Further Information/Revised Plans

Permission is sought by Michael and Miriam Coyle under Planning reference number 22/50483 to construct new dwelling house, domestic shed and install a wastewater treatment system at Glenkeo, Carrigart, Co. Donegal. Significant further information and revised plans have been submitted to the planning authority in respect of this proposed development, and are available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, County House, Lifford during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the further information and revised plans may be made in writing on pay-

## Acknowledgement

### Sharkey

James

Shroughan, Falcarragh



The nieces of our late uncle Jimmy Sharkey, Shroughan, Falcarragh would like to sincerely thank all those who sympathised and offered support to us on our recent bereavement. A sincere thanks to our extended family, friends and neighbours who attended the wake and funeral, those who stood along the roadside and who watched the funeral ceremony online.

Thank you to all who sent Mass and sympathy cards, who phoned and sent kind messages of condolences it is very much appreciated by all of us. Thank you to those who helped in so many ways during the wake and funeral. Special thanks to Fr. Sean O' Gallchóir who officiated at the funeral Mass and also to Hannah Curran who sang beautifully.

A sincere thank you to Kieran Roarty Funeral Directors for the kind respectful manner in which you carried out James' funeral arrangements.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere gratitude.

Jimmy's Month Mind Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 6th September at 10am in Christ the King Church, Gortahork.

## Notice

AN CHUIRT DUICHE THE DISTRICT COURT LICENSING (IRELAND) ACT, 1833 SECTION 6 INTOXICATING LIQUOR ACT, 1960 SECTION 29 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER OF A LICENCE

District Court Area of LETTERKENNY District Number 1

CATHY DOYLE, MEENBUNONE, CRESLOUGH IN THE COUNTY OF DONEGAL APPLICANT

**TAKE NOTICE** that the above-named Applicant intends to apply to the Annual Licensing Court to be held at the Courthouse, LETTERKENNY in the County of Donegal on **MONDAY, the 26th day of SEPTEMBER, 2022 at 10.30a.m.** for the **TRANSFER** to the Applicant of the Seven Day Ordinary Publican's Licence attached to premises situate at Derryfad, Creeslough, Letterkenny in the County of Donegal within the Court Area and District aforesaid and known as **"THE LOG CABIN"** and heretofore licensed in the name of **KATHLEEN DOYLE.**

Dated this 15th day of August, 2022.

**SIGNED: Messrs. Gallagher & Brennan, Solicitors for the Applicant, House B, Carnamuggagh Upper, Kilmacrennan Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.**

**To: The Superintendent, An Garda Síochána, Letterkenny, & Milford, Co. Donegal.**  
**And: The District Court Clerk, Courthouse, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.**

ment of €20 not later than 2 weeks after receipt of the newspaper notice and site notice by the Planning Authority.

### Donegal County Council

#### Gortnatraw South, Kerrykeel

I, Ellen Hegarty am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for development at Gortnatraw South, Kerrykeel, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Gortnatraw South. The development will consist of the construction of a part storey and a half, part dormer detached domestic dwelling, domestic detached garage with provision of a wastewater treatment system and all associated site works. The site will be accessed via an existing lane. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority at the County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Planning Authority of the application.

### Donegal County Council

#### Rockhill, Portnablagh

We Sheephaven Properties Ltd, are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect 3 No. Dwelling houses with connection to public sewer and all associated site development works at Rockhill, Portnablagh, County Donegal in the townland of Rockhill. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not ex-

## In Memoriam

### Doherty Daniel

Glasgow, Rathmullan and Cork  
1st Anniversary

*Along a road of suffering you found a little lane  
That took you up to Heaven and ended all your pain  
We cannot bring the old days back when we were all together  
The family chain is broken now but memories live forever.  
Our Lady of Lourdes Pray for him*

Forever in our thoughts and prayers from all your loving family.

**Anniversary Mass will be held on Saturday 3rd September in St Joseph's Church, Rathmullan at 7pm. Mass can be viewed on MCN Media St Joseph's Church Rathmullan.**

### Borland Lydia

Red Brae, Rathmullan  
9th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother called home 3rd Sept 2013

*It doesn't take a special day to bring you to our mind  
For days without a thought of you are very hard to find  
You always tried to do your best  
your heart was true and tender  
You simply lived for those you loved and those you loved remember  
Safe in the arms of Jesus.*

Loved and still missed by your family in Rathmullan, Comber, London, Sydney, Dallas and Berlin.



### Moore

Tillie  
7th Anniversary

In loving memory of our aunt Tillie, who died 4th September 2015.

*We think of you in silence and often speak your name  
And all we have are memories and your photo in a frame.*

Fondly remembered and missed by Maria and family, Ballycallon, Portsalon, Co. Down and also your nephews and nieces, Milford, Ballyconally, Greenhill, Ballycallon, Kerrykeel, Hornhead, Sligo, Luton, Italy Tilty, Bracknell, Australia and New Zealand.

### Canning Annie

Duntinney  
4th Anniversary

In loving memory of Annie who died on the 3rd September 2018.

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

Loved and sadly missed by all the family.

ceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours.

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**In Memoriam**



**Coyle**

**Karen Ramelton**  
4th Anniversary

In loving memory of Karen who died on the 8th September 2018.

*Quietly remembered every day  
No longer in our lives to share  
But in our hearts you are always there  
Your presence we miss your memory we treasure  
Loving you always forgetting you never.*

Loved so much and sadly missed by Mum and Dad, your brothers and sisters and families, Rebecca, Ethan and Anthony.

*Time slips gently by love and memories never die  
In our hearts you will always stay loved and remembered every day.*

Your aunts and uncles.

**Anniversary Mass will be held in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton on Sunday 4th September at 11.00am.**



**Gallagher**

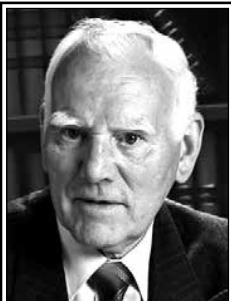
**Anna Milford**  
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother Anna who died on the 1st September 2020.

*There is a space within our hearts that no one else can fill  
Your laugh, your smile, your beautiful eyes are gifts we treasure still.  
Our memories we keep one by one things you said and done  
They bring a smile, sometimes a tear  
But always a wish that you were here.  
You are not just a memory or part of the past  
You are ours to remember as long as life lasts.*

Always loved and remembered by all your family in Milford and Surrey England.

**Anniversary Mass will be held in St. Peter's Church, Milford on Saturday 3rd September at 7.30pm.**



**McBride**  
**James**  
Main St, Milford  
12th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather James who died on the 4th September 2010.

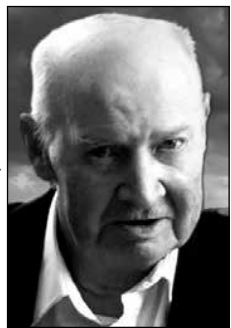
*Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day  
Unseen, unheard but always near  
Still loved still missed and very dear.  
Looking back as we always do  
We treasure the memories we have of you.*

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

**Anniversary Mass will be held in St. Peter's Church, Milford on Sunday 4th September at 11am.**

**O'Donnell**

**Edward (Ned) Drimmaraw, Creeslough**  
2nd Anniversary



In loving memory of Edward (Ned) who died on 4th September 2020.

*They say that times a healer but as the time goes on  
I seem to find it just as hard to face the fact you've gone.  
And today it's the anniversary of the day that you went away  
And I'm standing here at your graveside and believe me when I say.  
You'll never be forgotten and every year I'll shed a tear  
But it's only because I love you and wish you were still here.*

Always remembered by your loving wife Margaret.

*It's been the hardest thing to lose you  
You meant so much to me  
But you are in my heart Dad  
And that's where you'll always be  
I know that Heaven called you  
But I wish you could have stayed  
At least the memories I have of you  
They will never fade  
I did not want to lose you  
but you did not go alone  
Because a part of me went with you  
When Heaven called you home  
So just remember one thing we are not apart  
You're with me in my memories  
And always in my heart.*

Sadly missed by your daughter Catherine, partner Charlie and grandchildren James and Sinead.

*I cried when you passed away  
I still cry today  
Although I loved you dearly  
I couldn't make you stay  
Your golden heart stopped beating  
hard working hands at rest  
God broke my heart to prove to me  
He only takes the best.*

Loved and sadly missed by your son Thomas and daughter-in-law Margo.

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

Sadly missed by your son Edward.

*"Words and times we can no longer share  
but in our Hearts you are always there."*

Sadly missed by your daughter Margaret, partner John and grandchildren.

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 4th September in St. Michael's Church, Creeslough at 11.00am**

**McLaughlin**

**Kathleen Glasgow and Kerrykeel**  
20th Anniversary

In loving memory of my beloved wife Kathleen, our dear mother and grandmother who died on 4th September 2002

*They say there is a reason, they say that time will heal  
But neither time or reason will change the way we feel.  
For no one knows the heartache that lies behind our smiles  
No one knows how many times we have broken down and cried.  
We want to tell you something, so there won't be any doubt  
You're so wonderful to think of, but so hard to live without.*

Always loved and sadly missed by your, husband Michael and family, Glasgow.



**McConigley**

**Mick Rosskirk, Fanad**  
5th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who died on 4th September 2017

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

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

**Acknowledgement**

**Leavy**

**Mary**



We, the family of the late Mary Leavy R.I.P. of New Houses, Termon and formerly of Tullymountain, Ramelton wish to express our sincere gratitude to all those who sympathised with us on our recent loss. We would like to thank the Nursing Staff of Letterkenny ICU, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Franklin, Dr. Kelly and Dr. Olga and the Staff of Letterkenny University Hospital who attended Mary with the utmost care, compassion and dignity.

We are most appreciative of Mary's neighbours in the community and all who attended the wake and funeral, also those who sent cards, donations and flowers, who with our extended family, friends and neighbours offered their most kind support in our grief.

We are most grateful to Fr. Paddy Dunne PP for his spiritual support at this difficult time and his delivery of a beautiful funeral Service concelebrated with Fr. Dinny McGettigan PP (retired) with accompaniment by Josie O'Donnell. We wish to thank Patrick Sweeney, Funeral Director for the professional and dignified manner of the funeral arrangements. As it would not be possible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation and thanks.

**Mary's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated in St Columba's, Kilmacrennan on Sunday 4th September at 11.00am.**



**Heraghty**  
**Anne Coshia, Fanad**  
4th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother who died on 1st September 2018

*As each day dawns we think of you  
As each night falls we pray for you.*

*Deep in our hearts your memory is kept  
To love and cherish and never forget*

*In Heaven you rest no worries or pain  
In God's own time we'll meet again.*

Loved and sadly missed by your husband Joe and all the family

**Fourth Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday 3rd September at 7.00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church, Fanavolty, Fanad.**

**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 herein 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



**Wilhare**  
**Sally Devlinmore, Carrigart**  
4th Anniversary

In loving memory of my dear wife Sally who died on 2nd September 2018.

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one  
I'd like to leave an after glow of smiles when life is done  
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways  
Of happy times and laughing times of bright and sunny days*

*I'd like the tears of these who grieve to dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.*

Loved and missed every day by your husband Joseph.

*Bravely you fought the battle and in death we mourn you  
In our hearts you remain forever.*

Fondly remembered by the Wilhare family.

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

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

**McAuley**

**Bride**

We the nephews, nieces, cousins and friends of the late Bride McAuley, Fortwell and formerly of Lower Main Street, Letterkenny would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who supported us on our recent sad loss of Bride, a much loved Aunt, cousin and friend who will be remembered for her gentleness and kindness. A special word of thanks to the Hillcrest Nursing Home and the nursing staff at Letterkenny General Hospital who looked after Bride during her stays there. Thanks also to Bride's doctor who provided care for her. Thank you to all the good neighbours and all her past and present comrades who worked in the hospital with her and attended the wake and funeral.

Thanks also to those who sent Mass cards, donations, sympathy messages, letters and the kind words on RIP.ie. Those who joined online, those who travelled especially from overseas and afar. Thanks to Con McDaid Funeral Directors for their very professional and caring manner in which they handled the funeral arrangements and thanks also to the grave diggers. Thanks to Brighdin Carr and Evelyn McGinley who sang so beautifully during the funeral Mass and to Barbara for the lovely reflection.

A very special thanks to Fr Damien Nejad who received the remains into the Church on Sunday evening and for celebrating the funeral Mass. Thanks also to Fr. Philip Kemmy, Fr. Shane Gallagher, Fr. Kevin Gillespie and Fr Damien Nejad for their spiritual visits and prayers for Bride during her illness. Thanks also to the Station House Hotel for providing food after the funeral.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

**The Month's Mind Mass for Bride will be celebrated in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny on Saturday 3rd September at 10am.**

**McFadden**

**Charlie Treankeel, Breenagh**



Maureen and family wish to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to all those who sympathised and supported them on the recent death of their loving husband, father, grandfather and brother.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many friends who attended the wake, sent Mass cards, sympathy cards, floral tributes and messages of condolences. Thank you also to those who travelled long distance to be with the family. Thank you also to Glenswilly GAA, neighbours and friends who lined the roadside as Charlie's remains were returning home.

Thank you to Garda Patrick McGlynn who took care of the traffic management of the funeral cortege. Thank you to Christopher who organised the parking facilities. Thank you to those who prepared and provided food and refreshments for the house during the wake.

To members of the Glenswilly GAA Club, Termon GAA Club and Glenfin GAA Club who did a Guard of Honour at the Chapel. A special word of thanks to Fr. Liam Boyle for his support and for the beautiful funeral Mass. To Josie O'Donnell and Maria who provided the lovely music for the funeral Mass.

We also wish to thank those who cared for Charlie during his short illness, Doctors and staff of Ark Medical Letterkenny and Letterkenny University Hospital, the Paramedic team and also the Doctors and staff of Beaumont Hospital, Dublin. A word of thanks also to the staff of Healthwise Chemist, Glencar, Letterkenny.

To Con McDaid Funeral Directors who oversaw all funeral arrangements in a professional and dignified manner. Thanks also to the grave diggers. A special word of thanks to Glenswilly GAA who kindly organised refreshments in the Clubhouse after the funeral.

As it is impossible to thank each individual, please accept this acknowledgement as an appreciation to you all. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

**Charlie's Months Mind Mass will take place on Friday 9th September in St. Columba's Church, Glenswilly at 7pm.**

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# Dunfanaghy

## The late Marie McCollum

The Dunfanaghy community was saddened to hear of the death on August 23rd last at Naas General Hospital surrounded by her family of Marie McCollum, Caragh Court, Naas and formerly of Dunfanaghy.



Marie was 48 years old and was a native of the Chapel Road where she grew up and was an active member of the local community, before going to live in Kildare. She made frequent visits home over the years to visit her parents Maurice and Sally.

Her remains reposed on Thursday last at Murphy Brothers Funeral Home in Naas. Removal took place from there on Friday to The Church of The Irish Martyrs, Ballycane for Requiem Mass and funeral took place afterwards to Newlands Cross Crematorium.

The deepest sympathy of the community is extended to her partner Peter and children James and Aoife; father Maurice, mother Sally, brother Neil, sisters Cathy, Lorraine, Andrea and Bernadette, uncles, aunts, mother-in-law Breda, nephews, nieces, relatives, neighbours and friends.

## COVID 2nd and 3rd BOOSTERS

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inviting patients of the practice aged over 50 and anyone aged over 12 who has an underlying health condition to attend for a second booster. 3rd boosters are now being offered to anyone over 65 or under 65 and immunocompromised. We continue to offer covid vaccines to eligible patients who are unvaccinated, or who require their first booster. For all boosters it must be 4 months since your last booster, or 4 months from having had Covid.

You can email the surgery for an appointment. Email - creesloughprimarycare@gmail.com or all us on 9138388 or on a Monday and Friday afternoon call 9136527. For more information on the Practice, you can go to our website www.dunfanaghyhealth.com.

## Day Trip to Lough Derg

A Day Trip to Lough Derg on Sunday 18th September leaving Magheraarty at 7.15pm. For more information contact Sally Gallagher for booking 0872346301. The fee €65 all in.

## Two Hand Dancing

The Two Hand Dancing resumes again in the Massinass Centre in Creeslough on Tuesday 6th September from 8-10pm. Beginners are very welcome to come along on the night.

## Garth Brooks Raffle Tickets!

The Workhouse is having a fundraiser for the Heritage Centre and Playground. There are 2 sets of Garth Brooks Tickets in Croke Park this Sept up for grabs. Prize 1 is 2 Tickets in the Hogan Stand for Saturday 10th of September at 5pm, and Prize 2 is 2 Tickets in the Hogan Stand for Friday 9th of September at 5pm. Tickets are €5 for 1 or €10 for 3. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 1st of September. Tickets can be bought directly in The Workhouse between 10am - 5pm 7 days a week, bought over the phone by contacting 91 36540 or online on The Workhouse social media 'Go Fund Me' pages.

## Wellness Café

'Connect with a Cuppa' at the Wellness Café 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: September 12th and September 26th. For more information contact: 086 076 6670.

## Dunfanaghy 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/RJDN8q6Z9wxzB-PqX7>. 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, please visit [www.innovating.ie](http://www.innovating.ie).

## Opening Times

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## Country Markets

The Dunfanaghy Country Market continues in the Market Square from 10 to 1 every Saturday with a wide selection of home baking, chocolates, jams, chutneys, veg, salad, hand crafts, knitting, crochet, candles and cards.

## SVP Conference

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

## Mens Shed

The Dunfanaghy Mens Shed will be having a demonstration of their spinning wheel at the Workhouse on September 9th at 3pm, free to join.

## Ozanam Defibrillator

The Automated External Defibrillator outside the Ozanam Community Centre is available to anyone who may need it as there is no key or code required to open the cabinet.

## The Workhouse Cinema

The 30 Seat Cinema is available for bookings for screening films and for private events. The cost is €35 for 1 Hour, €60 for 2 Hours and €5 per hour after that. To book or any other enquires email us at [dunfanaghy@workhouse.ie](mailto:dunfanaghy@workhouse.ie)

1pm every Thursday.

## Bus To Knock

A bus to Knock Shrine will leave Leterkenny on Saturday 3rd September stopping at Ballybofey, Donegal Town and Ballyshannon en route. To book please phone 087 7530132.

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## Siopa Pobail

You may now donate items to Siopa Pobail from Tuesday til Saturday. Shop opening times: Tuesday 10am-2pm. Wednesday 10am-1pm. Thursday 10am-5pm. Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 11am - 5pm.

## CE Scheme

There are a number of vacancies on the CE Scheme in Falcarragh and Dunlewey, all vacancies are developmental opportunities. Should you wish to apply contact Kevin or Marion in our office above the Barber in Falcarragh or phone 074 9165782 during office hours



The Staff of An Chistin in Dunfanaghy could not resist but get a picture recently when Internet sensation Mammy Banter who popped in for her Sunday Lunch. Mammy Banter is a viral tik tok sensation / comedian, who we are sure all mums and dads can definitely relate to her amazing videos!

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## Dunfanaghy Youths

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Junior Infant who began at Creeslough National School this week.

you can also go onto the Dunfanaghy Youth football club Facebook page, click on the PayPal link, and buy your tickets online.

# Cloughaneely

## 50/50

Congratulations to Martin Ferry, Dunmore who won the Falcarragh Hall Development 50/50 prize this week of €836

## Junior Band Notes

Next Week's Jackpot €8,000. There was no Jackpot winner last week and the winning numbers drawn were 2 3 5 9 13 18. There was one match 5 number and congratulations to Brendan Sweeney, Moyra. Tickets will be collected from



Rang na Naíonán Sóisearach Scoil Naisiunta Cnoc Na Naomh (Derryconnor NS)



Rang na Naíonán Sóisearach Scoil Naomh Dubhthach Machaire Uí Rabhartaigh Gort A Chóirce.

# Successful Ballymore Garden Fete and Vintage Show

The annual The Vintage Run / Show and Garden fete in Ballymore last weekend. The day was a great success and could not have done it without the help and support from everyone. Thanks Johnny Haughey for his fantastic music and all those who came in their cars, tractors or whatever for the vintage, also stall holders who joined us for the day. Thanks to all our sponsors and those who donated so generously, and those of you who gave of your time to make this such a wonderful success. The winner of the fertilizer spreader was Frances

Ferry, Horn Head, Second prize Annie Moore, third prize Robert Moore. The €100 winner was Caroline Friel, €50 Ann Byrne, €30 Zoe Steward and €20 Niamhin Duffy. There were lots of other winners also on the other draws. Well done to all the Bonny Babies and children who dressed up for the fancy dress. They all looked great, hard for our judges to pick a winner. Winners were 0-6months

Annabelle Alcorn, Lily Mae Lynch and Brian Og Mc Laughlin. 6-12 months Mia Montgomery. 2-3 years Sam Wilkin M Cabe, Aine Murray, Ella Rose Lynch. Glamorous Granny Margaret McKinley, Fancy Dress Jamie McClafferty, Jessica Hutchinson and Michaela Gallagher. Heartfelt thanks from all at Clondehorkey Parish (Ballymore and Cashel).



Tommy and Margaret McKinley Rockhill Portnablagh who Celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary recently pictured at the Garden Fete at Ballymore Fete on Saturday.



Arlene and William Wilkin enjoying the day.



John McLaughlin and George Stewart at the Garden Fete



Fancy Dress competitors pictured at Ballymore.



Sinead Boyle, Drumkeen presenting the prize winners in the Bonny Baby and Fancy Dress Competitions at the Garden Fete in Ballymore last weekend.



Davina Alcorn and Babs Montgomery, Tommy McKinley and Alan McElhinney enjoying the Garden Fete.



Johnny Haughey entertaining at the Garden Fete and Brian Moriarty enjoying the day.



Pictured are groups enjoying the Ballymore Garden Fete and Vintage Show last weekend.



# Creeslough

## Creeslough Furniture / Jumble Sale

Creeslough Community Association are back with their next furniture and jumble sale in late September. Anyone wishing to donate good quality items may contact this number at 0879657463. No clothing accepted

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Babs Montgomery, Greenhill, Dunfanaghy celebrated her 80th Birthday recently with family and Friends. Babs Montgomery would like to thank my family and friends for a wonderful 80 birthday party for presents and also €1600 raised for the Day Centre in Creeslough.

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### Team Hope

TEAM HOPE will be hosting a special INFORMATION EVENT in the Mount Errigal Hotel on Saturday 3rd September from 11 am - 12 noon for anyone looking to learn more about the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Tea and Coffee will be served and we'd be delighted to see you there. For more information on Team Hope please check out our new website: www.teamhope.ie/csa or contact Jonathan Douglas (Christmas Shoebox Appeal Manager) at jdouglas@teamhope.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.

### Opening times

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### St. Vincent De Paul

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

or contact any of our members and assured of our confidentiality at all times.

### Creeslough Community Alert

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

# Babs Montgomery 80th birthday Party raises €1600



Babs Montgomery, Greenhill, Dunfanaghy pictured with her family members at her 80th Birthday celebrations raising €1600 for the Day Centre in Creeslough.



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Ladies enjoying the recent North West Opera Concert in Holy Trinity Church, Dunfanaghy.



The Members of the North West Opera pictured with some Ukrainian Refugees from Milford and Milford Ladies and the Rev. David Skuce following the Concert in Holy Trinity Parish Church Dunfanaghy recently.



Dunfanaghy Golf Club Captain Jill McCorkell presenting a cheque of €1500 to the Alzheimers Society following recent fundraising.

Dunfanaghy Ladies 44pts followed in second place by Lynn Wilde on 40pts. Well done Ladies great scoring. The Lady Captain's away day to Moyola Park was a great success thoroughly enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Lady Captain Jill for organising the trip. Saturday's competition was won by Deirdre Farry with a great score of 40pts followed by our hard-working competition secretary Eilish Walsh with a score of 36pts. Well done ladies. This Saturday is the Captains' open charity day. The competition is an open single Ladies and Gents stableford all support greatly appreciated. Tuesday the 6th September is the first of our winter links competitions and the very popular Monday seniors makes a return on Monday the 19th September.





# GAA Club News

## Gleann tSúilí

### Senior Championship

Both Senior mens teams played their 3rd round games of the Michael Murphy Sports & Leisure Championship games on Sunday at home. With a local derby draw with Glenfin, everyone knew that both games would be tight and exciting. Neither game dissappointed.

The Senior Reserve had a very close game, coming back strong in the second half of the game. At full time the game was level, but Glenfin scored a late point in injury time to take the win. The Senior game was level at half time 1.08 to 2.05 with both side taking the lead through the half. Glenswilly came out stronger in the second half to take the win 2.14 to 2.09.

Both teams now play Ardara in the 4th round. These games will take place on Sunday 4th September.

### BRING A BALL

As part of the Irish Life GAA Healthy Club's initiative all children from both Glenswilly and Glenfin took to the field at half time of the Senior game last Sunday to have a kick about. It was great to see all the children from both clubs playing together and having a great time. Thanks to both clubs for taking part.

### C Championship Group A

The mens third team travelled to O'Donnell Park on Friday to play St Eunans. They trailed at half time, coming back strong in the second half of the game, but St Eunans held on to take the points on the night.

### U17 Div1 Cup

Glenswilly minor boys travelled to Davy Brennan Memorial Park, Glenties in the u17 Div 1 on Friday evening. The game ended in a draw, in which was a hard fought, entertaining game.

### U11/10s

Glenswilly u11/10s played Milford at home on Friday evening. They played 3 Go-Games over an hour. A great evening football was had by all.

### U9 Boys

Glenswilly u9s travelled to Ardara to take part in the Tomas Maguire U9 tournament last Saturday. Thanks to Ardara Gaa for a great days football.

### U6s

Glenswilly u6s played travelled to Convoy on Saturday morning. It was great to see how the children have improved in their skills. Keep up the great work both players and managers. A great time was had by all the boys and girls. Thanks to Convoy GAA for hosting the games.

### Fixtures 2nd - 4th September

#### Friday 2nd

#### Under 17 Div 1 Cup

Glenswilly v Termon 7pm

#### Sunday 4th

#### Senior Reserve Championship R4

Ardara v Glenswilly 1.30pm

#### Senior Championship R4

Ardara v Glenswilly 3pm

#### 50/50

Congratulations to last weeks winner Isobel Mc Court from Kilmacrennan in our weekly 50/50 draw. Isobel won €145. Tickets are available from any committee member, at home games or on Wednesday nights before the Bingo. Draw takes place every Wednesday night at 9pm.

### BINGO

Glenswilly bingo on every Wednesday at 9pm.

## St. Michael's

### Senior Championships

The Seniors and Reserves were at home to Naomh Conaill at The Bridge on Sunday last in their third games in this years Senior and Reserve Championships. The matches were played in excellent conditions with a large crowd packing into the Bridge to watch the action.

Despite a battling performance the Seniors were defeated 0-9 to 3-8 with goals proving pivotal for the Glenties men.

Scorers for St Michael's: Hugh O'Donnell, Oisín Langan 0-2 each; Michael Langan 0-2, 2f; Daniel McLaughlin 0-1, 1f; Martin McElhinney 0-1, 1m; Colin McFadden 0-1. Team: Oisín Cannon; Stephen Doak, Liam Paul Ferry, Patrick McGinley; Hugh O'Donnell, Kyle McGarvey, Antonín McFadden; Oisín Langan, Michael Langan; Michael Gallagher, Colin McFadden, Daniel McLaughlin; Andrew Kelly, Martin McElhinney, Carlos O'Reilly. Subs: Edward O'Reilly for Kelly (41), Martin Breslin for McLaughlin (59).

The Reserves were also defeated 0-9 to 5-13.

Both teams are away to St. Nauls on this Sunday in two vital matches at 1.30pm and 3pm.

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### This Weeks Fixtures

#### Friday 2nd

U17 boys St. Michaels v Kilcar 7.00

#### Saturday 3rd

U9 boys St. Michaels v Red Hughs 10.30

U14 Girls St. Michaels v Naomh Ultan 1.00

#### Sunday 4th

U9 Girls St. Michaels v Naomh Muire 10.30

Senior Reserves St. Nauls v St. Michaels 1.30pm

#### Seniors

St. Nauls v St. Michaels 3.00

## Gaeil Fhánada

### Lotto Results 28/08/2022

Numbers: 7, 9, 15, 22, 25. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Aidan McAteer. This week's Jackpot: €1750

### Cluichí na Seachtaine

#### Déardaoin, 1ú Meán Fómhair

Cailíní F12 Gaeil Fhánada v Nh Micheál 6:00

#### Dé hAoine, 2ú Meán Fómhair

Buachaillí F17 - Craobh

An Clochán Liath v Gaeil Fhánada@ 7:00

Faoi 12, Faoi 10, Faoi 8

Sraith an Pharóiste 6:30 Páirc Uí Shíadhail

### Championship Matchday Sponsors

Our thanks to Jacinta's Art, Kerrykeel for sponsoring the mens games this weekend and also the Ladies for their Quarter Final on the 11th September against Convoy. Swilly Mulroy Credit Union are to sponsor the senior mens game against Downings that weekend.

### Seniors qualify for Quarter Final

#### Gaeil Fhánada 2:09 Beart 0:08

The seniors picked off where the reserves left off on Saturday evening, as they too picked up the required victory against Burt to qualify for the Intermediate Quarter Finals. The quarter final lineup was confirmed, where Gaeil Fhánada will face Downings in a derby clash in a fortnight.

Gaeil Fhánada: Mark McConigley, Shaun Kerr, Jimmy Coyle (1:00), Odhrán Shiels, James Gallagher, Matthew Gallagher, Darren McElwaine (0:01), Bernard McGettigan, Paddy Carr, Mark McAteer (0:02), Eoghan Carr, James Kerr (0:01), Seamie Friel (0:03), Michael Sweeney (0:01), Liam Mc Grenaghan (1:01). Ryan McGonigle for Matthew Gallagher, Oisín Shiels for Eoghan Carr, Paddy Heraghty for Liam McGrenaghan, Conor Heraghty for James Kerr.

### Reserves make it two wins

#### Gaeil Fhánada 0:12 Beart 1:01

The Gaels were the dominant side for the majority of this contest, and after weathering a bit of a Burt storm from about the fifth to the fifteenth minute of the second period, they stretched for home to win reasonably comfortably at the end. Dungloe will be the opposition, and the game is expected to take place on the 10th/11th September.

Gaeil Fhánada: Shaun Friel, Pauric Clinton, Liam Sweeney, Michael McDevitt, Darren McAteer, Fergal Friel (0:03), Paul Coyle (0:02), Brandon McClafferty, Oisín McFadden (0:01), Aaron Mc Conigley, Mark Friel (0:03), Thomas McConigley, Eoin McGonigle (0:01), Patrick Friel (0:01), Christy Sweeney (0:01). Aiden Heraghty for Aaron Mc Conigley, Rudi Feenstra for Brandon McClafferty, Brandon Friel for Darren McAteer, Joshua McAteer for Thomas McConigley, Declan Coyle for Patrick Friel.

### Gaeil Fhánada - U13 Winners

Congratulations to our u13 side who were victorious on Monday in Downings after extra time on a score line of 2:11 to 3:07.

Iosaf McAteer, Ronan Wilson, Conor Callaghan (Captain), Ronan Gibbons, Harry Blaney, Michael Peoples, Evan McDaid, Jack Dunleavy, Christian Gibbons, Cillian Gilmour, Oisín Lynch, Cormac Doherty, Dan Martin, Rian Jackson, Ollie McAteer, Colin McBride, Tiernan Kerr, Ruaidhrí Kerr

### Minor Girls

#### An Tearmann 3:09 Gaeil Fhánada 2:08

Pivotal goals at crucial times were key for Ter-

## Donegal Senior Football Championship Report & Photos by Declan Kerr

# Eunan's too classy for Cloughaneely

### St. Eunan's 1-20 Cloughaneely 2-7

Rory Kavanagh's bid to guide St. Eunan's to back-to-back Donegal Senior Football Championship titles has got off to the best possible start with the Letterkenny outfit easily overcoming Cloughaneely on Saturday afternoon at the O'Donnell Park to make it three straight wins in the group stages.

Eunan's have secured their place in the quarter-finals and will know their opposition following the final series of group matches next weekend. Cloughaneely have just a point after three games and their aim now is to try and avoid relegation from the Senior Championship.

Kavanagh had the luxury of being able to leave out the likes of Niall O'Donnell and Darragh Mulgrew while Aaron Deeney and Conor O'Donnell Snr only came on as second half subs. Cloughaneely's county player Jason McGee wasn't able to make any significant impression on the game as he was man marked by Sean McGettigan. Eunan's started at a blistering pace and were four points ahead before the visitors opened their account in the seventh minute. Conor O'Donnell Junior landed two of those scores from play while Eoin McGeehin was also on target.

The hosts were sharper and hungrier for the ball forcing their opponents into errors by sheer pressure of numbers. But, it was a rare Kieran Tobin error that allowed big Paul Sweeney to leave the score 0-4 to 0-2 on eight minutes. But, then Eunan's hit the high gears again with 1-4 courtesy of McGeehin, Brian McIntyre, Pdraig McGettigan and Tobin. The goal came in the 21st minute when midfielder Ciaran Moore did very well to keep the ball in play before firing past Sean McClafferty from a narrow angle at the clubhouse end of the ground.

McGeehin brought the Eunan's first half total to 1-9 after a great run by Shane O'Donnell. Michael Lynch's side was given a glimmer of hope when Shaun Curran posted his second point of the match and then just into injury time Blake McGarvey rose above Conor Parke to flick home a Cian McFadden ball that may have initially been a point attempt. That left six points between the sides going into the second half. Cloughaneely needed the good start to the second half but instead it was Eunan's with three McGeehin points that took a giant step towards victory.

A well struck Jason McGee free did break the momentum briefly but the scores soon returned at the river end with Sean McVeigh, Shane O'Donnell, McGeehin, Conor O'Donnell Jnr and subs Conor O'Donnell Snr and Oran Winston all on the mark for the hosts. Oran's dad is former Eunan's player Kevin and he is the grandson of Joe 'Dodo' Winston.

Shaun Curran did knock over a free for Cloughaneely while Paul Sweeney got a consolation goal after fetching a high ball before slotting low past Shaun Patton. Eunan's came close to a second goal in the 54th minute when McGeehin



Cloughaneely's Michael Fitzgerald tries to hold off the challenge of Eunan's Peter McEniff at the O'Donnell Park on Saturday.

palmed a Kevin Kealy assist onto the crossbar. It would have left the attacker with a 1-8 tally after an impressive shift in the black and amber jersey. Kavanagh's side is currently favourites with the bookies to retain the title. He will have been happy with the quality of some of the scores taken especially in the first half and with the work rate when not in possession. But, the mentors will no doubt be assessing the possible solutions to avoid the way the two goals were conceded. The two were pretty similar in nature with high balls into the goalmouth. Other contenders will be looking at what game plan can upset the rhythm that Eunan's have built up in the three games so far.

Kavanagh's men make the short journey to the twin towns this weekend to take on MacCumhaills who need a victory to have any chance of making the quarter-finals. Cloughaneely are now looking at the other end and avoiding relegation from the Senior Championship. Michael Lynch's side at least have home advantage for the clash with Killybegs who will be coming to Falcarragh looking for a victory to try and make the last eight of the Dr. Maguire competition.

St Eunan's - Shaun Patton; Conor Parke, Caolan Ward, Peter McEniff; Sean McVeigh 0-1, Kieran Tobin 0-1, Peter Devine; Sean McGettigan, Ciaran Moore 1-0, Kevin Kealy, Shane O'Donnell 0-1, Brian McIntyre 0-1, Conor O'Donnell Jnr 0-5, Pdraig McGettigan 0-1, Eoin McGeehin 0-8 (5f's).

Subs - Jordan O Dowd and Oran Winston 0-1 for Pdraig McGettigan and McIntyre 43 mins, Conor O'Donnell Snr 0-01 for Tobin 50 mins, Aaron Deeney for McEniff 55 mins.

Cloughaneely - Shaun McClafferty, Ciaran McFadden Lee O'Brien, Fionn McGinley; Cian McFadden, Michael Fitzgerald, Shaun Curran 0-3, Darren McGeever; Martin Maguire, Conor Coyle, Blake McGarvey 1-0, Ciaran McGeedy, Paul Sweeney 1-1, Jason McGee 0-2 (2fs), Mark Harley (0-1). Subs: Cillian Gallagher for Coyle 45 mins, Cathal McGeever for Maguire 50 mins, Shaun Maguire and Ciaran Scanlon for McGarvey and Paul Sweeney 55 mins.



Eunan's Eoin McGeehin is pushed away from goal by Cloughaneely's Lee O'Brien and Ciaran McFadden at the O'Donnell Park

Ref: Marc Browne.

# GAA Club News

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mon on Thursday, as they defeated Gaeil Fhánada by four points in their minor county semi final at the Burn Road.

Orlaith McGrenaghan, Anna Friel, Méabh Duffy, Olivia Friel, Kaylagh Sweeney, Caitlin Heraghty, Alannah Friel, Aoife Gibbons (0:01), Iseult Ní Mhathúna (1:02), Méabh McAteer (0:01), Rachael Friel (0:01), Emma McGrenaghan (0:01), Jessica Coll (0:01), Clodagh Heron (1:00), Caoimhe Friel (0:01), Bláthnaid McAteer

## Tomas Maguire Memorial Tournament

Well done to all the Gaeil Fhánada U9 boys and girls who played brilliantly in Ardara on Saturday at the Tomas Maguire U9 Memorial Tournament and brought home the A Plate Trophy.

## Parish League

The Parish League returns this Friday evening, September 2nd in Páirc Uí Shíadhail. It will run for five weeks, with finals night pencilled in for Friday, September 30th at 6:30.

## Naionra Gaeil Fhánada - U5's

Our second five week block of training for U5's begins this Saturday morning, September 3rd at 11am at Páirc Uí Shíadhail, Portsalon. Boys and girls aged 3,4 and 5 are welcome.

## Healthy Clubs

As part of our Healthy Clubs initiative, Christina Murray-McEleney will deliver a talk on "The impact of alcohol & drugs on sports perfor-

mance - Alcohol & drugs do have an impact on your mind and body, your thinking, motivation and mood. A talk for coaches, parents and players". We are inviting adult members attend in Rosnakill Hall on 15th of September at 7.30pm.

## CLG Na nDúnaibh

Torthaí lotto ó oíche Luain's chuaigh thart. 16 22 23 agus 24 na huimhreacha a tarraingíodh. Char bhain duine ar bith an pota óir agus bhí na trí uimhir ag bean amháin agus ba sin Kathleen McBride agus gheobhann sise €150. Beidh an chéad tarraingt eile ar an 5ú Meán Fómhair agus tá €2,600 sa phota óir.

## Foireann Sinsir

Comhghairdeas le foireann Sinsir na bhfeor atá anois cáilithe do na cluichí ceathrú ceannais i ndiaidh a mbuaidh ar Aodh Rua, Chúil na gCuirridín i lár na seachtaine agus ar Naomh Brid oíche Shathairn. Beidh cluiche mór acu sa chluiche ceathrú ceannais nuair a imreoidh siad a gcomharsa béal dorais Gaeil Fhánada. An Fhoireann: A Mac Laifearthaigh, R. Ó Cuilinn, M.Dáibhis, C.Ó Buaigh, K MacRodaigh, C.Ó Dochartaigh, J.L Mac Giolla Bhríde, S.Ó Buaigh, O.Ó Buaigh, K Mac Pháidín, J Mac Rodaigh, C Mac Eiteagáin, P Mac Giolla Bhuaiigh, L.Ó Conchúr, E Mac Roibeard.

Scóráilithe: L.Ó Conchúr, 2-2 (2f), P Mac G Bhuaiigh 2-3, K.Ó Dochartaigh 1-0, J Mac Rodaigh 0-3 (2f), K Mac Rodaigh, C Mac

Eiteagáin, E Mac Roibeard, P Mac Rodaigh pointe an duine. Gach rath ar Chormac Mac Eiteagáin atá imithe ar ais go Dubai i ndiaidh dó a chluiche deireanach a imirt leis an fhoireann ag deireadh na seachtaine. Súil againn uilig é a fheiceáil ar ais i ngeansaí na nDúnaibh arís.

## Faoi 15

Comhghairdeas fosta leis an fhoireann Faoi 15 agus leis an fhoireann bainistíochta i ndiaidh a mbuaidh sa chluiche ceannais in éadan Naomh Adhamhnán i nDún Fionnachaidh. Tá éacht déanta ag an fhoireann seo agus is deas corn eile a bheith againn.

## Under 13

Bhí an mi-ádh ceart ar an fhoireann Faoi 13 in éadan a gcomharsa béal dorais Gaeil Fhánada oíche Luain. Cha raibh ach an phointe amháin eatarthu ag an deireadh i ndiaidh tréimhse am breise.

Chothromaigh Gaeil Fhánada an cluiche leis an chic deireanach in gnáth am.

Comhghairdeas le Gaeil Fhánada agus leoga comhghairdeas mór le foireann na nDúnaibh fosta agus leis an fhoireann bainistíochta a rinne sár-obair ag ullmhú na foirne don chluiche seo. There were no games at the week-end for the reserves or the ladies.

## Minor Girls

The girls travelled to Killybegs on Thursday evening for their league semi-final. It was a closely contested game with the final score being 2-10 go 3-5 to Killybegs. Hard luck girls and well done on all the hard work you have put in this season.

## Faoi - 7.

Comhghairdeas leis na páistí is óige sa chumann a rinne an turas go Baile na nGallóglach agus a d'imir ceithre chluiche agus bhí cluiche mór acu uilig. Maith sibh a ghasúraí agus a ghirseachaí. Beidh traenáil ag toiseacht arís dóibhsan Faoi 7 i gceann cúpla seachtain. (2015, 2016, 2017). Traenáil Faoi - 9. Cuirfear tús le traenáil don ghrúpa seo ar an Chéadaoin 7ú Meán Fómhair ag 5.30pm. Fáilte roimh pheileadóirí úra.

## Scideal na gcluichí:

### Dé Domhnaigh 4ú 10.30 am.

Sóisear A Ceathrú Ceannais. Na Dúnaibh v Gleann tSúilí.

### Dé Sathairn 3ú 1pm.

Girseachaí Faoi 14 Cluiche Leathcheannais na Sraithe Roinn 1 Ard a' Ratha v Na Dúnaibh.

### Post to Post

Post to Post is taking place on Saturday 3rd September. Our committee has been busy working behind the scenes for the past number of months and now we need your help! We are looking for more Marshals and Volunteers to ensure, not only a safe and secure route, but to help us in the lead up to the event and provide a warm welcoming atmosphere around the community for the competitors. With over 200 competitors taking part it is all hands on deck for Saturday so if you haven't already volunteered please do!

Anyone who can spare a few hours, we would be delighted to have your help on the day. Please message our page with your mobile number and someone from the committee will be in contact.

## CLG Baile na nGalloglach

Lotto: 28/8/22

NUMBERS: 2-12-14-22.

Congratulations to Johnny Patterson, our Lucky Dip winner of €50. Jackpot Next Week: €1,300.

### Results/Fixtures

#### Senior Men

Our Senior Men were beaten by Killybegs in the Senior Championship on Sunday last on a scoreline of 1-13 to 7 points.

Pride of place goes to the CLG Baile na nGalloglach Reserve team who claimed a historical first ever victory in the Senior Reserve Championship with a narrow 1 point victory over Killybegs on Saturday last at Fintra.

Both teams now host Aodh Rua, Ballyshannon on Sunday (4th) at 1.30pm and 3pm.

#### Senior Ladies

Our Senior Ladies will play N Muire away on 11th of September in the Intermediate Championship quarter final.

#### Minor Boys

#### Milford 1-12 St Michaels 1-09

An improved second half performance saw the boys come from 4 points down at half time to record their 2nd win in a row. Minors are away to Bunrana this Friday 2nd.

#### U13 Boys

Training continues on Mondays and Wednesdays 5.45 to 6.45.

#### U11 Boys

Our U11 boys had a match against Glenswilly on Friday last with great displays of football on show and the boys improving every week.



Micky Harte former Tyrone manager pictured at Roses Bar with Lorcan Roarty and his two sons Sevie and Alfie.

# GAA Club Championship

Fixtures

## Sunday September 4th 3.00

Sean MacCumhaill v Naomh Adhamhnáin, Mark Dorrian

Realt na Mara v Cill Chartha, Robbie O'Donnell Naomh Naill v Naomh Micheál, Val Murray Baile na nGalloglach v Aodh Ruadh, 3:00, Martin Coll

Ard an Ratha v Gleann tSúilí, 3:00, Marc Brown Gleann Fhinne v Na Ceithre Maistir, 3:00, Enda McFeely

Naomh Conaill v Gaoth Dobhair, 3:00, M McShane

Cloich Cheann Fhaola v Na Cealla Beaga, 3:00, Sean McDaid

They host Cloughaneely on Friday evening at 6pm.

#### U9 Boys

Congratulations to our U9 team who won the B Shield at the Thomas Maguire Memorial Tournament in Ardara last Saturday. Our A team were unfortunately beaten in the A plate semi-final. Great effort was put in by all the players.

#### U7 Boys and Girls

Our U7s have a home game against Termon this Saturday (3rd) at 11am. U5 training continues at pitch in Ray at 5.45pm on Friday evenings, followed by U7 training at 6.45pm.

## Letterkenny Gaels

The group stages of the Junior A football Championship has now concluded for our senior footballers and their victory over Pettigo last weekend ensured top spot in the group. A semi final is now guaranteed with the opposition to be decided over the coming weeks. The Reserves were back in action last weekend with an away game against Naomh Padraig, Lifford. It was the hosts who took the victory.

Club merchandise shop is now open online via the O'Neill website.

The senior ladies play in the quarterfinals of the Kernans Group Championship this Sunday. Their opponents will be either Red Hugh's or Kilcar.

The U-17 footballers continued their championship campaign with a two point victory over Fanad Gaels at Portsalon last weekend. Our young U13 footballers made the short journey to the Burn Road in Termon last Wednesday to take on St. Michael's in the Northern Board Regional Final but it was the men from the Bridge who took the win.

Well done to the U-9 mixed team who had a great day out at the Tomas Maguire tournament in Ardara at the weekend. The A team played brilliantly but were knocked out by a strong Moville side and the B team went on to win the plate against a strong Termon side in the final. Well done to Donach, Kieran and all the coaches and all the boys and girls who took part.

Letterkenny Gaels underage Hurling training continues at Páirc na nGael every Thursday 6:30-7:30pm for kids from 4 years to 11 years old.



Gaeil Fhánada U13 team who defeated Na Dúnaibh in the Northern Region Division 3 final on Monday evening and below players having their photos taken with the cup.



Gaeil Fhánada U9's who won the 'A' Plate at the Tomas Maguire Memorial Tournament in Ardara on Saturday.

FIFA Women's World Cup qualifiers

# Barrett and Grant set for Finns clash

Amber Barrett and Ciara Grant are in the Republic of Ireland Women's Squad selected by manager Vera Pauw for the hugely important FIFA Women's World Cup qualifiers against Finland and Slovakia.

Ireland will host Finland in Tallaght Stadium this Thursday (7.00) before a record crowd after tickets for the game sold out in just 30 minutes.

A flight to Bratislava will then follow a few days later as Ireland take on Slovakia next Tuesday, September 6th in their final qualifying game in Group A (5.00).

After recently moving up to their highest ever position in the FIFA Women's World Rankings, Ireland are now targeting a spot in the Qualifying Play-Offs for next summer's

World Cup tournament in Australia and New Zealand.

Injury has ruled out Glasgow City striker Aoife Colvill whose mum has strong family ties in Ramelton through the Barrett family.

Amber Barrett who recently moved to another German top flight side FFC Turbine Potsdam and Ciara Grant who is now with her second Scottish club Hearts after moving from Rangers reported into camp on Sunday to begin preparations for the two Group A games at the FAI National Training Centre. Both games will be broadcast live on RTE2 and worldwide on the RTE Player. The Finnish match kicks-off at 7.00 in Tallaght and next Tuesday's fixture has a 5.00 start in Slovakia.

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Wed 7th Sept - **Sheep Sale** 11.30am

Sat. 10th - **Weanling Show & Sale** 11am

Mon 12th Sept - **Milford Sheep Show & Sale** 7pm

Wed 14th Sept - **Cattle Sale** 12 noon

Sat. 17th Sept - **NO SALE**

Mon 19th Sept - **Ram Sale** 7pm

Wed 21st Sept - **Sheep Sale** 11.30am

Sat. 24th - **Weanling Sale Mixed** 11am

Mon 26th - **Breeding Ewes & Lambs** 7pm

Wed 28th Sept - **Cattle Sale** 12noon

Thurs 29th - **Plastic Collection** 9am - 5pm

Booking in for Monday Evening Sheep Sale is on the Monday of the sale from 10.00am to 10.30am  
 Booking in for Sheep Sales on Wednesday on a Tuesday evening prior to sale from 8.00 to 8.30pm  
 Booking in for Weanlings Thursday Evening 8 - 8.30pm  
 No Booking in for Ram Sales

# Pat's trip for Harps

After having no game last week due to the FAI Senior Cup, Finn Harps return to action this Friday night with a tough away fixture against St Patrick's Athletic at Richmond Park (kick-off 8.00).

In their three meetings to date this season Ollie Horgan's side has only managed to secure a single point. Pat's are currently fourth in the table and battling to stay in the frame for European football next season. They are 27 points ahead of Harps in the table with the Donegal outfit second from bottom. Horgan's only aim now is to stay above UCD which leaves them hopefully with a relegation play-off at the end of the season.

Horgan will be in the Stand for Friday night's game after being sent-off early in the Sligo game a fortnight ago in Ballybofey. Ryan Connolly also got a red card in the win over Sligo and won't feature against Pat's while Ryan Rainey's yellow accumulation also rules him out of the match. On Friday 11th March there was a first defeat of the season for Harps losing 2-0 to St. Pat's in Ballybofey thanks to second half goals from Jack Scott and Eoin Doyle. The second meeting between the two sides came on Friday 22nd April when

two Eoin Doyle goals condemned Horgan's outfit to their seventh defeat of the season at Richmond Park. It was confirmed earlier that week that skipper Dave Webster would be out for the rest of the season with a knee ligament injury. Harps and Pat's last met on Friday 24th June and ended in a dramatic 2-2 draw at Finn Park. The 'never say die' attitude of Ollie Horgan managed sides was never more clearly demonstrated than when his side netted two late goals to secure an unlikely draw against Tim Clancy's outfit. At 2-0, sub Jose Carrillo pulled one back with his first goal for the club in the 88th minute. Then in the third minute of injury time the lion hearted Ethan Boyle headed home the equaliser. In truth Harps were fortunate not to have been further behind when the dramatic late fightback commenced.

### 500 Club

The August Draw 1 and 2 winners for the Finn Harps 500 Club are :-

### August Draw 1

€300 - John Doogan, Sligo  
 €100 - Berni Quigley, Ballybofey

€100 - The Early Bird, Ballybofey

### August Draw 2

€300 - Anthony Doherty, Kincasslagh  
 €100 - Shaun Gallagher, Muff

€100 - Sinead Brogan, Ballymena

We have no home game for a while so we're working on arrangements to make the next draws at first team training over the coming week. Once again, thanks to all members of the 500 Club, you make a very real difference to Finn Harps FC.

If you are not a member yet, join today via [finnharps.ie/500](http://finnharps.ie/500)

### Club Lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for Thursday 25th August. The numbers drawn were 8, 16, 24, 29. The next draw takes place on Thursday 1st September and the jackpot climbs to €2,300. There were three match 3 entries this week, winning €200 each.

Maeve Scully, Dunwiley, Stranorlar; Stephen Irwin, Demense, Castlefin; Gabriel Doherty, Corefrin, Ballybofey.

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FAI Intermediate Cup draw

## Intermediate Cup derby at Leckview Park

Letterkenny Rovers will host Bonagee Utd in a first round FAI Intermediate Cup tie following the draw that was made last week. Jason Gibson's side got to the quarter-finals this year which guaranteed them a place in the the FAI Senior Cup draw. After the victory over Limerick side Pike Rovers, Bonagee lost to Shelbourne in the second round tie at the Dry Arch last Friday night. The Letterkenny/Bonagee clash will take place at Leckview Park on either Saturday or Sunday week 10/11th of September. The winners will have home advantage against Cockhill Celtic in mid-October.

FAI U17 Cup

## Home tie for Ballyraine U17s

Ballyraine FC will host Calry Bohemians in the first round of the FAI U17 Cup on the weekend of October 9th. Meanwhile, Letterkenny Rovers have been given an away tie against St John's FC in Sligo on the same weekend.



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# Finn Harps to field women's teams



Mulroy Club members Syria McGeever and Una Sweeney at the launch of the new partnership with Finn Harps in the Radisson Hotel on Tuesday night.



Donegal Women's League officials Helena Doherty and Brid McGinty with the new Finn Harps female academy head Paddy McDaid and Club Chairperson Ian Harkin at the launch in the Radisson Hotel on Tuesday night.



A section of the crowd at the announcement of the new women's partnership between Finn Harps and the Donegal and Inishowen Leagues

For the first time in the Club's 53-year history Finn Harps is set to field teams in the National Women's League at U17 and U19 level.

Details of new arrangements with the Donegal and Inishowen Women's Leagues were announced during a press launch at the Radisson Hotel on Tuesday night. The longer term plan is for Harps to have a senior side in the National League. Paddy McDaid has been confirmed as the first Head of the Women's Academy at Finn Park.

Letterkenny man McDaid has a long association with underage and schools football in the county.

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