



## Election campaign moves out of first gear

The campaign for the local and European elections has finally moved out of first gear this week and with Peter Casey again running for a seat in Europe.

**By John McAteer**

Obviously, after the 'pass the parcel' tug of war between London and Dublin about the legal status of refugees in recent days - this was the perfect timing that Casey needed to enter the campaign.

It has added momentum to what's really been a lacklustre battle despite 28 candidates contesting the five seats in this constituency. Three weeks ago, Casey told the Tribune that he was not ruling himself out of the EU campaign. "I will consider my options but I'm not ruling myself out," he said.

However, sources close to the Dragon's Den Star said: "He's running alright - you're safe to run that story".

In 2019, Casey surprised many with his vote of 56,650 first preferences in a field of seventeen candidates. He shocked the main parties when he won a share of over 9.5%. It



Peter Casey contesting the EU elections - Declan Jordan bidding for a seat in the Letterkenny Electoral Area.



was a low key, slow campaign and the turnout from among the 1.224 million voters was just over 50%.

This time around there are different and highly divisive issues: migration: emigration for a start - and there is the latest Red C poll in the Sunday Business Post with SF on 27%: FG on 20%: Independents on 19% and FF on 14%. It does make for the perfect storm in the lead-in to polling day.

In the local elections most of the party candidates have already been chosen and more independent names are due to be announced in the next week with much of

the focus on Letterkenny. Declan Jordan is the latest candidate among the Independents contesting the seven seat local Letterkenny area. He said he's bidding to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather James Larkin who served on the Town Council for 32 years. This is a political legacy that dates back to the early days of Fianna Fail and later the founding of Independent Fianna Fail in 1973.

Across the electoral areas: FF's convention for the Glenties area in Burtonport on Sunday night was the tightest of battles between former Cllr. Enda Bonner

and John Reilly, Burtonport who won out on a vote that was not confirmed to the media. However, according to sources, it could have gone either way especially with a number of delegates absent on the night.

Reilly is a well-known figure in fishing and a former trawler skipper on a number of fishing vessels including 'The Atlantic Dawn'.

Long standing FF Cllr. Gerry Crawford is to run in the Stranorlar area alongside Patrick McGowan: the party is defending twelve Council seats.

Sinn Fein has completed its election runners for the Glenties area. John Sheamus O'Fearraigh and Brian Carr will be joined by Kellie Rodgers from Mullaghduff. She works in customer service and operations at Carrickfinn Airport.

Raphoe based Councillor Frank McBrearty Jnr has confirmed he is seeking re-election in the Lifford - Stranorlar Municipal District.

Speaking about his decision to seek re-election, Cllr McBrearty described it

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## Creelough to remember Seamus Harkin

This Friday a special tribute will be paid to Creelough man, the late Seamus Harkin.

To mark the 10th year since his passing, following his anniversary Mass there will be a plaque unveiled in his memory at the Creelough Day Centre.

Seamus was a very well known and respected figure who played an active role in his community over many years.

He was heavily involved in the development of the Creelough Day Centre, the Muckish Development Committee, and St Vincent dePaul among many other voluntary endeavours during his life.

As well as his role in many community developments, Seamus worked as a funeral director for many years, as well as being a writer, historian and musical entertainer all through his life and toured across Ireland, the UK and America in his career.



He penned his memoirs, called "It Took A Lifetime" where he recalled his life growing up in Creelough and his career in music, business and community, as well as a wealth of local history.

This weekend's plaque is to remember the contribution he made to the betterment of his home community.

One of the organisers said the plaque and event was in recognition of the role Seamus played in canvassing for the Day Centre many years ago.

The tenth anniversary Mass for Seamus takes place on Friday May 3rd at 7.30pm. Following the Mass, a group of people who worked with Seamus will unveil the plaque in honour of his work in the Creelough community.

Refreshments and music will be held in the Creelough Day Centre afterwards and all are welcome.

## Blaney clarifies Downings funding

Cllr Liam Blaney has responded to concerns raised in last week's Tribune that due to ongoing delays, €700,000 in grants could be lost in the Rosguill area.

Members of the community had raised the lack of progress over recent weeks and it was also up for answers at the recent Milford Municipal District Meeting.

Now Liam Blaney has stated categorically: "This money is staying put, because I put it there. That money for the Walkway and the Pontoon is never leaving Downings and I can assure you that is the case because I was the Cllr. that fought for the money. Unfortunately there have been lengthy delays.

Work on the new Pathway is about to start and the first phase from the Rosapenna Golf Pavilion is expected to be completed in a couple of months. And the final completion phase will proceed as according to plans.

Due to my representations, this project has been grant aided by €500,000. This is a very good amenity but it will also make the public safer on a very busy road.

With the inclusion of the pontoon, there is €700,000 to be

spent and Downings is assured that these delays will be resolved soon.

Insofar as the new pontoon on Mevagh Pier is concerned, the Council sought a foreshore licence at the end of 2019 and despite our best efforts that process has been delayed. Efforts at the Council's Marine Dept. are ongoing to have the foreshore license granted and I'm assured that progress is being achieved with the relevant government bodies," said Cllr. Blaney.

Local Elections FG candidate for Milford, Aaron Sweeney, said he has been canvassing in the Mevagh and Downings areas over the last number of weeks and the importance of this project has been mentioned to him on the doorsteps, and it is welcome news that progress is ongoing to ensure this becomes a reality.

"The Parish of Mevagh continues to grow its services around tourism, including the exciting development at the Carrigart Hotel and the success of the gteic building, and this green way will be a big asset in the area," he added.



Fr. Martin Chambers leading the prayers during the procession from St. Columba's Church, Termon to Doon Well for the Rosary on May Eve on Tuesday night. Photo by Francis Diver.



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as "one of the toughest of my life".

He added: "The last five years on Donegal County Council, especially the last three, have been very difficult, very tough for my family and me, my wider family circle, my friends, my supporters and my constituents - particularly those affected by the Defective Concrete Scandal - incorrectly labelled the Mica Freeze Thaw Scandal."

Locally, Senator Niall Blaney will hold an EU-campaign meeting in the Silver Tassie Hotel on Monday evening at 7.30 and the guest speakers include Donegal IFA Chair, Joe Sweeney; Stephen Kelly, CE Manufacturing and Pat the Cope Gallagher. The evening's Chair is Michael Daly, formerly of the Donegal Democrat.

Maria Walsh, MEP launched her campaign in the TFS Castlebar on Monday highlighting the crucial need for competent Pro-European MEPs elected the new parliament after the June elections.

When nominations closed this week there were 74 candidates listed across the three EU constituencies including 28 in Donegal.

They include sitting MEPs Maria Walsh FG; Sean McManus SF and Independent Luke Ming Flanagan.

FF has three candidates: Niall Blaney, Barry Cowen and Lisa Chambers: FG has also selected Nina Carberry alongside Walsh and Sinn Féin has added Michelle Gildernew MEP. Luke Ming Flanagan is also seeking to retain his seat.

Peadar Tóibín is the Aontú nomination and the Labour Party is represented by Fergal Landy. Ciarán Mullooly will run for Independent Ireland

and Margaret Alacoque Maguire is running for Ireland First.

The National Party has two candidates, James Reynolds and Justin Barrett. Brian O'Boyle will run for People Before Profit, while Pauline O'Reilly is the Green Party representative.

Anthony Cahill is standing under The Irish People banner, Rory Hearne will contest for the Social Democrats and Herman Kelly is running for the Irish Freedom Party.

Several non-party candidates have also declared. They are: Michelle Smith, John Waters, Dr Gerry Waters, Saoirse McHugh, Charlotte Keenan, Peter Casey, Daniel Pocock and Stephen Garland. Carolyn Fahy is listed as a candidate for the Party for Animal Welfare.

## 'It will take a miracle'

Declan Jordan who's out on the doorsteps this week say his campaign is up and flying and he's galvanised a big base of workers and support. He believes his home town has been neglected and is calling for an end to broken promises.

He told the Tribune: "We have been promised the Bonagee Link for at least thirty years and most people believe it will take a miracle for this to happen."

This project must begin in earnest with the newly elected Council and I want to be part of the new agenda that stops talking and demanding action."

He points to Cllrs on the campaign trail in the town five years and them promising religiously there would be no increase in the Local Property

Tax.

"Six months later they voted to increase the tax by 15%. If elected to the new Council, I pledge to vote against any new increases until the promises of five years ago are honoured."

James Larkin was elected a member of the Letterkenny Urban District Council in 1967 and was chairman of the Council on five occasions. Larkin was a founder member of Independent Fianna Fáil.

Jordan's canvass literature 'Make Me Your Councillor for Letterkenny Town' is as dramatic as it is unique featuring the St. Eunan's GAA colours that his grandfather wore with a passion that saw him win five Donegal Senior Football Championship medals with the club. He was nominated by the Taoiseach Charles Haughey to the Seanad in 1982 where he served until 1983.

## Casey: A bookie's favourite!

Speaking after he was nominated this week, Peter Casey said: "Like most people, I am very concerned about the total open border policy of our government and indeed the opposition, Sinn Féin. When the majority of the Irish MEPs voted to "Opt In" to the EU Asylum and Migration Pact, I believe that this was a serious mistake, as Ireland, along with Denmark had already successfully negotiated the option to "Opt Out". We have a housing crisis in Ireland and I believe that the government was wrong to agree to take in twenty six thousand additional asylum seekers. We should have "Opted Out".

The Midlands Northwest has a huge problem

# Falcarragh's Kelsius announces €5m expansion

Falcarragh-based company, Kelsius, a leading manufacturer of wireless temperature monitoring, digital Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) systems, has announced a €5 million plan to expand its manufacturing and research and development facility.

They say this is in response to a significant increase in global demand for Kelsius solutions which has driven significant employment growth in the company and has now resulted in a workforce that has outgrown the current facility.

Ballyconnell-based Kelsius processes over 80 terabytes of data each year to support the growing demands of customers who require a secure and reliable digital temperature monitoring system. It manages billions of customer records, providing customers with a safe and secure environment for their data which they can easily access for reports and audits.

The expansion plan, they say, will allow the company to continue to serve current customers with the highest levels of support and to welcome new customers who are looking for a cost-effective digital solution that provides the most advanced technology and quality custom-

er service.

Kelsius CEO Karl Simons said, "Because the Kelsius system is so easy to install and use, we're experiencing an ever-increasing demand for our advanced temperature monitoring and HACCP solutions. This is a testament to the quality and innovation that Kelsius brings to the food and life sciences sectors. From single-site to larger multi site operations, clients use our system as a time-saving and cost-effective way to protect food, medicines and laboratory stocks. Our expansion plans will allow us to build on this demand as we continue to provide our excellent service to existing customers and to welcome new clients globally."

"We continue to work closely with Údarás na Gaeltachta who have been extremely supportive to Kelsius over the years and again now in help-



ing us to make this expansion project happen. I want to thank them for their continued assistance in driving our growth plans."

Today Kelsius exports its products and services to 47 countries. It monitors temperatures for customers on every continent, enabled by tens of thousands of devices distributed at customer sites, including wireless sensors and probes and centralised network controllers. This is done on a 24/7 basis for businesses in the food and healthcare sectors, protecting food products and protecting medicines in hospitals, pharmacies, laboratories and blood science facilities.

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I am totally in favour of diversity and I support Ukraine 100%, but I simply feel that, at the moment, after giving refuge to one hundred and ten thousand Ukrainians, we should not have agreed to take in twenty six thousand asylum seekers. When I watched Helen McEntee, our Justice Minister trying to explain her department's non performance in returning only three of the one hundred and eighty eight asylum seekers back to their own country, to Michael McNamara TD in the Dáil, I couldn't believe what I was hearing.

Then, when I heard the British Prime Minister Richie Sunak say the recently passed Rwanda Bill would lead to an influx of asylum seekers into Ireland, that just confirmed that I had made the right decision to stand. This simply cannot happen."

## Our children leaving Ireland...

"Our children are leaving Ireland in droves as they feel they will never be able to buy a house or even get a job. We need to introduce incentives to encourage our young people to come back home to Ireland. If elected, I will work hard to ensure that incentives are put in place to help make this happen."

As a businessman, I believe that probably the most important role of a Member of European Parliament is to help bring employment into the area and to stop jobs from leaving the country. In Ireland, 80% of the corporation taxes are paid by American Multinationals. We need to be passionate and active about protecting this critical source of revenue and job creation in Ireland.

I also believe that there is a major disconnect between our Central Government and our Local Government Authorities. The Central Government essentially does what the EU tells them to do and they are not listening to Local Authorities. I believe that we need less central, less EU Government controls and regulations. The Local County Councils should have a bigger say in what happens."

## Garda coffee morning

Falcarragh Gardai will hold a coffee morning at An tSeán Bheairic, Falcarragh this Friday, May 3rd, between 10.30am and 12.30pm. They say everybody is more than welcome to call in for a cuppa, information or just for a friendly chat.

# Monsignor Eamonn installed as Papal Canon



Fr. Eamonn with his family from left, Christine, Lorraine, Mary, Denis, Shane and Kelly in Rome.

Monsignor Eamonn McLaughlin has been installed as Canon of the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major, Rome.

The Downings-born cleric was joined by family

and friends including his mother Mary for the ceremony.

His Eminence Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko, The Cardinal Archbishop of the Basilica of Saint

Mary Major's, Rome installed Monsignor McLaughlin, Undersecretary for the Dicastery for Clergy, who was appointed recently by Pope Francis as a canon of the Papal Basilica of Saint



Fr. Eamonn pictured with his mother Mary.

Mary Major.

This role involves spiritual and pastoral care of pilgrims and parishioners in one of the oldest papal Basilicas in the West dedicated to Our Lady.

## Letterkenny Memories night

Another magnificent night of entertainment was had in the Station House Hotel on Monday last. Pictured here are just some of the musicians and singers that took part on the night and below are members of the large attendance.



## Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter AGM

Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter is gearing up for its Annual General Meeting (AGM), scheduled to take place at Dillons Hotel on Monday, May 13th, at 8pm. This pivotal event promises to be a beacon of community engagement, drawing together residents, stakeholders, and local leaders to shape the future of this vibrant quarter.

The organisation celebrates its tenth anniversary and the AGM serves as a vital platform for our community to reflect on past achievements, address current challenges, and chart a course for the year ahead. With a focus on fostering collaboration and innovation, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in discussions, share ideas, and contribute to the ongoing development of this dynamic district. "We are thrilled to invite all members of the community to join us for our AGM," said a spokesperson. "This event is not only an opportunity to celebrate our decade of accomplishments but also a chance to engage in meaningful dialogue about the future direction of our beloved quarter. Together, we can continue to build a thriving, inclusive community that showcases the rich culture and heritage of Letterkenny."

Year on year the project goes from strength and we are seeking people with expertise in events, public relations, fundraising and webpage design in particular but encourage anyone with an interest to come along.

We host an annual programme of events including St Brigid's Day Crossmaking, Street Feast, Heritage Week, Culture Night, our Literary Festival and the Letterkenny Carol Trail. To celebrate our tenth anniversary, we have hosted an Easter Craft Fair and we will be facilitating an Argentinean Tango Dance Demonstration and Workshop with Buenos Aires natives Elizabeth Cordone and Matias Rivas.

If you feel would like to contribute to this dynamic innovative project, come along to our AGM in Dillons Hotel on Monday, 13th May at 8pm. Play your part in this exciting chapter of Letterkenny. All are welcome.

## Big 'Tango' in Letterkenny

Letterkenny's Cathedral Quarter and the celebrated American actor, Robert Duvall have, according to Cathedral Quarter spokesperson, Donnan Harvey, something big in common, and it's a dance - the Tango. Duvall, who is known for playing hard men in films, has a much softer side in private life and is a frequent visitor to Argentine night clubs not, as he points out, for women or drinking but to dance the tango. He describes the tango as "my obsession". And the good news is that Duvall's obsession soon could be yours.

Donnan Harvey stated: "We, in the Cathedral Quarter, are delighted to announce our big event to celebrate our tenth anniversary is really something special especially for all dance enthusiasts. Argentine Tango performers Elizabeth Cordone and Matias Rivas will be holding a demonstration and workshop in Letterkenny Community Centre on Wednesday, 8th May at 8pm. And he's delighted: "As far as we are aware this will be the first ever such event held in Ireland and we are really looking forward to bringing a bit of South American culture to Donegal."

So, if you fancy embracing the tango, Elizabeth and Matias will offer an unforgettable Buenos Aires night in the heart of Donegal next month. "Tickets cost for the event costs €15 that can be bought on Eventbrite or on the night. [www.eventbrite.ie/e/tango-workshop-and-demonstration-tickets-873913838817](http://www.eventbrite.ie/e/tango-workshop-and-demonstration-tickets-873913838817)"

## Sli Cholmcille

Bookings are now open for SLÍ CHOLMCILLE (2024) 7 days fully guided Walking Pilgrimage in the footsteps of the saint to Gartán (including Tory Island) from 21st-28th July. For further information visit [runai@slcholmcille.org](mailto:runai@slcholmcille.org) or telephone 00353 877971642.

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# Stormont honeymoon is over

I thought the honeymoon for the Northern Executive would last longer. The end, though, came quicker on Thursday of last week. Finance Minister Caoimhe Archibald delivered the first Budget.

Health Minister Robin Swann voted against it. That was because of cuts of 2.4% to his Department. That is to a health service in serious crisis. I know from personal experience over the past couple of weeks. Swann has said the cut will cause "serious and irreparable damage." He is not spoofing.

This is particularly damaging because health is very immediate and emotional.

The Budget raises big questions about the Executive's substance. The style has definitely been good.

Certainly, the First and Deputy First Ministers have good skills in presentation. Michelle O'Neill attended a Northern Ireland game in Windsor Park. She stood for God Save The King. She attended the graduation of PSNI (Police Service of Northern Ireland) recruits.

The change in the DUP is more notable. The party has not publicly acknowledged this. However, it is clear they have taken aboard criticism from the late Martin McGuinness. Before McGuinness died, he said he expressed disappointment. He said he had made significant gestures towards Unionism. He felt they had not been reciprocated.

This time, the DUP is clearly into positive gestures. First we had Emma Little Pengelly giving camogie a try. Ok, that wasn't a complete shock. She gives the impression of being a woman who would join in the craic. Importantly, she is very much 'New DUP'.

However, Education Minister Paul Givan is different. He is seen as very

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much 'Old DUP'. (That is despite being younger than Little-Pengelly).

The first school Givan visited as Minister was a Catholic grammar school in South Belfast. Then he wanted to attend the opening of a new building for a Gaelscoil in Dungannon. First, he did a few steps of Irish dancing. Then he spoke a few words in Irish. Certainly, he had travelled some distance from what most would assume as his comfort zone.

Certainly, the two have picked up some credit in the Nationalist community.

The problem is, gestures are easy. They are also cheap.

From the start it was clear the limits on the Assembly and Executive. They would have to operate within the budget the British Conservatives had laid down. That imposes strict spending limits.

I did not rule out that a few extra pounds might have been found somewhere. That, of course, would have been on a short-term basis.

That's not because I'm soft-headed about British Governments. First, the return of the Assembly and Executive is one of the Conservative Government's few apparent successes. More, permanent collapse would seriously damage their international prestige. Thus they have much invested in the deal succeeding.

They are a government in chaos. That impacts on everything.

I don't know how quick crisis will

develop. At time of writing Swann has not resigned as Minister. I can't rule out his having resigned by the time you are reading this.

Not only that, but if he does so the Ulster Unionists will leave the Executive. The Ulster Unionists are not the force they once were. They are still sizeable. Yes, they have messed up some issues very badly in the past month.

However, Swann is popular. He is seen as having done a good job when he was Health Minister during Covid. On a personal basis, he is a friendly wee man. He is still the North's most popular politician. Fairly uniquely, he has cross-community appeal.

Health is very clearly in trouble. Swann calculates the offer in the Budget was 16% of what is needed to clear waiting lists. There are currently 115,000 waiting for some sort of inpatient care.

One aspect of education is facing a similar crisis. Childcare is only receiving 6% of what is needed.

The Executive has three prestige projects to finance. These are the A5 dual carriageway: Casement Park GAA stadium in West Belfast; and the Strule Shared Education Campus in Omagh.

There are questions over them all. The A5 is to run from Aghnacloy to Newbuildings, just south of Derry. Not a sod has yet been turned. Despite that, costs are still £6.8million (€8million) to date. The Department

has twice conceded judicial reviews. That is, they accepted the project had not been properly gone about.

The A5 was to have been completed in 2018 at a cost of £799million (€934million). At best, it will not be completed until 2028. The cost will be £1.7billion (€2billion).

As to Casement Park, residents in Andersonstown are opposed. Antrim GAA teams have met rather limited success in recent years. Thus residents fear concerts. When Casement was open previously, there was traffic chaos. When first built it was on the edge of the City. Now the area is very built up.

The Strule Shared Education campus brings six second-level schools together in Omagh. The site is a former British army camp. To date, the only school there is a Special School. The schools are to be two Controlled (that is, Protestant), and three Maintained (that is, Catholic). The schools will stay completely separate. Is it a way of avoiding Integrated Education?

Flagship projects will not stop industrial unrest. In January we had a general strike in the public sector. This was the biggest ever in the North's history. Most claims from



By Anton McCabe

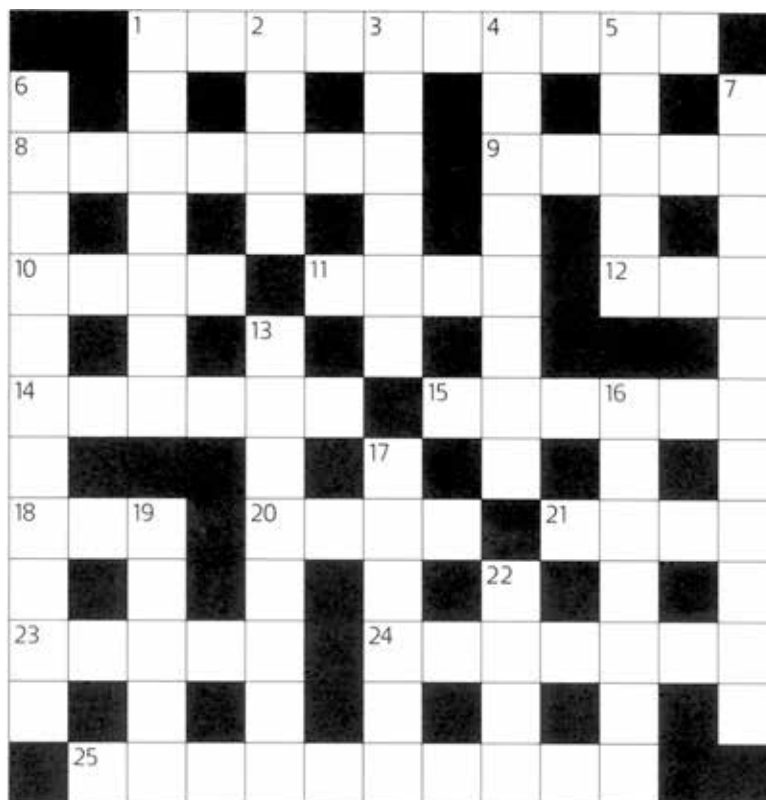
then now seemed settled, for the time being.

Now, support staff in education are to strike.

In January last year the education employers made an agreement with the unions. The unions expected this would be honoured when the Executive returned. Now they find it is not to be funded. A bitter dispute is possible.

In the background, too, there are rumblings. The Starmer Labour Government intends to keep to Sunak's spending limits. Thus the Executive is being pushed towards revenue-raising measures. Sinn Féin and DUP have promised not to introduce water charges. If they are squeezed, will they keep that promise?

## Tribune Crossword No. 1062



**Across**

- 1. Deadly poison (10)
- 8. Reading-desk (7)
- 9. Complain (5)
- 10. TV host, \_\_\_ Edmonds (4)
- 11. Door lock (4)
- 12. Sweet potato (3)
- 14. Withstand (6)
- 15. South American plains (6)
- 18. Wager (3)
- 20. Empty space (4)
- 21. Indian gown (4)
- 23. Nationality of artist Paul Klee (5)
- 24. Surgical knife (7)

**Down**

- 25. Disclosure (10)
- 1. Win (7)
- 2. Smell strongly (4)
- 3. Port in SE China (6)
- 4. Bedtime drink (8)
- 5. Loud (5)
- 6. Short musket (11)
- 7. Allowable (11)
- 13. Deep fissure (8)
- 16. Baby-enclosure (7)
- 17. Carnival (6)
- 19. String (5)
- 22. Salvador \_\_\_, painter (4)

**Solutions to Crossword No. 1061**

Across 3. Obtrusive, 8. Best, 9. Resolute, 10. Twiggy, 13. Notch, 14. Tumbler, 15. Foe, 16. Tension, 17. Olden, 21. Demand, 22. Appetite, 23. Coin, 24. Repugnant. Down 1. Obstinate, 2. Assistant, 4. Beryl, 5. Residue, 6. Sold, 7. Veto, 11. Gladiator, 12. Grenadine, 14. Ton, 15. Foreign, 18. Odeon, 19. Apse, 20. Zebu.

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## Conor's Vienna City Marathon fundraiser for Pieta

Carrigart's Conor Murray successfully undertook his first marathon in Austria and raised over €1,600 for Pieta House.

Conor now lives Budapest in Romania and works in the health and fitness industry, as well as being a strength and conditioning coach and jiu jitsu practitioner.

He undertook the challenge to support Pieta's vision of a world where suicide, self-harm and stigma have been replaced by hope, self-care and acceptance.

They provide their services for free and Conor said he was very grateful to all who supported the campaign in recent days as it surpassed the fund-raising goal he had set for the event.

He also surpassed his personal time goal for the event and said it was the support that made the difference.

A happy Conor gave an update from Austria before he returned to Budapest to thank everyone for their support.

He stated via social media: "We did it! Delighted to have smashed both my time goal in the Marathon but also over the moon to see all the support you guys have given towards this fundraiser. A big thanks to all the support and messages in the build up and on the day, they definitely gave me some extra juice. I know that all your kind donations are going to help people in some really bad spots out."

The sum raised was €1,662.12 of his initial target



of €1,000.

Conor completed a total of 109 workouts and over 500 km in training runs before he succeeded in crossing the line of his Venetian "long jog" at the weekend.

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# Top job for Tom

The Irish Pharmacy Union (IPU) has announced the appointment of Tom Murray as its new President. Mr. Murray, a community pharmacist based in Donegal where he has businesses in Ramelton, Castleref and Convo, will lead the IPU at a pivotal time for the profession, with major changes to the role of pharmacists expected in the coming years.

Outlining his priorities he said "The role of pharmacists is changing thanks to the work of the new Expert Taskforce. Our profession is ready and excited to implement these, which may include independent prescribing powers, the provision of a service for common clinical conditions and enhanced contraceptive care. However, it is essential that these changes are well managed and do not create undue stress or workload for an already stretched profession.

"My top priority will be to work to address the funding crisis within pharmacy. 80% of Community Pharmacists' time is devoted to state services in administering the community drug schemes. The fees paid for providing this vital service have been frozen for 16 years, as a result pharmacies are dispensing at a loss for significant portions of each month. This is unsustainable and cannot continue."

"As President I will be supporting the ongoing efforts of the IPU to see the introduction of a €6.50 flat fee structure for all pharmacies."



Pictured are Scoil Mhuire Ramelton girls after their victory in the FAI 5 a side county finals recently. The girls now go back n to represent Donegal in the Ulster finals in May!

after defeating the Mariners last Saturday in Donegal Town.

### Dr. Alphie Mannion retires

Best wishes are extended to Dr. Alfie Mannion formerly of Castle Street on his recent retirement from General Practice in Donegal Town. In the early part of his career Alphie also worked in the Scally Practice on Mount Southwell in Letterkenny. Biddy's O'Barnes was the venue on Friday night for a retirement party in his honour. Alfie had been a member of the team at the Grove Medical Practice in Donegal Town.

### Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Denis Curran, Glen, Carrigart who passed away on Sunday at the Donegal Hospice. Denis, a native of The Roughan, Ramelton. Funeral took place on Wednesday morning with Requiem Mass in the Church of St John the Baptist, Carrigart where the celebrant was Fr. Raymond McQuarrie. Denis was laid to rest afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

### Community Games Finals

The Track and Field Finals for Ramelton Community Games Area takes place on next Wednesday

8th of May at the Milford Sports Grounds starting at 7p.m. All children from 6 years to 16 are welcome to come along and register on the night if they have not already done so.

### Swilly Rovers Lotto

In the Swilly Rovers Lotto the winning numbers were 7 9 14 and 15. The three number winner was Stephen McDaid Glenswilly. This week's jackpot is €550.



Jason with Reilly Durning at his homecoming.

## Swilly Reserves in promotion play-off

There's a big promotion playoff for Swilly Rovers Reserves on Saturday week against Fintown Harps. Swilly had been hoping to gain automatic promotion to Division 1 of the Saturday League but their form dipped in the latter stages of the season. They do have a final regulation season fixture to play this Saturday against Gweedore Celtic that means nothing for either side. Their neighbours the Ramelton Mariners won Division 1 of the league. Drumbar Utd finished runners-up and secured promotion



Glor Tire winner Jason McCahill at his homecoming last Wednesday with Ina McGarvey, Patrick and Elizabeth Gibbons, Monica Callaghan and Veronica Logan.



Jason with supporters at his homecoming on Wednesday evening in the Lennon Lodge.



Katie Connolly, Nuala Hagan and Sharon McDaid at the homecoming.





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**North West 10k on Monday**

The countdown is on and the momentum is building towards the North West 10k which takes place next Monday, 6th of May in Letterkenny at 11 am. Donegal Person of the Year Moya Brennan of Clannad fame will be the Special Guest to start the race. Entries are still being taken online until this Friday night. Enter online at [www.nju-ko.net/nw\\_10k\\_2024](http://www.nju-ko.net/nw_10k_2024) For further details go to [www.northwest10k.com](http://www.northwest10k.com) and on the North West 10k social media platforms. Entries will also be taken at the 10k Marquee at the Letterkenny Community Centre on Saturday (3-6pm) and Sunday (3- 6pm). As well

as entering runners and walkers can pick up their 10k t-shirts and race numbers. Those who have entered online are also encouraged to come along and pick up their t-shirts and numbers in order to avoid delays on Monday. Entries will also be taken on Monday morning at the Community Centre from 8-10am. The three charities benefitting are the Kilmacrennan, Termon, Gartan, Churchill and Trentagh Community First Responders, Letterkenny Community Childcare Centre and the Cara House Family Resource Centre. Chairperson Neil Martin said "The online entry



Representatives of the benefitting charities from this year's NW 10k include Martina McGinty Cara House, Geraldine Burke LCCC and Claire McGrenra First Responders.

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numbers are up on this time last year so that is very positive for us as a Committee". It will be the 27th race with over €931,000 raised for 40 charities. There is a €500 prize for the first man to break 29.14 and the first woman to break 32.34. "There will be road closures in place for a period of time and a strict traffic management plan is in place in conjunction with the Gardai. But, with all that we just still ask for the public's cooperation and patience on Monday. Please work with the instructions of the stewards so that we can ensure that the event passes off safely. I would just ask people to bear in mind that the 10k is being run to benefit three very worthy local charities. Finally I want to thank our five sponsors Brian McCormick Sports and Leisure, Century Complex, Donegal Daily, Mount Errigal Hotel and the Value Centre."

**Man Utd Supporters Club**

The Donegal Branch of the Manchester United Supporters Club will hold a membership registration night on Tuesday 7th May at 7.30pm in the Devlin Hall, Lower Main Street, Letterkenny. Prices for the 2024/2025 Season are as follows: Adults - £48.50, Juniors, £28.50 and over 65's £43.50. If a member renews their membership before 13th May, there will be a £5 discount. Note the discount is for renewals only and not new members. New members are welcome.

**Social Dance in Carrigart Hall**

The monthly Social Dancing in Mevagh Hall Carrigart continues on this Friday 3rd May from 9.30 - 11.30pm. Music is by Wee Tom, admission is €10 and light refreshments served. All welcome.

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## Scoil Mhuire Ramelton 5k

Runners and walkers taking part in the Scoil Mhuire Ramelton 5k on Tuesday evening.

Photos by Francis Diver



### Gardaí continue appeal over fatal Falcarragh crash

Gardaí investigating a fatal single vehicle road traffic collision last week have issued an appeal for information. The tragic incident occurred at approximately 1.30pm on Tuesday, April 23rd, on the N56, Ballina Road in Falcarragh. Gardaí say a female in her 80's was the driver and sole occupant of the car involved. She was taken from the scene to Letterkenny University Hospital but was later pronounced deceased.

Gardaí say they are appealing for any witnesses to this collision to come forward. Any road users who may have camera footage, including dash-cam, and who were travelling in the Falcarragh area between 1.15 and 1.45pm on the day in question are asked to make this footage available to them. They can contact Milford Garda station on 074 9153060, the Garda Confidential Line on 1800 666 111, or any Garda Station.

### Stolen jeep returned with broken window

Gardaí are investigating the theft of a grey Toyota Rav 4 Jeep from a business premises at Bonagee, Letterkenny on the night of Sunday, April 28th. They say the following morning, the owner of the premises realised that the jeep had been moved from where it had originally been parked and then noticed that the passenger window had been smashed. CCTV footage indicated that the jeep had been stolen at approximately 10.50pm from the yard and it was returned a short time later at around 11.20pm. The partial registration of the jeep in question is '08 DL 11'. Gardaí ask: "If anybody travelled in the area of Bonagee on Sunday night with a dash cam between 10.30pm and 11.30pm, we ask them to make the footage available to Gardaí. If anybody observed the jeep in question on the roads or if they have any relevant information we ask them to contact Gardaí in Letterkenny on 074-9167100."

### RNLI Fundraising

The Lifeboats been answering Mayday calls for over 200 years, but as summer approaches, we could be the ones sending out a Mayday Call instead. These volunteers go out in the best of gear and equipment and are highly trained for whatever may face them, and fundraising ensures that they have that the best supports, to save lives and prevent drowning. We regularly see the Buncrana lads out on practice and undoubtedly, they're going to be facing another busy summer season, so will you go the distance and answer their Mayday Call?

As in previous years, a Mayday bucket Collection will take place in the Letterkenny Aldi Stores on Friday May 3rd from 9am until 6pm. and every little helps, so please support this very worthy cause.

### Volunteers sought for Ards tree planting

An invitation has been issued for volunteers, community gardeners and allotment holders to

assist with the planting of more than 1,000 baby trees in Ards this weekend. It takes place on Saturday, May 4th, between 10am and 2pm.

The "New Spring" project will see more than 1,000 baby oak-trees together with many other native species including pine, birch, hazel and alder in a new 'sanctuary woodlands'. Organisers say having gathered over 1000 acorns locally in the autumn of 2022, these young oaks are now old enough as baby trees to be introduced back to their homeland.

The planting takes place in the Pollnabuckan field along the path to the headland which is easily accessed on foot next to Isabella's beach. This may well be the first woodland establishment project of its kind - helping the local oak woodland community re-establish at Ards Friary on behalf of the Capuchin Order in Ireland. The Ards Walled garden Community Project say they will also establish a mini-nursery for more native shrubs and herbs like honeysuckle, roses, sloes, spindle and herbs to attract bees and butterflies.



# Former priest Crossan to be sentenced next Wednesday

Former priest, Eamonn Crossan, will be sentenced next Wednesday at Letterkenny Circuit Court for sexually assaulting and indecently assaulting a young boy in the 1980s and 90s.

The 73-year-old pleaded guilty to nine sample charges out of a total of 96 charges in relation to the victim who was aged between 10 and 15 at the time of the offences.

The State entered a nolle prosequi in relation to 44 charges and the guilty pleas related to seven counts of indecent assault and two counts of sexual assault.

A statement on behalf of the Diocese of Raphoe said the abuse suffered at the hands of Crossan had done "terrible damage to the lives of his victims and

they bring shame upon our diocese".

The victim went to gardai after he heard that Crossan had been convicted of sexually abusing another boy in 2021 and was sentenced to a two year jail term, the court heard.

Crossan appeared in court via video link from Midlands Prison.

The court heard he was a regular visitor at the victims home who recalled when he was about 10 was sent to stay with the priest to look after him when the priest had the flu. He told gardai that it became regular for him to stay over and the abuse progressed very quickly. He would feel embarrassed and ashamed after the abuse and during the abuse would spend most of the time in the



fetal position thinking of happier things.

The incidents became so regular that it became normalised, and he would stay over in the priest's bed hundreds of times, he said.

Fiona Crawford BL for the prosecution said the offences occurred in a number of locations in Donegal and stopped in the early 1990s, after the boy told the priest that he did not like what he

was doing to him.

In a victim impact statement, which he read out in court, the man spoke of the abuse he suffered and how any sense of a normal childhood was stolen from him, and how he fought against the demons.

When he heard about the conviction for abuse he said his life left his body as he read the name of the same man who had abused him for years.

"I felt sick to my stomach," he said and recalled how he had struggled with his mental health, anxiety and thoughts of suicide.

He told the court that the trauma affects him and his family "who were also lied to, to have your way with a child," adding "I will not let you steal another

day of my life".

He told the court: "If there is a God then there is almost definitely a hell and that is what is waiting for you."

Defence Barrister Peter Nolan BL said there was no doubt there was an abuse of trust in this case and a certain amount of grooming over a long period of time.

He said Crossan has minimalised the extent of his abusive behaviour and maintained that his actions were not sexually motivated and nothing sexual happened.

Crossan was removed from the priesthood in 1998 and a risk assessment by the probation service puts him at medium risk of reoffending.

Mr Nolan said Crossan fully accepts that it

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has been a difficult situation for the victim in this case and that what happened should not have happened.

Judge John Aylmer said he will now consider the matter and adjourned sentencing to next Wednesday.

A statement from Diocesan Administrator, Msgr Kevin Gillespie on behalf of the Diocese of Raphoe stated: "Today in Letterkenny District Court, Eamonn Crossan, a former priest of the Diocese of Raphoe, was convicted for crimes committed against a minor. It is with a profound sense of sorrow and awareness of the serious impact on the victim that I offer a sincere apology on behalf of the diocese to the victim and their family for the appalling breach of trust and for the dreadful crimes committed. I am grateful to the victim for their cour-

age and strength in coming forward, and I hope and pray that the conviction today will in some way support them in their difficult journey of seeking justice and healing. The crimes committed by Eamonn Crossan have caused terrible damage to the lives of his victims and they bring shame upon our diocese. Crimes against children and the vulnerable are particularly reprehensible."

# Rahan residents rage over road safety

Frustrated residents along the Oldtown to Rahan to Trentabouy road at the Letterkenny to Drumkeen junction claim they are living in constant fear of high-speed traffic with inadequate lighting and lack of road safety measures their main concerns. On Tuesday night over 30 locals living along this stretch of road met at Corravaddy Woods car park to voice their on-going concerns regarding the speed of vehicles travelling on this stretch of road. The district straddles the Letterkenny MD and the Lifford-Stranorlar MD and both local election Aontú candidates for the areas Mary T. Sweeney and Rebecca McDaid attended the assembly of protesters.



Spokesperson for the group Mary T. Sweeney said: "I'm delighted to see so many households represented. Make no mistake - this is a crisis! We cannot wait any longer while lives are at risk. We refuse to let lives be lost or forever changed due to council negligence or delay. It's time they prioritised our safety. We demand the Council carry out an immediate safety review on the road."

"A survey I compiled generated great discussion and debate. I had identified eight main areas of concern but the discussion from residents identified other important sections of interest. Road rip-

ples and ramps are needed on the road to slow cars down on the straights and signs warning of animals and children at play need erecting, while trees and bushes narrowing the road need cut back. We plan to make immediate representations to the council and we are looking for them to install adequate lighting and chevron markers where the road meets the main N13 Letterkenny to Drumkeen road as it's extremely difficult to see here at night."

She pointed out there have already been a number of accidents in recent months. "There is a particular bad bend on the road yards from my own home, and my husband and I have been called to assist

drivers and their passengers after crashing into a neighbouring field. We want the Council to carry out an immediate safety review."

And according to campaigners the construction of new housing estates has given rise to the volume of traffic speeding, on the road. Also many drivers are now using the road as a shortcut to avoid traffic congestion in Letterkenny particularly at peak-hour time, and since then the speed of the traffic has worsened.

A further meeting is planned at the same spot next week at 7pm to analyse feedback from residents and to prepare a report for council.

# Letterkenny AC purchase Breffni Villa for new clubhouse



Letterkenny Athletics Club has bought the landmark house, Breffni Villa, at Sallaghgrane for the purpose of developing its own clubhouse.

The club, which had been resident at Pearse Road from 1980 to 2008, confirmed the purchase in a message to its members on Tuesday.

Speaking about the move, Letterkenny AC Chairman, Raymond Birch, said: "After many years at Pearse Road, the club relocated to the Aura Leisure Centre in 2008. We've been based at the Danny McDaid Track since then and it's a move that has worked out extreme-

ly well.

"The long-term plan was always to build our own clubhouse as close to the track as we could. Many options were examined over the years. When Breffni Villa came on the market last year, the club decided to place a bid on the property after getting the go-ahead from the members. Thankfully, our bid was accepted, and the sale was closed off this week."

"The house and site are just behind the carpark at Aura on the O'Donnell Park side and the next task for the club now is to get a development plan in place," Mr. Birch added.

## Death of Denis Curran

The death took place on Sunday at the Donegal Hospice of Denis Curran, Glen, Carrigart. Aged 76, Denis, a native of The Roughan, Ramelton, was a well known member of the local community. He worked in the painting and decorating sector and was also involved with his brother-in-law Paddy Bradley's team at music entertainment events in various venues around Donegal including the Mulroy Woods Hotel, Milford, Allingham Arms, Bundoran, the Clanree Hotel in Letterkenny and The Mellon Country Inn, Omagh.



Remains reposed at the family residence in Glen. Funeral was from there on Wednesday to the Church of St. John the Baptist Carrigart for Requiem Mass where the celebrant was Fr. Raymond McQuarrie. Denis was laid to rest afterwards beside his infant son Shane in the adjoining cemetery.

Denis is survived by his wife Susan, sons DJ, Barney and Maxi, brothers Charlie, Liam, Peter, Brendan and Kevin, his sisters Eileen, Bridie, and Margaret. He was predeceased by his brother Seamus and sister Mary, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a wide circle of family and

friends. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

## Funeral of Joey McBrearty

The funeral took place on Monday of Joey McBrearty Errigal Road, Letterkenny. A native of St. Mary's Terrace Ramelton, Joey passed away on Saturday at Letterkenny University Hospital. He was a former employee of the Unifi Factory at Kilty where he was a popular member of staff. Joey had a great love of animals and along with his wife Mary provided a foster home for some of them in conjunction with Donegal Pet Rescue. In his homily Monsignor Kevin Gillespie said Joey was a gentle, caring and calm person. He was a family man who looked after his nieces and nephew and their children. Monsignor Gillespie said Joey was a Ramelton man at heart and loved getting the local news from that area through the weekly edition of the Tironeill Tribune. He was a Spurs fan but also closely followed the fortunes of Finn Harps and the Donegal GAA team. Joey was also a man of deep faith and wore the Scapula of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



Joey is survived by his wife Mary, nephew

Shane, nieces Lisa-Marie and Ashling, grand-niece Aoibhinn, grandnephews Iarlaith, Dylan and Odhrán, brother-in-law, sisters-in-law, extended family and friends. He was predeceased by his parents Mary and Robert.

Remains reposed at the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Carnamuggagh Upper, Mountain Top, Letterkenny on Sunday afternoon. Removal took place afterwards to the family home on Errigal Road.

Funeral took place on Monday morning in St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny where the celebrant was Monsignor Kevin Gillespie. Before Mass symbols of Joey's life were brought forward by grandniece Aoibhinn and grandnephews Iarlaith, Dylan and Odhrán including a newspaper, car keys, sports book and a family photo. The Word of God was read by Joey's nieces Lisa-Marie and Ashling. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Geraldine and Cian. Gifts were brought to the altar by Thomas and James. Music and hymns were by Lisa Philbin

Burial took place afterwards in St Mary's Cemetery, Ramelton where Monsignor Gillespie said the graveside prayers. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

## The late Frances Duffy

The death took place on Monday at her home of Frances Duffy, McNeely Villas, Letterkenny. Aged 80, she was formerly a member of the McGuigan family from Pluck and the daughter of Mary and Hugh.

In his homily family friend Fr. Shaun Doherty spoke of a woman of great faith who knew St. Eunan's Cathedral so well over the years. She often went there to pray with her great friend and neighbour Katy Logue. Frances also loved to visit religious places like Lourdes and Medugorje. De-

spite being in failing health in recent years she remained positive and always had a warm welcome for the visitors who came to her home in McNeely Villas.

Kathleen is survived by her sons Joseph and wife Deborah, Gabriel and wife Joan, daughters Mary, Amanda and husband Bob, grandchildren Ronan, Conor, Ciara, Ruairi, Jessica, Evan, Oisín and Grace, brother Noel McGuigan (Letterkenny) and sister Bernadette Sweeney (Creelough), nieces, nephews and a wide circle of family, friends and neighbours. Frances was predeceased by her husband James (Farmer).

Remains reposed at the family residence in McNeely Villas from Monday. Funeral was from there on Wednesday to St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny for Requiem Mass which was celebrated by Fr. Shaun Doherty C.C. St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. Concelebrant was Fr. Damian Nejad C.C. Readings were by grandchildren Jessica and Oisín. Prayers of the faithful were by family members. Gifts were brought to the altar by Mary, Amanda, Katy and Louise. Music and hymns were by Anne Marie Hickey and Denise Roper. Interment took place afterwards in Conwal Cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.



# Scoil Mhuire staff set for Belfast Marathon fundraiser



A marathon challenge awaits members of staff at Scoil Mhuire in Milford who are fundraising for a new Autism classroom at the school.

Ten members of staff have decided to run the Belfast Marathon to raise funds for the new facility.

Staff members taking part include: Liam McLaughlin, Eimear Doherty, Peter Doherty, Mark McConigley, Laura Law, Darina Ferry, Caoimhe Blaney, Brona Harley, Fionnuala McGrath and

Sharon Peoples.

The group has set up a GoFundMe page to raise the funds with a target of €1,000. The event takes place on May 5th and they will run as part of two relay teams to complete the challenge.

The organisers stated: "We have entered 2 teams of 5 into the relay section of the marathon which takes place on this Sunday 5th May. The funds will be used to enhance and upgrade our facilities in our new classroom and will benefit

not only the Autism class but the whole school.

Any donation big or small would be greatly appreciated". They add: "The more you donate, the faster we will run." To donate visit [www.gofundme.com/ffdb6329-belfast-marathon](http://www.gofundme.com/ffdb6329-belfast-marathon)

Pictured above from left are Peter Doherty, Mark McConigley, Eimear Doherty, Brona Harley, Darina Ferry, Laura Law, Sharon Peoples, Caoimhe Blaney, Fionnuala McGrath and Liam McLaughlin.

## SF: Lack of progress on Milford NS raised with Taoiseach

Deputy Padraig MacLochlainn has again raised the need for a new national school for Scoil Mhuire, Milford on Wednesday in the Dáil with the Taoiseach, Simon Harris.

Deputy MacLochlainn said: "As you will know, we have repeatedly raised this with the Minister for Education over recent weeks and months. Unfortunately, despite the serious inadequacy of the existing buildings and site and the offer of an alternative site in Milford Town

at no cost to the State, the Minister has not relented. The Minister visited the school and witnessed the conditions for herself last year. I would also stress that the school Board of Management was led to understand that their acceptance of the additional school accommodation would not go against their long standing request for a new school and amenities at a new site in the town," he stated.

Lorry attacked with stones in Milford

Gardaí are investigating a criminal damage incident that occurred at Lough Fern Heights, Milford, where a parked lorry was damaged.

It occurred between 5pm on Thursday, April 25th and 7.30am on Friday, April 26th. Gardaí stated: "A lorry had been parked at that location over-

night and when the owner returned in the morning he discovered that the front windscreen had been smashed by rocks. If anybody observed any suspicious activity in the area between those dates or if they have any relevant information, we ask them to contact Milford Gardaí on 074-9153060."

**50/50 Draw on Sunday**

The next draw will take place on Sunday 5th May in the Hi-da-way Bar at 6.00pm for a guaranteed Jackpot of €1000. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder or by Revolut to Noel Gillespie 086 8224091 and Martin Roarty on 087 9129691 and various outlets in the town.

**Rosary at Mount Marian Grotto**

The Holy Rosary will be prayed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6pm at Our Lady's Grotto, Mount Marian, Milford for the Month of May, starting on Wednesday 1st May at 6pm. All are welcome.

**Mission Hall**

Speakers at the Milford Mission Hall which takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 8pm are as follows Sunday 5th May - Archdeacon David Huss; 2nd June Wills Lynch; 7th July Beach Mission Team.

**Golf Society**

The Hi-da-way Golf Society held an outing on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th May at the Captain's Weekend away in Westport, Co. Mayo. Contact Captain David Bonner 085 8320260 or Eugene McCafferty 087 7704149 for further details.

**Milford United**

Milford United Reserve team will contest the Division 2 relegation play off in Saturday 11th May in Ballyare, time to be confirmed against Erne Wanderers FC.

**Masses**

Mass times in St Peter's Church, Milford this week are Thursday 2nd May 10.00am, Friday 3rd May 10am; Saturday 4th May at 7.30pm; Sunday 5th May at 11.00am.

## Milford AC draw on Monday

Milford Athletic Club are holding their Hugo Duggan Track Development Draw this Monday the 6th of May.

Tickets are currently on sale from any Club member at €10 each or three for €20 and 8 for €50 or from the Club's facebook page.

Prizes include the first prize of €3,000 in cash and second prize is a Fill of Oil worth €1000 from Whoriskey Oil, Ramelton; third prize is €500 Blue Book vouchers with 4th prize a €300 voucher for Arena 7 and 5th is a €200 voucher for Eco Adventures Hugh Hunter and the final prize is a Milford AC Family Club Membership worth €125.



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**Yoga with Jane**

Yoga with Jane classes restarted after Easter, call her on 086 8367776 to book or for details or visit Jane Watt yoga on FB Gentle Yoga in the Kerrykeel Oldschool Community Centre every Thursday from 10-11am for 6 weeks and the cost is €60.

Chair Yoga in the Gallowglass Centre, Milford every Thursday from 12-1pm for 4 weeks and the cost is €40 (Chair Yoga is also running in Letterkenny on Wednesday evenings)

Yoga in Ray Community Centre every Saturday from 10-11am. The cost for the 5 weeks is €40 and it excludes Bank Holiday Saturday.

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Rathmullan man Ciaran Gallen reached the magnificent milestone of 150 Parkruns after completing the latest one on Saturday morning at the St. Conal's Campus.

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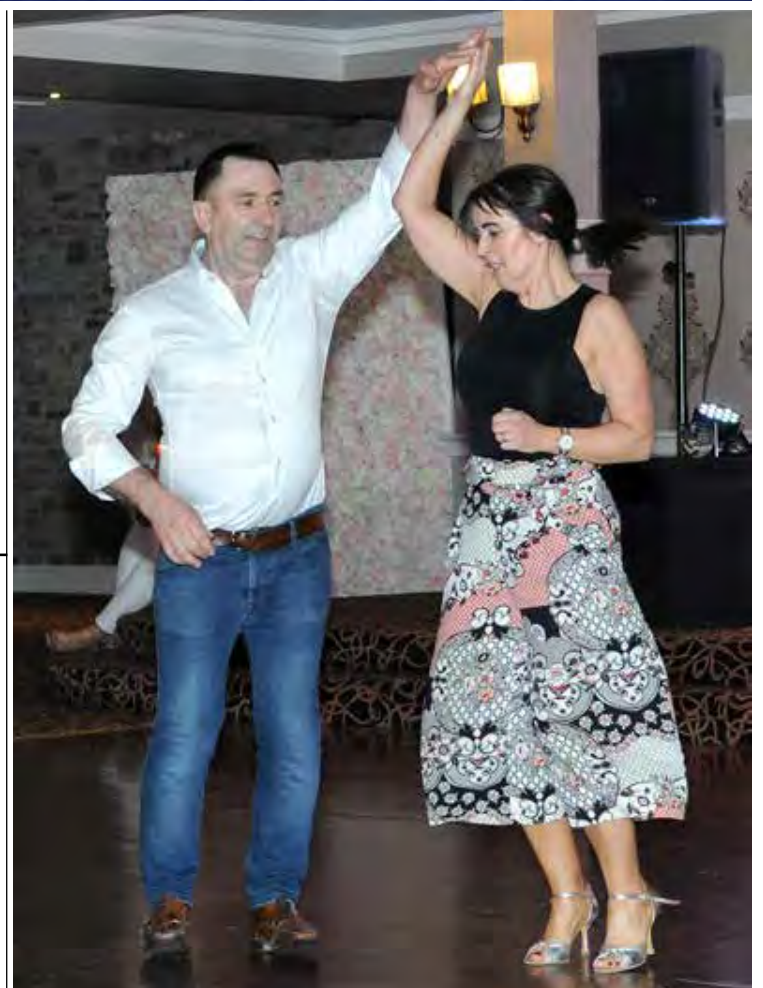
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Martin Roarty, Milford United Football Club presenting the winner of the February 50/50 Draw Jackpot of €1000 to Louise Devine, Mount Marian, Milford. The next draw will take place on this Sunday 5th May for a guaranteed Jackpot of €1000. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder or by Revolut to Noel Gillespie 086 8224091 and Martin Roarty on 087 9129691 and various outlets in the town.

### Milford Community Playgroup celebrates 40th Anniversary

Milford Community Playgroup are celebrating their 40 year anniversary this September. The organising committee are busy planning the event which will take place in the Milford Parochial Hall on Saturday 21st September. The committee are looking for old photographs / memorabilia from over the years, newspaper clippings etc. All items submitted will be photocopied and returned. Please leave these into the playschool or email milfordcommunityplaygroup ltd@hotmail.com by 18th of June 2024.



### Milford Presbyterian Church

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### All Ireland jivers in action

Kevin Robinson, Glenalla and Joanne Sweeney, Gweedore who won the Over 50's All Ireland Jiving Championships in Ballinasloe pictured above showcasing their dancing in the Mulroy Woods Hotel, Milford last Thursday night at the Social and pictured left with singer John Molloy.

# A Bad Day At The Office

The next time you have a bad day at the office, remind yourself that it could have been worse. Unless that is, you're the janitor at the centre of a New York lawsuit amounting to over \$1 million that is, because bad days don't come much worse than his.

According to court filings, the janitor was cleaning a laboratory when he began to hear an annoying beep from one of the freezers. The freezer in question contained samples that were of critical importance to what the university describes as "high level research". It was imperative that these samples be stored at -80°C; even a small fluctuation in temperature had the potential to cause catastrophic damage.

The researchers in the lab were aware

that the freezer was malfunctioning and had already arranged for repairs to be carried out but concluded that until these were completed, the samples inside were safe. In order to safeguard the cell samples, a poster was affixed to the freezer in order to explain the situation and to insist (in capital letters) that the freezer should not be unplugged under any circumstances.

You can probably see where this is going. Having heard the freezer's beeps, the janitor disconnected its power and as a result the temperature inside rose by more than 40°C. When researchers arrived the next day, they discovered specimens that unsalvageable, allegedly "demolishing more than 20 years of research".

The exact course of events as well as the

janitor's thought process are matters for the courts, yet the general sequence does act as something of a modern parable. As we pass through life we often find that we are disturbed by alarms that suddenly sound.

The precise nature of the alarm will vary from person to person. For some people, it can be difficult to pinpoint exactly what prompted it, but they are suddenly struck by a sense of the emptiness and futility of the things they have most invested themselves in.

For others, the alarm can take the form of setbacks. Whether the disappointment comes in our professional lives, in a relationship, or in our sporting endeavours, it can often leave us questioning whether the things we desire more than

anything will truly satisfy even if we acquire them.

Often times the alarm can be devastatingly painful. Many if not most of us will have to wrestle with crushing diagnoses and gut-wrenching bereavements; these most painful aspects of our existence can act like alarms, warning us of the brevity of human life and the urgency of considering what will happen in the life to come.

The question is, what do we do with these alarms when they sound? It is part of our human nature to seek to silence them - to pull out the plug rather than put up with their disturbing cry. Some turn to entertainment and distraction. Others turn to substances. Many simply embrace their stiff upper lip and keep on

## Food for thought



Jonny McCollum

going with life.

As that janitor discovered, alarms are to be heeded, not silenced. Will you listen to the alarms in your life?

# Rathmullan news

### Tidy Towns

It's May time again, and Folklore has it that on the eve of May Day, yellow flowers such as buttercups, marigolds and primroses were gathered and spread around the outside of each household to keep Cailleachs (old women or hags) from entering homes to steal butter or milk during the morning of May Day. Children would scatter the flowers outside their neighbour's homes as a sign of goodwill. Similarly, another custom was visiting holy wells when people would leave personal possessions at the well, or tie items to nearby trees and pray for good health when walking clockwise around the well, for example Doon Well. The first water drawn from the Well during Bealtane was considered to have greater powers than at any other time of the year.

Once again, we have a great festive event organised to honour the traditional May day folklore for next Sunday afternoon May 5th..... Bealtane or Bealtaine as we know it, is a truly remarkable time of year in the Irish calendar, no matter whatever religion you follow. Irish folklore still holds the legacy of these traditions and customs associated with this ancient festival, that is, the turning of winter darkness into summer light and of course Fairies were up to all sorts of mischief too! Join us with The Fairies for music, stories, arts & crafts and fairy cakes at 12.30pm on Sunday, 5th May at the Pier Sheds adjacent to the Car Park. Everyone is welcome to help us spread the magic, and we'd love to see the little ones dressed up in their best 'home made' costume, though not essential. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult, and no dogs please.

**Littering** Please keep Rathmullan clean and tidy this coming bank holiday weekend, when we expect loads of day trippers as the weather is due to improve once again. It has been most disappointing recently to notice the litter everywhere on a Monday morning. If you 'Live Here,

then Love Here', so help us to keep our community, our streets and the approach roads clean and tidy, just take your rubbish home if the bins are full, and don't throw out of the car windows.

### Rathmullan Celtic 50/50 Draw

The monthly draw will take place this Saturday, 4th May and tickets are available from the usual outlets or online options: Paypal: <https://paypal.me/RathmullanCelticFC> or Revolut: Enda McElhinney, on 086 401 9256, Cain Connolly on 086 348 9941 or Mark Curran on 086 873 2749. All tickets will be confirmed either by email or text, and thank you every one for your continued support.

### Screen Printing Workshops

Good luck to the new local innovative business Print Barn Folk who are hosting Screen Printing Workshops over this coming Bank Holiday weekend. No previous experience required, and the first workshop is for big kids, teens and adult on Saturday 4th May, while there will be a special family workshop on Sunday. Booking is required and full details available by contacting Sandra 086 3135066 or email [hello@printbarnfolk.com](mailto:hello@printbarnfolk.com).

### 150 Parkruns

Congratulations to local man, Ciaran Gallen on participating in 150 Parkruns on a Saturday morning in Letterkenny, what an amazing achievement. Well done Ciaran.

### Donegal IWD

If you're interested in learning the most appropriate response to a live stranding event, including first aid, how to stabilise the animal or assisting with re-floating techniques, then you should attend the forthcoming Cetacean Live Stranding Training Course in Ray Community Centre, being hosted by Irish Whale & Dolphin Group on Sunday June 15th from 10am to 5pm. This training will include a class room based theoretical session followed by a practical beach session. Booking is essential and details of fees etc. are all available on Eventbrite.

### Friday Fridays

Friday Fridays are up and running again, and kick off this Friday night 3rd May to welcome the start of summer, at the usual time of 7pm in An Stad Café. Come along to enjoy delicious tapas, and lively entertainment from resident hosts Carol Wilson & Sinead Gallagher, with special guest return Mark O'Sullivan.

### Darkness Into Light

Darkness into light will take place at 4.15am on the morning of Saturday 11th May and intending participants are asked to assemble at the Beach Car Park, but please sign up for this fantastic National event before hand on the online portal via Darkness into light

### Pier Works

The long awaited Pier works have commenced and despite the slight adjustment to the Car park area, Rathmullan is still open for business as usual, with all the beaches and amenities still available. The ongoing Uisce Eireann road works is also a hinderance, but we appeal to all motorists to be especially considerate and have patience over the next weeks and months. These continuing works may be an inconvenience, but are absolutely essential to ensure the ongoing safety for all pier users and the improvements in our Sewage systems going forward.

### Rathmullan Makers Market

The inaugural market of the newly formed Makers Market group took place last Saturday, featuring local artists and makers selling beautiful and original handmade items, arts, crafts, jewelry, baking and much more, supported by the Connecting Communities IFI / RTWF campaign.

The Boatyard Sheds were definitely the place to be on a sunny Saturday afternoon with special entertainment supplied by Carol Wilson and some really special guests on the day. The place was buzzing and thanks to everyone for the support, and all are eagerly looking forward to the next market on Saturday May 25th. As well as the last Saturday of each month,



Enjoying the inaugural Makers Market Group last Saturday in Rathmullan with entertainment supplied by Carol Wilson.



Pupils from St. Garvan's NS Drumhalla who took part in the Community Clean Up last Saturday.

there will be mid month dates in June, July and August too, and the featuring Crafters will rotate so there will not always be the same group at each market.

### St Vincent De Paul

This time of the year can be difficult and challenging for many people especially with the recent spate of bad weather and cold. The local St Vincent de Paul are always available to help out in times of need, so please feel free to contact any member of the Chapter when confidential assistance is needed on 087 698 2822. Don't forget that the Vincent's Charity Shop also takes donations of used small household items, stock a brace, books and clean used clothing, and also stock a huge selection of clothing at very reasonable prices. Opening hours are Wednesday and Thursday 11-3 and also on Saturdays.

### Eco Atlantic Adventure Camps Rathmullan

Eco Atlantic Adventures have started the Beach Bootcamp Sunrise workout, suitable for all levels of fitness, at 6am for Monday/Wednesday/Friday in 4 week blocks. There are many other courses on offer during the summer months, contact Hugh 086 2250599 as booking is essential.

### Clean Coasts & Litter Picks

The weekly Pier area, village and beach cleans take place every Wednesday, with equipment available outside the White Hart from 10am. We especially welcome our Coastal Warrior pals from the HSE TOA Community Programme every week.

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Since the local elections five years ago much has changed in the world around us - the crisis of the lock-down when Covid took hold - the wars that have killed tens of thousands of innocent victims and the ever increasing prices that drove inflation. They've all posed a significant challenge for every family in Donegal.

However, the Mica crisis has had a serious impact on so many families including the Milford area. It remains unresolved and as Members of Donegal County Council and a Mica property owner myself, our role in Lifford has been to help and influence progress.

Too little has been achieved and we all must strive to make change happen for all those families impacted and I'm giving my 100% backing to the campaign for 100% redress. That can only happen when the current legislation is completely overwritten.

As a Councillor in the Milford Electoral Area, I have been to the forefront in promoting progress for all members of the community. We have an urgent demand for social housing in the area and as an elected representative on the Council's SPC, I am working to bring that about.

My involvement includes voluntary groups, sports clubs, tidy towns, health forums, community development groups, special needs, the churches, women's football teams, underage sports and key cross-community groups.

In my two terms since elected in 2014, I'm proud to have contributed over €300,000 from my DFI and Members Funding and I hope that can be increased in the future.

And I also secured almost €4million in grant funding to numerous community led and sporting organisations in the area.

I want to continue in the footsteps of my parents in serving the Milford area. My father, Eddie was first elected in 1985 and was returned to Lifford six years later to continue his mandate for the community.

My Mum, Anne was also a Member of the Council. I am following in the footsteps of the proud O'Donnell Clan and I'm asking for your number one vote or highest preference on June 7th to continue my record of delivering for you and your community in the coming five years.

I am now the proud father of a three years old girl, Molly. Thankfully she has changed my life forever.

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# Sinn Féin launch Local and Euro campaigns

Maria Doherty said after attending the launch of the Sinn Féin Local and European Election team in the Helix in Dublin on Sunday, that "it would be hard not to be inspired by

the launch for the Local & European elections, the energy, motivation and excitement present, reflects the eagerness of Sinn Féin at all levels to get to work. To deliver real change

and stand up for the people of Ireland. The message is clear. Change starts here. Change starts now"

Sinn Féin Leader Mary Lou McDonald spoke to more than 800 party members at the launch of the party's Local Government and EU election campaigns in The Helix in Dublin, "This election is the first step in getting this failed government out of office... We know that change is possible, we know that change is essential and, my friends, we know that change starts here."

Sinn Féin is standing 335 candidates in the Local elections and a further six candidates in the EU elections, the largest number of candidates the party have ever stood. They will for the first time stand candidates in every single electoral area with 46% of the candidates being female. Sinn Féin in Donegal are standing 18 candidates and seven of them are women and this included six new candidates.

Maria Doherty said "the number of candidates that Sinn Féin are running in the local elections is testament to our ambition to deliver change in every LEA across and to have representatives on every council after the local elections on June 7th. It is also a testament to our ambition to lead the way on Donegal County Council, we want our council to deliver for communities on housing, on planning and on delivering better local services and investing in communities in terms of infrastructure, communities' facilities, childcare and amenities and services for young people.

We are determined to elect the strongest possible team of Sinn Féin councillors to Donegal County



Maria Doherty with Michelle O'Neill, Northern Ireland First Minister at the launch of the Sinn Féin Elections campaign on Sunday.

Council to work with a SF led government after the next general election delivering the largest social and affordable home building programme in the history of the state. Voting for Sinn Féin in this election is the first step to getting this disastrous government out of office. A vote for Sinn Féin in the local elections is a vote for change".



Among the SF candidates in Donegal at the National launch were Cllr. John Sheamus Ó Fearraigh, Brian Carr, Toni Devine, Maria Doherty, Linda Boyle, Gary Doherty and Tony McDaid.

## John J McGinley Memorial Cup comes to an end in Kerrykeel

The McGinley family would like to thank all those who made the John J McGinley Memorial Cup such a huge success over the 21 years it has been running.

On Easter Sunday teams took to the field for last time as the McGinley family

brings a close to the series of games in honour of the late John McGinley.

The first games was played in Drury Park in 2004, an idea of the late John Joe McAteer, the cup was sponsored by James Coll, Rossnakill and Robert Brown, Milford

with the teams managed by Fergus McAteer and Shane Sandilands. Since then the married men came out on top winning 10 games to 9 with two years were cancelled due to Covid.

Thanks again to everyone who made it run smoothly and special mention to James Martin, Rossnakill who played in all but one of the games. Thanks to the Kerrykeel Park Development, to Peggy McAteer and all at the Kerrykeel'71 FC, to the players, referees and all who came out to support the teams every Easter Sunday



The winning Married Mens team in the final match in the John J McGinley Memorial Cup on Easter Sunday.



Nana McGinley pictured with Peggy McAteer who was a great supporter of the Cup over the years at the final match on Easter Sunday.



Damian McGinley accepting the Cup for the first time from Nana McGinley in 2005 which was won by the single men. Also included are Lucia and Michael McGinley and referee Charlie Crerand.



Lucia and Nana McGinley presenting the Cup for the final time to Hughie Walsh, captain of the Married Men who defeated the Single Men in Rabs Park, Kerrykeel on Easter Sunday.



The runners up Single Mens team in the final match in the John J McGinley Memorial Cup on Easter Sunday.



The Married and Single mens teams who took part in the first John J McGinley Memorial Cup in 2005.



# Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Tá fáilte roimh achán duine ar ais agus, mar is gnáth, tá súil agam go bhfuil sibh uilig ag déanamh go maith, agus b'fheidir ag fáil tuairim go mbéidh Samhradh maith againn i mbliana. Ní thig linn a bheith r ó - d ó c h a s a c h go fóill mar bhí sioc gearr ann an oíche faoi dheireadh. D'amharc mé amach go luath agus bhí leac seaca



ar an gluasteáin, ag deireadh na nAibreain, leoga. Ach, le bheith cinnte tá feabhas i ndiaidh teacht ar rudaí agus tá sin i gcónaí maith. Thainig mé ar leabhar le déanaí nach bhfaca mé le fada an lá, leabhar cócaireachta Spáinneach, darbh ainm MORO, a thainig amach sa bhliain 2001. Scríofa ag lanúin phósta, Sam agus Samantha Clark, baineann sé le bia agus cócaireacht ó dheisceart na Spáinne agus an Aifric Thuaidh, áit ina raibh na Múrach ann fadó ó shin agus taispeáint maith an tionchar an-mhór a bhí ag na Múrach ar achán gné den saol mar a bhí sé ansin. Thainig na Múrach go dtí an Spáinn sa bhliain 711A.D, agus d'fhan siad go dtí 1492, ag teacht suas go 800bliain!

D'fhag siad sa deireadh nuair a chaill siad GRANADA ag na fórsaí Rí Ferdinand agus a bhean, an Bhanríon Isabella, na daoine céanna a chuidigh le Columbus gabháil ar lorg an Ind agus a chnícnaigh i Méiricea. Bhí cuid mhór ag titim amach sa bhliain sin! Mar gheall ar láithreach na Múrach sa Spáinn chomh

fada sin bhí tionchar suntasach agus buan acu ar an Spáinn, ar ailtireacht mar shampla, in Andalusia sa Deisceart na tíre, mar shampla An ALHAMBRA i GRANADA agus an MOSC i gCÓRDOBA, foirgnimh iontach tábhachtach ar fad.

Comhartha eile ar cad é chomh mór agus a bhí an tionchar ag na Múrach sa Spáinn, ba iad na daoine a thóg siúcra go dtí an tír. Agus thosaigh siad an siúcra a shaothrú sa cheantar thart timpeall ar GRANADA. Thóg siad neart rudaí eile leo fosta a d'athraigh an ceantar go buan agus go suntasach. Rud iontach a rinne siad go minic thart fan spás iomlán ina raibh siad ann ná coras uiscúcháin a fhorbairt le uisce a bhainistiú le barr maith a fháil in áit lom.

Bhí siad cníochnaíte ann i 1492, an bhliain a d'imigh COLUMBUS é féin ar an aistear stairiúil sin. Thainig sé ar ais le trátaí, sillíthe agus spíosraí éagsúla ó Lar-Mheireaca agus le earraí agus comhábhair eile a ghlactar anois mar eiseamlár na Spáinne. Mar a deirim, is minic atá scéal an bia fite fuaite le saol pholaitiúla agus stairiúla, a níl sampla níos fearr ná na Múrach agus aistear a thóg Columbus go dtí an Domhan Nua, agus na rudaí a thóg sé ar ais.

Cinnte, áfach, thóg seiseann agus a chairde níos mó ná sin ar ais. Nuair a chloigh na Spáinnigh na hIncigh chaill na nIncigh gach rud, a Rí féin san áireamh, mar a tharla san Aifric, san Áis agus rud a tharla dúinne anseo le 700 bliain. Cad é chomh difriúil agus a bhéadh an domhan gan na coilínigh uilig? Ní bhéidh a fhios againn, a Chairde Ghaeil.

## BRIOGÚNAÍ MÚRACHA Moorish Skewers

**Comhábhair**  
1 x 500g filléad muiceola  
Don Mharanáid  
1/2 tsp síolta lus an choirde, cuimín agus finéal, meilte go garbh  
1 tsp pairprice milis deataithe

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2 ionga gairleoga  
1/2 dornán beag oragáin  
1 duilleog labhrais gearrtha go mín  
1 tbsp finéagar fion dearg  
1 tbsp ola olóige  
**MODH:**  
Gearr an filléad i leith ar a fhad, ansin i gciúb 3cm. Cuir i mbabhla mhór agus achán rud isteach leis, meascaigh go maith agus cuir sa chuisneoir le 2 uair. Cuir ar bhriogúnaí agus griolladh ar theas ard le 3 bom ar gach taobh. Cuir amach na BRIOGÚNAÍ le Sailéidí leis na hanlainn seo:

### ANLANN FINÉAGAR SEIRISE Sherry Vinegar Dressing

**Comhábhair**  
1 ionga gairleoga  
1/4 tsp cainéal meilte  
2 tbsps Molás Pomagránaite  
2 tbsps uisce  
4 tbsps ola olóige úrion  
1/2 tsp siúcra mín  
Salann agus piobar  
**MODH:**  
Meascaigh an gairleog leis an cainéal agus Molás, cuir an uisce leis agus ansin ola olóige úrion le eibleacht a fháil. Déan an sailéad leis na gnáth rudaí agus an anlann thart timpeall air. Bain sult!



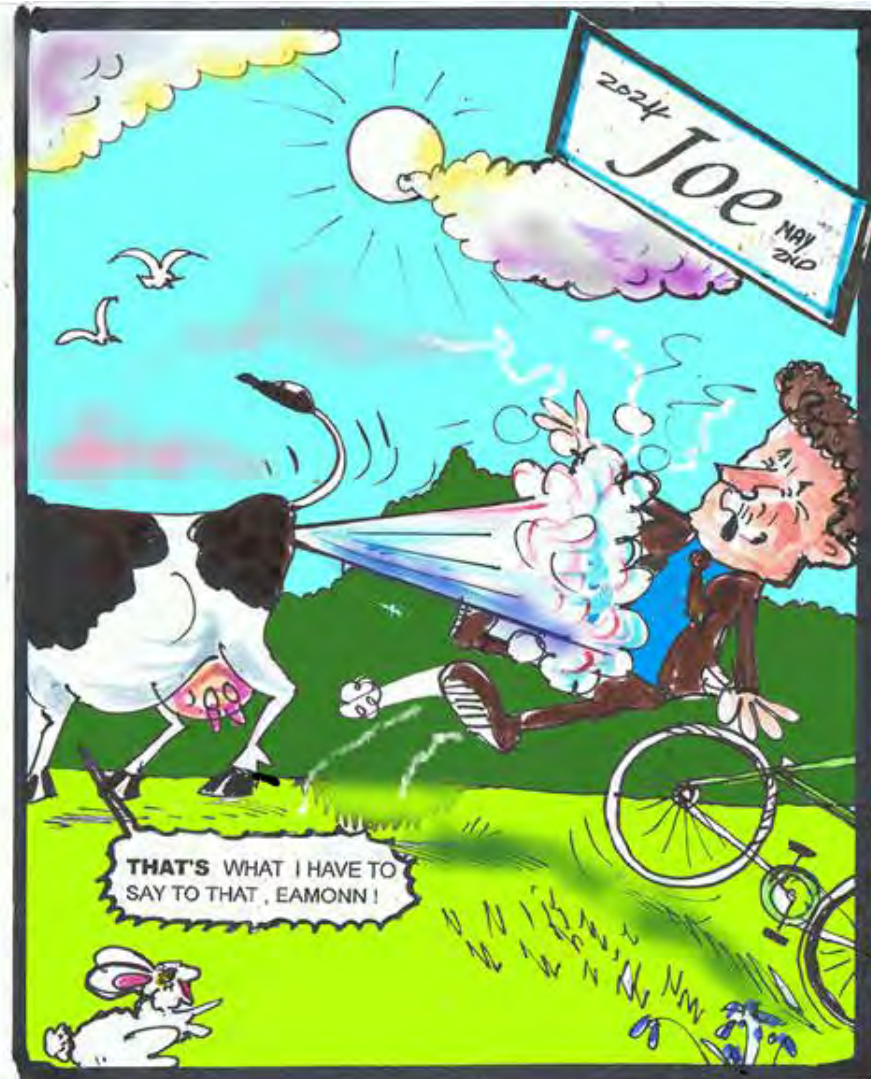
**Comhábhair**  
1 ionga gairleoga  
1 tbsp finéagar seirise  
1 tsp sú liomóide  
4 tbsps ola olóige úrion  
Salann agus piobar  
**MODH:**  
Brúigh an gairleog le salann le taos mín a fháil. Cuir isteach an finéagar, sú liomóide, ola olóige úrion agus salann agus piobar. Meascaigh go maith.

### ANLANN MOLÁS POMAGRÁINAITE Pomegranate Molasses Dressing

**Comhábhair**  
1 ionga gairleoga  
1/4 tsp cainéal meilte  
2 tbsps Molás Pomagránaite  
2 tbsps uisce  
4 tbsps ola olóige úrion  
1/2 tsp siúcra mín  
Salann agus piobar  
**MODH:**  
Meascaigh an gairleog leis an cainéal agus Molás, cuir an uisce leis agus ansin ola olóige úrion le eibleacht a fháil. Déan an sailéad leis na gnáth rudaí agus an anlann thart timpeall air. Bain sult!



Glenree United U14's 2024 Squad - Back row Niamh Kelly, Alanna Boyce, Bridget Carr, Alannah Duffy, Aoibhe McGettigan, Suzanne Doherty, Aimeé Bassett, Tara Coyle, Sophie O'Neills, Hannah McClafferty, Amy Hunter, Claire O'Doherty, Ella Grace McGettigan. Front Row Alison Slavickova, Sophie Elliot, Aedin McHugh, Leah Boyce, Emily Boyce, Chloë O'Doherty, Coleen McCloskey.



- Ag fáil tuairim. Reaching the opinion
- I mbliana. This year
- Dóchasach. Hopeful
- Sioc gearr. Sharp frost
- Leac seaca. Coating of frost
- Leoga. Indeed
- Lánúin phósta. Married couple
- Baineann sé le. It is on the subject of
- Tionchar. Influence
- Gabháil ar lorg. Go in search of
- Cníochniú. To finish
- Gné. Aspect
- Láithreach. Presence
- Suntasach. Significant
- Buan. Permanent
- Ailtireacht. Architecture
- Foirgneamh. Building
- Comhartha. Sign, indication
- Saothraigh. Cultivate
- Coras uiscúcháin. Irrigation system
- Bainistiú. Manage
- Barr. Crop
- Áit lom. Barren location
- Eiseamlár. Exemplar, epitome
- Aistear. Journey
- Fite fuaite. Bound up together
- Cloigh. Conquer
- Coilínigh. Colonists

# Letterkenny Rotary Club's School Bikes Africa Collection

Last week Letterkenny Rotary Club organised a collection of bikes as part of their annual School Bikes Africa appeal in conjunction with Donegal County Council and Bryson Recycling.

A total of 95 bikes were collected from Milford recycling centre for transport to Loughan House, Co. Cavan by Hegarty Transport, where they will be refurbished before being shipped to The Gambia. Rotary Ireland has for over 6 years collected bikes and sent them to schools in Africa. In the intervening years over 5000 bikes have been collected by Rotary Clubs across Ireland with the Irish Prison Service at Loughan House involved from the start. As always, bicycles suitable for refurbishing should be strong and sturdy, mountain bike style, have minimum 24" wheel size and mountain bike type tyres. Racer style bikes are not sought as part of this collection. Suitable bikes can be dropped off at any of the Council's six Recycling Centres (Laghey, Dungloe, Carndonagh, Stranorlar, Letterkenny & Milford). Check your local centre for opening hours, visit [www.donegalcoco.ie](http://www.donegalcoco.ie) or [www.brysonrecycling.org](http://www.brysonrecycling.org).

'Collection of the bikes has been made much easier thanks to Bryson Recycling making their six sites available to us. That extra storage capacity and Transport to Loughan house by Hegarty Transport have been critical to the continued success of the School Bikes Africa campaign' says Robert O'Connor President of Letterkenny Rotary Club. Donegal is one of fifteen counties involved in this national appeal throughout Ireland.

Rotary Ireland has expanded its commitment to collecting, refurbishing and delivering unwanted bikes to school children in Africa giving them the chance of a better life and open up many more opportunities. As many must travel long distances to and from school, often in searing temperatures and doing this on foot can be difficult at best, so having a bike can make a huge change for the pupil and family alike as it can be utilised in other ways to help out their communities.



Letterkenny Rotary Club's School Bikes Africa Collection – Paddy Delap, Letterkenny Rotary Club, Tom Wilkie, Letterkenny Rotary Club, Robert O'Connor President Letterkenny Rotary Club, Paddy Cannon, Bryson Recycling.

While providing these children with bikes for school, Rotary are also helping those much closer to home, namely the prisoners at Loughan House Open Centre Co. Cavan who are also getting the chance of furthering their own education. Their participation in this project allows them to study for a City & Guilds FETAC Bike Mechanics course which ultimately will help with their own rehabilitation into society and perhaps aid their job prospects in the long term, as well as the satisfaction of working on such a worthwhile charitable project.

Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr Martin Harley added "It's great to see another collection of bikes

for the School Bikes Africa appeal. Rotary Ireland have made this such a positive campaign and Donegal County Council are delighted to play a part. We are also very pleased that the collection of suitable bikes can take place all year round at the six Recycling Centres here in Donegal". Donations are sought of the following types of suitable bicycles; strong sturdy bikes that can withstand rough terrain, bikes to suit both primary and secondary level students, with a minimum of 24" wheel size, in reasonable repair, and having mountain bike type tyres. For info visit [www.donegalcoco.ie](http://www.donegalcoco.ie) or [www.brysonrecycling.org/donegal-recycling-centres/](http://www.brysonrecycling.org/donegal-recycling-centres/)



## Church Hill Community Development Group CLG

are holding their

### AGM

on Sunday 12th May at 7pm at Boathouse Gartan, F92 Y209

This is an opportunity for you to:

- Get an update on what has happened over the past year
- Hear the plans for the coming year
- Have a voice and get involved with your community
- Be involved in Committee Election / Election of Officers

## Meeting for families of people with limited decision-making capacity

Donegal Down Syndrome, the Donegal branch of Down Syndrome Ireland, has arranged for a visit to Letterkenny by Aine Flynn, Director of the Decision Support Services. This is a unique chance to hear directly about how the new Capacity Act may affect your ability to support your family member or how to arrange for the future when you, too, might need support.

A Conversation with Aine Flynn, the Director of the Decision Support Services will be held in the Station House Hotel, Letterkenny on Wednesday, 8th May, 7-8.30pm. Decision support arrangements are legally recognised arrangements for people who need support to make certain decisions. This may include, but is not limited to, people with an intellectual disability, acquired

brain injury, mental health difficulty or dementia. This also includes all people who want to plan for a time when they might lose their capacity. This seminar provides information about the types of arrangements and supports that will be available. DSS (Decision Support Services) provide an essential service for people who face difficulties and need support exercising their decision-making capacity.

#### Booking is essential

There are limited spaces so booking is essential: go to [eventbrite.ie](http://eventbrite.ie), select Letterkenny as location and search for "Conversation with Aine Flynn". There is a small charge of €5 to defray costs of refreshments. Or contact Donegal Down Syndrome on 074-910 3527



Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall Donegal County Council

### NOTICE OF ELECTION

#### Local Authority: Donegal County Council

An election of members for each of the local electoral areas of the above-mentioned local authority is about to be held.

Nomination papers may be obtained from the address below during the usual office hours or downloaded on [www.donegalelections.ie](http://www.donegalelections.ie)

A person may nominate himself/herself as a candidate or may, with his/her consent, be nominated by a proposer who is registered as a local government elector in the local electoral area of the local authority for which he/she proposes to nominate the candidate.

A nomination paper from a candidate of a registered political party must have a certificate of political affiliation attached which must be produced to me with his/her completed nomination paper.

If no certificate is attached, the candidate must, before the latest time for receiving nominations, either-

- secure 15 assents to the nomination by way of statutory declarations by local government electors registered in the relevant local electoral area (forms available from me or the registration authority), or
- make a deposit of €100 (deposit may also be made on the candidate's behalf).

The latest time for receiving nominations is **12 noon on the 18th day of May, 2024.**

Completed nomination papers may be delivered to me in person by the candidate or his/her proposer at any time when I am at my office, from 10am on the **11th day of May, 2024 until 12 noon** on the last day for receiving nominations (**18th day of May, 2024**).

I am required by law to attend to receive nominations between **10am and 12 noon** and between **2pm and 5pm on the 17th day of May, 2024** and between **10am and 12 noon on the 18th day of May, 2024.**

If the election is contested, a poll will be taken on the **7th day of June, 2024** between the hours of **7am and 10pm** (polling times on off-shore islands may vary).

Returning Officer: Paul McGill

Address: Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal, F93 Y622.

### FÓGRA TOGHCHÁIN

#### Údarás Áitiúil: Comhairle Contae Dhún Na nGall

Táthar ar tí toghchán a reáchtáil chun comhaltaí do gach aon cheann de thoghlimistéir áitiúla a thoghadh don údarás áitiúil atá luaite thuas.

Is féidir páipéir ainmniúcháin a fháil ón seoladh thíos le linn gnáthuaireanta oifige nó iad a íoslódáil ag [www.donegalelections.ie](http://www.donegalelections.ie)

Féadfaidh duine é féin nó í féin a ainmniú mar iarrthóir i dtoghchán nó féadfaidh duine eile - ar duine é/í atá cláraithe mar thoghthóir rialtais áitiúil i limistéar an údarás áitiúil a bhfuil sé beartaithe aige/aici an t-iarrthóir a ainmniú dó - mar mholtóir, é nó í a ainmniú, lena thollú nó lena tollú i scríbhinn.

Ní mór deimhniú cleamhnachta polaitíochta a bheith ag gabháil le páipéir ainmniúcháin ó iarrthóir páirtí polaitíochta cláraithe agus caithear é a thabhairt ar aird domsa lena fhoirm/lena foirm ainmniúcháin chomhlánaithe.

Mura mbeidh aon deimhniú tugtha ar aird ní mór don iarrthóir, roimh an am is déanaí chun ainmniúcháin a fháil, ceachtar den dá rud seo a dhéanamh -

- cúig aontú dhéag leis a ainmniúcháin a fháil trí dhearbhuite reachtúla ó thoghthóir rialtais áitiúil a bheidh cláraithe sa toghlimistéar áitiúil ábhartha (tá na foirmeacha ar fáil uaimse nó ón údarás cláraithe), nó
- éarlais de €100 a íoc (is féidir éarlais a íoc thar ceann an iarrthóra fosta).

Is é **12 meánlae an 18 lá de Bhealtaine, 2024** an t-am is déanaí le hainmniúcháin a ghlacadh.

Is féidir leis an iarrthóir nó lena mholtóir/a moltóir páipéir ainmniúcháin chomhlánaithe a sheachadadh chugam i bpearsa tráth ar bith a bhím i m'oifig, ó 10am an **11 lá de Bhealtaine, 2024 go 12 meánlae** ar an lá is déanaí le hainmniúcháin a ghlacadh (**an 18 lá de Bhealtaine, 2024**).

Tá ceangal orm faoin dlí a bheith i láthair le glacadh le hainmniúcháin idir **10am agus 12 meán lae** agus idir **2pm agus 5pm an 17 lá de Bhealtaine, 2024** agus idir **10am agus 12 meán lae an 18 lá de Bhealtaine, 2024.**

Má bhíonn toghchán comhraic ann, reáchtálfar vótaíocht ar an **7 lá de Mheitheamh, 2024** idir **7am agus 10pm** (féadfaidh amanna difriúla vótaíochta a bheith i gceist ar oileáin amach ó chósta).

An Ceann Comhairlimh: Paul McGill

Seoladh: Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall, Teach an Chontae, Leifear, Contae Dhún na nGall, F93 Y622.

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- Innealtóir Cúnta

Tá sé beartaithe ag an Chomhairle painéal d'iarratasóirí cáilithe a chruthú óna líonfaidh muid folúntais de réir mar a thiocfaidh siad aníos.

Is é an dáta deiridh fá choinne foirmeacha iarratais comhlánaithe a bheith linn ná **12 meán lae: Dé Luain 20 Bealtaine 2024.**

Tá Foirmeacha Iarratais agus Tuilleadh Eolais ar fáil ag [www.donegalcoco.ie](http://www.donegalcoco.ie)

Ní ghlacfar le iarratais a gheofar mall.

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The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 12 noon on: **Monday, 20 May 2024.**

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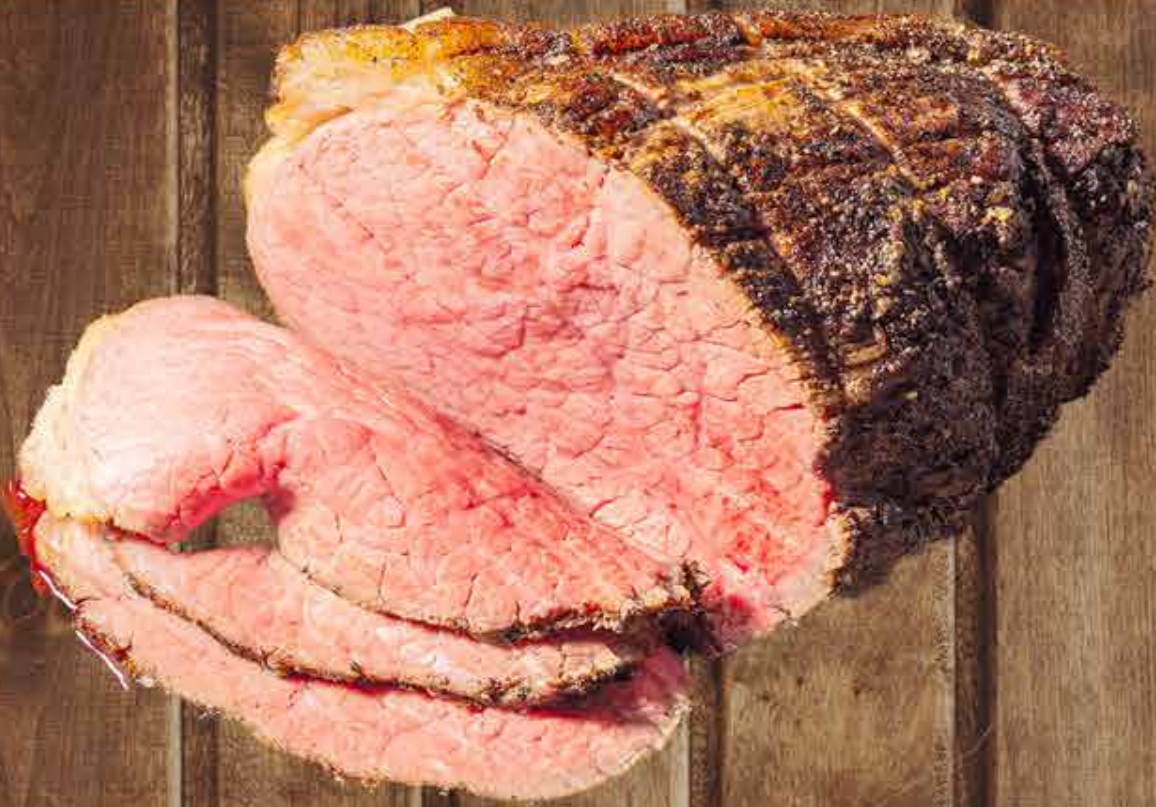


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# Old rifts resurface in FG

Old rifts in the Fine Gael party have been reopened this week with Cllr. Sean Maloney laying the blame for the party's woes at the door of the Harte organisation. And he's accused the Harte family of failing to lift a finger to help either of the two party candidates at the general election almost two years ago. Responding to the assertion by Enda Kenny that Fine Gael's problems here are over Maloney has contended that Cllr. Jimmy Harte 'has been a destructive force in the organisation ever since failing to get a nomination for the 2002 General Election'. In a stinging attack Maloney said that the party had been in steep decline since the 1992 General Election and no real effort had been made to address the problem. Maloney said: "The Hartes did everything possible to undermine the election campaigns of both myself and Cllr. Bernard McGuinness in 2002 using rumour and innuendo to damage us. The decline of Fine Gael in Donegal Northeast goes back to 1992 when Paddy Harte's vote was clearly falling but no effort was made to stem that tide."

Maloney blamed party headquarters for not taking action before the problem got out of control. "Good people like Joachim Loughrey the late Jim Sheridan got no help from Paddy Harte when they ran in General Elections. That same situation carried on at the last election where they didn't lift a finger to help either myself or Bernard McGuinness," claims Maloney. He claims that phone calls had been made to party supporters asking them not to vote for him. "Head office was very weak because these people should have been thrown out of the party and Fine Gael members who didn't help should have been expelled." Maloney claimed that despite both himself and Cllr. McGuinness having a better combined vote in 2002 their chances had been damaged by the Harte factor. "Our ticket was strong enough to take the seat but we suffered because of the negative campaigning. As the local elections approach Cllr. Maloney, on a positive note has expressed delight at the presence of loyal party candidates like Paddy Gildea, Charlie McClaf-



The acts representing the school are Nadia Dunworth as Jennifer Lopez. Lorcan Strain, who is in first year, is singing "If Tomorrow Never Comes" and the "Grease" act with lead singers Colette Peoples and Daniel Hall have been practising along with their dancers over the Easter holidays. Pictured are the three acts with their teacher Ms. Salter.

ferty, Marian Metcaffé and Jimmy Kavanagh on the ticket. "I will be backing these candidates 100% in their campaigns". It will be a different story for Cllr. Jimmy Harte with Maloney saying: "I will be doing for Jimmy Harte the same as he done for me at the last General Election. And I can tell you that he did damn all for me. Jimmy Harte is still damaging the Fine Gael Party with the local elections just around the corner."

At the same time Maloney has praised the work and role of Cllr. Joe McHugh in his effort to build the organisation across the constituency. "I admire what Joe McHugh has been doing over the past couple of years and I fully endorse and support his efforts," said Maloney. Meanwhile Maloney would neither confirm nor deny that he met with FG leader Enda Kenny in Castlebar in the past ten days.

## Sainsbury decision deferred again

Cllr Liam Blaney of IFF has strongly defended comments he made at this week's NWHB meeting during the debate on the controversial Sainsbury report on the future of mental health care in the region. In his remarks Blaney said that elderly residents of St. Conal's psychiatric hospital had been physically removed from what had been essentially their home for as long as fifty years. Board officials strenuously denied the remarks. However Blaney said that the evidence was there for everyone to see and he was not apologising to anyone for stating the truth. He was referring to guarantees by the CEO that under the new proposals no one would be forced to vacate the Supervised Residential Units: these are at the centre of the current row and union reps claim that a large number of staff positions may be lost if the units are closed, as proposed in Sainsbury. A decision on the adoption of the controversial report has been deferred indefinitely following Monday's meeting in Manorhamilton. Postponement of a decision at Monday's meeting has led to speculation that if a vote had been taken on the proposals

Sainsbury would have been rejected. Elected representatives have only one more meeting left before their functions on the Board's executive are removed and they are expected to seek a definitive vote on Sainsbury at their final meeting in May. A number of the members had proposed that the closure of the SRU's should be deferred for five years and that all other aspects of the new plan should be put into operation first. In his comments Cllr. Blaney said that similar to all other reports on the mental health services Sainsbury did nothing to address the cash crisis or the lack of investment along with the low moral that exists. He contended that mental health was the poor relation of the service and while he welcomed a number of good points in the proposal he said it would fail because it was only tinkering around with structures that are inadequate and outdated. Turning to his own Milford electoral area Blaney said there was a lack of access to the service and he raised concerns over the acute admission unit at Letterkenny general hospital.

## O'Donnell seeks Council seat

Daniel O'Donnell of Cashleenan Termon is the latest candidate to throw his hat into the electoral arena in the Milford area. He's to run on an independent ticket and his decision brings to nine the number of declared candidates and there will be more. As the race moves into top gear over the coming days Milford will have a record number of personalities chasing the elusive three seats on June 11th and this will add dramatically to the colour and content of the campaign. At the launch of his campaign at the Lagoon lounge in Termon on Wednesday night Daniel O'Donnell was joined by his campaign team including Seamus Friel of Creeslough who is director of elections: Kieran Tinney, Termon the sub-director and Brian McLaughlin from Creeslough who is the election agent. They unveiled a blueprint that will be the backbone of their campaign with sixteen different headings in place. This manifesto will be taken to the doorsteps as O'Donnell seeks an electoral mandate to serve the Milford area in Lifford over the coming five years. There is a strong emphasis on rural and community is-



Daniel O'Donnell, seated left with his campaign team of Seamus Friel, Kieran Tinney and Brian McLaughlin at the Lagoon Termon on Wednesday night during the launch of the campaign.

sues as well as the retention of vital services. We were told on Wednesday evening that Daniel has a keen interest in pursuing issues that have an impact on the well being of all citizens, regardless of creed or class. Daniel is the brother of the late Cllr. Eddie O'Donnell who first won a seat for Independent Fianna Fail some 19 years ago. The Kilmacrennan locality is now Donegal's most overcrowded scene with four local men battling it out on the hustings. At the campaign launch Daniel said he had relentlessly followed the issues that affect the community most. These would include the elimination of tax clearance certs for drawing down EU subsidies for small and medium sized farmers. He says his decision to run for the Council is based on a demand from members of the electorate in the Milford area and he says that due to his involvement with his late brother he's under no illusion that politics is a very demanding task. Daniel was born and reared on a small farm locally and he's been keenly interested and involved in rural affairs for a number of years.



The Village Court A team winners of the Cup in the Creeslough, Dunfanaghy and Kilmacrennan Pool League with organisers Cathy Doyle and Hugh McCarr at the presentation night in the Village Court Kilmacrennan



The Log Cabin B team who won the Creeslough, Dunfanaghy and Kilmacrennan Pool League with organisers Cathy Doyle and Hugh McCarr at the presentation night in the Village Court Kilmacrennan on Friday



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# SF under attack as McDaid's Euro bid launched



Dr. James McDaid at the launch of his EU Campaign with Tourism and Sports Minister John O'Donoghue. Also included are Mrs. Nellie McDaid, Hughie McDaid and Cllr. Noel McGinley.

Dr. James McDaid launched his Euro campaign at Jackson's Hotel Ballybofey on Monday night with over five hundred delegates from the county in attendance.

John O'Donoghue the Minister for Tourism and Sport who is the FF national director of elections was on hand to give his seal of approval to the night and he launched into a scathing attack on Sinn Fein saying: "They are an old-fashioned party with the economic policies of now defunct communist regimes. Their latest attempt to appear left wing is laughable - there is nothing left wing about condemning Irish workers to the dole."

The platform party in Ballybofey also included Minsters Mary Coughlan and Pat the Cope Gallagher. Naul McCole was master of ceremonies.

Calling for an all out effort on the ground McDaid said: "The European Union, as an entity, is of growing political importance. On May 1st next less than two weeks away, ten new countries will join the European Union. We should not be afraid of the enlargement of the EU. In fact the opposite is the case. We are primarily an exporting country and we need to find new markets for our products. The European Union is of growing political importance. Negotiations with regard to putting in place a new European Union Treaty will give greater power as well to the European Parliament. As an institution, it has central decision-making powers

with regard to the spending of the annual EU Budget. Fianna Fail in the European Parliament in the past has played critical roles in guaranteeing that budget lines are protected to promote cross border development.

European Union policies do affect our lives. We know that from the operation of the Common Agricultural Policy and we know that from the operation of the Common Fisheries Policy. I can assure you that I will be aggressively vigilant and protective when it comes to keeping a close eye on changes which are brought about in the Common Fisheries Policy.

The fact of the matter is that the Common Fisheries Policy does affect the livelihoods of our fishermen and of our fishing communities and many initiatives which have come from Europe under the Common Fisheries Policy have simply not been to our benefit. We must be vigilant; we must be aggressive in voicing the need to guarantee that there is an input at all times by fishermen and their organisations in decisions that affect their lives.

This is equally the case in the context of the changes which have been brought about in the Common Agricultural Policy. From January 2005 area based payments will be given to farmers in the form of a single annual premia payment as opposed to premia being paid based on production levels. This will help substantially to ensure that the level of red tape which has been the central



Letterkenny Town Mayor Cllr Victor Fisher pictured with his wife Helen and family members at his Mayor's Ball in the Mount Errigal Hotel last Friday night. All proceeds went to Immigrant Counselling and Psychotherapy in England run by Teresa Gallagher from Letterkenny.

feature of the CAP for so long will be eliminated.

In my public life, talking to farmers and people involved in the food industry, the level of red tape which has been a central element of the CAP has been a hurdle which has been holding back Irish farming and the operation of the Common Agricultural Policy itself. The Irish Government must and will meet

its deadline commitments to ensure that farmers are told of their entitlements on time and to ensure that this new decoupling system operates to the advantage of Irish farmers. The Common Agricultural Policy is still more important to Ireland per head of population than to any other country in the European Union and we must not forget that."



Paul Skinnader Development Co-ordinator of DPM/ADA pictured with members of the Dunfanaghy Resource Association.

# Kilmacrennan Garda retires after 33 years

Some 33 after joining the force Garda George Healy closed the door on an illustrious career at Kilmacrennan station on last Thursday.

And as colleagues and members of the local community gathered to wish him well George and his wife Sheila reflected on the changing force of the Gardai over those years. Sergeant Oliver Moran was present as George signed the duty book for the final time. George is a native of Belmullet on Mayo and like many others he's spent the vast bulk of his years in Donegal.

After the completion of his training at Templemore he was assigned to Cork and he spent the next five months at the Union Quay station there. However Border duty called and he was transferred to Donegal. Looking back he says he agreed to come to Donegal and he has no regrets about it. He spent four years on Border duty before being assigned as one of the original members of the Donegal Traffic Corps based in Letterkenny. It was new innovative and challenging and his three years there saw the country putting a much greater emphasis on road safety and driving skills.

Then in 1978 he was transferred to Annagry where he spent a couple of good years and where he came to know the local community. He was then transferred to Kilmacrennan and in the past 24 years he was a familiar figure: a man of great common sense and integrity. These facts are well recognised in the Milford District. His colleagues came to know George as an officer and colleague who never panicked even in the face of adversity. And at all times he earned the respect and admiration of all of us who came to know him. He commanded great respect for the even handed manner in which he dealt with situations. At all times it would be fair to say that George Healy was a great community police officer and his departure from Kilmacrennan station will be missed.

However he will continue to reside in the locality in the house he purchased near the station.

George has seen many changes and many different colleagues come and go. He was always there, be it at the Kilmacrennan Festival: on traffic duty at the Doon Well on New Year's Eve and at the hundreds of other



Garda George Healy pictured with family members and Sgt. Ollie Moran on his final day in Kilmacrennan last Thursday.

community events in the locality. He developed a whole range of skills in the gardai and for a period was a patrol man on a motor bike. But that era has now passed and he can look back with great pride on his years of service.

He continues to go back to Belmullet regularly where he has close family ties but he has made Kilmacrennan his home. Married to Sheila (nee Hanlon) from the Rathmullan area they have a family of six: Timothy, Daniel: Alice: Julie: Catherine

and George (Junior).

So what will be now do that he's retired. There will be more time for travelling: for walking and for fishing. He has always been a keen fisherman and that is a tradition he brought from his native Belmullet.

George, Sheila and family are wished a happy retirement from everyone in the Milford Garda District but especially from all their good friends and neighbours around Kilmacrennan.

# Enjoying the Donegal win on Sunday.....



The Shevlins from Downings out in force in Derry on Sunday. Photos by Brendan Tiny Vaughan.



Glenswilly's Joe Kelly getting ready for the Ulster Semi Final on Sunday in Derry.



Kevin Holian, Cllr. Ciaran Brogan and Brian Brogan with John Watson among the crowd.



Glenswilly's Patrick McAteer and Conal McGrenra at the semi final.



Carrigart and Glenswilly supporters at the Ulster Semi Final on Sunday.



Mark Bradley, Peter Smyth and Fr. Charlie Byrne at the Ulster Semi Final.



The McBride's from Downings at the game. Tony O'Reilly with his daughter Suzanne at the match.



Gerard and Majella McFadden, Ann, Shaun and Danny Langan, Mark and Mary Langan at the Semi Final.



The McClafferty's and friends from Creeslough at the Semi Final.

# Ulster Final for Donegal after extra-time test

Donegal 0-18 Tyrone 0-16

The Jim McGuinness revival of Donegal football fortunes continued at Celtic Park on Sunday as he guided his side past Tyrone in a very tricky Ulster semi-final test at Celtic Park on Sunday. It took extra-time to topple the Red Hand County with the decisive points coming from Shane O'Donnell and skipper Paddy McBrearty. It was a totally different game to the previous win over Derry with hardly a goal chance for either side in the 80 plus minutes. Stand-in keeper Gavin Mulreany didn't have a save of note to make while Niall Morgan made one vital block just before the end of normal time from Aaron Doherty but more crucially from a Donegal perspective Brendan McCole stroked the rebound over the bar for the equaliser that kept his side in the provincial championship. Seven minutes into extra-time the sides were still tied but then McGuinness's men showed greater energy and fitness.



Ciaran Thompson gets his shot away despite Padraig Hampsey with Mark Langan in support.

Tyrone didn't score again with St. Eunan's man Shane O'Donnell making one of those typical bursts down the left before cutting in to fist the ball over just before the end of the first period at the Brandywell end. McBrearty was off target from a free while Tyrone missed a couple of chances to get back on level terms. In the dying seconds McBrearty landed a super score to ensure that Brian Dooher's outfit would need a goal to win the semi-final. There was a downbeat mood among Donegal fans at the interval as Tyrone led 0-08 to 0-05. But, again McGuinness clearly got his message across that the performance would have to up a couple of notches in order for an Ulster Final in Clones to become a reality. There was a good start to the second half with Cloughaneely's Jason McGee getting two points while Oisín Gallen registered an equaliser from a free in the 40th minute. But Tyrone were dogged with keeper Niall Morgan's free putting his side 0-9 to 0-8 in front. Niall O'Donnell and Daire O'Baoill put Donegal in front for

only the second time in the game. Dooher's men weren't going away and regained the lead courtesy of another Morgan free and a Ciaran Daly effort from play. Tyrone held a point lead from 64th to 72nd minutes when their opponents eventually got the equaliser that forced extra-time. Ryan McHugh's half blocked attempt for a point was punched out by Morgan. Aaron Doherty reacted quickest to go for goal but Morgan made a great block. The drama wasn't over as the rebound fell to Brendan McCole and full-back from St. Nauls kept his cool to pop over the all important point with his left foot.

Donegal will now play Armagh in the Ulster Final in Clones on Sunday week, May 12th. The Orchard County overcame Down on Saturday evening only coming good in the closing stages for a narrow 0-13 to 2-06 victory.

Donegal - Gavin Mulreany; Mark Curran, Brendan McCole 0-1, Ciaran Moore; Ryan McHugh, Caolan McGonagle 0-1, Peadar Mogan 0-1; Jason McGee 0-2, Michael Langan; Shane O'Donnell



Niall O'Donnell on the attack for Donegal at Celtic Park on Sunday

0-1, Ciaran Thompson 0-2 (1f), Daire Ó Baoill 0-2; Patrick McBrearty 0-2 (f), Oisín Gallen 0-3 (3fs), Niall O'Donnell 0-2. Subs: Aaron Doherty for McBrearty (half-time), Jamie Brennan for Ó Baoill (48), Jaic Mac Ceallabhui 0-1 for Curran (72), McBrearty, Ó Baoill and Caolan McColgan for Doherty, Brennan and Moore (f-t), Doherty for Gallen (h-t, extra time), Brennan for N.O'Donnell (88). Subs not used: Kevin McGettigan, Stephen McMenamin, Odhran Doherty, Donal McBride, John Ross Molloy, Charles McGuinness. Tyrone: Niall Morgan 0-3 (3fs); Conal Devlin, Padraig Hampsey, Michael McKernan 0-2; Sean O'Donnell 0-1, Mattie Donnelly 0-1, Niall Devlin; Brian Kennedy, Conn Kilpatrick; Ciaran Daly 0-2, Kieran McGeary, Michael O'Neill; Darren McCurry 0-2 (2fs), Daragh Canavan 0-4 (1f, 1m), Cathal McShane 0-1. Subs: Aidan Clarke



Kevin Cookie Gallagher and David Ladley at the match.



Denis Boyce and Mickey Doherty at the semi final.

## Popular piper gets Celtic Park red card

Christy Murray is a hugely popular figure at Donegal GAA games but safe to say Sunday was one of his least memorable experiences.

An hour before the game against Tyrone the piper from Raphoe was walking around the pitch playing some tunes when a very irate steward ordered him on to the terraces at Celtic Park.

"One hour before the game, no players, band or anyone on the pitch. I thought I would pipe around the ground as there was a nice crowd there already. So I went with my usual tunes, and a few Tyrone ones too. Supporters were asking for a group photograph with the piper and so on. Over comes this steward roaring at me to get off and while explaining I do this often, his temper was gone. I asked him to calm down, by this time there was another steward at his side. The crowd, (mostly Donegal) behind the goals started booing and demanded I stay on, he then started roaring at them. The other steward tried to calm him down and pulled him back. The second steward asked me politely then to go and I did. I shook his hand to diffuse the situation and continued playing on the terraces.

As a supporter, sponsor, volunteer and I hope to think an entertainer what merited such a reaction. I have actually been asked to pipe at a children's GAA blitz in Celtic park.... next month, I am looking forward to it. Children that I teach were asking me why I was put off the pitch. I said I got a straight red and will miss the next match.... not a hope" Christy said.

for Devlin (42), Ben Cullen for McGeary (63), Ruairi Canavan for O'Neill (77), Aodhan Donaghy and Cormac Donnelly for McShane and Kilpatrick (87).



Rory Kavanagh enjoying the semi final.

# Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage

The Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024 will depart from The City of Derry Airport on Monday 27th May for 4 nights. The Pilgrimage Director is Fr. Stephen Gorman. The cost of the Pilgrimage is €835 per person in the Agena Hotel or €879 per person in the Panorama Hotel. This includes direct return flights from City of Derry Airport to Lourdes, full religious programme, all airport transfers, taxes and Sanctuary Levy, four nights' accommodation in selected hotel, with breakfast, lunch and dinner each day. There is a single room supplement of €39 per night. All bookings should be made through Joe Walsh Tours directly on 01 2410800.

Anyone wishing to travel with the Special Assisted Section should apply in writing to: Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Pilgrimage Director, Fr Stephen Gorman, Parochial House, Milford, Co Donegal, F92 W5C8. Email [lourdes@raphoediocese.ie](mailto:lourdes@raphoediocese.ie) or phone 074 9153236 for further information.

The special assisted/sick section is accommodated at the Accueil.

Acceptance for travel with the special section for the sick is subject to approval of the Raphoe Pilgrimage Medical Board.





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Rory Kennedy, Gerard Callaghan, Arthur McMahon and Shaun Stewart with stewards before the start of the Women's Only Multi-Sport Fun Event

## Women's Only Multi-Sport Fun Event



Competitors at the start of the event on Saturday.



Anne McFadden and Sarah Quaid



Anne McMenamin and her nephew Noah McBride, Dunfanaghy



Mary Bond and Nancy McNamee



Sisters Rachel Bell and Cheryl Boyce



Louise Barrett, Fiona Boyle, Laura Condrón and Rochelle Barrett



Patricia Gallagher, Maureen Gallagher, Anne Kelly, Noleen Doogan and Mary Maughan.



# Missed chances cost Harps

## Finn Harps 0-2 Cork City

Darren Murphy bemoaned the missed chances that were to cost Finn Harps dearly on Friday against Cork City in Ballybofey. The hosts should have been at least a goal up at the break but instead it was the unbeaten visitors who took victory with second half goals from Sean Murray on 62 minutes and then 16-year-old sub Jaden Umeh on 73 minutes.

Harps were hit by a double blow in the build-up having to go into the game without the injured Conor Tourish and David Crawley. But, that didn't appear to faze them in the early stages although the visitors did have more of the play without testing Tim Heimer. Harps should have taken the lead when an unmarked Mattie Matkinson headed wide from a Luke O'Brien free-kick. The hosts were bright with Success Odugon and Patrick Ferry lively going forward. Ferry got through the Cork defence but was denied by keeper Brad Wade with the ball being eventually cleared at the expense of a corner. From that set-piece the ball fell to Noe Baba whose low shot was blocked and cleared on 13 minutes.

Six minutes later Cork created their best opening and the end product was an angled 17-yard shot from Cian Bargary that went narrowly wide. On 22 minutes Ferry shot wide from close range after being set up by Sean O'Donnell. Later Edogun made a good run down the right wing to get in a cross but Tony McNamee just couldn't direct his header on target. At the break Murphy would certainly not have been happy with the fact his side had failed to take any of the clear cut chances.

The hosts started the second half on the front foot but created few chances. Matkinson did volley over after Ryan Rainey returned the ball into the danger area following one of McNamee's long throw-ins. Disaster struck for the home side

on 63 minutes when Sean Murray headed past Heimer following a Greg Bolger corner. Bargary should have made it 2-0 almost immediately but Heimer did enough in a one-on-one with the Cork player.

At the other end Edogun did come close with a shot from the edge of the penalty area. However, the game as a contest effectively ended on 72 minutes. Noe Baba took a bad touch midway inside his own half allowing Jaden Umeh to race clear before clinically curling the ball low around Heimer to make it 2-0. Umeh's introduction by Tim Clancy certainly unsettled the home defence. Harps did not test the Cork keeper in the remaining 21 minutes with the best opportunity coming from a McNamee free-kick on the edge of the 18-yard box that went over the bar.

Finn Harps - Tim Heimer; Jamie Watson, Matty Makinson, Noe Baba, Luke O'Brien (Chris Lotefa 79), Shane McMonagle, Ryan Rainey (Stephen Doherty 60), Tony McNamee, Patrick Ferry (Mark Mbuli 79), Success Edogun, Sean O'Donnell (Max Johnston 86).

Subs not used: Oisín Cooney (gk), Conor Walsh (gk), David Boakye, Adam Duffy.

## Murphy's men need Treaty run

Finn Harps are in the midst of their worst spell of the 2024 First Division season so a home win over Treaty Utd on Friday night is what is required to get the team back on track. After the weekend results Darren Murphy's side had fallen to fifth in the table. That's after being second at a stage. But, it is still early days but Cork City are opening up a gap at the top and even at this stage automatic promotion appears not to be a runner for Harps.

Murphy has seen his side lose the last three

games and there was a home draw against UCD before that. Treaty have slipped badly having been at the top in the very early stages of the league. When the two sides met in Limerick earlier in the campaign Harps won 1-0 courtesy of a late Tony McNamee goal. Treaty are six points behind their opponents but do have a game in hand. Worryingly for Murphy is the fact that they are now only in fifth place on goal difference from

Athlone Town. So more slippage from a loss to Treaty would have alarm bells ringing.

The Harps boss had to play Cork minus the experienced Conor Tourish and David Crawley. It's unclear whether either or both of them will be fit to play a part on Friday night. Cork are the runaway leaders with a seven point advantage over UCD. The Students are three ahead of Bray, Wexford, Harps and Athlone.

## Lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the



Harps captain Tony McNamee in action against Cork City on Friday evening.

Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for 25th April. The numbers drawn were 7, 11, 12, 30. The next draw takes place on Thursday 2nd May and the jackpot is €10,000. There were six match 3 winners this week each winning €35 each.

Byran Laird, Drumboe Lr. Stranorlar (2 entries). Catherine O'Donnell, Mounthall, Killygordon. Mickey C, Shamrock Bar, Ballybofey. Kate Jackson, Teevickmoy, Stranorlar. Lorainne McGinty, Cappry, Ballybofey. Thanks to everyone who supports our lotto! Enter online today via [finnharps.ie](http://finnharps.ie)

## Portsalon Golf Club

Entries are now open via the CLubV1 app for the 2024 Club Matchplay tournaments. Entry is €10 for singles events and €10 per player in doubles. You can also enter by giving your name in the shop. Entries for all events will close on Wednesday May 1st.

Also this year we introduce the Club Scratch Matchplay. This 18-hole knockout tournament will be played without handicap allocation and will therefore endeavour to find the best pound-for-pound matchplay golfer in the club each year. Entries now open for: Club Scratch Matchplay, Club Matchplay, Club Doubles Matchplay. Closing date for entries Wednesday 1st May.

### Team News

Two wins from two for Portsalon on Saturday afternoon as Sean Canning's Ulster Cup team overcame Ballyliffin and Joe Hensey led the Donegal Seniors to victory over neighbours Rosapenna.

The Ulster Cup was a split venue affair. At home, Donal Callaghan Jr led o with a 6&4 win, while Brendan McHugh ran into some excellent golf and was defeated on the Matterhorn. In the final pairing, Colm McConigley was three-up thru 13 holes winning 3&2. Over at Ballyliffin, Brian Devlin had a seesaw afternoon, going from 3up to 2down before getting half-match on the 18th hole, while Enda McElhinney put a Portsalon point on the board on Ballyliffin's Old Course with a 3&2 win, before Alan O'Doherty was defeated on the same scoreline. Portsalon winning 3.5 to 2.5 matches and now face Strabane or Foyle next.

Joe Hensey and his Donegal Seniors trailed to Rosapenna 3-2 after the first leg in Downings but they were able to turn that around on home soil. DP Logue and Felix Larkin winning 4&3 and followed by a win by Ollie O'Dowd and Finbarr McNamee. The reliable axis that is Paul Armstrong and Dermot Boyce put another crucial win on the board, while Captain Joe and Gary Sheehan were all square after 18 holes in their game - enough to seal the win for Portsalon by 5.5 to 4.5. Next up for Portsalon is a clash with Dunfanaghy.

### Club Results

Wednesday 24th April - 1st Kevin

Boyce (8) 40pts; 2nd Joe Coyle (13) 38pts  
Saturday 27th April - 1st John Shields (20) 41pts BOT; 2nd Damion O'Donnell (21) 41pts; Gross: Christopher Duffy (2) 36 grosspts; 3rd: Jack Friel (8) 40pts  
Sunday 28th April - 1st Paul Murray (16) 64 nett; 2nd James Lynch (20) 66 nett; Gross: Ryan McGettigan (1) 70; Third: Paul Whorton (3) 68 nett.

### Portsalon Ladies

Portsalon hosted the to the ladies Open on Friday 26th April in the Paul Doherty Construction and taking home the honour's was Roisin McCafferty 40pts on BOT. 1st Roisin McCafferty 40pts BOT Dunfanaghy; Runner-Up - Patricia McAteer 40pts Portsalon; Gross - Margaret McColgan BOT Buncrana; 3rd Patricia Bradley 39pts Portsalon; Visitor - Carol McDaid 39pts Buncrana; Front 9 Laura Crawford 21 pts Letterkenny; Back 9 Mae Ferry 20pts Ballybofey and Stranorlar; 2's. Marina Hamilton, Ann McKeague, Claire Leddy.

### April Medal

April showers were the order of the day for the first medals of the season - Winner - Pamela Clinton McDermott (15) 68; Runner-up - Claire McGonagle (6) 69.

### Intermediate Foursomes

Best wishes to the Ladies Foursomes team who play Greencastle on Saturday 4th May. Tee times are 2.30pm & 2.40 pm. Two pairs at home and two pairs away.

### Team Sheets

The sheets are in the locker room for names to be added to the club matchplay, and for those interested in playing on teams.

### Lady Captains Outing

This is to Dunfanaghy Golf Club and the sheet is on the notice board for those wishing to join Lady Captain Noreen in June.

### Play in Pink

Sunday 12th May is the Play in Pink Day to fundraise for Breast Cancer Research. It's also a fun day and as many shades of pink on the day are encouraged! Even the odd ball!

## Rosapenna

### Gents Section Results

The club competition on Sunday April 28th contested over the Old Tom Morris Links resulted as follows - Cat A (<12) - Luke Kelly (-2) with 38pts; Cat B (13-18) - Kevin Logue (17) with 38pts; Cat C (19+) - Patrick

Doherty (21) with 36pts bot; Gross - Seamus Connor (0) with 31 gross pts. Two's - John Doran, Shane Sweeney, Conor McMenamin, Paul Kelly, Luke Kelly, and Thomas Doran.

### Ladies Section Results

Saturday 27th of April (G.o.Y) stroke competition kindly sponsored by Permanent TSB - Winner Eilean Magill (18) 68 nett; Second Cecilia Doran (27) 71 nett; Cat A 10-19 Helena Mc Bride (19) 73 nett (BOT); Cat B 21-34 Susanne Gallagher (22) 75 nett; First nine Bernie Ladley (30) 35 nett; Second nine Liz Dooley (31) 37 nett (BOT).

### Course Update

From Wednesday May 1st the ball must be played as it lies, NO PLACING.

### Team News

Well done to the JB Carr team who defeated B&S 4-1 last Friday the 26th. Congratulations to the Mixed Foursomes team who beat Dunfanaghy on Sunday past. The match finished 2-2 and went to tie holes at Rosapenna where Enda Kennedy & Marina Hamilton prevailed over their opponents on the 4th extra hole. Rosapenna now face either Ballymena or Kilrea on or before June 16th. Commiserations to our Over 55 team who lost out to Portsalon in round one. The home tie ended 3-2 but Rosapenna were only able to claim 1.5 matches in the away leg. Many thanks to team Captain Joe McHugh and to his panel of players for their efforts.

### Upcoming Inter Club Fixtures

Sunday 12th May - Mixed Four Ball vs Ballybofey @ 3.30pm

### Fixtures

May - Club Competitions Sunday 5th, Sunday 12th, Sunday 19th (Golf-er of the Year sponsored by Kernans of Carrigart), Sunday 26th.

What's my course handicap from X Tee? - 1. Open your Golf Ireland App; 2. Tap "MORE" in bottom right corner; 3. Tap "WHS Course Handicap Calculator"; 4. Select Rosapenna - Old Tom Morris Links Here you will see your Course Handicap for all sets of tees - Gents = Black / Blue / White / Red; Ladies = White / Red - Your Playing Handicap is determined by the format of the competition.

### Notable Club Events 2024

Saturday June 8th Mr Enda McClafferty's Captains Day; Saturday July 6th Mrs Suzanne Gallagher's Lady Captains Day; Saturday July



Portsalon ladies Eileen McLarnon with Deirdre Hensey and Dunfanaghy Golf Club ladies Daphne Tease, Margaret Witherow, Amanda Witherow and Teresa Farrell at the Paul Doherty Construction Open at Portsalon Golf Club on Friday 26th April.

13th Terry Casey Memorial; Saturday 3rd - Monday 5th August 105th Leitrim Cup sponsored by The Pavilion Golf Shop; Saturday August 31st Mr Peter Smyth's Presidents Day

## Letterkenny

Letterkenny had their Jimmy Bruen team and having halved the first play off hole, Letterkenny lost the second and just missed out on the win. Thanks to Omagh Golf Club for a very sporting affair, and commiserations to Captain Charlie and his team who put in a gallant effort.

This Saturday sees an Open sponsored by Hegarty's Ford Auto Services. Sunday sees a confined members competition while on Tuesday Hunters Bar & Grill are the sponsors of the mid-week open. Members are encouraged to support these local businesses where possible and this may be an opportunity to bring members from other Clubs to these events, the open events for the summer season for visitors are priced at €30.

This Friday there is a singles open competition held in aid of Relay for Life. Entry fee for members is €10 and visitors is €15. Thanks to David at Letterkenny Driving range for his sponsorship of prizes for this event. Timesheet is in operation - members can book via the Clubnet app while Visitors can call the shop on 074 9121150 to reserve a timeslot.

## Cloughaneely

Cloughaneely Golf Club have opened a new practice green recently. This is primarily a putting green. Golfers are allowed to chip onto the new green from a short distance away (from 5 yards away around the fringe max). The two practice nets are always open. The club will have an official opening of the new practice green in the next few weeks more details to follow soon and are also progressing well with other projects including work on some tee boxes. The recent strimming on the golf course went well too. Thank you to everyone that helped.

James McColgan from North West Labels sponsored last Friday's 9 Hole 1st: Kevin Coyle (13) 21pts BOT. Open Singles last weekend - 1st: Michael McClafferty (27) 43pts; 2nd: Martin Giles (15) 41pts; 3rd: Stephen



Patricia McAteer, Portsalon Runner Up in Paul Doherty Construction Ladies Open at Portsalon Golf Club receiving her prize from Roisin McCormack.

McCafferty (18) 40pts BOT.

The 9 hole competition continues every Tuesday and Friday handicap counting. The 18 Hole Open Singles this weekend is kindly sponsored by Kevin McCarr (Newtown & New York). Kevin is a big supporter of the club and is looking forward to representing the club in the future again! There is an 18 Hole Team Scramble on Bank Holiday Monday draw at 10am. Members €10 & Visitors €15pp all welcome. Sponsorship opportunities are available for 2024 by contacting Joseph Mangan in the golf club a number of different packages available. Our 2024 Golf Membership rates can be found on our website new members are welcome. We offer excellent greens, a great test of golf and you will receive a warm welcome from us. Cuireann Cumann Gailf Chloich Cheannfhaola fáilte roimh bhail úra - fir, mná agus daoine óga. Tá plásóga den scoith ar an chúrsa, bainfidh tú sult agus sásmh as é a imirt agus cuirfeá fáilte mhór romhat.



Drummond National School 1st Communion Class with their teacher Claire Ward and Fr. Stephen Gorman. Photo by Clive Wasson



As a person who has spent many weeks over the last 33 years holidaying at Rosguill, I was particularly taken aback when I walked down to Tranarossan beach this week. What greeted me was just shocking and is ruining the beauty of this magnificent part of Donegal. I would just like to draw this to your attention and I appeal to people to stop dumping this rubbish, please. (Name and address supplied)



The Scoil Mhuire Milford First Communion class with their teacher Michelle Harte and Fr. Stephen Gorman. Photo by Clive Wasson

### Golden Wedding Anniversary



Kathleen and Stephen Patterson wish to thank all those who attended the Mass in our home and those who gave gifts, donations, Mass cards and cards on the occasion of our Golden Wedding Anniversary. Sincere thanks to Monseigneur Kevin Gillespie for celebrating the beautiful Mass. Thanks also to The Silver Tassie Hotel for an enjoyable meal.

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The Confirmation Classes from Milford, Kerrykeel and Drummond National Schools after their confirmation on Saturday 20th April. Photo by Clive Wasson

# Fanad

The late Patsy Canning

The death occurred on Wednesday at Letterkenny University Hospital of Patsy Canning, Greenfort, Portsalon. Aged 59, Patsy was a hugely popular and highly respected citizen in the Fanad peninsula. He was very much part of the local community including being a Fanad Utd supporter. Remains reposed at the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Mountain Top, Letterkenny on Wednesday. A wake will be held at Patsy's residence (Greenfort, Portsalon) from 12 noon this Thursday 2nd May. Requiem Mass will be held at St. Columba's Church, Massmount on Friday at 11am with burial afterwards in the adjoining graveyard. The Requiem Mass will be live streamed on the McAteer Funeral Directors Facebook Page. Patsy is survived by his brothers John and his wife Niamh (Dublin), Martin and his wife Bernie (Letterkenny) and his sister Brigena and her partner John Kelly (Rathmullan). He is also sur-



vived by his aunts Nana McGinley (Kerrykeel), Mary McMahon (Dublin), Annie Boyle (Stranorlar) and Grace Fahy (Dublin) and his nieces and nephews Cian, Reah, Carrie, Dara, Bethany, Dayna, Matthew, Lucia and John, his extended family, neighbours and many many friends. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

## Death of Tony Duffy

The death occurred on Tuesday of Tony Duffy, Ardglass, Portsalon, Fanad and formerly Leixlip, London, Co. R. Duffy, emigrated to Glasgow and then London. He came back to Ireland to reside in Kildare where he was a taxi driver. Tony then returned to Fanad some 20 years ago and took up taxi driving in Letterkenny. When he retired he divided his time between Spain and his home in Portsalon. Removal was from The Eternal Chapel of Rest, Mountain Top, Letterkenny on Tuesday to the home of his nephew Richard Duffy in Aughadaughley, Portsalon, Fanad. Requiem Mass will be held at St. Columba's Church, Massmount this Thursday, 2nd May, at 11am followed by burial in the adjoining graveyard. Tony was predeceased by his first wife Martina, brother Cathal and sister Brid Devenney. He is survived by his wife Margaret and her children Kevin and Adelle, sister Marian McConigley and brother Jermaine. Tony is also survived by his nephews and nieces Richard, Kathleen, Marie, Thomas, James, Martin, Sheila and James, his extended family, neighbours and many friends. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle. €250k for Rosnaskill Three Donegal projects have been



## Bernadette retires from Drumfad NS

Bernadette Friel retired from Drumfad National School on the 10th April after 10 years of dedication and hard work. She will be greatly missed by the pupils, staff, parents and the wider community in Drumfad. The children gave her a great send-off (pictured right) and presented her with poems, letters, memorable stories and flowers. She then had an afternoon tea with staff (below) before everyone waved her off from the gate for the last time. Bernadette had a kind word to say about all the children and had such a warm presence in the office, welcoming all who came with messages for the school. She kindly wrote a personalised message in a card for each child in the school. Bernadette celebrated the beginning of her retirement with a little night out in the Bridge Bar with staff followed by a big trip to Colorado with her husband James. We send her our best wishes and hope she has a long, happy and healthy retirement.



Pictured at a recent Scriobh Leabhar presentation evening were from left, Ciarán Mac Pháidín (Ball Coiste an Ionaid), Gráinne Bn. Uí Dhubhthaigh (Scoil Muire, Caiseal), Éamon Catterson (Scoil Naomh Bríd, na Dúnaibh), Vanessa Uí Chuireáin (Scoil an tSrátha Mhóir, Min na Lábaín), Colín Ó Gallchoir agus Ben Mac Pháidín (Scoil Athphoirt, Oileán Árainn Mhóir).

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Pan Fried Fillets of Salmon - Lemon & Butter Sauce  
Roast Sirloin of Beef - Yorkshire Pudding - Gravy  
Panko Breaded Chicken Fillet - Garlic Butter / Pepper Sauce

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Steak Burger or Chicken Burger (Bacon, Cheese, Onion and Relish) on a Brioche Bap served with Chips  
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Cajun Chicken Pasta...Garlic Bread

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**DESSERTS**

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| Apple Crumble Tartlet...Ice  | Pavlova                         |
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allocated funding totalling €750,000 under the 2023 Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

Laghey, Tory Island and Rosnaskill Community Hub have will each receive €250,000 and local Minister Charlie McConalogue has welcomed it.

The funding approved for Rosnaskill will be used to repurpose the existing attic space of Rosnaskill Community Hub, and provide a suite of traditional multi-purpose rooms including meeting rooms, education and training rooms with associated ancillary services. The funding for Tory Island has been earmarked to improve the thermal performance and accessibility of An Club/Club Soisialta, which is the main social centre on the island.

**Fanad Spring Clean - weekend May 11th**

The cuckoos are calling and the sun has been shining. It's time to shrug off the winter and get Fanad ready for summer. Please get involved, collect litter along your stretch of road, beach or wherever you have spotted rubbish. Safety equipment and bags will be available from Rosnaskill Hub office from May 6 and from Trilough Community Centre and Portsalon car park from 10 - 11am on May 11th. Council skips will be available at the three locations above from Friday until Sunday night.

**Let's Dance**  
Two hand ceiligh dancing on Tuesday 7th of May in Fanavolty Hall at 8 o'clock. Everyone welcome for a good night's enjoyment and exercise.

**Scread na Bealtaine**  
Teach Solais Fhánada -

## Eamonn Scott

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3rd 4th and 5th May  
Fri 3rd: Oíche Airneáil The Fanad Gaeltacht community get together for comhrá, ceol agus damhsa. Venue: Fanad Lodge at 8pm, - Saor in aisce, Free event  
Sat 4th: Lighthouse Tours available all day.  
11:00 Turas Gaeilge agus Tae Beag A chance for anyone with any level of Gaeilge to practice their cúpla focal. Guided Tour of the Lighthouse with an Afternoon Tea afterwards. €25pp by booking only.  
12:30 Siúlóid Cois Ferraige - Coastal Heritage Walk 12.30pm (1.5hrs) Suitable for children (7+) and adults  
10:30 and 14:00 Ceardlann Crios - Traditional Crios Belt Making Workshop €75. This workshop will teach you how to weave your own unique Crios Belt. Tools and materials will be included and participants will take home their own Crios belt, heddle and shuttle to continue their new traditional Irish craft. Spaces are very limited so book your space in time.  
Sun 4th  
13:00 - 16:00 Taiscumar - Children's Corner Crafting traditional toys and games for children big and small with Laura Diver  
16:00 An Seó Páistí 'Preab sa Cheol' Cead isteach saor in aisce. Kids Concert at 4pm - Free Admission

## Planning Notices

### DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL FURTHER INFORMATION (Natura Impact Statement)

**Mevagh, Downings, County Donegal.**  
I, Ben McNutt, at the request of the Planning Authority am submitting Further Information, including information in relation to effects on the environment (a Natura Impact Statement (NIS)), to Donegal County Council in relation to Planning Application Ref. No: 23/51978 submitted on 20th/12/2023, for the construction of a dwelling house with septic tank system, and all other associated site development works at Mevagh, Downings, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Mevagh. The Further Information / Natura Impact Statement (NIS) may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. Subject to the payment of any relevant fee, a submission or observation in relation to the Further Information / Natura Impact Statement (NIS) may be made in writing to the planning authority not later than 5 weeks after receipt of the NIS by the Planning Authority.

### Donegal County Council Drumnaohagh, Letterkenny

I, Frederick Wilkie am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to change the use of my existing dwelling house into guest house accommodation with all other associated site development works at Drumnaohagh, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Drumnaohagh (Urban). 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 Aughnish, Ramelton, Letterkenny M.D.

I, Gavin Mc Bride, am applying to Donegal County Council for Retention Permission for 1) Construction of Sun Room to Side of Existing Cottage, 2) Re-position of External Porch on Front Elevation of Existing Cottage during Renovation and Refurbishment Works of Existing Cottage, 3) Construction of Velux Rooflight to Front Elevation, 4) Conversion of Side Storage Shed into Living Accommodation, 5) Upgrade of Existing Septic Tank, 6) Excavation and Removal of substantial quantity of material from site, tip and level on land adjacent the Existing Cottage @ Aughnish, Ramelton, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed

fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant Permission.

### Donegal County Council 59 Gléann Eadán, Killyclug, Edenacarnan, Letterkenny M.D.

I, Paul O'Neill, am applying to Donegal County Council for Retention Permission of construction of Sun Room/Conservatory to Side of Existing New Dwelling House @ 59 Gléann Eadán, Killyclug, Edenacarnan, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant Permission.

### Donegal County Council Devlinmore, Cranford, Letterkenny M.D.

We, Brian and Thressa Gallagher, are applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission to Erect New Dwelling House, Domestic Garage and Sewage Treatment Plant @ Devlinmore, Cranford, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant Permission.

### Donegal County Council Unit 2A Kilahulan Court, Port Road, Letterkenny

We, Harmonydent Limited are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for change of use of existing offices to new dental surgery at unit 2A Kilahulan Court, Port Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

### Donegal County Council Mullaghduff, Kincasslagh

I, Pauline Gillespie am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission consisting of the following: (1) Tourism related development comprising of 3 No. self-contained units to be used as short term lets (2) A package waste water treatment plant. (3) All other associated site development works to include the provision for car parking at Mullaghduff, Kincasslagh, County Donegal in the townland of Mullaghduff. 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

## Acknowledgement

### Harkin

#### Seamus Derryart, Creeslough 10th Anniversary

In loving memory of a loving husband, father, father-in-law, grand father who died on the 2nd May 2014.

*Though your smile is gone forever and your hand we cannot touch*

*We have so many memories of the one we loved so much  
Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part  
God has you in His keeping we have you in our hearts.*

Loved always and sadly missed by our wife Tessie, sons, daughter, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, extended family and friends.

**Anniversary Mass in St. Michael's Church, Creeslough on Friday 3rd May at 7.30 pm. A plaque will be unveiled in his memory at the Day Centre Creeslough followed by refreshments and music in the Day Centre.**



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### Donegal County Council

#### Unit 1 Railway Court, Pearse Road, Letterkenny

We, LMNO Childcare Ltd, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission for change of use of existing commercial unit to a Childcare Facility (Creche) located adjacent to and connected to our existing unit with associated signage including ancillary works at ground floor level at Unit 1 Railway Court, Pearse Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Letterkenny. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, 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 Cullion Td, Letterkenny

I Muriel Wylie am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to decommission existing septic tank and percolation area and install new waste water treatment system with percolation area on this site at Cullion Rd, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, 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 Ballyrairie, Letterkenny

MCT Efficient Developments Limited are applying for retention planning permission for a development at this site at Ballyrairie, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. The development will consist of the following: 1) Retention of renovation Works of 2 dwelling Houses into 1 dwelling House, 2) Change of Use form Residential to Guesthouse with 9 Bedrooms with connection to existing services and all associated site works at Ballyrairie, Letterkenny, Co Donegal in the townland of Ballyrairie. 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 Saltfans, Rathmullan

I, Eamon Gallagher, intend to apply for Planning Permission for development at Saltfans, Rathmullan, Co. Donegal in the townland of Saltfans. The development will consist of planning permission to construct an agricultural shed with all associated site works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority at the County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application, such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority

## In Memoriam

### McFadden Agnes Bridgend, Ramelton 13th Anniversary

Precious memories of a loving mother and Granny who died on 3rd May 2011.

*No one knows the grief we bear when we all meet up and you're not there*

*We laugh, we talk, we play our part but behind our smiles are broken hearts  
Your vacant place no one can fill we miss you Mother and always will  
Deep are the memories, precious they stay no passing of time can take them away  
Many a lonely moment but always a beautiful memory of a mother loved so dear.*

Always loved and remembered Hilary and family.

*Your presence we miss  
Your memory we treasure  
Loving you always forget you never.*

Always remembered by James and Eileen Veronica Sonia James and Laura, Kilmacrennan.

*Although you sleep in Heaven now you're not that far away  
Our hearts are full of memories and you're with us everyday  
You lived your life with meaning and with a smile upon your face  
A world that was full of happiness is now an empty place.*

Loved always by Donna, Paul, Kyle and Shay.

*We lost a mother with a heart of gold  
How much we miss her can never be told  
She shared our troubles and helped us along  
If we follow her footsteps we will never go wrong*

*We miss you from your fireside chair  
Your loving smile and gentle air  
Your vacant place no one can fill  
We miss you Mother and always will  
She was a mother so very rare  
Content in her home and always there  
On earth she toiled, in Heaven she rests  
God bless you Mother  
you were one of the best  
Each time we look at your picture  
You seem to smile and say  
Don't be sad but courage take  
And love each other for my sake.*

Always loved and sorely missed by daughter Florence, son-in-law Damien and grand children Enya, Damien and Megan

*We talk of the memories one by one, words that you've said, things that you've done  
They bring a smile and often a tear with a constant wish that you were here.*

Always remembered by your loving son Anthony and Margaret.

*Your presence I miss your memory I treasure  
Loving you always forgetting you never.*

Always remembered by your loving son Mark.

*Your presence we miss  
Your memory we treasure  
Loving you always forget you never.*

Sadly missed by son Declan

*Words are few thoughts are deep  
But memories of you will always keep.*

Always remembered by Dom.

*There's a thousand golden memories  
Going through our minds today  
And each of us have special ones  
remembering you in our own way.*

Sadly missed by Kathleen, Dom and family.

**Anniversary Mass will take place in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton on Sunday 5th May at 11.00am.**



### McLaughlin Mary Glen, Carrigart 6th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother who died on 5th May 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 and bright and sunny days  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.*

Sadly missed by her daughters, grand children, daughter-in-law and sons-in-laws, brothers, sisters and friends

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart on Saturday 4th May at 6.00pm.**



### McClafferty Paddy Kilmacrennan 22nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who died on 12th May 2002.

*Our Lady of Lourdes  
Pray for him.*

*Your memory is our keepsake with which we will never part  
God has you in His keeping we have you in our hearts.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your wife Margaret and family.

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan on Friday 10th May at 7.00pm.**

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Donegal County Council

### Cloghfin, Rosnaskill

I Kevin Mc Bride am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect an agricultural slatted cattle shed & cattle handling unit with all associated site development works at Cloghfin, Rosnaskill, County Donegal in the townland of Cloghfin. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening

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

**In Memoriam**



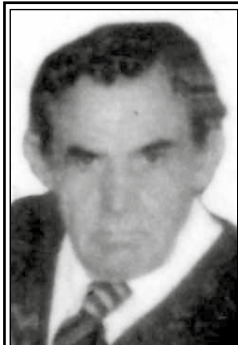
**Aiken**  
Ellen  
Drumhervie,  
Ray, Ramelton  
14th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother who died on the 6th May 2010.

*You were the most truly wonderful Mum, a treasure that can never be replaced You nurtured us with your tender love and supported us in every way One in a million we will never forget the precious times we shared memories of you we will always cherish knowing how deeply you cared Mum, our special bond was priceless, you were our dearest friend We never doubted your compassion right until the very end Your love meant the world to us we miss your warmth, so gentle and kind Your spirit will live on forever in our hearts and in our minds.*

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

**Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday 5th May at 11.00am in St. Peter's Church, Milford.**



**Gormley**  
Willie  
Letterkenny  
Road, Ramelton.  
27th Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear father who died on 2nd May 1997.

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

Always loved and remembered by your daughters Teresa and Mary.



**O'Hanlon**  
Julia  
Swilly Park,  
Ramelton  
9th Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother who died on 3rd May 2015.

*Quietly today your memory is kept No need for words we will never forget As thoughts go back as they often do We treasure the memories we have of you Our hearts are full of memories With pride we speak your name Though life goes on without you It will never be the same Those special years will not return When we were all together But with love and memories in our hearts You will walk with us forever*

Always remembered and sadly missed by all the family xx.

**Anniversary Mass will take place in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton on Saturday 4th May at 6.30pm.**



**Lynch**  
Liam  
Galdonagh,  
Manorcunningham  
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of Liam Lynch who died on the 3rd May 2021.

*Just a prayer from the family who loved you Just a memory fond and true In our hearts you will stay forever, because we thought the world of you Liam.*

From your loving daughters Ciara, Lisa Marie and Heidi, Mammy and Daddy, brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

**Anniversary Mass will be offered.**

**Tel. 074 91 53600**



**Dalton**  
John 'Shaun'  
Gleneithearagh,  
Glen, Carrigart  
5th Anniversary

In loving memory of John who died on 1st May 2019

*Lonely is the home without you Life to us is not the same All the world would be like Heaven If we could have you back again. A light is from our household gone A voice we loved is still A place is vacant in our home that never can be filled. The happy hours we once enjoyed How sweet their memory still But death has left a vacant place This world can never fill How dearly we loved you and prayed you might live But Jesus just called And we had to give. Our family chain is broken Nothing seems the same But as God calls us one by one The links shall join again.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your partner Maureen, Daniel and Mairead, and all your family in Wexford.

**Prayer for Publication**

Dear heart of Jesus in the past I have asked for many favours. This time I ask for a special one (mention here). Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine. Amen. Say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and favour will be granted. BC

**Planning Notices**

**Donegal County Council**  
No. 5 Beach Park,  
Larganreagh,  
Downings

I, Mark Fox, am applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission for the following: (a) Removal of Front Projecting Entrance and Bay Window (b) Extension to the Front and Side of my Existing Dwelling (c) and all associated works and site works. All located at our dwelling at No.5 Beach Park, Larganreagh, Downings, Co.

**McBride**  
Teresa  
Clontallagh  
21st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother who died on the 2nd May 2003.

*Every day in some small way memories of you come my way I know you are in Heaven a holy place of rest You were always so very good to us and the good are always blessed Although we sadly miss you we know you are not alone for you are watching over us from a place you call home.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your daughter Kathleen x.

*Softly out of the shadows there came a gentle call You took the hand God offered you and quietly left us all And although we cannot hold you we will never let you go Because in our hearts you will live forever because we loved you so. Beidh tú i gconaí inar gróithe.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your daughter Teresa, son-in-law James and granddaughter Aoife x.

*Time goes by without you days turn into years Each moment holds a memory and many silent tears With every day that passes we seem to miss you more We miss our little chats and you walking through the door So many things to share with you had you been let to stay Though absent you are ever near still missed, loved and very dear.*

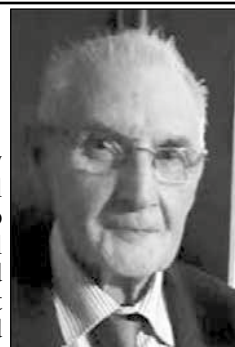
Always remembered and sadly missed by your son John, daughter-in-law Linda and grandsons Adam and Daragh. Doohamlet, Castletyney, Co. Monaghan.

**Anniversary Mass on Saturday the 11th May at St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart at 6pm.**

Donegal in the townland of Larganreagh. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Planning Office, County House, The Diamond, Lifford, Co Donegal during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the pre-

**Acknowledgement**

**Harkin**  
Michael  
Cranford,  
Letterkenny



We, the wife and family of the late Michael Harkin would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with us on our recent sad loss of a much loved husband, father, father in law, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle and friend. We offer our sincere heartfelt thanks to the many friends and family who attended the wake and funeral. To those who travelled long distances, telephoned, sent Mass cards, flowers and messages of condolences and support. Thank you to everyone who brought food to the house during the wake and to those who made tea. Thank you to Logues of Cranford for the lovely food after the funeral. Thank you to Michael McGeever for driving the bus and transporting people from the Community Centre to our home.

A very special thank you to Dr. Lannon and the whole team at Carrigart Health Centre for their care and assistance over the last two years. Thank you to Aidan and all the team at the Carrigart Pharmacy for their excellent support. A very special thank you to the Health Care Assistants especially Bernie, Celia, Ann, Sarah and Carol for their kindness, consideration and care that they gave to Dad over the past two years. To the Public Health Nurses Bernie and Eileen for the care they provided to Dad. Thanks to the National Ambulance Service for the invaluable treatment and care which assisted us in being able to care for Dad in his own home.

Thanks to Cranford National School and Mulroy College for their touching gesture of providing Guards of Honour during the funeral procession.

Thank you to Fr. Martin Chambers for making the funeral Mass a true celebration of Dad's life. Thank you to Martin Fleming for the live streaming of Dad's funeral Mass which allowed friends and family who could not attend to view. Thank you to Brian, Sinead, Anne and Aoibhe for the lovely music provided during the funeral service.

Thanks to Patrick Sweeney Funeral Directors for their reverence, dignity and care during the removal, arrival home, wake, funeral and his final journey. Thank you also to the gravediggers.

As it is not possible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

**Michael's Month's Mind Mass will be held on Friday 3rd May at 7.30pm in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Coole.**

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I, Anika Saigal, am applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission for a change in House Type from that previously approved under planning application Ref: 14-50588 and extended under planning application Ref: 19-50144 and permission for a detached garage. All with connection to the approved sewage treatment plant and percolation area, and all associated works and site works located at Cashelshanaghan, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the townland of Cashelshanaghan. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Planning Office, County House, The Diamond, Lifford, Co Donegal during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

**McBride**

Tony  
Rockhill, Portnablagh



We, the family of the late Tony McBride, wish to express our sincere thanks to all those who sympathised with us on our recent sad loss of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle.

To our neighbours, friends and extended family, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for their kindness, love and support to us.

Our special thanks to all those who supported Tony in the time leading up to his death, doctors, nurses, and the Staff of the Donegal Hospice and of Letterkenny University Hospital; Dr. Rory Stewart of Dunfanaghy Health Centre.

We wish to thank all of those who attended the wake and funeral and to our kind neighbours and friends who brought food to the house and helped during the Wake.

Thanks to James and Leo Harkin of Harkin Funeral Directors for their compassion and professionalism with all their arrangements. Thanks to those who helped prepare the grave. A special thanks to Fr. Martin Doohan and Fr. John Joe Duffy for celebrating the funeral Mass, to the Choir for the beautiful music and to Lizzie's Diner Dunfanaghy for food afterwards.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement of our deepest gratitude.

**Tony's Month Mass will be held on Saturday 11th of May at 6pm in Holy Cross Church Dunfanaghy.**

**Lynagh**  
Kenny

Mary Lynagh, the mother of the late Kenny Lynagh, the family and his little son James would like to thank Fr. Gorman for his house visits and the lovely funeral Mass. Thanks also to Fr. McBrearty. Thanks to Eva for her support. For all the contributions of the Gardai many thanks. Thanks to Maria McCormack for the lovely music. Thanks to the Silver Tassie for their kindness sending lovely food for the wake and their refreshments after the funeral. Thanks to all those who brought and sent food to the house. Many thanks to Kenny's Lifeline colleagues for the Guard of Honour and the kindness and utter respect they showed him. Thanks for all the Mass cards and messages of sympathy including online tributes. They were much appreciated.

Thanks to Patrick and Paul Sweeney Undertakers for their compassionate and caring manner and all who prepared Kenny's final resting place. Thanks to all the neighbours and friends who supported us so much to anyone who helped in any way a special thanks.

**Kenny's Month Mind Mass will be in St. Peter's Church on Saturday 4th May at 7.30pm (usual Saturday evening Mass). A future special Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.**

*MAY HIS GENTLE SOUL REST IN PEACE*

**Butler**

Jerry, Lucan, Co Dublin.

Nora and family would like to express their thanks to the many people who offered support at the time of Jerry's death. To all who attended the wake and funeral and to those who sent Mass Cards and messages of sympathy. Your kindness is much appreciated.

Mass has been offered for your intentions.

**Memoriam Cards**



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# Great production from the Muckish Drama Circle

The curtain came down on Saturday evening after three sold out performances in Massinass Hall by the Muckish Drama Circle of the Jimmy Keary Play 'I'm the One For You'.

**By Moses Alcorn**

This was the Group's first show since 2019 and the crowds flocked to the Old School to enjoy the goings on in the O'Malley Farmhouse with all the performances ending with standing ovations.

On Saturday the cast were delighted to be joined by the author Jimmy Keary who travelled from Rathdownen in Co. Westmeath for the show. Jimmy was inspired to write the play after having a talk with a friend of his who employed a cleaner to come to his house once a week - however his friend cleaned the house himself before the cleaner came!

The three-act play is set in the farmstead of Gerry O'Malley played by John McClafferty who is a widower and farmer living alone and the play began with Dorrie Sinnott (Marjorie Rodden) a widow, waking Gerry who she has found fast asleep on the chair after a heavy night of playing cards and the odd can of beer or three after she comes to clean the house. Dorrie fancies Gerry and has high hopes that wedding bells will ring for them both someday. But local bachelor farmer and frequent visitor to Gerry, Jack O'Dowd (John Doak) fancies Dorrie, having courted her some years previously



The cast of 'I'm the One for You' which was performed by the Muckish Drama Circle in the Massinass Centre in Creeslough with the Playwright Jimmy Keary on Saturday



Margaret Rose McFadden and John McClafferty on stage.

before she was married. However, Dorrie has no time for Jack and dismisses his advances every chance she gets. Then Gerry meets Ruth Hickey (Margaret Rose McFadden), a newly-arrived divorcee in the area, when she approaches him to hire his lorry for a forthcoming ICA event. There is an instant rapport between them much to the annoyance of Dorrie.

Gerry is also visited by his rather snooty daughter Eleanor Carter (Annette McClafferty) who has a café in the town and is a member of the local Golf Club. She does not approve of Gerry's romantic entanglements and she is married to Hugo Carter (Declan Breslin) and the two look upon themselves as high flyers although Dorrie says that Eleanor's Café in the town is "That Small that you have to go outside to fart"! Hugo's Courier business has only one Berlingo Van and he is constantly conning money of his wife to try and keep one step ahead of some of the very unsavoury characters who he is involved with. Matters are further complicated when Hugo helps in



Annette McCafferty and Marjorie Rodden holding their own against Gerard Duffy and Declan Breslin.



Declan Breslin borrowing some money from Annette McCafferty.



Marjorie Rodden and John Doak.

the theft of Gerry's farm machinery to pay off his debts leaving Gerry with no machinery and the ICA also without a float!

As Dorrie's advances become more amorous and Jack becomes more jealous, Gerry realises he will have to do something about the situation but his colour-blindness and some mixed-up invitations only make matters ten times worse when Dorrie gets an invite from Gerry for

a 'romantic' weekend in Letterkenny (which leads to Jack giving poor Gerry a black eye) whilst he breaks up with Ruth.

Other visitors to the house include Mona McMahon (Bridget Doak) a friend of Dorrie's who come to the house to give advice, and Nell Moody (Sylvia McCorkell) who proudly tells everyone that she is 40 years in the ICA. Hester McCorkell also plays an ICA Member who also comes to the house but has an unfortunate habit of getting covered by Cow and Bird Manure!

Events come to an hilarious end when Frankie Deane (Gerard Duffy) a local thug turns up to intimidate Hugo and a fight ensues between the pair which sees Dorrie intervene as only a woman can and bringing Hugo's world of deceit down around him whilst Jack impresses Dorrie by the way that he handles Frankie Deane and she and Jack end up together again. Eventually after many interruptions Gerry finally manages to make his feelings known to Ruth Hickey and the two go off to have a romantic meal in Braai as he says "I'm the one for you".

Over the years the performances by the Muckish Drama Circle were a highlight of the year and this year's performance was no exception. It's great to see the group up and running again and coming back with another great show which followed Jimmy Keary's script with numerous local references included to add to the laughs.

The cast was well organised by Ellen Druce whose speeches during the half time intervals for the draw was also very entertaining.

Congratulations to Ellen and all the cast and the backroom team on another great show from the Muckish Drama Circle.



Sections of the attendance enjoying the show on Friday night.

## Cloughaneely

### Funeral of the Late Keyna Barrett



A large crowd attended Teach Phobail Naomh Fionán in Falcarragh on Friday for the Funeral Mass of Keyna Barrett, Moyra Glebe, Falcarragh the former District Nurse in Falcarragh. The attendances at her wake and funeral reflected the esteem in which she was held in the area.

The Chief Celebrant at the Funeral Mass was Fr. John Joe Boyce and also present were Fr. Martin Doohan and Fr. Sean O'Gallachoir.

The mother-of-five was born in Galway and grew up in Salthill. She trained in Edinburgh and she became the public health nurse in Falcarragh – a role she filled until her retirement in 1999.

At her Funeral Mass, Fr. Boyce spoke about her caring nature and the great care that she had given to the local community.

One story recalled how she delayed going to a dinner dance after receiving an urgent call from a pregnant woman who was about to give birth.

She was a valued member of the Banna Ceoil Cloich Cheann Fhaola - including a spell as the chairperson - whose members past and present formed a guard of honour at the Church.

She also enjoyed sea swimming and playing cards, while she volunteered to care for the elderly. She was laid to rest in Athenry graveyard on Saturday.

She was predeceased by her husband, Jim Barrett, her brothers Peadar and Martin and sisters Olive and Marie. Sympathy is extended to her sons John and Declan, daughters Mairead, Sinead and Paula, daughters-in-law Vicky and Marianne, son-in-law Damien, nine grandchildren, brother John, sister-in-law Mary and a large circle of family and friends.

### Death of Ellen Dixon



The sudden death took place a Letterkenney University Hospital on Sunday 28th April of Ellen Dixon, Ballintemple, Falcarragh and formerly of Middle Keeldrum, Gortahork. Predeceased by

her parents Mary and Michael, sisters Mary and Nan and brother Hughie.

Funeral Mass took place on Wednesday, 1st May in St Fionan's Church, Falcarragh with burial afterwards in Gortahork Cemetery.

Deepest sympathy is extended to her husband John, daughter Angela, sisters Breid, Madge and Kathleen and brother Danny, in-laws, nieces, nephews and a circle of family and friends.

Junior Band  
Lotto Results and there was no jackpot winner. Winning numbers 7-10-11-18-19-20 Margaret Nelson Ballina €100. This week's jackpot is €7300.

Deireadh Seachtaine Siúil Oidhreachtá Tullaghbegley Heritage Walking Weekend takes place this year on the 4th and 5th May. There will be an interesting walk in the Creeslough area on Saturday visiting Noreen Bawn's Cottage, learn about Niall Mac Giolla Bhríde and his association with Pádraig Pearse, walk to the site on Muckish where sand was taken after the war to be exported for making glass. Bus leaving Seanbheairic Falcarragh 11am. Tullaghbegley Walk on Sunday from Seanbheairic 12 noon.

Introduction To Pranac Healing  
Learn about the 'non-touch-energy' healing system. Discover breathing techniques for wellbeing. Experience Meditation on Twin Hearts by MCKS. Book a healing and experience it for yourself. Workshop on Friday 17th May at 6.30pm at Ionad Garradh Cholmcille. Healing clinic before the workshop by appointment only call Theresa 087 263 2204.

Spring Covid 19 Booster Campaign  
Falcarragh Medical Centre will be holding a Covid 19 Booster campaign on Friday the 17th of May. The campaign is aimed at patients aged 80 years and older or patients with the following long term chronic health conditions including but not limited to Diabetes, Obesity, COPD, Asthma, Chronic heart disease, kidney disease etc. Please contact Falcarragh Medical Centre on 07491 35491.

Díolachán Plandaí - Ar Siúl Anois!

Tá plandaí glasraí agus plandaí bláthanna a dhíol anois ag Cill Ulta inár nDíolachán Bliantúil Plandaí. Thig ceannacht ar líne inár siopa ag <https://cillulta.ie/collections/diolachan-plant-sale> nó buail isteach chuig an teach gloine (F92WF60) 9m go 4in Luan-Diar, 9m go 12in Aoin. Beidh Lá Mór Díol na bPlandaí ar an Satharn 4ú Bealtaine 10m go 2in. Beidh fáilte romhat!

Pobail Le Cheile  
Drama Group for children with Nora Kavanagh on Mondays from 6-7pm. To celebrate Bealtaine Arts Festive there will be a special Cumann Cairdeas trip on Tuesday 7th May. We're planning a trip with traditional music at the Leabharlann Gweedore followed by a two course meal at the Waterfront Hotel in Dungloe. €25 PP includes bus and meal. To book call/text 086 455 7519

Singing Group with Candy from the Song House on Tuesdays at Garradh Cholmcille 7pm-9pm.  
The Donegal Parent and Family Support Service can help on issues that are affecting home life through a listening ear, one-to-one support and a drop-in clinic at Garradh Cholm Cille on Wednesdays. For further information please call Josephine Meehan, the local Parent Support Worker 086 067 5184. [Josephine.meehan@finnvalley-fre.ie](mailto:Josephine.meehan@finnvalley-fre.ie)

Paisí Le Chéile Parent and Toddler Group on Thursdays at Garradh Cholm Cille from 10.30am-12pm.  
IT SERVICES: If you need any IT assistance our IT Worker Willie will assist you Monday - Friday 12noon-4pm.  
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Tá cóisir tae Alzheimer á reáchtáil ag Pobal Eascarrach ar an Déardaoin 2ú Bealtaine ó 10.30 r.n. agus 2.30 i.n. Bigí Linn. Beidh

## Eric Roberts opens ASD Class at PCC Falcarragh

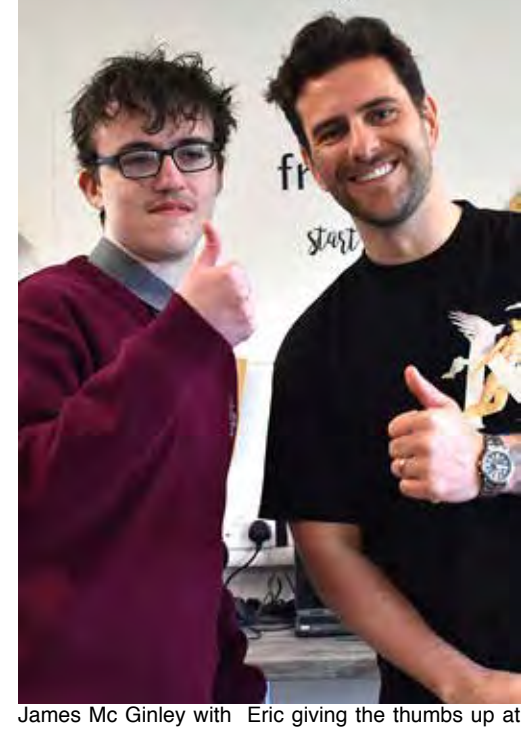
PCC Falcarragh was delighted to welcome Donegal Tiktokker Eric Roberts to officially open our new ASD Classroom. Eric spoke of his own experiences in the classroom as an SNA. It was a brilliant celebration and rounded off our Neuro Diversity Week. Thank you to Eric Roberts for making this so memorable for us all and to Parents, Students and Staff who worked together to make it a special day. Thank you to our sponsors Mark Sharkey on behalf of the COPE.Stores. Thank You to other members of the community and outside agencies that attended. We are so grateful for your support.



Treasa Mc Clafferty, Donna-Marie Doogan, Noreen Devine, Noirin McGee and Mairead Gallagher with Eric Roberts



Noreen Friel and Marion McBride with Eric Roberts



James Mc Ginley with Eric giving the thumbs up at the opening.



Falcarragh parkrunners celebrating their Cloughaneely Community Appreciation award last week

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muid buíodh as gach tabhartas.  
Pobal Eascarrach are hosting an Alzheimer's tea party in the Resource Centre on Thursday May 2nd, from 10.30a.m. until 2.30p.m. Please join us, all donations are greatly appreciated.  
Cruinniú Cinn Bliana ar 14 Bealtaine ar 7in in Ionad Acmhainne Bhéal an Átha - Fáilte

roimh an phobaluilig!  
The annual general meeting is on the 14th of May at 7pm in the Ballina Resource Centre - all welcome.  
Thursday Café  
Come in for a coffee or a cup of tea in Aras Begley 10-11.30am every Thursday.



St. Michael's GAA underage teams who took part in competitions at the Bridge, Dunfanaghy last weekend.

# Creeslough

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**Sympathy**  
Sympathy is extended to Madge Carr and family Terlin on the death of her sister-in-law Margaret Kelly at her home in Straggraddy, Termon. Margaret is survived by her sons Danny and Noel, her daughters Marion, Maeve, Margo and Bried, her daughter in law Anne, her sons in law Danny Phillip, Paul and John, her granddaughters Aine, Orla, Cara, Leah, Ellie and Niamh, her cousin Jim McGettigan and his family to whom sympathy is extended from the community. Mass was celebrated in St. Columba's Church, Termon on Friday and Margaret was laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery.

**Thanks**  
Annmarie Brogan would like to thank everyone who supported her recent Easter Coffee Morning and Sale. The amount raised and donated to Donegal Down Syndrome was €1625.

**2024 Spring Covid-19 Boosters**  
Covid booster vaccines will be available in the surgery for eligible patients of the practice from Thursday 2nd May. Email creesloughprimarycare@gmail.com to register your interest.

**St. Michael's Mini Lotto**  
The numbers drawn were: 1,4,5,10,16,18. The match 5 winner was Lisa Gallagher Harbour House Dock Road, Galway who bought her ticket online and won €100. This week's Jackpot will be

Congratulations to Margo McLean who won €350 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

**Anniversary Mass**  
The 10th Anniversary Mass for the late Seamus Harkin, Derryart takes place in St. Michael's Church on Friday May 3rd at 7.30p.m. It will be followed by refreshments and music in the Day Centre as a mark of respect and thanks for all he did for the Parish over the years. Everybody welcome.

**Day for Life**  
The first National Pilgrimage for Life, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 4th May in Knock Shrine. The pilgrimage begins with Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2.30pm, followed by Mass at 3 pm and Rosary Procession after Mass. Main Celebrant and homilist: Archbishop Francis Duffy. A Bus sponsored by Donegal Pro Life will leave from Letterkenny. For details and to book contact: Michael 087-2922499, Teresa 086-2647235 or Mary 086-3871487

**March for Life**  
March for Life in Dublin on Bank Holiday Monday, 6th Sponsored bus to Dublin For details and booking contact Margaret 089 2469599 or Teresa 086 2647235.

**Lough Derg One Day Retreats**  
These guided days of prayer and reflection will take place on

Sun 5th, Mon 6th, Sun 12th, Tue 14th, Sat 18th, Sat 25th and Mon 27th. More details can be found at www.loughderg.ie. €45 per person, booking essential. The Lough Derg traditional Three Day Pilgrimage begins on Friday May 31st and continues until August 15th.

**Day Retreat**  
Day Retreat for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers will take place at Ards Friary on Saturday 18th May, led by Philip McParland. This day will begin at 10.30 am and finish at 4 pm. It will include some input, silent time, social time and a full lunch. To book, phone: 0749138909/email: info@ardsfriary.ie.

**Social Saturday / Creeslough Community Association**  
Come and join us on Saturday afternoon, 11th May for Social Saturday at The Hub from 2-4pm. You can relax with a cup of tea, have a chat and play a little Bingo. We welcome in particular anyone who has not had the chance to visit the Hub so far and now is your time to enjoy the facilities at the Hub.

**Furniture & Jumble Sales**  
Creeslough Community Association is having the first Furniture & Jumble Sales of this year on Saturday, 18th May from 11am-4pm and Sunday, 19th May, from 1-4pm at the Cope Yard, Creeslough. If anyone has items to donate, we will have the Yard open nearer to the time. No clothing or


electrical items please.

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**Dance in Ballymore**  
There will be a Dance in Ballymore Parish Centre on Friday 10th May. Music by Country Rose. Doors open at 8.30pm. Dancing 9-11ish. Refreshments served. Admission €10. Everyone welcome.

**Creeslough Links Hub**  
The Creeslough Community Links Hub is open Monday to Friday from 9:30am-4:30pm and offers a variety of classes and groups. Please reach out to info@creesloughcommunity.com or 087 292 3102 for more information or to register for a course/ class.

**Two Hand & Line Dancing**  
Two hand & line dancing in Massinass Hall every Tuesday 8-10pm. Men & women welcome. Dance teacher is Celine.



**Independent Cllr. Michael McClafferty**  
Derryreel, Falcarragh.  
Tel. 086 393 5048  
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*Bhéinn buíoch as bhur dtacaíocht.  
Dhéanfaidh mé mo dhícheall cuidiú leis an phobail.*

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or highest preference

# Dunfanaghy

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**Prayer Meeting**

Cenacolo Prayer Meeting is held every Tuesday after 7p.m. Mass in the Oratory in Holy Cross Church from 7.30 until 8p.m. Cenacolo is a gathering of people before the Blessed Sacrament to pray that the Holy Spirit may enlighten and heal, especially those suffering

from addiction.

**The Workhouse**

Mental Health Awareness talk will be taking place at 10am on May 7th at the Workhouse. The event is free to attend and everyone is welcome to join. The Conversations for Change workshop will be hosted at the Workhouse on May 13th at 11:30am. The event is free to attend and everyone is welcome to join.

Life on Machair will be hosting a bird watching presentation at the Workhouse with Nature Learn. The event will be on May 13th at 7pm. The event is free to attend and everyone is welcome to join.

The Dunfanaghy Workhouse is open every day from 10am until 5pm at Figart featuring the Gift Shop, Wee Hannah Tour and Coffee Shop and Playground and the team welcome everyone over the coming months.

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**Country Markets**

The Dunfanaghy Country Market has reopened for the season and are under the Green Gazebo every Saturday from 10am until 1pm with a wide selection of home baking, handknits and crochet personalised crafts, jewellery, vegetables and flowers. Pre-orders can be taken through their Facebook page.

**Table Quiz**

There will be a Table Quiz in Moly's Bar this Thursday night the 11th of April in aid of the Festivals Committee.

**Community Action Group**

The Directors of Dunfanaghy Community Action Group intend to transfer the ownership of the pier to Donegal County Council

because they believe it is in the best interest of the committee and the community to do so. Any member of the community who wishes to make any submissions to the directors can do so in writing by 17th May to Dunfanaghy Community Action Group, c/o The Workhouse, Figart, Dunfanaghy. The Community is defined as those residents whose names are on the local Electoral Register or those persons who have businesses established and who have premises within the following boundaries- Cottage road junction on Falcarragh road, Graveyard road junction on the Portnablugh road, Graveyard junction on the Purt road, Cottage road and the townland of Lur-

gybrack, together with that part of the Townland of Muntermellan to the bottom of Muntermellan Brae.

**Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns**

Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns were unable to elect a new committee at our AGM on the 22nd of April as there were no nominations for Chairperson.

We are now having a Special General Meeting on Thursday 9th of May 2024 at 7pm in the workhouse with just this one item on the agenda to try and form a new committee. If we are unable to achieve this at the meeting then Tidy Towns will not be able to function as a community group. Anyone free on the evening please come along and support.

# Notice Board in memory of Georgena Sterritt

A new notice board at the gates of Dunfanaghy Presbyterian Church has been dedicated in memory of Georgena Sterritt from Casey. Mrs Sterritt, who died in 2022, had been a member of the congregation since 1972 when she married Leslie Sterritt. The mahogany notice board, which was funded by Mr. Sterritt, was dedicated by the Rev David Brice. Rev. Brice, the winter assistant minister at Dunfanaghy and Carrigart, paid tribute to Mrs Sterritt, noting that she had for many years been a Sunday School teacher. Mrs Sterritt, who attended Ballymore Church of Ireland until her marriage, ran the Playhouse Crèche in Dunfanaghy and was a book-keeper for Mr. Sterritt's garage business. Mrs Sterritt, is survived by her hus-

band Leslie and their three children, Marie Brennan, Tania Boss and Graham Sterritt. Marie read a lesson at the dedication service in Dunfanaghy Presbyterian Church. Rev. Brice, whose tenure ended last Sunday, expressed thanks on behalf of the congregation to Mr Sterritt for his generosity. He said the notice board, which replaces a somewhat dilapidated signboard, would act as a valuable wayside pulpit for the church. "It means we can publicise the Sunday services and other posters which we hope will catch the eye of passers-by," he said. The tribute to Mrs Georgena Sterritt reads: "A heart of gold, a love, sincere, beautiful memories keep you near. Always loved and missed forever."



Pupils from Murroe National School who were the flag bearers for the game against Cork City at Finn Park on Friday evening



The inscription in memory of Mrs Gerorgena Sterritt.



Georgena and Leslie Sterritt pictured on their 49th Wedding Anniversary in July 2021



The Rev David Brice (left) admiring the new notice board at Dunfanaghy Presbyterian Church with Leslie Sterritt and his daughter Marie Brennan.



# GAA Club News

## Ghaeil Leitir Ceanainn

The senior and reserve footballers were both in action last weekend and were defeated by the visiting Naomh Brid teams. This weekend the lads are free and are fixed to travel to Convoys next weekend.

The senior ladies had a one point victory over Malin at Páirc na nGael on Sunday. The ladies sit on joint top of the Division 3 league with neighbours St. Mary's of Convoys. They play Burt next.

The senior hurlers have an Ulster Junior Hurling semi-final to look forward to this weekend as they take on Lisbellaw, St. Patrick's of Fermanagh. More details on club Facebook page.

### Lá Spraoi Na Gaeilge

There will be an afternoon of events in town this Saturday and we hope you will be able to support this by spreading the word and encouraging families to come along to Lá Spraoi na Gaeilge. This event is organised in conjunction with Teanga Tí / Glór na nGael. The Lá Spraoi na Gaeilge is a afternoon of free music, workshops, fun and more.

### Underage Football

Our Sunday Underage Academy returns and it's for children from u6 - u12 and runs between 10.30 and 12.00pm. Coaches will focus on improving fundamental skills development such as kicking, hand-passing, catching, and more. Everyone is welcome to join in the craic agus spraoi.

Sympathy is expressed to Declan Barrett and the extended Barrett family on the passing of Keyna Barrett, Falcarragh. Please keep Declan, Vicki, Thady, Brodie and the Barrett family in your thoughts and prayers.

## An Tearmainn

### Ladies Board

The senior ladies are looking forward to the May Bank Holiday weekend, with a trip to Cloughaneely to take on Naomh Conall in the county Gaeltacht final on Monday at 12.30pm.

The senior ladies had a comfortable 6-13 to 1-12 win on Sunday at Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon. Geraldine McLaughlin, Sophie Curran, Ciara McGarvey, Roisin Friel and Emer Gallagher Friel all took impressive scores. Great to see Jamie Lee Murray back on the pitch after a lengthy injury.

Mothers & Others continues Friday evening at the pitch, 7-8pm, don't forget to bring a friend.

### Senior

Both senior men teams took victories on Saturday at home to Cloughaneely. The reserves started the evening with a 4-13 to 1-3 win. Ciaran Cassidy and Caolan Curran got the goals. Paul Mallon, Anthony Grant and Steve McElwaine impressed on the day. The senior's also won, taking a fourth win in their Division 2 campaign. Goals from Mark Gallagher and Cian McMenamin helped steer them to a 2-18 to 1-12 victory. Enda McCormick, Bobby McGettigan, Conor Black, Ryan McFadden, John James Sweeney, Jamie Grant, Jack Alcorn and Ricky Gallagher all got on the scoresheet.

### County Players

Well done to Ronan Cunningham, Ciaran Conaghan and Fionn McGrenra who lined out for Donegal U16s against Sligo at the weekend.

The county minor girls which included Termon's Siobhan Cameron, Niamh Boner and Maeve Brady, concluded their season in the Ulster LGFA Minor Championship Platinum Final.

Also at the weekend, the county U16's, which includes Termon's Cayla McFadden, were in action in the Ulster Silver Champ Semi Final. The Donegal girls came out on top against Derry.

### Minor Board

The U16 boys had a super win on Monday at Maghergallon beating hosts Gaoth Dobhair 0-14 to 1-10.

The U16 girls travelled to a stronger Moville team last week, although they battled hard and put in an excellent performance, it was not to be their day.

The 14 girls play Glenfin on Thursday, a rescheduled game in the Fiona Doherty Memorial Tournament.

The 12 girls had a home game against Fanad on Saturday.

### Donegal Tickets

Donegal will play Armagh in the Ulster Championship Final. Any club member looking to order tickets to contact secretary.termon.donegal@gaa.ie.

### Lotto

Lotto Results 28/4/2024 - No's drawn were 4, 8, 15, 26. There was no winner of the €1750 Jackpot. There were three Match 3 winners of €30 each - Teresa Buchanan, John McDaid and Aine Boyle. This week's Quick Pick €10 winner was Rachel Callaghan. Next Sunday's Jackpot is €1800.

## St Eunan's

### County Hurling

Well done the Donegal Senior men's Hurlers team on their win over Monaghan. Next up is a trip to Roscommon who they play on Saturday May 11th.

### All County League

It was a good weekend on the road for our Senior men's teams with the Senior Team starting the day off

with a victory over Aodh Ruadh while the Reserves also came away with a win 1-4 to 0-14.

### Senior Men's Update

At a sunny Fr. Tiernan Park St Eunan's controlled the early exchanges of the game until Jack Gallagher scored a well taken goal for the home team after 10 minutes. Eoin McGeehin caused problems for the home teams defence and hit some excellent scores in the half, along with Dylan Doogan points and a well taken score from Eoin Dowling. St Eunans went into the half time break 4 points up. Aodh Ruadh got their first point of the day early in the second half while Eoin McGeehin continued his fine scoring form. Eoin ended the game with 7 points. Dylan Doogan was the only other St Eunans scorer in the second half as the away team seen out the game to take the points back to O'Donnell Park. St Eunans won 0:11 to 1:3. Eoin McGeehin 0-7 (3f); Dylan Doogan 0-3; Eoin Dowling 0:1. The next scheduled fixture is at home to Malin on Sat May 11th at 6pm and 7.30pm

### Club Lotto

The Club Lotto draw takes place each Monday evening. Tickets can be purchased online through our Club website or from Adrian Shields.

### Minor Board

Under 18 (Boys) St Eunans 3-7: 0-3 St Michaels

### Upcoming fixtures Under 18s:

Friday May 3rd NRB U18 Division 1 Cloughaneely v St Eunans 6.15pm in Cloughaneely.

Sunday May 5th NRB U18 Division 3 Convoys v St Eunans 12pm in Convoys.

### Under 16 (Boys)

Our U16 boys Division 1 team beat Naomh Conaill by 3 points, while our All-County Division 5A team beat Four Masters at home.

### Senior Ladies

Our Senior ladies had a good win away in Ardara last Sunday morning in a closely fought contest. Final score Ardara 1-5 to 2-6 St Eunans.

### Senior Hurling (Men)

The Senior men had a comprehensive win over Dungloe on Friday night at home as they ran out winners 6-20 to 0-8.

The Senior hurlers next match is on Monday May 6th at home to Aodh Ruadh at 3pm.

### Minor Hurling

Our Minor hurlers beat Dungloe / Gweedore in an away match on Thursday April 25th.

## Baile na nGalloglach

### Lotto: 23/4/24

Numbers : 6-13-18-23. Numbers drawn at Bingo in Mulroy Woods Hotel. No Jackpot winner. €50 Lucky Dip winner is Farrah Mc Nulty, Drumbern, Milford.

### LOTTO ROTA:

Sat 4th May - Whoriskeys, Ramelton - U10 Girls.

### RESULTS AND FIXTURES

#### Senior Men

Our Seniors recorded a good win away to Dungloe on Saturday last on a scoreline of 1-14 to 0-6.

Beidh foireann sinsiir CLG Baile na nGalloglach ag imirt in éadan CLG Naomh Mhuire i gcluiche leathcheannais Chomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Dé Domhnaigh. Beidh an cluiche ar siúl ag a 12 i gCloich Cheann Fhaola.

#### U16 Boys

The U16 Boys next game is on Monday next (May 6th) at home to Bunrana.

#### U16 Girls

Our U16 girls team had a great 3-11 to 3-05 win over St. Eunans on Wednesday last to put them top of their league.

#### U14 Boys

The U14 Red team won 8-10 to 3-5 at home to Convoys last Wednesday, while the blue team were unlucky against Bunrana losing 4-6 to 3-5.

#### U12 Boys

Our U12 blue team lost out by the narrowest of margins away to Fanad Gaels on Friday. The boys all worked so hard and showed great signs of progress. Our navy team are away to Termon this Friday (3rd May), throw-in is at 6.30pm. Training continues in Ray Astro on Mondays from 5.45 - 7pm.

#### U10 Girls

Our U10 girls are training in Moyle Park, Milford on Fridays from 5.45 to 6.45.

### Congratulations

Congratulations Jason McCahill on winning the Glór Tire final last week.

## St. Michael's

### All County League

The Seniors travelled to Glenties on Saturday to take on the unbeaten Naomh Conaill. They put in a very good performance with a late score sealing the victory for the home side 1-11 to 0-11. Scorers: Michael McGinley 0-3; Edward O'Reilly 1f, Martin McElhinney, and Max Roarty 0-2 each; Martin Breslin and Paul Johnston 0-1 each. Team: Packie O'Neill; Jamie Hunter, Chris McElhinney, Paddy McGinley; Max Roarty, Ciaran Kelly, Martin Breslin; Michael McGinley, Colin McFadden; Paul Johnston, Edward O'Reil-

ly, Owen Kelly; Andrew Kelly, Martin McElhinney, Antoin McFadden. Subs: Stephen Doak for Owen Kelly (HT); Michael Cannon for Ciaran Kelly (46). There was no Reserve Match and this weekend is a free weekend for the Club.

### Mini Lotto

The numbers drawn were: 1,4,5,10,16,18. The Match 5 winner was Lisa Gallagher Harbour House Dock Rd, Galway who bought her ticket online and won €100. This week's Jackpot will be €6300.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Leah McDaid who was chosen as Máire Na Gaeltachta for this years Mary From Dungloe in An Chuir Hotel last weekend.

### National School Taster Day

We are hosting a National Schools Taster Day at the Bridge on Tuesday 7th May.

### Under 12's

U12s beat Gweedore in Division 1. Team: Matthew Mcfadden, Anthony Dawson, Seve Roarty, Oisín Sweeney, James Hartigan, Adam Murray, Hugh McNulty, Rory Boyce, Ryan Moore, Myles Byrne, Oisín Neillis, Michael mcHugh, Anthony Wilkinson, Cian Langan, Caolan Sweeney, Alfie Roarty and Luke Gallagher. Thanks to Lorcan Roarty for sponsoring the new jerseys.

### Under 16 Boys

Our U16 boy's hosted Cloughaneely in the League on Monday St. Michael's 0.4 Cloughaneely 5.07.

### U18 Boys

Our U18 Boys played St Eunans at O'Donnell Park last Wednesday. The boys suffered their first defeat of the season. St Eunans 3.7 St Michaels 0.3.

The Under 18's also had a good victory over Red Hughs winning by 6pts.

### Under 16 Girls

The u16 Girls played Glenfin away on Tuesday Glenfin 4.10 St Michaels 2.5.

### Under 10 Boys

Our u10 Boys above who played Milford last Tuesday.

### Under 8's

The under 8s played Downings on Saturday in what was a glorious morning for football. They were split into 3 teams and had 3 matches.

### Fixtures

Thursday 2nd u10 Girls Home v Cloughaneely 6.30pm

Friday 3rd 12 boy's D3 V Naomh Mhuire 6.30pm

Sat 4th u10 Boys v Naomh Mhuire 10.30am

Mon 6th u16 boys v Na Rossa 7.30pm

Tues 7th u16 Girls v Killybegs 7pm

Wed 8th u12 Girls v Cloughaneely 6pm

## Glenswilly

### Senior Men

Both the Seniors and Reserves teams suffered defeats on Saturday evening when they hosted Kilcar. Division 1b result: Glenswilly 1-3 Kilcar 3-5. Division 1 result: Glenswilly 0-4 Kilcar 2-14.

Well done to the U9's who played at halftime of the senior game on Saturday evening.

The Seniors are in Gaeltacht action this weekend with a semi final tie against Gweedore. Throw in is 5.30pm on Sunday 5th May.

### Minor Board

#### Underage Fixtures

#### Thursday 2nd May

U10s Glenswilly v Milford 6pm

#### Friday 3rd May

U12 Division 3 Glenswilly v St Eunans 6.30pm

#### Ciorcal Comhóra Ghleann tSúilí

Ciorcal Comhóra Ghleann tSúilí our Irish Language conversation group in Glenswilly GAA Club continues every Tuesday at 8.15pm in the clubhouse.

#### Bingo and 50/50

Bingo continues every Wednesday in the hall, 8.30pm start! Over €2000 in prizes guaranteed every week. 50/50 draw occurs every Wednesday during the Bingo in the Hall. Congratulations to last week's winner Aoife McGinty who won €255!

## Na Dúnaibh

Everyone at the club extends our heartfelt condolences to senior men's team manager Maxi and senior ladies team manager Barney on the sad passing of their father Dennis Curran. Funeral mass in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart at 11am on Wednesday. Our deepest sympathies to Susan, DI, Maxi, Barney and the extended family and friends.

### Cluichí

D'imir an fhoireann Faoi 8 in aghaidh Naomh Micheál ar maidin Dé Sathairn agus bhí cluiche peile den scoth acu ar fad. D'imir an fhoireann Faoi 12 in éadan foireann Sean Mac Cumhail, as baile, tráthnóna Dé Céadaoin seo caite. Bhí cluiche peil iontach acu go léir. Maith sibh. Bhí an chéad chluiche ag ár fhoireann Faoi 10, sa bhaile, in éadain Gleann tSúilí tráthnóna Dé Céadaoin seo caite.

### Cluichí na seachtaine seo

De Céadaoin, 1u Bealtaine - 18:30 i.n. - Buachaillí Faoi 14 - Naomh Mhuire, Conmhaigh i.a. Na Dúnaibh. 18:30 i.n. - Páirc na nDúnaibh - Blitz Faoi 10 - Na Dúnaibh, Baile na nGalloglach, Gleann tSúilí agus An Tearmainn.

De Domhnaigh, 5ú Bealtaine: 12:00 i.n. - Faoi 18 - Roibeard Eimid i.n. Na Dúnaibh

### Lotto

Torthaí on lotto 29ú Aibreán 2024 - Uimhreacha 5, 14, 16, 28. Bhí trí uimhir acu seo a leanas agus gheobhaidh siad €25 an duine: Philip Dully, Margaret McFadden, Kate Coll, Sínead Mc Gurk, Mary Kelly, Cookie. Beidh tarrainnt ag tseachtain seo chugainn ar siúl oíche Luan, 6ú Bealtaine san Ionad. Beidh €6500 sa phota ór. Imir ar-líne ag bit.ly/NDLotto

### Bingo

Beidh an bingo ar siúl san ionad agus ar-líne oíche Shathairn ag 8:30 i.n. Is féidir leabhar a chéannacht ar-líne ag nadunaibh.ie/bingo roimh 1:00 i.n. ar an tSathairn nó i Siopa Centra, Carraig Airt, Siopa Míci Joe, nó i Siopa na nDúnaibh, aris suas go dtí 1:00 i.n. ar an Sathairn. D'aon duine atá ag iarraidh freastal go pearsanta, is féidir líon teoranta leabhar a cheannach san Ionad CLG roimh an bingo, suas go dtí 8:15pm.

## Gaeil Fhánada

### Lotto Results 28/04/2024

Numbers: 2, 8, 9, 13, 25. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Joe Reilly. This week's Jackpot: €1,050

### April Grab a Grand Winner

Congratulations to Seamus Clinton who collects the €1000 for our April Grab a Grand, with number 105 coming out of the drum.

### Cluichí na Seachtaine

#### Dé Sathairn, 4ú Bealtaine

Sraith - Roinn 2 Gaeil Fhánada v Na Rossa @ 5:30

#### Dé Domhnaigh, 5ú Bealtaine

#### Buachaillí Faoi 18

Gaeil Fhánada v Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn @ 12:00

#### Dé Máirt, 7ú Bealtaine

Cailíní Faoi 16 Gaeil Fhánada v Naomh Colmcille @ 7:00

### Ulster Final Ticket Details

Ulster Final Ticket Orders should be made by text only to club Secretary, Fiona Shiels (085 1555645) no later than 10pm on Thursday night, May 2nd.

### Senior Men

#### Naomh Muire 1:15 Gaeil Fhánada 1:10

It was disappointment for Gaeil Fhánada on Saturday, as Naomh Muire returned home to the Banks with the two league points on offer after a five point victory in Portsalon.

Gaeil Fhánada: Mark McConigley, Jimmy Coyle, Paddy Heraghty, Calum McAteer, Michael McDevitt, Shaun Kerr, Brandon McClafferty, Paddy Carr (0:01), Odhrán Shiels, Eoghan Carr, Liam McGrenaghan (1:05), Mark McAteer, Paul Coyle, James Kerr (0:02), Darren McElwaine (0:02). Alan McAteer for Eoghan Carr, James Gallagher for Brandon McClafferty.

#### Naomh Muire strike late to win reserve clash

#### Naomh Muire 3:11 Gaeil Fhánada 2:09

Gaeil Fhánada were made to rue a host of missed chances on Saturday evening, as Naomh Muire struck late to fire a goal and two points in the last five minutes to secure victory in what was a well contested and entertaining contest. We would also like to extend our best wishes for a quick recovery to Rudi Feenstra who suffered a nasty injury during the second half. Brian Gallagher, Jamie McAteer (0:02), Seamus Coyle, Emmet Kelly, Aaron McConigley, Christy Sweeney (0:01), Rudi Feenstra, Ronan McAteer (1:00), Declan Brougham (0:01), Charlie Crerand, Eoin McGonigle (0:03), Seán Friel, Dan Kerr (1:00) Patsy Friel, Fergal Friel (0:02). Paul Friel for Charlie Crerand, Aiden Heraghty for Fergal Friel, Eoghan Logue for Aaron McConigley, Kevin McGonigle for Seán Friel, Charlie Crerand for Rudi Feenstra, Conor McConigley.

#### U16 Girls

Aodh Rua Cúil na gCuirridín 2:09 Gaeil Fhánada 1:06 Our U16 girls suffered defeat for the first time this season by a strong Red Hughs. Natalie Egan, Sarah Peoples, Erin Logue, Kara Friel, Clíodhna Robinson, Eabha Doherty, Caoimhe Kerr, Grace Begley, Meabh Sweeney (0:03), Etaine Sheridan, Amy McAteer, Orlaith Mc Grenaghan, Cara Gibbons (1:00), Clodagh McAteer (0:02), Aisling Duffy (0:01). Subs: Ní McDaid, Erin Carlin, Aine Doherty, Lilly Gallagher.

#### Cailíní Faoi 12

Well done to our U12 Girls on a great performance on Saturday against Termon.

### Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha

Labhair Margaret Ní Fhrighil le Michelle Nic Grianna ar an chlár 'Barrscéalta' ar RnaG an tseachtain seo caite maidir leis an Choiste Gaeilge sa club, rannpháirtíocht Ghaeil Fhánada i bhFondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha agus cúrsaí cultúrtha sa cheantar.

### Congratulations Conor & Michael

Over the past couple of weeks, DCU Dóchas Éireann presented their winning championship teams with their medals.

Conor Heraghty was a member of Junior 'A' All Ireland winning team, while Michael Blaney was on the management team of the Fresher 'A' Football winning team.

Donegal Junior Football League

# Bonagee host Letterkenny in McCormick Cup

There is a big Brian McCormick Area Final on this Thursday night at Dry Arch Park where Letterkenny Rovers take on hosts Bonagee Utd (7.30). These two sides have been promoted to the Donegal Junior League Premier Division - Rovers as champions and Bonagee the runners-up. While Jason Gibson's outfit has home advantage, Stephen McConnell's side will certainly fancy their chances of winning the game. Rovers are reeling after the pain of the penalty shoot-out loss to Bunrana Hearts last Saturday evening in the Ulster Junior Cup Final in Ballyare.

**Glencar Inn Saturday Division One**

## Oldtown maintain unbeaten record

**Keadue Rovers Res 1-2 Oldtown Celtic**  
League Champions Oldtown Celtic continued their unbeaten run in Saturday Division One after overcoming a much changed Keadue Reserves line up at Central Park on a fine evening for football. They took the lead towards the end of the first half and went in one up at the break. Keadue levelled matters with a header from Ethan McCaffrey however the away side were the more cohesive outfit throughout and won it near the end with a good strike and it finished 2-1 to Oldtown. Referee: Seimi Ferry.

**Glencar Inn Saturday Division One**

## Kilmac lose on Arranmore

**Arranmore Utd 1-0 Kilmacrennan Celtic Res**  
Arranmore welcomed Kilmacrennan to Rannagh Park on a perfect day for playing football. A typical end of season game that could have ended 5-5 but it was the home side who claimed all three points. At the midpoint of the first half Glenn O'Donnell swung a corner into the box which Damian Weber met with his head to make it 1-0. That goal turned out to be the winner and the only goal of the day. Team performances from both sides.

**Kilmacrennan Celtic Reserves - John Sandilands, Ciaran McCormack, Mikey McDonnell, Michael McLaughlin, Rory McGrenra, Paul Bradley, Owen Browne, Cian McCabe, Danny Sandilands, Oran Gallagher, Oisín Harkin.** Subs used: Adrian Doherty for Oran Gallagher; Glenn McNulty for Rory McGrenra; Eoghan Quinn for Cian McCabe

all on 60 mins. Not used: Owen Quinn.

Referee: George Clinton

## Glencar's comeback

**Glencar Celtic 4-2 Fintown Harps AFC**  
Glencar went ahead through Pajo Rafferty but Fintown reacted well and ended up going in at half time 2-1 up. Glencar got level through Zack Breen before Liam Doherty gave Glencar the lead and then Pajo Rafferty finished the game off with his second of the day.

**Old Orchard Saturday Division Two**

## Mariners lose in Donegal

**Drumbar Utd 5-2 Ramelton Mariners**  
Champions Ramelton Mariners finished the season with a defeat to Drumbar Utd who are also now promoted to Division 1 of the Saturday League. The Mariners scorers were Evan Kemp and Bailey Kane.

**Ramelton Mariners - Dylan Roulston, Callum Robinson, Stephen Bryant, Kieran Black, Luke Morgan, Paul Gallagher, Jonah Serrina, Ewen Kemp, Oisín Sweeney, Evan Hewitt and Bailey Kane.** Subs used: Jay Toland replaced Callum Robinson, Daire Sheridan replaced Ewen Kemp, Eoin ferry replaced Luke Morgan, David Vance replaced Evan Hewitt and Conor Ferguson replaced Bailey Kane.

**Voodoo Venue Cup**

## Kelly hat-trick hero

**Drumoghill F.C. Res 4-2 Bonagee Utd Res**  
Drumoghill overcame a strong Bonagee United team to advance to the semi-finals of the Voodoo Venue Cup thanks to a man of the match performance from Eunan Kelly. Kelly helped himself to a hat-trick which and was the difference between the teams on the day. Drumoghill began well and opened the scoring from their first attack when Kelly found space to head home in the 1st minute. Twenty minutes later it was 2-0 when Kelly raced onto a James Sweeney through ball to hammer home and give his side a comfortable lead at the break. The visitors were the more dominant side in the second half and looked for ways to get back into the game but those hopes were extinguished on 66 minutes when Kelly completed his hat-trick with a clean strike from the edge of the penalty

area. Christy Smith completed the scoring for the reds before Bonagee pulled two goals back near the end but the reds can look forward to a semi-final in the next few weeks.

**Brian McCormick Cup - Gweedore Area**

## Area title for Keadue

**Keadue Rovers 2-1 Glenea United**

Keadue Rovers are the Gweedore Area champions of the Brian McCormick Cup after this narrow but deserved win over a good Gweedore side in a close game at Central Park. Played in ideal conditions, with a very big crowd, it was an even opening with neither side giving much away. On eight minutes, though from the first attack of either side, a corner swung in by Matthew Comiskey was headed goal bound by Paul Yank Boyle, saved by the keeper but Martin Ferry was at the back post to nod home for 1-0. Shortly afterwards, an injury to Keadue midfielder Michael Greene caused a reshuffle and as a result, the away team became stronger and pushed the hosts back, gaining some territory. However, Keadue again went close with Aidan Brennan's bicycle kick going close. On the half hour, Keadue's Comiskey had a shot that went just wide. The visitors did lift things considerably in the last fifteen of the first half, Darren Ferry had a shot just wide on thirty-seven minutes and he also had some snapshots from the edge of the area. Their hard work was rewarded when, on forty-five minutes, the ball broke to Stephen Doyle Mc Fadden on the edge of the area and he whipped in a fine left footed equaliser to the top corner. At the start of the second half, Gweedore United started the brighter but a tactical change by Keadue which brought Maurice Mc Gee into midfield seemed to work the oracle and they pushed Gweedore United back constantly. Chris Greene had a shot blocked on fifty minutes from a cross, then shortly after Peter McGee looked to have been brought down in the area but no penalty was given. Keadue did take the lead when Peter McGee was on hand to make it 2-1 following a save from Aidan Brennan's initial shot. In the sixty ninth minute, Gweedore United came very close to levelling matters when their striker took the ball round Caelan Bonner

## DONEGAL JUNIOR LEAGUE

### Fixtures

Thursday 2nd May

Brian Mc Cormick Cup - Letterkenny Area  
Bonagee Utd v Letterkenny Rovers (7.30 p.m.)

Saturday 4th May

Voodoo Venue Cup K.O. 1p.m

Ballybofey Utd Res v Drumbar F.C.

Keadue Rovers Res v Strand Rovers

Letterkenny Rovers Res v Glencar Cel

Sunday 5th May

Brian McCormick Cup - Donegal Area 1p.m.

Donegal Town v Cappry Rovers

### Results

Wednesday 24th April

Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

Keadue Rovers Res 1-2 Oldtown Celtic

Saturday 27th

Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

Arranmore Utd 1-0 Kilmacrennan Celtic Res

Glencar Celtic 4-2 Fintown Harps AFC

Glenea Utd Res 0-5 Kildrum Tigers Res

Oldtown Celtic 6-0 Strand Rovers

St. Catherines Res 3-1 Keadue Rovers Res

Old Orchard Saturday Division Two

Ballybofey Utd Res 2-3 Cranford Utd Res

Copany Rovers 1-4 Milford Utd Res

Drumbar Utd 5-2 Ramelton Mariners

Dunlewey Celtic 1-3 Castlefin Celtic Res

Swilly Rovers Res P-P Gweedore Celtic Res

Voodoo Venue Cup

Drumoghill F.C. Res 4-2 Bonagee Utd Res

Sunday 28th April

Temple Domestic Appliances Division One

Kildrum Tigers P-P Fanad United

Premier Division / Division One Play-Off

Gweedore Celtic 4-0 Donegal Town

Brian McCormick Cup - Gweedore Area

Keadue Rovers 2-1 Glenea United

but Paul Yank Boyle cleared off the line. Peter McGee was proving difficult to watch for Keadue and almost nipped a third ten minutes from the end. Gweedore United stayed focused and Ethan Harkin was very close with a long range free kick. In the last five minutes, though, Keadue had a handful of chances, through Peter McGee, Ryan Connors and Aidan Brennan. They held out for the win. Best for Gweedore were Stephen Doyle McFadden, Ethan Harkin and Darren Ferry, while best for Keadue were Aidan Brennan, Peter McGee and Maurice McGee. Referee: Mck Lagan

# Summer start for new Harps Stadium

Diggers will be on the new Finn Park Stadium site in Stranorlar subject to planning permission approval being received. The application is being submitted to Donegal County Council for the €7.3 million amended design which takes three months to process but is expected to get the green light following extensive pre-planning engagement with the Local Authority. That was the positive news emanating from the Finn Harps F.C. public meeting on Sunday evening in the Villa Rose Hotel.

by Declan Kerr

Chairperson Ian Harkin said all the stakeholders were on board with the new modular design and the financing that was in place to start construction of a stadium saga that has been going on for nearly two decades. There have been many bumps along the road and no one can predict that there won't be more. The club has been working on debt financing for a total of €3.7 million. A €2.2 million slice of that figure will be serviced by a low cost loan to cover grant aid that is coming down the track from the Council and the FAI. The remaining €1.5 million is the figure that the club is obliged to raise themselves and an arrangement to secure that loan through a low cost facility or even a zero finance arrangement is ongoing. And the Club will pursue options here including approaching high worth individuals with Donegal links.

Around 50 people attended Sunday evening's public meeting and heard that Finn Park would have to be sold to complete the financing of the new stadium. However, concerns were raised about that from the floor in regard to what the extent of recent engagement was with the trustees who hold control of the ground for the communities of Ballybofey and Stranorlar. Finn Harps club stalwart Anne Kelly sought assurances that the Council were happy with the new arrangements to proceed with the development of



Finn Harps Chairperson Ian Harkin speaking at the meeting and right a section of the attendance.



the stadium in Stranorlar.

Ian Harkin said that while it had been hoped to keep the current Finn Park for women's football it was now the case that they had the same rights to play on the new ground. But, the overriding reason for the proposal to sell Finn Park is the huge challenge of the matching funding requirement that the Club has to find €1.5 million. A former Harps Director Seamus Gallagher said the value put on Finn Park over a decade ago was €5 million but a more recent figure that he obtained four years ago was €1.5 million.

€1 million has already been spent on the Stranorlar so when the new stadium is completed there will be a total expenditure of at least €8.3 million. The design has moved from a total concrete construction project to a hybrid that now includes a significant modular component. Sunday night's meeting was told that the tendering process had been completed but the name of the successful firm was not disclosed. The capacity of the stadium will be somewhere between 5,500 and 6,300.

Harps are looking to purchase the new stadium site from the Council with a price tag of €200,000 being floated for an area that is zoned recreational. That is being pursued in order to secure bridging finance. If all goes according to plan the

current trustees of Finn Park would transfer to a similar position in the new stadium.

There were calls from the floor to name the current Finn Park trustees and that a public meeting should be held where communities of Ballybofey and Stranorlar could have their say on the proposal to sell the ground which has been the home of senior football in Donegal since 1969. It's not clear at this stage if Finn Park would be sold by public auction or private proposals. That was a question asked by former Harps Chairperson Sean Quinn. Plans to change the shareholders payment model arrangements for the Finn Harps Cooperative Society were not put to a vote on Sunday evening. A working group is to be set up focusing on fundraising and a project manager for the new stadium is to be appointed. In relation to a question from the floor on why the senior team did not have any overnight stays for a number of long away journeys this season Ian Harkin said it was a goodwill gesture by the management to help the club in a challenging financial environment. Former senior team kit man Dougie McNulty who alleged that he had been sacked by Club recently said the immediate focus should be on giving the players the best chance possible to be challenging for promotion at the end of the season in terms of sufficient re-

sources like the overnight stays. He argued that the scale of the new stadium facilities being proposed were not needed by Finn Harps and were at a standard more appropriate for a team like Shamrock Rovers.

Finn Harps Commercial Manager Aidan Campbell said unlike a number of other clubs they didn't have the luxury of a benefactor that could plug holes in budgets. He also pointed to the challenges of fundraising and nobody could match Sligo Rovers who were the champions in that regard. He said the club would never forget what the late Derek Wilkinson did for them. The Creeslough native who passed away earlier this month was very generous with financial support to Finn Harps for over four decades.

Campbell said three guarantors would be appointed next month with the remit to ensure that all monies earmarked for the new stadium would go there. He praised the amount of effort put into the project by the Chairperson Ian Harkin adding it was time to forget what happened in the past and move forward with the new stadium. Campbell said the talent and ability within Finn Harps was exceptional with representatives from their 2021 sponsor global Esports organisation Guild Esports saying some of those club people could work for top advertising agencies.

# AI Final for St. Eunan's U15s



Mark McGuinness son of Donegal GAA boss Jim receiving the match ball from St. Eunan's College joint manager Paul Browne after he scored a hat-trick in the 5-1 U15 National semi-final win on Tuesday.

A Mark McGuinness hat-trick helped St Eunan's College Letterkenny to a super 5-1 win over St Joseph's Patrician College, Galway on Tuesday in Sligo to secure a place in the final of the FAI Schools Minor U-15 Boys National Cup. McGuinness, son of Jim had also netted a hat-trick when St Eunan's defeated Carndonagh CS 4-0 in the Ulster Final. The other scorers in Tuesday's national semi-final were Shai Thompson and Davin Kelly.

Eunan's U15s are being managed this year by Paul Browne and Ollie Horgan and hit the woodwork four times in the match. There was nothing in

at the break as the sides were locked at 1-1 with the Eunan's goal coming from McGuinness but they scored four in the second half.

St Eunan's - Cormac Crossan; Cathal Daly, Donal McBride, Jonah Cannon; Ryan Buckley, Davin Kelly, Adam Rodgers, Blake Merideth, Shai Thompson; Finn Nolan, Mark McGuinness. Subs: Akpo, Ryan Toye, Adam Dwyer, Max McKeever, Oisín Higgins, Matthew McGinley



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**Letterkenny Ladies Golf News**

The competition on Thursday 18th April was kindly sponsored by Paddy Gildea's Butchers and was won by Brigid Mc Clafferty (36) 36pts and Runner up was Marian O Sullivan (11) 34pts. Front Laura Crawford(45) with 17pts and back 9 Mary Gallagher 16pts.

The 18 hole competition on Tuesday 23rd April sponsored by Charlie Davis Farm Shop - 1st Laura Crawford (45) 39pts and 2nd Triona Daly (26) 36 pts, 3rd Mary Fowley (49) 34pts bot, 4th Lorna Reynolds (37) 34pts, Front 9 Mary O'Brien (52) 19pts, Back 9 Leala Curran (36) 18pts bot.

The Competition on Thursday 23rd April was a 13 Hole 3 person Waltz Competition and winners were Lady Captain Anne Flannery, Kathleen Canning and Mary O'Brien with 58pts.

The Competition on Sunday 28th April was won by Anne Cannon (11) with 37pts bot and 2nd Anne McGrath (18) 37pts, Front 9 Kate Gallagher (21) 22pts, Back 9 Angela Bradley(13) 18pts.



Scenes from the Rosary at May Eve at Doon Well on Tuesday led by Fr. Michael McGeever and Fr. Martin Chambers.



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