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Farm group set to quiz EU candidates

The Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers' Association is to hold an election forum in Letterkenny and all EU candidates in the Midlands-North-West constituency are being invited to participate.

By John McAteer

The meeting in the Clanree Hotel is on Monday May 27th at 7.30pm and all those interested in the future of agriculture are invited to attend. Malcolm Thompson, Chair of the ICSA in Donegal said the forum will give the farming community and other interested parties an opportunity to learn what strategy each party or candidate is proposing for the five years ahead as the new parliament is elected.

Confirming that the panel will be quizzed about the need for Ireland to be exempt from the EU Nitrates Directive given that our national footprint is one tenth of

one percent of the global population, Mr. Thompson says that the country will have to elect the right candidates to Brussels to ensure that the voice and demands of rural Ireland are a primary objective.

Mr. Thompson said "Farming and its related food production interests are going to face many crucial decisions in the new EU Parliament and many of the ongoing changes are not in our best interests. Ireland's farm sector raises the best livestock and sheep on a predominantly grass fed diet: we've never had factory farming and if our farm methods are not recognised for the quality and production, we in the ICSA are demanding to know why the industry is being penalised with EU regulations and farm inspections," he stated.

He said the other main issues on the agenda will include



Malcolm Thompson

the future of the industry in relation to global warming: farm gate prices: production costs: rewetting of bogs: bureaucracy: the new CAP and much more. "We will be asking the candidates to lay out their strategy on all these issues and related questions from the floor," he said.

He believes the future of the farm industry is in serious difficulties because whatever Brussels says, Ireland complies and never questions the logic of

these decisions that are destroying Ireland's most important industry.

Mr. Thompson said that EU regulations and their implementation by the Government is leaving farming at a critical crossroads in Ireland.

He said "We need an independent scientific base for the government's pursuit of an agenda that is destroying Ireland's food production sector and the EU is not being held to account by the country's MEPs".

Mr. Thompson blames the government for driving the blame game for emissions on the agriculture sector. He believes the Government is quite happy to go along with the EU agenda which is fixated on farm emissions despite the fact that our global footprint is totally irrelevant.

Mr. Thompson said: "The government is merely engaged

in a box-ticking exercise to satisfy the EU because Ireland's emissions footprint is minimal and even if we did nothing, it would not make one bit of difference.

The government is happy to overstate our role globally to enhance its own sense of importance but real life in the countryside is paying a price that will kill off a vital industry that needs to grow far beyond where it now stands."

Accusing the government and department officials of having no real interest in farming, Mr. Thompson pointed to the environmental damage that China, Brazil, India and America are doing and the silence of the Irish government on calling them out is stunning.

"But it is cheaper to import beef from Brazil and we have no idea what regulations and controls

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'Dan' from Screen, Kilmacrennan gets his weekly fix in politics in the Tribune.

Former PP jailed for five years

Eamonn Crossan, a former Parish Priest in the Raphoe Diocese, has been jailed for five years after his admission of abusing a young boy in the nineteen eighties. Crossan was in a number of parishes and he had already served two years in jail after abusing another boy in West Donegal in 1984 after plying him with alcohol.



Crossan was a priest in the Raphoe Diocese between 1976 and 1998, but when a complaint was made to the Church in 1998 he was laicised.

Crossan pleaded guilty to nine sample charges out of a total of 96 charges in relation to one victim, a boy who was aged between 10 and 15 (the victim) at the time of the offences.

The State entered a nolle prosequi in relation to 44 charges at Letterkenny Circuit Court.

The guilty plea related to seven

counts of indecent assault and two counts of sexual assault.

Detective Garda Ciaran O'Brien - who outlined the case to barrister for the State Ms Fiona Crawford BL - said that Crossan made "certain admissions", but had disputed "certain evidence".

Crossan would later tell a probation officer that the victim's account was "99% untrue" and

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Members of the Harkin Family pictured at the unveiling of the Memorial Stone in memory of the late Seamus Harkin in Creeslough on Friday evening.



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maintained that his actions were not sexually motivated.

The disgraced priest's latest victim came forward after reading of the torment suffered by this young boy at the hands of Crossan in the parish of Kincasslagh.

Apology:

Monsignor Kevin Gillespie Raphoe Diocesan Administrator said: "On behalf of the Diocese and with a deep sense of shame for his actions I sincerely reiterate my apology to the victim."

The Diocese has now issued an appeal to any other victims of the Letterkenny-born former priest to come forward and seek help.

The latest survivor of Crossan's reign of abuse told the now 73-year-old that he hopes in "rots in hell" when he appeared at Letterkenny Circuit Court last week.

The victim who now aged in his 40s, told Crossan that he would not allow him to steal another day of his life. Crossan appeared by videolink from the Midlands Prison after previously turning down bail claiming he had no place to go.

Disturbing details of the abuse which took place at a number of different places in Donegal in the late 1980s and early 1990s were read out before an 'in camera' sitting of the court today.

The victim sat in the body of the court being comforted by his wife and flanked by two detectives.

The man bravely took the witness stand to read out his own victim impact statement as Judge John Aylmer asked for the court video camera to be pointed at the victim so he could be seen by Crossan.

He told Crossan: "I hope that you return to rot where you came from. If there is a God, then there is definitely a Hell - and that is what is waiting on you". He also told the disgraced cleric: "After today, I will not let you steal another day of my life."

The victim went to the Gardai and made a complaint against Crossan after he had read about him being convicted of sexually abusing another boy in 2021. The victim said he could not remember how many times he was abused by Crossan.

He served as an altar boy and the court heard the abuse would often happen while Crossan was wearing vestments and ready to say Mass as they were in the sacristy or the clerk's room of a Church.

When he spoke to garda, the victim recalled that "There was no warning, he would just come up and do it."

The man faced Crossan via the videolink and told him: "Having had any sense of a normal childhood stolen from me, I fought hard against the demons to function from day to day."

The victim told how hearing details of a previous case against Crossan

"pulled me back to the depths".

"Each word read like a punch to the face," he said in his victim impact statement. "I froze as the name was revealed as Eamon Crossan. The words fell on me like a ton of bricks as the name of the priest who abused me was read. I felt sick to my stomach"

The man said he has struggled with mental health, anxiety and nightmares and has had suicidal thoughts and trust issues.

"I wondered if I was worthy of being here at all."

He told Crossan that the trauma has affected his entire family "who you also groomed in order to have your way with a child."

In December, Crossan, who was previously jailed for indecent assault, pleaded guilty to nine sample charges out of a total of 96, including counts of indecent assault and sexual assault.

The court heard that these were 'representative counts' and the guilty pleas were tendered on a full facts basis. The guilty plea came after a lengthy discussion with his legal team after it was initially anticipated that a jury would be required for a trial. The man initially told his wife about the abuse before a report was made to gardai.

Crossan was heavily involved in GAA and the victim recalled being admonished by the priest for playing soccer.

The abuse endured by the victim included kissing on the lips and hugging and squeezing him tightly. On multiple occasions, Crossan lured the victim into his bed and touched him. He recalled going to bed wearing pyjamas and waking up wearing nothing. The victim said the abuse became "normalised and it felt like he was just educating me."

On one occasion, the victim recalled Crossan having his penis out and seeing semen on his leg with the priest telling the young boy what it was.

The victim said he would lay in the foetal position "Thinking of happier times and I just felt embarrassed."

He said the abuse continued and he recalled on one occasion Crossan rubbing his penis against his own and referred to it as "sword fighting".

Mr Peter Nolan BL, barrister for Crossan, told the court that his client has been in custody since August 2022 on these charges.

Crossan has been ostracised from his family and accommodation in County Kildare which was previously provided by the Raphoe Diocese, is no longer being made available to him.

Mr Nolan said Crossan remains hopeful that the Diocese will provide support in terms of accommodation.

"It is uncertain," Mr Nolan said.

Mr Nolan said his client has main-

tained that his actions were not sexually motivated. Crossan attended the Granada Institute following a report of abuse. There, he underwent a sex offender treatment programme.

The former priest told a probation officer that he "became a priest at ten and never became a teenager". "He had no interest in typical teenage activity and didn't pursue any relationships.

Crossan has been classed as being of a medium risk of reoffending and is not deemed suitable for community service.

Mr Nolan said that he now understands that his behaviour was "inappropriate" and hearing the contents of the victim impact statement made Crossan realise "for the first time how much effect his behaviour had on another person."

Crossan is an enhanced prisoner and goes to school and works in horticulture in the prison.

He has pleaded guilty to two charges of sexual assault, contrary to Section 2 of the Criminal Law (Rape) (Amendment) Act, 1990. These relate to separate unknown dates between April-July 1991 and July-October 1992 at separate name locations in County Donegal.

He pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting the male by touching his genitals and to another charge of sexually assaulting the male by cuddling him and kissing him on the lips.

Crossan also pleaded guilty to three counts of indecent assault contrary to common law relating to incidents where he indecently assaulted the male by cuddling him and kissing him on the lips on dates in 1987, 1988 and 1990.

Crossan pleaded guilty to three other charges of indecent assault contrary to common law. On each of these counts, he was charged that, at an address in County Donegal on unknown dates between March 1987 and March 1990, he did indecently assault a male by touching his genitals.

He was charged with another count of indecent assault contrary to common law at another address in County Donegal on a date unknown between July 1990 and December 1990. On this count, he is charged that he did indecently assault a male by touching his genitals.

In 2021, Crossan was jailed for three years, with the final 12 months suspended, when he pleaded guilty to single charge of indecent assault against another boy at the parochial house in Kincasslagh on a date unknown between 1984 and 1985.

At that time, he was placed on the sex offenders register for ten years. Judge Aylmer described the incidents as a "very grave breach of trust."

The charges included 7 counts of indecent assault and 2 of sexual as-

sault which are representative of 52 charges between March 1987 and December 1992.

The Judge said the most serious offences were 8, 12, 19 and 22 which were charges of indecent assault which included the touching of the boy's genitals and before mitigation he said these merited a sentence of six years in prison.

On count 30 he said the charge of sexual assault was of a similar nature and involved the touching of genitals and merited a sentence of 3 years in prison before mitigation. He said counts 62, 85 and 96 are less serious offences and involved the kissing on the lips and cuddling and merited a sentence of years in before, also before mitigation.

Count 76 was an allegation of sexual assault involved kissing and cuddling but post-dated the 1991 legislation where a maximum jail sentence is one of five years and he placed it on the lower end of the scale and one which merited a sentence of 18 months.

In mitigation, Judge Aylmer said Crossan had pleaded guilty but not ed that admissions were limited, as was his remorse, although his barrister Mr Peter Nolan did say Crossan had some grasp of the impact his offending had on the victim.

He noted that he remained in custody on remand since August, 2022 saying the accused man's family had no longer contact with him and that he had nowhere to go.

He said the accused had attended the Granada Institute in 1998 after leaving the church but having heard the Probation report there had been limited admissions saying his attendance at the institute "appears not to have been very effective in rehabilitating him."

He also noted that Crossan is now 73 and has become somewhat institutionalised since going into prison and that the Governor's report is very positive and that he is an enhanced prisoner.

Taking the headline sentence of six years in prison, Judge Aylmer said that following mitigation he was reducing the sentence to one of 5 years.

Other sentences for the other charges pleaded to are to be served concurrently.

Because of his age, the need for rehabilitation and the need for reintegration, Judge Aylmer also suspended the final 12 months of this sentence meaning Crossan will serve a total of four years in prison. He also backdated this sentence to when Crossan went into custody in August, 2022.

Judge Aylmer ordered Crossan to go under the supervision of the Probation Services when he leaves prison and attend all appointments of the Probation Services and not to have any unsupervised access to children in a work, sporting or leisure capacity.

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Defective Block Judicial review group host meeting

A public meeting by defective block campaigners who are bringing a judicial review over testing standards is being hosted in Raphoe on Friday May, 31st. It takes place in the Volt House Raphoe, starting at 7pm.

The public information event is the first one to be hosted by Independent Cllr Frank McBrearty and 15 affected defective concrete block and defective concrete foundation home owners who have decided to take a Judicial Review against, what they call "flawed" testing protocols.

Organisers say "All are welcome to attend but come early as we expect the seats to be taken up quickly on the night."

They added that this "much needed" Judicial Review is in "the interest of all".

'Festival of Song'

The Abbey Singers from Donegal Town, Donegal ETB Adult Choir and the Colmcille Community Choir join voices with two leading Dublin choirs for a 'Festival of Song' day culminating with a performance in Ards Friary next Saturday May 11th at 5pm. From Gartan to Ards they will grace us with the uplifting 'May it be' by Enya.

Hymns and Madrigals follow, including Margaret McAteer's setting of St Colmcille's words 'Alone with none but Thee'.

Come along and gift yourself this most beautiful of days. Performances start at Gartan Lough at 11am and continue in Glenveagh at 1pm.

You can join one or all of the events. Perhaps you might like to follow the trail and who knows, by the time you get to Ards Friary you may be singing with the choirs! Now wouldn't that be something!

The top class Dublin Choirs are DCU's Schola Cantorum, led by Dr Seán Doherty and Dolce is led by Deirdre Ni Chaomhánaigh. The talented Donegal Choirs are guided by the batons of Eileen Carr and Margaret McAteer.

These 5 choirs are covering their own costs so entry to all the events are free so please spread the word!

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are in place there. That is why most of the current emigration levels are from rural Ireland," he said.

Mr. Thompson said the Government is also to blame for allowing nitrate cuts to 220kg a hectare because they are not interested in the farming vote or in the future of rural Ireland.

"My view is that it is only a matter of time until the nitrates directive is removed entirely from Ireland and the EU's standard rate of 170 kg/ha becomes law. The government is simply sleep-walking themselves in this situation to satisfy the EU bosses. That will effectively be the end of farming in the country and it will be less hassle when our production is cut. It will also allow cheap Brazilian imports to flood the markets.

It is very disappointing and unacceptable that our nitrates derogation has been cut from 250 kg/ha to 220 of nitrate spreading, especially since scientific modelling from Teagasc shows that the advantage from a water quality point of view is minimal."

"The dairy sector is facing a 50% drop in their incomes while too many are now leasing land at up to €600 per acre and that is not sustainable - especially since some of them have taken ten year leases with no assurances on milk price increases or stability in the years ahead," he stated.

Mr. Thompson said the visit of the EU farm minister to Ireland last week was a political exercise of no real consequence and it was designed to ensure that the country would be kept locked into the Brussels agenda on global emissions.

He said: "It is this same system that ensures we will produce less food when the real world goes hungry and a blind eye is turned on the world's worst polluters."

His comments come amid calls for bigger fines for nitrates pollution of watercourses.

Sail to Scotland with McGinley Coach Travel

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Managing Director of McGinley Coach Travel,



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He stated: "It's great to be able to offer this service once again and now passengers can travel in more comfort than ever before. We have invested heavily in upgrading our fleet with a range of new Volvo coaches. This coupled with the com-

fort and facilities onboard the new Stena Line vessels makes for a great, relaxing way to travel between these two great destinations."

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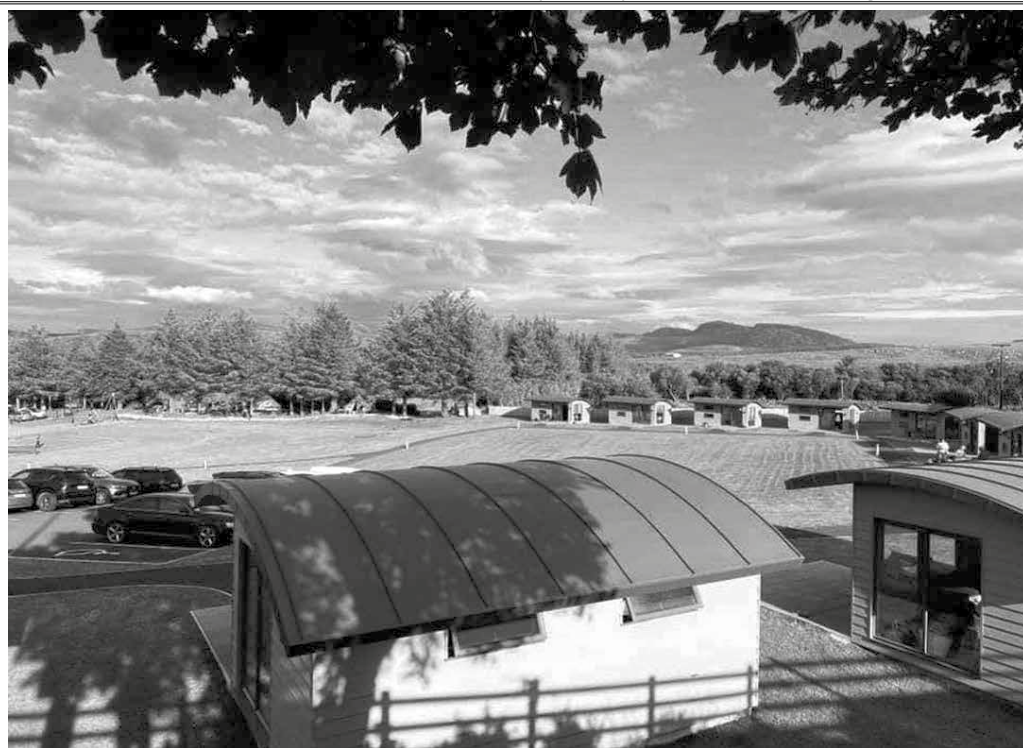
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Wild Atlantic Camp mark 10 years in business

This weekend sees the Wild Atlantic Camp in Creeslough celebrate 10 years in business. The Wild Atlantic Camp complex will host a special fun day this Saturday, May 11th to mark their first decade in business. During that time they have grown from a small campsite into a well-developed tourism facility that supports a number of local businesses and many local jobs. This family run facility is owned by Loran Roarty who said they are delighted to mark their first ten years in business and they were grateful to all who have visited and supported them in that time. Saturday's activities includes something for everyone with a funfair, as well as a visit from Highland Radio who will also broadcast their build up to Sunday's Ulster Final with a number of local All-Ireland winners and among the guests is former Irish International and Celtic soccer star, Paddy McCourt. There will also be spot prizes throughout the day that will include tickets to the big game in Clones. There will also be a junior football tournament in the astro turf pitch as well as face painting and fun

for all the family. The camp has developed on the site of the 'Red Roof' restaurant and mini-golf course that was developed by the Roarty family. The first part of the Wild Atlantic Camp featured 12 campervan/caravan berths and six camping pods. This was then expanded in 2018 by eight new camping berths to bring it up to 20 places, and saw the addition of 12 self-catering villas. In 2020 they added 12 hotel-room styled cabins and in 2023 they added nine stylish two-storey self catering chalets. Coupled with the accommodation on offer, the complex has also seen a number of hospitality businesses established at the site including The Happy Camper, The Coffee Pod and Gusto's Take Away. Lorcan said he was grateful for all the support they enjoyed over their first ten years as they look to the busy summer season ahead. Speaking to the Tribune he stated: "It is great to mark just over ten years in business and it has grown a good bit since the start and we are grateful for all who have visited us in that time.



I'm also very grateful to the staff here who have helped make the camp what it is. I'm also grateful to the businesses that have worked with us at the site as that adds a lot for visitors and locals alike." The Wild Atlantic Camp employs three full-time

and five part-time jobs all year around, but this jumps to a team of around 20 during the busy summer months. The local food outlets also generate employment all year around with as many 20 jobs created during the summer months.

Letterkenny Lawn Bowling Club BOWLS Open Day in Letterkenny

A Bowls Open Day event is taking place this Saturday 11th of May at 2p.m. at Letterkenny Town Park. It's just past the old chapel (now The Vestry) and opposite St. Conal's Hospital. The Open Day is being hosted by Letterkenny Lawn Bowling Club and there will be Coaching, Scramble, Target Bowls, Fun Games, Raffles and much more. For further information ring 086 860 4274 or visit the Letterkenny Lawn Bowling Club Facebook Page. Please wear flat soled shoes or trainers.

Relay for Life - Donegal International Car Push



Relay For Life Car Push launch - front from left are Emma Coll, DMG Motors, David Gethins, ATU Gym, Oisín Cannon, Kelly's Toyota, Stephen Lafferty, DMG, Terence Diver, Divers Hyundai, Mark Coleman, McFitness, Marion Browne, Connellys VW, Ronan O'Donnell, Auto Options and Andrew Hegarty, Hegarty's Ford. Back from left Committee Members, Sean Boyce, Sarah Marie McDevitt, Seamus Devine, Ivan Furey, Cynthia Furey and Charlie Quinn. Photo Clive Wasson

Just as they did in 2017 (and raised a huge amount of money in the process) the Main Car Dealers in Donegal have once again joined forces and put their shoulders to the wheel in supporting Relay For Life Donegal by recreating the Donegal International Car Push on Thursday 23rd May at 7pm. However, it won't be their shoulders in fact because this year they have enlisted the super strong members of the local Gyms/Fitness Centres to do the pushing this time.

The combination of Car Dealers & Gyms/Fitness Centres will push a Car around the route, starting at the intersection between Divers Hyundai Garage and Connollys Garage (serious competition already underway even planning the route!) and will head out the Neil T. Blaney Road and turning left at the Joe Bonner Rd Traffic Lights, joining up again on the Port Rd., left at the Station House Roundabout, over past the Community Centre and back to the starting point again. There's furious debate ongoing about doing a second lap and already a new set of rules is being hastily drawn up! To add to the excitement and fun, each dealer is organising a Rally Driver/Celebrity Driver to steer the car around the course and try to earn the bragging rights for 2024 for their Dealership.

The Main Car Dealers already signed up are Divers Hyundai, Hegartys Auto services, Connollys Garage, Highland Motors, Inishowen Motors, Kellys Toyota, McGinley Motors and DMG Motors.

So far the Gyms/Fitness Centres signed up are Adam Speer, Aoife McGill PT, MC Fitness, Ferry Fit, Mount Errigal Hotel Leisure Centre, Hup Fitness and the ATU.

Relay for Life is the biggest cancer fundraising initiative across the world. It sees communities across the globe coming together to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer, and stand shoulder to shoulder with those facing cancer. Relay For Life is a celebration of solidarity and helps to raise awareness of the services provided by the Irish Cancer Society locally and nationally.

To provide these services requires significant funding and as only approximately 5% of the Irish Cancer Societies Annual Funding comes from Government Funds, it depends on events such as Relay For Life Donegal to help raise the monies needed.

Obviously not everyone will be able to be present on the day, but donations can be made online through the following link <https://www.relayforlife.ie/event/donegal/donate> Relay has something to offer everyone, so please do join us to find out more about this amazing event. Additional contact details can be found on Relay For Life Donegal Facebook Page, at relayforlifedonegal@gmail.com or by contacting Seamus Devine (087)2482775, Charlie Quinn (087)7728608, or Sarah Marie McDevitt (087)9828974

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SDLP hits self-destruct button

The SDLP has again shown its genius for snatching defeat from jaws of victory. Given a choice, it usually takes the wrong decision. Sometimes the party takes the right one. But usually that will be done in a hamfisted way.

We are now five or six months from a British General Election. All had pointed to Colm Eastwood being favourite to hold Foyle (Derry City and surrounding area). Eastwood's stand on Gaza has been popular. He refused to meet Joe Biden on St Patrick's Day. He has an active constituency operation. He is one of the handful of good speakers in Westminster. (To be fair, the standard is low). He has used Westminster effectively. There is no obvious Sinn Féin challenger for the seat. After all, he has been able to draw more votes than John Hume.

Now, though, his local party is in chaos at the wrong time.

The nomination of Lilian See-noi-Barr for Mayor of Derry City and Strabane should have been good news. Lilian will be the first black Mayor in the North. She is not a token. She is popular. As a campaigner, she is a force of nature. She is a vote-getter in her own area.

For the SDLP this was a good move. The belief out there is the SDLP is a stale old man's party. That is neither accurate nor fair. But what people believe is a reality. Lilian is the very opposite of the belief. Thus her selection should be good news.

However, the SDLP managed to mishandle the selection process. Then they managed to lose two Party councillors on Derry City and Strabane District Council. First Jason Barr, then Shauna

McEntee for Taoiseach... FactCheckNI is the North's fact-checking body. It has examined McEntee's claims on her claim of 80% of refugees coming across the border. The NI Fact Check ascertained there are, as yet, no facts to back them up. McEntee or her officials have not said what methodology was used to produce the figure. There has been no big pile-on of colleagues to support her.

Cusack, have resigned from the SDLP. There is no evidence either has a smidgen of racism. Both, though, have the misfortune that some very racist people are now loudly supporting them. There is no evidence most of these even knew who the two councillors were pre-resignations.

Cusack is seen as able, and with ambition. Unfortunately, this has been Barr's few minutes of fame. He is not seen as one of the party's more dynamic representatives.

The SDLP boasts of being 'the party of civil rights'. The slightest whiff of racism seriously damages that brand. It is not the association the party needs.

Tactically, for both councillors keeping silent would have been the best strategy. Both have put themselves in a position of having to deny racism. They have had to dissociate from people claiming to support them. That is not a comfortable place. This is like a man denying he still beats his wife.

That is because, of course, been an online storm against Lilian. Much has been unpleasant. Police call some messages hate crimes.

And, of course, many who oppose Lilian have not done the simple fact-checking.

A petition has been launched against her nomination. The organiser or organisers say "let the people choose who should be

mayor." They seem unable to use any search engine.

Mayors in the North have never been directly elected. Such direct election is not possible. The Assembly would need to change local government law.

To choose Mayors and Chairs, almost all Northern councils use the d'Hondt System. Derry City and Strabane District Council has used d'Hondt since being set up in 2014. By this, council positions are rotated round parties according to the number of seats they hold

When the rotated position falls to them, the parties nominate persons for the positions. There are no rules as to how the party does this. That is entirely left to them. They can follow a democratic internal procedure. They are also free to ram through the nominee completely undemocratically.

To be fair, the SDLP has always been very good at pointless internal fights. However, the online warriors and launchers of petitions had no problem until her party selected a black councillor. Only then did they find faults in the process.

We can, maybe, give fools' pardons to some of the internet warriors. Some really need to get away from their computers or smartphones and get out into the fresh air.

A similar issue is now feeding

into the unravelling of Helen McEntee. Not that long ago there was talk of her as future leader of Fine Gael. Yes, even spoken of as a future Taoiseach. She seems to be becoming the Southern version of the DUP's Sammy Wilson. That is, a politician whose future is now in their past.

She claimed that 80% of asylum seekers have come through the North. The problem is that she had no firm evidence. All she had were stories from officials and asylum seekers.

The percentage given seems unlikely. Eighty percent of asylum seekers is a sizeable number. To come into the North, they must enter at Belfast Port, Larne Port, or the two Belfast airports. Then they must travel down to Dublin by bus or train.

There has been no sign of such a growth in numbers entering the North. Nor has there been of their being on public transport going South. Yes, the North has become more multi-racial. However, sizeable numbers of people from outside Europe suddenly appearing on buses and trains would stand out.

FactCheckNI is the North's



By Anton McCabe

fact-checking body. It has examined McEntee's claims. It has ascertained there are, as yet, no facts to back them up. McEntee or her officials have not said what methodology was used to produce the figure. There has been no big pile-on of colleagues to support her.

Very significantly, Micheál Martin has cast doubt on the claim. Martin is definitely not a charismatic leader. He is, though, an able political operator. Not only did he get to the top of the greasy pole that is Fianna Fáil's internal politics. He has managed to stay there for 13 years.

To date, McEntee's claim seems unlikely to end her career. But is it another big step in that career ending?

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Tribune Crossword No. 1063

Across

1. Leonard Rossiter's character in Rising Damp (6)
3. Occur (4,2)
6. Bodily strength (6)
7. Materialise (6)
8. Numbers game (5)
10. Federico ____, Italian director (7)
14. Bruce ____, US singer (11)
17. Economical (7)
19. Indian instrument (5)
20. Song, __ the Volume (4,2)
21. Barbarous (6)
22. Airstrip (6)

Down

23. Emit (3,3)
1. Thundery noise (6)
2. Phil Silvers' TV character (5)
4. Fight off (5)
5. Iran's former name (6)
9. Drunkard (5)
11. Simple (4)
12. Incompetent (5)
13. Cluster (4)
15. Trance (6)
16. Eastern hemisphere (6)
18. Animals collectively (5)
19. Humiliate (5)

Solutions to Crossword No. 1062

Across 1. Strychnine, 8. Lectern, 9. Gripe, 10. Noel, 11. Bolt, 12. Yam, 14. Endure, 15. Pampas, 18. Bet, 20. Void, 21. Sari, 23 Swiss, 24. Scalpel, 25. Revelation. *Down* 1. Succeed, 2. Reek, 3. Canton, 4. Nightcap, 5. Noisy, 6. Blunderbuss, 7. Permissible, 13. Cravasse, 16. Playpen, 17. Fiesta, 19. Twine, 22. Dali.

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Ramelton slurry tank refused on appeal

An Bord Pleanála has refused planning permission for the construction of a new shed and slurry tank in Ramelton following a planning appeal lodged by an environmental activism company.

Donegal County Council granted conditional planning permission to Paul and Jake Durning on June 1st, 2023 for the erection of a new agricultural shed with underground slurry storage tanks and all associated site works at Newmill, Ramelton.

An appeal was lodged against the development on June 26th, 2023 by Peter Sweetman on behalf of Wild Ireland Defense CLG.

The grounds for appeal included that "attention is drawn to the distances between the site and the nearest European sites."

It also highlighted a condition attached to the planning authorities planning permission, which states that 'Slurry generated by the proposed development shall be disposed of by spreading on land, or by other means acceptable in writing to the

PA.' Slurry would thus be generated." They also detailed that the appellant considers that the planning authority "did not assess the application in accordance with its legal obligations". On April 23rd, 2024 An Bord Pleanála refused permission for the construction of the development citing two reasons.

They stated they considered that the applicant has "failed to demonstrate that the proposed development, which would be sited immediately adjacent to the stream known as the Ardree Burn, would be capable of being constructed and operated without posing an unacceptable risk of water borne pollution to this stream and hence a reduction in its quality of water."

A further condition for the refusals was detailed the Board was not satisfied that the proposed development "individually, or in-combination with other plans or projects" would not be likely to have a significant effect on Lough Swilly Special area of Conservation, Lough Swilly Special Protec-



Ramelton's Curley Coyle and Garvan Boyce taking part in the North West 10k on Monday.

tion Area and Leannan River Special Area of Conservation or any other European site, in view of the Sites' Conservation Objectives.

"In such circumstances the Board is precluded from granting approval/permission," they added.

The decision also stated: "The Board noted the applicant did not provide details on slurry spreading, and it was therefore it was not possible to consider such details as part of the Appropriate Assessment screening. Because of the other substantive issues for refusal, the Board did not seek additional information on this point."

Coffee Morning

Ray Walkers In Memory of Julie Casey are holding a Coffee Morning on this Friday the 10th of May from 11am -2pm at Sip /Slice Shore Rd Ramelton. All proceeds in aid of Relay for Life Donegal. Come along and support this worthy cause. Raffle prizes supplied by Local Businesses.

Relay for Life - Candles of Hope

Relay for life will take place at the ATU grounds in Letterkenny on 25th/26th May and Relay is all about communities coming together to celebrate cancer survivors, remember those how have passed away from cancer and giving thanks to our caregivers, as well as raising awareness about the services

provided by the Irish Cancer Society.

A very special time is always the Candle of Hope Ceremony around 10pm on the Saturday night, and anyone wishing to remember someone for the ceremony, then Candles of Hope will be available in Ramelton on Friday 17th May in either Moorefield Filling Station or Whoriskeys Spar. Your support will be very much appreciated.

Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.00noon this Saturday 11th May. Get your orders in for the weekend from our food producers on 087 9699715. Come along, browse the market that boasts the best of local homemade food with our wholesome soups, cottage pies, lasagne, quiche, meat pasties, seasonal vegetables, breads, scones, sweet treats and also beautiful local made crafts, cards, natural soap, knitwear, woodturning and more.

Meet up with family and friends at our Cosy Tearoom for a tea/coffee and maybe a delicious Cheese Toastie, scone or sweet treat, everything to make your visit to our market relaxing & enjoyable. Loyalty cards are available at our checkouts & credit card payments are accepted. Ramelton Country Market gift vouchers are also available. Just enquire at our checkout or from

any market member. We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday.

New Yoga Class for beginners

Men only Yoga class on Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the Ramelton Town Hall. Block booking 4 weeks €40. For booking contact: 087 6807850

Swilly Rovers Res in play-off decider

There is a big game for the Swilly Rovers Reserves this Saturday when they take on Fintown Harps in a promotion play-off for a place in Division 1. The game is in Raphoe with a 1.00 kick-off. Swilly finished third in Division 1 having missed out on automatic promotion finishing behind the champions Ramelton Mariners and runners-up Drumbar. Fintown finished third from bottom of Division 1 so on paper they should be slight favorites to retain their top flight status.

Swilly Lotto draw

Numbers drawn in the Swilly Rovers lotto on Saturday were 5, 7, 11 and 24. No jackpot winner. One 3 number winner Connor Gormley, Ramelton. Next week's jackpot is €525.

Belfast Marathon

Congratulations to Marty Lynch and John Whoriskey who ran the Belfast Marathon on Bank Holiday Sunday. Marty ran the 42km in 2hours 36minutes and 26 seconds while John ran his fastest ever marathon in 2.53.56.



Charlie Davis Swilly lotto winner receiving his cheque for €500 from Chanel Blaney

Errigal College careers event



Errigal College principal Danny McFadden with student Ronan Doherty Ballyare.

Errigal College, Letterkenny hosted a careers event for their students last week where a diverse number of people from a wide variety of jobs came into the school to share their work experiences. A lot of preparatory work had gone into staging the Careers Day with the students identifying their preferences in regard to what jobs they wanted to learn more about. Errigal College Principal Danny McFadden was full of praise for the amount of organising that went into the event by staff to ensure that students got the best possible experience as they embark in the next few years on the journey towards jobs.



Students Hazel McCabe, Meadhb McCabe, Olivia Zygmunt and Louise Norrie



Patrick Bond electrician with students Odhran Kelly, Safi Aboarra and Petro Domcheko.



Deputy Joe McHugh giving his advice to Lisa Deffense.

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- Termon National School
- An Craoibhin Termon
- Kilmacrennan Community Hall
- Gartan United
- East Donegal Pony Club
- Kilmacrennan Men's Shed
- Kilmacrennan Parish
- Kilmacrennan Schoolboys FC
- Illistrin Schoolboys FC
- Milford & District Fly Angling Club
- Ballyare Text Alert Committee

Ramelton, Milford and Ballyare areas

- Milford & District Fly Angling Club
- Scoil Mhuire NS, Milford
- Ramelton Community Centre
- Milford Athletic Club
- Milford Ju Jitsu Club
- Ramelton Community First Responders
- Ramelton Community Playgroup
- Ramelton Town Hall Development
- Ramelton Rovers FC
- Dave Gallaher Park, Ramelton
- Swilly Mulroy Community Health Forum

Fanad, Kerrykeel, Glenvar and Rathmullan areas

- Rathmullan & District Resource Centre
- St. Davaddog's NS
- Rathmullan Community Festival
- Swilly Mulroy Community Development
- Gaeil Fhanada
- Naoinra Fhanada
- Fanad Youth Club
- Mulroy Underage Soccer Academy
- Swilly Mulroy Community Health Forum
- Otway Golf Club
- Fanad Day Centre
- RDR The Way Forward, Rathmullan

Cranford, Carrigart, Glen and Downings areas

- Downings Tidy Towns
- Mevagh Development Association
- Mevagh Playgroup Group
- Glenree United Ladies Team
- Downings GAA
- Swilly Mulroy Community Development
- Cranford Athletic Club
- Cranford FC
- Downings Festival
- Downings Christmas Lights
- Visit Downings

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Meehan's Gunning for Road Safety

Declan Meehan, independent candidate in the Milford Electoral Area, was seen with a gun outside Ramelton last week. No, not that type of gun. This was a speed gun. Why? Well, he has told the Tribune that he wanted hard data to present to the roads engineers at Donegal County Council to entice them to address a long-running issue.

He said: "Many people on the doors have been raising the issue of the speed drivers on the way into Ramelton, past Coilyn Court and down into Bridge End. They have also been highlighting it for years previously with the Council and their Councillors, and yet nothing has been done. This was an issue on the doors

five years ago in 2019, and there has been no progress on addressing it up to 2024.

Last week I purchased a speed gun and decided to get some hard facts to present back to the Council to continue lobbying for traffic calming measures at this stretch of road" Meehan told us.

The data was frightening. 91% of drivers were over the 50km/hr speed limit, 77% were over 60km/hr, a third of drivers were over 70km/hr and one in ten were driving more than 80km/hr. "It is so easy to speed on this stretch of road" Meehan admits, "which is why we need our council to act now before someone gets hurt. We need measures in place to slow traf-

fic down, and to make them aware of the speed they are doing, including a radar speed recognition sign. This can't wait another five years." Indeed, the Council have conceded that there have already been five accidents on this stretch of road in the past year.

We need action on this now for Ramelton. I have forwarded the data to the roads engineers to draw their attention once again to this and to highlight the need for traffic calming on the approach to the town. In the meantime, I am asking drivers to be mindful of their speed coming into Ramelton and slow down, it might just save a child's life.



Charlie Ward's campaign for 100% Redress By Declan Kerr



Charlie Ward, right with Paddy Diver and Michael Doherty.

It was 14 years ago that Charlie Ward of the 100% Redress Party candidate in the Stranorlar Area, Charlie Ward and his wife Angela started noticing cracks on the walls of their Drumkeen home.

At the time the couple weren't aware that a defective concrete block tsunami was coming down the tracks. Their insurance company quickly told them that it wasn't their problem so eventually a test was done that confirmed defective blocks was the cause of the deteriorating state of a house that they built in 2005.

Almost immediately Angela and Charlie became members of the Mica Action Group that has been part of a 14-year-old battle with the Government for a true 100% Redress Scheme.

Now the situation has escalated to another level with the formation of the 100% Redress Party who have five candidates running in Donegal. Arranmore native Charlie Ward is a candidate in the Stranorlar Electoral Area. His own personal circumstances and the similar situations being experienced by many families with defective block houses has led to him allowing his name to go forward for the local elections. "I was involved with MAG from the start and my wife Angela is still PRO for them. They are an apolitical group so when the 100% Redress Party was formed I felt I couldn't let this go without giving it a go to get on the Council. I have met Cllrs who said to me nothing will change. We need fresh blood and a new approach. I have been out canvassing now for over three weeks and have a big area to cover from St. Johnston to the back road to Glenfin" Ward said.

Personally Charlie and Angela Ward are at a standstill with their own house after being told initially it was for full demolition to now being deemed to be a remediation job only. "The engineer we had moved to other work and now the whole thing has changed. Remediation doesn't work for defective blocks. The Council is saying the only thing for us to do now is to reapply but we are not going to do that. I know of other houses in Drumkeen that have had the outer leaf done and now they have been told by their insurance companies that they are not covered." The 100% Redress Party candidate says the Peo-

ples Document drawn up by a working group last month has to be delivered in legislation. "We have to do everything in our power to bring those responsible for the defective blocks to justice. The Government has been bitter towards us. Our houses are in tatters. They don't want to see us back in the homes that we should have. We have had a 1,400 euro a month mortgage since 2003 on a property that is not fit for purpose." Charlie Ward said he has had his fill with the frustrations so that is why he has decided to allow his name to go on the ballot paper for the Council elections on June 7th. A care worker at a Nursing Home in Convoys, Charlie is devoting as much of his free time to the campaign bearing in mind that he has four children that need looking after as well. "I'm out on my own most of the time and there are so many issues going around, not just defective blocks. People can't get the grants for ramps for their homes, health issues and so many are affected mentally because there is no help. I know of up to four people who have had mental health breakdowns because their homes are in such a state because of defective blocks. I am getting phone calls about all sorts of problems after canvassing houses in the area" Mr Ward said.

He says there are many more houses in the Finn Valley area that have not come forward yet who have defective concrete blocks. "Lots of people genuinely are not able to face up to the fact that their houses have defective blocks. One woman told me her husband was finding it very hard to accept. He sees it as his castle and is not the same man as he was five years before it all started for them. I am going out to try and do something about that and I have to try and canvass as best I can 45 km from St. Johnston back to the Glenfin Road. Some Cllrs are in there 15 and 20 years. They need to be asked what they have done for the families with defective blocks. There is definitely a disconnect between politicians and the public. We have never had a Cllr come up to us and say what they can do for us. I have met them and they just refuse to believe the scale of the problem. I want to meet them on the doorstep and engage with them about so many issues that are out there" Mr Boyle concluded.

Eamonn Jackson seeking Milford seat for 100% Redress



Eamonn Jackson canvassing in Milford with Paddy Peoples and Daniel Shiels.

Eamonn Jackson's 13-year-old son has rarely seen a day go by without a mention of defective concrete blocks as the family like many others battle with the Government for a True 100% Redress Scheme.

By Declan Kerr

It was in 2013 that Eamonn and his Breda first observed cracks in their house at Glenkeen, Milford. A year later that led to him becoming a founding member of the Mica Action Group and now sees him being a candidate for the 100% Redress Party in the Milford Area.

Seeking a seat on Donegal County Council is something that he never saw himself doing but Eamonn Jackson says it is now a reality that himself and four other candidates have to influence their case by trying to become Cllrs such is the gravity of the situation with thousands of homes affected by defective concrete blocks.

A native of Doneycarney on Dublin's northside he moved to Donegal 20 years with his wife Breda who is a native of Milford.

"It was in 2013 that we started seeing cracks in the house. In January 2014 the engineer Damian McKay had a meeting in the Station House Hotel and that's when the Mica Action Group was formed. I was the Vice-Chairperson for six years and then Chairperson for three years. I then took a year out to try and get some progress on my house through the scheme. But there has been no progress. I was getting more annoyed at the situation. Then the 100% Redress Party was set up and I do see it as a step forward to try and deal with the issue" Jackson said.

He then accepted an invitation to be the Party's candidate in the Milford Electoral Area and has been out on the doorsteps in recent weeks. "I am in with a chance. It's been long days

for the team but I am getting a good reception on the canvass from the people. They see it as positive that I am part of a new Party. There is an appetite there for change and I am educating people about our situations. I hope to make a difference" said the Ireland sales manager for a food supplements company. Like so many families the saga of a decade of trying to get full redress for houses that were built with defective blocks through no fault of their own is very challenging. "This started for us in 2013. We have a 13-year-old son who has been seeing his father going to Mica meetings for most of the time since. On stormy nights he has been afraid to go to sleep. So we have been trying to steer the story to what his new room will be like. Two years and three months we have been waiting for the demolition of our house. It is ridiculous"

Eamonn Jackson says simply not enough resources are being thrown at several hundred houses on the scheme currently which he adds is going into the thousands in the next couple of years. "For example there is a Hotline that is open for two hours on a Tuesday and two hours on a Thursday. If you are in the queue when the two hours are up you won't get through. Also the payments from the Council which should take two or three weeks can be up to four or five months before they are cleared. So builders are walking off sites and they are saying they won't take on any more rebuilding jobs from the scheme" Jackson said.

He is one of five candidate running for the 100% Redress Party in Donegal along with Thomas Devine in Letterkenny, Charlie Ward, Stranorlar and two in Inishowen Ali Farren and Joy Baird.



Eamonn canvassing with Danny McLaughlin.

Several Bank Holiday drive/drug driving arrests

Donegal Gardai say that eight people were arrested over the Bank Holiday weekend for drink and drug driving offences. They detailed that they made four drink driving arrests and four drug driving across the Donegal division be-

tween last Friday morning and Tuesday morning of this week. "Fixed Charge Penalty Notices have been issued for various offences and a number of vehicles were seized," a spokesperson said.

New walk/cycle route gets go ahead

A pedestrian and cycleway has got the green light on the Kilmacrennan Road between the two roundabouts at Letterkenny hospital and above the Windyhall junction. The job which it is understood will cost in excess of one million euros only got approval at Wednesday's Special Meeting of the Council in Lifford following a recorded vote.

Cllr Ciaran Brogan had proposed a deferral of a decision on the active travel facility to allow further discussions and engagement on the matter. He cited the serious implications that would be ahead for traffic on this stretch of road and also the huge volume of vehicles using the Windyhall route near a major roundabout.

Cllr Brogan formally proposed the deferral of the plan to construct a pedestrian and cyclist active travel facility on the Kilmacrennan Road. That was seconded by his Fianna Fail colleague, Cllr Donal 'Mandy' Kelly but in a recorded vote that motion was defeated 14-10. That meant that an earlier proposal from Cllr Michael McBride and seconded by Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh allows the project to proceed. Cllr McBride said he was happy that the plan was good to go after the emergency services were given assurances about their vehicles having unfettered access to the hospital and Emergency Department.

Director of Road Services Bryan Cannon said that had the plan not got the green light during Wednesday's meeting then it would not proceed this year and there was a possibility of the funding being reallocated in 2025. On Wednesday morning he acknowledged the concerns raised by Cllrs but sought to reassure them that there would still be two lanes of traffic as is the current situation. A right turning lane is being removed but there will be a strip up the middle designed to facilitate movement of emergency service vehicles. Cannon said it was one part of the Active Travel Plan for Letterkenny.

However, Cllr Brogan insisted that if the project got the green light now it would have serious implications for traffic coming into the town from Falcarragh, Dunfanaghy, Creeslough, the back of Errigal, Termon and Kilmacrennan. "Part of the carriageway is going to be taken away. This is not about local traffic. There are lots of people traveling way beyond on that and they

won't be coming on bikes from Creeslough. I feel this is the last road we should be looking at and wait till other routes are done. There is also the issue of the Windyhall Road that has to be looked at as well" Cllr Brogan said.

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LUH welcome HIQA report

Letterkenny University Hospital has welcomed the publication of a HIQA report last week. During the inspection, HIQA looked at eleven National Standards. The findings are the result of an unannounced inspection carried out at the hospital on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th of November 2023.

The areas assessed were the Emergency Department, Surgical Ward 2 and Medical Ward 3.

Of the eleven standards the report detailed that Letterkenny University Hospital was substantially compliant in four of the categories, partially compliant in six others, and fully compliant in one category.

Welcoming the report Hospital Manager Sean Murphy said significant progress has been made in a number of areas, and they are working to address the issues highlighted in the report.

Mr Murphy said of the 20 recommendations contained in the LUH Bed Utilization survey, 13 have been complete and work is progressing on the remainder.

The response also highlighted that the hospital is continuing to recruit key personnel and progress is being made, particularly in the area of nursing. It also detailed the hospital is preparing to roll out a new integrated patient management system that will allow the hospital to work with other health services in the region.

This is due to be launched in mid-May. He said: "Significant progress has been made in a number of key areas since the previous HIQA inspection in 2022 including; increased staffing, enhanced governance, improved staff engagement

and improved systems and processes to support patient flow through the emergency department. "We are working hard to address the issues highlighted in this report and acknowledge the ongoing commitment of our staff who provide excellent person-centred care in our very busy hospital.

"I would like to commend our staff for their kindness and compassion in treating patients which was noted extensively throughout in the report. It is also encouraging to note that our commitment to listening, engaging and responding to staff feedback via our Change Plan process has been cited as a very positive action by HIQA.

"With all our staff focused on improving the quality and safety of our services we will build on the good practice highlighted in this report."

Earagail Arts Festival 2024 programme unveiled

This summer's Earagail Arts Festival has announced its programme of events for this year.

With a family-orientated programme from the Gaeltacht islands to East Donegal and the Inishowen peninsula, Earagail Arts Festival organisers say it has something for all ages and backgrounds.

The festival takes place between 13th - 28th July and features an expanded programme of circus, street arts performances and camps as part of its annual Wild Atlantic Weekends.

Thursday 25th July - Sunday 28th July, the Wild Atlantic Weekend rolls into Gaoth Dobhair where The Grannies, Tumble Circus (above) and Quentin Reynolds will perform in The Big Top at Magheragallon.

Earagail Arts Festival presents a stellar line-up of music, from international acts Bassekou Kouyate (Mali), Boubacar, Traoré (Mali), Irish-based Kurdish/Syrian singer and Bouzouki player, Mohammad Syf Khan, Gazelleband led by Gazan oud player Reem Anbar and Irish-Mancunian music researcher Louis Brehony, Joy Dunlop (Scotland), renowned Irish artists such as Eoghan Ó Ceannabháin & Muireann Nic Amhlaóibh Trio, West Ocean String Quartet to homegrown artists



Muireann Bradley, The Henry Girls and more. The festival line-up features a host of theatre, dance and spoken word events with highlights including The Journals Fleadh, Ireland's first literary journal fleadh, Cosán Árann Mhór - Siúlóid Filíochta agus Cheoil, an art and poetry walk on Arranmore Island followed by a free evening of spoken word and song, Oíche Airneáil Árann Mhór, in Neily's Bar, a free performance by contemporary Irish dance company Ériu/Na Mic Ua gCorra on Gola Island, the new play Boyfriends by Ultan Pringle and The Human Library in Letterkenny.

Rathmullan Music Project and Irish Aerial Dance Fest which will also present an exciting line-up of events in July. Visit eaf.ie for more information.

Ban announced on electronic 'shock collars'

A ban on the use of pet electronic "shock collars" operated by hand-held remote controls has been announced.

The Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Charlie McConalogue T.D, said the decision to move to ban the use of the electronic collars came after recent public consultation.

He said: "Dogs and cats are much-loved companions for so many of us in Ireland, and the use of manually operated remotely-controlled electronic shock collars is not an appropriate way to treat them. Many organisations and individuals have highlighted the welfare problems these collars can cause. The Advisory Council on Companion Animal Welfare, which I set up in 2021, has also advised me on this matter and on that advice, I will be introducing a Regulation in the coming months to ban their use."

Referring to the recent public consultation on this issue, the Minister said: "While I believe these devices should not be used on dogs or cats for welfare reasons, I have listened carefully to those who have raised their concerns about a ban. I recognise that some of the small number of dog owners, who currently use these shock collars, expressed worry about controlling their dogs if they stop using them. For that reason, I intend to permit those who currently use shock collars on their dogs to continue to do so, but only for

those dogs."

The Minister also acknowledged the concern expressed by farm organisations specifically in relation to dog attacks on sheep saying: Minister McConalogue continued: "No dog owner should ever put sheep at risk by acting irresponsibly or by exercising their dog off the lead in such a way that they cause stress and fear, even if the sheep are not physically attacked I say to dog owners: keep your dogs on a lead at all times if there are sheep nearby."

Death of Mary Gallagher

The death has taken place of Mary Gallagher, Gortlee, Letterkenny. A native of Castlefin, Mary was a well known member of the local community and was a familiar face at a variety of social events in the area. Funeral arrangements were not finalised at time of going to press.



The late Rosemarie McNamee

The death occurred on Sunday of Rosemarie McNamee, Ashbrook, Letterkenny. Rosemarie is survived by her children Liam and Daniel; parents Eunan and Oonagh and sisters Kathleen

and Nicole. Funeral took place on Wednesday with Requiem Mass in Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Glenfin. Rosemarie was laid to rest afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Death of Marie Peoples

The death took place on Tuesday of Marie Peoples, Hillview, Kilmacrennan and formerly Derryveagh Avenue, Letterkenny.

Marie is survived by her husband Denis, sons DJ and Stephen; parents Drew and Molly Russell; sisters Serena and Leona; brothers,



Andrew and John; sister-in-laws Annmarie and Aisling and mother-in-law Mary Peoples.

Marie's remains are reposing at her home in Hillview until removal this Thursday morning for 11am Requiem Mass in St. Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan. Private Cremation will take place afterwards in Lakelands Crematorium, Cavan. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Donal K. O'Boyle

The funeral took place on Saturday of Donal K O'Boyle the well known music columnist and disability rights advocate.

He was named as the Donegal Person of the Year for 1981 and was honoured at the Hot Country Music Awards in Letterkenny in March. Donal K was a prominent lobbyist for disability rights in Donegal. He was also an active member of the Donegal Centre for Independent Living.

He passed away last Thursday at Letterkenny University Hospital. Donal K resided at the Cheshire Apartments, in Letterkenny. He was a native of Knockastolar, Gweedore. Predeceased by his parents Paddy and Nora Donal is survived

by his brothers; Finbarr, Vincent and Declan, sisters; Philomena, Gloria, Marion and Carmel, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Remains reposed at Roarty's Funeral Home, Derrybeg from Thursday. Funeral took place on Saturday afternoon with Requiem Mass in St. Mary's Church, Derrybeg. Interment took place afterwards in Magheragallon Cemetery. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.



Milford

Death of Anne Nic Ardghail

The death took place on Friday 3rd May of Anne Nic Ardghail, Magheradrummond, Milford, nee Collins, formerly from Lisnaskea, Fermanagh. Anne was predeceased by her husband Tom in 2nd March 2019. Anne always led a very active life and was well-travelled, a music-lover, a keen gardener, and talented painter and she touched the lives of many and will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by all.

Funeral Mass took place in St Peter's Church, Milford on Tuesday morning officiated by Fr. Stephen Gorman, CC Milford followed Cremation in Lakelands Crematorium, Cavan, on Wednesday the 8th of May. Burial of ashes in the family plot in Tully Cemetery will take place at the time of the Month's Mind Mass. Deepest sympathy is extended to her son Padraig, daughters Aoife, Eimear and Méadhbh, brother, sisters and extended family circle and friends.

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy extended to the Fleming family, Gortmacall, Milford on the death of Mary Fleming, Port-Na-Ling, Fanad in Áras Uí Dhomhnaill Nursing Home, Milford on Wednesday 1st May. Mary was a sister of the late Jimmy Fleming and aunt of the late Gerard Fleming, Gortmacall. Funeral Mass took place on Friday in St. Mary's Church, Fanavolty with burial afterwards in Fanavolty Graveyard.

50/50 Draw Winner

Congratulations to Orla Sweeney, Rosnaskill, Fanad who was the lucky winner of the 50/50 Draw on Sunday evening, winning €1000.

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The next draw will take place on Sunday 2nd June in the Hi-da-way Bar 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 Inn Disco

There will be an 80's and 90's Revival Disco in the Mulroy Woods Hotel on Saturday the 18th of May. This will be an opportunity to reactivate the discos in the Milford Inn years ago and a chance to get the old gang together. It is being organised by the Kerrykeel Foirioige Group with the proceeds being split between them and the Kilmacrennan, Gartan Church First Responders Group. The DJ is John Bosco and the admission is €15 payable in cash at the door.

Milford United Playoff

Milford United Reserve team will contest the Division 2 relegation play off in Saturday 11th May in Bonagee FC grounds, Letterkenny at 1pm against Erne Wanderers FC.

Cash for Clobber

Scoil Mhuire National School, Milford will host their Cash for Clobber Fundraiser from Monday 20th - Thursday 23rd May. All items are to be left at the Morning Drop Off between 9.15-9.30am. Parents / guardians and people in the community are encouraged to contribute their used or unwanted clothing items and place items in a strong bin bag. All items of general clothing, Old schoolbags, Shoes (tied in pairs), Hats and Belts, Towels and Curtains. For hygiene reasons pillows and duvets are not accepted: If these items do not suit, please contact the school office on 074 91 53494 to arrange another drop-off time.

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 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.

Masses

Mass times in St Peter's Church, Milford this week are Thursday 9th May 10am, Friday 10th May 7pm; Saturday 11th May at 7.30pm; Sunday 12th May at 11am.

Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 11th May at 6pm.

Graveyard Mass Dates

The annual Graveyard Mass at Tully Cemetery will take place on Sunday 28th July at 3pm and Graveyard Mass at Milford Cemetery will take place on Sunday 4th August at 3pm.

Gallowglass Centre

The Gallowglass Community Centre is available for birthday party bookings on Saturdays and Sundays, as well as early evenings during the week. Contact the MDRC office for more info on 0749153736 or Emma Lou on emmalou@mdrc.ie.

There are many activities taking place at the centre each week and for further information on classes and activities, contact the MDRC office for more info on 0749153736 or Emma Lou on emmalou@mdrc.ie.

Take Your Pick

Congratulations to Yvonne Boyce and John McConigley who were the lucky winners of the €2,500 jackpot at the Take Your Pick in the Village Inn, Kerrykeel on Saturday night.

Yoga in Milford

YOGA in Milford Studio, Beginners courses on Tuesday from 11am-12noon and Saturday from 10:45-11:45am (no classes on 4th May) €60 for six weeks.

Message Diane to book your place. 0863745972 or FB/Instagram Diane Bliss Yoga.

Drop in classes will also resume on Tuesday 16th April, at 9:15-10:45 and Saturday 20th April at 9:00-10:30.

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 Old-school 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



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Milford's Gavin McAteer who was included in the Harps match day squad for the first time on Friday for the Treaty game at Finn Park.



Sinead Hagan has taken up refereeing in the Donegal Women's League and she took charge of her second game on Tuesday in Ramelton where the Swilly Rovers U12 Girls hosted the Mulroy Academy. Sinead pictured with legendary ref Joe Duffy a former Chairperson of Donegal Women's League.



James Gibbons, Chairman of Milford AC presenting Broonagh Kelly, Creeslough with first prize in the Track Development Draw. Also included are Fiadh Harley, family Membership winner, Darina Ferry, Milford AC and 2nd prize winner Matt McDonagh who won €1,000 fill of Oil from Whoriskey's of Ramelton.

Milford AC Track Development Draw

Milford AC held their Hugo Duggan Track Development Draw in the Clubhouse on Monday evening and the lucky winners of €3,000 cash went to Broonagh Kelly, Creeslough.

2nd Prize €1000 Fill of Oil went to Matt McDonagh, Loughnagin, Letterkenny.

3rd Prize, €500 Blue Book Voucher went to Debs Farren, Online Sale.

4th Prize, €300 Arena 7 Voucher went to Jackie Duffy, Mulroy College.

5th Prize, €200 Eco Atlantic Adventures Voucher went to Danny Logue.

6th Prize, Milford AC Family Membership went to Fiadh Harley. The Club wishes to thank everyone who made the draw a success.

Martin Kerr

Martin Kerr (above right) has been quietly preparing to fly off to The European mountain running championships in Madeira. He will stay in Machico where the Championships are based. Registration is on this Thursday. The first 10km mountain run will take place on Friday and he will also compete on Saturday 11th May in the 1000mts (vertical run).

Then he flies to Porto Santo to take part in European 10km Road Championship and Cross Country. The road race takes place on Friday 17th May and the cross country on Saturday 18th May.



The Club wishes Martin all the best over the next two weeks.

Belfast Marathon

In addition to the two teams from Scoil Mhuire Milford taking part in the Belfast Marathon on Sunday, the Club had four runners in action. First home was Marty Lynch in 2hour 36mins. 26 seconds followed by John Whoriskey in 2.53.56 a new pb, Johnny O'Doherty ran 3.05.38 with Eoin Sheehy in 3.16.13.

NW 10k

Well done to all 29 club athletes who ran the NW10km on Monday. Full club results in finish order :- 1. Joe Gibbons 35.53; 2. Stephen Devlin 37.49pb; 3. Peter O'Donnell 37.54; 4. Anthony Doherty 38.11; 5. Danny McLaughlin 43.40; 6. Declan McClafferty 43.38; 7. Danielle McNamee 43.40pb; 8. Damian McBride 43.47; 9. Micheal McHugh 43.47; 10. Daniel Cullen 44.33; 11. Joe Gallagher 45.02; 12. Peter McBride 45.42; 13. Joe McLaughlin 46.05; 14. Karen McAteer 47.26pb; 15. Kieran McAteer 48.30; 16. Micheal McBrearty 49.23; 17. Christopher Doherty 50.34; 18. Aine Whoriskey 50.44; 19. Patrick Shiels 51.10; 20. Johnny Ward 51.22; 21. Hannah McCloy 52.52; 22. Fiona Blaney 57.41; 23. Margaret Hriel 64.56; 24. Kate Begley 65.20; 25. Debbie Houston 65.20; 26. Liam McLaughlin 73.40 pacing; 27. Laura O'Donnell 73.40; 28. Roisin Diver 84.55 pacing; 29. Mairead Diver 84.55.

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## 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 milfordcommunityplaygroup1td@hotmail.com by 18th of June 2024.



Amber Barrett pictured with her grandparents Danny and Mary Barrett and aunts Tanya Hardiman and Rosemary McGee, during their recent visit to Leige, Belgium to watch Amber play for her club Standard Leige in their victory over Genk, with Amber scoring two goals, one from the penalty spot last weekend.

# Sinn Féin

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## The Clanree Hotel Letterkenny

**Country Sundays**  
Sun. 12th May -  
**Robert Mizelle**

Doors Open 8.30pm. Dancing 9-11pm  
€15 Pay at door followed by music in McGettigan's Bar from 11pm.  
Coming - 26th May - Jimmy Buckley, 2nd June - Claudia Buckley

# The Great Reset

Back in 2020, politicians and economists had proposed a scheme called The Great Reset - it was an economic recovery plan in response to the pandemic. They talked about resetting and reshaping the world. To be honest, it kind of passed me by, but cropped back into my thinking this week.

We would love it if there was a reset button for our lives, for the planet - something that would undo the harms and restore default settings - wouldn't we?

It came to mind because we were looking in church at Revelation 21 in the Bible which begins with "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away" and it continues with "Behold I am making everything new!" I'm sure you're fed up with the brokenness and wickedness of this world too. Whether it is disease, accident, gang-

land killings, international conflict, pollution, greed - the list is almost endless. The prospect of all things being made new speaks to a deep ache and longing inside us.

These verses describe a time after Jesus Christ returns when God hits reset for the planet and his people. And what an astonishingly beautiful picture it paints!

They speak of the planet being made new - no more earthquakes, storms, disasters; no more places ruined by greed and pollution. Imagine the best places looking even better - Donegal's stunning coastline and vibrant sea even more glorious, flowers and fruits more spectacular, sunsets and starry nights more stellar.

These verses speak of there being nothing to ruin it - "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain,

for the old order of things has passed away." Perhaps life has been ruined for you, and you look at your one life and weep over the unfairness of it all. But what if there was a chance for another life, one that couldn't be ruined?

These verses speak of people made perfect - made beautiful inside and out, radiant like a bride on her wedding day. I know when I get anything new I am sure to damage it before long. I think we know that if there was a perfect world, we'd mar it. But these verses speak of a change that happens to us too - all those aspects of ourselves which are deeply wrong, gone forever. A society of the greatest expressions of what humanity is designed to be.

They speak too of being with a tender, powerful and loving God who satisfies, enriches and delights in his children. That's how the Bible starts - a perfect world with perfect people enjoying

a perfect God. That was the original design. One day God will hit reset, and the world will be made new, and people too. And so the Bible finishes with that great hope.

Doesn't it speak to a longing deep inside us? We know that this world isn't the way it is supposed to be - that there is a way it is supposed to be. We long for it in our pain, and sometimes in moments of great joy we sense its reality even more, and wish that moment could last forever. One day it will. But the Bible is clear that not everyone will be there - it is God's people who are present and made perfect. And so before Jesus returns we have an opportunity to ask God to reset our lives as it were, so that we become one of his people. Make sure you don't miss it. If you wish to find out more - drop me a line, or you can listen to the whole sermon on the Letterkenny Youtube

## Food for thought



Mark Loughbridge

channel - just search for New Life Fellowship, Letterkenny.

Mark Loughbridge is one of the ministers in Milford Reformed Presbyterian Church. He can be contacted on 086 3907726 or [jmarkloughbridge@gmail.com](mailto:jmarkloughbridge@gmail.com)

# Rathmullan news

## Bike Week 13th-18th May

St. Josephs National School in association with Rathmullan Tidy Towns Group will be participating in Bike Week next 17th May. Pupils are requested to assemble at the Pier Car Park from 8.30am and get your hi Viz Jacket etc and then cycle to the School grounds via the back entrance. We appeal to all other road users to have patience and permit these young people their chance to cycle in safety, and there will be Volunteers at various junctions en route to ensure safe passage.

## Tidy Towns

Rathmullan was definitely the place to be last Sunday afternoon for the Lá Bealtaine celebrations and enjoyment of all things Fairy related. The youngsters were all abuzz with excitement at the beautifully decorated Boathouse Sheds where stories of ancient customs and traditions were recounted of what traditionally took place on May Day's Eve, to ward off evil spirits and sometimes of the devilment that

## Fairies got blamed for

Anne Friel recounted the magical story of Flossie McFluff, the Lonely Banshee and Carol Wilson entertained the crowd while the younger ones made their own personal Fairy wands and coloured beautiful pictures. The 'Worry' and personal 'Fairy Wish Box' were very popular, as well as enjoying lots of treats with a sip of Fairy Juice, and a sumptuous Fairy Cake. Many had time to get a 'Wishing Gate' snapshot before rushing off with a unique 'Fairy Wood Map' in search of Flossie McFluffs House, Pine Dust Tree, or the Mullan Fairy Family Home, or Cuppy's Shed and much more enroute to the Fairy Garden, stopping here and there peeping into nooks and crannies in search of elusive fairies. What a magical afternoon for adults and children alike. Hugh thanks to all involved with this 'Afternoon of Fun', hosted by the Tidy Towns Group, and special mention to Kayleigh and Daniel Fulton, Hazel Russell, and all the other Volunteers who made this Annual Event so special.

## St Eunan's College Letterkenny Day Trip

Many thanks to the pupils who visited Rathmullan last Wednesday to conduct a thorough cleaning of the beaches and we're very grateful for your assistance. Despite regular attendance by Volunteers, it's always amazing to see what the tide brings in, and Wednesday's haul was very impressive from a Big canvas sack to an old tyre, along with lots of plastic waste too.

A ladies small shoulder bag was also found containing personal bank cards, and this has been handed into Garda Station in Milford. The boys

continued their educational tour by visiting Rathmullan House kitchens and gardens, where they were treated to a hearty lunch there after their mornings work. Thank you boys and good luck with the rest of your school term.

## Rathmullan Celtic 50/50 Draw

Congratulations to Harry Boyce, Rathmullan winner of the April Draw and Burger Patton winner of the Bonus prize. The monthly draw will take place end of June 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.

## Darkness Into Light

Darkness into light will take place this coming weekend 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 beforehand on the online portal via Darkness into light

## Relay for Life - Candles of Hope

Relay for life takes place in a few weeks time at the ATU grounds in Letterkenny on 25th / 26th May and it's all about coming together to celebrate cancer survivors, remember those how have passed away from cancer and giving thanks to our caregivers, as well as raising awareness about the services provided by the Irish Cancer Society. A very special time is always the Candle of Hope Ceremony around 10pm on the Saturday night, and anyone wishing to remember someone for the ceremony, then Candles of Hope will be on sale in Rathmullan on Tuesday 21st May in Carberry's Shop from 9.30 am to 2pm.

## Save the Date - Water Safety Classes

A date for the diary will be the Rathmullan Classes coming up 15th - 20th July with the booking details available soon.

## Donegal IWDG

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 refloating techniques, then you should attend the forthcoming Cetacean Live Standing 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 and other information are all avail-



Enjoying Lá Bealtaine in Rathmullan last Sunday.

ble on Eventbrite.

## 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, bric a brac, 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.

## Clean Coasts & Litter Picks

The weekly Pier area, village and beach cleans take place every Wednesday, with equipment available outside the White Harte from 10am. We especially welcome our Coastal Warrior pals from the HSE TOA Community Programme every week, and delighted to have a few new faces occasionally joining us recently in helping to keep our streets and beaches litter free, we appreciate your support. Everyone welcome to join in and we usually have a social coffee afterwards.

## Eco Atlantic Adventure Camps Rathmullan

Eco Atlantic Adventures Beach Bootcamp Sunrise workout, is now into week 2, and is suitable for all levels of fitness, @ 6 am for Monday/Wednesday/Friday. There are many other courses on offer during the summer months, contact Hugh 086 2250599 as booking is essential.



St Eunan's College visit to Rathmullan last week.

# DECLAN MEEHAN INDEPENDENT MILFORD ELECTORAL AREA



## I'M ASKING FOR YOUR NUMBER ONE VOTE ON JUNE 7TH

On June 7th you will be asked to vote for your preferred candidates in the local elections to Donegal County Council. These three Councillors will represent this area for five years until 2029 and I want to be one of them. I am asking for your support on election day so that I can work on your behalf to make this area we call home a better place to live, work and play in.

My priorities are housing, the defective blocks crisis, health, community and infrastructure. There has been little to no improvement in these areas since the last elections in 2019. A lot of people are worse off due to the increased cost of living, housing insecurity, and pressures arising from the defective blocks disaster.

If you, like me, want to see change, then you must vote for it on June 7th. We can do so much better for our area. That starts with better representation for the Milford Electoral Area. I am committed to providing that and to working hard for everyone in our community. As a community worker, I see the issues affecting people on a daily basis. I want to be part of the solution in fixing them with real .

We need more social housing in the area, we need a new primary care centre, we need better public transport, footpaths and lighting. Communities need more investment for older people, people with disabilities and we need better opportunities for our young people.

If you want these things too, then you need to vote for it. I have a track record of delivery for this area, and I am not even a Councillor. I have delivered over €1.8 million in funding for projects and programmes since 2020, which have hugely benefited this area. I am delivering already, and with your help I can deliver a lot more for all of us.

Representation matters. Track record matters. Delivery matters. I am asking you for your Number One Vote on June 7th so I can continue to deliver for the Milford Electoral Area for the next five years.

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*Declan Meehan*

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 €60,000 Streetscape Enhancement in Milford  
 €150,000 Sports Capital Funding: Ray Astro Pitch  
 €55,000 CLÁR Funding for Ray Community Garden  
 €147,820 MYE Future Youth Project Funding  
 €37,000 ORIS Funding: Development of Standing Man Walk  
 €62,000 CLÁR Funding: Swilly-Mulroy Mobility Bus  
 €20,000 Ireland Funds: Solar Panels in MDRC  
 €16,300 Heritage Council: Gallowglass Community Centre  
 €564,099 CSP Funding: Community Services in Milford  
 €200,000 Donation: Gallowglass Community Centre  
 €50,000 CLÁR Funding: St Joseph's NS Community Garden  
 €40,000 Milford Development Fund

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

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## Letterkenny Golf Club

Laurence Duggan was the overall winner of second major of the year, the free members sub for the forthcoming year. The in form golfer was also the winner on each day of the two day event, held in mid April.

Results from the recent prizegiving were as follows: Voucher Competition Day 1 on 13/04/24, winner Laurence Duggan (22) 46points, runner up Danny McLaughlin (21) 39points, 3rd Paddy O Leary (20) 35points, Cat 1 Mark McNulty (11) 34points, Cat 2 Dermot Higgins (17) 35points, Gross Shaun Duffy (4) 30points. Voucher Competition day 2 on 14/04/24, Winner Laurence Duggan (19) 38 points, 2nd Matthew Carlin (18) 38points BOT, 3rd Gareth McNern (23)38points, Cat 1 Dermot Dunleavy (15) 38points, Cat 2 Mervyn White (24) 37points, Gross Kevin Kiely (7) 29points.

Wednesday Open on 17/04/24 - 1st Matthew Carlin (17) 41 points, 2nd Stephen McLaughlin (15) 38points Sunday Open 21/04/24, - 1st Paddy Doherty (17) 41points, 2nd Ryan Tyrrell (07) 37 points, 3rd Joseph Diver (23) 35 points, Cat 1 Philip Friel (6) 35 points, Cat 2 Paddy O'Leary (20) 33 points.

Wednesday Open 24/04/24 - 1st Liam Sweeney (7) 38 points, 2nd Kenny Harkin (13) 37 points, 3rd Anthony Delap (18) 36 points Gallinaghs Tool Hire open 27/04/24 - 1st Declan Carr (26) 41 points, 2nd Tony Duffy (18) 38 points, 3rd Malcolm Crawford (20) 37 points, Cat. 1 Eamon McGlinchey (5) 37 points, 2nd Tom McDonagh (19) 37 points, Cat 3 Mark Murray (27) 37points, Gross Darragh McMenamin (scratch) 32 points.

On May the 3rd their was fantastic support shown from Golfers near and far who took part in a singles stableford competition as part of the Relay for Life fundraiser. Amidst the glorious sunshine on the day, Letterkenny Golf Club are proud to be associated with the fundraiser and are thankful to all who contributed on the day. Congratulations to all prizewinners and a special thanks to David from Letterkenny Driving Range and also Kevin from Gallinagh Tool Hire for sponsoring recent competitions.

### Hole-In-One

Congratulations to local sporting legend Kenny Harkin getting a hole in one on the 16th in Wednesdays Lennonside Butchers Open competition. Letterkenny Golf Clubs very own greenkeeper, Shaun Duffy, aced the 8th hole in the Relay For Life fundraiser on Friday. Local Knowledge of the pin positions may have been a factor... nevertheless, Shaun went on to return a bogey free round of 3 under par 69, aided by a birdie on 18.

Prizewinners of competitions and also in attendance is Kevin Gallinagh (seated front left) of Gallinaghs Tool Hire who sponsored a recent event.

## Letterkenny Ladies

### Presentation of Prizes

The first presentation of prizes took place on Thursday 2nd May in the Clubhouse where all outstanding prizes up to and including the competition on Sunday 28th April were presented. There was a great turn out for the first social event of the year for the Ladies. Lady Captain Anne would like to extend a huge thank you to our sponsors who attended - Charlie Davis Farm Shop, Paddy Gildea Butchers and David Moore Letterkenny

Driving Range for their generous sponsorship and continued support. A big thank you also to the competition secretaries and treasurer for all their work in organising this large prizegiving event. Congratulations to all of the winners.

### Team News

Well done to Captain Celine Bradley, and asst team captain Maureen Sweeney, and the Minor Foursomes Team who won against Rosapenna at the weekend in a very sporting match. Letterkenny now progress to the next round. Thank you to all of the supporters both home and away.

### Relay For Life

The Relay for Life 18 hole Fundraising Competition took place on Friday 3rd May with Breege Mc Donagh (49) finishing in 1st place with 38 pts. Eugenia Moran(50) was runner up with 34 pts and Carmel Mc Geady (35) came 3rd with 32 pts bot. Thank you to David from Letterkenny Driving range for his sponsorship towards this competition.

## Portsalon

### Club Results

Wednesday 2nd May Winner: Ciaran Blaney (36) - 40 pts; Runner-up: Dean Shields (14) - 39 pts; Gross: Kevin Boyce (7) - 30 gross pts; Third: Paul Gallagher (10) - 38pts.

Saturday 5th May - Winner: Simon Strawbridge (23) - 39 pts BOT; Runner-up: Tony Kingston (22) - 39 pts; Gross: Ryan McGettigan (1) - 30 gross pts; Third: Sean Canning (19) - 38pts.

Sunday 6th May - Winner: Shaun Campbell (20) - 42 pts- Runner-up: James Duffy (20) - 40 pts BOT; Gross: Pascal Cullen (3) - 35 gross pts; Third: Vincent McDaid (13) - 40pts.

## Portsalon Ladies

### Hole in One

For most of us mere golf mortals, a par at the first hole is a great achievement. Starting with a birdie at the first hole of the front 9, and then starting her back 9 with a Hole in One at the 10th, Claire McGonigle put on display her exceptional qualities as a golfer. Many congratulations Claire on an incredible achievement.

### Thinking of taking up Golf?

The start date for beginner ladies is hoped to be finalised very soon. Keep an eye in the press or indeed ask in the shop, if you would like to get started this year. You won't be disappointed. It's a fantastic sport, not just the game of golf, but socially opening up new horizons and making new friends.

### Teams

Congratulations to the Intermediate Foursomes team both at home and away, who secured victories in Portsalon and Greencastle to progress to the next round. Many thanks to the Greencastle ladies for their welcome and hospitality. Thanks also to Deirdre O'Toole who co-managed the away team for team captain Noreen McConigley.

### Mixed Foursomes

Congratulations to the Mixed Foursomes team who secured victory against Fintona on the 2nd Playoff hole in Portsalon on Sunday.

### Ulster Women's Trophy

Best of luck to the Trophy team who play Narin and Portnoo on Saturday 11th May at 3pm. This is a team of 6 singles matches. 3 matches at home and 3 away.

### Club Matchplay

The draw has been done, and is on the notice board in the locker room. Please



Pictured left is Micheal Bradley who recorded a hole in one on the 7th at the Old Tom Morris, Rosapenna and above Kenny Harkin who got a hole in one on the 16th at Letterkenny on Wednesdays Open.



Pictured of some of the participants in the fundraiser in aid of Relay For Life at Letterkenny Golf Club on Friday last.



arrange to have your matches played by the 31st May.

### Play in Pink

The Play in Pink day originally scheduled for Sunday 12th has been postponed to a later day.

### Results

Another incredible round of golf on Sunday saw Deirdre Hensey return a score of 41pts to win the Sunday members Competition - Winner Deirdre Hensey 41pts; 2nd Claire McGonigle 37pts

Monthly Re-Entry Competition - 1st Deirdre Hensey; 2nd Pictured Right: Claire McGonigle who recorded a Hole in One on 10th Hole at Portsalon Golf Club last weekend.



Portsalon Mixed Foursome player following their victory over Fintona on Sunday last.



Portsalon Ladies Intermediate Foursomes pictured in Greencastle last weekend where they defeated the home team.

# Mulroy Hoops Basketball Club Presentations

Local Councillor Pauric McGarvey was the special guest at the recent Mulroy Hoops Basketball Club presentation night in the Mulroy Woods Hotel, Milford. The MC for the presentations was Club Chairperson Fergal Coll who welcomed everyone and thanked them for the dedication and training all season. He welcomed Cllr. Pauric McGarvey to do the presentations and thanked him for his support for the Club over the past year. Cllr. McGarvey who is deputy Mayor of the Letterkeny Milford Municipal Area acknowledged the work of the Club Coaches and volunteers and the time they dedicate to the young children in the area to ensure they receive the training and coaching they deserve. He acknowledged the parents who have placed a big role ensuring they get to training and as a father himself he knows what it like.

He congratulated the prize winners, not only the ones who received trophies but everyone, because only by taking part is what counts. On behalf of the Club members he made presentations to Fergal Coll and Bernie Gallagher in recognition of all the work they have done for the Club. Cllr. McGarvey presented prizes to U12 girls Div 1 Most Valuable Player Anita Peoples, Best Hustle Aleesha Friel and Most Improved Player of the Year Mia Friel, U12 Boys Div 1 MVP Adam Heraghty; Hustle Ruairi Kerr, MI Rory Boyle. U14 girls Div 1 - MVP Anna Giles, Hustle Aishling Duffy, MI Megan McGinley. U14 Boys Div 1 - MVP Aaron Gallagher, Hustle Mason Kelly, MI Oliver McCarthy. U16 Boyce Div 1 - MVP Prince - Ayibongwe Nube, Hustle Cormac Doherty, MI Cillian Coyle. U16 Girls Div 1 MVP Cao-



U12 Div 1 MVP Anita Peoples, Aleesha Friel and Mia Friel with Cllr. McGarvey.



U19 Div 1. - Shaun McDevitt and Jamie Lafferty with Cllr. Pauric McGarvey.

imhe Coyle, Hustle Eabha McGinley, MI Aibhe Fennell. U19 Girls Div 1 - MVP Sophie Gallagher, Hustle Hannah Gallagher, MI Lucy McGonigle. U12 Girls Div 2 - MVP Hollie Sweeney,

Hustle Ella Lily Hevett, MI Phia Friel. U12 Boys Div 2 - MVP Jonah Vambek, Hustle Joe Kelly, MI Thiti Fisher. U14 Girls Div 2 - MVP Chloe Kennedy McLoughlin, Hustle Nhi McDaid, MI Freya Kelly

U14 Boys Div 2 - MVP Tiernan Kerr, Hustle Rory McGettigan, MI Ethan Gibbons. U16 Girls Div 2 MVP Una Sweeney, Hustle Mary B; MI Ava Haridman. U19 Boys Div 1 MVP Daire Fennell, Hustle Jamie Lafferty, MI Shaun McDevitt.



U16 Div 2 Mary B, Una Sweeney and Ava Haridman with Cllr. Pauric McGarvey.



U19 Div 1 Lucy McGonigle, Hannah Gallagher and Sophie Gallagher with Cllr. Pauric McGarvey.



U16 Div 1 Aibhe Fennell, Eabha McGinley and Caoimhe Coyle with special guest Cllr. Pauric McGarvey.



U14 Div 1 Aaron Gallagher, Mason Kelly and Oliver McCarthy with Cllr. Pauric McGarvey.



Cllr. Pauric McGarvey presenting Hollie Sweeney with the U12 MVP.



Thiti Fisher U12 Div 2 Most Improved.



Rory Boyle U12 D 1 Most Improved player.

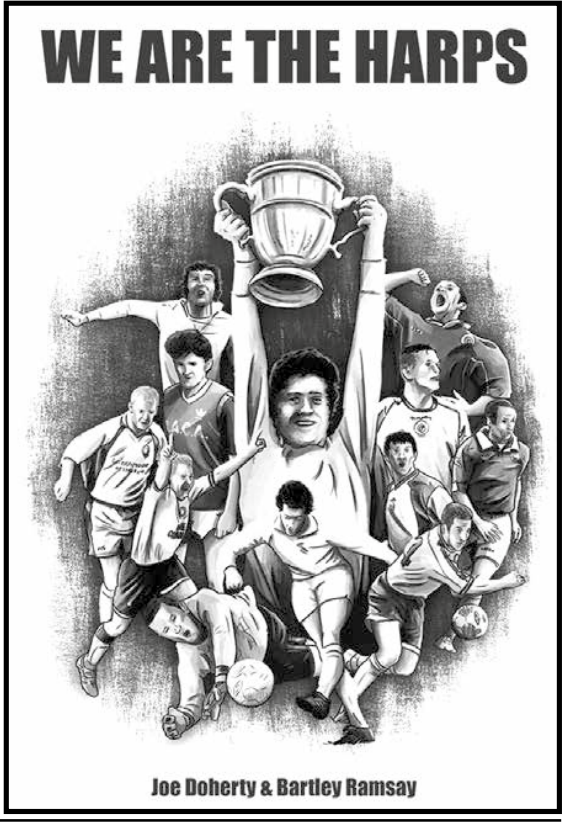


U14 Div 2 - Ethan Gibbons, Rory McGettigan and Tiernan Kerr with Cllr. McGarvey.



U16 Div 1 Cormac Doherty and Prince Ayibongwe Nube.

# 628 players profiled in new Finn Harps book



On Saturday 11th May, Joe Doherty and Bartley Ramsay will launch their book "We are the Harps" in Jacksons Hotel, Ballybofey at 7pm.

The book profiles every player who has played a competitive game for Finn Harps Football Club over their first fifty-five seasons in senior football. All 628 players who featured from the club's first game in senior football in August 1969 against Shamrock Rovers until the final game of the 2003 season against Bray Wanderers last October are included. Whether they have played just one minute for the first-team, or 485 times as is the case with record appearance holder Jonathan Minnock, all have contributed to the history of the club over its first fifty-five years in senior football.

Milestone appearances are included as well as clean sheet records for each of the goalkeepers. And it's not just the players. Each of the Managers from Patsy McGowan, who led Finn

Harps into senior football, right up to current boss Darren Murphy are included. From the famous to the infamous, they can all be found in this book and this is a record of their offering to Harps. Nowhere before has a record of those who have played and managed the club been gathered and presented in one place.

Members of the 1974 FAI Cup winning team will also be in attendance at the launch - it is now half a century since Harps won their one and only FAI Cup with video footage of that Cup run set to be shown. The captain of that side, Jim Sheridan, has written the foreword for the book.

The authors Joe Doherty and Bartley Ramsay are life-long supporters of the Harps - Bartley first attended Finn Park for a mid-1970s pre-season friendly against West Bromwich Albion while Joe has been making the fortnightly trip down Navenny Street since first doing so for a League Cup game against Derry City in

1988.

Joe and Bartley want to place on record their thanks to all those who have helped to get their idea and project to publishing stage: Donegal County Council; Donegal Sports Partnership; Martin Harley, Cheers Bar, Ballybofey; Tommy Gallen, Gallen Group, Ballybofey; Paddy Hannigan; Stranorlar; Dublin Finn Harps Supporters Club; Conor McEniff, Allingham Arms Hotel, Bundoran.

Priced at €20, copies of the book will be available to purchase at the launch. Subscribers and those who pre-ordered books will also be able to collect on the night (for those who indicated they wanted to collect their book). Books will also be available to purchase on Amazon from Monday 13th May.

Pictured right is a copy of the cover of the book, designed by Barry Masterson.



Pictured left at the 'Border Counties in Europe' public meeting in the Silver Tassie Hotel on Bank Holiday Monday were Stephen Kelly CE Manufacturing NI, Minister Charlie McConalogue, Senator Niall Blaney, Pat 'the Cope' Gallagher and chairperson Michael Daly former Editor of Donegal Democrat and Donegal Peoples Press.

Above at the meeting were Patrick and Eamonn Sweeney, Fanad.



At the 'Border Counties in Europe' meeting were Minister Charlie McConalogue, Sean Gallagher, Cllr. Donal 'Mandy' Kelly and Martin McHugh; Cllr. Ciaran Brogan with Rosaleen Campbell and Maura Meehan from Burt and Cllr. Rena Donaghy, Buncrana at the meeting.



At the "Border Counties in Europe" public meeting in the Silver Tassie Hotel on Bank Holiday Monday.



# Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Tá fáilte ar ais romhaibh, a chairde Ghaeil agus tá súil agam go bhfuil achán duine maith agus folláin. Anois mí na Bealtaine agus rudaí ag toiseacht a ghabháil níos fearr leis an aimsir, an féar ag fás go gasta agus duilleogaí ar achán crann. Agus cluinim go hiontaofa go bhfuil an uaineoil galánta ar fad na laethanta seo, agus tá suim mhór agam ann. Bhí mé ag smaointiú nach bhfuil bealach níos fearr cos uaineola a dhéanamh ná é díchnámhaithe, curtha i maranáid thar oíche agus déanta ar fhulacht.



Don mharanáid faigh buidéal maith fion dearg, gairleog meilte agus luibheanna ar bith atá in aice lámha, clúdaigh an uaineoil go hiomlán agus cuir sa chuisneoir thar oíche. Tiontaigh thart é ó an go ham le blasanna fion agus luibheanna a ligint isteach don feoil. Tá crúth ag an gearradh seo mar dching- téann sé ó dtiubh go tanaí. Mar sin, nuair atá sé cníochnaíthe ar an fhioigual, béidh píosaí déanta go maith agus píosaí eile atá scothbhruite. Mar sin béidh gach duine sasta.

Tugann an mharanáid blas galánta, domhain. Ná bíodh imníoch faoi rud mar seo a dhéanamh, tá sé simplí agus furasta. Tógfaidh an búistéir an cnámh amach as an cos duit, nó, níos fearr arís, tóg amach tú féin é. Úsáidtear maranáidí go minic agus molaim go mór triall a bhaint astu. Tig leat a bheith simplí, mar shampla filléad sicine le sú líomóide agus gairleog; meascaigh an sú le gairleog meilte agus cuir ar an sicín i mias sa chuisneoir le 2 uair a chloig.

Nuair a thógann tú amach é béidh ar an sicín go bhfuil sé cócaráilte cheana mar gheall ar imoibriú an sú líomóide, agus an aigéad atá ann, ar an sicín. Cuir na píosaí ar fhulacht nó friochtán le 6-8 bomaite agus béidh siad galánta deas. Leoga, tá maranáidí ann le gach saghas feola agus glasraí fosta, agus oibríonn siad uilig go hiontach. Nuair atá tú ag déanamh maranáid tá foirmle simplí le leanadh, agus tri gnéithe ann i gcónaí. Ar dtús AIGÉAD, a thagann le finéagar, sú, iógart nó mustard. Ansin luibheanna úra nó spíosraí leis an blas a thabhairt, agus, ar deireadh, comhábhair sailleach, im nó ola. Treoir ghinearálta maidir le sicín is é finéagar nó sú; fosta oibríonn sicín go maith le mil nó síoróp mhailpe. Tig leat sú

líomóide nó oráiste, líoma nó anann a úsáid. Le iasc, sú líomóide agus ola olóige.

Nó le TACOS ÉISC a ullmhú cuir craiceann agus sú líoma le chéile le lus an choire agus sú oráiste! Doirt seo ar iasc bán agus tá sé ag gabháil a bheith iontach. Maidir le feoil dearg is é fion dearg an rud is fearr le luibheanna úra agus gairleog meilte. Chomh tábhachtach leis na comhábhair is í foighne. Arís, mar threoir ghinearálta, le hiasc tá 30-40 bomaite fóirsteanach; le sicín agus muiceoil fag sa chuisneoir le 2 nó 3 uaireanta. Le mairteoil agus uaineoil 3 -24 uaireanta.

Seo áit ina mbéidh tú ábalta turgnamh a dhéanamh le hearraí éagsúla, chomh fada agus go leanann tú na rialacha bunúsacha faoi aigéad, blas ó luibheanna nó spíosraí agus an ábhar sailleach. Arís eile, déan do thaighde féin. Agus, mar is gnáth, agus mar a deirim i gcónaí- CLEACHTADH AGUS MISNEACH. Agus ná déan dearmad, má dhéanann tú botún íosfaidh an madadh é!!!

## COS UAINEOLA FÉILEACÁIN Butterflied Leg of Lamb



**Comhábhair**  
1x3kg cos uaineola, díchnámhaithe  
4 ionga gairleog meilte  
4 craobhóg RósMhuire, gearrtha go min  
3 tbsps ola olóige

**MODH:**  
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## MARANÁID GRÉIGACH le SICÍN Greek Marinade for Chicken



**Comhábhair**  
4 filléid sicine  
100ml ola olóige  
1 líomóid, sú.  
2 ionga gairleoga, meilte  
2 tsp tíoma triomaithe  
1 tsp mustard DIJON Salann

**MODH:**  
Meascaigh achán rud le chéile agus cuir i mbabhla leis an sicín agus clúdaigh go maith. Cuir sa chuisneoir le 2-24 uaireanta. Tóg amach an sicín agus cuir san oigheann nó ar fhriochtán nó ar fhulacht, ag doirteadh cibé maranáid atá fagtha air.

Bealtaine. May  
Ag toiseacht. Beginning  
Go hiontaofa. Reliably, authoritatively  
Díchnámhaithe. Deboned  
Maranáid. Marinade  
Gairleog meilte. Crushed garlic  
Luibh, luibheanna. Herb, herbs  
In aice lámha. Near hand  
Tiontaigh thart. Turn around  
Crúth. Shape  
Tiubh. Thick  
Tanaí. Thin  
Ding. Wedge  
Fioigual. Charcoal  
Domhain. Deep  
Imníoch. Anxious  
Meascán. Mixture  
Cócáirálte. Cooked  
Fulacht. Barbecue  
Foirmle. Formula  
Aigéad, aigéadach. Acid, acidic  
Treoir ghinearálta. Rule of thumb, general guide  
Sailleach. Fatty  
Síoróp mhailpe. Maple syrup  
Anann. Pineapple  
Líoma. Lime  
Foighne. Patience  
Misneach. Courage

## Lucky Donegal winner scoops €50,000 with Prize Bonds

This week's Prize Bond Star Prize of €50,000 goes to lucky Prize Bond number YG764134 held in County Donegal. The lucky bond was purchased in 2014. There were over 9,213 prizes awarded in this week's Prize Bond Draw, amounting to over €767,900.

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## A Rathmullan Woman in exile...

# An incredibly rare event in Cavan

I needed to get a young horse and his companion to Rathmullan in preparation for the sales in Eglinton, but I wasn't happy with the big jeep, it just didn't feel right. Reluctant to chance the whole run, (despite Himself scoffing and insisting that I was imagining things), I arranged with Rachel and Ed to meet me in Aughnacloy and bring a trailer and horses the rest of the way. Himself rode shotgun and looked over every ditch at other men's livestock. The day was glorious and the journey went without a hitch despite my uneasy feelings.

We're fortunate in my family that we are all very punctual and business-like about appointments. We met at the Blackwater Cottage and the exchange was completed within 10 minutes and everyone went their ways without any blathering or delaying. There's nothing that needs to be said on the ground that can't be said on the phone as you move along, and time can't be saved, it can only be spent wisely. I was back in good time to do the jobs and go to an evening shift in work. I have my fingers crossed for a good sale on the May bank holiday and a good future for the horses.

There was an incredibly rare event in Cavan last week and in some other areas of the country... it stopped raining and the sun shone. We all emerged like moles, blinking, mouths agape, gazing skywards in disbelief at the bright, yellow phenomenon against an amazingly blue background. It was incredible after the weeks of relentless wet, grey weather. The nights remained very cold, with a rime of ice on the buckets each morning, but there was great drying.

You had to pick your chance to get out onto the road with every farmer in the county rushing to get slurry, fertiliser and livestock out. We

*Mark and I attended one of the nicest funeral services that I was ever at last week. Stretch, our long-time neighbour and friend from Dublin, bade a final farewell in the cathedral in Cavan. At Stretch's funeral everyone cared deeply and mourned his loss. The priest paid a most empathic and personal tribute as did Mickey the Hen, Stretch's best friend. We adjourned to Stretch's local, the Knights of Luna Bar...*

got a lot of cattle out, and as soon as the calf tags arrived in the post the cows and calves were gone too. The icing on the cake for me was that the clutch went on the big jeep right in the middle of putting out the stock. I'm no mechanic, but I do know when there's something not right with a vehicle I'm driving and hell slap it into anyone who makes little of my opinion. Hell duly slapped it into Himself to the tune of nine hundred and fifty euro for not listening to me. I was grinning like a Cheshire cat that swallowed the canary and the goldfish! It's marvellous to see the sheds emptying and the fields filling up with life again.

The fertiliser was shaken so we know that the silage will be cut around the second week of June... weather permitting, of course. Mark and I attended one of the nicest funeral services that I was ever at last week. Stretch, our long-time neighbour and friend from Dublin, was bade a final farewell in the cathedral in Cavan before making his last journey to Lakelands crematorium. There were only about thirty mourners altogether, but everyone who was there was there because they genuinely cared about the fella in the box.

At so many funerals a large part of the congregation is made up of folk who "need to be seen to be there" because "what would the neighbours say" if they didn't show their faces. You can clearly see that they would rather be cleaning out a septic tank with a toothbrush than sitting through the service. At Stretch's funeral everyone cared deeply and mourned his loss. The priest paid a most empathic and personal tribute to Stretch, as did Mickey the Hen, Stretch's best friend. We adjourned to Stretch's local, the Knights of Luna bar afterwards where we met his daughters in law and some of his grandkids. It was a lovely get together and a fitting farewell to a uniquely talented and intelligent man.

I was feeling exhausted and run-down a couple of weeks ago, and I wanted to eat chocolates, which is not normal for me. I checked the diary and sure enough, I was due my Vitamin B12 injection. I get very sleepy and lethargic (no change there!) when my levels run low and I have to have an injection every ten weeks or so. It's a vitamin that has a lot of influence on the nervous system which is pretty crucial if, like me, you're prone to depression. I can't function without my regular

jab and it's well worth getting your B12 levels checked whenever you're next getting the annual bloods done.

I don't think it's part of the routine checks they run, I think you have to ask for it specifically. As good luck would have it Lucy, my councillor and head-fixer was the nurse on duty so we were able to have a great catch up while she prodded me in the arm. Thankfully my top storey is pretty stable at the moment but I was still glad to wave goodbye to April.

I had my last wood carving class till September last week. I'll miss the class, it's been brilliant. Our tutor, Joey Burns is one of the best ([www.irishwoodsculpture.com](http://www.irishwoodsculpture.com)).



Kate Carton

ie/index.htm) and the lads in the class were a lovely bunch. We learned a lot and I look forward to continuing to practise and gain experience during the summer break. I have thoroughly enjoyed my two classes in the ETB this year and would highly recommend the local Education and Training Board to anyone looking to learn a new skill and meet people.

I finally made it to the garden centre a fortnight ago to stock up on seed spuds. It's a bit late to be setting them in the first week of May, but there's a saying in Cavan that "you're time enough planting spuds as long as you can shoot a crow in an ash tree." There isn't an ash leaf to be seen yet so I reckon I'm safe. I tried up and down the country to get the blight resistant seed potatoes, but to no avail.

They're not to be had anywhere so I relented and bought Queens, Pinks and a Rooster type. I may resign myself to spraying and just grin and bear it. I had about 20 blight resistant poreens left from last year which I gave to Margaret. I wasn't sure how to spell poreen and when I Googled it I found the correct spelling is actually Paidrin. I grow my crop in buckets on concrete for ease of winter management so I now have 78 buckets in the yard. That will keep us in spuds till April next year... if they don't get blighted. I'm lazy; I can't be bothered digging the soil or bending down so everything goes in containers. Himself frequently has one foot in the grave and the other on a banana skin, so if he actually does slither all the way in I'll be able to throw my garden on the back of a lorry and move lock, stock and barrel to Rathmullan. Should you ever see a field of spuds passing your door, it'll be as good as a death notice in the Anglo Celt.

I got a quick run up to Rathmullan last week and hit the weather just perfectly. It was so warm; the wind was like a tropical breeze and I was delighted with how well the plaster inside my house had dried out. Gone was the awful smell of wet plaster and mould on the ceilings, replaced instead by the fresh smell of a new house and walls begging for paint.

The domestic water pipes go in next week and then the floors can be poured and I'll finally stand on the finished height of my home. It will be interesting to see how the views and the light work from the new perspective. I'm really looking forward to looking out from the sanctuary of my own home. Charles Dickens once said that "home is a name, a word, it is a strong one; stronger than any magician ever spoke, or spirit ever answered to, in the strongest conjuration." He was right.



Groups enjoying a recent Social Inclusion Soccer Camp at Letterkenny Community Centre organised by Seimi Friel, Donegal Horizons CLG and Stephen McNutt, Finn Harps Social Responsibility Officer. There are two more camps at the Letterkenny Community Centre for adults with Intellectual Disabilities.



## Tirconail Tribune

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# Refugees: a serious lack of serious leadership

*Helen McEntee and Simon Harris will never find a solution to the refugee crisis by threats of deporting them or discouraging them from coming to Ireland. There is a renewed government urgency in seeking action and results at a time when the overarching political current demands more must be done. And the elections are close by. We must remember these are refugees fleeing from war and Putin's murder machine. In the first instance, we must treat Ukrainian refugees as honest human beings.*

As the debate over migrants coming to Ireland has turned into a nasty political football, the reality is more than 6,000 people applied for asylum in Ireland by April 12th this year alone. If that rate was to continue Ireland would have a record number of more than 20,000 asylum claims by the end of 2024. So what can the government do - what should the politicians do insofar as offering a resolution either in accommodation, respect and a safe place in accordance with international protocols? The country has many vacant spaces and I'd not at all be surprised if the Old Building on the HSE's St. Conal's Complex in Letterkenny was not reconfigured to house immigrants. How many unused church and state buildings are left to gather dust? And why are they not part of the solution? Why did the Government initially allow so many refugees into Ireland at a time when they did not have any handle on resolving the homelessness and housing shortfall? Back in March 2022, Ireland was a welcoming charitable place and people would greet the fleeing refugees into their homes. The issue of charity was soon replaced with the revelation that many of the country's biggest commercial hotels were filled to the rafters. Then it was revealed that hotel owners were being paid very well to host the refugees... Suddenly, the charity concept went out the window and so did much of the original goodwill as the sniping season came early. Ireland and refugees - it does

have many complications including an inexperienced Leader and a Justice Minister caught in the headlights, but sending them back to the UK is not that wise because they are going to Rwanda. Actually, I do not see many promotions for weekend breaks in that hotspot of democracy. I had presumed that refugees should not be sent back to the UK, because any basic principle of human rights should guarantee them to remain there: to be provided with food and a bed for the duration of their stay. The EU never really wanted so many migrants in the first instance. In truth, neither did we. However the British depend on those so-called foreign workers, nursing, hospitals and the services to stop the country from seizing up. And across the EU maritime coastlines the record of accepting those migrants has been lacking in human compassion. Because their governments can't seem to make their minds up: either to hug them or turn their small boats back across the Mediterranean where most of them will likely drown or die of hunger and malnutrition. But Ireland, a truly Christian country, was different. Never in a thousand years would anyone dream of burning down property earmarked for housing these refugees or send them to a tented village in south Dublin! I mean, South Dublin... no way! No, the Leo Varadkar led government played a blinder... Game on, we had to hug the refugees until we got them signed up to vote in the local and EU elections. True as my trust in

Simon Harris, we were the top nation with a charitable status that really defied government policy with record numbers of homeless people in Dublin. Back in 2022, the city did not have tented villages of up to 1,700 refugees sleeping rough as they wondered if the government really knew there was no roof over their heads. And later, when the Paddy's Plastic Paddy Beanfest came roaring into town with the Yanks flooding the market place, the tented village simply had to be disappeared. Imagine - the shame of it in the EU's wealthiest nation. And Simon Harris is travelling the same failed route. You can move the canvas tents... but you cannot remove the problem, much of that is the fault of the government. Over two years ago when the Russians invaded Ukraine, did we not hold out the hand of friendship and hope to ensure their safety and wellbeing? In fact, didn't one government minister suggest that we could possibly see 200,000 Ukrainian refugees coming to Ireland? At that point government ministers were happy to welcome them into so many hotels and guesthouses... And as Ukraine went through hell, we cast aside bureaucratic visa requirements to open our doors and our hearts, which is no more than we should do anyway. When it comes to refugees, Ireland has done good work... but that was before Ukraine came under murderous attack. The Irish Navy did great lifesaving work for a number of years up to 2019, saving well over 10,000 refugees from drowning in the Mediterranean. Our naval crews were responsible for what was arguably the single most noble achievement this State has to its credit since it was founded. But big brother, the EU was not happy and this good work stopped when EU politicians realised that when you save desperate people, other desperate people might be encouraged to cross the sea to Europe in an effort to find refuge. And the 'host' countries acquire legal obligations yet we also went along with the EU's shocking behaviour in turning back those small boats. Ireland of 110,000 welcomes is now much more

than we can handle. Personally, I'm a bit confused about all this - so I'll just leave the heavyweight analysis to Helen McEntee. But, things were going along quite well as we welcomed the arrival of the Ukrainians... that's until it was discovered the provision of accommodation came at quite a hefty profit amid ghastly rumours that there was far more money in putting refugees in hotels instead of tourists visiting the Emerald Isle. Let's just stop and ponder this reality: at any given time, there are about 20 million refugees from the violence and exploitation that afflicts this world. We can either ignore it, in which case it will continue to erupt in ways we least expect, like the alleged 80% of migrants arriving in Dublin have trekked across Ireland's open border and nobody noticed. However, we all noticed when Putin's bombs threatened to destroy tens of thousands of lives across Ukraine. In those circumstances there is but one option: you flee and hope to arrive in a safe haven... Dublin, according to Justice Minister McEntee is a safe place. Then let's head over there and there are Gardai on the streets to protect us. Late on a week last Sunday evening, word began to leak out from the Department of Justice that a planned meeting between Minister for Justice Helen McEntee and her UK counterpart, home secretary James Cleverly, was off. The explanation from the UK was an "unavoidable diary clash" - a line that seemed almost contrived to invite disbelief and bs... which it really was. Helen McEntee's assertion that 80% of Ireland's asylum seekers were coming over the Border from Northern Ireland came as quite the shock. But why should that cause a ruction given that it is open country much loved by smugglers and others of their ilk in days of yore? After all it is the border region and we live in a divided country. When the new Taoiseach Simon Harris chickened out of moving McEntee, he lost the chance for a new approach to immigration and his credibility as a dynamic figure went out the window. Many were not surprised.

McEntee stuck to her guns about the 80% of refugees coming over the border, but the unleashing of the news also confounded the British side. Then there was the great idea that a hundred Gardai could be sent to scour the Border for immigrants had its origins when McEntee spoke at the Association of Garda Sergeants and Inspectors conference a number of weeks earlier, however it was ridiculous enough, not to attract any real interest. UK prime minister Rishi Sunak told the House of Commons that Ireland could not 'cherry pick' international agreements - reiterating that the UK would not accept returns when it had no legal obligation to. This runs contrary to Dublin's stated intention to begin sending migrants back to the UK as soon as new legislation has been passed, clearing legal obstacles presented by a High Court ruling last month. The clearing of tents on Mount Street on Wednesday was a dramatic centrepiece to the week. By evening, a statement outlined that some 290 men had been accommodated, exhaustively detailing the methods of transit, the facilities available and what the plan for future accommodation was. It was a slick bit of operational theatre. And in the make believe world of theatre it is make believe that fills the seats. But as is so often the case with migration, it could never hope to be as tidy as advertised: by Thursday afternoon about 100 men were queuing outside the IPO and they handed letters saying there was no more accommodation for them. Later in the afternoon, the men were moved on by Gardai and overnight, at least one impromptu encampment sprang up in Ballsbridge. Not exactly Utopia but Ireland's history is embedded in moving on those camping on the roadside. The imagery from Mount Street was as theatrical as it gets to stay within political limits... However the move emphasises a much deeper malaise of a government that has run out of ideas and any original thinking. These refugees have been badly treated and moving them to South Dublin is only trying to hide a problem that the Government cannot cope with the numbers seeking refuge. Harris wants to generate high speed news - however from being the Minister for Health who simply delivered very little, this new gig as Taoiseach leaves him more vulnerable and exposed because he is the news for all the wrong reasons. And he must deliver results that offer solutions. Harris has moved away from the traditional hospitality of Ireland to the extremes of deterrents and security. Helen McEntee and Simon Harris will never find a solution to the refugee crisis by threats of deporting them or discouraging them from coming to Ireland. There is a new government urgency in seeking action and results at a time when the overarching political current demands more must be done. We must remember these are refugees fleeing from war and Putin's murder machine. In the first instance, we must treat Ukrainian refugees as honest human beings. That's all they're asking!



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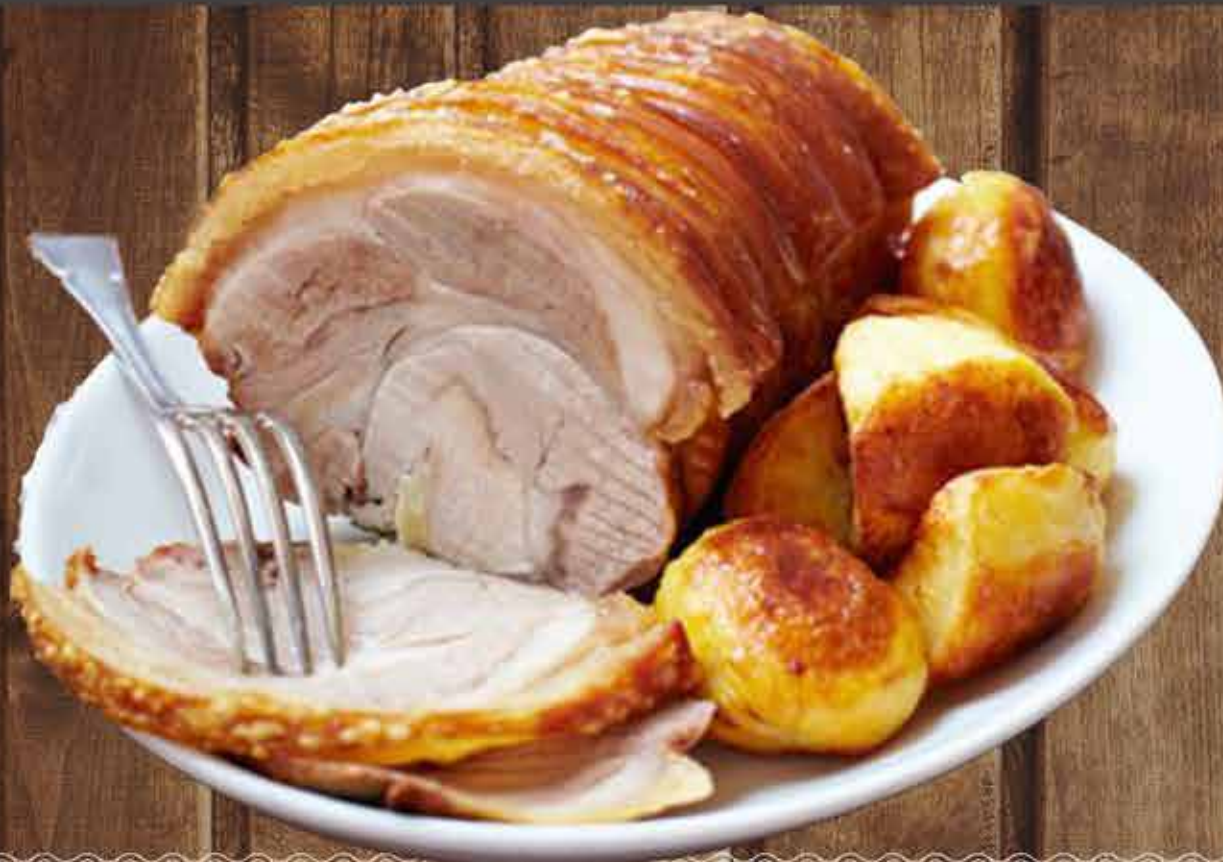


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# Leader: Political slush fund - North Forum

Funding from the Leader programme and it's application to voluntary bodies in Donegal was the focus of attention at the annual general meeting of the North Forum held at the Lagoon Lounge in Termon on Monday night.

During the evening a number of allegations were made that monies from the Leader programme had been turned into a slush fund by politicians. These funds are administered by the Donegal Local Development Company and they came under sustained attack on Monday night. No member of the Board was present to respond to the criticisms being handed out.

A number of representatives from the voluntary groups claimed the DLDC had failed to listen to voluntary groups and was no longer relevant to local communities and was serving no obvious purpose.

Ann Sweeney the outgoing Chairperson of the Forum said they had engaged the services of a solicitor and had referred their concerns to the Office of the Ombudsman. She said that discussions on these levels are continuing. However it would seem that the Forum is now more determined than ever to have a full representation of three of its members on the DLDC board of directors. Charlie Doherty who represents the Creeslough 2000 Group said it seemed to him that DLDC could appoint people to its Board without any transparency or reference to the Forum groups and this point was one of the issues highlighted at the AGM.

The 'impasse' between the North Forum and the DLDC has been ongoing for six years according

to Gerry Mulgrew who has been the group's secretary for the past four years. He said that they had written to the relevant authorities including government ministers: ADM and the DLDC itself in an attempt to resolve the crux.

Mr. Mulgrew said they had already had meetings with the Gaeltacht Minister Eamon O'Cuiv and that further discussions would be sought if a satisfactory solution was not agreed.

Commenting on the difficulties that had arisen Mr. Mulgrew explained: "In our opinion these development companies are established similar to quangos and do not listen to groups such as ours. That is why we think that changes are urgently needed in the composition of their boards and how the needs of voluntary groups are dealt with." Ian McGarvey of Ramelton expressed the opinion that it was 'an absolute disgrace that DLDC had failed to provide any funding to the north forum for the past two years and he was joined by John McFadden of Kerrykeel in questioning the process under which personnel were appointed to the company's board.

The meeting discussed the concept of local development companies and there were claims that the Forum groups had been completely ignored by the DLDC and they were determined to bring this crux to a speedy end. And the meeting heard that in the past two years representatives from the North Forum have not been allowed to sit on the board of directors at DLDC and the Milford area was the only place without an office facility provided by the company.

A new officer board was elected at the Termon

# Work starts on Ozman Centre



Cllr. Paddy Kelly (pictured above with Fintan Coll) has welcomed the start of the work on the Ozman Centre in Dunfanaghy.

Cllr Kelly said that site works had begun and it is hoped that building will commence shortly.

"A successful fundraising campaign has been on go-

ing for the past number of years in an attempt to raise the necessary monies to set the project in motion.

The centre will provide a much-needed facility for the local community and I congratulate the committee and all those involved for bringing the project to this stage." he said.



Mark McCafferty and Tom Lally from McCafferty's Bar Mountain Top, Letterkenny presenting a cheque for 23,405 the proceeds of the New Year's Eve Fund Raising Night in the bar to Colm Breathnach of St. Fiachra's NS Illistrin towards the purchase of musical instruments. Also included is music teacher Grainne Duggan with pupils Cairtriona Boyle, Conor Gallagher, Frances Doherty, Sharon Doherty, Brigid Duggan and Charlie Burke.



Dunfanaghy Badminton Club members at the Donegal Juvenile badminton 2004 presentations in Friel's Hotel, Raphoe with club captain Samuel McElhinney and seated centre Mrs. Audrey Magee, John Ranson and Sean Noonan.

## Spatial Strategy needed for Letterkenny - Clarke

The Green Party Candidate for Letterkenny Town and County Neil Clarke has asked why there no Spatial Strategy for Letterkenny Town and for our county areas.

In a statement he said: "We in the Green Party are disgusted that no such policy exists in County Donegal. With the number of people increasing on the waiting list for housing that the Town and County Council seem to fiddle while Rome burns.

We propose a radical new approach to this blatant problem that the proposed site of the Super dump at Corravaddy be rezoned to accommodate housing. The Council were willing to convert this area into a landfill project why can they not purchase this land for housing. This proposed dump area was in excess of one hundred acres and could provide affordable housing for hundreds of families.

As this area belongs to Coillte (the forestry) who obtained much of the land for only £5 per acre, we would expect it to be resold to the County Council for a very fair price.

Then we propose that the area be fully serviced with the existing road becoming part of the ring road around Letterkenny. We also propose that 50% of the land be turned over to serviced sights not less than 0.5 of an acre thus allowing many first time house buyers the possibility of affordable housing. The other 50% to be social housing providing gardens both front and back. This area would be serviced with a school, playgrounds, Doctors surgery, adequate shops and a town bus service.

This would have the immediate affect of taking the pressure from the existing housing market and taking the initiative against the land speculators and property developers. This area is a man made forest area with a limited life, and can be replaced in another Coillte area thus not affecting the surrounding environment. The old natural forest at the bottom of Corravaddy be protected and designated as a zone for recreation.

This plan of course is a simple one but needs the determination of a strong Town and County Council, whose interests are for the people who elect them and not in the interest of developers whose main interests are profits. We in the Green Party will put forward realistic policies, which are people friendly and create an infrastructure, which is environmentally positive.

All plans in relation to any Spatial Strategy should be provided for a cost of £1 to enable all of the public to obtain such information. We also believe that no planning should take place without consultation with local residents."



Mulroy College, Milford students Paul Carr and Laura Gourney (above) at work on the EU Project 'Young Minds' as part of the EU enlargement on May 1st which a group for students are involved in. The school is the only one in Ireland participating in a Europe wide project on health and environmental education. All communication between the students in the different countries takes place by email and they have created their own website: log on to www.young-minds.net. The students are preparing for the highpoint of the project, - representing Ireland (and Donegal!) in Budapest this summer.

# Donegal: 24 post offices gone

Senator Joe McHugh has been told that 24 post offices in Donegal have been shut down in the past fifteen years.

The information was given in the Dail this week by Dermot Ahern, the Minister for Communications and Natural Resources in response to a query from the FG Leader Enda Kenny.

There are currently 95 post offices to cover the whole county and another eight postal agencies along with 245 PostPoint retailers.

Senator McHugh has expressed serious reservations at the number of offices shut down saying that it is a further erosion of rural service and many communities are being left isolated.

He says that further closures are imminent and he's called on the main banks to examine their services to rural communities.

'The banks have a huge monopoly on financial services and they are not putting anything back into the community. There is an urgent need for outreach banking services and this whole issue must be addressed on a partnership basis between government, banks and the post offices,' he says. The Minister has also provided a breakdown of

offices across the various electoral areas: Glenties has 25 offices: Donegal has 20 and Inishowen has 24. The Stranorlar area has seven post offices still operating while the Letterkenny area has only six. The number in Milford is put at 13 and there have been a large number of closures here in recent years. The offices closed in the Milford area includes Glen: Ballyheerin: Ballynashannagh: Doghbeg: Portsalon along with Glenvar.

In the Portsalon area the community has to go to Kerrykeel for a service and it would appear the situation is not likely to improve in the coming years.

And it would appear, according to the political grapevine that as a number of senior postmasters retire these offices may also be scheduled for closure.

Meanwhile as FG steps up its campaign ahead of the elections Enda Kenny has taken to the air and on this Thursday he's been at Shannon: Knock: Sligo: Derry ahead of his arrival at the Radisson Hotel in Letterkenny where he will address a press conference accompanied by local and EU candidates at five o'clock.



A group from Drumman NS who completed a 8 week course on First Aid under instructor Paddy Glackin pictured with their examiner Terry. Seated from left Gretta Montgomery, Sharon Daly, Angela Conlon and Rosemary McGee with at back Ann Marie Fisher, Margaret McPaul, Mary Orr and Claire Durning.

# James Shiels: 'A true Fenian' - Doherty



James Shiels of Moross in the Fanad peninsula was laid to rest in the family plot in Massmount cemetery on Friday. The colourful ceremony was a fitting tribute to the life and times of a man who devoted all the 87 years of his life to the cause of a united Ireland.

The coffin draped in the Tricolour was carried from the family home by mourners and accom-

panied by a large crowd.

The lonesome tones of the bag pipes rang out across the estuary of the Mulroy as the funeral left Moross accompanied by a guard of honour of seven men dressed in white shirts, black ties and berets. 'The Dawning of the Day: "Gra Mo Chroi" and 'My Lagan Love' were the tunes chosen to accompany James on his final journey here

on earth.

James would have been 87 in May and he passed away on Wednesday at the Nursing Unit Ramelton. His remains were later removed to the family home in Moross.

His death recalls the history of landlordism and the Lord Leitrim era back in those troubled times when the country was ruled by Westminster. Neil Mhor Sheils, a tailor, and the grandfather of James was one of the three Fanad Patriots who went out to Cratlagh Wood on the morning of April 2nd, 1878 and assassinated the Earl of Leitrim. Those stirring times and the fight for Irish freedom were written large in the past week and down at the memorial to the Fanad

Patriots at Kindrum cross-roads the Tricolour flew at half mast as hundreds of the republican family gathered at the family home to offer their condolences to the family circle.

James was a leading figure in the 'Movement' and the Shiels home on the shores of Mulroy was noted down the decades for offering shelter and support to many of those 'on the run'. During the Troubles in the North the family home was a regular stopping off point for the security forces in search of data and other relevant details.

The Shiels house was raided and ransacked time and time again but James and his family never conceded anything but their desire to see a united Ireland. He was an out and out Republican all his life and he never compromised his principles for any

one.

He was a legendary figure for a couple of generations and he drove the bread van on 'The Model Bakery' run from Letterkenny to Fanad Head. He'd stop off at many a house in many out of the way spots to sell a loaf of bread or a box of pastries and he rarely got home before midnight. He was a raconteur: great company and a great source of knowledge and information. And of course he was on first name terms with the SF leadership and would often be seen giving them advice as to how progress towards a united Ireland might be achieved.

One of his greatest memories was being the first man to drive over the new Knockalla Coast Road when it was finished and he often would recount that particular and very special occasion.

# Token gestures will not deal with drugs abuse - McHugh

Fine Gael Senator Joe McHugh has called on the Government to take positive steps to engage with young people in order to tackle drugs at community level and cited an absence of supervised recreational facilities in rural areas as a problem that needs to be addressed.

He said "While I acknowledge that the Minister of State, Sile de Valera is conducting a nationwide tour to talk to youth groups, it smacks of tokenism when it is said that young people will be involved and engaged. It is paramount that teenagers are engaged at a local level and provided with recreational facilities where they

can congregate with their peers in an appropriately supervised setting. Such facilities could be provided without significant cost.

At the Fine Gael Ard Fheis last weekend a motion was tabled regarding the extension of the Drugs Court on a nationwide basis. Such a measure should certainly be taken on board as pilot models have produced encouraging results and demonstrated a commitment to rehabilitation. A mandatory sentence of 10 years for drug trafficking must also be applied without exception through an amendment of the Criminal Justice Act if necessary."



The Drumonaghan Woodland walk and nature trail on the outskirts of Ramelton was officially opened by Frank Kelly of the DLDC on last Sunday week. Also in attendance was Michael McFadden of Coilte and Keith Stewart who carried out most of the work. Promoted by the Ramelton Action Group the new walk provides a great opportunity for all those who like getting out and about and everybody is invited to come along. The walk begins near the Waterfall on the right hand side of the road going towards Ballyare.



Letterkenny men, Jim Nallen, Phil Doherty and Harry Blake who received their Gold pins to mark 50 years membership of the PTAA. The presentations were made during Mass in St. Eunan's Cathedral on Monday evening.

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# Cló & Co: Moorefield - New life in original printing

**Screen Printing Day in Kinnegar Brewery**  
**On this Saturday: for all ages... learn to Pull a Picasso between 12.30 and 8pm...**

Thursday is a busy afternoon on the Moorefield road with the traffic flow to Ramelton and beyond attracting lots of Northern visitors in the build up to the May bank holiday weekend.

We were on Moorefield to have a chat with four printmakers at Cló & Co right in the centre for printmaking in the finest traditions here in Donegal working on amazing projects and producing the most spectacular results.

Cló & Co is a collaborative enterprise with four individuals, each with their own experience and speciality and they've many years of experience. The team includes Maggie Marley, Gerry King, Laura Buchanan and Shelagh Dwyer.

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The team works in analog: where they specialise in creating hand-drawn artwork that has been inspired by vintage machine machines and their original quality.

Cló & Co is a non-toxic studio with a water filtration system installed. There is LED lighting throughout the building. Water based inks and recycled packaging and they practice a circular economy ethos.

So, how did the team get together and locate at Aughnagaddy, Moorefield? Obviously, since this a very specialised aspect of true print where knowledge of old machines and their operation, all four knew each other,



but they worked individually in their own specialist fields. So the idea of creating a space and workplace was a natural follow on and less than a year ago, a premises became available. And the location close to Ramelton was really suited to their enterprise and with enough space to meet their individual requirements.

**Let's meet the team**

Maggie Marley - First studied Visual Communication and then Printed Textiles Design at Edinburgh College of Art. Specialist Print interest, Screen Printing on Textiles and Letterpress Printing. Owner of marleypress.com  
 Gerry King - Studied Fine Art Printmaker in NCAD Dublin and was a Senior Technical Officer at ATU for over 30 years. Specialist Print interest, Woodcut and Etching. He is the owner of gerardking.com.

Laura Buchanan - Studied Fine Art Printmaking at the University of Ulster, Belfast and a Masters in Surface Pattern and Textile Design at the University of Central Lancashire, UK. She has Specialist Print interest, Screenprinting & Risograph printing and own laurabuchanandesign.ie

Shelagh Dwyer - Studied Visual Communication in London and trained as a Relief printer at Belfast Print Studio. Specialist Print interest, Linocut printing. Owner of linocut-studio.com.

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Cló & Co Printmaking Studio is a busy place and there is never a dull moment with numbers of print jobs being processed and meeting the deadlines of their clients.

Laura Buchanan says there is a bigger interest than ever before in their kind of print process and it is the individualism and sheer quality that people really want. I'm looking at a finished production of a commission for a print of a tree that's been created using bark in the process. Having the privilege of holding it, I feel the actual sense of history and the feel of the ancient woodland is also there.

These pieces can come in any order for one print or a single number, but each one is a miracle of the imagination of the artist. However, one thing is for certain, nobody but the artist can ever replicate this image. It's not something that any photographer would ever want to Photoshop or add any layer or tint.

The studio and equipment which they have worked hard on building and financing over the last year is a contemporary space for developing their own print practice and they are already reaping the rewards of peer-to-peer skill sharing, collaborations

**New Workshops: Print in the Brewery**

Cló & Co has recently just launched their community engagement workshops in the form of 'Little Printer' Kids Print Club, 'Print Mates' Teenage Print Club.

'Print Socials' Adults Printing Workshops - these focus the health & wellness benefits of taking part in a creative activity and conversations around a communal table.

On this Saturday 11th May at Kinnegar Brewery, K2 Letterkenny,

and support.

"As a creative it is hard working on your own, you need people around you to bounce ideas off and you grow when you are in a creative environment. This was the key objective for setting up the studio, to bring like minded people together," said Maggie.

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Their motto is "Our door is always open to local visitors and tourists wanting to experience a creative hands-on holiday experience. We also have a small retail area where you can purchase prints and cards made by our printmakers".

They are very excited to launch in collaboration with Kinnegar Brewing, 'Print in the Brewery'. They are bringing their mobile print studio to Kinnegar K2, in Letterkenny this Saturday 11th May, but we hope it will become a regular monthly event.

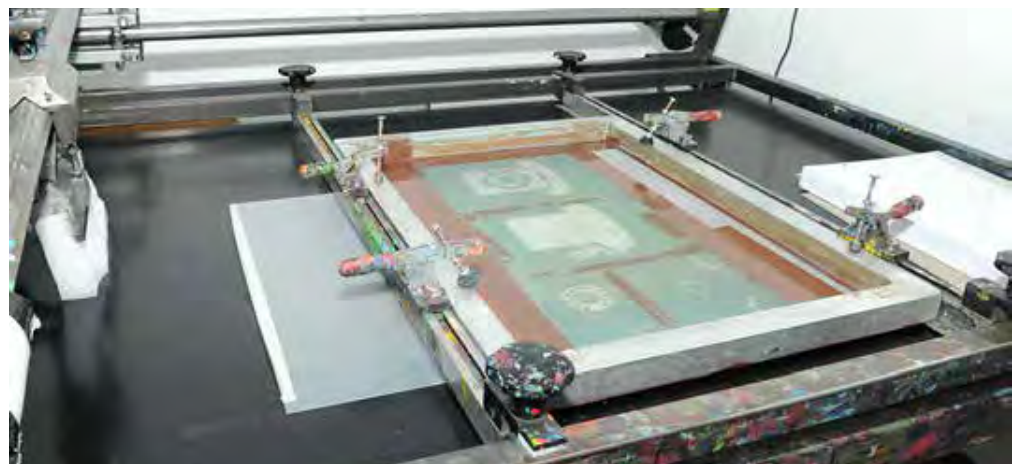
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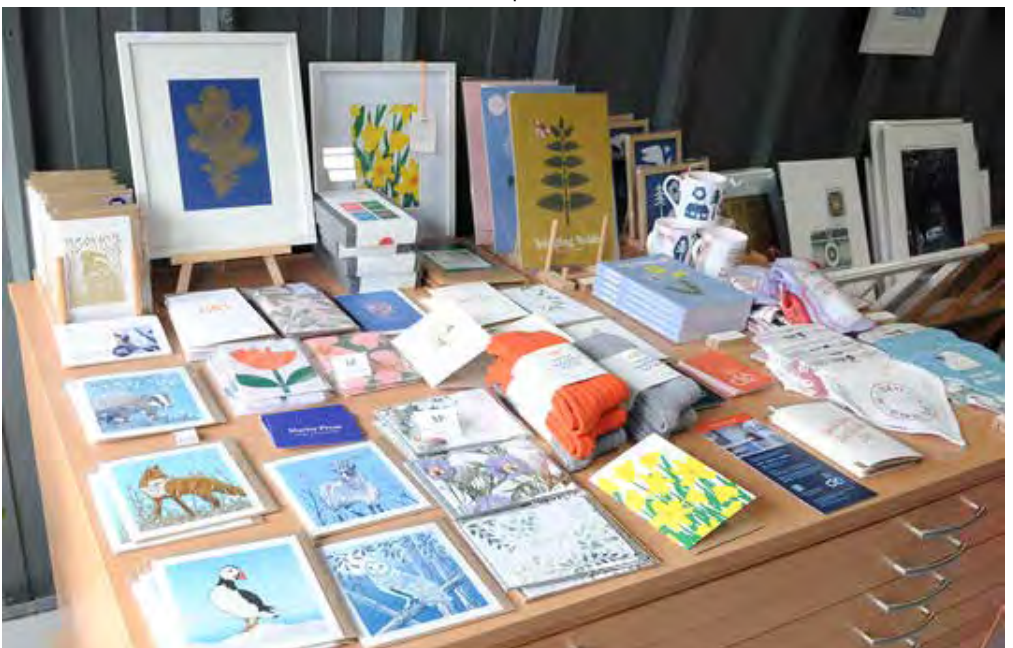
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# Letterkenny AC out in force at NW 10k

Congratulations to LAC's Philip McGee who ran an outstanding time of 8.39 in a 3km race ran on the track in University College Dublin's grounds in a Graded Meet winning the race and earning Philip a personal best.

In the North West 10km Mark Grennan of LAC crossed the line in a fantastic time of 32:23 in a very competitive field and winning the North West 10km over the Bank Holiday weekend while LAC's Noeleen Scanlon won the women's race for the second year in succession in a remarkable time of 36:07.

Second LAC athlete home was Philip McHugh in an excellent time of 32:57 securing third place.

The event was very well supported by LAC runners.

Eoghain McGinley ran 33:25, Michael Harkin 36:07, John Foley 36:38, Cian Friel 38:14, Kevin McGee 38:21, Enda McLaughlin 38:28, Stephen Woods 38:29, Sean McFadden 39:10, Barry Mackey 40:22, Eamonn McEldowney 41:13, Mark Nee 43:11, Ciaran O'Donnell 43:19, Peter Gallagher 43:34, Manus McFadden 43:35, Caolan Spratt

44:05, Monica McGranaghan 44:35, Mark McFadden 44:59, Gary Kearns 45:01, Gary Price 45:30, Paul McMonagle 45:57, Adrian Callaghan 46:11, Michie Graeme 46:22, Paul Lee 47:48, Ray McDermott 48:43, Phil Boyle 49:03, Naoise Enright 48:57, Ciaran Liddy 49:06, Frank Pinder 49:14, Sean McFadden M45-49 49:21, Seamus Morrison 49:24, Martin O'Donnell 50:49, Gerard Mullen 52:36, Pat Brady 53:40, Kevin Lynch 55:01, Diane Bustard 55:20, Alicia McNulty 56:57, Con duffy 56:57, Noel Lynch 58:06, Marina Boyle 59:15, Noreen Pinder 1:02:43, Claire Price 1:03:51, Denise Crawford 1:03:51, Andrea McFeeley 1:39:12 and Liam Wiseman 1:39:19.

In the Ramelton Scoil Mhuire 5km many LAC athletes participated with Dessie Shields the first LAC runner home in a superb time of 18:10. Stephen Woods ran 18:15, Callum Keaveney 18:33, Colly O'Donnell 18:33, Fintan Smith 19:13, Henry Lyons 20:02, Peter Gallagher 20:13, Paul Toner 20:30, Gary Price 21:31, Emma Naughton 22:42, Conor McDauid 23:09, Frank Pinder 23:24, Clodagh Sammon 23:42, Irene McFadden 23:51,

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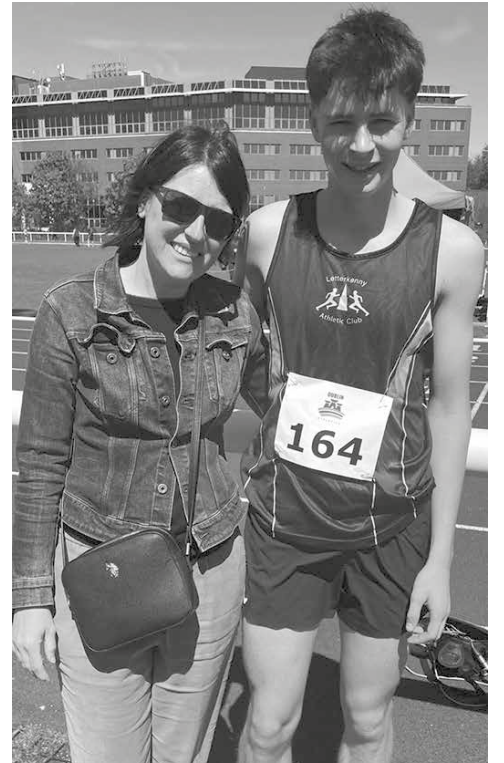
In the Belfast City Marathon Claire McGuigan of LAC ran an outstanding time of 2:50:06 while Samuel Rankin ran 4:19:42.

The Hickey, Clarke & Langan Inter Firms 5km is scheduled to take place on Tuesday the 14th May at 7.30pm from Diver's Hyundai on Canal Road, Letterkenny

LAC meets Tuesday 5.15pm and at 6.30pm for an interval running session, Thursday evening for a hill run at 6pm, Saturday morning at 9.30am for a tempo run and Sunday morning at 8am for a long run. All runs start at the Aura. All levels catered for and encouraged.

Fit 4 Life which is run by LAC in conjunction with the Donegal Sports Partnership takes place every Monday at 5.45pm on the track at the Aura Leisure Centre Letterkenny.

The aim of the programme is to reach out to those who wish to improve their fitness and all are most welcome any Monday they choose to attend.



Philip McGee with his proud Mum Grit at the 3km UCD Graded Meet



LAC athletes gather at the North West 10km road race



## Easter Eggstravaganza in Scoil Mhuire Milford

Two weeks before Easter, Scoil Mhuire Milford held their annual Easter Lenten Fundraising Campaign and it was an unbelievable success! The chosen charities this year were Donegal Down Syndrome and Critical Care. A massive €1813 was raised for each charity. Over the course of the fortnight, the children in the school supported the fundraiser by purchasing tickets for the whole school and class raffles, completed sponsorship cards, guessed how many sweets were in a jar and guessed the staff members in disguise. On the final day, the children and staff were invited to partake in the Easter Dress Up and Crazy Hair Day. The children had a great time. The school have also donated €100 to Relay for Life in memory of their late colleague, Julie Casey. In addition to this, Scoil Mhuire have registered for Rollcall for Relay – the staff will be split in two and take part in a football match. Big competition is expected! €1 for each child, €218 in total, will also be donated to Relay for Life from the school. Scoil Mhuire would like to thank the children, parents, families and the local community for all the support they received from their Easter Fundraiser, it is greatly appreciated.

Pictured above left - 1st Class and 5th Class, with Ms Doherty, Sarah, Mr McConigley and Leona, presented Tony McNamee and Ryan Higgans of Donegal Down Syndrome with the cheque for €1813.

Pictured left - 3rd Class, with Ms McHugh and Bróna, presented Dr Gerry Lane and Will McSpadden with the cheque for €1813 raised for Critical Care.



Milford AC Members at the NW 10k on Monday - front row Daniel Cullen, Joe Gibbons, Anthony Doherty, Debbie Houston and Roisin Diver. At back John Ward, Damian McBride, Michael McHugh, Fiona Blaney, Kate Begley, Mairead Diver and Margaret Friel.



Donegal Rose Niamh Shevlin and Donegal Person of the Year Moya Brennan with Nancy McNamee and Neil Martin.



Katrina Patton, Laura Monagle Annie Carr and Katrina Patton



Letterkenny AC's Eoghan McGinley 4th, Mark McPaul 2nd, Mark Grennan winner and Philip McHugh third



Cranford AC members Liam Doherty, Claire McGee, Ann McBride and Declan McBride



Aylicia McNulty, Kevin Lynch Con Duffy and Diarne Bustard Fit for Lif eat Letterkenny AC.



Cloughaneely competitors Michael Cannon, Catriona Diver, James Friel, Sheila Gallagher and Adrian McGea at the 10k.



John Wilkie looking part as Elvis and winner of the Fancy Dress with 10k Committee member Dorothy McGinley.

# North West 10k success for Greenan and Scanlan

In near perfect conditions for running the Monday's Bank Holiday North West 10k proved to be another huge success with 1106 registered to take part in the charity run and walk which was up around 200 on the 2023 numbers entered.

Donegal Person of the Year Moya Brennan got the 27th event underway and for the second time in three years Letterkenny AC's Mark Greenan was the overall winner in a time of 32.23. That was 25 seconds better than John Paul Williamson's 32 minutes and 48 seconds for last year's event.

First home in the senior female category in a time of 36.07 was Letterkenny AC's Noreen Scanlan who made it back to back successes as she took the top honour and finished 10th overall. She becomes only the fifth woman to do back-to-back races. The others were Helena Crossan (1998/99); Maria McCambridge (2004/05); Teresa Doherty the only woman to do a three-in-a-row (2010/11/12) and Natasha Adams (2014/15). 993 completed the event that was up 165 on the 2023 total which is benefitting the Letterkenny Community Childcare Centre, Cara House Family Resource Centre and the Kilmacrennan, Termon, Churchill, Gartan and Trentagh Community First Responders.

From early morning there were grey skies overhead with the occasional short light drizzle but the cool, calm conditions were ideal for the runners and walkers.

A local Elvis in the form of well known martial arts man John won the Fancy Dress category. Oliver O'Donnell from Dungloe was the person who picked up the 1,000 number entry. 81-year-old Buncrana man Condy O'Donnelly on his 81st birthday and wearing the number 81 completed the 10k alongside his son Ciaran. The Donegal Rose Niamh Shevlin also ran the charity event.

In the men's race Letterkenny AC took the top four places. Mark Greenan had 10 seconds to spare over the runner-up Mark McPaul (32.33) with Philip McHugh taking third spot in a time of 32.57. A further 28 seconds adrift was Eoghain McGinley (33.25) with Foyle Valley's Declan McGuinness ensuring that LAC wouldn't take all the top five places finishing in a time of 34.34. Rising Sun Club member Mark Tourish was sixth in a time of 34.45 followed by Milford AC's Joe Gibbons 34.53. Completing the top ten and first woman was Noleen Scanlan.

Scanlan's time was 36.07 and that was 2 minutes and 31 seconds ahead of Rosses AC's Helen McCready (38.30) who was 29th overall with Finn Valley AC's Maggie O'Hare third and 39th overall clocking 39.37 for the 10k.

Mary Martin, wife of North West 10k Chairperson Neil has taken part in every North West 10k since it started in 1997. And the Committee was delighted to have Donegal Person of the Year Moya Brennan as the Special Guest who officially got the runners and walkers on their way. Moya also presented the prizes to the winners afterwards.

Chairperson Neil Martin said the charity run and walk had been a resounding success for the three charities. "When we had the launch back in February the three charities probably didn't realise the amount of work that was going to be involved. The big thing we had to emphasise was that the big money was going to be raised from the pre-events that they could organise. Fair play to them for putting in a big shift on that front. That will boost what they get out of the event itself when we present the cheques to them next month," Mr Martin said.

He said it had been a busy weekend for the organisers with in-person registrations taking place on Saturday and Sunday at the Community Centre. The women's record time set in 1995 by Maria McCambridge of 32.34 was not threatened. And the men's record time of 29 minutes and 14 seconds set in 1998 by Noel Berkeley was not in danger either.

Neil Martin thanked the public for their cooperation with the Gardaí and the stewards. "There



Peter O'Donnell with his sons Danny and Shea who all did the 10k on Sunday



Louise Hayden, Drumkeen with her daughters Lola Belle Ryleigh



Edith Neely and Noreen Sharkey



Runners heading out on the start of the NW 10k on Bank Holiday Monday.



Ray McDermott, Eunan McBride, Kenny King and Conor McDaid from Fit for Life

were some traffic hold-ups at junctions and along the route but it was only for as short a time as possible in the interests of safety. Sgt Eunan Walsh and his colleagues along with our stewards did their work very well with the traffic management which the 10k Committee appreciates very much. Safety of everyone taking part is our number one priority. So that has made it another enjoyable community event," Mr Martin said.

Letterkenny AC member Marty Gormley was the MC while Lee Gooch provided the musical entertainment. Mark Greenan's winning time of 32.23 was 37 seconds better than his 33.00 two years ago. Ramelton man Mark McPaul has been knocking on the door of a win in recent years with thirds and seconds so he will be hoping that he can soon get that much sought after win. Declan Ferry of Rosses AC was

third for the second year in a row and his time of 33.12.

Meanwhile, Neil Martin said the feedback on the move to the Bank Holiday Monday morning for the third year had been generally positive. "From a safety perspective it certainly has been a success. The numbers are well up this year in terms of registrations so that is a big plus as well. As we do after every event there will be a full review in the next couple of weeks and take it from there." Neil Martin thanked everyone who took part and also all who helped out in any way including the stewards, the Gardaí, the Red Cross and the Letterkenny Community Centre. "I also want to thank our MC Marty Gormley and Moya Brennan who was our Special Guest for the event. Our five sponsors are paramount to us being able to give the charities a significant pot of money every year. A special thanks to Donegal Daily, Brian McCormick Intersport, the Mount Errigal Hotel, Century Cinemas Complex and the Value Centre for their support. I am Chairperson heading a really excellent committee who have put in a huge shift since January and especially over the past eight weeks. The success of the North West 10k is down to all the committees past and present over the past 26 years who have given so much of their voluntary time to help 38 charities raise nearly €932,000," Mr Martin concluded.



Seamus Morrison, Ciaran Gallen and Aaron Nepgen.

# Charity Concert in Downings



Photos by Brendan Tiny Vaughan.



Members of Onoir after their concert in the Downings Bay Hotel with Maeve and Ian Gallagher and members of the organising committee. The fundraising initiative launched by Ian, Maeve, Elaine and Daniel from Cinema House in Milford in memory of their son Darragh Gallagher which was held in the Downings Bay Hotel two weeks ago has raised over €19,000 to date. The two benefiting charities very close to the Gallagher and McElwee families hearts. FÉILEACÁIN provides support for bereaved parents across Ireland, delivered with care, compassion and integrity, and Fairy Footprints provides memory boxes for bereaved parents in Ireland. A large crowd enjoyed a concert with Onoir as well as the Go Fund Me to raise money for these two wonderful charities that help families across Ireland navigate the most difficult times of their lives. "We wish to thank everyone who came to support the event, made donations, their families, friends and strangers who have supported them in many ways over the year and who continue to do so. They are so overwhelmed by you all. We especially want to give a massive thanks to Onoir who have given up their time to play this event and we are eternally grateful to The Downings Bay Hotel, their staff and the Connor family for the venue", they concluded.



# Cloughaneely

## The late Ellen Dixon

There was widespread regret in the local community recently on hearing of the sudden death in Letterkenny University Hospital, of Ellen Dixon, Ballintemple and formerly of Middle Keeldrum, Gortahork. Ellen was predeceased by her parents Mary and Michael, her sisters Mary and Nan and her brother Hughie. 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

There was no jackpot winner in the Band Lotto last weekend and the winning numbers were 7-8-9-13-18-19. Elaine

Sweeney, Kill won the €100 prize. This week's jackpot is €7350.

## Introduction To Pranik 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.

## Poball Le Cheile

Free Art Club for 10-12 year olds with

artist Leanne McLaughlin on Wednesdays at Ionad Garradh Cholmcille 6-7pm. Get Creative and meet new people! Booking on 086 455 7519

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## Pobal Eascarrach

Pobal Eascarrach will host their annual general meeting on 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.

## Nonad Naomh Fionnán Notes

Congratulations to Nora Gallaher, Ballyoney who won the 50/50 prize this week of €1052. Summer camp from 8th-26th July. Ages 4-12 years. For more information contact us on 0749165750 or email ionadnf@gmail.com



Margaret Roarty, President, with winners of The Barney McGarvey Cup 2024 Mary McHugh and Dolores Gallagher at the Cloughaneely Bridge Club last weekend.

# Dunfanaghy

## Dunfanaghy 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 Lurgybrack, together with that part of the Townland of Muntermellan to the bottom of Muntermellan Brae.

Darkness Into Light Dunfanaghy On Saturday 11th May, together with Dunfanaghy Youths FC will meet at Dunfanaghy Golf Club (Official) carpark and at 4.15am set off on the walk on Killahoe Beach to raise money for Pieta House.

Second Edition Coffee will join again this year and will be set up at the beach carpark ready to get us heated up with a hot drink after our walk / swim.

For those of you who fancy a sunrise swim instead or as well as the walk, the folks from ITSaunatrailer will also be at the beach carpark and will soon get you heated up after your dip in the sea.

This evening is bringing the community together, giving hope to those affected by suicide or self-harm, while also raising awareness and valuable funds

for the supports available to those impacted. If any other local clubs or anyone else wants to get involved in any way, please feel free to get in touch.

Buckets will be passed around on the morning of the walk/swim or you can also donate online: www.darknessintolight.ie/donate

## PCC Concert

PCC students will be showcasing their talent in a Concert in Ostan Loch Altan on Thursday, 16th May, starting at 7pm. This will be a celebration of all their achievements throughout the school year including All Ireland winning performances from 'An Féile Scoilrámaíochta Naisiúnta 2024' and 'Scléip' along with other acts from the Music Department. Payment can be made at the door at a cost of €10 for adults, €5 for students or €20 per family. Everyone is welcome to what will be a fantastic night's entertainment.

## 5K Run and Walk

Local girl Niamh Corcoran from Kill is part of a group of nursing students going to Uganda from ATU St. Angelas. They are bringing much needed supplies for the BKU orphanage and school, Noah's Ark and the community clinics. All donations will go directly to the source where they're most needed. As part of our fundraising Niamh is holding a 5K walk/run on this Saturday 19th May leaving St. Michael's GAA Pitch at 11am. The registration is from 10am with refreshments afterwards in the St. Michael's Clubhouse, the girls would love to see a big crowd on the day, and if you are unable to make it but would still like to donate we have a go fund me page <https://gofund.me/812cf0e2>

Any donations would be greatly appreciated. This event was cancelled a few weeks ago owing to bad weather and all support would be greatly appreciated for this very worthy cause.

For more information contact Tommy on 0864054343 or Marie on 0860682449 or 0838533657.

## Covid-19 Boosters

Covid booster vaccines will be available in the surgery for eligible patients of the practice. Email creesloughprimarycare@gmail.com to register your interest.

## 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

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.

## Dance in Ballymore Centre

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

## Dunfanaghy Country Markets

The Dunfanaghy Country Market is open for the season and are located 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 The Oyster Bar this Thursday

night the 9th of May in aid of the Festivals Committee.

## Family Resource Centre

On Monday 13th May Dunfanaghy Family Resource Centre are having an event Conversations For Change at The Workhouse from 11.30-1.00. It's a chance to meet individuals from different countries, cultures and faiths. Ask questions, share information and learn from each other. Free entry and tasty food / treats..

Citizens Information Service in partnership with Dunfanaghy Community & Family Resource Centre (FRC) provides a community information & advice clinic at Dunfanaghy Family Resource Centre, Main Street every second Tuesday of the month from 9.30am to 12.00pm. It's Free, independent, confidential and impartial. Our service is open to everyone.

## Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns


Special General Meeting on Thursday 9th May, 7.00 pm at the Workhouse as Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns were unable to elect a new committee at the annual general meeting on 22nd April, as there were no nominations for Chairperson and the one item on the agenda to try to 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. There is a litter pick this coming Sunday May 12th from 12 noon to 1.30 pm. It would be great if as many volunteers could come along for this. Meet at the DTT

shed (behind the Market House) at 12, as usual. Please bring hi-viz vest, gloves and litter pickers, if you have them.

As Lurgabrack has been identified as one of 9 focus areas for the national Life on Machair project, DTT have been asked to organise an event to be held at the Workhouse, 7 pm on Monday 13 May. This should be a really interesting talk about the bird life on the Machair by Michael Bell of Nature Learn, an expert in this field.

In addition to these DTT events the Family Resource Centre also have the following event which you are invited to attend. "Conversations for change" at The Workhouse on May 13th 11.30 to 1 pm All community members and volunteers are invited to attend this event.

### Memoriam Cards & Thank You Cards



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## McClafferty queries access for bus tickets

Independent Cllr. Michael McClafferty has written to the Minister for Transport seeking clarification around the difficulties faced by senior citizens in accessing bus tickets online in Donegal.

Cllr. McClafferty told the Tribune this is but one of the issues being raised with him on the campaign trail. He said: "Many elderly individuals have given up and as a result they are stranded from going out. It's disheartening to hear about the €2 service fee and instances where elderly individuals were refused entry on buses due to not booking in

advance." In correspondence to the Transport Minister, Cllr. McClafferty stated: "I encourage you to address these issues and consider abolishing the booking in advance rule for OAPs on all public transport, allowing them to pay the driver either by card or cash on pick-up, as it has been done traditionally. Rural Ireland and its ageing population deserve attention and care from the government. I hope you will take these concerns into account and find a solution that benefits the senior citizens of Donegal."

# Ballymore Parish Centre Bowling

Presentations from Ballymore Parish Centre Bowling last week and that's it now to September. Thanks to all members for their support over the last year and also our sympathy to members who lost loved ones over the year. Presentations were

made to Charlie and Gertie McKinley, winners of the Mr and Mrs competition. Francis and Myrtle Buchanan winners of the mystery prize. Charlie and Gertie were presented with gifts for all their work in organising games etc.

Thanks to Tommy Mc Kinley for his dedication to the club. New members are welcome in September. Monday and Wednesday evenings from 8pm to 10pm. Contact Tommy for details. 0868547806.



Winners of the Mr and Mrs competition Charlie and Gertie McKinley receiving their prize.



Mystery Prize winners Francis and Myrtle Buchanan, Cranford receiving their prize.



Members of the Ballymore Parish Centre Bowling pictured at their final presentation night of the season last week.

# Kilmacrennan Foroige are holding



€15 payable at the door in cash  
 Proceeds to be divided between the Kilmacrennan Foroige and the Kilmacrennan, Termon, Gartan, Churchill and Trentagh Community First Responders.



Monsignor Eamonn McLaughlin from Downings in Rome last week with his extended family and friends after he was installed as Canon of the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major, Rome. He is pictured right with his mother Mary, Fr. Paddy Dunne, PP Ballyshannon and Monsignor Anthony McDaid, Ramelton.



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The children from Scoil Cholmcille, Kerrykeel who made their First Holy Communion recently pictured with Fr. Stephen Gorman and Mrs. Louise Green.

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Mary O'Donnell on behalf of the Milford Social Dancing Group presenting the proceeds of €2,000 from the Winter Socials and St. Patrick's Eve Social to members of the Donegal Down Syndrome Association in the Milford Community Hall on Thursday night.

# Fanad

## Funeral of Mary Fleming

The funeral took place on Friday of Mary Fleming, Port-Na-Ling, Fanad. Aged 92, Mary was born in Kerrykeel where her father was a member of the Gardai. The family then moved to the Tin Pot Row in Tonbane where Mary resided for a long number of years before going to live in Port-Na-Ling. She was a well known and much loved member of the local community. She worked for a period in



the Fruit of the Loom in Milford. Mary was very artistic and also a renowned baker. Mary passed away last Wednesday at the Áras Uí Dhomhnaill Nursing Home, Milford. Mary is survived by her niece-in-law Maureen, grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces, great-grandnephews, extended family and friends. She was predeceased by her brothers William, Jimmy, John and Tommy and her nephew Gerard.

Remains arrived at St Mary's Church, Fana-volty last Thursday, to repose overnight. Requiem Mass took place on Friday where the celebrant was Fr. Anthony Briody C.C. Burial took place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

**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 Rosnakill Hub office from May 6 and from Trialough 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 Fana-volty Hall at 8 o'clock. Everyone welcome for a good night's enjoyment and exercise.

**Kerrykeel Yoga**  
Gentle Yoga Class with Jane - new 6 week block of classes every Thursday from 10-11am, €60 for 6 weeks, suits all levels, just bring a yoga mat.

**Fanad SVP**  
If you are experiencing difficulty the local branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is willing to help. If in need, contact the Society on 0877003732 regarding any financial problem. All matters dealt with in confidence.

**Country Roads Inn Rosnakill**  
**Entertainment**  
Fri 10th May - 10pm Live Music with **Glor Tire Winner Jason McCahill**  
Draw & Donations with all proceeds in aid of Relay for Life  
**BAR FOOD Served Friday - Sunday**

**Milford Inn Disco**  
There will be an 80's and 90's Revival Disco in the Mulroy Woods Hotel on Saturday the 18th of May. This will be an opportunity to reanact the discos in the Milford Inn years ago and a chance to get the old gang together. It is being organised by the Kerrykeel Foiroige Group with the proceeds being split between them and the Kilmacrennan, Gartan Church First Responders Group. The DJ is John Bosco and the admission is €15 payable in cash at the door.

**Kerrykeel '71 Cards**  
Kerrykeel '71 FC Cards continues in the Village Inn, Kerrykeel every Monday at 7.30pm.  
**Spring Schedule at the Old School Community Centre Kerrykeel:**  
MONDAYS: Fanad Ju-Jitsu Club: 7.30-8.30pm (7-12 year olds); and 8.30-9.30pm (teens & adults) Contact Pól on 086 363 5623  
Sewing Group: (Re-starting on Mon 4th Mar): 7-9.30pm. Contact Eileen on 086 851 3870  
TUESDAYS: Slimming World: 5.15-6.45pm. Contact Catherine on 083 830 0989  
Unwind Your Mind Meditation Class: 7-8pm. Contact Claire on 087 298 9545  
WEDNESDAYS: Crochet & Needlework Class: 8-10pm. Contact Kathleen on 086 348 6684.  
THURSDAYS: Gentle Yoga: 10-11am. Contact Jane on 086 836 7776

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Beef or Shrimp Taco Baked Brie - Cranberry Sauce  
Mussels Mulinaire Prawn Cocktail  
Homemade Vegetable Soup Sweet & Spicy Chicken Wings  
Garlic Mushrooms - Garlic Dip

**MAIN COURSES**  
Poached Fillets of Sole - Shrimp Au Gratin Sauce  
Roast Stuffed Turkey & Baked Gammon - Roast Gravy  
Pan Fried Fillets of Salmon - Lemon & Butter Sauce  
Roast Sirloin of Beef -Yorkshire Pudding - Gravy  
Panko Breaded Chicken Fillet - Garlic Butter / Pepper Sauce

All Dishes above served with Creamed Potato & Vegetables

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

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Apple Crumble Tartlet...Ice Pavlova  
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Emma Nic Reannacháin a rinne ionadaíocht ar son Ghaeil Fhánada i gComórtas an Chailín Ghaelaigh ar Pháirc Naomh Fionán ar an Domhnach.



Gaeil Fhánada's Clodagh McAteer, Amy McAteer and Aoibhinn Callaghan who represented the Donegal U14's at the weekend.

## Fanad Utd Awards night



Seamus McGinley receiving the Clubperson of the Year award from Nora Sweeney.

Fanad Utd F.C. held their awards presentations at the weekend in the Silver Tassie Tassie Hotel. Club Chairperson Martin McGonigle thanked the many people involved in the season. Then it was time for handing out individual prizes and it turned into a bit of the Eddie O'Reilly show. Fanad Utd stalwart Seamus McGinley who was unable to attend on the night received his Club Person of the Year Award from Nora Sweeney



Daibhid Lynch receiving the Young Player of the Year award from Paul Nash and manager Arthur Lynch.

Players Player of the Year- James Gallagher  
Young Player of the Year- Daibhid Lynch  
Managers Player of the Year- Eddie O'Reilly  
Top Scorer- Eddie O'Reilly  
Goal of the Season- Eddie O'Reilly for his spectacular over-head kick away to Keadue Rovers  
Club Person of the Year- Seamus McGinley



Eddie O'Reilly receiving the Player of the Year Top Scorer Goal of the Season award from Paul Nash with manager Arthur Lynch.



Players Player of the Year James Gallagher receiving the award from Paul Nash and Arthur Lynch.

**Planning Notices**

**Donegal County Council  
Bridge Street, Ramelton**

I, Ravi Annamalai am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for alterations & extension to existing dwelling house at Bridge Street, Ramelton, 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**

I, Oisín McBride am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to construct new dwelling house and domestic shed with installation of septic tank including all associated site development works at Downings, Co. Donegal in the townland of Ardbane. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the rea-

sonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority, County House, Lifford during its public opening hours. Submissions or observations in relation to the development may be made to the planning authority in writing, on payment of €20, within five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority.

**Donegal County Council**

I, Brian Brogan am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to construct extension to front of existing cottage and install new septic tank at Trentagh, Co. Donegal in the townland of Tirragus.

The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority, County House, Lifford during its public opening hours. Submissions or observations in relation to the development may be made to the planning authority in writing, on payment of €20, within five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority.

**Donegal County Council**

**Drumanaught, New Mills, Letterkenny**

We, Darren Tease and Rachel Tease, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect a dwelling house with domestic

garage, waste water treatment system and all other associated site development works, to include upgrade works to existing access road, at Drumanaught, New Mills, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the townland of Drumanaught. 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  
Brockagh, Creeslough**

I Seamus Sweeney am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to extend and refurbish existing dwelling house and install a new waste water treatment system with all associated site development works at Brockagh, Creeslough, County Donegal in the townland of Brockagh. 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  
RATHMULLAN & BALLYBOE,  
Rathmullan, Letterkenny M.D.**

We, Liam McLaughlin, Margaret Todd and Grainne Kelly, on behalf of Rathmullan District Resource Centre (RDRC) Committee, are applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission to 1) Erect New Astro Turf Playing Facility, perimeter fencing and floodlighting for Astro Turf Playing Facility and all associated ducting, 2) Construct New additional Entrance and Access Road to be used for the purposes of the Astro Turf Playing Facility and the Existing Recreational Playing Pitch and Tennis Court on Site and 3) Car Parking area

to be used in conjunction with Proposed Astro Turf Playing Facility and Existing Recreational Playing Pitch, Tennis Court and Building on Site @ RATHMULLAN and BALLYBOE, Rathmullan, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) is accompanied with the Planning Application. 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  
Glenmenagh,  
Glen, Carrigart**

I, Bryan Curran am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank and all other associated site development works at Glenmenagh, Glen, Carrigart,



Fr. Stephen Gorman CC Milford leading the Rosary at Doon Well on May Day last Wednesday.



**In Memoriam**

**Doyle  
Michael  
Meenbunone,  
Creeslough  
7th Anniversary**



Precious memories of Our wonderful Dad, Granddad and Great Granddad Michael who died on the 7th May 2017

*Of all the special gifts in life however great or small, to have you as our Dad was the greatest gift of all  
May the winds of love blow softly and whisper in your ear  
"We love and miss you Dad and wish that you were here"  
Deep in our hearts, your life is kept to love and cherish, not forget  
No more tomorrows we can share but yesterdays are always there  
A silent thought, a secret tear keeps your memory ever near in our hearts forever.*

Always loved by your loving sons Michael and Marjorie, Danny and Clodagh and daughter Cathy xxxxx

*You were ever so precious and dear Grandad  
We remember you with so much love  
We remember you with fond memories  
You were ever so wonderful  
You were one in a million  
and you'll always be*

Always loved by your Grandchildren Johnny, Faye, Ciana, Ciara and Michael xxxxx

*Sending hugs, kisses and love  
to you in Heaven xoxo*

Lots of love always from your Great Granddaughters Leah and Aoibhe xx

*When someone you love becomes a memory  
That memory becomes a treasure  
xxxxxxx*

**Michael and Kathleen's Anniversary Mass is on Friday 12th July 2024 at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church, Creeslough.**



**Friel  
Patsy  
Grovehall,  
Ramelton  
9th Anniversary**

In loving memory of a dear Granda and great Granda who died on 15th May 2015.

*I know you're always there in our hearts  
Watching over and guiding us  
We miss you and love you so much.*

Dannielle, Hayley and Keava xxx



**O'Brien  
Pat  
Aughadreena  
11th Anniversary**

Cherished memories today and always of my dear father who died on the 6th May 2013.

*"To live is the rarest thing in this world. Most people exist, that is all"*

Remembered with love and gratitude by Art, grandsons Shane, Luke and Liam.

**McVey  
(Ban)  
Tommy  
Carland, Kerrykeel  
7th Anniversary**

In loving memory of Tommy who died on the 12th May 2017.

*Will those who think of Tommy today  
A little prayer to Jesus say.*

Fondly remembered by Nicola.

County Donegal in the townland of Glenmenagh. 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.

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**In Memoriam**



**Baxter**  
John  
Drimnacarry  
Creeslough  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle John who died on the 9th May 2023.

*Today is full of memories of a bother laid to rest And every single one of them is filled with happiness.*

*For you were someone special always such a joy to know*

*And there was so much pain when it was time to let you go.*

*That's why this special message is sent to Heaven above For the angels to take care of you and give you all my love.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your sister Lillie.

*On this day we remember and honor the beautiful soul that left this world a year ago, may you continue to shine brightly in heaven.*  
Fondly remembered and loved by your nephews and nieces Paddy, Ann, Jimmy, Maire, Sean, Tommy, Margaret, Noreen and their families.



**Butler**  
Jack  
New Line Road,  
Letterkenny  
10th Anniversary.

In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather and uncle who died on 30th April 2014.

*Those we love don't go away they walk beside us every day Unseen, unheard but always near Still loved, still missed and very dear.*

Always loved and remembered by your family Jacqueline, Martin, Oisín, Caoimhe, Bronagh, Lara, Fiadh and Thora.

**Anniversary Mass on Sunday 12th May in St Peters Church, Milford at 11am.**



**Carr**  
John  
Fanavolty  
Died 14th  
May 2016

*"Gone from our lives but always in our hearts and minds"*

Always remembered by your sister Anne, brother-in-law John, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

**Anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Church, Fanavolty on Wednesday 15th May at 10 a.m.**



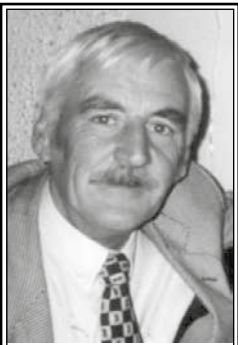
**Connolly**  
Danny  
Ards, Creeslough  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and Grandad who died on 13th May 2023.

*This day is remembered and quietly kept No words are needed, we will never forget A silent thought a little prayer For someone special in God's care*

Sadly missed and always loved by your wife Terry, sons, daughter, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, precious grandchildren, sister, nieces and extended family and friends.

**Anniversary Mass in Ards Friary on Sunday 12th May at 5.30pm.**



**McFadden**  
Patrick  
(Sunshine)  
9th Anniversary

Fondest memories of Patrick who died on 12th May 2015.

*Remembering you as time goes by.*

Always remembered by Anne, Stephanie, Patrick and Natalie, Letterkenny and Danielle, Toronto and grandchildren.



**Coll**

John  
Pollaid / Doaghbeg

**2nd Anniversary**

*Each of us in our own way have special thoughts of you today No longer in our lives to share but in our hearts you are always there.*

Always remembered and missed by wife Teresa, children Barbara, Kerrie, Stephen and Barry, daughter-in-law Carmel, grandchildren Nikita, Cormac and Séan.

**Anniversary Mass will be held in Massmount Church at 7pm on Saturday 11th May.**



**Duffy**

Declan  
Murlog, Downings  
20th Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear son Declan, who died on 10th May 2004 R.I.P.

*Happy and smiling, always content Loved and respected wherever you went A beautiful life that came to an end You died as you lived, everyone's friend.*

*Will those who think of Declan today A little prayer to Jesus say.*

Sadly missed by Mum and Dad

*My life goes on without you but things are not the same*

*It is hard to hide the heartache when someone speaks your name Your resting place I visit and say a little prayer But no one knows the heartache when I turn and leave you there.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your brother Con and Aisling.

Forever loved and remembered by your niece and goddaughter Aoife and all the Coyles, Maghermagorgan.

**Anniversary Mass in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart on Sunday 12th May at 11.30am.**



**Anderson**  
Richard  
Creensmare,  
Creeslough  
8th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who died on 5th May 2016

*Quietly today your memory is kept no need for words we will never forget Thoughts go back as they often do we treasure the memories we have of you.*

Always remembered and sadly missed your loving wife Margaret, your loving daughter Denise and grandson Mark and also by your family at home and abroad.

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Michael's Church, Creeslough on Saturday 10th May at 7.30pm.**



**Harper**  
Christina  
Ramelton  
26th Anniversary

In loving memory a dear mother and grandmother Christina who died on 11th May 1998.

*A heart of gold stopped beating Two smiling eyes took rest God broke our hearts, to prove to us that he only takes the best.*

Loved and sadly missed by sons and daughters, daughters-in-law and grandchildren.



**McMenamin**  
Mary  
6th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother who died on 9th May 2018.

*Those we love don't go away They walk beside us every day Unseen, unheard but always near Still loved, still missed and very dear.*

Sadly missed by husband Jim, sons John, James and Danny, daughters Anemarie, Frances and Patricia, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and all your grandchildren.

**Anniversary Mass will take place on Friday 10th May at 7pm in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny.**

**Prayer for Publication**

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN (Never known to fail)  
Oh Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vince, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me that herein You are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech You from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity. (Make request). There are none



**Shields**  
Mary  
Glen,  
Carrigart  
5th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother who died on the 14th of May 2019.

*We remember now in love Your life from start to end And we're just glad we knew you As Mother, and as Friend.*

Missing you ever day Hughie, Sinead, Ellie and Leah.

*We had a wonderful mother One who never really grew old Her smile was made of sunshine And her heart was solid gold Her eyes were as bright as shining stars And in her cheeks fair roses you see We had a wonderful mother And that's the way it will always be.*

Miss you always Mum from your daughter Catherine and family.

that can withstand Your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee (three times). Sweet Mother I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days. You must publish it and it will be granted.  
ABKH.

**Acknowledgement**

**Crerand**  
James



We the family of the late James Crerand, The Lagg Milford would like to thank most sincerely all those to sympathised with us on our recent sad bereavement.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to family friends and great neighbours and to all who visited our home to attend the wake and to those who attended the funeral Mass and burial. To all who brought food and to all who made tea during the wake. Thank you to all who phoned and sent Mass cards, including online tributes. They were much appreciated.

A special word of thanks to the District Nurses and the Home Helps for the loving care and kindness which they showed to Dad during his illness.

Thanks also to all at Milford Health Centre and to the Palliative Care team.

A special word of thanks to Father Stephen Gorman not only for the funeral Mass, but also for the support you gave us as a family during Dad's illness. Thanks to Patrick Shields for the beautiful singing at the funeral, to Patrick Sweeney, Funeral Director for their professional and sensitive handling of all arrangements and to the grave diggers. Thanks to the Silver Tassie Hotel for the food after the funeral.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement of our sincere appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions on Thursday 6th June.

**Dads' Month Mind Mass will be held in St. Peters Church, Milford on Friday 17th May at 7.00pm**

*May his gentle soul rest in peace.*

**Blake**

Sally (Sarah)  
14, Ard O'Donnell, Letterkenny  
9th April 2024

We, the family of the late Sally Blake wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who sent Mass Cards and sympathised with us on our sad loss. Our sincere thanks to everyone who attended the wake and funeral. We are extremely grateful to all who travelled from abroad and from all over Ireland to pay their respects to Sally.

Our heartfelt thanks to all of our family, friends and neighbours who came together in our time of need with so much love and support. Thank you to those who brought food and refreshments to the house during the wake. We would also like to thank all Sally's loyal friends and neighbours who visited her at her home through the years. We would like to also thank those who made donations to Archview Lodge Comfort Fund or to the Donegal Hospice. We would like to express our gratitude to the Directors and entire staff at Archview Nursing Home who tirelessly cared for Sally. Thank you to Fr. Dominique, Chaplain at Archview Lodge. Thank you to Dr. Brian McColgan and Dr. John McGeehan for their medical attention to Sally over the years.

Thank you to Monsignor Kevin Gillespie for celebrating the Funeral Mass, also Fr. Damien Nejad C.C.. We would also like to thank those who did the readings, the prayers of the faithful, and those who brought gifts to the altar. Thank you to all who participated in the funeral Mass. Thank you to Michael Blake, Daniel O'Donnell and Declan Nee who provided the beautiful music and singing in the cathedral. Sincere thanks to our cousin Paschal Blake Funeral Director and his team, Nurse Ann McGlinchey, Kyle Maloney and Shane Blake for their utmost professionalism. Also thank you to Terence McClintock and his team who prepared the grave. Thank you to Enda, Clare and staff of Arena 7 for the lovely funeral lunch afterwards.

Please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation and deepest gratitude for your support and kindness.

**Sally's Month Mind Mass will be held on Saturday 18th May in St. Eunan's Cathedral at 10.00am**

sign in particular but encourage anyone with an interest to come along. We host an annual programme of events including St Brigid's Day Cross-making, 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 Argentine Tango Dance Demonstration and Workshop with Buenos Aires natives Elizabeth Cordone and Matias Rivas.

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**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 discus-

sions, 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 de-

# Creeslough

## The late Roseanna Brady

The death has occurred, at Letterkenny University Hospital, of Roseanna Brady (née Rodden) Glencar, Letterkenny and formerly of Derryfad, Creeslough. Mass was celebrated in St. Michael's Church on Monday. The chief celebrant was Fr. John Joe Duffy and concelebrating with him were Monsignor Kevin Gillespie, Diocesan Administrator St. Eunan's Cathedral, Fr. Martin Doohan and Fr. Seamus Murphy. Fr. John Joe in his homily said that Life is a Journey comparing it to going to the moon or the depths of the ocean. Roseanna journeyed to Manchester, back to Letterkenny and now back here to the parish where she was baptised, received First Holy communion and Confirmation. The greatest journey of all is having to face into the storms of life. Nobody comes through life without a storm. Two very important gifts to her were her faith and her family which will help her on her way



to God. Roseanna was born in Derryfad and attended Drimmaraw school. She did not have far to go to find her soulmate Jimmy. Jimmy went to Manchester in 1972 and Roseanna in 1974. She was strong in her faith and Monsignor Gillespie came to her home with the Sacraments.

A Reflection was read at the end of Mass with beautiful singing and music throughout. The final Prayers were read by Monsignor Gillespie and Fr. Doohan. Roseanna was laid to rest in Doe cemetery.

Sympathy is extended to her husband Jimmy, daughters Tracy (David), Noreen (John) and Charlotte, sons James (Vanessa), Peter and Anthony and grandchildren Ciaran, Sean, Bethany, Callum, Stevie, Halle, Reeve and Kash. To her sisters Marian and Bridget, brothers Mandy and John, nieces and nephews, neighbours and friends.

**Sympathy**  
Sympathy is extended to Jackie and Bernadette Sweeney and family, Muckish Terrace on the death of Bernadette's sister, Frances Duffy, nee McGuigan, McNeely Villas, Letterkenny.

Her funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Eunan's Cathedral by family friend, Fr. Shaun Doherty, St. Eugene's Cathedral concelebrant was Fr. Damian Nejad and Frances was laid to rest in Conwal cemetery. She was predeceased by her husband James.

## The late Josie Hunter

The death has occurred in London on April 30th of Joseph Andrew Hunter, late of 55 Massinass, Creeslough. Private cremation will be held in London at a future date. Sympathy is extended to his family in London and at home.



## Half Day Retreat

A short afternoon Retreat will take place in the Divine Mercy Centre on Saturday, 11th May from 2-5.30 pm. The Sisters of Merciful Jesus invite you for the time of encountering the Risen Lord who brought us peace. The theme will be: "Let us atone for our sins and the sins of the whole world". In this retreat we wish to spend some time reflecting on the Scripture and the devotion to Divine Mercy. We will have talks, moments of prayer, sharing and time for tea. You are most welcome. Please note: it is necessary to book for our retreats. To do so, or for more information please call us at: 074 916 9934 or email: [dvmlatterkenny@gmail.com](mailto:dvmlatterkenny@gmail.com).

## Ards Retreat

5-Day Silent Guided Biospiritual Focusing Retreat (Friday 31st May - Wednesday 5th June) - In this guided retreat, we will explore the practice of BioSpiritual Focusing as based on the work of Eugene Gendlin and Fr. Pete Campbell and Fr. Ed McMahon. Participants will attend morning group sessions of learning and discussion, and each afternoon, will meet one-on-one with a Focusing Companion. There will be evening sessions for discussions, providing observations and opportunities for questions. Facilitators: John Keane and Fr. Philip Baxter Phone: 074 91 38909. Email: [info@ardsfriary.ie](mailto:info@ardsfriary.ie).

## Anniversary

The 10th Anniversary Mass for the late Seamus Harkin, Derryart was celebrated by Fr. John Joe Duffy in St. Michael's Church on Friday evening. It was 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. There was a large turnout for the event and a plaque was unveiled by his wife Tessie and daughter Edel to mark the part he played with others in providing the houses in St. Michael's Terrace and his work in St. Vincent de Paul locally to name just a few of his achievements. Fr. John Joe has paid tribute to Tessie for her backup to Seamus in his work which also continues now for James and Leo. She has always been so good and kind to families in their grief.

## 50/50

Congratulations to Caroline Toye who won €360 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Dance in Ballymore Centre

There will be a Dance in Ballymore Parish Centre on this Friday 10th May. Music by Country Rose. Doors open at 8.30pm. Dancing 9-11ish.



**Àdh mòr to**  
**Jim & the team in**  
**the Ulster Final**  
**from Councillor**  
**Michael McClafferty**



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

**Vote Number 1**  
**or highest preference**

Refreshments served. Admission €10. 9:30am-4:30pm and offers a variety of classes and groups. Please reach out to [info@creesloughcommunity.com](mailto:info@creesloughcommunity.com) or The Creeslough Community Links 087 292 3102 for more information or Hub is open Monday to Friday from to register for a course/ class.

**Planting of the New Woodland at Ards Friary**  
Ards Friary Retreat Centre are returning the Old Oak Woodland habitat, to this beautiful piece of land in north Donegal by planting 1000 acorns gathered locally in the autumn of 2022. Planting the young oaks back to their homeland. Native - pine, birch, hazel and alder took place on Friday and Saturday last



Come and Celebrate with us all!



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**GIVEAWAY PRIZES**

- > Ulster Final Tickets x 2 for Highland listeners
- > Ulster Final Tickets x 2 for people at event
- > Jersey for best Dressed Donegal Supporter.
- > Voucher for the Wild Atlantic Camp
- > Voucher for the Coffee Pod
- > Voucher for the Happy Camper
- > Voucher for Gustos
- > Kids Donegal Jersey Boys
- > Kids Donegal Jersey Girls

**Highland Radio LIVE BROADCAST**

12 - 3pm Highland Radio Roadshow  
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4 - 6pm Saturday Sports Show

**ALL DAY EVENTS**

- > Onsite FUN FAIR & AMUSEMENTS
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3pm Penalty Shootout - Prizes for winners

**Special Guest**  
**Paddy McCourt**  
Former Ireland & Celtic Footballer

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## Dunfanaghy Community Playground resurfaced

On Wednesday 30th of April Patrick McMullan, James McMullan, Cornelius McMullan, William McMullan, Tommy McGinley, Alie McKemy, Micheal Keaveney and Darren Kerr gave up their time and put in a massive effort to help with resurfacing the community playground.

Dan's between February and March to help fundraise for the Playground in Dunfanaghy. A total of €722.50 was fundraised. This money would be used to resurface the entire area of new bark to benefit all users of the playground. A huge thank you is extended to all those named in this community project and a massive thank you to everyone who donated to supporting the Dunfanaghy community playground.



## HannahB Live Gig to be Broadcast on RTÉ



Music has a unique power to bring people together, transcending boundaries and forging bonds that can last a lifetime. For these five present and former students of Pobal Scoil Chloich Cheannfhaola, it all started when a couple of friends, who loved playing music together at school events and for the National Music Competition Scléip decided for fun to get together and see what kind of sound they could produce together. All members of the Band HannahB are accomplished musicians in their own right and have been involved in the music industry with their own projects for a number of years.

Lead vocalists with the band HannahB is the singer songwriter, Hannah McFadden. She is currently a first year student at Queens university, Belfast, studying Music Performance. Her solo performances are soulful and her original



The St. Michael's Under 10 Girls who played Cloughaneely on Thursday evening last at The Bridge

material is imbued with a raw emotion that touches the soul. This is Hannah's first time performing as part of a band. She is currently in the process of producing an EP of her own original songs.

Kyle Warner and Cahir Doyle, Creeslough who play lead guitar and drums respectively, are currently 5th year Students at PCC and are full time members of the Letterkenny/Creeslough based Indie rock band The Ephades, who have recently released a new single called Juggernaut, currently available on spotify. Kyle and Cahir are regular performers on the Donegal Music scene and have performed together at Scléip over the years both as solo and band members. This year their school band Maológa won a national award in the band section of Scléip in Dublin.

Darren plays rhythm guitar in the band, he can regularly be heard in the music pubs of Letterkenny, singing soulful ballads and his own original material. He is currently in 6th year at P.C.C. and hopes to study Audio mixing. He was the lead singer of the school band Maologa that won an award at the band section of Scléip this year.

Bass player with the band is musician Ciaran Doyle aka Ciarz0 from Creeslough, also a brother of drummer Cahir. In his school days Ciarz0 performed successfully many times at the National Scléip music Competition. He brands himself an indie/pop artist who performs energetic original material available on spotify and he has recently formed his own band and performs regularly in venues all over Donegal.

The HannahB Live gig takes place this Friday

10th of May, in the Social Live music venue Gweedore kicking off at 8pm. This event will be filmed and broadcast by RTÉ as part of a documentary about HannahB

Tickets (including complimentary bus tickets) are available to purchase on Eventbrite [www.eventbrite.ie/e/hannahb-the-social-live-gweedore-tickets-890277031567](http://www.eventbrite.ie/e/hannahb-the-social-live-gweedore-tickets-890277031567)

Boyles Buses Creeslough are running a return bus service on the night from the corner garden Creeslough at 7pm, Dunfanaghy Square at 7.15pm, Falcarragh at 7.30pm and Gortahork at 7.40pm to the HannahB gig. Just select the bus and ticket option for €8.50 on eventbrite site to reserve your seat and Live gig ticket. Together these talented local musicians HannahB are going to make an exceptional night of music... so if you can you should buy a ticket and come have a listen.

## Sinn Féin have a plan on Housing - Doherty

Maria Doherty, SF Local Election Candidate said that "it's time to deliver more social and affordable houses and the only way to deliver that is to start the change in government by voting Sinn Féin on 7th June."

In the Milford Electoral area alone, there are hundreds of people on council waiting lists and similar numbers looking for transfers. The system is completely broken. We need to urgently build social and affordable housing this and the only way to address the deepening affordable and social housing crisis is for Government to dramatically scale up the delivery of public housing to meet social and affordable housing need, this included

funding our local authorities, which included Donegal County Council, to do this. Key priority of Sinn Féin is to deliver 21,000 public homes to meet social and affordable housing need. Sinn Féin have the plan to deliver this Maria Doherty continued "the plan Sinn Féin aim to deliver on housing on the scale that is needed, is ambitious, but so it should be, our communities deserve no less. Almost 20% of our public housing delivery in 2023 would be from existing vacant and derelict housing stock. 4,000 of the 21,000 public homes would be from reused buildings. Sinn Féin would also reform the Department of Housing's Four Stage Approval Process to accelerate



the delivery of public housing already in the pipeline. We also propose to significantly increase funding available to both Councils and the Bord to ensure they have the sufficient staff to make good quality planning decisions in a timely manner. These and other measures would free up additional capacity to focus on what would be a Sinn Féin government's key priority of delivering 21,000 public homes to meet social and affordable housing need. Sinn Féin are giving a clear commitment that if we are in government, we will deliver a genuine 100% Redress Scheme for all of the homeowners living in their primary principal residence and for landlords with one prop-

erty, delivered by the State, from start to finish, rather than a grant scheme.

Ms Doherty said "This will be a like for like re-build to modern standards with an option for self-build, if the homeowner wishes. We have committed to working with the campaign leaders on implementing their "People's Document. From our perspective, the door is open to find a solution for everyone. For all property owners who are currently excluded from the scheme, there will be a need to assess how many affected properties there are and then, to develop a scheme that would work for them.

Sinn Féin have a plan and solution to end the crisis in housing.

## Success for Mary T.

A Letterkenny woman has been re elected to the Governing body of Aontú, for the fifth year in a row. Mary T Sweeney, who will stand for the party in the Letterkenny LEA in the upcoming local elections in June, was selected to serve on the party's Ard Comhairle, its officer board. She won the vote at the party's recent Ard Fheis which saw over four hundred delegates from throughout the country in attendance.

The party is particularly strong in Donegal where it is fielding five candi-

dates for the upcoming Local Elections on the 7th June.

"I am delighted to have been re elected to Aontú's Ard Comhairle, it is an honour for me to serve with principled people of calibre and integrity. We stand up for what we believe in and are a constant and unwavering support for the people of this country who are living through real difficulties, at a time when we are told the country is awash with money. Since the referendum on family and care, hundreds of people have joined Aontú, our memberships now stands at 2,000 and this is due to the hard work we do, the principles we stand for and our desire for a fair and just society for all".

## Glenree Utd FC 50/50 Draw

Congratulations to the April Winner of the Glenree United FC 50/50 draw who was €410 Grainne Shiels, Downings. Tickets on sale now for May Draw. €10 per ticket. Half the pot in prizes. Tickets available Centra, Maple, The Gap Shop & The Olde Glen Bar

# Memorial Stone unveiled at Creeslough Day Centre

There was a large turnout in Creeslough on Friday for the unveiling of a Memorial Stone in memory of the late Entertainer and Undertaker Seamus Harkin in the grounds of the Creeslough Day Centre.

It was the Staff of the Day Centre who had come up with the idea of putting up the Memorial Stone which came from the Harkin family farm in Derryart.

Its ten years since Seamus's death and its very fitting that the Memorial Stone is located in the grounds of the Day Centre as Seamus was instrumental in the building of the Centre which plays such an important part in the life of the Creeslough and surrounding areas.

Events got underway on Friday with a 10th Anniversary Mass in St. Michael's Church, celebrated by Fr. John Joe Duffy and Fr. Martin Doohan who were joined by the combined choirs of St. Michael's Church and Holy Cross Church, Dunfanaghy.

Speaking at the Mass, Fr. John Joe Duffy

said that although he had only met Seamus once whilst at the beginning of his Ministry during a Funeral in Letterkenny, he was very impressed by the respect, dignity and the humility that Seamus had shown to the family at the most difficult period of their lives and this sentiment was reflected by all speakers during the evening.

After the Mass everyone moved across to the garden of the Creeslough Day Centre where after a number of speeches the Memorial Stone was unveiled by Seamus's wife Tessie and daughter Adele.

The MC was Jimmy Carroll and the speakers were Seamus's son Leo Harkin who spoke about the pride that Seamus had in his own community and that he never forgot where he came from. On behalf of the family, he thanked Fr. John Joe and Fr. Martin for the lovely Mass and the two choirs. He thanked the organisers for arranging the event and for honouring his father.

John Francis Friel spoke on behalf of the

Creeslough Day Centre and he paid tribute to the contribution that Seamus had given to see the building of the Day Centre saying that without him it would not have been built and he said that the success of the building means that it now needs an extension to cater for its growing demand.

He finished up by reading and piece from the Forward of Seamus's Poetry Book and from his poem 'Thon Times'.

Fr. Martin Doohan spoke about Seamus's work as an Undertaker and the support that he gave to local families during the saddest times of their lives and he said

that it was good and fitting that James and Leo were carrying on this service within the local community. Following the unveiling of the Memorial Stone it was blessed by Fr. John Joe Duffy and Fr. Martin Doohan.

A number of presentations were made to Tessie and the Harkin family including from the Creeslough Day Centre and the Creeslough Crafters.

This was followed by music from Leo Harkin and Eamon Sweeney and also from Mickey Joe Harte who travelled to Creeslough to attend the unveiling in tribute to Seamus.

The evening ended with refreshments in the Day Centre.



Sally Gallagher making a Presentation to Tessie Harkin and her daughter Adele



The staff of the Creeslough Day Centre pictured beside the Seamus Harkin Memorial Stone



Rosaleen Ferry making a Presentation to Tessie Harkin on behalf of the Creeslough Crafters.



Pictured above and below are section of the crowd who attended the Unveiling of the Memorial Stone on Friday evening.



Michael Harkin, Aontu Candidate in the upcoming Council Election among the attendance in Creeslough.



Noel McGinley, James Harkin and Cllr. Michael McClafferty among the attendance at the Unveiling.

# Termon becomes a healthy club



Club secretary Kieran Gallagher, Fergal McFadden, Ellen Callaghan, Club chairman Dairean Gibson, Shirley McCarron and Oisín Kelly, pictured supporting the new healthy Club's initiative at the Burn Road. (missing is James Cassidy, Club's Health & Wellbeing Officer)

CLG an Tearmainn are now a healthy club, one of just over 600 country wide. The Programme operates off a two-year cycle and Clubs have 18 months to complete the criteria and subsequently achieve Foundation, Silver and Gold Healthy Club status.

After completing the training and orientation day in Croke Park, Ellen Callaghan and Shirley McCarron got to work in organising and arranging initiatives that will roll out in the club and community in the coming months, with the assistance of the club members and executive.

The healthy clubs initiative was set up to give clubs the tools and opportunities to bring their members and communities together, while getting active and bringing out the best of every

one, of all ages and abilities involved. The Club have enlisted Ellen and her sub committee to roll out the project and to deliver initiatives and activities for everyone to enjoy while keeping the healthy clubs ethos to the fore.

This project will take 18 months to deliver. "We have so much more to offer other than football, and we hope to be able to encourage people to give us ideas for what they would like to see brought to the Burn Road as well as the new club house, which is hoped to be completed by the end of the summer. It will be a hub of activities, for the healthy clubs project, once completed"

This is a very exciting time in Termon and it is hoped as many as possible will join in and make it a better place to be going forward.

## GAA Club News

### CLG Naomh Adhamhnáin

#### County Football

Good luck to the Donegal Senior Men's Football team who play Armagh in the Ulster final.

#### County Hurling

Good luck to the Donegal Senior men's Hurlers team who have an away trip to Roscommon on Saturday May 11th in Dr Hyde Park.

#### All County League

Naomh Adhamhnáin had no match in the Brian McCormick's Sports & Leisure Division 1 and 1B last weekend. This weekend Malin travel to O'Donnell Park to face the home team on Saturday. Reserves throw in at 6pm and the Seniors throw in at 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) Results:

Sunday May 5th - NRB U18 Division 3 Convoy 2-5 : 2-4 Naomh Adhamhnáin

Friday May 3rd NRB U18 Division 1 Cloughaneely 1-7 : 0-11 Naomh Adhamhnáin

##### Upcoming fixtures Under 18s:

Monday May 13th NRB U18 Division 1 Naomh Adhamhnáin v Gaoth Dobhair 7pm in O'Donnell Park.

Monday May 13th NRB U18 Division 3 Red Hugh's v Naomh Adhamhnáin 7pm in Pairc Aodh Rua.

##### Under 16 (Boys) Results:

Monday May 6th All County Div 5A Naomh Adhamhnáin 6-16 : 1-7 Gleann tSuili

##### Sunday Morning Skills Academy

The Sunday Morning Skills Football Academy continues this Sunday from 11am to 12.15pm. This is for Boys and Girls aged 4 to 10.

##### Senior Ladies

Our Senior ladies play An Clochan Liath on Sunday morning at 10.30am in O'Donnell Park.

##### Senior Hurling (Men)

Naomh Adhamhnáin senior hurlers lost out away to Sean Mac Cumhaills last Friday night. The final score was Sean MacCumhaills 1-15 2-9 Naomh Adhamhnáin. Next up Naomh Adhamhnáin will play Burt in O'Donnell Park on Friday May 10th

at 7.30pm

##### Underage Hurling Academy

The Hurling Academy continues each Friday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm in O'Donnell Park, this is for children from 5 to 12 years of age.

##### Contact

Anyone wishing to get appropriate matters included in the Club notes please email them to The PRO by 10pm on Sunday night at pro.steunans.donegal@gaa.ie

### Baile na nGalloglach

Lotto: 30/4/24

Numbers : 13-18-19-23 Numbers drawn at Maple, Milford. No Jackpot winner. €50 Lucky Dip winner is Lorna Horton. Leahardan, Rathmullan.

#### LOTTO ROTA:

Sat 11th May - Maple, Milford - Senior Men.

#### RESULTS AND FIXTURES

##### Senior Men

Our Seniors men bowed out of the Gaeltacht Championships on Saturday last at the hands of Naomh Muire on a scoreline of 1-19 to 3-08. They face N Pdraig, Muff at home this Saturday evening with the Reserves throwing in at 6pm, followed by Seniors at 7.30pm.

##### U16 Boys

The U16 Boys had a great 5-17 to 3-7 victory at home to Bunrana on Monday last.

##### U16 Girls

Our U16 girls team play Termon at home on Saturday (11th) at 11am. All support welcome

##### U14 Boys

The U14 Red team had a good win at home to St Michaels last Wednesday, while the blue team lost away to Sean MacCumhaills.

##### U12 Boys

Our U12 Navy team lost out to Termon on Friday. The Blue team are home to Cloughaneely this Friday (10th) at 6.30pm. All Support Welcome.

Training continues in Ray Astro on Mondays from 5.45 -7pm. New players are welcome.

##### U10 Girls

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

##### O Reilly's Club Shop

The Club Shop at O Reillys is open again for one week if you want to get some new Club gear at www.oreillysofficial.com

## Ulster Senior Football Championship Final by Declan Kerr

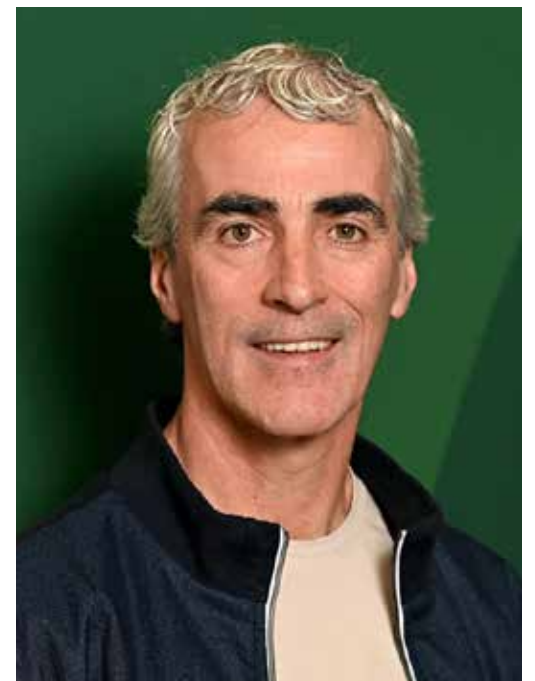
# Donegal bid for Ulster silverware

The Donegal senior footballers will take a big step forward in their ambition to rejoin the elite group of county teams if they can overcome Armagh in Sunday's Ulster Final. The decider in Clones has a 4.00 throw-in and will see Jim McGuinness's outfit go into the match as slight favourites after their victories over reigning provincial champions Derry and the 2021 All-Ireland winners Tyrone. It's been a remarkable transformation since McGuinness took over a second time last summer.

The players have bought-in totally to McGuinness something that was mysteriously amiss and certainly not all Paddy Carr's fault last year. It left him in an untenable position following the crunch Monaghan face-to-face meeting with player representatives that led to the Fanad native stepping down. The Donegal squad underwent a rigorous pre-season training programme along with a December trip abroad for a very fruitful bonding session. McGuinness has the team playing as a unit which is a great skill that has overcome the fear that Donegal would be depending on Oisín Gallen to win games on his own.

Gallen is playing his part as one of the 15 players and as was witnessed clearly there in the last two championship wins the MacCumhaill man is not being left with that high pressure responsibility of delivering a really big performance every time he pulls on the Donegal jersey. While Daire O Baoill and Ryan McHugh have got the Man of the Match performances in the Derry and Tyrone games respectively it was the collective of the team that stood out to win those two Ulster Championship ties. McGuinness and Kieran McGeeney will renew acquaintances on the sideline on Sunday just six weeks after clashing in the Division 2 league decider. On Easter Sunday it was McGuinness who led his side to the silverware after an exciting finale at Croke Park. Donegal finished well that day and again a fortnight ago against Tyrone so that endurance fitness is clearly there and something that probably few other teams possess. So for Armagh they really have to start sharp and try to build up a bit of an advantage. They can't leave it to the closing stages to push out the boat in pursuit of victory. Every game is different and McGuinness will be tweaking his approach to the strengths and weaknesses of the Orchard County.

A two-week break has been welcome for both



sides. While he was named in the starting 15 for the Tyrone game there was little surprise when Sean Patton did not start. The St. Eunan's man was clearly carrying a leg injury from the first half of the Derry game. McGuinness appeared to give an early indication just after the Tyrone game that the Garda would be fit for the final. In an update to that at the end of last week the manager was even more positive. Patton's kick-outs are a big part of the Donegal game plan so the leg will have to be right for him to take his place in goals on Sunday. But only time will really tell whether he has recovered sufficiently to be back wearing the No.1 jersey.

Gavin Mulreany deputised against Tyrone and really wasn't tested. Hugh McFadden wasn't in the match day squad due to a back injury so is in a race against time to be ready for Sunday's decider. McGeeney will be looking for a much improved performance from his team after only struggling past Down in the semi-final a fortnight ago. It will require a big show to get the better of Donegal. When the two sides met in the 2021 Final it was Armagh who took the Anglo Celt Cup. Derry have won the last two Ulster titles. Based on their impressive displays so far in Ulster, Donegal have a decent chance of being provincial champions for the first time since 2019.

### Gaeil Fhánada

#### Lotto Results 05/05/2024

Numbers: 6, 9, 12, 19, 20. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Marian Howe. This week's Jackpot: €1,100

#### Cluichí na Seachtaine

##### Déardaoin, 9ú Bealtaine

Cailíní Faoi 12

Gaeil Fhánada v Gaoth Dobhair @ 6:30

Dé hAoine, 10ú Bealtaine

Buachaillí Faoi 18

Gaeil Fhánada v Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn @ 7:00

Dé Sathairn, 11ú Bealtaine

Sraith Roinn 2 - Cluiche Tacaíochta

Na Ceithre Máistrí v Gaeil Fhánada @ 6:00

Sraith Roinn 2 - Sinsear

Na Ceithre Máistrí v Gaeil Fhánada @ 7:30

Dé Domhnaigh, 12ú Bealtaine

Peil na mBan - Roinn 2

Ard an Rátha v Gaeil Fhánada @ 10:00

Dé Luain, 13ú Bealtaine

Buachaillí Faoi 18

Gleann Fhinne v Gaeil Fhánada @ 7:00

Dé Máirt, 14ú Bealtaine

Cailíní Faoi 16

Gaeil Fhánada v Nh Mhuire Conmhaigh @ 7:00

Dé Céadaoin, 15ú Bealtaine

Buachaillí Faoi 14

Baile na nGalloglach v Gaeil Fhánada @ 6:30

#### Seniors and reserves

Good luck to our senior and reserve teams who make the journey to Donegal Town to face off against Four Masters on Saturday at 6pm and 7:30.

#### Trip to Ardara for the ladies

The Ladies are on the road again this Sunday as they make the trip to Pearse Memorial Park to take on Ardara at 10am.

Emma Nic Reannacháin sa Chomórtas Cailín Gaelach

Ár mbuáiochas le Emma Nic Reannacháin a rinne ionadaíocht do CLG Ghaeil Fhánada ag Comórtas an Chailín Ghaelaigh ar Pháirc Naomh Fionán tráthnóna Dé Domhnaigh. Cé nár bhain sí an comórtas, rinne sí sar-ionadaíocht ar ár son, agus bhain sí sult as an ócáid.

#### All Ireland U14 Girls Series

Clodagh McAteer, Aoibhinn Callaghan and Amy McAteer all played their parts for the Donegal U14 Girls side in the All Ireland Series in Ballinasloe on Saturday. The side won their three games, beating Kilkenny on a scoreline of 2:09 to 1:05, defeating Offaly 1:03 to 0:04 and overcoming Sligo 3:12 to 3:04. Maith sibh a chailíní agus comhghairdeas fosta leis an bhainisteoir, Aidan McAteer.

#### Senior Men

##### Gaeil Fhánada 1:11 Na Rossa 1:11

Trailing by six points after fifty one minutes, a share of the spoils was certainly a satisfactory result to bring home from Madavagh on Saturday, as a late Mark McAteer score rounded off the comeback, which was kickstarted with a Michael Sweeney goal with seven minutes remaining. Gaeil Fhánada: Mark McConigley, Shaun Kerr (0:02), Paddy Heraghty, Calum McAteer, Michael McDevitt, James Gallagher, Brandon McClafferty, Odhrán Shiels, Paddy Carr (0:01), Paul Coyle (0:01), Liam McGrenaghan (0:04), Mark McAteer (0:01), Darren McElwaine, James Kerr, Alan McAteer (0:01). Oisín McFadden for Michael McDevitt, Michael Sweeney (1:01) for James Kerr, Seán Carr for Paul Coyle.

#### U14's continue good form against Bunrana

The U14 boys had their third successful outing of the season on Wednesday as they secured victory over Bunrana.

Shaun Ward, Conn McLaughlin, Ronan Wilson, Patrick McConigley, Tyler McAteer, Michael

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## Termon ladies new stars



Kate McCafferty and Cayla McFadden at the start of their Termon playing career (left) and today (right) playing in and winning their first Senior County Gaeltacht championship with Termon senior ladies at 14 years of age, the future is bright.



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Peoples (1:01), James Anthony Peoples, Cillian Gilmour (0:04), Oisín Lynch (1:00), Ollie McAteer (0:02), Tiernan Kerr (3:00), Colin McBride (0:03), Donnacha Dorrian, Jack Dunleavy (2:00), Ronan Gibbons (0:01), Rian Jackson, Aaron Gallagher (0:01), Adam Heraghty.

### U8's Training

Training for U8's continues on Sunday 12th May at 11am in Portsalon.

### Cúl Camp

Bookings for the Cúl Camp from the 1st - 5th July are open. Book online at Kelloggs GAA Cúl Camps

### Glenswilly

#### Senior Men

The Senior men travelled to Cloughaneely on Sunday evening to take on Gweedore in the semi final of the Comórtas Peil na Gaeltachta. Unfortunately, a courageous display from a young Glenswilly side was not enough and Gweedore progressed to the final on a scoreline of 1-14 to 13 points.

We return to league action on Saturday 11th May as we make the journey to Pairc na nGael, Glencolumcille. The reserve game is 6pm with the seniors throwing in at 7.30pm.

#### Minor Board

Well done to Paucic Devine and Paddy Ward who helped the U17 Donegal team to victory over Monaghan in round 5 of the Ulster Minor Championship.

Hard luck to Matthew Enright and the Donegal U16 team who were defeated by Derry in their Buncrana Cup opener on Saturday past.

#### Underage Fixtures 6/5/24 - 12/5/24

Wednesday 8th May U18 Division 1

Glenswilly v Termon 7pm in Termon

Friday 10th May U12 Division 1

Glenswilly v Letterkenny Gaels 6.30pm in Glenswilly

Saturday 11th May U16 Girls

Glenswilly v Sean MacCumhaills

11am in Sean MacCumhaills

#### Ladies Board

The Senior Ladies are back in league action this Sunday 12th May as they host Carndonagh. Throw in is 10.30am.

Well done to Cara McFadden and Ellie Bonner who both played a part as the U14 Donegal team secured 3 wins from 3 games in the opening round of the All-Ireland series in Roscommon. Commiserations to Orlagh Faul and the U16 Donegal Squad who were defeated by Antrim in the Ulster Final on Sunday past.

#### Ciorcal Comhrá Ghleann tSúilí

Ciorcal Comhrá Ghleann tSúilí our Irish Language conversation group in Glenswilly GAA Club continues every Tuesday night at 8.15pm

in the clubhouse. No need to be fluent, it's just a chance to casually practice your Irish. All levels welcome.

#### Bingo and 50/50

Bingo continues every Wednesday in the hall, 8.30pm start! Congratulations to last week's winner Amy Rodgers who won €395.

#### St. Michael's

##### All County League

The Senior and Reserves had a free weekend. The Seniors are at home to Bundoran on this Saturday evening at 7.30pm. There is no Reserve Match.

##### Mini Lotto

The numbers drawn were: 1,5,6,12,13,19. The Match 5 winners were Martin Toye, Grogagh and Ann Marie Rodgers, Dunfanaghy who won €50 each. This week's Jackpot will be €6400.

##### Well Done

Good luck to our Michael Langan and the rest of the Donegal Team and Management including Jim McGuinness, Colm McFadden and Antoin McFadden against Armagh in the Final on Sunday.

##### Under 16

All County U16 Div 3 Round 3

Na Rossa 3-8 St Michael's 5-15

##### Under 10 Girls

Our u10 girls had the first game of their season last Thursday. They hosted a strong Cloughaneely team at the bridge. They were split into two teams and both teams showed great skills and determination.

##### Under 10 Boys

The U-10s boys hosted Naomh Mhuire on Saturday, with both teams boasting 25 players each. It was a great morning's football, there was a total of 12 short games played across three different pitches and the lads are showing signs of improvement each week. Well done to all involved and thanks to Damien and the gang for travelling.

##### Results

Wednesday 1st u14 boys Milford 5-6 St Michaels 2.13

Friday 3rd 12 boy's D3

St Michaels lost to Naomh Mhuire

##### Fixtures

Fri 10th U12 Boys Away v Naomh Pdraig Muff @ 6.30pm

Sat 11th Senior Men Home v Bundoran @ 7.30pm.

Sun 12th Senior Ladies Home v Malin @ 10.30am.

Mon 13th Minor Boys Away v Downings @ 7pm.

Tues 14th U16 Girls Home v Robert Emmets @ 7pm.

Wed 15th u14 Boys Home v Naomh Mhuire @ 6.30pm.

## Cockhill crowned FAI Junior Cup champions

Cockhill Celtic became only the fourth Donegal club to win the FAI Junior Cup after Gavin Cullen's side overcame Gorey Rangers following a penalty shoot-out at Eamon Deacy Park, Galway on Sunday afternoon. Swilly Rovers were the first winners in 1962 and repeated that success in 1967. The following year 1968 Finn Harps were crowned FAI Junior Cup champions. Cockhill are the first Inishowen Junior League side to take the title.

For Cullen and his players it went along to compensating for the heartbreak of losing last year's FAI Intermediate Cup Final on penalties. The

team on Sunday included Lee McColgan who has strong family ties in the Dunfanaghy area and resides in Ramelton. Cockhill had trailed 1-0 from early on before Oisín McColgan netted the equaliser in the 77th minute. It remained 1-1 through extra-time before former Finn Harps goalkeeper Harry Doherty saved three of Gorey Rangers' four penalty attempts. Another ex-Harps man Garbhan Friel converted the decisive spot kick and the striker was also named Man of the Match.

This is the first ever time an Inishowen club has won the FAI Junior Cup title.

Donegal Junior Football League

## Swilly and Letterkenny in McCormick Area Final

Swilly Rovers will be looking to stay in contention for some late silverware when they host Letterkenny Rovers in the Brian McCormick Area Final this Sunday in Ramelton (1.00). Letterkenny Rovers will provide the opposition and they have had a really good season winning Division 1 and only losing to Buncrana Hearts after an Ulster Junior Final penalty shoot-out. They will be joining Swilly in the Premier Division next season and will certainly fancy their chances of going to the County semi-finals of the McCormick Cup. After a reasonable start to the Premier campaign Swilly slipped away from top of the end of the table and it was a poor second half of the season. Also on Sunday there are two Voodoo Cup semi-finals in Ballyare with Drumoghill F.C. taking on Strand Rovers at 2.00. The second semi-final is at 5.00 between Drumbar F.C. and Glencar Celtic.

Brian McCormick Cup - Letterkenny Area

### Rovers into

### McCormick Area Final

Bonagee Utd 1-2 (a.e.t.) Letterkenny Rovers

The first chance of the game came on ten minutes when a strike from twenty-five yards from Dean Larkin was saved by Mark Anthony McGinley in the visitor's goal. The visitor's first attempt on goal was a shot from Lee McMonagle from the edge of the box that went over the Bonagee bar on fifteen minutes. On twenty-two minutes Michael Funston broke down the right and his strike on goal hit the side netting from fifteen yards. Dean Mc Carry should have scored for Rovers on thirty-six minutes when he headed over from ten yards from a Rory Gallagher cross. The home side took the lead on forty minutes when Michael Funston headed the ball onto Ricky Guntrip and he beat the keeper to the ball to find the back of the net from twelve yards. Henry Welles saw his strike on forty-two minutes well saved by Carr in the home goal from thirty yards. Paucic Gilsennan saw his header from ten yards go wide of the post on forty-seven minutes.

The visitors came close on fifty-three minutes when a header from Henry Welles came off the crossbar from ten yards. Fintan Hassan saw his strike from inside the box well saved by McGinley in the Rovers goal on sixty-five minutes. The visitors were awarded a penalty for a foul in the box on seventy-seven minutes and Lee McMonagle hammered home from the spot. Rovers thought they had taken the lead on eight four minutes when a great strike from Rory Gallagher from fifteen yards was deflected wide. In the second minute of extra time a cross into the box by Fintan Hassan was headed over by Aidy McLaughin from ten yards. The visitors got the final goal of the game in the last minute of the first half of extra time when a Rory Gallagher corner was headed home from ten yards by Adrian Delap. Team efforts by both sides. Referee: Paddy Martin.

Old Orchard Saturday Division Two

### Easy win for Swilly

Swilly Rovers Res 8-1 Gweedore Celtic Res

Amongst the goals were Jordan McDaid, Marty McDaid, Ryan Moore, Ian Ward, Mickey Kerr and Ryan McDaid with a hat-trick for himself in a game that didn't mean anything to either side as Swilly head for the promotion play-off this Saturday against Finn Town Harps in Raphoe. Swilly took a 4-0 lead into halftime with Gweedore creating a few chances for themselves. A goal from

### DONEGAL JUNIOR LEAGUE

#### Fixtures

Saturday 11th May

Voodoo Cup Diamond Park, Ballyare

2pm Drumoghill v Strand Rovers

5pm Drumbar FC v Glencar Celtic

Sunday 12th May

Brian McCormick Cup 1pm

Swilly Rovers v Letterkenny Rovers

Cappry Rovers v St. Catherines FC

#### Results

Wednesday 1st May

Brian Mc Cormick Sports Premier Division

Kildrum Tigers 3-0 Fanad United

Thursday 2nd May

Brian McCormick Cup - Letterkenny Area

Bonagee United 1-2 Letterkenny Rovers

Saturday 4th May

Old Orchard Saturday Division Two

Swilly Rovers Res 8-1 Gweedore Celtic Res

Voodoo Venue Cup

Ballybofey Utd Res 1-3 Drumbar F.C.

Keadue Rovers Res 1-2 Strand Rovers

Letterkenny Rovers Res 1-2 Glencar Celtic

Sunday 5th May

Brian McCormick Cup - Donegal Area

Donegal Town 0-3 Cappry Rovers

both sides at the start of the second half put a bit of nerves on the Swilly team but they weathered the storm and continued to play their football. Swilly Rovers - Jamie Lee Blaney, Darragh Fennell, Michael Kerr, Darragh McDaid, Shay Durning, Marty McDaid, William Buchanan, Ryan Moore, Jordan McDaid, Ian Ward, Ryan McDaid. Subs used Daithi Cavanagh, Calvagh O'Donnell, David Lockhart, Evan Ryan.

#### Voodoo Venue Cup

Letterkenny Rovers Res 1-2 Glencar Celtic

It was the clash of the two Eddie's and their sides, Letterkenny Rovers and Glencar Celtic to battle it out to see who would advance from the Area Final of the Voodoo Venue Cup. The game kicked off with a promising start as both teams showcased their attacking prowess in the opening 10 minutes, with chances aplenty but nothing decisive materialising. However, it was Rovers who began to assert their dominance, stringing together impressive passing sequences and applying pressure on Glencar's defence. Despite some long-range efforts from both sides, including a 30-yard shot from Rovers Kealan Dunleavy and a counter-attack initiated by Artem Tymoshchenko, the first half ended in a deadlock with the scoresheet reading 0-0. The second half saw Rovers come out strong, with Jason Doherty narrowly missing a chance early on. However, it was Glencar who broke the deadlock in the 48th minute, capitalising on a possession loss by Rovers to take the lead through Pajo Rafferty's clinical finish. As Glencar gained momentum, they doubled their lead in the 71st minute courtesy of Jack Dwyers close-range header following a defensive mix-up by Rovers. Despite Rovers valiant efforts to claw their way back into the game, Glencar held firm, withstanding a late surge from their opponents. In the dying moments of the game, Rovers managed to pull one back through Pavlo Shevaniuk's header from a free kick delivered by Luke Parke, but it proved to be too little, too late as Glencar emerged victorious. Referee: Damian McFadden

# Harps aim to stay in top five

Darren Murphy and his backroom team are regrouping this week after losing to Bray Wanderers at the Carlisle Grounds on Bank Holiday Monday evening. The 1-0 defeat saw Bray leapfrog Harps into fourth place in the First Division table. This Friday night Harps host bottom of the table Longford Town at Finn Park (kick-off 7.45). Longford got only their first win of the season on Monday evening against second from bottom Kerry F.C.

So the Midlanders will come to Ballybofey in a better frame of mind and that could spell danger for the hosts. Darren Murphy made a number of changes for the Bray game because of the quick turnaround following the welcome win over Treaty on Friday night at Finn Park. While that is a way that teams generally do things when it doesn't work it comes in for criticism in any case the starting 11 for the Longford game is likely to be similar to the Treaty game which means Success Edogun, David Crawley and Ryan Rainey will definitely come back in barring injury. On the opening night of the season

on Friday 16th February the two sides met at Bishopsgate where Longford Town let a 2-0 lead slip as Harps came back with goals from Edogun, Jamie Watson and a late winner from sub Mark Mbuli. Harps will be aiming not to leave it as late this time around and really need the three points to stay comfortably in the top five and among the promotion play-off places. The top two sides did slip a little on Monday evening. Leaders Cork City were held at home 1-1 by Wexford Youths while UCD surprisingly lost at home to Cobh Ramblers. Cork are eight points ahead at the top 32 with UCD second.

Then its Athlone third on 22 followed by Bray and Harps both on 21 points. But, Murphy will be concerned as Wexford are just one behind them with a game in hand. Then there is Cobh in seventh place with a game in hand and three points behind Harps. Psychologically anything less than a win against Longford would be a big blow on Friday night. So there is a lot at stake and a lot will depend on how the players handle that pressure.

## Defeat in Bray



Bray's Darren Craven on the attack against Harps on Monday evening.

**Bray Wanderers 1-0 Finn Harps**  
Five weeks after losing 2-0 at Finn Park, Bray Wanderers exacted revenge at the Carlisle Grounds on Bank Holiday Monday with a win thanks to the game's only coming from Shane Griffin just before half-time.

Despite playing quite well in the corresponding match in Ballybofey on April 1st goals from David Cawley and Tony McNamee gave Harps a 2-0 victory. But, Bray have leapfrogged Harps to go fourth in the First Division table.

Bray began brightly but initially didn't test goalkeeper, Conor Walsh, on only his second league start. Then captain Darren Craven's firm strike was stopped by Walsh. Kieran Cruise setup striker, Cristian Magerusan who was denied by Walsh. Cruise and Harry Groome both went close before Bray went in front a minute before the interval. Max Murphy and Freddie Turley combined for the unmarked, Griffin who shot past Walsh from close range.

Harps boss Darren Murphy reacted swiftly with a triple substitution for the second half. Home keeper McGuinness made a good stop from Patrick 'Dixie' Ferry's stinging shot. [The introduction of the experienced David Cawley and Ryan Rainey saw Harps much more positive in the battle to get back on level terms.

At the other end, Griffin's corner had to be cleared by Noe Baba and the central defender also

came to the rescue with a last ditch tackle to deny Magerusan. Despite having a share of the play, the visitors didn't seriously test the home keeper. Finn Harps - Conor Walsh; Jamie Watson, Matty Makinson, Noe Baba, Luke O'Brien, Darragh Coyle (Success Edogun 46), Patrick Ferry (Mark Mbuli 74), Tony McNamee ©, Chris Lotefa (Sean O'Donnell 46), Stephen Doherty (Ryan Rainey 66), Max Johnston (David Cawley 46). Subs not used: Tim Heimer (Gk), Shane McMonagle.



Finn Harps, Success Edogun in action on Friday night

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## Another McNamee winner



Tony McNamee celebrates with his team mates after celebrating his winning goal against Treaty.

### Finn Harps 1-0 Treaty United

Captain Tony McNamee came to rescue again for Finn Harps on Friday as he capitalised on a defensive error to produce yet another clinical finish to secure a much needed win against Treaty Utd in Ballybofey. The Ramelton man had also netted the winner in similar circumstances when the two sides met in Limerick earlier in the season.

It brought to an end the Harps four-game winless run to keep them in the promotion hunt. There was a welcome restoration of the floodlights although that was only remedied on Thursday with high levels of anxiety evident until it was confirmed that the actual parts fitted. Milford boy Gavin McAteer was included in the home squad for the first time. Mark Mbuli on his first start came close on eight minutes with a low strike. McNamee and Mbuli combined for David Cawley for a strike that went narrowly wide.

Considine then came closest to breaking the deadlock in the second half latching onto Alec Byrne's through ball and rolled his attempt across goal but Noe Baba averted the danger. Harps did have the upper hand in an attacking sense without testing Treaty keeper Chambers. That was until the 80th minute when the host deservedly netted proved to be the winner. Keeper, Tim Heimer went route one with his clearance that saw substitute, Sean O'Donnell's flick fall into McNamee's path and with the defence marked absent the alert McNamee kept going and with his weaker left-foot steered the ball low past Chambers at the town end of the ground.

It was the first home goal at Finn Park since the UCD game when McNamee was also the scorer. Treaty started two successive home games on Monday evening but it was another loss this time to Athlone Town. They won't get easy this Friday night against Wexford Youths. After losing to Bray on Monday evening, Harps host bottom of the table Longford Town this Friday night.

Finn Harps - Tim Heimer; Jamie Watson, Matty Makinson, Noe Baba, Luke O'Brien, Ryan Rainey, Tony McNamee (c), David Cawley (Darragh Coyle 84), Mark Mbuli (Sean O'Donnell 65), Success Edogun (Patrick Ferry 88), Max Johnston. Subs not used: Oisín Cooney (Gk), Conor Walsh (Gk), Shane McMonagle, Chris Lotefa, Stephen Doherty, Gavin McAteer.

### Harps Lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for 2nd May. The numbers drawn were 8, 15, 17, 29. The next draw takes place on Thursday 9th May and the jackpot is €10,000.

There were six match 3 winners this week each winning €35 each - Michael Boyle, Ard Patrick, Glenties; Oisín Hughes, Sesiaghoneill, Ballybofey; Caroline Bell, Ard McCarron, Ballybofey; PH Bonar, Carrickshandrum, Killygordon; Gerry Crawford, Goland, Ballybofey; Seamus Campbell, Ash Park, Carrick on Suir.

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## County Gaeltacht title for Termon Ladies

The Termon senior ladies picked up another Donegal Gaeltacht title after the Bank Holiday Monday Final win over Naomh Conaill by 3-9 to 0-3. The finals were hosted by the Cloughaneely club in Falcarragh. Just back playing recently after the birth of her baby boy Geraldine McLaughlin was the top scorer in the decider with 1-5. Her goal came from a penalty while she also converted four frees. The other goal scorers were Ciara McGarvey who also got a point and Emer Gallagher. Colleen Kearney, Megan Ryan and Niamh Bonner were the other point scorers.

Termon - Roisin McCafferty; Rionach Giles, Niamh Friel, Meadh McDaid; Niamh Bonner, Maria Carr, Aoihe McDaid; Megan Ryan, Emer Gallagher; Anna Gallagher, Ciara McGarvey, Lauren Gallagher; Roisin Frie, Sophie Curran, Geraldine McLaughlin. Subs used: Chelsea Gorman and Maeve Brady.

Meanwhile the senior men's title was won by Kilarney after overcoming Gaoth Dobhair by 0-12 to 0-10. In the Junior Men's Final, Naomh Muire got the better of their local rivals Gweedore with just a point to spare on a final score of 1-15 to 3-8 after extra time.

## More medals for Maeve McClean



Milford's Maeve McClean won three medals at the three-day Ulster Senior Long Course Championships in Bangor over the weekend. Maeve's big success was being crowned Ulster Senior Longcourse Champion in the 200 metres Backstroke. She is a member of the City of Derry Swim Club. The Mulroy College student competed in six events achieving PB's in all of her swims. She won gold in the 200 metres backstroke and bronze in the 50 metres backstroke and the 100 metres freestyle.

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