



Peter Casey set to stir up EU election race

The EU election campaign is set to move up a notch with speculation that former Dragon's Den star, Peter Casey is about to join the battle in a bid to win a seat in this sprawling five seat constituency.

by John McAteer

Mr. Casey was in Ramelton at the weekend to support Cllr. Pauric McGarvey's election campaign and he would not confirm officially that he was entering the race.

"But I'm not ruling any thing out," he told the Tribune.

However, sources close to him said he is a definite runner, but he's seeking an opportune time to make his declaration.

In the climate of politics where the government parties were so heavily whacked in the two referendums, there is the possibility that voter fatigue with the current Government could see many voters turn to Independent candidates... Peter Casey could easily be the choice for many of those disillusioned

voters.

Recent opinion polls suggest that three out of every five people believe the country has taken in too many Ukrainian refugees. 62% are of that view while another 20% are neutral with only 3% saying that Ireland must continue to take in refugees.

This is going to be a real pressure point because it is the topic of the day everywhere and the red button has been pressed with various parties and politicians. But what will the nation's voters say on June 7th?

Referencing a recent flight back from Paris, Mr. Casey said he was delighted to see two immigration officers checking passengers leaving the flight and two more in the baggage area. He said he put up a tweet that 'it is too little too late' and that attracted 174,000 likes.

In his remarks in



Ramelton he referenced government failures: "Elsewhere, in countries like Australia, young people go walkabout for a year after college. They then return home. Ireland is one of the countries where the young people go walkabout and never return home, because it is so hard to get a life here."

He said that the people of Donegal are so let down by the Government looking after them, because there is no imagination and it is time to give them the heave-ho.

"Pauric McGarvey is

the new generation and we need to elect strong Independent voices," added Mr. Casey.

Originally from Derry and a leading figure in business, he originally contested the Presidential election in 2018 and he was the surprise second choice taking over 23% with a powerful first preference of 242,727 votes.

He polled close to 13,000 in Donegal.

Casey was the story of the 2018 Presidential Election after his miraculous performance that saw him rocket into second place, confounding many critics who saw him as a no-hoper.

This was despite his controversial remarks about travellers where he said they were "camping on other people's land."

Taoiseach Leo Varadkar was in Brussels when the controversy arose and said that he hoped people would

vote against Casey at the polls after what he had said.

However, Mr Casey defended his comment saying that he was not a racist and that like the Travellers, he also had the same DNA... 100%.

In 2019, Casey ran in the EU elections and polled 56,650 and a share of more than 9%. He was just 1.3% behind Fine Gael's Maria Walsh on the first count and she went on to win her party's second seat. Tally reports suggest that he won more than he took 23% of the national vote and Donegal figures suggested he had taken an equal share of the vote.

With five seats in the new Midlands North and West, there is already an overcrowded field. Independent candidates are already competing for votes. The legendary Luke Ming Flanagan, a veteran of politics is under pressure from Ciaran Mullooly in Longford He was RTE's correspondent in the Midlands for 27 years.

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Emma Griffin captured this photo of the eclipse on Monday evening at 8pm from Ballyheerin in Fanad.

Letterkenny Legend Sally Blake passes away

The death occurred on Tuesday of Sally Blake one of Letterkenny's best known citizens. Aged 83, Sally was immersed in so many aspects of a town she loved so well which included being a Fine Gael Cllr for over a decade as well as being a key figure in the International Folk Festival.

But, she didn't confine herself to Letterkenny as she travelled extensively and spent time in the USA at the home of Doris Duke and with Letterkenny native



Fr. P.J. McGlinchey on Jeju Island, South Korea. She was one of very few from the town to visit Jeju. She was also close friends with big names in the entertainment world including Daniel O'Donnell, Bernard Lafferty, Michael Jackson, Louis Walsh, violinist Yehudi Menuhin and the artist Derek Hill.

Sally kept an unbelievably vast treasure trove of photos and memorabilia at her home in Lower Ard O'Donnell. Lots of that nostalgia featured at exhibitions in the County Museum with Letterkenny native

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Raphoe and Derry Dioceses may unite!

Pope Francis has announced the most dramatic changes in the Church in over one thousand years. He was speaking during his weekly audience in St Peter's Square at the Vatican on Wednesday.

He has also confirmed major changes to the leadership of dioceses in the West of Ireland. This move was long been expected, nevertheless it has come suddenly.

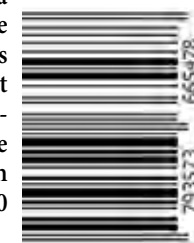
According to sources, this has led to renewed speculation that the Dioceses of Raphoe and Derry may be united and will be administered from St. Eugene's Cathedral. It is expected that the Derry Bishop, Eamonn McKeown will retire next year. He became Bishop of Derry in 2014.

The West of Ireland will be left with three bishops in the whole of the ecclesiastical province of

Tuam.

The Pope appointed Bishop Paul Dempsey (53), up until now the bishop of Achonry, as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Dublin. He will join the other newly appointed Auxiliary Bishop-elect Donal Roche (65).

The Pontiff made Archbishop Francis Duffy, Archbishop of Tuam, apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Killala. Bishop John Fleming (76) of Killala has been due to retire for over a year and Pope Francis has accepted his resignation on the grounds of age. Killala is one of the least populous dioceses, not only in Ireland but the world, with about 30,000 Catholics.



Cllr. Pauric McGarvey at the launch of the Local Elections Campaign in the Ramelton Town Hall on Friday evening with guest speaker Senator Sharon Keogan and his wife Mari-Claire and children Mason, Cody and Hallie.

First solo release from Downings Caoimhe Ní Mhaoileoin

Downings traditional singer and musician, Caoimhe Ní Mhaoileoin, has released her first solo recording.

Titled 'Fear a' Bháta', it was recorded locally and is now available on bandcamp and other streaming services.

Caoimhe hails from a well-known musical family and she has performed all over the world. She is accompanied on it by two highly regarded musicians including Declan McClafferty and Donegal-based multi instrumentalist and All Ireland champion uilleann piper Martin Crossin from Belfast.

Caoimhe says Fear a' Bháta is a traditional Scottish love song, originally sung in Scottish Gaelic but this version has been translated into Irish Gaelic.

She added that it was recorded in Declan's utility room in Ramelton and other than the mastering of the final version, it is a "full Donegal production".

Also, a stylish new video accompanies her new release made by local filmmaker, Charlie Joe Doherty, whose black and white vintage video captures the nostalgia of the song, and is shot on location around Downings, Ros Goill and the Donegal coast.

In her younger days she and her four siblings spent their younger years playing and touring as the five piece family band - Ceoltóirí Ghoill.

A characteristic feature of the band was their harmonised a cappella singing in the Irish language. Their sets also included a couple of Swahili songs which they had picked up while living in Kenya.

The group were multiple award winners at both national and international level, winning the Letterkenny International Folk Festival, which



earned them a recording contract with Polydor



Records.

They featured on a Gael Linn compilation album of young All-Ireland winning musicians at the national Slógadh youth festival. Also on the album were renowned musicians Iarla Ó Lionard

(Afro-Celt Sound System), Sean Smyth (Lúnasa) and Martin Hayes (The Gloaming) among others.

They recorded a single on the Gael Linn label as well as an EP, and recorded a multi track demo which ultimately never got finished. The band appeared regularly on Irish and international TV and radio and performed at festivals all over Ireland, in the UK including the Isle of Man, the Hebrides, and the US where they were first invited as Irish musical ambassadors for Rosalyn Carter's Friendship Force. They also performed in Germany and at the Interceltique Festival in Lorient.

The band eventually split up and Caoimhe and two of her siblings moved to Boston where she lived and played with different Irish bands on the pub and festival scene before returning home to Donegal in 2012.

Since returning home she has been mostly playing and promoting Irish music locally in Downings. In 2016 she founded Club Amhránaíochta Ros Goill and Club Ceoil Ros Goill, teaching music and song to children and adults. She also started a weekly session in Downings where Club members of all ages and levels could come together to play in public with accomplished musicians thus gaining confidence in their playing.

The sessions drew visiting musicians young and old from across Ireland to the UK and from North and South America to Europe and further afield, running weekly until being closed down due to the Covid pandemic.

These days she plays closer to home with various local and 'not so local' musicians.

Fear a' Bháta is available on bandcamp and other popular streaming places.

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Dunfanaghy apartments to proceed after planning appeal

Planning permission has been granted with revised conditions for two apartments in Dunfanaghy following a planning appeal to An Bord Pleanála.

Donegal County Council granted conditional planning permission to Darren Tease for the erection of two apartments with connection to the existing public sewer and all other associated site development works at Hornhead Road, Dunfanaghy, on June 1st, 2023.

An appeal was lodged with An Bord Pleanála on Moira and Alan Harley on June 27th, 2023.

They listed 13 grounds for appeal including claims that it does not comply with the 2022 Apartment Guidelines in regard to storage space, ceiling heights, cycle storage and refuse facilities. Also that it may block out their sunlight in the afternoon as well as impact negatively on the "architectural integrity of the protected church and rectory".

The Board decision was to grant the development with revised conditions and listed 12 conditions that the developer must meet including a revised site layout and the dwellings are to be a principal place of residence for someone with a housing need and not used as holiday homes.

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Sub-committee on defective blocks to meet: Joe McHugh

Housing Minister, Darragh O'Brien has told Deputy Joe McHugh that the sub-committee on defective concrete blocks is to meet in the coming weeks.

McHugh had asked the Minister when the next sub-group meeting regarding defective blocks will happen; if he will consider up-front payments to homeowners who are currently struggling with finance; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

In response, the Minister said: "I established an Implementation Steering Group for the enhanced Defective Concrete Blocks Grant scheme and the sub-group the Question refers to was established within this existing group structure, to examine an emerging issue relating to financial aspects of the scheme.

I expect the next meeting of this sub-group will take place in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, my Department is working proactively on seeking to arrive at workable solutions within the legislative framework that will assist homeowners approved under the scheme to access funding as early as possible."

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He's representing the Independent TD's represented by Deputy Michael Fitzmaurice, Michael Collins and Richard O'Donoghue.

And they've said that together they will capture much of the sought after vote in the Midlands. The European Election on May 24th 2019 saw FG get two seats in the Midlands North West. There were 4 seats, 17 candidates and 13 counts. The electorate was 1,224,888 and the turnout just shaded 50.3% with 616,555 casting their votes. The quota was 118,986.

This was a disaster of a result for FF and once again they face decisions and with Niall Blaney, Barry Cowen and Lisa Chambers, it remains to be seen if the party has made the wisest of choices. And can Micheál Martin support the idea of three runners?

Rathmullan development refused planning

Planning permission for an apartment and lounge area in Pound St, Rathmullan has been refused by An Bord Pleanála on appeal.

Conditional planning permission granted by Donegal County Council on February 23rd, 2023, to Superior Quality Builders Limited for the development at Pound Street.

It allowed for the demolition of part of the existing lounge area, the construction of a lounge area and provide for apartments above. Also the refurbishment of the existing apartment above the bar area and provide for an extension to the rear of the existing building to include a new staircase to serve the old and new apartments and all other associated site works including connection to existing services.

A planning appeal was lodged on March 16th, 2023 by William and Anna Deeny and Ruth Deeny and Fiachra McLaughlin, who were described as "owners and occupiers of a premises on Main Street".

The grounds for appeal claimed the permission granted by the council included two apartments with an office in each apartment "that may be used as a bedroom providing two, two bedroom units".

They also claimed the height of the flat roof building was not in keeping with the surrounding buildings and the third story of the new build had potential for extra bedrooms. It also raised potential blocking out daylight, privacy and parking concerns.

Refusing the development An Bord Pleanála detailed two considerations.

The first one detailed the proposal had "inadequate room sizes, inadequate storage, inadequate levels of natural daylight and lack of any cycle storage provision where no off street parking is proposed" and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The second reason detailed the two-storey-high development would constitute overdevelopment of a small site and would likely cause an "unacceptable reduction in sunlight to the amenity open space and would seriously injure the residential amenities of property in the vicinity."

Downings landslide causing concern

Cllr John O'Donnell is calling on the Council to carry out urgent repairs to make safe the landslide risk on the verge of the road in Downings beside the Harbour Bar.

Temporary temporary bollards have been put in place as the Council monitors the threat. However, John O'Donnell told Tuesday's MD meeting in Milford that he had to

fix the bollards back in place because they had moved at the weekend.

"I had to fix those bollards and put them back in place again at the weekend. There is great danger there because of the drop from the road. It's a big safety concern so the Council needs to do something there" Cllr O'Donnell said.

Cllr Liam Blaney said there had been a lot of talk of work being done at the location but nothing ever happened.

"I just hope safety works can be done there before the summer because there will be traffic chaos on that road," Cllr Blaney said, "The Council said that an application for €100,000 Climate Adaption

funding was submitted to the Department of Transport to carry out improvement works at the site near the Harbour Bark in 2024 but unfortunately this was unsuccessful. The application will be resubmitted for 2025.

In the short-term the Council said it will carry out temporary works to ensure the road is safe.

Coolboy Road junction causing concern

Council engineers are to review safety concerns raised by Cllrs Michael McBride and Donal Coyle regarding the Coolboy Road junction between Illistrin and Kilmacrennan. Residents from 70 houses have been expressing ongoing fears over the narrow winding road and access to the busy main N56 Road.

At Tuesday's Municipal District meeting Cllr McBride said he had received a lot of calls from concerned residents about the matter which also included the absence of a footpath and no lighting on the Coolboy Road.

"There is also the problem of schoolchildren getting off buses at the junction. I had a previous motion in regard to this but nothing appears to have happened. To me it would only take the minimum of work to at least take a couple of the

corners of and widen the road a bit. Hopefully local landowners might be able to help. The main thing here is the safety of people using this road and especially the schoolchildren getting on and off buses. There have been accidents and one resident told me of having their car written off. We can't be putting rules in the way of the safety of residents and children," Cllr McBride said.

In response Area Roads Manager David McElwaine said anything to do with the actual junction itself on the N56 would have to be referred to Transport Infrastructure Ireland. The Council said a safety assessment can be carried out at the Coolboy Junction and if deemed necessary referred onto the TII.

Mr. McElwaine said engineers had engaged

with the local residents in relation to doing something about the two bends on the road approaching the junction. There may be scope to access funding through the Community Involvement Scheme.

Cllr Donal Coyle focused especially on the taking out of the two dangerous bends on the approach road to the Coolboy junction. He was told that Council staff have met with local residents and are currently working on a plan to resolve the issue. The Fianna Fail Cllr said the Council and TII had to work together to resolve the issues raised by residents. Cllr John O'Donnell said that a number of years ago a landowner had been prepared to work with the Council regarding straightening the road but it appeared that wasn't followed up on for whatever reason.

New role for Msgr. McLaughlin

Monsignor Eamonn McLaughlin, a native of Downings has been elevated as a Canon of the Papal Basilica of St. Mary Major. This follows on his appointment the position of adjunct under-secretary of the Formation Office of the Decastery for the Clergy in the Vatican. The appointments were made by Pope Francis. Msgr. McLaughlin was ordained in 2002 and after serving in a numbers of curacies in the Raphoe Diocese he went to Rome where, since 2017, he served as an official of the Decastery for the clergy.



Dundalk winner for Luke McAteer

Rathmullan jockey Luke McAteer has found a fine ally in County Tipperary trainer David Marnane and the pair won the opening six-furlong handicap with City Equine II Syndicate-owned Jered Maddox at Dundalk on Friday evening.

The eight-year-old landed his eighth career success and his sixth at the track when coming through under the Rathmullan man to beat the Seamus O'Donnell-trained Theriverrunsdeep by a length and three-parts at odds of 22/1. It was McAteer's second winner of the new season.

North's health service in serious trouble

Last weekend brought home to me how the situation with the health service in the North has changed. On Saturday I had to bring a friend round to the South West Acute Hospital (SWAH) in Enniskillen. He had been feeling so unwell as to be worried. Thus he went to the Omagh Hospital. He has nothing but praise for the way staff there treated him. However, Omagh Hospital is not an acute hospital. There was no doctor available. Staff were worried about his condition. They told him he should go to the SWAH as quickly as possible. That is 28 miles away. They also told him he would have to wait five or six hours for an ambulance. My friend doesn't have a car, and the bus service on Saturdays is even worse than during the week. Thus I took him to the SWAH. What makes events alarming is Omagh being a large town. The population is about 20,500. That makes it the North's second-largest town West of the Bann, after Derry. We were sent to the SWAH because it is the hospital serving the south-west of the North. When we got there, the situation was still worrying. We sat in the waiting area of the Emergency Department. A screen flashed the announcement that there was a waiting time of six and a half hours. Luckily, that was wrong. My friend was called in less than half an hour. The waiting area filled up as we sat there. So we could have faced a long wait. When my friend was being treated, I decided to go for a coffee. That was not simple. The corridors were empty. The shop was closed. The restaurant was very low on food. There were only a couple of us in it. That is because services in the

The North's health service is not recruiting enough nurses. Thus it is using agency nurses. The health service paid £189million (€220million) last year on agency nurses. That was 69% up in a year. For a long time the perception was that the North's health service was well ahead of the South.

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SWAH have been run down. This hospital only opened in 2012. Emergency general surgery was withdrawn at the end of 2022. The withdrawal was supposed to be temporary. That temporary withdrawal has continued. Building the SWAH cost £712million (£980million in today's terms, or €1.03billion). We were told it was replacing hospitals in Enniskillen and Omagh. And it is no surprise the North's Health Service has financial problems. Five years before it opened, a new operating theatre block was built at the old Erne Hospital in Enniskillen. By then it was known this would close. When the SWAH was opened, this new operating theatre block was demolished. Back then, the operating theatre block cost £1.2million (£1.94million, or €2.26million, in today's terms). At the same time, there were two modern operating theatres in the Tyrone County Hospital, Omagh. Both were state of the art. One was, by then, completely unused. The other was sometimes used for day surgery. Emergency surgery is now provided by Altnagelvin Hospital. That is 54 miles from Enniskillen by the shortest route. The journey takes at least 1 hour and 20 minutes. More, Fermanagh is a small county,

but not that small. There are places in Fermanagh that are 30 miles from Enniskillen. To say people should instead cross the Border is too bland. Acute services were removed from Monaghan General Hospital many years ago. That hospital is now a glorified health centre. Cavan General Hospital is the closest hospital on the Southern side of the Border. It, though, suffers from overcrowding. Expecting Cavan to cater for part of Fermanagh is not reasonable. I noticed that many of the medical staff were immigrants, mostly from Asia or Africa. They were friendly and very efficient. That points to another difficulty the hospital faces. There are problems with recruiting staff. There are fears about the long-term future of the SWAH. That then becomes a chicken and egg situation. Staff recruitment becomes harder. The long-term future becomes more doubtful. That also solves political problems with removing services. These can be closed with the excuse there are not enough staff to provide such. That was done with the hospital in Dunganon some years ago. Doctors who have worked at the SWAH have accused management of creating a 'toxic culture'. That is another part of the recruitment

problem. They allege understaffing. With that, there is too much reliance on costly locum cover. And, of course, the SWAH is not the only part of the North's health service facing problems. Making an appointment with a GP has become difficult. There are fewer GPs than 60 years ago. That's despite the population being up by one-third. The North's health service is not recruiting enough nurses. Thus it is using agency nurses. The health service paid £189million (€220million) last year on agency nurses. That was 69% up in a year. For a long time the perception was that the North's health service was well ahead of the South. Opinions south of the Border were often, to be mild, exaggerated. On the main point, though, they were right. During the years of the Troubles, we all know there was a heavy military and police presence. But there was another side. We did not have the drastic cuts of the Thatcher years. That was to try and keep the natives happy. That time has ended.



By Anton McCabe

Thus, over recent years, there has been a serious lack of investment in health. That is combined with a management structure that is chaotic. Then the Assembly and Executive were collapsed. The British Government decided to starve the North of public spending. That was to force the DUP back. And it worked. There will, certainly, be a little extra spending. But only a little, as long as the cost is not too much. There was only one positive to all of this. There was a happy ending to my friend's experience. He was checked thoroughly. Medical staff found he was not as ill as had been feared. Thus he was allowed home after about four hours.

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Cody Wilson, Emma Neely, Laura Wilson and Alex Walker at the Royal & Prior Prom in the Silver Tassie Hotel. Photo by Clive Wasson



The Prom King and his friends at the Royal and Prior Prom in the Silver Tassie Hotel. Photos by Clive Wasson



The Biggest Flirt and the Best Dressed with pals at the Royal and Prior Prom in the Silver Tassie Hotel.



Rebecca Johnston, Natasha Freeman, Vicky Wauchope, Cara Loughride and Keala McKinney at the Royal and Prior Prom. Photo Clive Wasson

Surfer Bea returns to World championships



Creeslough's Irish surfing champion, Bea Greenberg, will be among the team to represent Ireland at the forthcoming world longboard championships that get underway next week in El Salvador. This will be her second time taking part in the event having competed at last year's championships in the same location. One major change is that she will take to the waves of Surf City - El Sunzal in the Central American country as the reigning Irish Longboard surf champion - a title she claimed last October in Portrush for the first time. She will be joined by the other members of the Irish team in the coming days for the International Surfing Association World Longboard Champi-

onship that will see competitors from across the world battle it out for the title. Bea has been an avid surfer, competitor and surf lifesaver for many years and claimed numerous national titles. A recent Donegal Sports Star recipient for her sport, she is the daughter of Siobhan Bigger and Eric Greenberg, Craig, Creeslough and is a former student of Loreto CS, Milford and is currently studying at the University of Ulster. She has spent the last number of months based in Peru as part of her studies and has travelled to El Salvador recently to prepare for the competition that gets underway on April 18th and runs to April 25th. The event will be streamed live via the isa.org website.

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Care of the Aged Night out

The Ramelton Care of the Aged have organised a Night Out to Arena 7 on Tuesday the 16th of April. The bus will leave the Robertson School at 4.50pm travelling to Arena 7 for dinner at 5.45pm followed by entertainment. The cost of the trip including bus, dinner and entertainment is €20 and please contact Anthony on 086 082 2426 to book or ask him further questions.

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Toastie, scone or sweet treat, everything to make your visit to our market relaxing and enjoyable. Loyalty cards are available at our checkouts and 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.

Antenatal Classes

Antenatal classes will commence on Wednesday 10th April for 4 weeks, 2-4pm. Venue is the Gallowglass Centre, Milford F92 CD51.

For further information contact the public health nurses on 0749151527 Ramelton, 0749158322 Rathmullan or 9153108 Milford PHN

Upon A Star Drama School

Do you know someone who would be interested in helping out at the Upon A Star Drame showcase in Ramelton Town Hall on this Sunday the 14th of April. The role would include supervising children backstage, helping with props and cos-

tumes and making sure everyone is on stage on time. Ideal for someone studying childcare, drama, or anyone who feels they would enjoy the position. Would also suit those in transition year for work experience. Must be aged 16+ and available for a couple of Tuesday sessions at Ramelton Community Centre in March. If interested contact the group.

Jive with Paul

Paul McCahill is holding Jiving Classes in the Ramelton Community Centre every Wednesday night from 8pm to 9.30pm. Learn to jive, waltz, foxtrot and line dance with Paul and his team. Admission is €8 for Adults and €5 for children and all welcome.

Ramelton SVP

As the cost of living crisis continues, many families will face impossible choices this winter. If you are in need of support, contact Ramelton SVP in confidence.

Yoga with Jane

Yoga with Jane classes restart after Easter, call her on 086 8367776 to book or for details or visit Jane Watt yoga on FB

Gentle Yoga in the Kerrykeel Oldschool Community Centre starting on Thursday 11th April from 10-11am for 6 weeks and the cost is €60.

Chair Yoga in the Gallowglass Centre, Milford starting on Thurs 11th April from 12-1pm for 4 weeks and the cost is €40 (Chair Yoga is also running in Letterkenny on Wednesday evenings)

Yoga in Ray Community Centre starting on Saturday 13th April, from 10-11am. The cost for the 5 weeks is €40 and it excludes Bank Holiday Saturday.

Crochet and knitting craft group

Crochet and knitting craft group has begun again and continues every Monday 10.30am to 12.30pm in St Mary's Parish Centre behind the chapel. Everyone is welcome to come along and bring your current project or start something new. Enjoy the craic company and a cuppa. All queries to Myrtle on 0876825387.

Little Ballers

The Little Ballers Toddler Football continues every Monday in the Ramelton Community Centre for boys and girls aged from 3 to 5 years old. Group 1 are on from 5 to 5.30pm and Group 2 from 5.30 to 6pm. Call into the Centre for details.

Trocaire School Volunteers

Are you a retired teacher who has experience presenting to a group of school children and who would like to make the world a better place? Trocaire is looking for volunteers to support a Schools Talk Programme for Lent in Donegal. For information on this exciting venture please call Casey Schell at 02890808033 or casey.schell@trocaire.org



Sections of the attendance at the launch of Cllr. Paucir McGarvey's election campaign in the Town Hall on Friday night.



Rathmullan

Tidy Towns

Now that the Pier Works have commenced, and the Pier area out of commission, there will be severe disruptions at times in and around the Car parking area. Therefore, we ask that everyone is mindful of their responsibilities regarding littering and no disposal of household rubbish in the local bins, or discarding unwanted boxes / bags near the Recycling centres, and this applies to Camper Van users also,

take your rubbish home.

The Annual Big Spring Clean will take place next Saturday, 20th April, and we look forward to your support at that time, especially families and younger adults. Bibs, pickers, gloves & Hi Viz vests will be available at the White Harte from 10am but in the interests of sustainability and the circular economy, if you have equipment from before, then please bring your own. Hopefully we'll be able to give all of the approach roads and the town a good 'spring clean'. Refreshments will be available at The Pier Building approx. 12.30pm.

The Annual Sustainability Fair will take place on Sunday 21st April, and this year the emphasis is on Sustainability and the circular economy, featuring Repair Workshops, and Upcycling.

LK Bike's will host Workshops and advise on all things Bicycle related, to coincide with the installation of the new Bicycle Repair Station adjacent to the existing Bicycle Stand in the Car park, supplied by the Council Trails Department. There will be exhibitions & workshops of upcycled items by the crafting and sewing classes at the Boatyard Sheds, with finer details yet to be confirmed.

'Power to the Pupils':

Congratulations to St Joseph's National School on 'Going Greener', with the installation of their Solar Panels last week. This major step in their commitment to sustainability will greatly impact their carbon footprint and significantly reduce their energy and operational costs in the future.

Pier Works

The long awaited Pier works have commenced and despite the slight adjustment to the Car park area, Rathmullan is still open for business as usual, with all the beaches and amenities still available.

The Lough Swilly Ferry will commence their summer Schedule on 1st June, and access to the slipway and Ferry will be maintained under traffic management. Drivers,



Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

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

ADVISORY NOTICE

L-5672-1 Lower Cairn/Clooney/ Upper Cairn Road, Ramelton

5th February 2024 - 10th May 2024 (7.30am - 6pm)

Notice is hereby given that Donegal County Council has agreed to extend the temporary closure of the following roads to traffic on the dates and times indicated to facilitate the installation of rising mains.

Route to be closed:

L-5672-1 Lower Cairn/Clooney/Upper Cairn Road, Ramelton.

Alternative Route:

R-247/R-245/L-1392-1 Ramelton/Moss Road or R247/L-5612-1/L-1392-2 Rathmullan Road/Moss Road.

Bryan Cannon,
Director of Service,
Roads & Transportation.



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Saturday 9am - 5pm

please be considerate and have patience, these continuing works may be an inconvenience, but are absolutely essential to ensure the ongoing safety for all pier users.

Post Office

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Rathmullan Post Office have changed their operating times. Monday to Friday Open 10am-1pm and 2-4pm, Until further notice. Closed all day Saturday and Sunday.

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 sociable coffee afterwards.

Eco Atlantic Adventure Camps Rathmullan

Eco Atlantic Adventures are now taking bookings for Beach Bootcamp Sunrise workout, starting 29th April at 6am for Monday/Wednesday/Friday in 4 week blocks. There are many other courses on offer during the summer months, contact Hugh 086 2250599 as booking is essential.

Save the Date - Inch Mile 31 August

Gartan Open Waters in association with Swim Ireland and Donegal Sports Partnership are currently taking bookings for this unique event <https://eventmaster.ie/event/nGLJtplH0v> as well as the Kinnegar 500m. More details contact Karen (087 2214988) or Keith (086 0885459).

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.

Former Ramelton rectory on the market



Frewin House on Rectory Road in Ramelton has just gone on the market with a price tag of €895,000.

The Victorian house was built around 1880 and is set on just under 2 acres of mature private grounds on the Letterkenny Road of the village. The building has period features through with the original refurbished sash windows and has a number of additional outbuildings with excellent potential. The house was the Church of Ireland rectory until 1994 when it was bought and restored by the current owners.

The residence serves as a testament to an era that celebrated timeless craftsmanship and meticulous attention to detail. It features Victorian tiles, original wood flooring along with tall ceiling with ornate cornicing testament to the architectural grandeur of a bygone era.

There are eight bedrooms with four bathrooms and the house extends to 445m2 and full details are available from joint selling agents Property Partners Paul Reynolds and Sherry Fitzgerald Country Homes.

Mariners can win league title on Saturday

The Ramelton Mariners need just a point from Saturday's away match against Ballybofey Utd to win the Donegal Junior League Division 2 title. It's been a very good season for the Ramelton outfit who have won 14 of their 18 Saturday League matches while drawing two and losing just twice. There are just the two rounds of matches left with Swilly Rovers the only other side that can mathematically catch the Mariners but that is a long shot. Swilly suffered a major blow last Saturday when losing 3-2 away to Drumbar Utd in Donegal Town.

Ramelton Bowling Club

After a very successful triples tournament last week with entries from all over Donegal, Tyrone and Derry eight teams qualified for the finals and it was two local teams that contested the final. Conor Connolly along with Johnny Shields and Eamon McConigley defeated the team of Lee Jacob, Mervyn Boal and Wesley Baird by 2 points. The club would like to thank the following, the Ladies for the tea over the five nights, sponsored for their valued support, Lee who took the en-

tries and organised the tournament, to Malcolm for helping out during the event.

See our photos of the finals night on Page 22.

The club finished this Monday night and wishing all the members an enjoyable summer and good health until we return on 20th September.

Charity Concert

The Derry / Donegal Presbyterian Choir will hold their annual Charity Concert in the Makemie Hall, Ramelton on Sunday 29th April at 7.30pm. All proceeds are in aid of Swilly Mulroy MS / Parkinson's Support Group.

Crochet class starting

Crochet classes (supported by ETB) will be taking place in the Ramelton Community Centre every Thursday evening. The classes start this Thursday April 11th, 7.30-9.30pm. Enquiries to 0857831829.

Swilly Rovers lotto numbers

Swilly Rovers FC lotto draw took place on Saturday. Numbers drawn: 1, 5, 8 and 19. No jackpot winner. No 3 number winners. This week's jackpot is €550. Thanks for your continued support.

AARON SWEENEY

LOCAL ELECTION CANDIDATE

FINE GAEL

OFFICIAL CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

Saturday April 13th
8 PM @
Logues of Cranford

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Jason joins Chelsea in Glór Tíre semi final after voting drama

A voting app mishap shortly before Tuesday night's live edition of Glór Tíre resulted in voting being suspended resulting in all eight contestants going through to next week's semi final.

Ramelton's Jason McCahill made no bones about his relief that he lives to perform another day when he told the show's host that he was delighted not to face the pressure of the live vote for at least another week.

Viewers were told earlier that due to an issue with the Glór Tíre voting android app, where all voters was to take place, voting was suspended until next week with all contestants set to perform again at the semi final live broadcast. With the pressure off a relaxed Jason then put on a highly entertaining version of the John Denver classic "Thank God I'm a Country Boy".

He'll join Dunfanaghy's Chelsea Evans, who already secured her semi final spot from her impressive debut performance. She also performed on Tuesday and was not facing an elimination vote had it gone ahead.

She cited local singer Lisa McHugh as inspiring her version of "Play me the Waltz of the Angels".

Having now tasted the pressure of performing on live TV the Donegal contestants will now have a busy week preparing for the live semi final show next Tuesday, April



Chelsea Evans from Dunfanaghy and Jason McCahill from Ramelton performing on Tuesday nights show.



16th at 9.30pm.

Many locals travelled to Galway for the show with some seen dancing on the show included Paul and Bernie McCahill and Bernie Patterson from Ramelton, Grainne Gallagher from Carrigart, James McKelvey from Glenties and Eibhlin Friel from Drumhalla.

Here to serve you the people to the best of my ability

Cllr Donal Mandy Kelly

Welcomes you to the launch of his campaign for the upcoming Local Elections in the Station House Hotel Letterkenny on the 19th of April at 8pm

Donalkelly@donegalcoco.ie
Tel: 086 6666 490

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Sun. 14th April -

Ciaran Rosney

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Dancing 9-11pm €15 Pay at door
followed by music in McGettigan's Bar from 11pm.
Coming - 21st April Johnny Brady, 28th April - Mike Denver

Michael McBride on campaign trail

Cllr. Michael McBride has confirmed he's already out on the campaign trail seeking to be elected on June 7th. Originally based in the three seat Milford area, he took up the challenge five years ago when the ten seater was subdivided in line with the guidelines set out by the Dept of the Environment.

His decision to seek election in the seven seater was a wise one as he got 1,140 votes on the first count. His share of 9.7% was to see him elected.

He told the Tribüne that he's been on the Council for thirteen years and has been working tirelessly for his constituents and the people in his area.

He said "I have been a strong voice for people in the rural areas and our towns and villages. During my time I am pleased to say that I have helped achieve the following. I've helped to bring university status to the college in Letter-



enny.

I am proposing a full transport hub for Letterkenny which will be delivered as part of the URDF programme. I have strongly advocated for greenways and their maintenance in our county. (Letterkenny to Burtonport).

I have supported numerous local organisations and sports groups, I've been a strong voice for the mica affected families. I have consistently voted against the rise in property tax and business rates. And I've promoted many roads projects, street lighting, footpaths, and water projects.

These are just a few examples of the work been done during my time on the Council, but I feel I have more that I can offer if re elected to serve you, the people of the Letterkenny LEA

We need a strong independent voice that will work for the people and not have to row in behind party policy. I

Post of Supervisor – Cook Social Centre / Day Centre for Older people Gartan, Churchill

Gartan Day Care Centre Committee
 Invites applications for the Post of Supervisor – Cook at the Above Centre. A knowledge of Food Handling is desirable and FETAC Level 5 is desirable. (This Post is for 21 hours per week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday initially)

CV stating previous work experiences should be forwarded to:
 Dolores Boyle, Day Care Centre Committee, Kilmore, Churchill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

By 5.00pm. on Friday 26th April 2024
 Shortlisting may apply.

have proven myself to be honest and trustworthy and will always do my utmost to help anyone that comes to me if I possibly can. So, I am asking you the people of the Letterkenny electoral area to come out on June 7th to vote for me Michael McBride Number 1 or your highest preference and return a strong and safe pair of hands to Donegal County Council."

Successful Termon Clean-up

The residents of Termon came out to lend support to the annual clean up weekend organised by the local Cleanup Group. Earlier this year it

was decided that from now on the Easter weekend would be the dedicated weekend. In previous years people had difficulty planning ahead for the cleanup weekend.



While this year's event at Easter had other local factors in play that contributed to a lesser turnout of volunteers nevertheless the weekend went off with help also from our local Ukrainian community. While last year's treasure trove of a discarded flat screen TV etc were not discovered there was a feast of the old reliables including discarded coffee cups, red Bull cans, takeaway containers and plastic soft drink bottles. It was noted that discarded PPE masks ect were not to be seen.

The group would like to thank Cllr Michael McBride, LSH and the local volunteers who gave off their free time to cleanse our local roads of the blight of litter.

Left - Frank McGettigan and right, Eugene Trearty and Treasa McLaughlin at the Clean Up.



McCarron Crowned National Champion

It was a busy week in Dublin last week with a full programme of action packed fights taking place in the National Stadium. Donegal was well represented with boxers taking to the ring throughout the week. First up for Carrigart was Abbie Harkin in the Junior 1 Category. Abbie fought 3 times Irish Champion and European Bronze Medalist Abbey Molloy from Sacred Heart Club Dublin in her semi final. Abbie wasn't one bit out of place against the experienced Molloy giving her 3 hard rounds proving she can cut it with the best in Ireland. Unfortunately it wasn't to be for Abbie but she comes away with some valuable experience.

Next up was Tegan McCarron in the Girl 1 Category. Tegan made the trip to Dublin on Friday where she was crowned National Champion. Adding her name to the list of National Champions to come out of the Carrigart Club.



Planning Notice

Donegal County Council
 41 Sylvan Park, Ballyraine, Letterkenny

I, Sean McNulty, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission at a site at 41 Sylvan Park, Ballyraine, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

The development relates to the construction of a 2 storey extension to the rear of existing dwelling and ancillary site works. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public open 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.

Mac Manus energised and inspired by visit

Speaking after a number of meetings and visits in Downings, Fanad and Cranford last Friday, Sinn Féin MEP Chris MacManus said "It is clear that Donegal has tremendous community and business leaders. All they ask is that the government meet them halfway in terms of delivering jobs and investment to their rural communities".

He joined the Maria Doherty and Deputy Pádraig MacLochlainn for meetings with the McBride Fishing Company in Downings, the team at Fanad Lighthouse, the local committee working to protect the sand dunes at White

Shore beach, Fanad and Paddy Logue to discuss the next exciting steps for the Mulroy Drive tourism project.

MEP MacManus said: "I left Donegal, energised, inspired, and with great hope for the future of the county but all this hope is conditional on a government that meets the community and business leaders that I engaged with all day, halfway. I know that the people of Donegal have always felt like they are the 'forgotten county' due to decades of government neglect. I also know that the county has been blessed with strong community

and business leaders who have rolled up their sleeves to create strong community centres and initiatives, sports facilities, and businesses that not only make their communities good places to raise a family but also to bring jobs and investment.

Everybody I met last Friday is in that category.

They have a plan and a vision for their communities. But they need a government, and they need public representatives who share their vision and who want to partner with them. Sinn Féin want to be that government and me and all our Sinn Féin public representatives want to be partners for progress in Donegal and across Ireland".



Chris MacManus MEP, Maria Doherty and Pádraig Mac Lochlainn TD with Paddy Logue of the Mulroy Drive tourism project



Chris MacManus MEP, Maria Doherty and Pádraig Mac Lochlainn TD with Hugh and Pete McBride at McBride Fishing Company, Downings

Planning granted for ATU sport facility

Planning permission has been granted for a major new sports facility at Letterkenny's Atlantic Technological University (ATU).

The new sports area at Carnamuggagh Lower/Knocknamona has been given conditional planning permission by Donegal County Council and will see a host of new facilities at the location.

It allows for the provision of a regional sports complex consisting of the development of a 10.8m indoor dome suitable for a variety of year-round sports activities including five-a-side football, basketball, volleyball, badminton and cricket.

The new complex will also feature a wide range of outdoor pitches, includ-

ing an artificial grass GAA pitch, grass/sand GAA competition pitch, two natural grass soccer pitches and four synthetic pitches ideal for 5-a-side soccer matches. The centre is complemented by a well-equipped pavilion building with a height of 11.2m, containing changing facilities, office and reception area and a self-service catering facility.

In what will be a major boost to all the residents of Letterkenny, as well as the sport facilities there will be extensive outdoor recreation areas including walking and running trails, a children's playpark and a community garden.

It will also feature an equipment store and service compound, hard and soft landscaping to include biodiversity gar-

den, vehicular and pedestrian access to include new junction from the N56, internal access roads / footpath / cycleway and provision of onsite car, coach and cycle parking spaces.

Additional pedestrian access point from Ashfield, the closure of existing vehicular access from the N56 to Knocknamona Crescent and ancillary infrastructure to include drainage, ESB substation, fencing and entrance gates, signage, retaining walls, floodlighting, netting and culverting watercourse at two locations to accommodate vehicle/pedestrian/cycle crossing.

Donegal County Council listed 30 conditions the development is subject to as part of the planning permission.

The late Sally Blake

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the Regional Cultural Centre. She also donated some of her collection to the Donegal archives. Sally really was a great personality and larger than life character. The Letterkenny International Folk Festival was a huge part of her life and much of her time was devoted to it. Along with her mother Mollie they travelled abroad and made many legendary friends.

Sally worked in Kelly's Hardware Store before taking up employment at the E.S.B. Branch on Letterkenny's Port Road where she was a very well known member of staff for 33 years. She was first elected to the Letterkenny Urban District Council in 1967 when she took a seat for the Fine Gael Party and served two terms. When she retired from the ESB, Sally had more time to pursue her varied interests. There were sad times too, including the shock in 1996 of finding her friend and Doris Duke's butler Bernard Lafferty dead at his home in Los Angeles.

Sally passed away on Tuesday at the Archview Lodge, Nursing Home, Letterkenny.

Remains are reposing at her late residence in Lower Ard O'Donnell. Wake this Thursday 11th April from 12 noon to 9pm.

Sally was predeceased by her parents Michael (Micky) and Mollie (Larkin), her family, relatives, loyal visitors, neighbors and many friends. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Teresa Devine

The funeral took place on Monday of Teresa Devine, Newmills, Letterkenny. Teresa was formerly a member of the Neely family and a native of Corkey, Manorcunningham. In a eulogy before Mass her son Paddy spoke of a proud Lagan woman who had seven siblings. Teresa trained as a psychiatric nurse working at both St. Conal's and Letterkenny General Hospital. Along with her husband Columba the couple had the post office and a shop at Newmills. Just last week the couple had celebrated 54 years of marriage. She was a renowned cook and baker while Teresa was the perfect host for a party or family event. Up until recent years the couple enjoyed Ceili and Set Dancing all over Donegal. Teresa was also a member of the Women's Club at the Foxhall Centre and was a former Treasurer of Glenswilly GAA Club.



She passed away at Letterkenny University Hospital on Saturday and is survived by her husband Columba, sons Paddy (Mary), Colm (Amanda), grandchildren Aoife, Pauric, Sean and Conor and extended family circle.

Remains reposed at the family residence in Newmills from Saturday.

Funeral was on Monday in St. Columba's Church, Glenswilly where the Requiem Mass was celebrated by Fr. Liam Boyle C.C. Burial took place afterwards in Conwal Cemetery in the family plot where Fr. Boyle said the graveside prayers. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Patrick Peoples

The funeral will take place in Dundee this Friday 12th of April of Patrick Peoples, formerly of the Back Road, Letterkenny.

Aged 92, Patrick passed away peacefully at Ninewells Hospital Dundee on Tuesday 26th March. He was well known in the Cathedral Town before emigrating, especially in GAA circles as a key member of the St. Eunan's teams. In a tribute the Club said: "Patrick was a former player from the 1950's and 60's. He played corner back and won Senior Championships in 1956 and 1960. He was the type of player who gave everything, much as he was in life, wholehearted and committed and he seldom had a poor game. He never forgot his Irish roots and was proud of coming from the Back Road at the foot of the town. He enjoyed coming back for Letterkenny Reunions and often led the way in a sing song or could be heard playing his 'mouthie' (harmonica) at these gatherings."

Patrick is survived by his wife Phyllis, children Elaine, Rosemary, Eugene and Michael. He was predeceased by his three sons Pat, John and Val. Also brother to Vera McMahon, Killiney, Dublin and the late Madeleine Carroll, Oldtown and



the late Kathleen Boyce Convoy. Patrick is also survived by grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews and in-laws to whom deepest condolences are extended. Funeral takes place this Friday at 10am in the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, Dundee.

Funeral of Michael McClafferty

The funeral took place in Carrigart on Saturday of Michael McClafferty. Aged 76 Michael had spent his life in the UK. A native of Derryhassenmore, Downings, he passed away on Wednesday the 20th of March in London. After leaving school he worked in McNutts of Downings for a couple of years before emigrating to Glasgow. Michael then moved to Manchester before eventually settling in the London district of Hackney. Micheal's working career was in the construction sector.

The remains of the late Mr McClafferty were received at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Carrigart on Friday to repose overnight.

Fr. Raymond McQuarrie, Missionaries of Africa officiated at the Requiem Mass on Saturday. Interment took place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery where Fr. McQuarrie said the graveside prayers. Michael is survived by his sisters Grace (UK), Nancy (Derryhassenmore) and Bridie (Belfast). Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

The late Julia McLaughlin

The death occurred on Tuesday of Julia McLaughlin, (née Loughrey), O'Callaghan Court, Pier Road, Rathmullan. Julia passed away at Curam Care Home, Navan Road, Dublin.

Julia is survived by her sons Charlie and Nigel, daughter Maura, son-in-law David and daughter-in-law Roisin; grandchildren, Aby, Corey, Rachel and John, all her extended family, friends and neighbours. She was predeceased by her husband John, her brother, John and sisters, Bridget, Mary and Margaret.

Remains are reposing at her home on Pier Road. Funeral Mass is this Friday, April 12th, at 11am in St Joseph's Church, Rathmullan. Burial afterwards in Rathmullan Cemetery. Funeral Mass can be viewed on MCN Media St Joseph's Church Rathmullan on the following link: [st-joesphs-church-rathmullan - MCN \(mcnmedia.tv\)](http://st-joesphs-church-rathmullan-mcn.mcnmedia.tv). Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Death of James McClean

The death took place on Wednesday at Letterkenny University Hospital of James Allen McClean, Hawthorn Lodge, Magherabouy. Aged 63 James is survived by his wife Ann, sons Allen and wife Lisa (Gartan), Stewart and wife Claire (Mountain Top, Letterkenny) and daughter Louise and husband David Magee (Raphoe), grandchildren D.J, Caolan, Caoimhe, Eve and Noa, brothers Frank and John, sisters Rosemary and Sandra, uncles, nieces, nephews and a wide circle of family, friends and neighbours. He was predeceased by his parents Allen and Ena.

James' remains are reposing at the family residence in Magherabouy. Funeral is from there this Friday, 12th April, at 1.15pm going to Ray Presbyterian Church, Manorcunningham for Service of Thanksgiving at 2pm. Interment afterwards in the adjoining Churchyard. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Death of Rose McDaid

The death took place on Wednesday of Rose (Wee Rosie) McDaid, Bomany, Letterkenny. Rose passed away at Letterkenny University Hospital.

Remains are reposing at the family residence in Bomany. Funeral Mass takes place this Friday, 12th April, at 2pm in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny with burial afterwards in Conwal Cemetery in the family plot.

Rosie was predeceased by baby Michael. She is survived by her husband Alex and children Sylvia (Reg), James (Claire),



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RTÉ NW correspondent Eileen Magnier announces her retirement

Well-known broadcast journalist and RTÉ northwest correspondent, Eileen Magnier, has announced she is to step down from the national station in May to take early retirement.

A native of Kilkenny, she was the first female regional correspondent to be appointed by RTÉ.

She joined in 1985 and was appointed as regional correspondent for the northwest in July 1990 and is a well-known figure across Donegal and the northwest covering a variety of stories including many tragic events.

She announced her intention to take early retirement after 39 years saying it was an honour to serve the people of the northwest and is now looking forward to "starting the bucket list". She covered Sligo, Leitrim, Donegal and beyond, across all of RTÉ's flagship news programmes on television, radio and on digital platforms during this career.

She said the role provided a "front row seat to every big story that has happened" and she was "delighted to work on some of the really pos-

itive things that have been going on in the northwest region and beyond".

She added she had "reported on a huge amount of tragedy which I hope I did in an empathetic and respectful way".

"The job of a regional correspondent is a unique and very important one and I am very proud to have been part of the RTÉ News team around the country.

"It can be a tough job, emotionally draining, physically exhausting but also hugely satisfying and as a team, I know we all do our best to represent the people of the areas we cover in the true spirit of public service broadcasting," she added.

Many tributes have been paid to her since she made her announcement via X with many citing the thorough, empathetic, professional way she covered stories of all kinds, but particularly the most tragic events over the last three and half decades. She is married to former Mayo footballer TJ Kilgallon and has three adult children, Hayley, Dylan and Evanne Kilgallon.

Dana, Sharon and Alex (Naomi), Grandchildren Daniel, Enda, Josh, Kyle, Connor, Ciara, Oran, Alex, Aoife, Aine and Dominic. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Lorna Kelly

The Funeral will take place this Saturday 13th of April of Lorna Kelly, North Kensington, London and formerly of Ashleigh Close, College Farm Road, Letterkenny.

Lorna passed away at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London on Monday, 18th of March. Remains will be reposing at the family home in Ashleigh Close this Friday from 2pm with the rosary at 9pm. Funeral leaving from there on Saturday at 2pm for Requiem Mass in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny at 2:30pm with interment afterwards in Conwal Cemetery.

The funeral service will be streamed live at www.churchservices.tv/letterkenny

Lorna is survived by her parents Eunan and Jenny, her brother Luke and her sister Helen. She is also survived by her close circle of friends, her aunts and uncles, Cathy and Tom (Scotland) Peter (Dublin), Rachel (Dublin), J.G and Anne (Letterkenny), Jim and Theresa (Letterkenny), Martin and Mary (Letterkenny), her cousins and extended family, her colleagues from the Faculty of Sexual & Reproductive Healthcare and the Palace of Westminster, London. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.



Death of Jimmy Foody

The death occurred on Sunday of Jimmy Foody, Mountain View, Ballaghderg, Letterkenny. Jimmy was a well known member of the community in Letterkenny. The Foody family owned the Perfect Tailors Menswear Shop on the town's Main Street and that's where Jimmy went to work after leaving St. Eunan's College.

Jimmy's remains reposed at his home in Mountain View from Monday. Requiem Mass took place on Wednesday in St. Eunan's Cathedral where the celebrant was Rev. Kizito Kalameera, CC. Jimmy was laid to rest afterwards in Conwal Cemetery.

Jimmy is survived by his wife Anne, brother Anthony, nieces, nephews and brothers-in-law. He was predeceased by his brother Sean who passed away last September. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.



The late Alec Kerr

The death took place on Monday at Lakehouse Nursing Home, Portnablugh of Alec Kerr, formerly of Ballyare, Ramelton and Drumaboden, Termon. He was aged 83. Alec's remains were received into Leiter Presbyterian Church, Kilmacrennan on Tuesday to repose overnight. Reverend Richard Tregaskis officiated at the Funeral Service on Wednesday followed by interment in the adjoining burial ground.

Alec's sad passing is deeply regretted by his family circle, relatives and many friends to whom deepest sympathies are extended.

Milford

Death of Eileen Doherty

The death took place at Letterkenny University Hospital on Wednesday of Eileen Doherty, Glenkeen, Milford.

Eileen was predeceased by her husband Joe, in September 2017. Eileen retired as a teacher from Loreto Convent Milford a number of years ago and was involved in the Milford Choir the Colmcille Gospel Choir in Rathmullan. Her remains will repose at the family home from 12noon this Thursday with Requiem Mass in St. Peter's Church, Milford at 2pm on Friday. Burial afterwards in Milford Cemetery.

Deepest sympathy is extended to her sons Joseph, Ciaran, Kevin and Patrick, daughter Roisin and the entire family circle.

Death of Michael Harkin

The death took place at his home of Michael Harkin, Cranford on Saturday 6th April. Mickey was predeceased by his baby daughter and sisters Annie and Bridget.

Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Coole, Cranford with



burial afterwards in Milford Cemetery officiated by Fr. Martin Chambers.

Deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Mary and family, Margaret and Patrick, Rosaleen and Fergus, Bridget and Kieran, Ann-Louise and George, Mary Rose, Fiona and Martin, Brian and Fiona, Denis and Nancy, Michael, Liam and Jackie, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers-in-law and their families, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

The late Annie O'Donnell

The death has occurred of Annie O'Donnell in Scotland formerly from Carrownaganagh, Milford.

Annie is the sister of Daniel, Cashelenan, Margaret McCafferty, Kilmacrennan and Manus, Scotland.

Funeral arrangement will be announced later.

Walk with Julie

A fundraising walk will take place on

Monday 15th April at 10am, in memory of our dear friend Julie Casey RIP, organised by Milford SVP and Ray Walking Group, in aid of the Relay for Life. Meeting at 10am at the Gallowglass Community Centre and carpooling to Milford Mart. Just turn up. The walk will be followed by a coffee morning in the Gallowglass Community Centre at 11.30am. Everyone welcome to attend either or both events.

50/50 Winner

Congratulations to Louise Devine, Lower Mount Marian who was the lucky jackpot winner of €1000 in the Milford United March 50/50 Draw last weekend. The next draw will take place on Sunday 5th May in the Hi-da-way Bar at 6.00pm for a guaranteed Jackpot of €1000. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder or by Revolut to Noel Gillespie 086 8224091 and Martin Roarty on 087 9129691 and various outlets in the town.

Cranford Clean Up

Community clean up in Cranford this Saturday meeting outside Logues of Cranford at 11am on the 13th of April. Litter pickers, gloves, Hi-Viz vests and bags will all be provided on the day.

Milford Utd travel to Gweedore

The Milford United senior team will travel to Gweedore Celtic on Sunday 14th April in their final league game with a draw needed to avoid relegation and set up a play off match against either Bonagee Utd or Donegal Town. Kick off on Sunday is at the earlier time of 12noon at An Screabhan, Gweedore, support is welcome. The team recorded an important victory on Sunday at home to Killybegs winning by 3 goals to 1 with goals from Cathal McGettigan, Jonny Logue and Killian McBride.

Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society outing will take place on Saturday 13th April at Greencastle Golf Club and the tee times are as follows - 10:28 Donal McCafferty, Damian Toland, Adam Bolton; 10:36 - Denis McBride, Peter O'Donnell, Scott McBride; 10:44 Paddy McNulty, Sean McCafferty, Hugh Ferry; 10:52 David Bonner (Mr.Capt.), Eamonn McCafferty, Damo O'Donnell, PJ Hagan; 11:00 Eugene Mac Cafferty, Brian Forrest, Peter Doherty, Cian McGettigan. 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 11th April 10.00am, Friday 12th April 10.00am; Saturday 13th April at 7.30pm; Sunday 20th April at 11.00am.

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 places on Sunday 4th August at 3pm.

Confirmations

Confirmations 2024 will take place in the parish on Saturday 20th April for pupils at Scoil Mhuire, Milford, Scoil Cholmcille, Kerrykeel and Scoil Cholmcille, Drumman.

First Holy Communion in the parish will take place on Saturday 27th April for pupils at Scoil Cholmcille, Kerrykeel, Scoil Cholmcille, Drumman and Scoil Mhuire, Milford.

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.

5k

The MOWI Hugh Gallagher Memorial 5km will be held in Milford this Friday evening 12th April,



Former Milford Utd player James McAteer made his Republic of Ireland Schoolboys debut on Friday night coming on as a sub against England in the Home Internationals Centenary Shield at the Walsall F.C. grounds near Birmingham. And James received further good news on Wednesday that he has also been included in the Irish squad for next week's final game away in Wales. He celebrated his 18th birthday on Friday and currently plays his Club football with the Finn Harps U20s. Two of his Harps teammates Oisín Cooney and Darragh Coyle started the England game but there was no joy on the scoreboard as the hosts won 4-0. James McAteer's father Martin and brother Darren were at the game on Friday night. The final match for the boys is away to Wales next Thursday, April 18th.



Pictured are a group from Milford who gathered for Seachtain Na Gaelige in Teach John Mici Bán, Carrigart recently.

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Omagh Half Marathon

The 34th staging of the Spar Omagh Half Marathon drew record crowds with 3,425 participants finishing the 13.1 mile classic distance.

Despite the blustery conditions and undulating course, Milford AC athletes produced some excellent early season form over the half marathon distance.

42 year old Marty Lynch again led the charge as he finished an excellent 12th overall in 1hour 13minutes and 36seconds.

Peter O'Donnell, Joe Gibbons and Shaun Boyce ran 1.19.18, 1.20.43 and 1.23.20.

Stephen Devlin is preparing for The Manchester Marathon set a big pb of 1.24.54 (4minutes/km).

Barry Coyle ran an excellent 1.27.53.

Pride of place for the Club ladies goes to Danielle McNamee who set a ladies half marathon Club record and pb to run 1.36.55. Daniel Cullen ran 1.43; Hannah McCloy also ran a pb of 1.53.36; Lorraine Devine ran 1.55.12; Micheal McBready ran 1.57.29; Nancy McNamee ran 1.59.00; Noelle Ryan ran a new pb of 2.04.36; Fiona Blaney and Debbie Houston ran 2.18.41.

Yoga in Milford

YOGA in Milford Studio, Beginners courses will start on Tuesday 16th April, at 11:00-12:00; Saturday 20th April, at 10:45-11:45 (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.

Ante-natal Classes

Ante-natal classes will commence on Wednesday

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Yoga with Jane

Yoga with Jane classes restart after Easter, call her on 086 8367776 to book or for details or visit Jane Watt yoga on FB

Gentle Yoga in the Kerrykeel Oldschool Community Centre starting on this Thursday 11th April from 10-11am for 6 weeks and the cost is €60.

Chair Yoga in the Gallowglass Centre, Milford starting on Thurs 11th April from 12-1pm for 4 weeks and the cost is €40 (Chair Yoga is also running in Letterkenny on Wednesday evenings)

Yoga in Ray Community Centre starting on Saturday 13th April, from 10-11am. The cost for the 5 weeks is €40 and it excludes Bank Holiday Saturday.

Milford Over 65's Group

The Milford Over 65's Group is back up and running again and people from all areas are more than welcome to attend. We meet up every Friday from 11am to 1pm in the Supper Room of the Community Hall on the Kilmacrennan Road. New members are always welcome.



Congratulations to Tiernan Kerr, National Bronze medallist in the U14 Boys Race Walking, putting Milford AC Juveniles to the fore on the National stage.

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New Taoiseach offers nothing new: Meehan

Declan Meehan, Independent candidate in the Milford electoral area, has said that the election of Simon Harris as Taoiseach will do nothing to help the dire housing situation in the Milford Electoral Area.

“This government’s housing policy has failed everyone in our community, with the continuous rise in house prices and rents. There is no reason to believe that a new Taoiseach will do anything to change that. Last year, Donegal saw the largest increase in house prices in the country by 13.2% when compared to 2022. Rent prices have increased by an average of 20.2% - again, the largest increase in the country.”

“We need Donegal County Council to do more in the area of housing, particularly in the Milford Electoral Area, where there are over 100 house-



holds on the housing waiting list, and where a total of zero new social housing units have been delivered since the last local election in 2019. I am meeting people day in day out who are struggling with rent increases, or who simply cannot find anywhere to live.”

Meehan has made housing a key cornerstone of his campaign. “It’s something that affects all of us. When social housing is not delivered, the price of private rentals increases because there are more people competing for the small pool of houses available, driving up the prices. There are currently only 31 properties available to rent on Daft.ie across the whole of Donegal, and only two of them are in the Milford Electoral Area. The number of young people living at home with their parents has doubled since

2012 across the country, due to a lack of supply. Even people who are entitled to Housing Assistance Payment cannot avail of it because the properties are not there to rent.” Central Statistics Office figures show that Donegal County Council is a laggard when it comes to social housing provision. “Just 28 houses were built by the Council in Donegal in 2023 and a total of zero houses were acquired by the Council in the same year. There are 70 homeless people regis-

tered with the Council as of February 2024, and many more who make up the hidden homeless, living with family and friends. Meanwhile there are 17 empty housing units in Milford, which the Council is refusing to allow an Approved Housing Body to purchase, making them available for desperate families to live in.”

“The defective blocks disaster in this county is also one which bites hard in the Milford Electoral Area. There

are numerous Council-owned estates with defective blocks, with people in them living in atrocious conditions - nothing is being done about this, no one is raising it as an issue. Indeed, when I have spoken to the Council on this issue, they have admitted that there is currently no plan to address this issue. This is of course not to mention the hundreds of homeowners in this electoral area who are being screwed by the “Enhanced” Defective Blocks scheme.” Meehan said.



The wedding took place on Friday of Gemma McLaughlin, Lower Mount Marian, Milford and Lee Cullen, Bellanaleck, Enniskillen, Fermanagh. Gemma is the daughter of Frances and Con McLaughlin. Lee is the son of Mary and Brendan Cullen. Family friend and neighbour the well known media personality Fr. Brian D’Arcy officiated at the Nuptials in St. Patrick’s Church, Donegal Town. Maid of Honour was Sarah Conaghan, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Ciara Gibbons and Johanna Daly, friends of Gemma. Best Man was Lee’s twin brother Che Cullen. Groomsmen were Gearóid Flanagan and Darren McLaughlin, brother of the bride. Flower Girl was Gracie McGlynn. Readings were by cousin of the bride Laura Egan and Patrick Sweeney. Prayers of the Faithful were read by cousin of the bride Melissa Egan, Donal O’Sullivan, TJ Evesson, Conor Mahon and Róisín Flanagan. Offertory Gifts were brought to the Altar by Frances McLaughlin and Mary Cullen, mothers of the bride and groom. A Reflection was read by Nicole Collins. Music was by Caellach Reid. The wedding reception took place afterwards in the Solus Lough Eske Hotel, Donegal Town.

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## Milford’s Aleksandr on TG4



The new series of An Ríl Deal is nearing its finale as TG4 and Adare Productions search for the next big thing in the World of Irish Dancing. The sixth episode on this Sunday the 14th at 8.30pm features Donegal talent Aleksandr Manziuk (based in Milford, originally from Ukraine). Fantastic performers of all styles of traditional dance entertain viewers

over 8 episodes on the show; from Step dancers, Sean-Nós dancers to Set dancers, even a fusion of styles can be seen as they battle it out with showstopping numbers in the hopes of reaching the finale to be crowned winners of An Ríl Deal. There are no age restrictions on the dancers - young and old and everything in between are showing us their moves!



# Rosapenna Golf Club

## Gents Section Results

On Sunday the 6th of April the Club Singles Competition was contested over the Old Tom Morris Links with the results as follows - 1st- Mark Bradley (28) with 33pts. Two's - No 2's recorded.

## Members BRS Golf App

If you are on the course you must be on the tee sheet, this includes all golf over 9 holes. All tee times are bookable via the BRS App. Sunday competition tee times for Gents will open at 10.00am on the Thursday before, every week.

## Competition Prizes 2024

2024 Competition Prizes will take the form of Golf Ireland Vouchers or other retail vouchers. Regular competition placing payout will take place quarterly. Two's payout will take place every six month unless you have been a competition winner, when it will be added to your quarterly payout. Payout can be requested at any stage from the competition secretary David Ladley, either by text message 083-867-4416 or email competitions@rosapenna.ie. The above vouchers will be emailed to all prize winners unless requested otherwise. Golf Ireland Vouchers can be redeemed in a number of local outlets such as the Pavilion Golf Shop, Boyce's Centra Carrigart, Kernan's Carrigart etc and most golf retail shops. Golf Ireland Vouchers can also be redeemed against annual Resort Golf Fees. Competition payout will be 60% of entrance money on that days competition, broken down into the various placings on the day. Two's payout will be 100% of money collected, divided equally depending on the number of twos scored on that days competition??

## Junior Golf 2024

The Rosapenna Golf Club Junior programme will begin on Tuesday April 16th for 6 weeks with PGA Professional Michael McGeady (age 8 & upwards). Any interested parent please contact Barney Boyce on 087-634-2458 or Helena McBride on 086-390-7731 for further information.

## Ladies Section Results

The Younger ladies were victorious over the Less Young Ladies. Saturday 6th of April kindly sponsored by Grape N Grain Winner Terri Martin (32) 32pts Second Sheila Breen (13) 27pts Cat A Bernie Ladley (29) 24pts Cat B Mairead Boyle (50) 24pts.

## 2024 WHS Update from April 1st

One of the biggest changes made in the 2024 Update to the Rules of Handicapping is the Course Handicap calculation. The Course Handicap calculation will now take into account the difference between the Course Rating and the Par of the course, so instead of playing to the Course Rating, you will be playing to Par. If the Course Rating is higher than par, you will receive more shots. If the Course Rating is lower than par, you will receive not as many shots. All course Handicap tables have now been updated / replaced in the Golf Pavilion. There will no longer be the additional two strokes for players playing from the Blue tees, this allow-

ance will now be taken into account in your course handicap calculation depending on your tee selection. Singles competitions will still be 95% of the course handicap above, this is unaffected.

The competition computer will adjust all of the above accordingly upon sign in and your final \*playing handicap\* will be printed on your sign in sticker.

All handicap queries can be directed to the Club handicap secretary Mr Seamus Herraghty on handicaps@rosapenna.ie

## Course Update

Play has returned to the fairways with six inch placing in effect. The Sandy Hills Links is now open for the 2024 season with the member green fee set at €30.00 for all Old Tom Morris Links members. Bunkers are back in play with the exception of a handful or less that are all clearly marked G.U.R. Any member that has a winter mat in their golf bag are kindly asked to return same to the Pavilion Golf Shop.

## Club Matchplay Events 2024

Entry to the various club matchplay events is now available in the front foyer of the Golf Pavilion. The entry fee can be placed in a detailed envelope (name & competition) and deposited to the club entry fee (€10.00 per person per competition) box beside the club computer etc.

## Team News

Commiserations to our Fred Perry team who lost to Falcarragh last Thursday the 4th of April. The tie ended 1-1 at each venue which resulted in tie holes at Falcarragh where the home team prevailed. Many thanks to team Captain Mr Brian Kelly and to his panel of players. ??

## Upcoming Inter Club Fixtures

Sun 14th April - Jimmy Bruen vs Buncrana @ 1.30pm; Fri 19th April - Donegal Over 55's vs Portsalon @ 3.00pm; Sat 20th April - Junior Cup vs Dunfanaghy @ 3.30pm; Fri 26th April - JB Carr vs Ballybofoey & Stranorlar @ 3.20pm.

Best wishes to the team captains and all players competing in the above events.

## April

Saturday 13th - Rosapenna Senior & Junior Scratch Cups; Sunday 14th - Club Competition; Sunday 21st - Club Competition; Sunday 28th - Club Competition;

## Portsalon

### Bar & Waiting Staff required

The bar and restaurant is looking to recruit staff for the busy summer season ahead, with positions available for full and part-time staff. Contact Roisin Gibbons or email: admin@portsalongolfclub.com to express interest.

### Club Results

Wednesday 3rd April - 1st Cian McGettigan (19) 39pts BOT; 2nd: Damion O'Donnell (21) 39pts; Gross: Chris Duffy (1) 30 gross pts; 3rd John Shields (20) 38 pts.

Saturday 6th April, 1st David Bonner (9) 33pts

Sunday 7th April, 1st Damien Buchanan (14) 36pts.

## Portsalon Ladies

Ladies took to the course to play the



Daniel is pictured receiving the cup from Peter McGinty, Macs Deli. Also included are fellow golfers Charlie McGroary, Lewis Mulligan (Junior Captain), Ruairi Curran, Matthew Curran, Mark Quinn, Jack McLaughlin and Charlie Patton, Junior Convenor Seamus Patton and Letterkenny Golf Club Captain Paul Carr. Big thanks to Eunan McIntyre and the team at Macs Deli for their support

qualifier on the alternate day to get ahead of the incoming stormy weather. Lady Captain Noreen, an automatic qualifier, was spotted on the 7th green. Kathleen did play havoc on Sunday, therefore the decision was made to hold the qualifier on the Alternate day Friday 12th and Sunday 14th April. Those who entered on Friday 7th will get another opportunity to re-enter if they wish. Their best card will qualify.

## Acknowledgement

The club would like to acknowledge the exceptional work carried out by Claire McGonagle throughout the ladies winter links, sorting, checking cards and returning scores in a timely manner is not an easy feat, and it is very much appreciated by all the ladies who take part.

## Results

Friday 7th April - Iris Condran 31pts  
March Re-Entry - Winner Noreen McConigley; Runner-Up Claire Ferry

## Dates for your diary

7th & 14th April - Shield Qualifier; 20th April - Donegal Shield, Letterkenny Golf Club; 26th April - Ladies Open; 12th May - Play in Pink

## Macs Deli St Patrick's Day Boys Junior Cup

Congratulations to Daniel McClafferty on winning the Macs Deli St Patrick's Day Boys Junior Cup at Letterkenny Golf Club. Great play on what was a tough day for golf with Matthew Curran pushing him close. In the 6 Hole non handicapped section Jack McLaughlin came out on top ahead of Charlie McGroary, Mark Quinn and Basti respectively.

## Letterkenny Ladies

The Easter Hamper competition kindly sponsored by the Counter Deli took place on Tuesday 2nd April and was won by Deirdre McCarron (35) with a super score of 42pts and runner up was Monica Mc Donagh (20) with another great score of 41pts. Bridget McClafferty (36) finished in 3rd place with yet another high score of 40pts and 4th place went to Gillian Dempsey (43) with 39pts BOT. Congratulations to all of the winners.

The winner of the 13 hole competition on Thursday 4th April was Gillian Dempsey with 26 pts BOT and the runner up was Bridget Mc Clafferty with 26 pts.

## Donegal Shield

looking forward to hosting the Donegal Shield Competition on Saturday 20th April.

## Team News

The Ulster Challenge Cup Trophy over 9 holes against Castlerock takes place on Sunday 14th



Well done to Shane Scanlan who had a hole in one on the 5th hole in stormy conditions! Shane also won the Saturday Open competition with a super 36pts.



Portsalon Golf Club Captain Pat Horner pictured with Vera Kearney and Sheila Horner at Portsalon on Friday last at the Ladies Qualifier event.

April. Tee off is at 2pm

The Mixed Foursomes also play Moyola Park on Sunday 14th April at 1.30pm with 2 pairs at home and 2 pairs away in Moyola.

With a busy week of matches ahead, it would be great to see lots of supporters out on Sunday to support the teams in what should prove to be an exciting week of matches.

## Escaping Justice?

I see an item on the news this morning about a man charged with almost 100 counts of historic sexual offences. He was due to stand trial on Monday, but was killed in a car crash on Sunday. He smashed into a tree, no other vehicle was involved and there is a suspicion that it was deliberate in light of the coming trial. Hundreds of hours have been put into investigating the charges, preparing evidence, interviewing the witnesses. All that has ground to a halt. And far more significant, the emotional pain and anguish of victims reliving all the horrors of their past with the hope of some sort of justice and closure - all of that has been ripped from them, and the past left like an open wound.

News reports said that "as the victims learned of [his] death ... they were distraught and angry he would not face justice."

That's understandable, it just doesn't seem fair does it? It seems like an easy way out - if that is what he intended. And if it isn't what he intended, it still seems

that he got off easy, doesn't it?

There is something hardwired deep inside us that longs for justice - as if the compass bearing of our hearts is configured to point to the true north of ultimate justice.

I don't know anything about the case above, but I do know that there are many in similar situations. Deep injustices were done to them; the people who perpetrated them have got off scot-free. Maybe the guilty are still alive, maybe they have been laid in the grave, but in either case they haven't had to answer for what they did, and their escape taunts their victims. Does the Bible offer any help?

We've been studying the book of Revelation at church, and one of the things that we've seen is that the longing of our hearts for an ultimate justice is not groundless. The compass bearing of our hearts does point to a destination. There will be a day of judgement.

Revelation 20:13 tells us "Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done... (21:8) the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers,

the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars - they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulphur."

Elsewhere we read, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done... whether good or evil?" (2 Cor 5:21)

God takes all wrongdoing very seriously, and one day he will put things right. There may be those who escape an earthly court, but they will not escape justice at the heavenly one. How terrible to flee an earthly court, and to find yourself standing before the blazingly holy and almighty Judge of all. Yet while the guilty lives there is an offer of forgiveness from this judge - it is not yet too late. One day it will be.

And with God there is hope for all who have been hurt. He will not only deal justly, but he offers now to redeem, rescue and restore the broken-hearted, to heal and bind up your wounds (Psalm 147).

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## Food for thought



Mark Loughridge

You can watch or listen online at [www.milfordrpc.org](http://www.milfordrpc.org)



# 'McGarvey Seat - Ramelton's top priority'

Those words from the guest speakers rang out from the Ramelton Town Hall stage on a dreary Friday night as a big crowd came along to be part of Cllr. Pauric McGarvey's campaign launch.

It was also impressive that fellow Members from Buncrana and Derryree and a potential MEP took the time to come along and to add their voices in support.

Performing in front of big crowds in the Town Hall was not a new experience for Cllr. Pauric McGarvey. As a teenager he was in the pantomime chorus and perhaps some of those in the audience twenty years ago may have returned on Friday night to sit in a front row seat and to wish him well as he sets out to retain 'The McGarvey Seat' for Ramelton.

This had been a traumatic time: an emotional one for Pauric, his wife Mari-Claire and their three children. In a week when the McGarvey family was forced to vacate their home in Lismonaghan, we were brought right into the very heart of the Mica Crisis and its impact on one young family whose hopes of settling down in life have been put on hold.

No family deserves this kind of injustice: having to watch bulldozers reduce their beloved home and their lives to rubble and there is no solution: that is simply unacceptable. We should expect more from the government but after years of campaigning for a just solution, for 100% redress, sadly that is not the case.

In the meantime, Pauric and his family have come to live near Rathmullan and we join with the community in wishing them peace, a fair wind in their favour and most of all, happiness.

With all that to cope with, Pauric and his team had made their preparations well and in good time to meet the public on Friday evening.

There was a good buzz of enthusiasm, good background work and the kind of sincerity that Pauric embraces in his daily work. And there were good, strong, heartfelt contributions, as Joe Birney chaired the event. The speakers joining Pauric onstage were Senator Sharon Keogan who lobbies strongly for many of Ireland's independent alliance of

various candidates. Sharon was an excellent choice and she proved why she's in demand right across the political divide. And that view was echoed by Cllrs. McGarvey, Michael McClafferty, Ian McGarvey and Nicholas Crossan.

Cllr. Nicholas Crossan travelled over from Buncrana to ring the alarm bells: "If you want to have a Councillor elected in Ramelton in the local elections, then you must vote for Pauric McGarvey."

A Cllr. means so much to the community: lobbying: seeking out houses, improving infrastructure and providing much needed funding to dozens of voluntary groups. Communities that have lost their public representative, live to regret it because a huge support input is lost. You cannot let that happen.

Therefore, it is important that you return Pauric to Lifford and I know how hard he works and cares for you."

Also on stage was former candidate in the 2019 EU election, Peter Casey who had just arrived back in Ireland and made the journey from Greencastle to add his voice in the McGarvey campaign. He spoke of being approached on two separate occasions seeking his passport by officials at Dublin Airport and he wished to congratulate them for doing so.

He said he'd already known Ian McGarvey and now Pauric is the next generation and urged the crowd to support him.

Michael McClafferty echoed the same call: "If you want a Cllr. in Ramelton, you must elect Pauric because Independent seats are the future, the way forward and I've worked with Pauric for over a year and I want to endorse his name because of his hard work. He's been very supportive of me and I value his contribution and I'm also proud of how he's representing you on Donegal County Council," he added.

Senator Keogan said it was a great evening for Pauric, Mari Claire, Mason, Cody and Halli because they too are part of the journey and she wished them well.

She said: "Independent politics is the way forward in this country, they work harder.



Cllr. Pauric McGarvey at his launch with Senator Sharon Keogan, Cllrs. Michael McClafferty and Nicholas Crossan and Dragon's Den star Peter Casey.

They work longer on your behalf. I was familiar with Ian McGarvey and I wish him well in his retirement. Pauric is equally dedicated... how do I know that?

I know because I hear from him several times a week with issues that require sorting out at government level and I wish him well.

Mica is a huge issue in this election. And local Councillors can't do much about it, that is the job of Government and they've not done a good job with it," she said.

She said they immigration is also a huge problem and will be in the future if we do not build houses, social housing and the infrastructure that will be needed down the road.

Ian McGarvey rolled back the years reminding the crowd that he became involved in politics at the age of seventeen with John Sheridan and Neil T. Blaney who brought him into politics. It's been a long and historic period in public life and Ian has crafted his own legacy serving the community and the county as a voice for Independent politics.

Pauric McGarvey outlined his own thoughts and his pride in being chosen by his uncle Ian over a year ago.

"The Defective Concrete Block Disaster - The darkest cloud I believe ever to hang over our County. Our government has let us down yet again with this second scheme, so much red tape

and endless paperwork and stress on families, the elderly, and the people who're living in social and SI houses affected and still not sure what or when their homes will be sorted. Unfortunately, myself, Mari-Claire and our 3 children have seen first hand the effects of defective concrete blocks. I am currently demolishing my own home. I fully understand what people are going through, I have helped so many affected homeowners to resolve issues with the DCB office to date. I stand with the Mica Redress groups and acknowledge the work they have put in. I believe that without the work we would not be where we are today, although it's not where we should be.

I attended the meeting on the 26th March in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel. There they issued the Peoples Document with 1000 people in attendance. I support it 100% because it is what the government left out, and it's what is needed to ensure this disaster is resolved and never happens again. The people are on their knees.

It's been a great privilege and pleasure to serve as your Independent Councillor over the last 14 months and now that I feel I have settled in somewhat I am gearing up to get re-elected on June 7th. Since becoming a Councillor I have come to realise this role empowers me to represent you. I have done my best to serve the people and it is a great honour to lobby on your behalf. Much of that work is done quietly without any public attention and in that way, it encourages people to come to me knowing that they can trust me in confidence. It gives me a sense of privilege to serve you and while I have been busy, do not hesitate to contact me because I'm there to help you resolve your issues. Following the co-option of my seat to the Council from my uncle Ian just a short year ago on the 13th of February. I made a commitment to the people that Ian represented for 18 years on the Council and many years before that I would continue in his footsteps and work hard for the people of the Milford Electoral area as an independent Councillor.

As a Councillor I now realise that this role has empowered me to serve the people in lobbying on their behalf. Each conversation, phone call and email I have received in the past



Barry and John Coyle, Killycreen.

year, each issue that came my way has been very different and I have learnt much about the Council and the many State support structures.

The funding that I have provided to the Community Sports Clubs and Community groups through the DFI fund and Members Development Fund in the past year has been a great help. I know that without these sports facilities and community groups, it wouldn't be the same.

These groups also offer opportunities for people to develop friendships, interact with others, become part of a team but also to promote their physical and mental strength and keep our communities clean and tidy.

The housing crisis is a huge problem causing many issues for people with housing shortages, high and increasing rents, shortage of housing, red tape around SI housing and the difficulties in getting mortgages.

The Council must act and deliver housing in the Milford electoral area. It's far too long now since a house has been built by the Council in the Ramelton, Milford and Rathmullan areas.

I have been working and helping the Council to find potential sites for social developments recently. I have asked that they launch a media campaign to put it out there that they are looking for land for social housing. Over the past year, I have been working hard on our local road improvements and issues that the people have brought to my attention. New signage, ramps, road markings, junction sight lines and it's obvious that much more work and funding is needed to make our roads safer.

I will not make any false promises that I cannot deliver on, but I can offer you my fullest level of support and my respect for your needs to the end of this term and the next five years if I am returned to Donegal County Council," he concluded.



Danny Cullen and family at the launch.



McGarvey supporters at the launch in the Town Hall.





Charlie Rogers U12 600m, Michael Moore who came 5th U17 800m, Oisín McBride 4th 800m U14 all competed at the National Indoor Championships.



Orla Neely, ATU Donegal who came 8th in the Javelin; Oisín Kelly DCU who came 4th in 800m and 3rd 4x4 relay and Aoife Giles ATU Donegal 4th weight for Distance all competed at the National University Championships in Mary Peters Track, Belfast.



Matthew Giles who ran in the 60m and Caolan McFadden who came 3rd in 1500m and National Champion in 800m U18 with Eamon Giles.

## Gold for McFadden in the U18 800m

Cranford AC had 3 of their finest athletes competing in Belfast over Friday and Saturday in the National University Championships. Orla Neely competed on Friday evening representing ATU and came 8th in the javelin and Oisín Kelly represented DCU in the 800m, coming in 4th place, he also ran 4by400 relays and came third. Aoife Giles competed in the throw for distance and came 4th. Orla Neely unfortunately couldn't throw discus on Saturday due to strong winds

from storm Kathleen. On Saturday in Athlone we had two athletes competing in the National Juvenile Championships Caolan McFadden and Matthew Giles. Matthew competed in the 60m sprints and had a great race and earned himself a new PB. Caolan also got a new PB for the 1500m and came third. On Sunday we had first up in the National juvenile Championships was Olivia Curran competing in the U14 long jump, keep up the great work Olivia. Next to take

the field was Charlie Roger's who competed in the U13 600m and had a great race. Oisín McBride competed in the U14 800m and came first in his heat with a new PB and ran in the final coming in 4th in Ireland and just missing out on a medal brilliant Oisín. Michael Moore competed in the U17 800m and put in a great performance just missing out on a medal by .16 of a second. Caolan McFadden competed in the U18 800m and won his race. Thank you to all the coaches for

their commitment and dedication and to all the parents and supporters who travelled to Athlone to watch and encourage our athletes. Next weekend we have the children's games hosted by Finn Valley. Training continues in Downings on Tuesday and Wednesday evening and in the Aura on Sunday mornings - new members are always welcome.

Olivia Curran who competed in the long jump U14 at the National Indoor Championships.



## Gold for Letterkenny's Erin at Nationals

The All Ireland Indoor National Championships were held in TUS Athlone at the weekend.

The championship seen LAC bring home a number of medals.

The first success came when Philip McGee stormed to silver medal success in the U19 1500m with a very impressive time of 4.01.

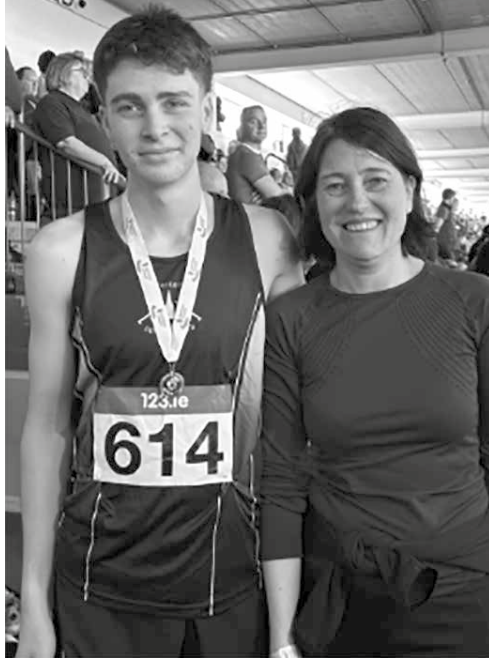
Later in the day Erin Friel ran a blistering pace to spread eagle the field and secure 1st place to claim the national title in the U17 400m in a time of 57.85.

The following day Erin added to her medal haul when she secured 3rd place in the U17 girls 200m race. Anya Duffy reached new heights by finishing in bronze medal position in the U16 girls pole vault.

Well done to all the Athletics who competed in the event over the weekend, a great time was had by all.



Anya Duffy receiving bronze medal for Pole Vault



Philip McGee being congratulated by his Mum Grit after he won silver in U19 1500m



Erin Friel and her parents Barry and Vanessa after winning the U17 girls 400m

## Fanad U11s win Community Games County Final



The Community Games County Finals for basketball were held in Ballyshannon on Friday evening. The final of the U11 mixed was between Ballyshannon and Fanad who emerged as the winners. It was an unbelievable match with two great teams giving it their all. The Fanad management of Laura Kerr and Siobhan McGee were delighted with their team's performance. Ballyshan-

non management of Maura Gallagher and Grainne McGuinness said their team had worked so hard to get to this final but it just wasn't their day. They wished the Fanad team well for the upcoming Ulster Finals. The County Community Games Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Ballyshannon for hosting the County finals.

## Division 2 title for Mulroy Hoops U14s



It was a super weekend for the Mulroy Hoops Basketball Club as their U14 squad were crowned Division 2 winners. After a fast paced game and excellent performances they overcame Letterkenny Blaze to come out overall winners of the Division and cup winners. Well done to all the players. Solid teamwork throughout the season under the guidance of coach

Peter Doherty.

The winning Mulroy Hoops U14 squad - Back row: Brean Reidy Ryan Gallagher Leon Doherty Nicholas Vambeck coach Peter Doherty. Front row: James Anthony Peoples Stephen McShane Aidan Heraghty Tiernan Kerr (captain) Dillon Gallagher and Ethan Gibbons



# Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Tá muid ar ais arís, a chairde Ghaeil, agus na laethanta níos faide agus é ag éirí níos teo- mo mhíle buíochas. Is deacair é a mheas faoina luach an difir a dhéanann sé do achán duine. Déanann an solas an méid sin maithis do chroí agus anam- daoine amach faoin spéir ag siúl ar na bóithre gach oíche, ag ullmhú don Samradh agus an trá.



Fosta, feicim fighual ag teacht isteach go dtí na siopaí, comhartha soiléir den Samhradh ag druidim níos cóngaraí.

Mar atá a fhios agaibh faoin am seo, tá dúil mhór agam i g cócaireacht ar fhuilacht, is é an rud is fearr liom a dhéanamh agus mé cócaireacht. In ainneoin sin, tá mé ag amharc amach fríd an fhuinneog ar na crainn ag luascadh leis an ghaoth mhór, buíochas do Stoirm Cáitlín! Ach ní mhairfidh sé go deo. Rud eile ag an am seo de bhliain 's é an uaineoil an Earraigh-feoil milis agus blasta agus, ná déan dearmad, go hiomlán áitiúil.

Tá a fhios agam gur inis mé seo riamh, ach tá mé dearfach cinnte go bhfuil an uaineoil is fearr ar an bhfód againn anseo i dTír Chonaill: beathú féir a fháil acu agus tógtha faoin spéir. Tá muid thar a bheith beannaithe sa Chontae seo lena leithead.

Agus ní comhtharlú é go dtagann an uaineoil seo ag an am díreach céanna is a thagann an creamh- an teacht le chéile foirfe a tharlaíonn go séasúrach anois, reamhshocráithe ag an dúlra mar bhronntanas dúinn. Bhí cos uain le RósMuiré agus creamh ag mé féin agus mo mhac an lá faoi dheireadh, le prátaí Dauphinoise agus meascán meacan bán agus dearg againn.

Is cócaire breá é, mo mhac, agus rinne sé obair chapail ag déanamh réidh an béile. Cad é atá níos fearr ná béile galánta tugtha duit ag do pháiste? Scéal thairis, bhí mé ag gabháil fríd CRANFORD an lá faoi dheireadh agus chonaic mé go bhfuil an Ghaeilge ar an baile ach CREAMHGHORT, rud a thaitin go mór liom. Rud eile, bhí mé ábalta plandaí creamha a fháil agus iad a athchuir sa ghairdín chúl agus, mar sin, tá soláthair beag agam sa bhaile, rud atá an-úsáideach ar fad.

Mar sin, tá sé mar dhualgas againn gach aon tairbhe a bhaint as an séasúr speisialta, galánta seo, an bia san áireamh. Agus, fosta, cé go bhfuil muid ag siúl go mór leis an aimsir níos teo agus níos suaimhní, níl amhras ar bith ann go bhfuil na Róstaí fóirsteanach go fóill.

Mar gheall ar sin tá muid ag gabháil triall eile a bhaint as Dauphinoise. Mias tionlachán ion-

tach le béile mar seo is é meacan dearg le him agus sú oráiste, a bhfuil eadar éasca agus blasta. Níl le déanamh agat ach na meacain a dhéanamh mar is gnáth, sa phota agus bruite, ansin cuir 2 tbsp im sa fhríochtán, meacain isteach le 3bom, cuir 3tbsp sú oráiste isteach agus lean ar aghaidh le 3bom eile agus sin a bhfuil!

Bí ar do lorg oidis simplí agus blasta mar seo, go hairithe le mias tionlachán. Lean ar aghaidh!



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| Níos faide.               | Longer            |
| Níos teo.                 | Warmer            |
| Meas faoina luach.        | Underestimate     |
| Ag ullmhú.                | Preparing         |
| Fioghual.                 | Charcoal          |
| Comhartha soiléir.        | Clear sign        |
| Ag druidim níos cóngaraí. | Drawing closer    |
| In ainneoin sin.          | Despite that      |
| Ní mhairfidh sé.          | It will not last  |
| Áitiúil.                  | Local             |
| Dearfach cinnte.          | Certain, sure     |
| Beathú féir.              | Grass fed         |
| Tógtha faoin spéir.       | Raised outside    |
| Beannaithe.               | Blessed           |
| Creamh.                   | Wild garlic       |
| Scéal thairis.            | Aside, by the way |
| Athchuir.                 | Replant           |
| Soláthair.                | Supply            |
| Dualgas.                  | Duty              |
| Tairbhe.                  | Benefit           |
| Ispíní.                   | Sausages          |
| Cóngarach.                | Close by, near    |
| Aiféala.                  | Regret            |

## McConalogue to director Blaney Euro campaign

Minister Charlie McConalogue, is to be Director of Elections for Senator Niall Blaney, in the European Election.

They said they would put maximum effort into securing a seat in the June poll.

Mr McConalogue said: "Niall is a good friend and a tremendous public representative. His work ethic is second to none and I know he will be a first-class MEP and do Donegal proud."

"I'm honoured and delighted to have been asked to take on the role of Director of Elections and work



alongside a very dedicated, focused and determined team.

"The Blaney name is synonymous with politics and public service in Donegal. Niall will work for everybody in the county and the vast constituency of Midlands-North West. We are determined to get the vote out but more than that, we are appealing to all voters, irrespective of their political affiliations, to put Donegal first."

Senator Blaney said: "This is a long campaign and to have Charlie heading up my team is a most welcome and positive endorsement."

"We will put maximum effort into winning a seat for Fianna Fail on June 7th. We will canvass extensively in Midlands-North West in an all-out effort to achieve a successful outcome."

"I would like nothing better than to earn the wholehearted support of my native county in this important contest. We're on the edge of Europe and that brings its own challenges of being marginalised and disadvantaged. I will be a strong and vocal advocate not only for Donegal but rural communities throughout this constituency."





**A Rathmullan Woman in exile...**

# Feknsheepfeknsheep-feknsheep... Bliss!!



**Kate Carton**

The day Charlie Bird lost his fight against Motor Neuron Disease, was a sad and stressful day. Not only because of the passing of a marvellous human being who did so much to focus people's awareness on the disease, but more personally because the client I work with every day was diagnosed with MND within a month of Charlie's diagnosis.

It hammered home the brutal, inescapable cruelty of this awful disease and brought the inevitable outcome very much to the fore. Working as a palliative carer, while brilliantly rewarding and a great privilege, can be a sad job. On a more cheerful note, I took a run up to Dublin for a day trip a couple of weeks ago. I wanted to get some wood carving tools so that I could continue to work on my pieces at home and not depend on my tutor for tools. It was brilliant to park in Virginia and hop on the bus without a care in the world.

No matter what happened back at the ranch it wasn't my problem for a few hours. I was delighted to see an old colleague on the bus that I had worked with for a couple of years in a previous job. He was on his way to the airport to nip over to Italy for the weekend to visit his girlfriend. We had a great old natter on the journey; or perhaps it would be more accurate to say that he talked and I listened.

He's a Romanian nurse, working nights, who came to Ireland with his wife and daughter in about 2015. They both worked and their little girl went to school here until the marriage ended two years ago. His ex has returned to Romania with their daughter and my friend is commuting to visit them every couple of months. He has since entered a new relationship with a Romanian girl living in Genoa and travels over to her every month. I know the heart wants what the heart wants, but could he not have found a bird nearer his own nest?

He was saying that he feels like he's working every night to pay air fares and maintenance for his daughter and it's a very lonely life. I refrained from saying that at his rate of air travel there

*The diabolically atrocious wet weather has played havoc with the land; there's grass, but if the cattle were out they'd sink to their knees and you'd need a helicopter to pull them out. They'll have to stay in for another week or two. Everywhere is saturated since last summer.*

soon won't be any planet left for his daughter to live on!

Anyway, I had a grand stroll to Gough's on Little Mary St. to get the carving tools. It was a brisk, sunny day and it was lovely to wander down Henry and Mary Streets, taking my time and looking in every window. I got everything I needed from the very knowledgeable proprietor, including a 10% discount on account of an agreement my tutor has with the shop, and then I haggled a bit and he rounded it down again, for cash. A very satisfactory deal. I had been given a gift voucher for Easons ages ago, which I had forgotten all about till I found it in the pocket of a little worn jacket. I wanted a copy of "The Irish Writer's Handbook" to see if I could transform myself into a brilliantly gifted writer without any of the usual hard work and discipline involved. Unfortunately Eason's was out of it, so I remain a spectacularly un-gifted scribbler until I can source it elsewhere, but I did have a blissful time browsing to my heart's content until starvation got the better of me.

I rambled across to Mooney's pub on Abbey St for a pint of Arthur and a burger with salad and top class chips. It was a real luxury to have a meal handed to me and to be able to have a day time pint without fear of being done for drink driving.

I got a slow bus back to Virginia and took the precaution of asking the lady next to me to wake me if I dozed off. Needless to say, I went out for the count as soon as I sat down and slept the whole way back. After parting with a substantial wedge of my hard earned

in Lidl, I arrived back at base for 8pm and just managed to unload the shopping before falling asleep again on the sofa till bedtime. It was a grand day out and it was mighty to get away from the yard for a few hours but I was flattened after it.

Thankfully there are only a couple of straggler sheep left to lamb before it's all over for another year. The diabolically atrocious wet weather has played havoc with the land; there's grass, but if the cattle were out they'd sink to their knees and you'd need a helicopter to pull them out. They'll have to stay in for another week or two. Everywhere is saturated since last summer. I hit "the wall" this week; the point where you're just too tired and sleep deprived to carry on safely. I had to ask Himself to get Conan in for a day to do the jobs so I could go back to bed. I had two clients in the morning after doing the yard work and as soon as I got back I made the dinner for the lads and went up and slept till 4.30pm. It carries you on for another little while, but April is always a difficult month for me so I'm careful to increase the multi vitamins and anti-depressants for a few weeks. It will pass.

I'm sending one horse, and hopefully two, up to Rathmullan this week for sales prep. I want to get rid of everything except the old pensioners, and lighten my work load. Hopefully they'll pay for a few tiles or a tin or two of paint for the house, but I won't be needing grief counselling if they don't; just as long as they're gone, it'll be one less responsibility around the place.

I haven't so much as dipped a finger in the

soil yet this spring and I'd love to be able to do a bit of gardening, if the fekn rain ever stops. I never dug the artichokes last winter so they'll probably take over the garden completely this year like Jack's beanstalk if I don't get time to root them out and give them to a neighbour who rears pheasants. I have about 50 strawberry cuttings rooted to plant in whenever I have the time, energy and inclination simultaneously, which is a rare enough occurrence. I'm heading up to Rathmullan this week to admire the top class plastering job that Hugh Coll (Milford) did on my house. I'm delighted with the finish and with the speed and efficiency with which Hugh and his lads did it. They left the place spotless after themselves, and the cherry on the cake was that I didn't have to auction off body parts to pay for it. Strangely, we never met even once. All communication was via WhatsApp and the occasional phone call, and couldn't have been more straightforward. Hugh did exactly what he said he'd do, when he said he'd do it. I would highly recommend him for any plastering job.

I finally got an appointment with the dentist and time to attend it, later this month. It's at 8.30am in Belfast so I might treat myself and go up the day before and have a night's comfort in a hotel. With a bit of luck and a lot of lolly I'll shortly be able to talk without fear of my tooth flying out. The thrill of being able to use words with "f" and "s" again, without fear of dire consequences is something I'm really looking forward to. Feknsheepfeknsheepfeknsheep... Bliss!!



Teresa and Grace Gallagher at the Ulsters on Saturday.

## Ulster success for Letterkenny Shotokan Club

There was success for the Letterkenny Shotokan Karate Club, this time at the 16th Ulster Karate Do Invitation Tournament. Teams from both across the country and internationally arrived in Burnfoot on Saturday to compete across every level of competition in Kobudo (weapons), Kata (demonstration of technique) and Kumite (sparring). It was a full day of hustle and bustle in the Aileach Youth and Community Centre, packed with competitors, coaches, judges and spectators with an atmosphere of nervous excitement all around. Sensei John Wilkie was on hand to guide the LSKC squad that consisted of Teresa and Grace Gallagher, Megan and Noah Callaghan, Catherine Deeney, Andrii Barabash and Gerard Foley. It's no easy thing to step forward into big tournaments and put your skills to the test, especially for the first time.

For many on the team it was their first foray but after weeks of training and anxious anticipation in the run up to the event, the day finally came and everyone passed with fly-



Members of the Letterkenny Shotokan Karate Club at the 16th Ulster Karate Do Invitation Tournament in Burnfoot on Saturday with Sensei John Wilkie.



John Wilkie with Noah Callaghan and his father.

ing colours. Taking away two gold, four silver and two bronze medals, as well as great experience, the LSKC team are straight back to training for the next tournament. As John Wilkie says, "if you want to progress or win medals or even become a champion, you have to train and train and train!" Classes are back this week, nearly every day, down at the Letterkenny Community Centre and new members are always welcome to come along. The team thank Sensei John, Christopher and Peter for all their expertise and dedication, and a thank you to the organisers of the tournament, the UKF and WUKF for putting it all together so successfully.



Members of the Letterkenny Shotokan Karate Club at the 16th Ulster Karate Do Invitation Tournament in Burnfoot on Saturday with Sensei John Wilkie.



Catherine Deeney with John Wilkie



# Harris fairytale makes politics incredibly absurd

*FG does not do miracles, but if they did the country might have a different leader. On Saturday night, Simon Harris effectively promised the Sun, Moon and 250,000 new houses in the next five years.*

*And in the background, Croagh Patrick's Holy Mountain never blinked an eyelid as Harris promised to move mountains in a speech so full of empty rhetoric that it literally tore up the Programme for Government... according to Willie O'Dea.*

For the Fine Gael followers in Galway at their weekend Ard Fheis, they whooped and hollered like mad young things on their first outing to the school prom and all dressed to impress, but whatever was the attraction? They were actually floating on a wave of make believe, disbelief, perhaps that a miracle was happening as Simon Harris took to the podium. With one arm in a sling sat the Taoiseach... A penny for your thought Leo! Why did you leave us and why could you not have made a promise for every minute the clock ticked?

However, FG does not do miracles, but if they did the country might have a different leader. On Saturday night, Harris effectively promised the Sun, Moon and 250,000 new houses in the next five years.

And in the background, Croagh Patrick's Holy Mountain never blinked an eyelid as Harris promised to move mountains in a speech so full of empty rhetoric that he was literally tearing up the programme for government and along with it, he highlighted Fine Gael's own failures going right back to when they first assumed high office in 2011.

At best he's the 300 day Taoiseach and there's only 100 days until the long summer break. Then it is budget time and perhaps another Harris gamble to spend huge money on getting back into Government... Really it is a dream for Fine Gael and a day of awakening is just around the corner.

Would Harris have an oven ready plan: utterly different from that of Varadkar? Would he promise to win back the

fifteen seats they lost in the last election?

None of those obviously, and for the majority of those watching, it possibly made no difference. Anyway, as far as the public is concerned, it probably doesn't matter that much. What the public wanted to hear was what the new Taoiseach will offer them to make a difference.

Truthfully the average punter, the floating voter wanted a link that might see Harris connect with the reality of the here and now. Surprisingly, the performance was stiff, uncertain with a high degree of nodding to himself in appreciation... This was a flat speech and even if the 2,000 delegates were in a paroxysm of delight, sure why wouldn't they because they've not much to cheer about this hour.

The platitudes from Harris are fairly bland after a couple of seasons of overuse - "Hit the ground running," "match vision with action," "stand by our values," "fix housing once and for all," "we will move mountains", "we will not stop until we finish the job".

And every child in Ireland will have an ebike from Santa. So will we all, that's if we believe in fairytale politics.

There was little information about what he would actually do as Taoiseach. But hardly a single area of Government was left untroubled by vague commitments of unspecified improvements.

Whether on housing ("to young people, I want you to know your future is here in Ireland" on disabilities "under my leadership, your voice will be heard," or immigration, "we need to listen to people") there was a

well-meaning aspiration for everyone in the audience. But he failed to tell us why none of these aspirations have happened given that he's served eight years in Government.

The delegates were thrilled. They cheered him to the rafters. There was quite the bit of showboating, an air of desperation about it too. Because when the floodlights dimmed those same delegates including Donegal had to race back up the road again to continue the search for enough candidates for the Council elections, never mind the general.

This was FG's 82nd Ard Fheis and obviously with their positioning in the opinion polls, it was never going to be their best one. They are a party on the trek to seeking a fourth term in government, in the face of some very strong headwinds. The poll numbers are not lifting and Harris is not helping! Sitting TDs are stampeding towards the exits. The Taoiseach has just stopped leading, leaving it to Harris, possibly nobody else with an interest thought once about the challenge and walked away, for now.

FG has been in a grassroots decline for many years and nowhere is that more obvious than here in Donegal

The Harris promise on new housing builds comes against the background of the number of homeless people in the country as it reaches 13,800+. There was a 21% increase in the number of families and a 17% increase in the number of children in a year. Charities have criticised "the shockingly normal" increase in homelessness as another record number was reached in Ireland. It is a 50% increase since the government took office over four years ago. Meanwhile, the number of asylum seekers who are without accommodation is also seen as a major concern, with the latest figures showing 1,010 people are going without accommodation.

One caseworker for the Irish Refugee Council said they had met several people seeking protection who were sleeping

rough, including two people who had been on the streets for almost 12 weeks.

"People are exhausted, and their mental health is deteriorating with each night on the street," the caseworker said. "Three men had not eaten since the previous morning- they had no money for food and were unaware of homeless day services. One person spoke of the unsanitary conditions of life on the street and the risk of infection."

IRC chief executive Nick Henderson said such situations cannot become normalised in Ireland.

"We understand the difficult environment the Department of Children is working in to secure accommodation, but we are very concerned that accommodation capacity that does exist is not being used," he said.

What's been the reaction of Harris to this crisis... Or have we missed something?

The whole country, the economists, the banks, the homeless, the new wave of migration to Australia and New Zealand at a time when the ESRI was flagging up the urgent need for fifty to sixty thousand new houses every year. However, Darragh O'Brian in his best windbagging fashion has been slapping his own back... at his own success when his dept constructed 28,000 new houses. Never mind the annual deficit 22,000 plus is driving the soaring cost of construction, and the rental prices.

Okay, everyone agrees that it took Enda Kenny five years to clear out the cockup that was created by Bertie Ahern in the era of the tent at the Galway Races. That was when every construction site and every mica block went quiet for race week as ten of thousands headed west for the free ride and a chance to shake the hand of Bertie.

Simon Harris is now the Reset Guru in Fine Gael and he's made more promises in one hour to crash the economy for decades. Never mind Micheál Martin or Eamonn Ryan, this boy has all the answers but no

## Comment

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arse in his trousers when it comes to creating policies for his bold new vision.

If promises did what they say, those 250,000 houses would now be occupied and about six new Thornton Hall jails constructed.

Mr Harris is often credited with having strong communication skills which came to the fore during the Covid-19 pandemic when he regularly posted on Instagram.

However, he has been in Cabinet for eight years and more than anyone else, he must explain why the housing crisis is as profound as it is. He must put fact and policy detail on what has not been done by this Coalition to solve the problem.

The silence is deafening and no amount of empty promises will convince the electorate that the current government has delivered in tandem with the demands of a growing population.

And in fairytale politics, there would be empty beds in every hospital, given the progress made. All of that is a pipe dream and nobody has ever made promises more than Simon Harris.

Such was his success at being a failure that he was the cause for Leo Varadkar to call the 2020 general election where they promptly lost another fifteen seats....

More are likely to follow as numbers of the parliamentary party have promised to leave politics in the coming twelve months.

Harris offered nothing on Saturday night that might encourage any one of them to change their mind. But, really nobody should have been fooled by FG's latest coronation when Leo Vardakar stepped down. Harris was your only man... who's forgotten his time as health minister? Or who's forgotten his promise in 2017 to ensure that victims of Scoliosis would see surgery waiting times reduced to four months? Now he is attempting the impossible by telling Aine Lawlor on Sunday's 'The Week in Politics' that if he'd not made that promise, there would have been less surgeries done. Surely this is taking promises to an absurd new level of political incredulity.

He was the face behind the mask for most of the 2020 General Election campaign because it was his handling of the Health portfolio that crashed the government.

A group of rural independent TD's were set to put down a motion of no confidence in the Minister for Health Simon Harris after the Christmas recess in 2019 and the Government facing a potential defeat if it loses the support of a handful of key independents.

It proved a risk too far for Varadkar and the Dail did not return after the Christmas recess.

And with a new Taoiseach leading the country, let's remind ourselves that this is his constitutional right because the electorate does not directly have that choice. Which is a pity because we could then lay claim to the reality that we are the ones to blame if it goes badly wrong... that could be right!

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# Seán McCormick - a m

*Seán McCormick's other great passion was drama. The big early influence on stage was his mother who brought him to plays in Tubbercurry. There was a big history of drama in Tubbercurry and the town was the first in the country to host a dedicated festival in 1944. And that continued in Ballyshannon with the Premier Players where he enjoyed All-Ireland success. "We had a wonderful producer in Ballyshannon with Patsy Croal. He was top of the tree and could easily have done it professionally."*

He isn't a native of Donegal but Sean McCormick's great love of the county has seen him make a huge contribution to the community in what has been a very fulfilling life.

## By Declan Kerr

Now in his 90th year Sean took time out for a trip down memory lane with the Tribune and what a fascinating journey it's been.

Sean might have been born in Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo but his heart was always in Donegal. That's because his father, a Garda Sergeant and his mother were both natives of Raphoe.

He was a highly regarded GAA footballer who turned out for Sligo and Donegal. He was also a talented actor featuring in many successful plays and was the first Chairperson of An Grianan Theatre in Letterkenny. Then

there was golf where he made his mark as a player and then in administration being centrally involved with the impressive developments at Portsalon Golf Club over the past 40 years.

However, it wasn't all play and Sean McCormick also made his mark in the workplace. After leaving St. Nathy's College his first job was with the ESB in Ballyshannon a place he describes as his spiritual home. There was also a short spell in Crossmolina, Co. Mayo before he moved to North Donegal and a change of career taking up a post as Company Secretary at the Milford Bakery and Flour Mills. There he was promoted to Chief Financial Officer and then appointed a Company Director.

That was followed by an accountancy business partnership in Letterkenny and teaching job at the LYIT. And Sean also managed the time to be a founding member of the Donegal Cheshire Apartments in Letterkenny

and he was also active in the local Milford De Paul Branch.

From his college days his two big passions were GAA and drama so when he took up the ESB post in Ballyshannon he certainly picked the right town to pursue those interests. And apart from a short time in Mayo, the rest of Sean McCormick's adult life has been spent in Donegal. When he moved much further north in the County to take employment at the Milford Bakery and Flour Mills he became an integral part of the local community.

Not alone was he a key figure in a very successful company that was listed on the Irish Stock Exchange, Sean was also extremely active away from the office desk playing significant roles in the development of Portsalon Golf Club and the An Grianan Theatre in Letterkenny.

He also got involved with the Milford GAA Club and was its first President.

Sean McCormick's GAA career started in earnest at secondary school, impressing in a centre-half-forward role on a very good St. Nathy's Ballaghaderreen side that enjoyed Connacht Colleges success. The late Archbishop of Tuam Joe Cassidy was a member of that team and was a great friend of Sean's.

Also on that side was Noel Dorr who went on to be a secretary-general of the Department of Foreign Affairs and served as the Irish ambassador to the United Kingdom and the United Nations. Other team members included Seamus O'Donnell who won an All-Ireland Senior Football Championship title with Meath in 1957 and Eamonn Barnes the country's first ever Director of Public Prosecutions when he was appointed in 1975.

His performances for St. Nathy's brought Sean to the attention of the Sligo County Minor management and he managed a quite unusual feat of being on the team for three years. While still a Mi-

nor, Sean McCormick was called up to the Sligo senior panel in 1953 and the following year was in the squad that got to the Connacht Final only to be beaten by Galway. The winning team

included Galway greats Frankie Stockwell and Sean Purcell.

After moving to Donegal, Sean quickly came to the attention of the Donegal senior football management team and made his debut for the County in early 1955. After a couple of years with Donegal he was enticed back to the Sligo colours briefly in 1958 and also played in the Inter-provincials with Connacht.

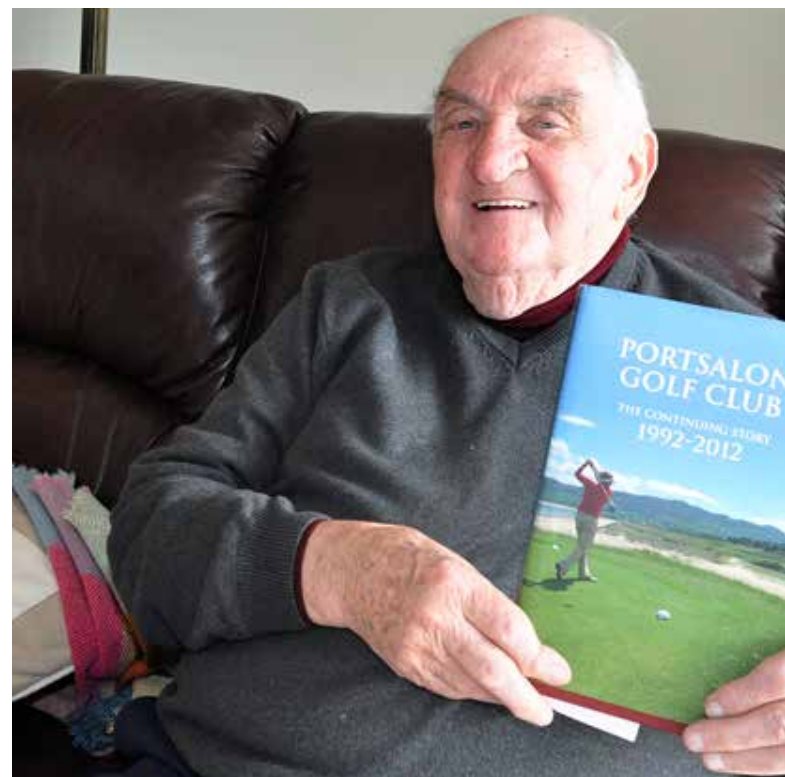
Sean McCormick then rejoined the Donegal squad and was a scoring corner-forward on the side that hosted Fermanagh in their ever visit to the O'Donnell Park for a league game in November 1960. It ended in a 1-7 to 0-6 win and when the two sides met again there this February, Sean and Owenie McBride, two of the members of that team were the recipients of presentations from the County Chairperson Mary Coughlan to mark that game 64 years ago.

On the Club scene he played with his native Tubbercurry, Crossmolina with whom he won a Mayo title and he also enjoyed success in Donegal with Aodh Ruadh, Ballyshannon and the Bundoran team that they amalgamated with to form St. Joseph's. Only for injury Sean was close to also playing senior football for Mayo which would have made it a remarkable record of representing three counties.

"In Ballyshannon I would have played with the likes of Jim Gallagher and Jackie McDermott. When I was Secretary of Aodh Ruadh the Club was talking about the possibility of amalgamating with Bundoran which wasn't an easy task as there was big rivalry between the two teams. It was just myself that went to talk to the Bundoran people but we got it done."

Sean McCormick's other great passion was drama. The big early influence on stage was his mother who brought him to plays in Tubbercurry. There was a big history of drama in Tubbercurry and the town was the first in the country to host a dedicated festival in 1944. They hosted an All-Ireland event in 1953. When he went to St. Nathy's he got involved in the drama group at the County Roscommon Secondary School. He acted in Shakespeare, Hamlet, the Merchant of Venice and during his time in college.

And that continued in Ballyshannon with the Premier Players where he enjoyed All-Ireland success. "We had a wonderful producer in Ballyshannon with Patsy Croal. He was top of the tree and could easily have done it professionally. We won an All-Ireland with a one-act play in 1956 and then again with a play that John B Keane gave us the rights to do. I left what I regarded as my spiritual home of Ballyshannon in 1962."



Sean McCormick at home in Coopers Road, Milford with a copy of a Portsalon



Owenie McBride and Sean receiving a presentation from County Chairperson Mary Coughlan at the O'Donnell Park when Donegal played Fermanagh. Sean and Owenie were on the team that won the first ever Fermanagh side to play a league game at the O'Donnell Park in Nov



The Portsalon Golf Club Council in 1998 were at back Eugene McGettigan, Michael Doherty, Gerry Hannon, Patrick Wallace, Patrick Shields and Sean McCormick



Sean with his son Aodh at a Donegal GAA event in the Mount Errigal Hotel



Sean performing in one of his many plays

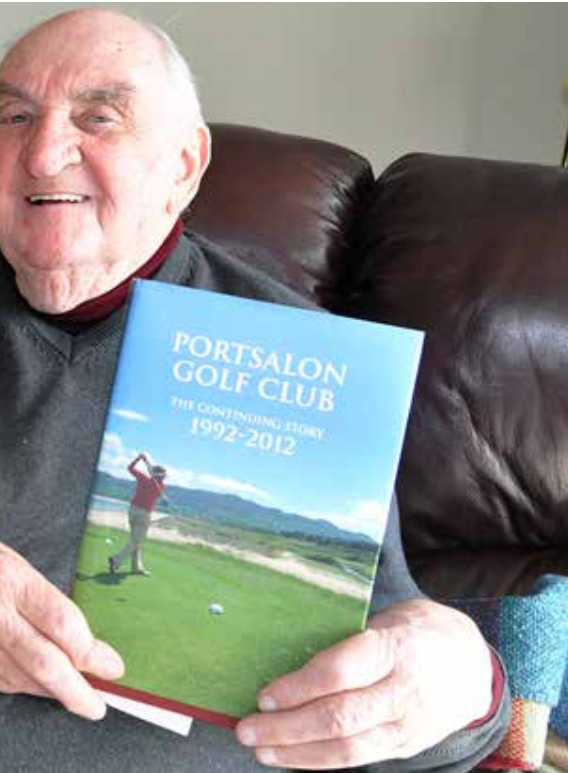


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Sean with family members in Carrick-on-Shannon in August 1955



# a man of many talents



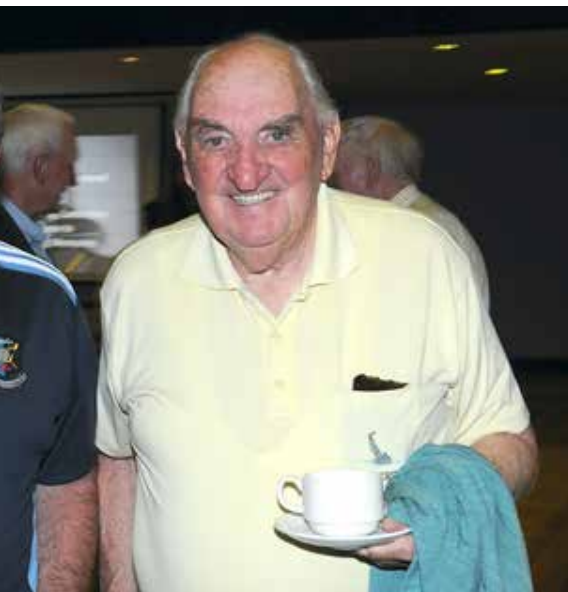
Seán McCormick, Milford with a copy of a Portsalon Golf Club book.



Award from County Chairperson Mary Coughlan in February at Milford. Seán and Owenie were on the Donegal team that hosted the game at the O'Donnell Park in November 1960.



At back Eugene McGettigan, Michael McDaid, Frank McAteer, Patrick Wallace, Patrick Shields and Seán McCormick.



GAA event in the Mount Errigal Hotel in September

During a period working in Crossmolina on a new ESB Generating Station, Sean was also a member of the local drama group.

When plans were in the pipeline for the An Grianan Theatre in Letterkenny, Sean was asked to join the Board of Directors by the then County Manager Michael McLoone. At the first AGM he was elected Chairperson and among the other Directors were Plunkett Ferry, Phil Dalton, the late Jim Lynch, Anne McGowan, Anne McGowan, former County Librarian Liam Roynanne and former Letterkenny Town Clerk Peter Coyle who had also acted as Company Secretary for a period. After 15 years at the helm he handed over the reins to Anne McGowan.

"An Grianan Theatre has been special for Letterkenny. It is a cultural centre. We were lucky to get an artistic director of Patricia McBride's experience having worked in the Lyric Theatre in Belfast. Daithi Ramsay was also a huge asset to the theatre" Sean said.

Sean was also a founding member of the Donegal Cheshire Apartments located at the bottom of the Long Lane in Letterkenny near the University Hospital. "I remember Michael McLoone was the County Manager and he gave us the ground to build the facility which was opened by Mary Robinson when she was President. Patsy Gallagher, Charlie Gallagher, Gerry McGinley were some of the people on the Committee and Fr. Peadar Arnold was the Chairperson."

The background to his career move from the ESB came when he spotted an advertisement for a Company Secretary position at the Milford Bakery and Flour Mills in 1967. Sean was based in Crossmolina at the time and that desire to be in Donegal hadn't gone away. So after a successful interview he started working for the Shiels brothers Manus and Seamus while Mick McGinty from Ballybofey was also a Director as was his son Pauric. It was a highly successful business with a staff of over 150 and a very valuable asset that saw the Company listed on the Irish Stock Exchange.

Sean McCormick's career there went on an upward spiral being promoted to Chief Financial Officer and then being made a Company Director. The Company business interests weren't confined to the bakery as they built the Ballyraine Hotel which opened in 1968 and owned bakeries in Ballyshannon, Bundoran (Hogans) and Strabane (Russells). However, from the early 1980s the business began to face intense competitive challenges with economies of scale issues making it more difficult to be profitable. So in 1988 the Milford Bakery and Flour Mills was sold to the Halal Meat Packer Company. "Halal saw a big advantage in that we were listed on the Stock Exchange. So I was involved in the negotiations that were successfully concluded for the sale in 1988. I stayed on for a year in a liaison capacity before myself and Sean McBride set up an accountancy business in Letterkenny. I also went to lecture in accountancy part-time in the LYIT as it was called then. And then went full-time teaching when Sean McBride joined Seamus McEwan in the retail electrical business. I loved the work in the LYIT and was there until I retired in 2000."

He might have retired from the formal workplace but Sean went on to devote more time to his other interests in golf and drama. He was a key figure in the development of Portsalon G.C. with an important milestone being the purchase of the property in 1985 from the then owner Derry based accountant P.C. Duffy. "It was bought for €60,000 but at the time we didn't have any money. There were 75 members in the club. We were the first committee around to do a €100 ticket draw and within three weeks it was sold out. I remember Dr. Gary O'Reilly selling tickets for us up where he was in Armagh. Patrick Shiels was the captain at the time. The Kerr's, Eamon McElwaine, Donal MacLochlainn and Tony Kingston were there. We had a great committee. Willie McCleary was the Head Greenkeeper. But when we bought it - it was a golf course in name only at that stage. There was a lot of development needed and one aspect of



Members of An Grianan Theatre committee, from left, Patricia McBride, Plunkett O Fearraigh, Phil Dalton, Liam Roynane, Peter Coyle, Seán McCormick, the late Cllr. Jim Lynch, the late Cllr. Bernard McGlinchey and Cllr. Jean Crossan.

that was building a clubhouse. Again we went with another successful €100 draw and the clubhouse was opened in 1991."

In 1998 the opportunity came up to buy an additional 30 acres to give the Club more scope for its growth. Again with sufficient reserves and the bank the deal was able to be done. A plan was adopted following a presentation by course designer Pat Ruddy. A new 36-hole course was the end product fit to host national competitions. It opened in 2003 and gave Portsalon access to a whole new market with international tour groups coming to play the course. In 2005 the Irish Ladies Close Championships came to Portsalon and the course was rated the best in the country.

Sean McCormick was a driving force in all those developments along with others. He has served in various roles including Captain and President of Portsalon Golf Club. Sean was also very involved in the Donegal League Classics competition that has Portsalon, Rosapenna and Ballyliffin taking part. Another competition that he has been very pleased to have played a key part in is the Donegal Seniors Alliance that raised over €100,000 for charity. He was recognised by the Donegal Sports Star Awards Committee in 1977 for successes on the golf course. He was a member of a very successful Portsalon team that won a Donegal title and went on to reach the Ulster semi-final. Sean also had the honour of being the special guest who presented the Donegal Sports Star Awards in 1990 when the Overall Winner was the Buncrana Weightlifter Billy Bourne.

It was in Ballyshannon that Sean

met his wife Maureen McGranaghan a member of a well family in Letterkenny. Maureen, a nurse in the local Shiel Hospital is a sister of Joan McGranaghan who had a shop on the town's Upper Main Street. When the couple moved to Milford first they lived at the Quay before settling on Coopers Road.

They have three daughters Gabrielle (Letterkenny), Emer (London) and Maura (Newbridge, Co. Kildare) and son Aodh well known as a mainstay of the Milford GAA Club.

Sean and Maureen sadly suffered the loss of a dear daughter Siobhan at the age of just 17 in 1978. There are seven grandchildren Therese, Miriam, David, Aisling, Muireann, Joe and Emer. He had four siblings Hugh, Frank, Sr. Anne and Peg McFadden, Bridgend, Ramelton who passed away in April 2018.

Sean might be in his 90th year but he's still active and plays a regular round of golf in Portsalon while still following the fortunes of the GAA teams including the Donegal seniors. Last month he was in Ballyshannon for the Louth game meeting up with old friends like Michael McLoone. It was the occasion of the official reopening of Fr. Tierney Park after a major pitch upgrade.

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Seán McCormick in the Donegal Team against Fermanagh in November 1960.



Sean with his Aodh Ruadh teammates.





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# Maloney: he's got no principles - Blaney

Deputy Niall Blaney has strongly rebuked Cllr. Sean Maloney of Fine Gael over his two recent attacks on Independent Fianna Fail.

Speaking at the Silver Tassie on Sunday at the party conventions for the Letterkenny area Blaney accused Maloney of lacking in political principle. "He never seems to have discovered what his principles are," said the IFF Deputy.

Niall Blaney said he was astonished at the reported remarks made by Sean Maloney at the FG convention. And he used the party convention platform to offer his own take on these remarks. He said of Maloney: "For a man who started out in republican Sinn Fein: then as an independent: then Labour and now in Fine Gael one has to question his credibility."

From when the Tribune published a sanitised and abridged version of Maloney's comments our soundings among FF and IFF would have suggested they were seriously pissed off with the personal nature of the remarks. Supporters of both parties have also voiced disappointment that the Fine Gael party has not moved to distance itself from Maloney's comments.

Blaney said he respected Maloney's right and mandate but he's got no respect for the way he goes about things.

Maloney hammered into Independent Fianna Fail during a debate in Lifford on the controversial development contribution charges on March 8th and he repeated his comments during the historic FG convention at Gleneaney House in Letterkenny a fortnight ago.

In remarks attributed to Maloney the Tribune reported his personal attack on Fianna Fail and the terms used were deemed by us to have a high libel content. He lashed into what he described as 'a culture of corruption: tribunals and control'.

Having finished with Fianna Fail, Maloney then turned his thoughts to IFF. He accused them of being 'the mudguard of Fianna Fail' and later he said: "IFF is an embarrassment to politics".

This could only be seen as a real shafting session and it was Maloney's swan song in his colourful and controversial political life. But he could hardly have expected not have his remarks challenged: and so it came to pass at the Tassie on Sunday night. Your lambasting of Independent Fianna Fail carries no weight. Cllr. Maloney, I thought you would have learned at this stage and you have nothing to gain. You have failed miserably the people of Letterkenny but I wish you well in your retirement," added Blaney.

He said that that IFF has always had credibility and Maloney seemed never to have discovered any principles.

And Blaney said he was astounded that Fianna Fail was contemplating dropping its republican tag. He was reacting to newspaper claims that this option was about to be a reality. The republican party logo will be lost forever and if Fianna Fail keeps going the way it is then it will soon have lost its identity like the Irish Press, he contended. He said that IFF would retain its republican ethos and as a party they were needed now as never before.

And as the campaign steps up a gear the FG leader, Enda Kenny is opening a Fine Gael election office on Milford's main street on this Friday. Further up the street Sinn Fein are preparing to open their information office at the Diamond.

Enda Kenny is on a whirlwind tour of the constituency with meetings: briefings: hospital and school visits: media interviews: Highland Radio: the Tribune and visits to Marine Harvest: Downings: Carrigart: Churchill and Kilmacrennan.



Anne McGowan with pupils from Scoil Cholmille, Letterkenny who visited the Tirconail Tribune offices last Friday. Included are David McDaid, Aodhán Hickey, Alan Foye, Ian Black and Conor Dunne.

# Where the hell's our EU cash - McHugh

Senator Joe McHugh, Fine Gael Spokesperson in the Seanad on Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs has called on the Government to explain why monies allocated to the BMW Region are not being spent on the ground and warned that this money may have to be returned unspent to the EU Commission if urgent action

is not taken. McHugh told the Tribune he's ripping at this mad carryon and he now fears that when the programme ends in 2006, underspending could be as much as 1.2 billion Euro.

He said: "I am becoming increasingly concerned that this money, which Ireland fought hard for at the EU negotiating table may end up going back to the EU coffers, for no other reason than the Government's incompetence in allocating it, due to the lack of priority this Government gives to the BMW Region.

At the start of this phase of EU funding the BMW Region was allocated four billion Euro. However, as of

2003, at mid-point of the spending period, the region had underspent by €600 million. If the pace of investment on the ground does not receive a rapid kick-start then, by the programme's end in 2006, underspending could be as much as €1.2 billion.

This is a ridiculous situation and is all the more difficult to understand when you realise that the East Coast has actually already overspent by €600 million. Clearly, it has no problem spending EU funds. Indeed, only this week, reports have indicated that the Dublin Port Tunnel could cost overrun by €100 million and this comes on top of a tripling in the cost of the LUAS.



Brendan McBride, Milford pictured with his father James's cross bred ewe and five lambs which were born on their farm at Tirhomon, Milford. Brendan is pictured with neighbours Roisin McLaughlin and Tommy Sterritt.

# Bradley to boost FF



Fianna Fail Campaign Manager Cllr. Noel McGinley pictured on the shores of Mulroy Bay with his two candidates for the Milford Electoral Area, Hughie McDaid and Kenneth Bradley.

Fianna Fail has named Kenneth Bradley as their second candidate for the Milford area in the council elections. The announcement by campaign manager Cllr. Noel McGinley has taken the political scene by storm and we understand that it also caused ripples of expectation among the FF grassroots. McGinley has described Bradley's decision as a huge shot in the arm for morale inside the party. Following weekend negotiations we understand that Bradley met with the FF joint secretary Mary Coughlan in a hush-hush session at the Radisson Hotel Letterkenny on Monday afternoon. Shortly afterwards it emerged that it was a done deal and Bradley had allowed his name on the ballot paper on June 11th.

Kenneth is chairman: founding member and manager of the Milford IRD office and is a native of the town. Cllr. Noel McGinley was joined by Hugh McDaid and Bradley as he of-

ficially launched their campaign on the shores of Mulroy Bay on Tuesday evening.

And an upbeat McGinley, a veteran of many campaigns and battles confidently predicted: "You know the way things are going I think we really have to aim to take two of the three seats in Milford and I'm not being over-confident about that."

Kenneth Bradley is the first candidate for FF in the town since Willie Friel and Ronan Sweeney ran alongside McGinley some years ago. Last time out they failed to get a second runner. "That alone," said McGinley at the campaign launch, "is real progress and I for one am delighted at the continued growth of our party in this part of the constituency."

For the record the share of the vote in Milford at the last local elections were: IFF, 32.56 - 39%; FG, 21.37 - 25.6%; FF, 15.50 - 18.58%; McGarvey, 11.17%; SF, 3.75 - 4.58%.



James Johnston and Sons staff at the Construction Industry Federation Dinner on Friday in the Mount Errigal Hotel. Photo Clive Wasson.

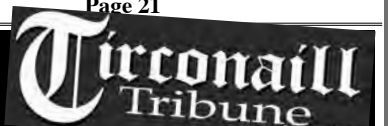
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# Green light for Rathmullan car ferry

County Manager Michael McLoone has told this month's Council meeting that following successful negotiations with a ferry operator it is proposed to operate a pilot service between Buncrana and Rathmullan from May 14th to September 12 at a cost to the local authority of €147,667.

McLoone said that a sum of €100,000 had already been ringfenced in the 2003 Development Funds for this purpose and as a result discussions had taken place with the one company which had tendered for the provision of such a service following a public call for tenders in 2002.

The news has been welcomed by Cllr. Liam Blaney who complimented the County Manager for getting the service to this stage and the IFF Member added that he was now looking forward to seeing the ferry up and running.

According to Mr McLoone's report the cost involved here is essentially the difference between the estimated income and expenditure which will derive as a result of the ferry being in operation for the four months and is based upon on results from the Foyle ferry operation. Here the original figure of €147,667 was renegotiated from the initial ten-

der of €225,000.

He explained that the additional cost incurred of €47,667 over and above that provided for by the Council will be met by the surplus generated on the existing Lough Foyle service in respect of the two years ending on June 30th next. This 'excess' is, as per terms of the contract, payable to the two Councils and the ferry operator in the ratio 1:1:2.

Mr McLoone proposed that the pilot service between Buncrana and Rathmullan be introduced on May 14th subject to licensing and funding for the necessary dredging being in place.

The estimated cost for the Buncrana dredging according to Mr Vincent Lynn, Senior Engineer, Marine Section will be €275,000. Advertisements seeking tenders for these works have been published in the press this week. An application has been made to the Department of the Marine for finance with the Council expected to provide 25% matching funding. In the Mr Lynn's report to Monday's Donegal County Council meeting a source for the matching money has not yet been identified but states that they are actively examining this matter.



McGinley's Shop, Creeslough closed on Friday night after trading in the village for 110 years and pictured are Michael and Peggy McGinley with their family members including Michael, Maria and Brian and grand children Hannah, Michaela and Tarlach.

# St. Conal's Chapel fundraising drive launched



Cllr. Terry McEniff presenting the proceeds of €32,000 from the last year's Mayor's Ball to Meliosa McDevitt and Keelan Mooney who accepted it on behalf of the St. Conal's Chapel Development Project. Also included are Mick Quinlivan, Mary Coughlan, Hughie McDaid, Frances Friel, Cllr. Ciaran Brogan, Cllr. Noel McGinley and Mary Davis.

'Cairde le Cheile' formerly the old St. Conal's Chapel was the venue on Monday for the launch of a major fundraising drive to raise €2 million to develop a new sports and cultural centre for people with learning disabilities in Donegal and further afield. The facilities will include a sports hall, state-of-the-art gym, café and hydrotherapy pool. The project was officially launched by Mary Davis, National Director, Special Olympics Ireland who congratulated the organisations that had come together to drive the initiative and it is hoped to have the facility ready for opening in December 2006.

The lease on St. Conal's Chapel was held by Letterkenny Town Council and owned by the North Western Health Board and it has now been acquired by Donegal Special Olympics. Douglas Sheridan of DMDS Architects gave a presentation of

the plans for the redevelopment, which has got the green light from the local authority. He described the old chapel as a landmark building with a fantastic hall that was now going to get a more prominent public design, which would greatly enhance its links with the nearby Town Park. Facilities like a gym on a newly constructed second level, a therapeutic pool, changing rooms, administrations offices, a café, an outdoor terrace and additional toilets are planned.

A number of cheques were also handed over on Monday. €32,000 from Cllr. Terry McEniff's Mayor's Ball, €438.29 courtesy of Letterkenny IT staff and €1450 from Prumerica Ireland employees has given the fundraising drive a big early boost. Mary Davis also accepted the first brick for the development from Anthony Redmond and Oliver Doherty.

# IFF selects Letterkenny candidates

The Independent Fianna Fail line-up for the Letterkenny Town and County Council elections were completed on Sunday night when a big attendance at the Silver Tassie unanimously selected the runners.

As has become the latest fashion in politics from recent conventions in Letterkenny Deputy Niall Blaney had a real go at Sean Maloney of FG over recent remarks the Tribune attributed to him from the FG Letterkenny convention in Gleneaney House a couple of weeks previously. It was a challenge that the Blaney party was hardly ever likely to ignore.

Cllr. Dessie Larkin will contest both elections and in the race for Lifford he's joined on the ticket by Maureen McLaughlin from Glentown in St. Johnston. Larkin is joined in the town council battle by newcomer Peter Patton.

Larkin was proposed by James O'Donnell of the Manor-Drumoghill cumann and seconded by Margaret Doherty, Letterkenny.

Maureen McLaughlin was proposed by Charlie Meehan also of Manor-Drumoghill and seconded by Patricia Boyce of the St. Johnston cumann. On the town council Dessie was proposed by Margaret Doherty and seconded by Peter Patton and Joe Stubbs. Peter Patton was proposed by his dad, Jim and seconded by Fred McGee. And in a very interesting speech Jim Patton reminded the crowd, some of whom were not even born back then that he was the very first man to walk out of the Golden Grill over 32 years ago as the Blaney bandwagon took its ethos elsewhere. "I walked out because I had my principles and I was privileged to be in

there at the founding of Independent Fianna Fail. Peter was only two years of age at the time and I've never regretted my decision," he added.

Dessie Larkin made a fine acceptance speech: as did Maureen McLaughlin. Dessie ranged across the pivotal role played by IFF over the years and he said he has honoured to have been so lucky to have served the people of the Letterkenny area over the past five years. He instanced the importance of the role played by his party and he dealt with their contribution to the political developments in the Cathedral Town. He said IFF was needed more than ever since the party represented the people's voice and under the terms of the Good Friday Agreement everyone must work together to make Ireland a better place in which to live and work.

The Dail Ceanntair Chairman Jimmy Begley chaired the convention and party leader Harry Blaney and Cllr. Paddy Kelly also addressed the gathering. This was a largely attended meeting and party officials said afterwards they were delighted with the level of support in the Letterkenny area.

IFF has held two seats on Letterkenny Town Council: that was until Ciaran Brogan jumped ship and joined Fianna Fail. Dessie Larkin can be expected to attract a very big vote this time again since he's got one of the highest profiles of any candidate in the electoral area.

While IFF will contend that they can take two seats here on the town council it is going to be a very tight race with a dynamic field and obviously they'd be much better served with at least three runners in the field.

# Fanad to celebrate 1979 FAI success

The history making Fanad Utd team, winners of the 1979 FAI Youth Cup will mark the 25th anniversary of that memorable Swilly Park final victory over Shelbourne with an evening of celebration on Saturday. The occasion will appropriately kick-off with a charity football match in Traigh a Locha between the victorious 1979 side and a Donegal Select will all proceeds going to the Donegal Hospice. Following the game a function will take place in the Fanad Lodge where special presentations will be made to Fr. Michael Sweeney's victorious squad and the club will also have on display memorabilia of the many successes enjoyed by the kingdom over the past three decades.

The FAI Youth panel from 1979 included Cathal Gavigan, Hugh Blaney, Danny Kelly, Daniel Friel, Charlie McGee, Liam O'Donnell, John McElwaine, James Rodgers, Colm McGonigle, Tom Coll, Johnny Martin, Eddie McGinley, Jackie Murphy and Denis McBride.



Deputy Niall Blaney pictured with the candidates and Comhairle Ceanntair Members for the Letterkenny area at the convention on Sunday night in the Silver Tassie Hotel.

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# Stars in The Saddle open days

Stars in The Saddle, Donegal's newest Special Olympics Equestrian Club held open days at Glenleary Riding School in Ramelton and Malin Stables. The open days, attended by a diverse and enthusiastic group of individuals, marked the official launch of this exciting venture.

Established by Lisa Moore, who runs Glenleary Riding School and an advocate for inclusive equestrian sports, Stars in The Saddle aims to provide opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities to participate in equestrian activities and competitions under the banner of Special Olympics.

Lisa expressed her gratitude, stating, "We are overwhelmed by the tremendous support shown by everyone who attended the open days at Glenleary Riding School and Malin Stables. It is really heartening

to see such enthusiasm for our mission to promote inclusivity and empowerment through equestrian sports."

Seamus Campbell from Special Olympics said "Stars in The Saddle represents a significant milestone in our efforts to promote inclusive sports participation. We commend Lisa, Jennie and the team for their dedication and vision in creating this remarkable opportunity for individuals with intellectual disabilities to thrive in equestrian sports."

The open days provided attendees with an opportunity to learn more about Stars in The Saddle and its vision. Prospective members had the chance to interact with the team members and experienced riders, gaining valuable insights into the club's activities.

Jennie Peoples from Equi-Me Therapeutic Riding is delighted

to be involved with the Club. "We are really looking forward to this adventure with our community. The response from individuals interested in joining the club has been fantastic, and we already have members signed up. We are still open to anyone who'd like to join and become a member, please get in touch."

Stars in The Saddle is set to commence its club activities in May, offering a range of training sessions, competitions, and social events tailored to meet the diverse needs of its members. With a commitment to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment, the club aims to empower individuals of all abilities to reach their full potential through the power of horsemanship.

For those interested in getting involved email at [starsinthesaddle@sosportsclub.ie](mailto:starsinthesaddle@sosportsclub.ie)



Glenleary Team at Stars in Saddle Open Day with Seamus Campbell from Special Olympics



Stars in the Saddle Open Day in Glenleary Riding School.



Lily Pyper at Stars in Saddle Open Day in Glenleary Riding School.



Noel Irwin presenting the David Irwin Memorial Cup to Adam Rankin, Hannah and Jamie Cochrane from the Limavady Bowling team who won the final in Ramelton on Friday night.



Runners up in the David Irwin Memorial Cup at the Ramelton Bowling Club Conor Connolly, Johnny Shiels and Eamon McConigley on Friday night receiving their prizes from Noel Irwin.



Conor Connolly and Eamonn McConigley plotting their next move on Friday night.



Johnny Shiels in action on Friday night in the final at the Mackemie Hall, Ramelton.



Spectators watching the final in the Ramelton Bowling competition in the Mackemie Hall on Friday night.



# Donegal Person of the Year awards night

Clannad's Moya Brennan was officially inaugurated as 2023 Donegal Person of the Year on Saturday night at the Donegal Association Dublin's

annual Gala Ball in the Bonnington Hotel.

She became the 45th recipient of the award and over four hundred people were present to see Elaine Caffrey (Carrigart) President of the Association present Moya with her award crafted by Redmond Herryty.

Moya was joined by her husband Tim Jarvis, daughter Aisling and son Paul along with members of the extended Brennan family along with many musicians who provided some great entertainment on the night.

Moya has had an amazing career, selling over twenty million records, and recording in excess of twenty-five albums. She has always taken every chance to promote the County when on the world stage.



Rathmullan's Sile Friel winner of the Best Dressed Lady with Peggy Stringer.



Eibhlín Curran with Hugh McGroddy.



Elaine Caffrey President of the Donegal Association in Dublin presenting Moya Brennan with her award on Saturday night.



Kilmacrennan folk enjoying the Donegal Person of the Year Gala Ball on Saturday night.



The Harkin Family enjoying the evening.



Deputy Pearse Doherty with Creeslough friends at the Gala Ball.



Former recipient Jason Black and his wife Sharon at the Ball.



The 2023 Donegal Person of the Year, Moya Brennan with committee members of the Donegal Association in Dublin on Saturday night.



The Harte's at the Gala Ball.





Darragh O'Doherty with his uncle Michael and parents Damian and Margaret.



The extended Lynch family enjoying the celebrations after the Fanad Utd victory on Sunday

# Lynch enjoys a significant success by Declan Kerr

While it was back-to-back Premier Division titles on Sunday it was more than that for manager Arthur Lynch and many of the players. As it was actually a three-in-a-row of Donegal League successes. That's because Fanad Utd won the Division 1 title in the 2021/22 season which also meant promotion to the top flight. And to go on then and win the Premier in the following season was a massive achievement and something that has rarely been done in the 53-year history of the Donegal Junior League. And then to be crowned back-to-back champions on Sunday in Traighaloch is also something that has been seldom done.

This is the only the second ever Fanad Utd squad to accomplish that feat in the Donegal League. 1972-75 was their first time to do a three-in-a-row of titles. When they were in the Ulster Senior League the teams brought home 14 titles including a five-in-a-row from 1992 to 1998. Sunday was their eighth Donegal Junior League title since 1973.

Arthur Lynch is the sixth manager after Fr. Michael Sweeney, James Doherty, Eamon McConigley, Ollie Horgan and Michael Deeney. Lynch

also played with Fanad and enjoyed league success with them the last being in 2011. While the Whitestrand native will savour this success for a few weeks he will have to then set about the squad building for next season where the bar will be set higher with Letterkenny Rovers and Bonagee Utd promoted to the top flight.

At the moment Fanad Utd is backboned by local players with seven starting on Sunday including Mark McConigley; Keelan McElwaine, James Gallagher, Peter Carr, Patrick Carr, Eoin Logue, Darren McElwaine. Two of the used subs Daibhid Lynch and Darragh O'Doherty are also from Fanad along with Liam McGrenaghan, who was also on the bench. The four starters from outside the area were Eddie O'Reilly, Oisín Langan and Patrick McGinley (all Creeslough) while Declan McGarvey is Falcarragh. The other used subs were Odhran Grant (Manorcunningham), Dylan McGlone (Carrigart), Patrick Moffett (Dunfanaghy) and Darren Nash (Milford).

There is also the reality that players could leave for varying reasons be that to another club, for work or emigration. Darren McElwaine had been



Darran and Paul Nash with their wives Lucinda and Brid and children Mia, Flynn, Darcey, Lola and Reilly.

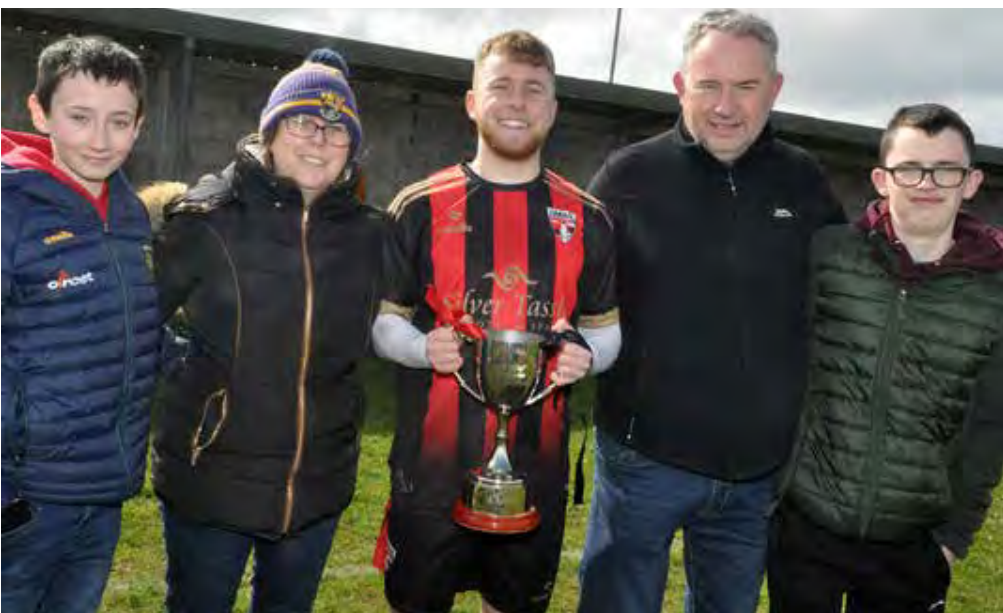
due to go to Australia last month but fortunately for Lynch that move was paused as the midfielder was a really key player on Sunday.

Mark McConigley has been consistent

in goals all season along with the back-four who have conceded just 11 goals in sixteen games.

At the other end Fanad have netted 38 goals with Eddie O'Reilly again the top

marksman ably assisted by Eoin Logue. The McElwaine's Keelan and Darren along with Paddy Carr have been effective in providing the supply for the strikers for the 13 wins so far this season.



One of the Fanad goal scorers Eoin Logue John Sweeney, his parents Rita and Danny and brother Aidan who celebrated his 14th birthday on Sunday



Mark McConigley with his mother Margaretta and family members.



Fanad Utd squad celebrated after winning back-to-back Donegal Junior League Premier Division titles on Sunday.



# Back-to-back titles for Fanad

## Fanad Utd 3-0 Swilly Rovers

A draw was all that was needed in Traighaloch on Sunday for Fanad Utd to secure the Donegal Junior League Premier Division title for the second year in a row. However, after a couple of recent scares against so called struggling sides Arthur Lynch's men were on a mission to make sure that their name would be on the cup long before the final whistle. Swilly Rovers were their opponents and Fanad were in no mood to be complacent against a side that had won when two sides met in Ramelton earlier in the season.

Swilly did come to Fanad safe in the knowledge that they were safe in the top flight so precious little to play but to put a bit of pride back in the jersey after a really disappointing second half of the season. Lynch's came into the match knowing that they only needed a point from the final three games to take the title. And that was only needed if St. Catherine's and Keadue won their final two games and Fanad lost all three of theirs. As it turned St. Catherine's lost to Milford Utd while Keadue could only draw with Kilmacrennan Celtic. So on Sunday Fanad could have lost and still won the title.

The game was played in hugely challenging playing conditions with a swirling wind that was blowing across from Stand side but favouring the team playing from the loch end. Fanad made an early statement of intent when Oisín Langan delivered a low ball from the edge of his own penalty area that just evaded Eddie O'Reilly. But, the diagonal breeze also took it away with keeper Barry Gallagher and the alert Eoin Logue was on hand to fire the ball into the top right hand corner at the lough end of the ground.

The closest Swilly came to an equaliser was an in-swinging Shane McNamee corner that was cleared off the line. Then the visitors were rocked by the concession of a second goal on 15 minutes. Eddie O'Reilly's initial cross was too long. However, Keelan McElwaine was on hand to return the ball back into the danger zone where some slack Swilly defending allowed O'Reilly to ghost in and nudge the ball past Gallagher. The breeze was really difficult with players struggling to get corners or free-

kicks delivered due the ball moving off spot.

Fanad were relentless until they netted the third goal on 26 minutes. The outstanding Darren McElwaine brushed past a couple of tackles on the left wing before whipping in the perfect cross that O'Reilly acrobatically volleyed past a helpless keeper to effectively ensure that the Premier cup would be staying in Traighaloch for another year. Just seconds before that goal, Lynch was forced into a change with the injured Logue being replaced by Daibhid Lynch.

The visitors did create a couple of decent scoring chances with Kyle Black latching onto a Shane McNamee through ball but Declan McGarvey got back with a well timed tackle at the expense of a corner on 35 minutes. Just before the break some really good defending denied Swilly a lifeline for the second half. Again it was Black slipping through to get on the end of a high ball from Ciaran Kelly. This time it was keeper Mark McConigley initially making a good save then Marty McDaid, McNamee and Jordan McDaid had all efforts blocked by Fanad players.

Swilly player-manager Laurence Toland who replaced Black at half-time came close with a header and also from a free-kick that was tipped around the post for a corner. Daibhid Lynch also most forced Ciaran Kelly into conceding an own goal with the defender touch just taking the ball narrowly over his own crossbar. The home side lost O'Reilly with a hamstring injury just before the hour mark with Patrick Moffett coming on. Fanad's best chance of a fourth goal came on 79 minutes when a swift counter-attack saw three attackers against one defender. Keelan McElwaine's well struck shot was pushed away well by Barry Gallagher for a corner.

Fanad United - Mark McConigley; Keelan McElwaine, Oisín Langan, James Gallagher, Declan McGarvey (Darragh O'Doherty 68); Patrick McGinley, Peter Carr (Dylan McGlone, 75), Patrick Carr (Odhran Grant, 70), Eoin Logue (Daibhid Lynch, 25); Edward O'Reilly (Patrick Moffett, 60), Darren McElwaine. Subs not used: Liam McGrenaghan, Darren Nash (Gk).

Swilly Rovers: Barry Gallagher; Darragh McDaid,



Darren McElwaine evades the tackle of Swilly's Jordan McDaid to cross the ball for Eddie O'Reilly to score Fanad's third goal.



Pat Friel with his son and Club PRO Paddy Friel.

Ciaran Kelly, Tony Gallagher, Brad Patterson; Barry Mooney, Jordan McDaid (Mickey Kerr, 66), Marty McDaid, Kyle Black (Laurence Toland h-t); Shane McNamee, David Craig. Not used: Jamie Lee Blaney (Gk). Ref: Paddy Martin.

## 1973-75 three-in-a-row team

Two years after the Donegal Junior League started, Fanad Utd took the title three years in a row. There was only the one Division at that time. Fr. Michael Sweeney's side completed the three-in-a-row in a play-off against Lifford Celtic at Leckview Park in 1975. It ended 3-1 in Fanad's favour with the goals coming from Eamonn McConigley, Brian McIvor and the late James Doherty. The team that day was - Sean McAteer, James Duffy, John Kerr, Sean Sweeney, John (Seamie) Friel; Tommy Patton, James Doherty (RIP), Eamonn McConigley; John Sweeney (RIP), Brian McIvor, Aidan Kelly (RIP). Subs: Fr. Kieran McAteer, Seamus Vaughan.

There are family links between that team and the side that completed the three-in-a-row on Sunday. John Kerr's grandson Darren McElwaine and James Doherty's grandnephew Darragh both featured in the Premier Division title success after the victory over Swilly Rovers at Traighaloch. The only difference between the two three-in-a-rows is that the 72-75 team did it all in the same division. Whereas the 21-24 side took one title in Division 1 before winning two Premier Championships.



Three of the Fanad players from the 'Between the Waters' end of the parish James Gallagher, Darren McElwaine and Paddy Carr.

## League of Ireland Premier Division

# Harps aim to extend away wins run

So far this season Finn Harps have won all their away games and will aim to extend that run when they travel to the Midlands this Friday night to take on Athlone Town (kick-off 7.45). Darren Murphy's men have won against Longford Town, Wexford Youths and Treaty Utd. Harps have already beaten Athlone at Finn Park this season so they will fancy their chances of taking another three points on the road. They are three points behind Cork City who are away to UCD on Friday night.

So there is a chance that Harps could go joint top after the weekend results. In team news Stephen

Doherty had to come off early in the UCD with Ryan Rainey coming on and he could now start if the Buncrana man is ruled out. It was good to see Kerrykeel lad Aaron McLaughlin back on bench on Friday after being out since the first game of the season. It will be interesting to see whether Conor Walsh continues in goal or will Tim Heimer be back in for the trip to Dublin. Athlone have not had a good season so far. They are seventh in the table out of 10 teams.

The Midlands have nine points from nine games with just two wins to date. Athlone lost 3-0 away

to Bray Wanderers on Friday night Dylan Hand's 32nd minute straight red card was a big blow when the game was 0-0.

They badly need the three points to try and get into the top five but Harps will definitely have something to say about that. After two draws, Murphy will want to see his team go for a victory that would at the very least keep them second in the table. It's the start of the second round of fixtures in the First Division so all eyes locally will be on whether Harps can sustain that early form. It's the start of three away games' for Murphy's outfit.

# Ten-men UCD hold Harps

## Finn Harps 1-1 UCD

Despite having to settle for a draw against UCD on Friday evening Finn Harps remain second in the League of Ireland First Division table following the weekend results. However, Darren Murphy's side is now three points behind leaders Cork City who had a local derby home win over Cobh Ramblers. Tony McNamee's third goal in successive matches gave Harps an early lead against the Students but the visitors got back on level terms in the 74th minute after having had a player sent-off. While the hosts were the better side in the closing stages they just couldn't regain the lead. Conor Tourish came closest with an at-

tempt that was acrobatically turned over the bar by UCD keeper Kian Moore.

Skipper McNamee put the home team in front on 12 minutes with a perfectly placed free-kick. The task for UCD, managed by former Harps backroom team member William O'Connor, should have got even more challenging on 64 minutes when Mikey McCullagh received a straight red card for a late challenge on sub Ryan Rainey who had been an early replacement for the injured Stephen Doherty.

However, UCD stepped up to the plate for a spell and got their reward on 74 minutes as Ciaran Behan shot past Harps keeper Conor Walsh af-

ter an assist from sub Colin Bolton. Walsh, who is on loan from Sligo Rovers, was in for his start in place of Tim Heimer. Stephen Doherty and Shane McMonagle were also recalled in place of Ryan Rainey and Luke O'Brien respectively.

After Harps took the lead Behan shot narrowly wide while it was a similar story for Success Edogun at the other end. O'Connor was clearly not happy with his side's first half display and so made a triple substitution at the break. But, things actually appeared to get worse for UCD on 63 minutes when McCullagh received a straight red card. That turned out not to be the case as the visitors swooped for a 74th minute equaliser.

# DONEGAL JUNIOR LEAGUE

## Fixtures

Wednesday 10th April

Brian McCormick Sports Premier Div 7.30p.m.

Fanad United v Rathmullan Celtic

Saturday 13th K.O. 1p.m.

Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

Arranmore Utd v Glencar Celtic

Fintown Harps v Kildrum Tigers Res

Keadue Rovers Resv Cappry Rovers Res

Kilmacrennan Cel Res v Donegal Town Res

St. Catherine's Res v Oldtown Celtic

Strand Rovers v Glenea Utd Res

Old Orchard Saturday Division Two

Ballybofoy Utd Res v Ramelton Mariners

Copany Rovers v Gweedore Celtic Res

Cranford Utd Res v Castlefin Celtic Res

Drumbar United v Drumoghill F.C. Res

Dunlewey Celtic v Swilly Rovers Res

Sunday 14th April K.O. 1 p.m.

Brian Mc Cormick Sports Premier Division

Castlefin Celtic v St. Catherine's

Gweedore Celtic v Milford United

Kildrum Tigers v Fanad United

Rathmullan Celtic v Kilmacrennan Celtic

Swilly Rovers v Keadue Rovers

Temple Domestic Appliances Division One

Cranford United v Bonagee United

Letterkenny Rovers v Donegal Town

## Results

Wednesday 3rd April

Temple Domestic Appliances Division One

Letterkenny Rovers 4-0 Cappry Rovers

Thursday 4th April

Temple Domestic Appliances Division One

Convoy Arsenal 1-3 Bonagee United

Saturday 6th

Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

Cappry Rovers Res 1-3 Strand Rovers

Glenea United Res 1-0 Fintown Harps AFC

Kildrum Tigers Res 4-0 Donegal Town Res

Oldtown Celtic 6-3 Arranmore Utd

St. Catherine's Res 3-0 Kilmacrennan Cel Res

Old Orchard Saturday Division Two

Copany Rovers 0-0 Castlefin Celtic Res

Drumbar United 3-2 Swilly Rovers Res

Drumoghill F.C. Res 2-4 Ramelton Mariners

Dunlewey Celtic 2-0 Gweedore Celtic Res

Milford Utd Res 4-2 Cranford Utd Res

Sunday 7th April

Brian Mc Cormick Sports Premier Division

Fanad United 3-0 Swilly Rovers

Keadue Rovers 1-1 Kilmacrennan Celtic

Milford United 3-1 St. Catherine's

Temple Domestic Appliances Division One

Donegal Town 4-4 Lagan Harps

Letterkenny Rovers 7-0 Cranford United

Brian McCormick Cup

Kildrum Tigers 4-0 Drumoghill F.C.

Ulster Shield

Culdaff F.C. 2-4 Keadue Rovers



Finn Harps, Shane McMonagle in action against UCD Luke O'Regan on Friday evening.

The response from the Harps management was to send on Sean O'Donnell and the Carndonagh man saw a header brilliantly kept out by Moore. Then a McNamee volley went wide. In time, a Conor Tourish strike was pushed away by Moore. Finn Harps - Conor Walsh; Conor Tourish, Jamie Watson, Matty Makinson, Noe Baba, Shane McMonagle (Chris Lotefa 85), Tony McNamee, David Cawley, Stephen Doherty (Ryan Rainey 16), Patrick Ferry (Sean O'Donnell 68), Success Edogun. Subs not used: Tim Heimer (Gk), Aaron McLaughlin, Luke O'Brien, Mark Mbuli, Max Johnston.

UCD - Kian Moore; Alex Dunne (Nial Holohan 46), Adam Wells, Harvey O'Brien (Donal Higgins 46), Sean Brennan, Mikey McCullagh, Mikey Raggett (Danu Kinsella-Bishop 46), Ciaran Behan, Harry Curtis, Luke O'Regan (Danny Norris 81), Jake Doyle (Colin Bolton 62). Subs not used: Dara Kavanagh (Gk), Ryan McBrearty.



# Successful workshop on Fanad Dunes



At the launch at the White Shore on Friday were from left, Cllr. Liam Blaney, Tricia Bradley, Marie Callaghan, Cllr. Donal Coyle, John Friel, Dr. Kevin Lynch, Declan Meehan and Aaron Sweeney.

sity explained the value of the dunes in protecting land and development from storm surges, wind and sea-level rise. He explained how the marram grass, the spiky tough plants growing in the dunes, trap the sand, eventually providing a protective blanket: that this cover is very sensitive to trampling by people and animals, apparently just ten tramlings is enough to kill a plant!

Once gone, the sand is exposed to wind blow and wave action. Erosion events can be dramatic, threatening land, property and roads. Landowners, local residents, Donegal Councillors and staff, NPWS and ACRES staff gathered for a full day at Rosknakil on Saturday.

The 'Beaches and Dunes for Climate Adaptation' workshop was delivered by Leave No Trace Ireland in partnership with the Climate Action Regional Office (CARO) at the University of Galway and facilitated by the Fanad Coastal Group.

After interactive workshops presenting the value of dunes; how they are formed and damaged; and what the future holds with climate change. The workshop looked at case studies around the coast of Ireland and discussed the issues affecting Fanad's dunes past and present.

The workshop concluded that Fanad is extremely fortunate in its current wealth of dunes and that has been due to the farming practices over the years - light grazing in winter only and fences to keep the animals off the dune edges.

Fanad also does not have the same pressure of development on the dunes, or affecting the sources of sand to feed the dunes and beaches, as at other challenged locations

However, there are hot spots of activity and dune damage and people are generally unaware of the fragility of the dunes. So it was agreed that an information programme will be developed and during the second workshop on 8th June pilot dune recovery plots will be placed on Ballyhiernan Bay.

The Fanad Coastal Group will be working



Even storm Kathleen failed to interrupt an impressive gathering on Friday for a launch on the White Shore and Saturday in Rosknakil Community Hub for the first of two workshops. The launch was attended by politicians including Sinn Féin's MEP Chris McManus, Deputy Padraig MacLochlainn, Joe McHugh, Cllr. Liam Blaney and Donal Coyle and local election candidates Maria Doherty, Declan Meehan and Aaron Sweeney as well as landowners from Ballyhiernan Bay. Dr Kevin Lynch, Coastal Geomorphologist at Galway Univer-

Pictured left is Deputy Joe McHugh at the Workshop in the Rosknakil Community Hub on Saturday.



Cllr. Liam Blaney, Sally Marie Donlon, Clodagh Walsh and Dr Kevin Lynch at the workshop.

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Dr Kevin Lynch, Coastal Geomorphologist at Galway University with participants at the conference in the Rosknakil Community Hub on Saturday.

with landowners, Donegal County Council, NPWS and Kevin Lynch to deliver and monitor this work. It is hoped that over time local students will help with monitoring the health of Fanad beaches and dunes.

Anyone seeking to become involved or wanting more information is encouraged to contact the Fanad Coastal Group in person or via their Facebook page.

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# Fanad

## Kerrykeel Yoga

Gentle Yoga Class with Jane - new 6 week block of classes beginning this Thursday 11th April. From 10.00-11.00am, €60 for 6 weeks, suits all levels, just bring a yoga mat.

## AGM

Fanad Active Group will be holding their AGM on this Thursday, 11th April at 7pm in the wee house at Tri a loch community centre. All welcome.

## Glenvar Clean Up

The Annual Glenvar Clean Up will

take place on Saturday 13th April commencing at 11.00am. Pickers, bags etc can be collected at the school.

Everyone is asked to come out and help.

## Antenatal Classes

Antenatal classes will commence on Wednesday 10th April for 4 weeks, 2-4pm. Venue is the Gallowglass Centre, Milford F92 CD51. For further information contact the public health nurses on 0749151527 Ramelton, 0749158322 Rathmullan or 9153108 Milford PHN.

## Yoga with Jane

Yoga with Jane classes restart after Easter, call her on 086 8367776 to book or for details or visit Jane Watt yoga on FB

Gentle Yoga in the Kerrykeel Oldschool Community Centre starting on this Thursday 11th April from 10-11am for 6 weeks and the cost is €60.

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Chris MacManus MEP, Maria Doherty and Pádraig Mac Lochlainn TD at Fanad Lighthouse with the Manager Eimear Ní Mhathúna during their visit last Friday.



Gael Fhánada U14's pictured at Mac Cumhaill Park last Wednesday

## Farmers need support amid weather challenges – Sweeney

Calls have been made for farmers in the Milford area to be supported in the face of weather conditions that are creating significant pressures for them. The call was made by local Fine Gael election candidate Aaron Sweeney who said a difficult autumn in 2023 and persistent rain this spring has delayed livestock turnout, disrupted spring plantings, and caused difficulties with other

fieldwork. Sweeney stated: "I know how important agriculture is to the local economy and Fine Gael is committed to delivering for rural Ireland and farmers. Right now, weather conditions are hammering farmer morale and we are moving into an unprecedented territory on farms. Farmers are acting responsibly but the reality is that the weather is preventing

livestock turnout, spring planting, and other fielding right across the country, including in Donegal.

"This is causing untold stress for farmers who are trying to manage a difficult situation. I welcome the pausing of all non-essential farm inspections until April 22nd to provide farmers with breathing space. We are in a position where every and all options to support

them need to be considered if these difficult conditions persist." He added that he was calling on the Government and "all actors in the sector" to come together to provide a coordinated response to the situation facing farmers.

Fine Gael Minister of State in the Department of Agriculture Martin Heydon said that any measure which could offer a reprieve for farmers until the conditions improve was being looked at.



Members of Kilmacrennan Mens Shed displaying their bowls after a very successful Woodturning course.

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### Cards in Glenvar

Cards continue in the Old School Glenvar every Thursday at 7pm. All welcome. Beginners welcome.

### Crochet and Needlework

Crochet and Needlework classes continue in the Old School Community Centre Kerrykeel on Wednesday evenings from 8-10pm. These classes are partly funded by ETB. For further information contact Kathleen 086 3486684.

### Grinds don Ghaeilge

Grinds available for all levels of students. Group rates available.

Contact 086 357 8503 for more information.

### Fanad Jujitsu Club

FANAD JUJITSU CLUB classes continue every Thursday in Rosnaskill Hall. 7-8pm national school age, 8-9pm secondary school age & adults. Come and learn practical self-defence and awareness in a safe and fun environment. Existing and new members welcome. For enquiries contact us via the club's Facebook page.

### Mulroy Hoops Basketball

Mulroy Hoops Basketball are back for the new season. Sessions in Rosnaskill on Friday as follows: U6's 5.15-6pm. U8's 6-7pm. U10's 8-9pm. Registration is open.

## Planning Notices

**Donegal County Council  
Aughnish, Ramelton,  
Letterkenny M.D.,**

I, Gavin McBride, am applying to Donegal County Council for Retention Permission for 1) Construction of Sun Room to Side of Existing Cottage, 2) Re-position of External Porch on Front Elevation of Existing Cottage during Renovation and Refurbishment Works of Existing Cottage, 3) Construction of Velux Rooflight to Front Elevation, 4) Conversion of Side Storage Shed into Living Accommodation, 5) Upgrade of Existing Septic Tank, 6) Excavation and Removal of substantial quantity of material from site, tip and level on land adjacent the Existing Cottage @ Aughnish, Ramelton, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Plan-

ning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant Permission.

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

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



**In Memoriam**



**Boyce**  
Nora  
Downings  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of Nora who died on 17th April 2023.

*Those we care about the most never truly leave us They live on through the kindness and love they brought into our lives.*

You are forever missed Aunt Nora by Hugh, Angela and family Aidan, Emma and Naoirse, Declan, Lynn, Charlie and Danny; Jason.



**McFadden**  
Peg (Margaret)  
4th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, sister and grandmother Peg who died on the 8th April 2018.

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

*May you continue to inspire us: to enter each day with a generous heart  
To serve the call of courage and love until we see your beautiful face again.  
(John O'Donoghue)*

Always remembered by your loving husband Hugh, daughters Mary, Mairead, Aine, Aileen and Jean, sons in law, grandchildren and extended family.



**Fries**  
Edward  
Kilmacrennan  
7th Anniversary

*Silent memories keep you near  
As time unfolds another year  
Seven years since you got the call  
Remembered every day by all.*

Sadly missed by wife Saria, sons Edward, Gerard and Aidan, daughter Marie, son-in-law Brian, daughter-in-law Liz, partner Noelle, grandchildren Jack, Kevin, Darragh, Caolan, Emma and Niamh.

**Anniversary Mass on Sunday 14th April at 11am in St. Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan.**

**Planning Notices**

**Donegal County Council Illion, Arranmore Island**

I, Andrew Dillon am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to 6 No. glamping pods with associated parking and connection to a wastewater treatment system and all other associated site development works at Illion, Arranmore Island, County Donegal in the townland of Illion. 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 will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

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 Locknacoe, Churchill, Letterkenny**

I, Amanda Gamble am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to change the house type of the previous granted planning under Ref:21/50773 including all other site development works at Locknacoe, Churchill, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Locknacoe. 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



**McHugh**  
Sarah  
Ramelton  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear sister and aunt who died on the 14th April 2023.

*You always had a smile to share  
Time to give and time to share  
A loving nature kind and true  
These are the memories we have of you.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your sister Kathleen, brothers, John, Mickey, nieces Edel and Colette, nephew Michael and extended family.

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton on Sunday 14th April at 11am.**

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 Aghnagaddy Glebe, Ramelton, Letterkenny**

I, Louise Edwards am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank and domestic garage including all other site development works at Aghnagaddy Glebe, Ramelton, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Aghnagaddy Glebe. 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 Carrigart, Letterkenny**

We, Cormac Walsh and Louise Walsh are applying to Donegal County Council for Retention Permission for



**Patterson**  
Patsy  
1 Bridgend, Ramelton  
5th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, Dad and Granda who died on the 13th April 2019.

*This is your anniversary  
You would not want a fuss  
Just to be remembered and loved by all of us  
God took your hand we had to part  
It eased your pain but broke our hearts  
A heart of gold, a love so true  
You touched the hearts of all you knew  
In God's care you rest above  
In our hearts you rest with love*

Never more than a thought away, loved and remembered every day by all the family.

**Anniversary Mass in St. Peter's Church, Milford on Sunday 14th April at 11am. Mass can be viewed on Churchservices.tvmilford.**

changes to our existing dwelling house carried out during construction of a rear extension at Carrigart, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Carrigart. 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 Creenasmear, Creeslough**

I, Cathal Sweeney am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank and domestic garage including all other site development works at Creenasmear, Creeslough, County Donegal in the townland of Creenasmear. The planning applica-



**McVeigh**  
Kate



**Friel**  
Ann - Marie

**26th Anniversary**

In loving memory of Kate who died on the 9th April and Ann - Marie who died on the 8th April 1998.

*You never said you were leaving  
you never said goodbye  
You were gone before we knew  
and only God knows why  
A million times we needed you  
a millions times we've cried  
If love alone could have saved you both  
you never would have died.*

*In life we loved you dearly  
in death we love you still  
In our hearts you both hold a place  
that no one could ever fill.  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
but you didn't go alone  
For part of us went with you  
that day God called you home.*

Loved and sadly missed by all the family. Xoxo

*Your presence we miss  
your memory we treasure  
Loving you both most of all  
forgetting you never.*

Always remembered by Steven, Paula, Adam, Shaun and Tegan. Xx

**Anniversary Mass will be held on Friday 12th April at 7pm in Massmount Chapel.**

tion 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 Drumnahoagh, Letterkenny**

I, Michael Donaghey am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to allow construction and demolition materials as well as tar planings to be imported for the purposes of filing the existing fill site and leave the area as a yard when filled, to include all other associated site development works at Drumnahoagh, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Drumnahoagh. 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 Upper Ray, Milford.**

I, Margaret McAteer, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the following: (1) Demolition of existing Mica defective block 2-storey dwelling house. (2) Construction of replacement 2-storey dwelling house with attic bedrooms and sanitary facilities. (3) Connection to existing foul system and public mains previously used by existing house and all associated site works. All above applied for the site at Upper Ray, Milford, Co. Donegal. This planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the office of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions or may refuse to grant permission.

**Acknowledgement**

**Carbery**

Niall  
Rathmullan / Fintown

Celine, Neil, Shauna and the extended Carbery family would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with us on our recent sad loss. We offer our sincere thanks to those who attended Niall's wake and funeral, sent Messages of Sympathy, Mass Cards and Donations for Donegal Hospice. A heartfelt thanks to our very kind friends and neighbors who brought food and helped out during the wake.

Thank you to the Rathford Health Centre, Dr. David Walsh and Heather, Public Health Nurses, Palliative Care Team and Donegal Hospice. Thank you to Stephen and Ann in Rathmullan Pharmacy and his home care team Sinead, Rachel, Patricia and Edel for their care and support to us as a family and to Niall during his illness.

A special thank you to Fr. Martin Collum for his many visits to Niall and for celebrating his funeral Mass. To Fr. Raymond McQuarry and Fr. James Friel for concelebrating the Mass.

To Eddie Moy and John McKenna Funeral Directors for their professional handling of the funeral arrangements. To Cathy O'Hara and Rita Gallagher for the beautiful music and singing. Thank you also to the grave diggers who prepared Niall's final resting place.

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

**Niall's Month's Mind Mass will be held on Friday 19th of April at 7pm in St. Joseph's Church Rathmullan.**

**Wilkie**

Sandy  
Tirhomin, Milford.



The family of the late Sandy Wilkie would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with us on our recent sad loss. We wish to thank all those who attended the wake and funeral, those who sent floral tributes, Mass cards, sympathy cards and expressed sympathies on-line and to those who travelled long distances to be with us. Thanks to all our kind neighbours and friends who helped during the wake.

Thank you to Dr. Mary Sweeney and the nurses in Mulroy Practice and the staff in Healthwise Chemist in Milford. Thanks to the carers who cared for Sandy in his last few days. Thanks to the Doctors, Nurses and staff at Letterkenny University Hospital and to the Palliative Care Nurses who came to our home.

Thanks to Fr. Steven Gorman and Rev. Susan Moore for their spiritual support throughout Sandy's sickness at home. Thank you to Fr. Steven for the beautiful Service, to the Choir and soloist Patrick Shields. Thank you to Patrick Sweeney Funeral Director and Paul for their professional service and dignified manner throughout the wake and funeral.

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

**The Month's Mind Mass will take place on Saturday 13th of April at 7.30pm in St. Peter's Church, Milford.**

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**In Memoriam**



**Buchanan**  
Mary  
Mount Marian,  
Milford  
15th Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear wife, mother and grandmother who died on the 14th April 2009. Also remembering PJ and Martin at this time.

*There's always something missing no matter what we do*  
*A constant sadness in our hearts, what's missing Mary is you*  
*And think of how you died, to think you could not say goodbye, before you closed your eyes*  
*Your presence we miss, your memory we treasure, loving you always and forgetting you never.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your husband Harry, son Jason, daughter-in-law Marianna and granddaughters Kellyann, Megan and Eimer.

Fondest Memories of Mary

*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.*

Sadly missed by your brothers and sisters and their families in Milford, Letterkenny and London.

*Quietly today your memory is kept*  
*No need for words we will not forget.*

Fondly remembered by Mary McHugh and family, Forquar, Milford.

In loving memory of Mary whose anniversary occurs at this time. St. Martin pray for her.

*Precious people are very few, that's why there was only one of you*  
*Nothing on earth could ever replace, the sound of your voice or the smile on your face.*

Always remembered by Sophia and Joe Harrison, Mount Marian.



**Boyce**  
Nora  
Downings  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear sister, sister-in-law and auntie who died on 17th April 2023.

*Sadly missed along life's way*  
*Quietly remembered every day*  
*No longer in our lives to share*  
*but in our hearts you are always there.*

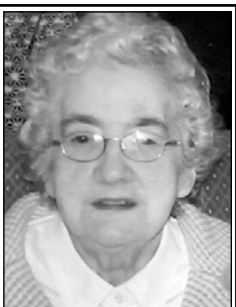
Loved and remembered by John and Tessie.

*Of all the special gifts in life, however great or small*  
*To have you in our lives was the greatest gift of all*  
*May the winds of love blow softly and whisper in your ear*  
*'We love and miss you auntie Nora and wish that you were here.'*

*A silent thought a secret tear, keeps your memory ever near.*

Greatly missed and lovingly remembered by all your nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews and extended family.

**Anniversary Mass in The Church of St. John the Baptist, Carrigart on Thursday 18th April at 7.00pm.**



**McBride**  
Teresa  
Umlagh, Carrigart  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of Teresa, who died on the 15th April 2023.

*Time passes memories stay*  
*Quietly remembered every day*  
*No longer in our lives to share*  
*But in our hearts where you are always there.*

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

**Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday 20th April 2024 in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart at 6pm.**



**Conaghan**  
Maureen  
Kilmacrennan Road,  
Milford  
4th Anniversary

Treasured and loving memories of a wonderful Mammy and Granny who passed away on 15th April 2020.

*We lost a Mammy and Granny with a heart of gold*  
*How much we miss you can never be told*  
*You shared our troubles and helped us along*  
*If we follow in your footsteps, we will never go wrong.*

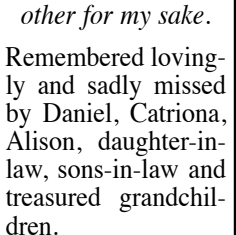
*We miss you from your fireside chair*  
*Your loving smile and gentle air*  
*Your vacant place no one can fill*  
*We miss you and always will.*

*You were a Mammy and Granny so very true*  
*Content in your home and always there*  
*On earth you toiled, in Heaven you rest*  
*God Bless you, you were one of the best.*

*Each time we look at your picture*  
*You seem to smile and say*  
*Don't be sad but courage take*  
*And love each other for my sake.*

Remembered lovingly and sadly missed by Daniel, Catriona, Alison, daughter-in-law, sons-in-law and treasured grandchildren.

**Anniversary Mass will take place in St. Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan on Saturday 13th April at 6.00pm.**



**Patterson**  
Patsy  
Bridge End,  
Ramelton  
5th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear brother

*Today like many other days brings special thoughts of you,*  
*Of a really wonderful brother, so kind, loving and sincerely true.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by sister Katie, Joe and family.



**Doherty**  
Charlie  
Mountain View,  
Carrick, Trentagh  
11th Anniversary

Treasured and loving memories of a wonderful husband and father who died 12th April 2013.

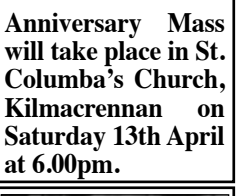
*Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for him.*  
*Time does pass and days fly by and life it's true goes on*  
*But every day and every night we think of you as your memory lives on*  
*We see it in the simple things in everything we do,*  
*The days spent now you're not with us doesn't mean you're gone it means that life is different now and we are trying to go on*

*The days have become weeks, months, years even the seasons have changed but we still talk about you daily and that will never change*

*The moment you left is stamped into our hearts but the years of love we will treasure forever wrapped around our hearts.*

Always remembered and forever missed, your loving wife Michelle, your sons Christopher, Charles, Shane and Anthony, their partners and your grandchildren.

**Anniversary Mass will take place in St. Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan on Saturday 13th April at 6.00pm.**



**McElwaine**  
Seamus  
Corry and Ballylar  
7th Anniversary

I ndíl cuimhne ar Sheamus a fuair bás ar an 16ú Aibreán 2017

*Our thoughts are always with you in a very special way*  
*Not only on your anniversary but every single day*

*I gconá inár gcuimhne, an teaghlach go léir.*

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 14th April at 11am in St. Mary's Church, Fanavolty.**



**Grier**  
Pearl  
Hillcrest, Ramelton  
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of Pearl who died on 11th April 2021

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

Sadly missed by your son Alastair, Monica and grandchildren Catherine, Adam and Andrew.



**McGarvey**  
Eddie  
New Mills,  
Ramelton  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of Eddie who died on 13th April 2023.

*Those we love we never lose for always they will be loved, remembered, treasured always in one memory.*

Sadly missed by his loving wife Eileen, son Christopher, daughter-in-law Elaine, grandchildren Christopher, Jake, Holly and Megan.

**Anniversary Mass will be held in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton on Saturday 13th April at 6.30pm.**

**Prayer for Publication**

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN (Never known to fail).

Oh Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me that herein You are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech You from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity. (Make request). There are none that can withstand Your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray 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. M.B.



**McBride**  
Mary  
Toragh, Glen  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of Mary, who died on the 20th April 2023.

*Our thoughts and love are with you in a very special way*  
*Not only on your anniversary but every single day.*

Lovingly remembered and always missed by your husband Kevin and son Tiarnán.

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

Fondly remembered by Mary's extended family in Carrigart, Milford, Sligo and London.

**Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, 20th April in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart at 6pm.**



**Rooney**  
Frank  
Kinnelargy,  
Downings  
17th Anniversary

*You should love one another as I have loved you.*

Always remembered in love and sadly missed by your daughters Margaret and Frances, son-in-law Michael and granddaughters Róisín and Sorcha.

**Anniversary Mass on Saturday 13th April at 6pm in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart.**

**Planning Notice**

Donegal County Council  
Ballyrairie Industrial Estate, Ballyrairie, Letterkenny

We, Kinnegar Brewing Ltd, intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission at a site at Ballyrairie Industrial Estate, Ballyrairie, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. The development relates to the construction of a 107m<sup>2</sup> storage extension to the rear of the existing unit and ancillary site works.

**Acknowledgement**

**Boyle**  
Charlie  
Kilmore, Church Hill  
9th March 2024



We, the family of the late Charlie Boyle, would like to thank most sincerely, all those who sympathised with us, on our recent sad loss. We offer our thanks to family, our many friends, great neighbours and everyone who attended the wake, funeral Mass and burial.

Thank you to everyone who sent Mass cards, sympathy cards and shared messages online. We appreciate all those who brought food and made tea during the wake, and those who helped manage the traffic at the wake and funeral.

Thank you to Mint and Bernard for their wonderful support and dedication to Charlie's care, the Public Health Nurses, the great care given by the Home Help Team over the past few years, to all the HSE specialists, to Eithne and IMNDA for all their support, to his doctor and palliative care team, Donegal Hospice night support and all the staff at Glencar Pharmacy.

Thank you to Fr Michael McKeever for attending the house during the wake, for the beautiful funeral Mass and presiding at the graveside.

Thanks to those who gave their time so generously to make the funeral Mass a true celebration of Charlie's life. We would particularly like to thank the choir for the beautiful music and singing which added so much to the funeral Mass.

Thank you to Charlie Mc Clafferty Funeral Directors, for their professional service and dignified manner throughout the wake and funeral. Thank you to Victor and the staff of Wilkin's Bar Church Hill who organised the refreshments after the burial.

Charlie was truly blessed to have had such love and support from the community, his former work colleagues and wide circle of friends who called to the house and kept him company during his illness.

**Charlie's Month's Mind Mass will take place on Saturday 13th April at 8pm in St. Colmcille's Church, Glendowan.**

**Peoples**  
George  
Leatbeg, Fanad



The family of the late George Lawson Peoples (Leatbeg) would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with us on the sad loss of a much-loved husband, father, grandfather and friend.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many friends and family who attended the funeral. For those who telephoned, travelled long distances, sent cards and messages of condolence, we are truly grateful.

Our thanks also for the many generous donations in lieu of flowers made to The Donegal Hospice and Parkinsons Ireland. We will be forever grateful for our neighbours and friends who have been an amazing support to us all, we are truly blessed to have such wonderful people who care about us.

A very special thank you to Dr McGuinness, Dr Gilligan and the whole team at Tamney Health Centre for your wonderful care and attention. Thank you to the home help team who looked after George so well over the last 2 years.

Thanks to McAteer Funeral Directors for all your help, advice and professionalism before and during the funeral.

A sincere thank you to Rev. Skuce and Rev. Griscome for the beautiful funeral service. Thanks to Kay Deane for providing the beautiful music and Valarie Gallagher for her care and kindness.

Thank you to Patricia Shiels and team who provided tea in the Church Hall after the funeral, it was much appreciated. Thanks also to Rev. Matchett for his prayerful support and visitations.

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

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 open 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.

**Tel. 074**  
**91 53600**



# Creeslough

## Mothers Union Spring Walk

The Mother's Union Spring walk followed by a soup lunch on Saturday 20th April at 12 midday. Come along and bring a friend. Your support would be



Fanad United player Oisín Langan pictured with his nephew Rian and nieces Abbie and Ilay with the Brian McCormick Donegal Premier League Cup.

greatly appreciated. All proceeds going to Mother's Union overseas literacy funds. Should you not wish to join in the walk you are most welcome to come and have lunch which will be served at 12.30pm.

## Muckish Drama Circle

Muckish Drama Circle will present their recent production "I Am the One For You" a 3 Act Comedy by Jimmy Keary in the Massinass Hall on Thursday 25th, Friday 26th and Saturday 27th April in the Massinass Hall in Creeslough with the curtain up each night at 7.30pm. Admission is €10 and tickets are on sale now. These promises to be three nights of great entertainment and everyone is welcome.

## St. Michael's Mini Lotto

The numbers drawn were: 6,8,9,14,17,19. The match 5 winners were Geri Dooan and Marie Carton, Dunmore Lane, Falcarragh who won €50 each. Marie bought her ticket online. This week's Jackpot will be €6000.

## Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the McBride family, Rockhill on the death of Tony McBride. Mass was celebrated in Holy Cross Church by Fr. Martin Dooan and Fr. John Joe Duffy and Tony was laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery. Sympathy is extended to Tony's wife, Sadie, sons Anthony, Neil Gerard and John Paul; sisters Marion and Ann; brothers Jim and Shaun, in-laws, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

## Creeslough Community Links Hub

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

## Country Market

Country Market is now open every Saturday until Halloween under the Green Marquee within the Market Square Dunfanaghy from 10a.m. until 1p.m. 50/50

Congratulations to Ian Campbell who won €360 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

## Two Hand & Line Dancing

Two hand & line dancing in Massinass Hall every Tuesday 8-10pm. Men & women welcome. No partner needed. Dance teacher is Ce-line. Beginners are very welcome.

## Shop and Coffee Dock

The shop and coffee shop at Ards Friary are closed for renovations. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.



Declan McGarvey with his daughter Gracie, Naomi and dad Hughie following Fanad United winning the Donegal Junior League Premier Division title on Sunday.



Fanad United two-goal hero Eddie O'Reilly with his parents Charles and Rose and brother Carlos after their back to back Donegal Junior League Premier Division titles on Sunday.



## SHEEP HAVEN

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## Shaun Dooan wins All Ireland Boxing Title

Congratulations to Shaun Dooan from Dunfanaghy Boxing Club who won the All-Ireland Boy 4 Championship in the National Stadium in Dublin beating John Murray, from Limerick in the Quarter Final, John Ward Monieca a

former European Bronze Medallist & All-Ireland Champion in the semi-finals. Shaun went on to beat Adrian Kepes from Dublin in the final on Thursday to win the Boy 4 70KG Class.

This is a great achievement for Shaun and for his coaches where he joins an long and illustrious number of boxers from the Club who have won All Ireland titles over the years.

Congratulations also to Dunfanaghy Boxing Club Member Conor McFadden who has won the Michael Durning Memorial Award for Best Boy 1 Boxer at the Donegal Championships. Conor was presented with his trophy by Michael's son Patrick on Monday.



Shaun is pictured with Dunfanaghy Boxing Club Coaches Eddie and Joe Harkin.

### Memoriam Cards



Contact  
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074 91 53600



Conor McFadden pictured with Patrick Durning and Dunfanaghy Club Coach Joe Harkin.

## A Voice For You

### Cllr Michael McClafferty

Glenties Electoral Area Councillor

Cathaoirleach of Glenties Municipal District



Election Candidate in local Elections June 2024

Please contact me on any issues in the our constituency

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Email: [michaelmcclafferty@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:michaelmcclafferty@donegalcoco.ie)

## Aisling Arnold, new Chair of Hotels Federation

Congratulations to Aisling Arnold, General Manager of Arnolds Hotel, Dunfanaghy who has been elected the new Chair of the Donegal Branch of the Irish Hotels Federation (IHF), which represents hotels and guesthouses across the County. A fourth-generation hotelier and member of the IHF's National Council, Aisling brings extensive experience to the role of Branch Chair. Having been actively involved in the running of Arnolds Hotel since 2013, Aisling took over the role of General Manager in 2016 and the Hotel which in recent years celebrated its centenary is a popular destination for tourists travelling the Wild Atlantic Way.

She previously worked as a Chartered Accountant with Deloitte and has acted as a consultant on a number of privately owned businesses and for clients of the Local Enterprise Office in Donegal. Aisling is a graduate of Ulster University and



Aisling Arnold from Arnolds Hotel ATU Donegal.

## Roadway glass dumping concerns - McClafferty

An increase in glass being dumped along public roadways is posing a danger to motorists and cyclists alike, it is claimed.

Glenties Area Cllr, Michael McClafferty, raised the matter saying he fears the problem is getting worse and it is a situation that could be easily solved if motorists took more care in recycling and disposing of glass and other items for their vehicles.

He said he is asking people to be "respectful of other road users" after he observed an increase in glass

bottles being thrown from cars along local roads.

He stated: "Please use the recycling facilities we have available for bottles, cans and bins for rubbish. How many of us travel along the N56 daily and see broken glass causing punctures and even blowouts, not only for vehicles but also our cyclists. It's coming into tourist season again for our beautiful Donegal - let's show our visitors how proud we are of our County. Please bring your rubbish home or use the facilities provided to us".



# Dunfanaghy

## 24th Dunfanaghy Donegal Scouts

A big thank you goes out to the bed pushers, collectors, traffic controllers and the kind people who donated money towards our bed push from Creeslough to Dunfanaghy on Easter Monday. Thank you from all at 24th Donegal Dunfanaghy Scouts.

## Mothers Union Spring Walk

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April at 12 midday. Come along and bring a friend. Your support would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds going to Mother's Union overseas literacy funds. Should you not wish to join in the walk you are most welcome to come and have lunch which will be served at 12.30pm.

## Holy Trinity Bowling Club

The Men's Singles Competition was played recently and the winner was Kevin Carolan. The runner up was Fred McKinley. Holy Trinity Bowling Club Dunfanaghy



Pictured are groups of golfers who took part in the recent Golf Classic at Dunfanaghy Golf Club organised by Dunfanaghy Youths Football Club.



## Cloughaneely

### Junior Band Notes

There was no jackpot winners in the Band Lotto last weekend, and the winning numbers were 1-3-7-9-14-17. Seamus Doherty, Sheila Darcy, Aoife Coyle shared the prize and received €35 each. This week's jackpot is €7150.

### Pobail Le Cheile

The annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th April at 6pm at Garradh Cholmcille.

ARTSPACE Spring Art Exhibition was launched on Friday night. Thank you to all the local artists who are taking part in

our Spring Exhibition-Seamus Doohan, Kathleen Sharkey, Brendan Sweeney, John Connaghan and Nóirín Ní Mhianáin. Drama Group for children with Nora Kavanagh on Monday's from 6pm-7pm. Singing Group with Candy from the Song House on Tuesdays at Garradh Cholmcille 7-9pm.

The Donegal Parent and Family Support Service can help on issues that are affecting home life through a listening ear, one-to-one support and a drop-in clinic at Garradh Cholm Cille on Wednesdays. For further information please call Josephine Meehan, the local Parent Support Worker 086 067 5184. Josephine.meehan@

finnvalleyfrc.ie Paisti Le Chéile Parent and Toddler Group on Thursdays at Garradh Cholm Cille from 10.30am-12pm.

Fáilte Isteach English Conversation group meets at Garradh Cholmcille on Fridays from 10.30am-12noon.

IT SERVICES: If you need any IT assistance our IT Worker Willie will assist you Monday - Friday 12noon-4pm.

Drama Group for children with Nora Kavanagh will start back next Monday 15th April.

**Cloughaneely Appreciation Award** Attention all clubs and volunteer groups in Cloughaneely! Sports, culture, chari-

ties etc. We would like to celebrate the efforts of all involved on Friday 19th April... If you haven't heard from us and would like to be included, please get in touch with us by emailing the following info Club/ Group name. Contact person and number. Short description of club/ group activity. Photo which represents your group or activity. This is an over-18s event (which will include those who coach or run events for young people) clochcf2024@gmail.com.

### Cros Cnoc na Naomh

Buíochas to everyone who contributed to the recent Church Gate Collection for Cros Cnoc na Naomh. A total of €673

was collected.

### Pobal Eascarrach

Pobal Eascarrach are looking for new committee members to help continue with the running of the Resource Centre. If you feel that you have new skills and ideas, please contact us.

Line Dancing with Margaret each Thursday at 10.30a.m. Cost €3. Art Class with Owenie Ó Duibhir through Irish every Thursday from 7-9pm. Fee: €5 per class. Register at pobaleas@gmail.com or 9180571.

### Thursday Café

Come in for a coffee or a cup of tea in Aras Begley 10-11.30am every Thursday.



The St. Michael's U-10s who played Termon at The Bridge last Saturday.

presents their annual Singles Tournament The Bill McKinley Singles Shield in the Ozanam Centre with the Qualifying Nights on Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th and Friday the 12th April with the Finals Night

being held on Saturday the 13th April.

### Country Markets

The Dunfanaghy Country Market has reopened for the season and are under the Green Gazebo every Saturday from 10am until 1pm. 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 Molly's Bar this Thursday night the 11th of April in aid of the Festivals Committee.

### Family Resource Centre

An Introduction to the Basis of using a Sewing Machine. Do you have a sewing machine at home?

Never use it and don't know how? Then bring your machine along. Starting on Monday 29th April, 2.15 - 4.15pm at Dunfanaghy Family Resource, for 6 weeks. Cost €30.

### Shared Reading

Listen to stories and poems aloud and

share your thoughts over Tea and Biscuits. The next meeting is Friday 12th April, 7.15 - 8.45pm, €5 per person.

To register your interest please contact us at Dunfanaghy FRC Email: dunfresource@gmail.com. Phone 074 9136548 or 083 0730714.



Golfers in conversation with Packie Bonner at the Dunfanaghy Youths Golf Classic.



Young Dunfanaghy Youth players pictured with Packie Bonner at the recent Golf Classic.

## Cloughaneely Darts Final

The Cloughaneely and District Darts Cup final took place on Thursday last as league runners up and firm final favourites Teac Bhillie A made the short trip from Gortahork to Falcarragh to face off with the defending champions Shamrock B on their home patch. Martin Ferry faced off against the formidable David Flood in the opener, with the leagues top 180 hitter getting off to the races quickly to seal a 3-0 win with Martin suffering from some untimely bounce outs. John Paul Reddan had an even tougher test as he met the Tony McCauley trophy winner John Flood. John was up to speed just as quick as son David as he claimed a second point for Billies 3-0 as they made an ominous start to the match.

Shamrock B number one Pat McGeady took on Ballyboes's finest Paul Ferry in the third match, with the match swinging back and forth until a final leg decider where Pat got off to a flyer, leaving double 11 after 12 darts but some missed doubles allowed Ferry his chance to seal the point but he also couldn't put the winner away. After a series of nail biting visits, Pat clipped double 4 to get the Shamrock men on the board. The two captains squared off in the final singles match, as James Doohan was on his A-game to dispatch counterpart Damien Whoriskey 3-0 to tie the match up at 2-2.

To the doubles next, where Martin Ferry and James Doohan took on the Flood pairing in the first game and after getting off to a strong start in claiming the

first leg against the darts, the Shamrock men then wired two at tops to claim an impressive win. Unimpressed and unflustered by what had gone before, John Flood coolly slotted 112 away to send it to a deciding leg. A slow start in the last leg from the Shamrock men was punished in no short order by the father and son combo as they put Billies into the lead once more.

With the Shamrock men now reliant on Pat McGeady and John Paul Reddan to keep the game alive, they showed no signs of pressure as the confidently saw off Damien Whoriskey and Paul Ferry 2-0 to send the match to a deciding leg of 1001.

With all four players from both teams ready for action, the game had an uneventful start before the Shamrock men sprang to life to score 4 consecutive visits of 100+ to build a lead of over 300 points. Despite the relentless efforts of John Flood to whittle the lead down, the Shamrock men were first to a double with Pat McGeady missing tops with last dart in hand. Damien Whoriskey set the Billies men up on 105 before Doohan toed the oche, knowing that with John Flood waiting in the wings this was most likely the last opportunity and after making a complete mess of his first two at tops, he just about held it together to hit the very bottom corner of double 10 to spark wild celebrations from the Shamrock side.

Congratulations to the Shamrock B on winning back to back Cups and commiserations to the Teac Bhillie A men who narrowly lost out in one of the best cup finals of recent years.



Cloughaneely and District Darts Cup Winners Shamrock B pictured with the Cup from left to right John Paul Reddan, Pat McGeady, James Doohan and Martin Ferry.





Scenes from the 5km Railway Walk in aid of Mental Health Ireland and Jigsaw organised by Dunfanaghy Youths at the Muckish Railway Walk on Bank Holiday Monday. A total of €1,530 was split between the two charities.



# GAA Club News

## St. Michael's

### All County Leagues

The Seniors and Reserves were at home to old rivals Glenswilly on Saturday. Both matches were played during Storm Kathleen and were played in stormy conditions and it's a credit to both sets of players for putting on an entertaining match which ended in a draw 1-4 to 0-7 with a last minute point from Michael Murphy ensuring a draw for the visitors.

St Michael's scorers: Calvin Murray 1-0; Michael McGinley 0-2; Eoghan Kelly 0-1, 1f; Edward O'Reilly 0-1.

St Michael's: Mark Anthony McGinley; Jamie Hunter, Liam Paul Ferry, Chris McElhinney; Eoghan Kelly, Ciaran Kelly, Ethan Ferry; Paddy McGinley, Colin McFadden; Kyle McGarvey, Martin McElhinney, Calvin Murray; Edward O'Reilly, Michael McGinley, Max Roarty. Subs: Anton McFadden for Ferry (25), Martin Breslin for Murray (half-time), Packie O'Neill for O'Reilly (60) Murray for C McElhinney (60+4). The Reserves were defeated 0-4 to 1-3.

The St. Michael's Team was: Dylan O Toole, Seamus Ferry, Tomas O Donnell, Brandon McColgan, Tommy Doherty, Kit Regan, Callum Finnegan, Brendan Devine, Andy Ward, Ethan Doherty, Stephen Coyle, Conor Carroll, Packie O Neill, Dean Fleming, Peter Sweeney. Subs: Aiden McFadden (for Brandon McColgan) Robbie Murray (for Packie O Neill) John Flynn.

St. Michael's Scorers: Packie O'Neill 0-2, Ethan Doherty and Stephen Coyle 0-1 each.

Both teams are away to Aodh Rua in Ballyshannon on this Sunday at 5pm and 6.30pm.

### Good Luck

Good luck to our new reserve manager Dean Fleming who has taken over the reins from Michael McFadden

### Mini Lotto

The numbers drawn were: 6,8,9,14,17,19. The Match 5 winners were Geri Dooan and Marie Carton Dunmore Lane Falcarragh who won €50 each. Marie bought her ticket online. This week's Jackpot will be €6000.

### Minors

The Minors showcased their prowess on Monday securing their second victory of the season against Naomh Mhuire Convoy 2-07 to 1-07.

The pivotal moments of the match were marked by goals from D. McLaughlin and O. McNulty, injecting momentum into St. Michael's gameplay at crucial junctures. Leading by a narrow margin at halftime, courtesy of early points from M. Gallagher and E. Ferry, the team displayed resilience and composure in the face of fierce opposition. As the second half unfolded, points from J. Lafferty, E. McTeague, and F. Chernick ensured St. Michael's maintained their edge.

The team was: Ned Sweeney Aidan Alcorn, Conor Durning, Cormack Gill, Ryan Teye, Seamus Ferry, Aidan McFadden, Ethan Ferry 0-2, Fionn Chernick, Oisín McNulty 1-0, Jamey Lafferty 0-1, Michael Gallagher 0-2, Shay Sweeney, Donal Mc Laughlin 1.0, Robbie Murray. Subs used Michael Sheridan, Oisín Curran & Eamon McTeague 0-1.

### Under 16's

Well done to the Under 16's who had a good victory over Naomh Mhuire on Monday winning 1-09 to 1-06.

### Under 12's

U12s first competitive game is on this Friday away to St Eunan's at 6.30pm.

### Under 12 Girls

Our u-12 girls train Wednesday and Friday at 6.15 for 6.30pm start.

### Underage

U14s also start against Gaoth Dobhair on 8th June. U-10s who played Termon at the bridge last Saturday. With a great turnout of 32 kids, played a total of 12 games on 4 different pitches.

### Results

#### Boys u16 NRB D2

St Michaels 8.10 Gleann Fhinne 0.5

#### Boys U18 NRB D3

St Michaels 2.7 St Mary's Convoy 1.7

#### Boys U14 NRB D2

St. Michael's 11.7 St Eunans 4.3

#### Girls u16 All County D3

St. Michael's 2.13 Gleann Fhinne 1.9.

### Fixtures

#### Friday 12th Boys NRB D1 R1

St Eunans v St. Michaels 6.30pm

#### Girls u12

St Michaels v Naomh Mhuire 6.30pm.

#### Saturday 13th Girls U14

St Michaels v Letterkenny Gaels 10.30am

#### Monday 15th

St Eunans v St Michaels 6pm.

## Glenswilly

Senior and Reserve Men travelled to The Bridge on Saturday. It very tough conditions the reserves posted

a second win 1-4 to 0-4. The seniors went in at half-time 6 points down after playing against the wind. A strong second half performance earned them a draw on a scoreline of 1-4 to 0-7.

This week's fixture is home to Gweedore on Saturday at 5pm and 6.30pm

### Minor Board

The minor boys welcome Gaoth Dobhair to Páirc Nh Columba on Monday 15th April at 7pm.

The U12 boys are home to Termon on Friday 12th April, throw in 6.30pm.

### Ladies Board

The Senior Ladies host Urris on Sunday the 14th April, throw in 10.30am.

### 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 Danny Rodgers who won €485!

## An Tearmainn

### Ladies

The Termon senior ladies continued on their winning ways on Sunday beating Glenfin 2-11 to 0-5 at the Burn Road. Jodie McFadden scored 1-5, Maria bagged the other goal as Evelyn McGinley, Roisin McCafferty, Shannon McLaughlin and Ciara McGarvey all chipped in with points. Geraldine McLaughlin also made a welcome return to action. Kate McCafferty made her senior debut and it was a first game for the panel's newest addition Megan Ryan.

### Minor

The minor men picked up another solid win in the league on Monday beating Sean MacCumhails 2-13 to 1-1. It was an all round great team effort from start to finish, with some great performances from Eoin Gallagher, Dylan McFadden and Oran Gallagher. The goals were scored by Rian Nibbs and Caolan Curran. Shea Boyle was in fine form with 4 points from play and James Olson, Ciaran Cassidy and Shaun Storey also chipped in with some lovely scores.

Hard luck to our U14 boys who were knocked out in the semi final stage of the Comortas Peile na Gaeltachta against Cloughaneely.

Congratulations to Caelan McTaggart who made his U15 county debut against Derry.

The U14B team had a 2 point win over Letterkenny Gaels to start their league campaign.

### Men

It was a difficult afternoon for both men's sides who lost their respective Division 2 games to Bunrana on Sunday. Both will look to bounce back this weekend against Naomh Mhuire.

### Fixtures

12/04/2024 U12 Boys V. Glenswilly @ 6.39pm (Away)

12/04/2024 U16 Boys V. Kilcar @ 6.45pm (Away)

13/04/2024 Reserve Men V. Nh Muire Rosses @ 5pm (Home)

13/04/2024 Senior Men V. Nh Muire Rosses @ 6.30pm (Home)

14/04/2024 Senior Ladies V. Naomh Conaill @ 10.30am (Away)

### Mothers & Others

Gaelic for Mothers and Others returns on April 12th, all ladies over 25 welcome to join in the fun and games each Friday evening at the Burn Road, no previous footballing experience required, Call Declan on 086 202 9851 for further details.

### Lotto

Lotto Results 7/4/2024 - No's drawn 3,11,12,28. There was no winner of the €1600 Jackpot. There were five Match 3 winners of €20 each - Brian Trearty, Tony Steel, Paul Gallagher, Patrick Sweeney, Helena and Astrid. The Quick Pick €10 winner was Paddy Boyle. Next week's Jackpot is €1650 Next draw takes place on Sunday 14th April.

### Bingo

Bingo this Friday continues at An Craoibhin, €4500 in prizes.

## Chloich Cheann Fhaola

### Cupa Faoi 16 an Chontae - Roinn 3

Our U16 boys had a good win over Naomh Buid.

### Comhghairdeas

Congratulations to Donnachadh Ó Baoighill who played for the Donegal minors picking up three points in their win over Fermanagh.

### Cuidiú de dhíth

Tá muid ag lorg cuidiú le glanadh a dhéanamh thart ar an chlubtheach agus taobh istigh de ar an Satharn 13 Aibreán @ 4i.n. Má tá tú ar fáil cur gloach ar Shaun Maguire ar 087 220 0715.

### Buiochas

We would like to thank Caolán Ferry, Patrick Dooan, Lorcan McGee, Ciaran O'Donnell, Aine Dooan, Eibhlín Uí Scanláin and Denise Ní Laoire Uí

Cheallaigh who were out selling lotto tickets at the weekend.

### An tSraith Roinn a 2 - Sinsir

Cloich Cheann Fhaola: 1-4 Na Cealla Beaga: 0-9

### An tSraith Roinn 2 - Foirne Tacaíochta

Cloich Cheann Fhaola: 1-6 Na Cealla Beaga: 2-4

### Sraith Faoi 16 an Tuaiscirt - Roinn 2

Our U16 boys had a great win over Aodh Rua, Cúl na gCurraidín.

### Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Faoi 14

Our U14 boys had a good win over An Tearmann.

### Sraith Faoi 18 an Tuaiscirt - Roinn 1

Our minor boys had a good win over Gaoth Dobhair.

### Campa Cásca

Chriochnaigh ár gCampa Cásca agus bhain na páistí uilig sult as cuimse as. Ba mhaith linn ár mbuiochas a ghabháil le na páistí uilig a d'fhreastal air agus na tuismitheoirí as a dtacaíocht.

Tá muid thar a bheith buíoch do Pleanáil Teanga Chloich Cheann Fhaola as an tacaíocht a thug siad dúinn leis an champa a réachtáil. Tá muid iontach buíoch do Pobalscoil

Chloich Cheannfhaola-Official as a gcuid áiseanna a chur ar fáil dúinn. Tá moladh mór tuille ag comhordaitheoir an champa, Caolán Ó Fearraigh agus a chuid ceannairí uilig.

### Sraith Faoi 14 an Tuaiscirt - Roinn 3

Bhí bua iontach ag an fhoireann Faoi 14 ar Bhun Cranncha. Our U14 boys had a great win over Bun Cranncha.

### Lotto

The numbers drawn were 2,7,11,15,16,18. We had 5 match 5s. Congratulations to Séanna Jackson who wins €100. The jackpot is now €6,550.

### Sraith Faoi 16 na gCailíní - Roinn 4

Our U16 girls had a great win over Naomh Muire, Íochtar na Rosann.

### Sraith Faoi 18 an Tuaiscirt - Roinn 1

CCF: 1-4 Gleann tSúilí: 0-9

## Baile na nGalloglach

### Lotto: 2/4/24

Numbers : 2-19-21-24 No Jackpot winner. €50 Lucky Dip winner is Oisín Roberts/Mc Nulty, Carrigart.

### LOTTO ROTA:

Sat 13th April, Maple, Milford - U14 Girls.

### RESULTS AND FIXTURES

#### Senior Men

Our Seniors recorded a good home win against Red Hughs on a scoreline of 1-7 to 4 points. The Reserves came up short in a competitive game with Red Hughs 0-6 to 0-9. We now travel to Mountcharles to play St Nauls on Sunday (14th) with the Reserves throwing in at 1.30pm and Seniors at 3pm.

#### U16 Boys

Our U16 boys were beaten by St Eunans in a very competitive match on a scoreline of 1-15 to 3-6 last Friday. We host Sean Mac Cumhails on Friday evening (12th).

#### U16 Girls

Our U16 girls had a good win against Letterkenny Gaels last week - they now host Merville next Tuesday (16th) and St Eunans the following Tuesday (23rd) at home with throw-in both days at 7pm.

#### U14 Boys

Our U14 boys started their League campaign last Wednesday with the Red team having a good win away to Downings and the Blue team were beaten at home to a strong Red Hughs team. The boys travel to Gweedore on Wednesday (9th) to play in the Gaeltacht semi-final.

#### U12 Boys

Our U12 boys got their league campaign started this week with the Blue team at home to Mac Cumhails on Friday evening (12th). The boys travelled to Portsalon on Monday evening for a challenge game - thanks to Fanad Gaels for hosting a competitive game. Training continues in Ray Astro on Mondays from 5.45 -7pm.

#### U10 Girls

Our U10 girls return to training in Moyle Park, Milford on Friday 12th April from 5.45 to 6.45.

#### U8 Girls

The U8 girls return to training in Moyle Park, Milford on Friday 12th April from 5.45 to 6.45.

## Naomh Adhamhnáin

### Senior Football (Men)

St Eunans were at home to Naomh Columba in Round 2 of the All-County Football League on Sunday April 7th. The Reserves got the day of to a good start by beating their opponents 3-8 to 2-8 in Blustery conditions at O'Donnell Park.

### Senior Men

In a closely contested first half St Eunans Senior team held a slender 1-point lead going into the half time break. Darragh Cunningham caused the home team problems early in the game while Conor O'Donnell hit some difficult frees given the conditions leaving the scoreline St Eunans 0:4 - 0:3 Naomh Columba at the break.

St Eunans got the first scores of the second half and after 14 minutes David Boyle scored the only goal of

the contest after Naomh Columba's goalkeeper Shane O'Gara saved a goal bound effort from Eoin McGeehan with Boyle burying the rebound into the net. It should be noted that the Naomh Columba goalkeeper made some excellent saves throughout the game.

St Eunans controlled the last quarter of the game and ran out winners 1:8 to Naomh Columba's 0:6. St Eunans scorers; Conor O'Donnell 0-4 (3f); David Boyle 1-1; Dylan Doogan 0-2; Eoin McGeehin 0-1.

This weekend our Seniors and Reserves play Sean MacCumahills in Mac Cumhaill Park on Sunday April 14th at 1.30pm and 3pm.

### Easter Camp

Thanks to all who attended our Easter Camp last week, over 120 Children attended, and the feedback was very positive. Huge thanks go to our senior men's and ladies players who were lead coaches over the 3 days and to the many U14/U16 players who ably assisted the lead coaches. Special thanks to Eddie Brennan who planned and led the whole successful event.

### Club Lotto

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

### Under 18 (Boys)

Division 3 - St Eunans V St Michaels - Monday April 15th at 6pm in O'Donnell Park.

Division 1 - St Eunans V Termon - Monday April 15th at 7.15pm in O'Donnell Park.

### Under 16 (Boys)

Our Under 16 boys' Division 1 team had a good win at home to Milford last Friday April 5th. Final score St Eunans 1-15 3-6 Milford

All County U16 Div 5A - Downings v St Eunans - Tuesday April 9th at 6.45pm in Pairc Na nDunaibh.

All County U16 Div 1 - St Eunans v Carndonagh - Tuesday April 9th at 6.45pm in O'Donnell Park

Division 3 - Fanad Gaels v St Eunans - Friday April 12th at 6.30pm in Fanad.

### 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 Hurling (Men)

St Eunans Senior men's opening league game away to Sean MacCumhails was cancelled on Friday night due to the condition of the pitch. This Friday April 12th our senior hurlers are at home in O'Donnell Park to Carndonagh starting at 7pm.

### Minor Hurling

St Eunans Play Setanta on Thursday April 11th in O'Donnell Park at 6.30pm

## Na nDunaibh

### Torthaí Lotto

Torthaí lotto ó oíche Luain is chuaigh thart. Na huimhreacha a tarraingíodh ná: 3 22 27 agus 28. Char bhain duine ar bith an pota óir agus cha raibh na trí uimhir ach ag an duine amháin agus b'é sin James Mac Giolla Chearra agus gheobhann seisean an €150. Tá €6,100 sa phota óir don chéad tarraingt eile.

### Bingo

Thig na leabhartai Bingo a fháil ar líne ag: nadunaibh.ie/bingo go dtí 1 a chlog Dé Sathairn.

### Peil na Sinsir

Bhí foireann na bhfear sa bhaile tráthnóna Dé Sathairn in éadan Mhálainne agus leoga chan tráthnóna a bhí ann a dtiocfaí peil a imirt bhí an ghaoth chomh láidir sin. Bhí na Dúnaibh 'un tosaigh le 4 phointe ag leatham ach dhruid Málainn an bhearna de réir a chéile agus bhí buaidh de 2 phointe ag Málainn ag deireadh.

Bhí an bhuaidh ag Málainn fosta sa chluiche idir na foirne tacaíochta. Beidh na Dúnaibh as baile ag deireadh na seachtaine seo in éadan Nn Conaill.

Cha raibh cluiche ar bith ag foireann na mban ag deireadh na seachtaine 's chuaigh thart ach beidh siad as baile maidin Dé Domhnaigh in éadan Aodh Ruadh, Béal Atha Seannaigh.

### An Cháisc leis na Réalta Móra.

Buiochas mór d'achan duine a rinne freastal ar an champa Samhraidh, go háirithe Niamh Nic Lochlainn, Peadar Mogan, Niamh Carr, Oisín Galen, Shane McGuigan agus Conor Glass a fuair am ón sceideal gnoitheach atá acu le cuidiú leis an mhuintir óga. Buiochas do na coachálaithe uilig a chuidigh le linn na seachtaine.

### Traenáil.

Liosta iomlán de laetha traenála agus amanna le fáil ar líne: <https://nadunaibh.ie/amchlar/>

### Ulster GAA.

Beimid ar ais sna Dúnaibh i mbliana! Cúrsa De Faoite, our Gaeltacht residential returns this July. Bigé linn! GAA Gaeilge. Register here <https://forms.office.com/e/zM4EarAbkX>

### Socraithe do na Cluichí.

Déardaoin 11ú Aibreán 6pm

Faoi 8 Na Dúnaibh i.e Baile na nGalloglach.

Dé hAoine 12ú Aibreán 6.30pm

Gasúraí Faoi-12 Na Dúnaibh i.e Naomh Adhamhnáin.

7pm Gasúraí Faoi-18 Na Dúnaibh i.e Naomh Adhamhnáin



Donegal Junior Football League

## Milford look to avoid automatic relegation in Gweedore

Avoiding defeat will see Milford Utd give themselves a lifeline to survival in the Premier Division next season but that will be a big ask away from home against Gweedore Celtic who need to win to stay in the top flight. Sunday's game at An Screaban is effectively a relegation decider. While manager Noel Gillespie knows that a draw will suffice because of a slightly better goal difference he won't want to take the chance of sitting back and allowing the hosts to control the game.

Gillespie says the win over St. Catherine's at Moyview on Sunday has given the players a lift after a difficult season. "The victory over St. Catherine's has definitely given the boys a boost and they want to see the season out now and stay in the Premier. But, that won't be easy. We have to get over Gweedore first and it's never easy down there. If we do manage that on Sunday we will have

to win the relegation play-off on the Bank Holiday Sunday at the start of May to stay up. That could be Bonagee but at the minute it looks more like Donegal Town" Gillespie said.

Gweedore are two points behind Milford as the Donegal Junior League Premier Division draws to a close this Sunday. They simply have to win to move into the relegation play-off spot. A draw will do the same for Milford. While the official game kicks-off time is at 1.00 both sides were looking for a midday start which is expected to get the green light later in the week. Castlefin Celtic are already relegated. In other Premier games on the final day Kildrum Tigers host champions Fanad United while at the Flagpole Rathmullan Celtic take on Kilmacrennan Celtic. Swilly Rovers finish their season at home in Ramelton against Keadue Rovers.

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Dé Domhnaigh 14ú Aibreán. 12.00

Peil na mBan: Aodh Ruadh i.e na Dúnaibh.

13.30 Foirne Tacaíochta: Naomh Conaill i.e na Dúnaibh.

15.00 Sinsear: Naomh Conaill i.e na Dúnaibh.

### Floodlights Fundraiser

A meeting will take place in the GAA Centre on Tuesday at 7pm to discuss our upcoming Ball Drop Fundraiser. In order for this to go ahead we require help in different areas so we are asking as many of you as possible to come along to the centre on Tuesday evening. Ádh mór ar na peileadóirí uilig atá ag imirt le foirne contae le linn na seachtaine.

### Ticéidí

Daoine a bhfuil ticéidí a dhíorthu don chluiche i gcaobh Uladh idir Dún na nGall agus Doire caithfidh siad ordú a chur isteach chuig an Rúnaí, Gráinne ar téacs roimh nó ar an Chéadaoin 10ú Aibreán 12pm. Beidh na clubanna ag fáil líon teoranta ticéidí don seantán. Luach na dTicéad. Seantán: €25 Ina Sheasamh €18 Mic Léinn/ Pinsinéirí €15 Daoine Óga €5.

### Comhghairdeas

Comhghairdeas le Tanya Roberts Browne, atá ceaptha ag Jarlath Burns mar chathaoirleach ar ghrúpa oibre na gcaothair rotha don Iománaíocht/Camogie. Seo mar aitheantas ar a ceannaireacht agus a tiomantas ag cur chun cinn uileghabhálachta (inclusivity) i spóirt.

### Gaeil Fhanada

#### Lotto Results 07/04/2024

Numbers: 3, 7, 11, 20, 22. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Marian Heraghty. This week's Jackpot: €5,950.

#### National Club Draw

Thanks to everyone who supported us in our National Club Draw Fundraiser and the five winners are

€100 - Margery Callaghan, Kerrykeel

€100 - Grace McElwaine, Cooladerry

€100 - Noel Gibbons, Aughadreana

€100 - Ciarán McConigley, Corry

€100 - Patrick McGrory, Kerrykeel

#### Cluichí na Seachtaine

Dé hAoine, 12ú Aibreán

Buachaillí Faoi 12

Gleann Fhinne v Gaeil Fhánada @ 6:00

Buachaillí Faoi 16

Gaeil Fhánada v Naomh Adhamhnáin @ 6:30

Dé Domhnaigh, 14ú Aibreán

Peil na mBan - Sraith Roinn 1

Naomh Muire v Gaeil Fhánada @ 10:30

Sraith Roinn 2 - Cluiche Tacaíochta

Bun Cranncha v Gaeil Fhánada @ 1:30

Sraith Roinn 2 - Sinsear

Bun Cranncha v Gaeil Fhánada @ 3:00

Dé Luain, 15ú Aibreán

Buachaillí Faoi 18

Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn v Gaeil Fhánada @ 7:00

Dé Máirt, 16ú Aibreán

Cailíní Faoi 16

Naomh Colmcille v Gaeil Fhánada @ 6:30

Trip to the Banks for the ladies on Sunday

The Senior ladies are on the road this Sunday when they travel to the Banks to take on Naomh Muire in Round 3 of the Division 1 league competition at 10:30am.

Seniors and reserves journey to Bunrana

Best of luck to our senior and reserve sides who travel around the Swilly to face Bunrana on Sunday at 1:30 and 3pm.

U14 Boys win

The boys commenced their league campaign in Mac-Cumhaill Park and came away with an excellent win.

Shaun Ward, Conn McLaughlin, Ronan Wilson, Patrick McConigley, Ruairi Kerr, Michael Peoples, James Anthony Peoples, Oisín Lynch (1:02), Tiernan Kerr, Tyler McAteer (0:01), Colin McBride (1:00), Ciaran Carr (1:00), Ronan Gibbons, Jack Dunleavy (5:02), Ollie McAteer, Rian Jackson, Johnny Gallagher, Donnacha Dorrian.

### U10 Boys and Girls

Training for U10 boys and girls begins this Friday, April 12th at 6:15 in Portsalon.

### U8's Boys & Girls

Training for U8 boys and girls begins this coming Sunday, April 14th in Portsalon at 12midday.

### Coiste Gaeilge

Má tá suim ag ball ar bith a bheith páirteach i gCoiste Gaeilge Ghaeil Fhánada, téigh i dteagmháil le Maggie ar 087 6998537. Tá muid ag lorg daoine a bhfuil suim acu sa Ghaeilge & Cultúr agus a bheadh sásta na rudaí seo a chur chun cinn sa chlub.

### Gaelic 4 Mothers & Others

The new season of Gaelic for Mothers and Others is starting up. If you'd like to join up, please contact Michelle on 0867349140.

### Well done Olivia

Comhghairdeas le Olivia Friel a d'imir don fhoireann sinisir don chéad uair in éadan Naomh Conaill i gComórtas Peile na Gaeltachta roinnt seachtainí ó shin.

### Gaels on Underage Duty

Well done to Gaeil Fhánada players, Aoibhinn Callaghan, Clodagh McAteer, Amy McAteer, Rachael Friel and Méabh McAteer who represented the county at U14 and U18 grades on Saturday.

### Comórtas Ealaine - Naomh Buid

Well done to Kaitlyn Peoples from Ballyheerin NS and Jade Friel from St. Davaddog's NS in Tamney who were chosen as winners in the St. Brigid's Day Art competition organised by Donegal LGFA.

### James Hagan stars for Longford

James Hagan, son of former Gaeil Fhánada senior player, Seamie Hagan and cousin of our current senior players Calum McAteer and Caoimhe Walsh, played a leading role in Longford's historic minor team win over Dublin last Wednesday night.

### Ghaeil Leitir Ceanainn

Both the senior and reserve footballers lost out to Carndonagh last week in Round 2 of the Division 3 league. This weekend both teams are away to Burt on Sunday afternoon.

The senior ladies team are at home this Sunday in a local derby against St. Mary's, Convoy at 10.30am.

The senior hurlers are still competing in the Ulster Junior League with fixtures to be announced.

### Underage Hurling/Camogie

U14 & U12 Hurling at Pairc na nGael Thursday 6:15pm, contact Stephen 086 0763903.

U10 Hurling & Camogie at continues at Pairc na nGael on Thursdays at 6:15pm, contact Brendan on 087 2845307.

U8 Hurling & Camogie continues at Pairc na nGael every Thursday 6:15pm, contact John on 086 0669942.

U6 Gaelic Games Nursery, introduction to Hurling & Gaelic Football at Colaiste Ailigh Thursday 6pm, contact Vinnie 087 7925270. All New players welcome and beginners from neighbouring Non-Hurling clubs are welcome to come along and give it a try. All equipment supplied.

### Bingo

Bingo continues every Monday evening at the Arena 7 and online. Books can be purchased every Thursday evening at 7 from 6.30-7.30pm and Saturday from 11am to 12 noon. This Monday we have €2,260 up for grabs.

### Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

#### Doogan delivers late winner

Glenea Utd Res 1-0 Fintown Harps AFC

Glenea Reserves got the better of the Gaeltacht Lár side. It was the home side that started with the aid of the strong wind and forced a number of corners but were unable to convert any of them. Fintown tried hard to get into the game as an attacking force but were unable to create any chances. Glenea continued to press and Michael Ferry came close on 25 minutes when his close-range effort went over the bar. Ethan Mc Allister was next to test the away keeper but saw his effort well saved. On the stroke of halftime Luke Mc Carry saw his in-swinging headed off the line. In the 2nd half despite playing against the strong wind it was the home side that continued to press and on 50 minutes Michael Ferry saw his header blocked by a defender. As the half progressed Fintown came more into the game and Peter McGlynn saw his effort just clear the bar. On 70 minutes Glenea almost took the lead when Shane Coll's free kick deceived everyone and the away keeper was forced to tip it over the bar. Both sides continued to look for a lead goal and on 83 minutes PJ Doogan got onto a Luke Mc Carry through ball and he slotted past the keeper. In a frantic finish Fintown pushed hard for an equaliser but the home defence managed to keep them for a hard fought win. Referee: Gerard Devenney.

#### Oldtown on course to retain title

Oldtown Cel 6-3 Arranmore Utd

Oldtown took a big step to securing the title after a nine-goal thriller. Drew Connolly headed wide early before Arranmore took the lead through Damien Weber with a shot from the edge of the box. Oldtown soon settled and Kevin McGrath fired home the equaliser. Arranmore then took the lead for a second time when Alan Stevenson fired home from 8 yards when Oldtown failed to clear a cross. The lead was short lived again as Anthony Browne equalised from a Luke Nelis cross before firing Oldtown in front from close range. Oldtown added a 4th before the break when Ciaran Gibson's header bounced off Drew Connolly and into the net. 4-2 at the break. Oldtown started the brighter in the second half and Kyle Gormley added a 5th with a 30 yard strike which fired into the top corner. Arranmore kept pushing and were rewarded when Glenn O'Donnell fired home from the spot when a penalty was awarded. Oldtown added a 6th late on when Luke Friel turned his man and showed composure with a fine finish.

#### No joy for Kilmac

St. Catherine's Res 3-0 Kilmacrennan Cel Res

There was no joy for Kilmacrennan Celtic Reserves after a long journey to Killybegs on Saturday. It's been a difficult season after promotion from Division 2 via a play-off last season. Kilmacrennan Celtic Res - Oisín Harkin, Owen Browne, Mark Gallagher, Danny Sandilands, Eddie Doherty, Toby Taylor, Eoghan Quinn, Oran Gallagher, Michael McLaughlin, Mike McDonnell, Cian McCabe.

#### Old Orchard Saturday Division Two

#### Swilly slip up in Drumbar

Drumbar United 3-2 Swilly Rovers Res

In a hugely important game for both sides, the speed of the game matched the high winds. It was Drumbar who took the lead when Vinny Breslin put the keeper under pressure and forced an error and he ran through to finish to make it 1-0. Drumbar then doubled their lead when Dylan Mc Hugh finished well into the corner of the Swilly net. Swilly pulled one back when a ball played over the top of the Drumbar defence, against the wind, found the Swilly striker in prime position to finish well and bring it back to 2-1. Drumbar scored a 3rd right on stroke of half time when Dylan Mc Hugh found the net again to give Drumbar a 3-1 lead going into the break. Swilly started the second half with the strong wind on their backs and reduced the deficit to one goal when one of their midfielders hit a perfect effort beyond the reach of the Drumbar keeper to make it 3-2. Swilly continued to keep Drumbar in their own half for much of the half. Drumbar put in a fantastic defensive display to see out the game 3-2 winners.

Swilly Rovers Res - Jamie Lee Blaney, Daire Fennell, Michael Kerr, Damien Friel, Darragh McDaid, Tony Gallagher, Edan Bradley, William Buchanan, Daniel McAteer, Ryan McDaid, Jordan McDaid. Sub used: Dathi Cavanagh for Buchanan. Not used: Calvagh O'Donnell

#### Away win for Mariners

Drumoghill F.C. Res 2-4 Ramelton Mariners

Not a great day to play football but credit to both teams serving up an entertaining game. Three mistakes in the Drumoghill defence left Mariners 3-0 up at the break. Back came Drumoghill in the second half with Eunan Kelly scoring twice to leave it 3-2 with 20 minutes to play. Pushing hard for the 3rd goal Drumoghill threw the kitchen sink at the Mariners. Mariners scored their 4th to kill the

game off in the 88th minute. Eunan Kelly best for Drumoghill. Evan Hewitt was best for the Mariners.

Ramelton Mariners - Peter O'Donnell, Myles Mulgrew, Stephen Bryant, Eoin Roulston, Connor Ferguson, Luke Morgan, Jonah Serrina, Kyle Burke, Daire Sheridan, Fionn Robinson, Evan Hewitt. Subs used: Ryan Campbell for Mulgrew, Brandon Wilkie replaced Robinson. Not used: Oisín Sweeney, Aidan Connolly, Shay Callan-McFadden, Connor Gillespie, Eoin ferry,

#### Meakin double for Milford

Milford Utd Res 4-2 Cranford Utd Res

Milford started off with a great goal by Conor Meakin when the ball caught the wind and flew into the top corner. Milford took a step back with Cranford having a lot of the ball. Cranford equalised with a great run into the back post after a great cross to slot it past the Milford 'keeper. The game was well balanced with Milford dominating the later stages of the half with a great header scored by Shane McFadden and then Meakin getting on the score sheet again before the break. Cranford opened the scoring in the second half with a quick goal, but couldn't convert after that with Milford adding another through a penalty with Ciaran Blaney hitting the back of the net.

Milford Utd Res - Aidan McCafferty, Ultan Blaney, Ciaran Gibbons, Shane McFadden, Jordan Ryan, Alec McConigley, Aidan McGettigan, Adam Campbell, Conor Meakin, Ciaran Blaney, Daithi Rayes. Subs Adam Hosford for Alec McConigley, Ryan Canning for Aidan McGettigan, Jacob Campbell for Daithi Rayes, Declan Moran for Ultan Blaney, Kieran Sheridan for Ciaran Blaney.

Cranford Res - Chris Carr, Adam McHugh, Dylan McFadden, Patrick Shields, Ben Fox; Jay Maguire, Dom Potter; Andrew Cairns, Patrick McGeever, Conor Breslin and Daithi McGroddy.

#### Brian McCormick Sports Premier Division

#### Bradley strikes Kilmac equaliser

Keadue Rovers 1-1 Kilmacrennan Celtic

Keadue Rovers and Kilmacrennan Celtic played out a 1-1 draw. Keadue, aided by a very strong wind, were quicker to settle, playing the better football and with Peter McGee showing well on the left flank, he had two good chances in the opening twenty minutes, but neither came to fruition. Their better play was rewarded in the last ten minutes of the first half as they pinned the visitors back and after forty minutes some excellent wing play from Brendan McCafferty, saw a cross into the box partially cleared before Chris Greene rifled an effort that deflected off Keadue's Aidan Brennan and into the net. The home side were good value for this one goal lead but knew they'd face an uphill battle against a strong wind in the second half. At the start of the second period it was Keadue who were on top for the first ten minutes, with both Peter McGee and Aidan Brennan missing what turned out to be crucial chances. As the game went on it became scrappier and Kilmacrennan started to win some of the midfield battles which forced Keadue into conceding a few free kicks around the hour mark. There were two in quick succession from close to the halfway line and while the first came to nothing Kilmacrennan's second free kick from Paul Bradley, aided by the strong breeze, found the top corner of the Keadue net for 1-1. In the end, a stalemate, which Kilmacrennan will be content with, while for Keadue, it will be considered two points dropped. Team efforts from both outfits. Kilmacrennan Celtic - Eoin McGettigan, James Doherty Chris Flanagan, Terence Shiels, Caolan Kelly, John Sandilands, Caolan Curran, Gerard McGranaghan, Shane McDevitt, Sam Harvey, Paul Bradley Subs used: Owen Browne, Niall O'Regan. Not used: Danny Sandilands.

#### Lifeline for Milford

Milford United 3-1 St. Catherine's

Milford recorded an important victory to St. Catherine's at Moyle View Park to lift themselves out of the bottom two. Milford took the lead on 24 minutes when Cathal McGettigan hit a rocket into the top corner from 30 yards after good work by Killian McBride. Ryan Cunningham levelled matters on 40 minutes when he pounced on a poor Milford clearance to neatly tuck the ball into the bottom corner. Milford playing into the wind in the second half played good football and were rewarded on 65 minutes when a Killian Mc Bride cross was misjudged by Andrew Mullen at the near post and the ball ended up in the net. Five minutes later Jonny Logue headed home from a corner and despite a bit of pressure, Milford ran out comfortable winners. Milford Utd - Caolan McGettigan, Paul Ryan, Lorcan Friel, Shane Black, Jacob Campbell, Jonny Logue, Killan McBride, Caolan McBride, Corey Lee McConigley, Niall Murray and Cathal McGettigan. Subs Conor McLaughlin for Niall Murray, Shea Gibbons for Corey Lee McConigley, Ciaran Blaney for Killian McBride, Ciaran Gibbons.





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Donegal County Council is seeking applications from qualified candidates for the following positions:

- Assistant Civil Defence Officer
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The closing date for receipt of completed application forms is 12 noon on: **Monday, 29th April 2024.**

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**Cloughaneely Golf News**



Cloughaneely Golf Club Captain Vincent Collum with Thomas McClafferty GOLF1000 March Winner.

Our March GOLF1000 Draw took place last Monday evening in The Strand Road Bar & Kitchen with Thomas McClafferty taking the top prize of €500. Well done to all our prize winners. €500 Winner Thomas McClafferty; €100 Winners; Paul Doherty, Ursula Carlin, Neil McMullan, Bridie Sweeney & Gerry Sheehy. The April draw will take place in early May.

We had a very good turnout last Sunday for the 18 Hole Singles Competition: 1st: Vincent Collum (24) 41pts; 2nd: Paul Ferry (22) 39pts. In a change from the fixture list next weekends competition will be a Singles Stableford. Well done to Captain Vincent who is the first qualifier for the Falcarragh Cup which will take place on the October bank holiday weekend. All those who win a handicap counting 18 holes singles competition throughout the year will qualify for the chance to take home the perpetual trophy in October. Our 9 hole singles Stableford competitions commence every Tuesday and Friday for the rest of the summer; Handicap counting. Play anytime, Entry €5 members / €10 visitors, Re-entry allowed at €5 for all. Owenie Pro McGee's Ulster Seniors had a tough battle Vs Rosapenna winning 1 at home and 1 away. With the score at 2-2, Cloughaneely won on the 19th congrats to the team they progress and meet Portsalon Golf Club next.

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**Minor Ladies overcome Armagh**

The Donegal's Minor Ladies got their Ulster LGFA Championship off to a good start after getting the better of Armagh in Burt on Saturday on a final score of 3-12 to 2-10. However, in the Ulster U16 Championship, there was disappointment for the Donegal girls in Ballyshannon losing to Antrim by 2-10 to 1-7.

**McLaughlin back in GAA action**

Geraldine McLaughlin was back in football action at the weekend making an appearance for the Termon Ladies just eight weeks after the birth of her baby boy Sean. It was a Senior Gaeltacht game at the Burn Road which Termon won. They are now through to the County Gaeltacht Final against Naomh Conaill with the game taking place in Falcarragh on the May Bank Holiday weekend.

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**Busy Bees, Parent, Baby and Toddler Group** for babies to 5-year olds – meet every Friday morning from 10am to 12noon, so why not bring your little tots along for a morning of fun. Cost €3 per family.

**Mevagh Gardening Group** – a few plots are available at our Community Garden at Magherabeg, Downings. Consists of one bed inside polytunnel & one raised bed outside. Reasonable annual fee applies. If interested in joining our group please contact Pauline at Centre.

**TUS Community Employment Scheme Administrative Assistant** - A vacancy exists at Mevagh FRC for an Administrative Assistant. Experience an advantage. Candidates must be in receipt of Jobseekers Allowance for at least one year. To confirm eligibility or for further details, contact Áine Uí Rabhartaigh on 087 2366912

**Other Notes:**  
**Rise Yoga with Fiona is ongoing at Mevagh FRC.** Chair Yoga - Mondays at 10.30am, Yin Yoga - Mondays at 11:45am, Men's Mobility & Stretch - Wednesdays at 7pm. Contact Fiona directly to book your place. Tel: 0851569424 or Email: [risehealthhub@gmail.com](mailto:risehealthhub@gmail.com)  
**Yoga Kindly** with Brigitte continues on a Saturday morning at 9:45am in the Resource Centre. Contact Brigitte on 087 0653333 for more information.  
**Easy Flow Yoga for Ukrainian parents:** Explore gently flowing movements to create energy, feel empowered and focused. It started on Monday from 3pm and runs for 8 weeks. Fee: €20 for 8 weeks. Places are limited to 14 participants and must be booked in advance.

- Легкий потік йога для українських батьків Дата початку: понеділок, 08 квітня 2024 р Час: з 2 до 3 години дня Тривалість: 8 тижнів (за винятком святкових днів) Вартість: 20 євро за 8 тижнів.

**AN CHUIRT DUICHE THE DISTRICT COURT**

District Court Area of LETTERKENNY District Number 1

**APPLICATION FOR CONFIRMATION OF AD INTERIM TRANSFER OF LICENCE**

**STEPHEN ELLIOT, NOMINEE OF PARTING GROVE LIMITED, HILLSVIEW, COLLEGE ROAD, LETTERKENNY IN THE COUNTY OF DONEGAL, APPLICANT** TAKE NOTICE that the above-named Applicant intends to apply to the Annual Licensing Court to be held at **LETTERKENNY on the 27th. day of May, 2024 at 10.30a.m.** for a **CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER** of the Licence attached to the premises situate The Harbour, Market Square, Main Street, Dunfanaghy in the County of Donegal and known as "THE BOATSHED BAR" from **ANN SWEENEY, Nominee on behalf of Ramsey's Stores Limited.**

Dated this 11th. day of April, 2024.

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

To: **The Superintendent, An Garda Síochána, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.**

and to **The District Court Clerk, Courthouse, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.**

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Wed 24th April - **Cattle Sale** 12noon  
**No Sale Saturday 27th April**  
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Sat 4th May - **Weanling Sale (Mixed)** 11am  
This will be the last weanling sale until autumn.

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**ROSE McGLYNN, NOMINEE OF THE REELIN BAR LIMITED, THE REELIN BRIDGE BAR LIMITED, GARVIN, CLOGHAN, LIFFORD IN THE COUNTY OF DONEGAL, APPLICANT** TAKE NOTICE that the above-named Applicant intends to apply to the Annual Licensing Court to be held at **LETTERKENNY on the 27th. day of May, 2024 at 10.30a.m.** for a **CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER** of the Licence attached to the premises situate Garvin, Cloghan, Lifford in the County of Donegal and known as "THE REELIN BRIDGE BAR" from **ROSE McGLYNN.**

Dated this 11th. day of April, 2024.

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

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**Job Advertisement – Financial Administrator**

**Mevagh Family Resource Centre**

**Overall purpose of the position:** To support the voluntary Board of Directors, staff and community leaders to follow through the aims, objectives and actions of Mevagh Family Resource Centre in response to the needs of children and families.

The Financial Administrator will control and monitor the overall financial expenditure of the project and organise the administration of its service. The Financial Administrator will report to the Project Manager. The post is 35 hours per week.

**The successful candidate will have:**

- At least three years proven work experience as a Financial Administrator, or similar role, with strong secretarial skills and experience of working in an administrative capacity.
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- Accounting Technician Qualification (or similar) would be desirable.
- Have experience of managing multiple funding streams, reporting to funders and dealing with funder audits and queries.
- Good understanding of all bookkeeping procedures, with proven experience of preparing accounts and preparation of annual audit filing.
- Knowledge and experience of using computerised payroll and ROS.
- Excellent IT skills and knowledge of computer packages including MS Outlook, MS Word, MS Excel and MS Publisher.
- Good time-management and organisational skills.
- Ability to always maintain data confidentiality.
- Good interpersonal skills and be able to operate flexibly and work within a team environment.

Salary, commensurate with qualifications and experience, will be from €34,133 to €36,141.

Shortlisting criteria will apply. Closing date for receipt of applications is: **Friday 26th April at 12noon.** Job description available on request. Curriculum Vitae along with a cover letter, outlining your suitability for the post, can be emailed to [mfrcrecruitment@gmail.com](mailto:mfrcrecruitment@gmail.com)

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