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Election shocks... and a missing bull

With Saturday's deadline approaching for nominations in the Council elections, it is reported that most of the candidates have 'signed in' at County House in Lifford.

The exact number of candidates will not be known until Saturday afternoon and it is predicted there will be numbers of last minute runners, particularly with a non-party designation. However, new names are entering the race almost every day. Kathleen Deeney of Newton, Car-

radoan and the Salt pans is running for Aontú in the Milford area while Vincent Bradley, Kill, Carrigart is to run in Milford and Letterkenny as an Independent. The new Aontú runner has worked for the Dyslexic Association and the HSE and she has a pro-life agenda: this is her first campaign.

Aontú contested a seat in Milford in 2019 and Dermot Hardy got 338 (4.4%) first preferences and the party hopes to build on that this time.

Vincent Bradley is campaigning on a range of issues: health, hospital beds: home care for the elderly: lack of creche spaces: mass emigration: immigration and farming. He said that for centuries Ireland has been looking after the rest of the world: now it's time for the rest of the world to look after us.

In a week of mixed weather the candidates have been out on the campaign trail... and not without a few
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€13.5m... milestone for Creeslough



This week's confirmation of €13.5m funding has been hailed as an important milestone in the regeneration of Creeslough village.

The funding will go towards the construction of a new central hub as the village continues its journey of healing after the explosion when ten people lost their lives and many others were injured.

Cllr. Martin Harley, Cathaoirlach of the Council said: "It is my sincere wish that it will be an important source of hope and support to the community as it looks to the future."

The regeneration project, which has a total value of €13,529,935, forms an integrated part of the Village Plan. The co-funding balance of €1,352,093 will be provided by Donegal County Council.

"The new central hub will support Creeslough on a journey towards a vibrant, healthy, well serviced and socially inclusive and sustainable community," said the Council's Liam Ward. Along with Fr. John Joe Duffy, the community and politicians, the Council has played a lead role in the project and this is widely recognised and respected.

"The Council remains conscious at all times of the tragedy which occurred in the village on 7th October 2022 and the challenge that this remains for the entire community and everyone affected by those tragic events," said Mr. Ward, Chairperson of the Creeslough Working Group and Director of Community Development and Planning Services, Donegal Council.

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Finn Park is the home of Harps

Legendary Finn Harps manager Patsy McGowan says the trustees of the current Finn Park cannot be pressurised into selling the ground in order to raise the money to build the new stadium in Stranorlar.

By Declan Kerr

McGowan told the Tribune that Finn Park is the home of senior football in Donegal and that's where the money should be spent in upgrading the current stadium with a new all-seater stand

replacing the current corrugated tin structure.

McGowan (right) said: "It's a no-brainer to do an upgrade job on the current Finn Park which has been home to Harps since they entered the League of Ireland in 1969.

The Stranorlar site is not fit for purpose. It's wet ground and doesn't have the infrastructure around it that Finn Park has with the car parks close by.

The reason the Club is trying now to get the trustees to agree



to sell Finn Park is because they can't raise the €1.5 million themselves to help build the new stadium.

That contribution should be done the way all other clubs

do it by organising a big development draw. So many decent, genuine people worked so hard for Finn Harps down the years from all over Donegal. When there was no money we built a stand and then got the floodlights. People like Derek Wilkinson who just died last month will be turning in their graves at what is happening now."

Last month a public meeting in the Villa Rose Hotel was told that work will commence on the new Finn Park Stadium

: McGowan

site in Stranorlar subject to planning permission approval being received for the €7.3 million development. The club said all the stakeholders were on board with the new modular design and the financing was in place to start construction of a stadium - the saga has been going on for nearly two decades.

Patsy McGowan paid tribute to the trustees who had done the right thing in regard
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Swimmers pictured on Saturday morning at 4.30 in Rathmullan during the Darkness Into Light.



Border Counties will be magnet for asylum seekers - Peter Casey

EU election candidate, Peter Casey has claimed the Northern Ireland High Court ruling means that both the North and border counties will become a magnet for illegal immigrants from the mainland UK who fear being deported to Rwanda. He added: "There is a misconception that Dublin has the most asylum seekers in the country - it is actually Donegal that has the highest percentage of migrants per head of population. One in every 100 people in Donegal is an asylum seeker - and that's just the official figure! In truth, it is probably much higher now with illegal immigrants flocking across the border because of the UK's no nonsense policy to deport them to Rwanda - and that will increase tenfold with this alarming High Court ruling." The former Dragons' Den star said

he was concerned that the Irish government has now admitted that - due to extreme pressures on the asylum systems - they cannot screen all illegal immigrants, which is required by law to be carried out within 30 days of an illegal immigrant's entry into the state. "This is a worrying concern. For example, the Irish government has just come out and said that any illegal immigrants with mental disorders or so-called victims of human trafficking are not being screened.



The Irish government has now admitted that this process for them was stopped in March. People are being stopped for car tax, for God's sake, while these asylum seekers go unvetted! Where are the priorities?" He said, "Sinn Féin has undergone a disingenuous Pauline Conversation on the road to - not Damascus - but rather power in the Dáil. They are now calling for border controls, but in 2016 Sinn Féin's manifesto promised to regularise all the undocumented people living in Ireland.

Then, a year later at Sinn Féin's Ard Fheis there was a motion forwarded to oppose any EU deal that would 'see the mass deportation of asylum-seekers' and it called to 'open new legal channels to refugees to resettled safely in Ireland'. But since they have read the room Sinn Féin's are now playing a different tune. Mary Lou and Co are playing us for fools. This type of a u turn demonstrates that the public cannot trust any of the establishment parties - including Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael, Greens and even Sinn Féin's - on migration. "The Midlands North West constituency needs a true independent voice in Brussels to ensure we don't remain a soft touch in this ongoing refugees crisis. That is why I am asking for your number one vote on Friday, June 7."

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Defective Block Judicial review group host meeting

A public meeting by defective block campaigners who are bringing a judicial review over testing standards is being hosted in Raphoe on Friday May, 31st. It takes place in the Volt House Raphoe, starting at 7pm. The public information event is the first one to be hosted by Independent Cllr Frank McBrearty and 15 affected defective concrete block and defective concrete foundation home owners who have decided to take a Judicial Review against, what they call "flawed" testing protocols. Organisers say "All are welcome to attend but come early as we expect the seats to be taken up quickly on the night." They added that this "much needed" Judicial Review is in "the interest of all".

Deirdre Hines to launch new book

The launch of 'The Mermelf - A Fable for our Times' a verse novella for younger readers by Letterkenny based, award-winning poet and playwright, Deirdre Hines takes place in The Central Library, Letterkenny, on this Thursday 16th May at 6pm. All are welcome to attend. Once Upon a Truth... Cygnus catches dreamers with her daughters. A lost Mermelf from the stars arrives in Storyhenge. An imprisoned girl with a blue birthmark. An 1803 edition of 'The Birdspotter's Guide' with a mysterious dedication. A rediscovered invention. A dying Earth where books are banned. And all anomalies are outlaw. What if our dreams are always caught? What if your dreams are always heard? What if dreams are Imagination's stars?.. I am 25-03 A and I am anomaly and I am Griffin and I am freer and wilder than those Nomenclature can ever ever be... Imprisoned with others of her kind in the icy wastes of The Outskirts, 25-03 A escapes into

the primeval forest, where she meets up with the last bastions of the Resistance. And so begins The Flights of Prophecy. A timely tale told in verse of Earth betrayed and the rescuers who answered her call. Deirdre Hines published her first poetry book, "The Language of Coats," in 2012, featuring poems that won The Listowel Poetry Collection Prize. Her work has appeared in various publications such as The Lake, Crannóg, Poetry Ireland Review, and The Honest Ulsterman. She has received numerous accolades, including The Stewart Parker Award and Arts Council bursaries, and has been recognised in competitions like The Patrick Kavanagh Award and The Allingham Poetry Competition. In 2023, she won first prize in The Frances Browne International Poetry Competition. Hines's reviews have been featured in PN Review and Sabotage, among others. She has also published short stories with Sans Press and Word Riot. "The Mermelf-A Fable for our Times" is published by Austin Macauley Publishers Limited.



Niall Blaney: Putting Donegal First

Senator Niall Blaney has said putting Donegal first in Europe is a central plank in his Manifesto for the county in next month's European Election. He addressed 150 people at a public meeting in Letterkenny and said the north west, border counties and the west of Ireland deserved MEPs prepared and able to fight on their behalf. He said "Donegal barely rated a mention in the last European Parliament. We were invisible and that's because of the abject failure of outgoing MEPs. Farmers were treated as second-class citizens and that was wholly wrong and grossly unfair. I will have their backs in Europe and argue strongly for an extension of the Nitrates Derogation and be vocal in negotiations on a new CAP. I will seek to play a role on any EU Agriculture or Fisheries Committees to help support farmers and fishermen back home. Migration has to be confronted and solutions found. Our towns are bursting at the seams. Our public services, including health and schools, are stretched beyond capacity. Illegals who are here have to be processed without unnecessary delay to ease the pressure on our towns and villages. An aid package promised by Leo Varadkar last year to ease pinch points in population centres never materialised and that is unacceptable. On infrastructure, Donegal must get special attention from the EU. We fought hard to get Directive One status in the naughties. We want to create a corridor from the border counties right across to the west to help us attract new investment and create high-value jobs. Having Objective One status should mean that our roads are upgraded and it is imperative we see investment in rail. Our position in the EU 'league table' has slipped to a worrying level. Out of 234 designated regions in the EU, we sit at 218th for infrastructure. Our southern constituency in Ireland is Number Two in the EU. That's close to the bottom on the Index alongside some of the poorest regions such as Romania and Bulgaria. "We have been allowed to languish in the EU backwater long enough. "I want to stop the brain drain. This can only be done by building the infrastructure that will truly make us an Objective One area. It's only when we become more accessible will industries start taking us seriously and create the jobs that will keep our young people at home. That is nothing more than we deserve. The 10 years of apathetic representation by MEPs who failed this constituency are over. Give me your Number 1 on June 7th, and I'll make sure Donegal is put back where it belongs - right at the heart of where all the key decisions that affect all our lives are made."



Closure Orders Served in Letterkenny

The Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) has reported that 21 Closure Orders were served on food businesses during the month of April for breaches of food safety legislation with two being in Letterkenny.

Payless Grocery & Meat, 46 Port Road, Letterkenny was served with a Closure Order as was Chicking (restaurant/café), Unit 3, O'Boyce's Corner, Port Road, Letterkenny.

McClafferty highlight issues with childcare

Cllr. Michael McClafferty has told the Tribune that out on his door to door canvass on his campaign trail, one recurring concern that arises is the lack of childcare facilities in Northwest Donegal. Cllr. McClafferty told the Tribune last night "Local community childcare facilities currently have extensive waiting lists. I've been hearing stories of parents registering their child before birth in an attempt to secure places, allowing them to return to work. Although I acknowledge the benefits of the Early Childhood Care and Education Scheme, which offers free care and education for preschool children, its effectiveness is compromised when there are no available places. The existing social welfare payments fall short of meeting the basic needs of families, necessitating parents to re-enter the workforce to secure a sufficient income for survival. How-



ever, this is proving impossible for many families. This situation significantly impacts employers, as many parents are unable to return to work, affecting workforce availability and productivity. I've heard instances where childcare facilities had to cancel their services for the day due to staffing shortages caused by sickness or other factors. Consequently, parents were forced to take the day off to care for their children. The government must take action to address this crisis and aid," he concluded.

Thoiba Ahmed launches council campaign

Thoiba Ahmed, independent candidate for Donegal County Council in the Letterkenny Municipal District, launched her campaign on Saturday, telling a diverse audience at the Letterkenny Community Centre, "This is our time. Your issues will be my policies." Thoiba said: "We need to take action to make a positive change for Donegal and for Ireland as a whole. I am Sudanese, and I am Irish, and I am a proud Donegal woman. I always introduce myself as a peace-builder between communities - everything starts with peace. The main thing will be that the whole community can prosper going forward, and this will be my mission," she said. Thoiba's campaign priorities include affordable, sustainable housing for all; 100% redress for homeowners affected by defective blocks; and work toward an equal and inclusive society. She also committed herself to advocating for a fully inclusive Donegal, including increased accessible housing for people with disabilities and accessibility in workplaces and transport. "We need to have clear policies about equality and accessibility, and my commitment is to promote policies that ensure equal opportunities for all," she said. She also spoke of the importance of bringing communities and cultures together. Thoiba said: "We are that beautiful mix of identities and we are proud to bring that together in this space, giving people the opportunity to interact, to exchange cultures and to exchange knowledge. It is the beauty of diversity." Independent TD for Donegal, Thomas Pringle, who also endorsed Thoiba in her 2019 campaign for the council, told the launch



audience: "Thoiba will be a great asset to the Council. Donegal is changing for the better, and Thoiba can bring her voice to council to show that. That's what the Council should be, and that's what it needs to be as well. "It's a great honour for me to come and support Thoiba and to give her any help that I can. And in her work after she's elected, if there's anything I can do at the Dáil level we will be working together in relation to that, too," he said. After moving to Ireland in 2015, Thoiba's visa did not allow her to work, though she has been very active as a volunteer for many organisations in Donegal and on national campaigns. Thoiba and her husband, a doctor in LUH, live in Letterkenny with their two children, aged 17 and 14. She holds a degree in sociology and has worked as a sociologist and a journalist in Sudan as well as a community worker in Donegal.

Creelough Church burglary

Gardaí are investigating a burglary at St. Michael's Church in Creelough on Sunday the 12th of May between the hours of 12.40pm and 9.15pm. In a statement they say "It is believed that entry was gained to the building via a rear open door. A locked office door within the Church was forced open and a sum of money was stolen. We appeal to anybody who may have observed suspicious activity around the Church to make contact with Gardaí on 074-9153060."

Street Feast

The Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter Street Feast on Sunday 26th of May 1pm to 4pm at Church Lane Letterkenny. Food and entertainment will be provided.

45 estates takeover since 2019

Cllr Ciaran Brogan has been informed that 45 private housing estates within the Letterkenny-Milford Municipal District have been taken over by the Local Authority since 2019. The work carried out has varied in each estate, depending on the level of completion, compliance with the planning permission granted and condition of existing services. A resolution was passed at the April Municipal District meeting to take in charge College Park Letterkenny.

Bradley seeks Town Bus Services update

At Tuesday's Municipal District meeting the Mayor of Letterkenny Cllr Kevin Bradley sought an update on the Town Bus Services. Cllr Bradley was told that the current Town Bus Service is operated under license from the National Transport Authority. Discussions and meetings have been ongoing between the NTA and Donegal County Council regarding preparation works for the provision of a fully functional town transport service for Letterkenny. These discussions have involved the proposed development of two new bus routes and agreement of proposed bus stop locations. A request has been sent to the NTA for an update on the current status of the project and Mayor Bradley and his fellow Cllrs will be updated when this is received.

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Temporary ramps at Kilmacrennan N.S.?

A call that had been made earlier this year by Cllr John O'Donnell for the installing of temporary ramps at Kilmacrennan School will not be happening in the short term according to the Council. In February the Local Authority said a safety review was carried out at Kilmacrennan NS. Following the review additional road markings were installed to improve vision lines at the school crossing. A further assessment will be carried out when resources are

available to establish if any additional measures are required. Additional funding may be required depending on the scale of improvements deemed necessary.

Cllr O'Donnell had a motion passed regarding the temporary ramps after highlighting concerns raised with him by parents in relation to speeding on the road and dangers that posed especially at school times.

Gaeltex and McNeely Villas fence repairs

Cllr Donal Coyle sought an update during Tuesday's Municipal District Council meeting on when fences at the Gaeltex estate and McNeely Villas in Oldtown, Letterkenny will be repaired. The Fianna Fail Cllr did not get a definitive timeline on when the works would be done but was told that a Council team is carrying out repairs to damaged fences as part of the general maintenance programme. The repairs are scheduled to be carried out according to the date the requests were received.

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Dublin Monaghan atrocity... 50 years on

Friday is the 50th anniversary of the worst terrorist attack ever on the Southern Irish state. The UVF exploded three bombs in Dublin and a fourth in Monaghan. British intelligence services were actively involved in the attacks. The bombs killed 33 civilians. Around 300 were injured.

The bombings took place during the Ulster Workers Council strike in the North. This was not a normal industrial dispute. Rather, it was enforced by Loyalist paramilitaries. The aim was to bring down the first power-sharing Executive. That had been set up in 1973. The strike led to the Executive falling.

There were broader issues at stake, too. A Labour government had been elected in Britain earlier that year. Labour had defeated the sitting Conservative Government. This had called a General Election during a national miners' strike.

Sections of the British establishment were discussing the need for a military coup to overthrow that Labour Government. Events in Ireland were part of that wider picture.

Soberly, we have to remember what happened 50 years ago. Three bombs exploded in Dublin during the rush hour. All exploded within four minutes. All were on busy streets with commuters walking towards railway stations. The fourth bomb exploded 90 minutes later in Monaghan. That was a decoy. The clear purpose was to draw Gardai away from the Border. Thus it would be easier for the bombers to return North. All was well-planned and well-scouted.

I remember the horror of the night. I had been drinking in a club. Then I heard bombs had gone off. On one hand, being stuck in a basement drinking is not a healthy way to spend a May evening. On the other,

Nobody has ever been charged let alone convicted. That was despite eyewitnesses recognising at least two drivers of the bomb cars. Within weeks, the Gardai had names of 20 suspects. All had links to the UVF. Most of those were in the North Armagh area. The British authorities did not help the investigation. The Government did not intervene to put pressure on the British.

drinking meant I had the good luck not to be on the streets. I knew people who had the bad luck to be there. Luckily none were killed. Some did see the horrors, though.

I knew Greacen's pub in Monaghan Town. This was destroyed. As people of an older generation will remember, the Dublin Express bus stopped for a break outside Greacen's. Sometimes I took a quick bottle of stout during those stops. There is a sad paradox. Greacen's was Protestant-owned. People of all backgrounds drank there.

Two of the Monaghan dead were Protestant. One of the Dublin dead was Jewish. She was French, and had lost much of her family in the Holocaust.

The three cars used for the Dublin bombings had been hijacked and stolen in Belfast earlier that morning. They were then driven to Mitchell's farm at Glenanne, Co Armagh. This was the base for the 'Glenanne Gang'. Glenanne is a mostly Protestant area, but close to South Armagh.

The 'Glenanne Gang' was responsible for over 100 killings. It worked very closely with British intelligence. So close was that they were, in fact, a pseudo-gang. Robin 'The Jackal' Jackson was one of its main killers. He was a known agent.

The Dublin bombs were loaded at Mitchell's farm. Then the bomb teams set off. The bombs were primed in the carpark of a pub in

North County Dublin.

The car used in Monaghan was hijacked in Portadown. It was then driven to Mitchell's Farm to collect the bomb.

Some of the reaction at the time to the horror was appalling. Official Unionist Assembly member John Laird said "people who are suffering [in Dublin] are people who have quietly condoned a terrorist campaign [in the North and Britain]."

That can be dismissed as an off-the-cuff remark from a very minor politician.

The reaction of official Ireland was as callous. The phrasing was just more subtle. There was no national day of mourning. Initially, the Government decided flags were not to fly at half mast.

The events of the next 50 years are very concerning.

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Within three months, the Garda investigation was closed. That was into the largest multiple murder ever committed in the Irish state.

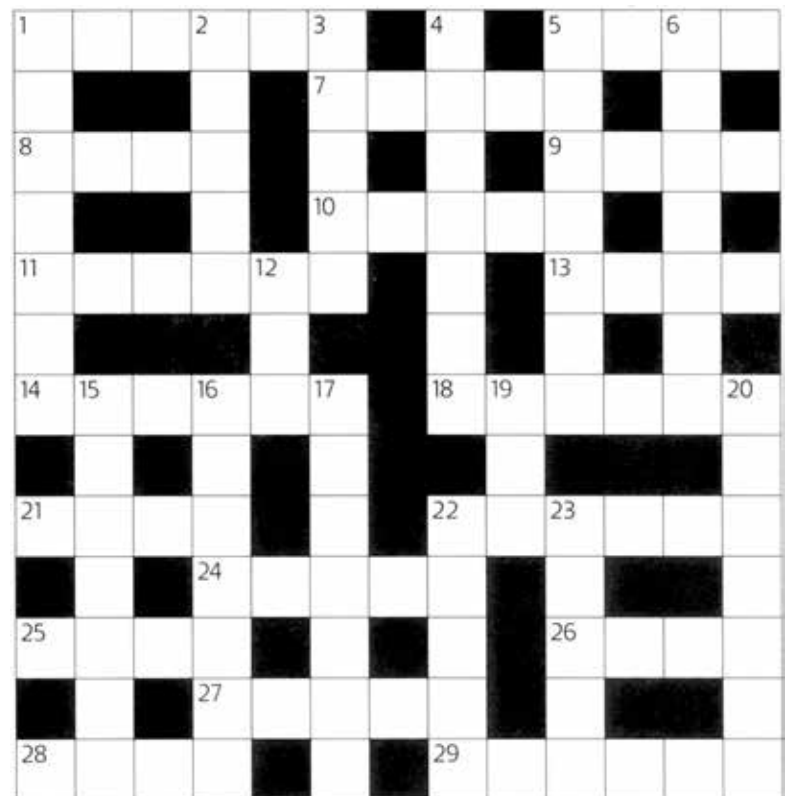


By Anton McCabe

spying for the British. There is strong reason to believe British spy agencies recruited numbers of others to spy against the Irish state. Important Garda files on the 1974 bombings went missing. You don't have to be paranoid to suspect agents of the British state as responsible. Those agents had to be either Guards, or civilian employees.

This isn't just history. The 'Spycops Inquiry' in Britain has established that an undercover London Metropolitan policeman was at Shell to Sea protests in Mayo. He was also in Dublin. Mark Kennedy then used the name Mark Stone. That's proven, not alleged, subversion.

Tribune Crossword No. 1064



Across

- 1. Ice-shoes (6)
- 5. Leaf (4)
- 7. Instruct (5)
- 8. Pour down (4)
- 9. Monster (4)
- 10. Hospital worker (5)
- 11. University city (6)
- 13. Imminent (4)
- 14. Scooping tool (6)
- 18. Man's jacket (6)
- 21. Extensive (4)
- 22. Tryant (6)
- 24. Privileged group (5)
- 25. God of thunder (4)
- 26. Continent (4)
- 27. Redress (5)

- 28. Grain refuse (4)
- 29. Show mercy (6)

Down

- 1. Solemn (7)
- 2. Dance (5)
- 3. Spectators' enclosure (5)
- 4. Judicial writ (7)
- 5. The Flight of the ____, film (7)
- 6. Floral wreath (7)
- 12. Whiskey grain (3)
- 15. US actress, __ Locklear (7)
- 16. Old campaigner (7)
- 17. Word-book (7)
- 19. Utilise (3)
- 20. Social pariah (7)
- 22. Postpone (5)
- 23. Shoulder wrap (5)

Solutions to Crossword No. 1063

Across 1. Rigsby, 3. Crop up, 6. Muscle, 7. Appear, 8. Lotto, 10. Fellini, 14. Springsteen, 17. Thrifty, 19. Sitar, 20. Pump up, 21. Savage, 22. Runway, 23. Let out. Down 1. Rubmle, 2. Bilko, 4. Repel, 5. Persia, 9. Toper, 11. Easy, 12. Inept, 13. Knot, 15. Stupor, 16. Orient, 18. Fauna, 19. Shame.

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- 191 BMW 520 M SPORT
- 201 Nissan Qashqai Accenta Premium

191 Ford Focus ST Line x2

- 191 VW Golf
- 191 VW Golf Estate Auto
- 181 Subaru Forester Auto
- 181 Ford Kuga **SOLD**
- 181 Mitsubishi ASX
- 181 BMW 3 Series
- 172 Hyundai Tucson
- 172 Toyota Avensis
- 172 Suzuki Vitara 4x4 **Sold**
- 171 Audi A6 S
- 171 VW Tiguan
- 171 VW Golf
- 171 Subaru Forester
- 171 Citroen C4
- 161 Hyundai Tucson **Sold**
- 161 Audi A4
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- 161 Ford Ranger
- 161 Ford Transit Custom SWB
- 161 Toyota Landcruiser SWB **Sold**
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- 231 Suzuki Vitara SZT **Sold**
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- 221 Suzuki Swace 1.8 Hybrid **Sold**
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- 201 Suzuki Vitara SZT
- 201 Ford Puma ST Line
- 191 Peugeot 3008 Auto
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- 191 Ford Focus Titanium
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Working for you on Donegal County Council



Maria wants to see her community get the investment it deserves

Maria Doherty is a proud Carrigart native and attended primary school in Scoil Colmchille Devlinreagh and secondary school in Loreto College Milford and achieved a higher certificate in Business Studies from Southeast Technological University and an honours degree in Economics, Politics and Law from Dublin City University. Maria has worked for over 30 years in the public sector and Community and Voluntary Sector in the area of Education and Training both in Dublin and Donegal. From being deeply involved in her community on the Mevagh peninsula, Maria is a member of a number of Boards of Management such as Mulroy College, Secondary School in Milford. Ceim Aniar, local Irish language organisation responsible for promoting the language in Rosguill, Mevagh Family Resource centre and is also a board member of the Milford District Resource Centre a Community Development organisation for the Milford LEA area and a local committee member

of the Mevagh Darkness into Light group. Maria Doherty became involved in politics in her teens in Donegal and is a long-time activist in Sinn Féin and has always been a strong advocate of women in politics. In her years of activism Maria has devised numerous national campaigns for Sinn Féin over the past 30 years including Referendum, General, EU and Local Election Campaigns. Tá gaeilge líofa ag Maria agus ba mhaith léi tacaíocht a thabhairt le líon na gcainteoirí Gaeilge a fhás agus pobail teanga níos beoga a fhorbairt go háirithe i measc ár ndaoine óga. As an Irish speaker she has a strong interest in the preserving and promoting our vibrant language and culture and investing in supports to grow the number of Irish speakers and develop employment opportunities for our Gaeltacht communities. Maria is passionate about providing rural communities with opportunities to develop and

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prosper. She will be if elected an advocate for providing rural communities with opportunities to develop and prosper with the same economic possibilities as the rest of the country. Maria will work with the SF team to provide more affordable and social housing and will continue to campaign for the delivery of a real and accessible 100% redress scheme for defective block homeowners. There is also an urgent need to provide accessible and affordable childcare for working families. The Milford LEA needs urgently to invest in ru-

ral roads, rural villages and to overall improve infrastructure and services. Investment and supports are also needed to continue to develop community and youth services. Sinn Féin will work hard to deliver for the community in the Milford LEA on housing, health, and investment in Local Communities. Change is so needed and if people want change, then they need to vote for it, it starts here in the Local elections, Maria wants to be part of the SF team in Donegal County Council advocating for the Milford Area.



Sinn Féin



Change starts here
 TOSAÍONN ATHRÚ ANSEO

WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY

2024 Local Election - Milford LEA

Maria DOHERTY 1

McGarvey delivers €13k for Ramelton road safety



Cllr. Pauric McGarvey on the site for the new pedestrianised ramp outside Cul Na Cille

Since becoming a Member of the Council in February last year, Cllr. Pauric McGarvey has been instrumental in providing vital road safety measures around Ramelton contributing €13,000 from his Members Contribution Fund because the Council does not have money immediately available.

He's also had a traffic survey carried out by the Council amongst many meetings and negotiations seeking solutions that will ensure the safety of the community.

He points out that he's been lobbied for action by many residents, groups and business interests in the local community worried about the speed of cars coming into town.

He said: "The road through Ramelton is the main artery for two major peninsulas and sees major traffic daily travelling through. I have been working with engineers to find solutions to the speed of cars coming from Milford into Ramelton. I had a traffic survey done by the Council and the results show that something needed to be done, but unfortunately the answer was "no funding" was available.

Cllr. McGarvey added "To help alleviate this problem I agreed with the Area Roads Engineer Donal Murphy to allocate €4,000 from my members infrastructure fund to purchase and install a new flashing speed sign for the top of the Bridgend. It will be installed this Friday 17th May

and I am delighted that this has come to a conclusion.

The same story on Church Street and Rectory Road - I also signed off with the Area Roads Engineer funding for two traffic calming ramps on Church Street and one pedestrian raised ramp outside Cul Na Cille on Rectory Road which I purchased with my members infrastructure fund costing €13,000. This will slow down traffic which sees high speeds and residents are concerned about the safety of everyone. These measures are vital to ensure safety for everyone and make Ramelton a safer place."

Following his January motion new "Traffic Lights ahead" signage is to be installed

Relay for Life - Candles of Hope

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

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

Ayr Hill 5k

The annual Ayrhill National School 5km run and walk takes place next Thursday the 23rd of May at 7.30pm. The race starts on the Shore Road and registration takes place in the Makemie Hall from 6pm onwards. The entry fee is €10 for runners, €5 for walkers or €25 for family or sponsorship card will cover entry fee. The race is chip times and a large turnout would be appreciated.

Also this Friday night the 17th Kilmacrennan National School will hold their annual 5k run and walk in the town starting at 7.30pm.

Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.00noon this Saturday 18th May. Get your orders in for the weekend from our food producers on 087 9699715.

Come along, browse the market that boasts the best of local homemade food with our wholesome soups, cottage pies, lasagne, quiche, meat pasties, seasonal vegetables, breads, scones, sweet treats and also beautiful local made crafts, cards, natural soap, knitwear, woodturning and more.

Meet up with family and friends at our Cosy Tea-room for a tea/coffee and maybe a delicious Cheese Toastie, scone or sweet treat, everything to make your visit to our market relaxing & enjoyable. Loyalty cards are available at our checkouts and cred-

it card payments are accepted. Ramelton Country Market gift vouchers are also available. Just enquire at our checkout or from any market member. We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday.

New Yoga Class for beginners

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

Crochet class started

Crochet classes (supported by ETB) will be taking place in the Ramelton Community Centre every Thursday evening. The classes began on Thursday and continue every Thursday from 7.30-9.30pm. Enquiries to 0857831829.

Ramelton Community Games

Well done to all who took part in the

Ramelton Area Community Games Final at Moylevue, Milford last Wednesday night. Congratulations to all who have qualified for the County Finals on June 16th. See photos on Page 38.

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Phyllis Grier, the Glen, Ramelton who passed away on Tuesday. Funeral will take place this Thursday morning with 11am Requiem Mass in St. Peter's Church Milford followed by burial in Tully Cemetery.

Swilly Rovers Lotto draw

Numbers drawn in the Swilly Rovers Lotto on Sunday were 3,12, 16 and 18. No jackpot winner. Two 3 number winners: Leonard Watson, Letterkenny and Jennifer Gardiner online. This week's jackpot is €550.



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 - 30th May 2024 (7.30am - 6pm)

Notice is hereby given that Donegal County Council has agreed to further 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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Thursday 23rd May 2024

Race commences at 7.30pm on the Shore Road
Registration prior to race will be in
Makemie Hall from 6.00pm onwards.

Fee: €10 runners, €5 walkers, €25 for family or sponsorship covers entry fee
Prizes: €100 for 1st male & female to break last year's records
also category and spot prizes

Chip timing

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.

Coffee Morning for Julie raises €1,200



The Ray Walkers in memory of Julie wish to thank everyone who supported their coffee morning last Friday at Sip n Slice, Ramelton. A special word of thanks to Nicky in Sip n Slice for all his help as well as the other sponsors - McFadden's Shop, Murrays Pharmacy and L'Amour Beauty Salon. €1,200 was raised for Relay for Life Donegal. Pictured above and below are groups enjoying the Morning.





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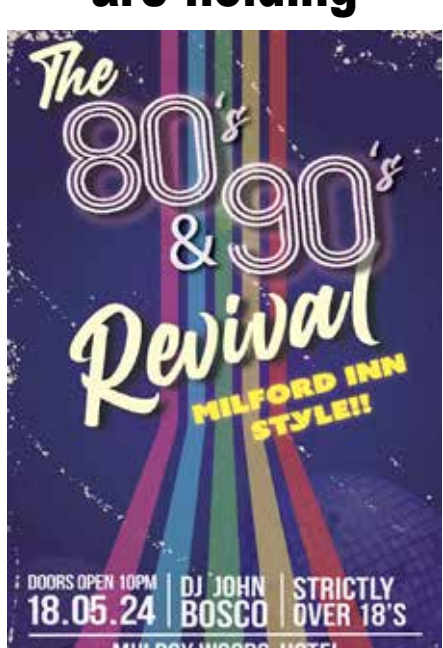
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Drama in Carrigart

There will be a night of Music and Drama in the Parochial Hall in Carrigart this Friday the 17th of May starting at 7pm. All proceeds from the evening will go to the Devlinreagh National School.

There will be music and song with Sean McCorraidh; Sarah and Clainn Ui Chuilinn with Ruairi Friel, Tommy Rosney from Highland Radio, Fergus McGee, Donal and Suzanne McDevitt, Pat Peoples, Seamus McGrory, Aoibhe Ni Bhuaidhe and Brian, Robin Nic Phaidin, Charley Nic Eigeagain, Caoimhe Ni Dhochartaigh, Gemma

Nic Congail and the MC for the night will be Brian Boyce.

The 6th Class children from the school will also perform their drama "Pionta Amháin Uisce".

Last year this was a lovely relaxed evening with excellent entertainment and the admission is €10.

Mevagh News

Antenatal Classes – commencing in Mevagh FRC on Thursday 6th June from 2–4pm, for 4 weeks. This will be facilitated by PHN Eileen Duggan. If you would like more information or to book your place contact Eileen on 9155430.

Busy Bees, Parent, Baby and Toddler Group for

babies to 5-year olds – meet every Friday morning from 10am to 12noon. 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.

Do you need support on how to use your smart phone, tablet or laptop? Donegal ETB are offering free one-to-one support for individuals on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm. Contact the centre on 074 9155055 for more information

or to secure an appointment.

ALONE provides services to Older People to enable them to stay living at home for longer. Volunteers are needed in Downings and surrounding areas. We recruit, train and support Volunteers for two services: Visitation & Befriending Service, which is where a volunteer gives an hour a week of their time to provide companionship to an Older Person; and a Telephone Support & Befriending Service, where a volunteer makes friendly calls to Older People once a week for a 2-hour shift. We currently have older people in this area looking for both of these services. Contact Helena on 086 014 5829.

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 <p>Tunnocks Tea Cakes 6pk €2</p> <p>AVAILABLE AT MAPLE MILFORD THURS 16TH - WED 22ND MAY</p>	 <p>Tunnocks Snowball 6pk €2</p> <p>AVAILABLE AT MAPLE MILFORD THURS 16TH - WED 22ND MAY</p>	 <p>DULCESOL BUNS 6PK €1.95</p> <p>AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME</p>	 <p>LYONS VISCOUNT TWIN PACK €1.50</p> <p>AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME</p>

Thomas Devine calls for 100% Redress

Thomas Devine's family home in Letterkenny is crumbling as a result of defective blocks and he says there are hundreds of other houses in the town in similar dire states.

by Declan Kerr

With no sign of the Government delivering 100% Redress the father of five has put his name forward as a candidate for next month's County Council elections. He is hoping that the 100%

Redress Party can get all five of their candidates elected with a mission to give their campaign a better platform to help thousands of families in Donegal whose lives have been devastated by the defective blocks scandal.

However, it is not the only issue that McCarron is hearing about on the doorsteps as continues his canvass of the town. "We have had a big problem with poor water supply on our estate here in Gort na Greine in Carnamuggagh Upper for a

number of years. I am Chairperson of the Residents Association and we should have a proper water supply. It's a basic right. The pump house is not fit for purpose yet planning permission was given for another 50 houses. There are around 50 houses on our estate and another 150 in Glentain beside us."

It was when the Devine family saw Paddy Diver blocking a concrete lorry down in Inishowen that it suddenly dawned on them that their house could be affected by defective concrete blocks. They knew there was a problem but just didn't have any idea what was causing the cracks in the walls. "Our house is crumbling the same as many others in Gort Na Greine. There have been so many issues with the schemes so far and so much red tape. We are going to wait and try to get the best outcome possible for ourselves. I don't have the money to put into it. I am just an ordinary working man with five children and two of them with special needs."

In regard to putting his name forward to contest the local elections Thomas Devine said it was an easy decision. "There's no point in shouting from the sidelines anymore. I never thought that I would ever be running for the Council. But it has to be done now. It would break your heart to see and hear what I have been listening to on the canvass. There is one estate in Letterkenny where all 107 houses have defective blocks. I spoke to a man who said his fight was over. He was a man in his 40s with tears in his eyes. His house with a €1,000 a month mortgage was for partial fixing and his is in a worse state than the one beside him that was for demolition. And it was the same engineer for both houses," Devine said.

Now the time has come for a true 100% Redress Scheme to be guaranteed by the



Thomas Devine with Paddy Diver.

Government. "It's the Peoples Document that has to be delivered. It leaves no one behind prioritising the homeowner, then the businesses, rental properties and the rest. The amount of boarded up housing in Letterkenny is shocking. And that in turn is an issue for us affected by defective concrete blocks. Where do we go when our houses are going to be fixed. There is no plan showing places where we can go to live. If elected to the Council we will make a difference. It's important that people come out and vote on our right to a 100% Redress Scheme and all the other problems that we are finding on the canvass. We are urging everyone to support us at the ballot box on June 7th. Even people not directly affected do know many others that are living in crumbling houses and deserve their support by voting for the 100% Redress Party" he concluded.



Pupils from St Fiachra's National School Illistrin raised €390 for the North West 10k charities. Pictured with Eoin Gildea from one of the charities, Letterkenny Community Childcare Centre and Principal Luke Kilcoyne.

Portsalon Golf Club

Donegal Links Classic

The Donegal Links Classic will take place from Monday 27th May - Wednesday 29th May at Portsalon, Rosapenna and Ballyliffin. The course will be closed for play during the day on these three days.

Club Matchplay Draws

The draws for the various club matchplay event are done and have added to the BRS app. Please note the deadlines for each round and arrange matches accordingly.

Jimmy Bruen success for Portsalon

The Jimmy Bruen team made a dramatic start to their campaign on Saturday evening with a hard-fought win over a strong Strabane team. The split-venue clash saw two matches settled on the 18th greens, one in Portsalon and one in Strabane, with Portsalon edging the verdict by 2.5 matches to 1.5. The Portsalon side were down in all four games at one stage in the afternoon, but showed tremendous grit and determination to fight back. On the road, the opening pairing of Cathal Canning and Brian Devlin were level thru 7 holes but ran into some good golf and were beaten on the 15th. The second pairing of David Butler and Paddy McGowan had a real see-saw battle, with no side able to get 2up at any stage, and after they drew level on the 14th hole, both pairings produced some superb golf under pressure as they managed to par the final four holes with a watching crowd engrossed in the battle. Great playing from both teams and a half match was the least they both deserved. That meant it all rested on the home games, where things were still ongoing.

Kevin Boyce and Donal Callaghan Jnr put a point on the board with a 3&2 win, ensuring the sole surviving game would either send it to a playoff or give Portsalon the victory.

Dermot Shields and Shane Sandilands survived after going 3 down early on, battling back to level matters on the 16th. With everything to play for and the pressure on, they won the 17th and claimed the decisive point with a half on 18, narrowly avoiding the need for a playoff back up in Strabane. A terrific win against a strong Strabane side, commiserations to them on the narrowest of losses and much gratitude for the fine hospitality and sporting nature of the game on both courses. Team Captain Enda McElhinney will now line-up his troops for a clash with Bushfoot GC from County Antrim in the next round.

Club Results

Wednesday 9th May - Winner: Matthew McLaughlin (23) - 40 pts BOT; Runner-up: Peter Muldoon (10) - 40 pts; Gross: Eamonn

McConigley (5) - 30 pts; Third: Brian Forrest (23) - 39 pts.

Saturday 12th May - Winner: Fionn Richardson (24) - 43 pts; Runner-up: Mark Howard (11) - 41 pts BOT; Gross: Ryan McGettigan (1) - 36 gross pts; Third: Kevin Hensey (7) - 41 pts

Sunday 13th May - Runner-up: Joe Coyle (13) - 40 pts BOT; Gross: Ryan McGettigan (Scr) - 36 pts; Third: Conor Scallon (17) - 40 pts.

Portsalon Ladies

Thinking of taking up golf?

Portsalon Golf Club will host a taster session and introduction to the fabulous game of golf for ladies who have never played before, and wish to try it out on Friday evening 24th May at 6pm in the clubhouse is the place to be! Ladies can contact the club on (074) 915 9459, send names to Noreen (087) 296 6164 or just simply turn up on the evening, where you will be warmly welcomed. There will be a chance to meet some of the lady members, play a few holes and enjoy a refreshments. A golf Pro will be there to give everyone a few tips on how to get started.

Winners Enclosure

Congratulations to Sheila Horner who recorded an excellent 37 pts to win the Sunday Members 12th May, from Patricia Bradley 36 pts.

Rosapenna

Gents Section Results

The club competition on Sunday May 12th contested over the Old Tom Morris Links resulted as follows - Cat A (<12) - Micheal Bradley Jnr (6) 39pts; Cat B (13-18) - Raymond Doody (15) 40pts; Cat C (19+) - Brian Garrity (23) 42pts; Gross - Barry McMenamin (5) 33 gross pts. Two's - Stephan Loughrey, Michael Bradley Jnr, Tony Carr, Barney Boyce, Raymond Doody

Sunday the 19th will see the second event of the 2024 Golfer of the Year campaign held over the Old Tom Morris Links.

Ladies Section Results
Monday 6th of May 3-ball Waltz kindly sponsored by McElhinneys Ballybofey - Winning team with 80pts - Helena Mc Bride / Mary Devlin / Bridin Mc Guigan & Mairead O Connell.
Saturday 11th of May kindly sponsored by Margaret McGinley Solicitors - Winner Terri Martin (32) 39pts; Second Aisling Cullen (31)



Sheila Horner winner of the Sunday competition at Portsalon Golf Club.

34pts (BOT); Cat A (10-23) Anne Mc Keague (15) 34pts; Cat B (27-42) Bridin Mc Guigan (34) 34pts; First nine Marina Hamilton (18) 22pts; Second nine Eileen Magill (17) 20pts

Play in Pink

The annual Play in Pink competition will be open to gents and ladies this year and will be played on Saturday 1st June. The format will be a ladies and gents singles stableford competition together with a pink ball 4 person team competition (any combination) - enter both competitions at the same time. First, second and third gents' and ladies' individual prizes and best overall team prizes sponsored by Claire Lenny. All proceeds on the day in aid of the National Breast Cancer Research Institute. Book on the BRS App.

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 the Thursday before, every week.

Team News

On Sunday May 5th the Pierce Purcell team beat Strabane winning both home matches and halving of the the away matches winning the last three holes. The first round of the Mixed Four Ball took place on Sunday the 12th against Ballybofey with Rosapenna winning the tie 3-1.

Upcoming Inter Club Fixtures

Friday 17th May - Barton Shield vs North-West @ 5.00pm. (1 home, 1 away); Sunday 18th May - JB Carr vs Portsalon (AWAY LEG @ 3.10pm); Sunday 19th May - Senior Cup qualifying @ Portsalon Golf Club; Sunday 19th May - Junior Cup vs Bushfoot @ 2.30pm; Saturday 25th May - JB Carr vs Portsalon (HOME LEG @ 3.00pm) May - Sunday 19th - Golfer of the Year sponsored by Kernans of Carrigart; Sunday 26th - Club Competition

June - Saturday 1st - Play in Pink - Open to Ladies & Gents; Sunday 2nd - Club Competition; Saturday 8th - Enda McClafferty's Gents Captains Day; Sunday 9th - Club Competition; Sunday 16th - Club Competition; Sunday 23rd - Club Competition; Sunday 30th - Golfer of the Year sponsored by Ocean View, Downings.

Letterkenny

On Sunday week Letterkenny and Portsalon met in the first round with an excellent standard from the lowest handicap golfers in each club. Letterkenny came out on top and were represented by Jamie Foley and Jack Patton away and Darragh McMenamin and Chris Duffy played at home. They will play Rosapenna G.C or Northwest G.C in next round.

Again, fantastic weather kicked off the weekends golf fixtures with a classic in aid of Ballyraine N.S been held on Friday. Main sponsor on the day was Calor Gas who provided a goodie back to each participant at sign-in. This competition was generously supported with members and

also visitors trying their at navigating around the tight parkland course.

On Saturday saw club tutor Seamus McMonagle sponsor a 2 Man Texas Scramble in which pairings played the best ball every shot until it reached the cup.

On Sunday th Ulster Cup team played Carrickfergus. Although it was a split venue with 3 matches both sides of the Glenshane, Carrickfergus got the home draw in the circumstances that if it come to a play-off, it would be the first hole in Carrickfergus to be used. Letterkenny fell shy of this and bowed out of the competition. A special mention of thanks to Carrickfergus G.C for their hospitality and good luck in the next round.

Letterkenny Ladies

The Competition on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May was won by Gillian Dempsey(43) with a fantastic score of 47 pts. Carmel Mc Geady (35) was runner up with 35 pts and Tracy Spence(21) finished in 3rd place with 34pts BOT. Front 9 was won by Breege Mc Donagh(49) with 21pts and Back 9 went to Eugenia Moran(50) with 18 pts.

On Thursday 9th May, the competition was sponsored by Magees Pharmacy and the winner was Marian O Sullivan(11) with 38pts. Runner up was Mary Fowley(49) with 36pts and Brigid McClafferty (36) claimed the 3rd prize with 34pts. Front 9 was won by Mary Gallagher(47) with 20 pts and the back 9 went to Carmel Mc Geady (35) with 16pts. Thank you to Magees Pharmacy for their sponsorship and continued support.

Donegal Ladies Seniors Golf

The summer season of the Donegal Ladies Seniors got off to its traditional start in Bundoran Golf Club on Monday 29th April. Over 100 ladies took to the fairways and the dampish weather did not put them off. As always Bundoran Golf Club was most welcoming and the early starters made the best of the day.

Results

Tracy Spence Letterkenny Golf Club, didn't let the wind or rain deter her, and came away victorious with a great score of 39pts - 1st Tracy Spence (22) 39pts; 2nd Anne Curran (25) 35pts; Gross Marie Walsh (13) 20 gross pts; 3rd Josephine McGurran (20) 34 pts bot; 4th Ann Friel (15) 33pts bot; 5th Margaret Murphy (37) 33pts bot.

Categories: Cat 1 (0-22) - 1st Annette McGettigan (20) 33pts bot; 2nd Kathleen O'Neill (18) 33pts bot. Cat 1 (23-30) 1st Anne Condon (27) 33pts; 2nd Celine Bradley (24) 32pts. Cat 3 (31+) 1st Anne Flannery (31) 32 pts; 2nd Beatrice McDevitt (41) 31 pts; Front 9 Celine Markey (21) 20pts; Back 9 - Patricia Britton (29) 21pts. 2's - 3rd Hole A Condon, M Walsh, G Cafferty, S Canning; 6th Hole A Flannery; 16th Hole S King

Election shocks.... and a missing bull

From Page One

incidents. One lady in Ramelton confessed that she was stunned when a candidate hoped her vote might bring the party total up to twenty.

And then there is the legend of the 'Missing Bull' in the midnight mist.

A candidate arrived home, tired from a long slog down the country lanes. Checking the stock is vital too... but the bull was missing and so a posse of experienced local ranchers was rounded up with their searchlights and the bull was found grazing happily, elsewhere. Seems he was a bit stressed from lack of action (the bull, not the farmer) but he's now been promised better working conditions and more customers.

Ann Sweeney, Dunfanaghy has added her name to the list of candidates for the Glenties Area. She's on an Independent ticket and her priorities include housing, health, mica, farming, carers, immigration and local government.

One of the talking points this time around is the role (or not) of social media. Experienced Cllrs have put their trust in the traditional door to door can-



Kathleen Deeney, Rathmullan and Ann Sweeney, Dunfanaghy who have announced they are contesting the local elections.

vass and wearing out the shoe leather in that extra mile to reach their voter base.

Among them are experienced Cllrs like Liam Blaney, Ciaran Brogan, Michael McClafferty, Michael McBride, John Sheamus O'Fearraigh, Jimmy Kavanagh and John O'Donnell.

Brogan said the voters on the doorsteps have been courteous, respectful

and interested in politics generally. He also says the electorate has a very good grasp of Council affairs.

Fianna Fail has confirmed 15 candidates as they defend 12 seats while Sinn Fein has 18 candidates: they have 10 seats.

Fine Gael has 9 candidates - they won 6 in 2019 but they lost out as 2 Cllrs moved to the independent benches in Lifford. The Mica Redress Party has 6 candidates running

while Aontú has 6 and Labour is also contesting a number of electoral areas.

By midweek the registered parties were reported to have 57 runners nominated while the numbers of Independents may reach beyond the figures in 2019 when 85 runners contested the 37 seats.

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132,381 and the turnout on election day was 72,948: 914 votes were deemed invalid. The valid poll was 55% with the Milford electoral area recording a turnout of 65% followed by Donegal on 62.8% and Glenties on 55.5%. Most are close enough to the 50% mark and that reflects well on connectivity with the political system.

The main public issues of contention are around Housing; Mica: Immigration: Emigration from rural areas and the future viability of the family farm.

These and many other related issues are to be addressed in a public forum in the Clanree Hotel, Letter-

keny on Monday week (May 27th) at 7.30 pm. All contactable EU candidates in the Midlands North and West have been invited and a majority have responded.

The forum hosted by the Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers Association will be chaired by Malcolm Thompson who said that EU regulations and their implementation by the Government is leaving farming at a critical crossroads in Ireland.

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

Funeral of Charlie Flood

The funeral took place on Tuesday of Charlie Flood, Ard Colmcille, Letterkenny. Charlie passed away on Saturday at the Archview Lodge Nursing Home. A well known member of the local community Charlie was a native of Manorcunningham. He was renowned for his work as a tradesman around the town and beyond in both carpentry and plumbing.



In his homily Monsignor Kevin Gillespie spoke about Charlie's great sense of community spirit that saw being a very active in the organisation of the Letterkenny St. Patrick's Day Parade and it gave him great joy to see so many families coming out to enjoy a special event that celebrated the life of the country's patron saint. His enormous contribution to its success was recognised by the MC Keith Fletcher at a recent Parade just after Charlie's 90th birthday.

His other great passion was the Letterkenny International Folk Festival and getting the stage just right for the entertainers was always top of Charlie's priorities on those big August nights at the Market Square. He looked after his wife Margaret when her health deteriorated and was a daily visitor when she went into the care of the Archview Lodge Nursing Home. Margaret passed away in January 2023. The couple had been married 65 years. Charlie was a man of great faith with Sunday Mass a very important part of his week. Himself and Margaret were regular visitors to the Knock Shrine.

Remains reposed at the residence of his daughter Hilda Culbert, The Croft, Glencar Scotch from Sunday. Monsignor Kevin Gillespie officiated at the Requiem Mass on Tuesday in St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny. Concelebrants were Fr. Pat McHugh retired P.P., Fr. Martin Chambers C.C. Termon and Fr. Damien Nejad C.C. Readings were by Charlie's grandchildren Lisa and Andrew. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Mark, Thomas and Orla. Music and hymns were by the Cathedral Choir. Final Prayers of Commendation were said by Fr. McHugh. Burial took place afterwards in New Leck Cemetery. Charlie is survived by daughter Hilda, sons Gabriel and Cathal, daughters-in-law Kim and Jacinta, grandchildren Lisa, Andrew, Caolán, Shannen, Ciara, Rachael, Orla and Mark, nieces, nephews, extended family, neighbours and friends. He was predeceased by his wife Margaret, son-in-law Tadhg, brothers Jimmy and John and sisters Kathleen and Josephine. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Bob Wheeler

The funeral took place on Sunday of Robert Bell Walkinton (Bob) Wheeler, The Brae, Rathmullan. Aged 94, Bob passed away at his home on Friday. He was formerly the proprietor of Rathmullan House having previously owned the Milford Hotel.



Bob was predeceased by his wife Robin. He is survived by his children Juliet, Mark and William, son-in-law Patrick, daughters-in-law Mary and Yvonne, grandchildren, Alice, Millie, Sean, Molly, Daisy, Tom, Jack, Charlie and Harry.

Remains reposed at Brae House, Rathmullan from Saturday. Canon Harry Gilmore officiated at the Funeral Service in St. Columb's Church, Rathmullan on Sunday. Readings were by Millie Cooper and Tess Wheeler Wilson. Bob was laid to rest afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Death of John Coyle

The death has taken place in Preston, England of John Coyle. Aged 73, John was a native of Gortnavern, Ballyarr. He passed away suddenly following a respiratory illness at Chorley Hospital, Lancashire on the 20th April. A retired property devel-

oper he was one of a kind and once met never forgotten. John is survived by partner Heather and sons Patrick, Jonathan and Simon; grandchildren Rosie, Hannah, Jude, Bonnie, Eve and Vincent. He is also survived by aunts Nora and Veronica, sisters Valerie and Anna, along with cousins and many friends at home in Ballyare.

Requiem Mass will take place at St Oswald's RC Church Longton Preston UK on this Friday 17th May at 10:30am. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Death of Marion Moore

The death occurred at her home on Saturday of Marion Moore (née Wylie), Swilly View House, Lurgibrack, Letterkenny.

Marion is survived by her husband Ernie, sons Charles, John and Sheila, Alan, Ernest and Donna, and Alistair and Rachel, son-in-law Packie Trearty, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, sisters Olive Loper (America), Alice Moore (Canada), Ruth Gordon (Garryharry, Letterkenny) and brother Jay Wylie (Ramelton), brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and a wide circle of family, friends and neighbours. Marion was predeceased by her daughter Joan Trearty (2015) and brother Allen Wylie (2023). Remains reposed at the family residence in Lurgibrack on Sunday.



Funeral from there on Monday to Conwal Parish Church, Letterkenny for Service of Thanksgiving followed by cremation at Lakelands Crematorium, Cavan. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

The late Angela Gallagher

The death has taken place of Angela (Bridget) Gallagher (née O'Donnell), Knocknamona Crescent, Letterkenny and formerly of Darney Bruckless and Drimlaughdrid, Lettermacaward. Angela is survived by her daughters Caroline (Stephen), Mairead, sons Niall (Marie) and Francis and their father Neily; her grandchildren Jamie, Enya, Annie, Pauric, Adian, the O'Donnell and Gallagher families and all her neighbours, relatives and friends.



Remains reposed at Shovlins Funeral Home, Sandfield on Wednesday followed by removal to St Brigid's Church, Lettermacaward to repose overnight. Requiem Mass will take place this Thursday at 12noon with burial afterwards in the local cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Cameron White

The funeral took place on Tuesday of Cameron White, Roughan, Newmills. Cameron passed away suddenly on Friday at Crumlin Children's Hospital, Dublin where he had been undergoing treatment for Leukaemia.

Aged 13 Cameron was a student at the Royal and Prior in Raphoe where he was also active in sport playing hockey and badminton.

Cameron is survived by his parents Robert and Vienna; grandparents Phyllis and Joe White and Louise and David Wylie, aunts and uncles Helen, Alan, Mervyn, Nigel, Dale, Devon, Brook and Corey, cousins and close friends.

Remains reposed at the family residence in Roughan from Sunday. Reverends Stuart and Heather Houlton officiated at the Funeral Service in Conwal Parish Church on Tuesday. Burial took place afterwards in Gortlee Cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.



Finn Park is the home of Harps - McGowan

From Page One

to looking after Finn Park for the communities of Ballybofey and Stranorlar for over five decades.

"The trustees helped us in every way in looking after Finn Park. The trustees were so good to us. When the Stranorlar site was first being mentioned many years ago I was told by a very senior County Council official that the sensible option was to upgrade the current Finn Park because it has the infrastructure right beside it. So this move can't be allowed to happen. It doesn't make sense and it's not fair or right to be putting public pressure on the trustees. I'm all for progress but certainly not the way things are being done here. I have enough knowledge to know what is in the best interests of senior football is to stay in Finn Park and upgrade it," McGowan said.

McGowan was the key figure in getting Finn Harps into the League of Ireland in 1969 and managed the club to their one and only FAI Senior Cup title five years later. He says there is also scope in the future to develop a stand on the Aldi side of the current ground.

He continued: "A number of years ago I had a meeting with a contractor who had a proposition to make that he would put up a new seated stand for Harps on the Aldi side of the ground provided he could build six business units underneath with the revenue from that going to him.

I brought that to a Harps meeting and it was treated as a joke. Yet this was a proposal from a contractor that did developments all over Europe," McGowan said.

McGowan said he was making his stand now in the interest of football people in Donegal.

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Death of Adrian Thompson

The sudden death occurred on Sunday of Adrian Thompson, Sprackburn Drive, Letterkenny and formerly Donegal Road, Ballybofey. Adrian is survived by his parents Fintan and Annie, siblings Máiread and Lorraine. He was predeceased by his sister Christina.

Remains reposed at the home of his father and mother, at Donegal Road, Ballybofey from Monday evening. Funeral was from there on Wednesday for Requiem Mass in the Church of Mary Immaculate, Stranorlar. Interment took place afterwards in Stranorlar Cemetery.



Milford

Death of Phyllis Grier

The death occurred on Tuesday of Phyllis Grier, The Glen, Ramelton. Phyllis was formerly a member of the Boyce family and was born in the Halfway House, Ballymaleel on 13th February 1942. She was the youngest child of Jim and Rose Boyce (née Gibbons). Her mother Rose passed away just a couple of months after Phyllis was born. She met her future husband Andy Grier of The Glen at a dance in the Milford Hall. After the couple married in 1964 they moved to Luton, England for work. Phyllis and Andy returned to Ireland in the summer of 1980 and settled into life in rural Ramelton after a busy life bringing up a young family in the UK city. Andy went back to farming and Phyllis was the homemaker. They celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary last January.



Phyllis was a very good neighbour and had a warm welcome for all who called to the house in the Glen especially neighbouring children and made sure everyone was fed. She was a woman of great faith. Phyllis is survived by her husband Andrew, daughters Una (Tom), Monica (Alastair) and Marnie, sons Andy, George (Martina), James (Aisling), Liam, John (Aoife), David and Eunan (Claire), grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sisters-in-law Eileen, Mollie and Patsie, nieces, nephews, extended family, neighbours and friends. She was predeceased by her daughter Patricia, parents, brothers and sisters.

Remains are reposing at the family home in The Glen. Requiem Mass takes place this Thursday, May 16th, at 11am in St Peter's Church, Milford. Burial afterwards in Tully Cemetery. Mass can be viewed on Church Services TV St Peter's Church Milford on www.churchservices.tv/milford Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

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

Guide Dog Day concert Milford
The Irish Guide Dogs for the blind are holding a variety concert in the Milford Reformed Presbyterian Church, F92 PN5D, on Friday 24th May at 7:30pm. Join us for an unforgettable evening of Music and Entertainment. Experience sensational performances while supporting a worthy cause. Tickets are €10 and can be bought from Milford & District Facebook Page.

Milford Over 65's
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.

Cash for Clobber
Scoil Mhuire National School, Milford will host their Cash for Clobber Fundraiser from Monday

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

Free Workshop
Scoil Mhuire NS will host an evening Free for Parents with Pauline Hunter who is a teacher and Neuro Development Therapist this Thursday 16th May at the School from 7-9pm. Pauline will offer practical advice and tip for parents on supporting children's learning and also advice on Learning, Social Skills, Speech and language development, ADHA, Autism and Dyslexia.

50/50 Draw
The next draw will take place on Sunday 2nd June in the Hi-da-way Bar for a guaranteed Jackpot of €1000. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder or by Revolut to Noel Gillespie 086 8224091 and Martin Roarty on 087 9129691 and various outlets in the town.

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

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

Golf Society



Best wishes to Milford United player Erin Nelis who is a member of the Donegal U15 Girls team who will compete in the Inter League All Ireland Final on Sunday 19th May in Evergreen Park, Kilkenny at 2pm. Erin is the daughter of Hughie and Elaine Nelis.

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The Hi-da-way Golf Society held an outing on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th May at the Captain's Weekend away in Westport, Co. Mayo. The next out will take place on Saturday 29th June at City of Derry Golf Club at 1.00pm. 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 16th May 10.00am, Friday 17th May 7pm; Saturday 18th May at 7.30pm; Sunday 19th May at 11.00am.

Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 18th May at 6pm.

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

Milford AC at Inter Firms.
Well done to the 6 club athletes who took part in the 46th running of the annual Inter Firms 5km in Letterkenny on Tuesday. George Grier led the way, finishing 7th overall in 17.66. Danielle Mc Namee running for St Bernadette's School ran 21.15. Kieran McAteer ran 22.23; Hannah McCloy along with Rachael Stilvern running for The HSE were ladies team winners running 23.25 and 24.50 respectively Patrick Sheils ran 24.55. Well done to former club member, Mark McPaul on winning the race in 15.43.

Well done to newly formed Milford based company, 'Kelly Properties' who won the men's team title with a combined time of 54.13. Liam Doherty 17.53, Henry Timoy 18.08, the boss, Seamus Kelly 18.12 (0/50) and non scor-

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Above - Nancy Gallagher, Mary O'Donnell and Josephine McConigley from Milford and the Darkness Into Light walk in Rathmullan on Saturday morning and below Roisin Diver with Sean, Johnny and Bernie Gallagher from Milford.



ing member, Declan Mc Bride, 19.35.

This Friday the Kilmacrennan National School 5k takes place at 7.30pm with registration from 6pm in the school and on Thursday the 23rd Ayrhill NS in Ramelton are holding their annual 5km with registration in the Makemie Hall from 6pm.

Best wishes to all the athletes running in the Lifford Strabane Half Marathon this Sunday.

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.



Rosemarie Gallagher Milford AC, who won 2 gold medals and one silver medal at the Donegal Master Athletic Championships held in Lifford at the weekend. She won gold in the shot putt and discus, and silver in the Javelin.



The Milford u16 girls who beat Termon at the weekend.

Milford Utd presentation night



Left - Milford United Reserve team Award winners at the annual presentations in the Hi-da-way Bar on Saturday pictured with managers Kieran Sheridan and Aidan McCafferty, included are Shane McFadden, Players Player of the Year; Ciaran Blaney, Top Goal Scorer; Jordan Ryan, Player of the Year and Adam Campbell, Young Player of the Year.



Below - Milford United Senior team Award winners at the annual presentations in the Hi-da-way Bar pictured with managers Noel Gillespie and Benny McGinley, Shane Black, Senior Player of the Year, Oisín McHugh, Young Player of the Year and Cathal McGettigan Players Player of the Year and Top Goal Scorer.



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Brian McCormick Letterkenny Area Final

# McCormick Cup Area title for Letterkenny Rovers

## Swilly Rovers 1-2 Letterkenny Rovers

Swilly Rovers' hopes of staying in contention for some late silverware ended when they lost to Letterkenny Rovers in the Brian McCormick Area Final on Sunday in Ramelton. Letterkenny came into the game on the back of a really good season winning Division 1 and only losing to Bunrana Hearts after an Ulster Junior Final penalty shoot-out. They will be joining Swilly in the Premier Division next season and certainly fancied their chances of going to the County semi-finals of the McCormick Cup.

After a reasonable start to the Premier campaign Swilly slipped away from top of the end of the table and it was a poor second half of the season. On Sunday it was an excellent football match between two skilled teams, Swilly took the lead on seven minutes with Shane McNamee's stunning 35-yard strike. Just two minutes later, Letterkenny levelled as Lee McMonagle smoothly bypassed two defenders and calmly finished. Swilly dominated the first half, with Ian Ward's effort hitting the bar and bouncing on the goal line. In the second half, Letterkenny intensified



their attack, forcing Barry Gallagher in the Swilly goal to make several crucial saves.

The winning goal came on 70 minutes when Nathan Plumb scored a superb header. Both teams hit the posts, and Swilly had a disallowed goal near the end.

That defeat ended the season for Swilly while Letterkenny advance to the County McCormick Cup semi-final against Kildrum Tigers in Ballyare on Sunday.

Swilly Rovers - Barry Gallagher, Tony Gallagher, Brad Patterson, Ciaran Kelly, David Craig, Shane McNamee, Matthew McLaughlin, Marty McDaid, Ian Ward, Kyle Black, Laurence Toland. Subs used: Tyler Durning for Patterson, Damian Friel for Craig, Barry Mooney for Toland.

Letterkenny Rovers - Blake Forkan, David O'Donnell, Tim Callaghan, Dean McCarry, Caolan McConnell,

## DONEGAL JUNIOR LEAGUE

### Fixtures

Saturday 11th May

Voodoo Cup Diamond Park, Ballyare

2pm Drumoghill v Strand Rovers

5pm Drumbar FC v Glencar Celtic

Sunday 12th May

Brian McCormick Cup 1pm

Swilly Rovers v Letterkenny Rovers

Cappry Rovers v St. Catherines FC

### Results

Wednesday 1st May

Brian McCormick Sports Premier Division

Kildrum Tigers 3-0 Fanad United

Thursday 2nd May

Brian McCormick Cup - Letterkenny Area

Bonagee United 1-2 Letterkenny Rovers

Saturday 4th May

Old Orchard Saturday Division Two

Swilly Rovers Res 8-1 Gweedore Celtic Res

Voodoo Venue Cup

Ballybofey Utd Res 1-3 Drumbar F.C.

Keadue Rovers Res 1-2 Strand Rovers

Letterkenny Rovers Res 1-2 Glencar Celtic

Sunday 5th May

Brian McCormick Cup - Donegal Area

Donegal Town 0-3 Cappry Rovers

Henry Welles, Christy Conaghan, Adam Murphy, Nathan Plumb, Gareth Doherty, Lee McMonagle. Sub used: Nathan Bonner for Murphy. Ref Dessie McLaughlin.

Saturday League promotion/relegation play-off

## Promotion for Swilly Reserves

### Swilly Rovers Reserves 2-1 Fintown Harps (aet)

The Swilly Rovers Reserve side will be playing Division 1 football next season after winning the promotion/relegation play-off against Fintown Harps in Raphoe on Saturday. And it was a father and son act that secured the victory with Darragh McDaid putting the Ramelton outfit in front but a Fintown man saw the game go to extra-time. Then Darragh's father Marty McDaid who came on as a sub got what proved to be the winner.

It was captain Darragh McDaid who got the opening goal in the second half with a bullet header from a beautifully delivered cross from Michael Kerr.

With five minutes remaining Swilly conceded a free kick and a ball into the box was met by the onrushing Fintown player to find the

back of the net.

Extra time started and Swilly were trying to find a way through the Fintown defence to no avail until eventually Marty McDaid who got the all important goal after Edan Bradley swung the ball back into the box following a set piece. That's it for the Reserves after a long season and all the effort put into it, it's back to the top flight to play a few familiar foes.

Swilly Rovers Reserves - Jamie Lee Blaney, Darragh Fennell, Michael Kerr, Damien Friel, Darragh McDaid, Jordan McDaid, Ryan Moore, Tony Gallagher, William Buchanan, Ryan McDaid, Daniel McAteer. Subs used: Marty McDaid, Brad Patterson, Calvagh O'Donnell. Unused: Evan Ryan, Daithi Cavanagh, David Lockart.

Right - Marty and Darragh McDaid of Swilly Rovers Res.



## Big match for Murphy's men at Belfield

Finn Harps will head for Dublin this Friday morning to take on UCD in a top of the table clash at Belfield (7.45). UCD are second in the table and three points ahead of Harps and while an away victory would be nice Darren Murphy will no doubt not be too disappointed with a draw at The Bowl. When the two sides met in Ballybofey earlier in the season it ended in a draw and since then the Students have been on a decent run of form that has them shoot up the table. Even at this stage with only near half the season

played Cork City are odds on favourites to go up automatically. Currently Tim Clancy's side is eight points ahead of UCD who are managed by Bunrana native William O'Connor. There were a few sore bodies after the Harps win over bottom of the table Longford Town last Friday night and it will be interesting to see how they recover for the bus journey to the Capital on Friday. Murphy's men are away again on Friday week and it will be a much longer round trip to play Kerry F.C. in Tralee.

When Harps and UCD met at Finn Park on Friday 5th April it ended 1-1. Despite having to settle for a draw Murphy's remained second in the League of Ireland First Division table following the weekend results. However, Harps slipped 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.

Since then UCD's form has been better than Harps who have gone down to fifth in the table at the stage before the Longford win moved them up a place again. William O'Connor will definitely see Harps as a game where three points can be secured in order to stretch the gap between themselves and the chasing pack. Murphy may make a change or two for the away fixture with Conor Tourish a possible starter after coming on as a sub last Friday night while Sean O'Donnell has also to be in the frame.

## Edogun hits Harps winner

### Finn Harps 3-2 Longford Town

Finn Harps kept themselves firmly in the promotion hunt but it was a hard earned win over bottom of the table Longford Town in a sunny Ballybofey on Friday. The hosts were 2-0 up after just 13 minutes thanks to a debut goal for Max Johnston and a wonder strike from skipper Tony McNamee. However, the visitors were back on level terms just past the half-hour mark via a controversial Jordan Adeyemo penalty and Dean O'Shea's equaliser. Darren Murphy's outfit were the better side in the second half but had to wait till the 85th minute for the winner when Success Odugun steered home a cross from sub Sean O'Donnell. In an entertaining First Division fixture Longford had actually started the game well and could have been in front before Johnston netted his first senior goal in the fifth minute. Inside the first minute. Conor Crowley's free kick saw the unmarked Francis Campbell steer the ball wide from only five yards.

That miss was punished when Matty Makinson and Edogun combined and the latter's cross was met by Johnston's

diving header for a goal that will live long in the memory of the youngster. At the other end Campbell toe-poked narrowly wide as Longford tried to get back into the game. However, the visitors were stunned when the hosts doubled their advantage when McNamee's 25-yard half-volley flew into the top right-hand corner of Jack Brady's goal. It was the Ramelton man's fifth goal of the season.

The Midlanders got a goal back in controversial circumstances when referee Alan Patchell adjudged that McNamee had fouled Wade-Slater and pointed to the penalty spot which Adeyemo converted. Brady then kept Longford in the game with good saves from Patrick Ferry and Noe Baba. On 33 minutes Harps found their early lead wiped out when Crowley's free-kick was steered home by Darren O'Shea.

In the second half Edogun had an appeal for a penalty waved away while Patrick Ferry blazed over when he should have passed to the unmarked McNamee. Sean O'Donnell who had come on as a sub was then played through by David Cawley but the

keeper advanced quickly to clear the danger. Then came the Harps winner with five minutes of normal time remaining in a move that involved Luke O'Brien and Cawley before McNamee's inch perfect ground pass free O'Donnell on the right. The Carn man cut the ball back for Edogun to fire past Brady from close range.

Finn Harps - Tim Heimer, Jamie Watson, Matty Makinson, Noe Baba, Luke O'Brien, Ryan Rainey, David Cawley, Tony McNamee, Patrick Ferry (Sean O'Donnell 71), Success Edogun (Conor Tourish 87), Max Johnston. Subs not used: Conor Walsh (Gk), Shane McMonagle, Chris Lotefa, Stephen Doherty, Mark Mbuli, Darragh Coyle, Gavin McAteer. Referee: Alan Patchell.

## Harps Lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for 9th May. The numbers drawn were 5, 9, 22, 30. The next draw takes place on Thursday 16th May and the jackpot is €10,000.



Tony McNamee tackling a Longford Town player on Friday at Finn Park.

There were five match 3 winners this week each winning €40 each. Patrick Brennan, Kilty, Letterkenny. Barry McMenamin, Carrick, Castlefinn.

John Heeney, Ballybofey. Kara Doherty, Phone Number Provided. Mary Moss, Aghyaran. Enter online today via finnharps.ie



# Invitation to the Bible Course

For many it is a family heirloom, bathed in generations of history. For others it is a gift from a wedding or solemn occasion. Many homes in Donegal contain a copy of the Bible yet all too often it is simply gathering dust. The Bible is the best selling book of all time and its impact would be impossible to overstate. From the words and phrases we use to the schools and hospitals we depend on, much can be traced back to the profound influence of this book. Yet for something that has been so fundamental to Irish society for centuries, the Bible is remarkably under-read. There are many reasons why. For one thing, it's a big book. The copy

sitting on my desk as I write this runs to over 1,200 pages. It's hard to know where to start! For another thing, it's a book unlike most others. The Bible contains a variety of different writing styles, some of which can sound unfamiliar to our unaccustomed ears. Yet perhaps the biggest reason why so few Irish people have read the Bible is that they've been actively discouraged from doing so. Some have been told that in order to really get it, you need to be an expert. How many have been put off opening it up because they lack the training or expertise they wrongly assume is necessary to understand its meaning? Whatever your reasons, we want

to encourage you to read the Bible for yourself. Its message is far more straightforward than people assume and it is designed to be read by everyone, no matter how much or how little prior experience they have. That is why our church is running "The Bible Course". The format is simple: we'll watch a brief video that explores some of the Bible's themes and then there will be an opportunity to ask questions or discuss what we've just watched. You're not there to be lectured to; this is a chance to explore God's word together. We hope that those who attend will come to see that the Bible isn't nearly as intimidating as they've been led to believe. We hope they'll develop

an appetite to go away and read it for themselves and we hope that they'll come to love it dearly. We want you to have the joy of seeing that the Bible contains the greatest, most life-changing, most hope-giving news the world has ever seen. So please feel free to come along and see more for yourself. You won't be put on the spot, forced to speak, asked for money, or pressured to commit to coming again. The course begins this Sunday (19th May) and runs for the next eight Sundays. It's well worth attending all eight nights but you're free to dip in and out as you choose. We'll meet at our church in the retail park behind Lidl (Eircode: F92 PN5D) at 7pm each evening. If you have any

Food for thought



Jonny McCollum

questions, you can email us at milfordrpc@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

## Meehan welcomes new footpath in Milford

Declan Meehan, Independent local candidate in the upcoming council elections for the Milford Electoral Area, has welcomed the new link foot path from the Kilmacrennan Road to the Moyle Park Pitches. He told the Tribune "I was delighted to advocate for this project and work closely with the Council Road Engineers to make it happen. This piece of land is in community ownership, and I was delighted to work with the Council to secure access to this land, providing the safe linkage. It will leave it safer for

children and other users of the pitches to access them from the upper parts of the town, linking them to the astro pitch, the Parochial Hall and the Gallowglass Community Centre. Previously there was no safe link available to this busy resource in our town." "Further work is underway to develop footpaths on Coopers Road and down to Grey Rocks, which are long overdue and will contribute to better road safety in Milford. I am also working with the Council to secure funding for the much-needed footpath to the Mulroy

Woods Hotel from Lidl. Last year, I worked with the engineers on an application to the Community Recognition Fund, which was sadly rejected by the Council. This year we intend to apply again, with input from the Gardaí and the Road Safety Authority. It's critical this footpath is funded as this stretch of road is ineligible for usual funding avenues due to it being outside the 50km zone. The Community Recognition Fund provides a unique opportunity to get this over the line."

## Rathmullan news

**Tidy Towns**  
Thanks to everyone for the support during the past year, as we finally submitted our Tidy Towns Entry last week. Judging can take place any time from 1st June until the end of August, with results normally issuing in early October. In the meantime, we will be busy painting and gardening in preparation for another busy summer and we're always glad of help at any time, so don't be shy about pitching in and lending a hand.  
**Bike Week Celebrations 17th May**  
The pupils of St Josephs National School will cycle to School this Friday, from the Pier Car park to the back entrance. Assemble from 8.30am and get your hi viz jacket. Members of the Tidy Towns group will be en route at junctions to ensure safe passage and motorists, please give due care and consideration to these young people at they may not have been riding on a public road previously.  
**Rathmullan Makers Markets**  
The next Makers Markets at the Boat-house Sheds will take place on Saturday 25th May with a wide variety of stunning arts, crafts and food on sale as well as amazing live music by Carol Wilson. A

new addition to the Market will be recycled Art Workshops for both adults and children by local artist Moira McHugh. Moira will be running a mixed media collage workshop for younger people 8-12 years of age from 12 noon for one hour and a Paper Roses & feathers workshop for the arty adults from 2 for an hour. All the materials used on the day will be recycled items. Booking essential on Eventbrite.co.uk  
**Darkness Into Light**  
What an spectacular sunrise last Saturday morning when Rathmullan hosted the annual Darkness into Light walk in aid of Pieta House, when a huge crowd turned out both on land and water, to support this worthy cause, and well done to all involved. See photos on Page 24.  
**Relay for Life - Candles of Hope**  
Relay for life takes place in a couple of weeks, at the ATU grounds in Letterkenny on 25th / 26th May and it's all about coming together to celebrate cancer survivors, remember those how have passed away from cancer and giving thanks to our caregivers, as well as raising awareness about the services provided by the Irish Cancer Society. A very special time is always the Candle of Hope Ceremony around 10pm on the Saturday night, and

anyone wishing to remember someone for the ceremony, then Candles of Hope will be on sale in Rathmullan on Tuesday 21st May in Carberry's Shop from 9.30am to 2pm.  
**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, 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.  
**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, 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. Opening hours are Wednesday and Thursday 11-3 and also on Saturdays.

## Kilmac 5K Road Race/Walk

The countdown is on for the Kilmacrennan 5K Road Race/Walk which is to be held this **Friday 17th of May at 7:30pm**  
 €10 per runner (chipped timed)  
 €5 per walker  
 €10 per family of walkers  
 Registration in Kilmacrennan National School from 5 to 7pm  
 Excellent prizes on the day (Category & Spot prizes)  
 For more information contact Kilmacrennan N.S on 0749139295

## €1.32 million to Donegal sports clubs

A total of 45 Donegal clubs are set to receive €1,320,960 in equipment-only grants under Sports Capital. The funding was announced by the Minister for Sport, Thomas Byrne and Charlie McConalogue, said: "Donegal is a huge sporting county and I know this latest round of government funding will be a massive help to all the clubs concerned. We are extremely fortunate to have so many well run and well organised sporting clubs in our county. It takes a huge effort on behalf of those tasked with running the clubs to keep them going, year after year." Local groups to received funding include - Ballyraine FC €44,250; Comhlacht Forbatha An Tearmain €20,906; Cranford FC €24,751; Dunlewey Celtic FC €22,377; Fanad United FC €19,190; Kilmacrennan FC €13,921; Milford AC €5,900; Milford United FC €20,021; Mulroy Hoops Basketball Club €6,000; Otway Golf and Country Club €40,980; Rathmullan Sailing and Water Sports €27,033; Swilly Seals Swimming Club €13,265; Donegal Athletics County Board €67,971 and Donegal County Camogie €24,935.

### Mevagh Car Wash and Coffee Morning

There will be a fundraising Car Wash and Coffee Morning held at the Beglass Centre Carrigart on Saturday 25th May from 10am to 2pm. All proceeds are in aid of the Mevagh Day Centre and Mevagh Voluntary Fire Service.



Loreto Community School ran several initiatives this year to raise funds for Mary's Meals. The school organised a Santa Run, Carol Service, Seactain na Gaeilge events, and a 1st and 2nd year draw. Last week the school handed over a cheque of €6,440 to Patricia Friel, head of Mary's Meals, Ireland. Our school sponsors Tombi Primary School in Malawi. As a result of these fundraising activities, all 282 students in Tumbi will be given a meal at school each day for an entire school year. Thanks to all the support from the community in making this happen.

## TRACTOR & BIKE RUN

**SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024**  
 DEPARTING FROM  
**Logues of Cranford (F92 K202)**  
 Bikes at 12:30pm - Tractors at 2:00pm  
 Refreshments afterwards in Logues  
 Registration: €20

Contact Diarmuid  
 086-3812581  
 for bike run  
 Contact John  
 087-2925512  
 for tractor run

Proceeds in aid of A&E Letterkenny & St Gabriel's Ward, Temple Street





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or highest preference

Cranford Carrigart

Below is a list of the Community and Sporting Groups I have helped as a Councillor.

Kilmacrennan, Termon & Gartan areas

- Kilmacrennan Community Development
- Kilmacrennan Regeneration Group
- Gartan Day Centre
- Kilmacrennan Parent & Toddler Group
- Termon GAA
- Kilmacrennan Community Hall
- Kilmacrennan Celtic FC
- Kilmacrennan Young at Heart
- Kilmacrennan Tidy Towns
- Ard na Glaise, Kilmacrennan Residents Assoc
- Parents and Friends of Abbey Village
- Kilmacrennan National School
- Termon National School
- An Craoibhin Termon
- Kilmacrennan Community Hall
- Gartan United
- East Donegal Pony Club
- Kilmacrennan Men's Shed
- Kilmacrennan Parish
- Illistrin Schoolboys FC
- Milford & District Fly Angling Club
- Ballyare Text Alert Committee

- No Barriers Foundation CLG
- Donegal Mountain Rescue Team
- Donegal County Council
- Third Age Foundation CLG
- Animals In Need (AIN) CLG
- Turas Colmcille Camino
- Errigal Cycling Club
- Colmcille Gospel Choir
- Donegal Motor Club CLG
- Conwal Parish Church
- Glen Rovers FC
- Church Hill Fair Committee
- Naíonra Gleann Domháin
- Church Hill Community Development Group CLG
- Letterkenny Community Centre CLG
- Fanad Development Association

Not on the list? Reach out and give me a call and get on the list for the next time!

Delighted to have helped these groups since I joined the Council

- Carrigart Development Association
- Cranford Defibrillator
- Cranford Community Games
- Swilly Mulroy Health Forum
- Glenree Soccer Academy
- Glenree United
- Mevagh Playgroup Group
- Glenree United Ladies Team
- Cranford Athletic Club
- Cranford FC



Town and Village Renewal Funding 2020

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Carrigart | €47,000 |
| Glen      | €25,000 |

I have also played my part in securing funding and seen the delivery for the gteic building in Carrigart

gteic Carrigart

Coole Cranford Community Centre



Delighted to see the Coole Cranford Community Centre renovations have started and I look forward to supporting the Development Committee.



Funding of €555,000 has been secured for the pathway from Carrigart to Downings.

Together We Can Make It Happen



**Cllr. John**

# O'Donnell

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## Downings

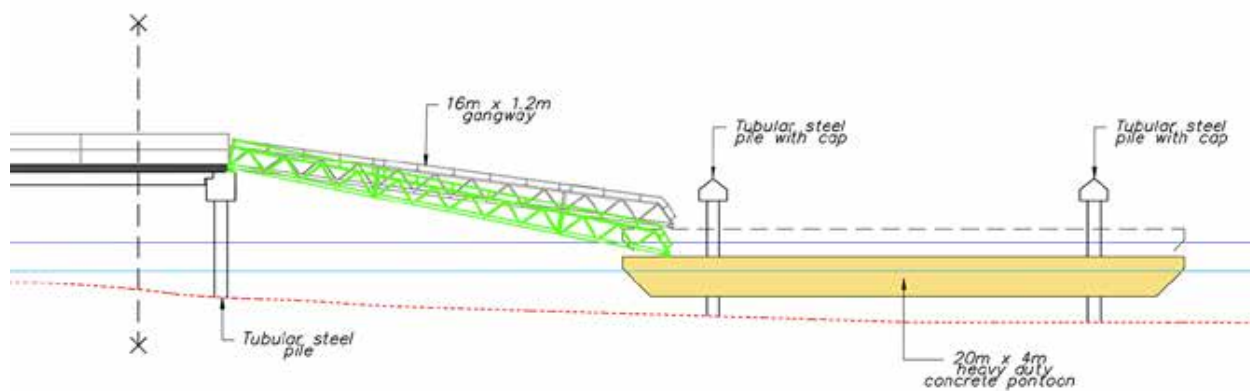
Delighted to have helped these groups since I joined the Council

- Naoinra na nDunaibh
- Mevagh Family Resource Centre
- Coiste Comhneachain Rosguill
- Scoil Naomh Brid, Na Dunaibh
- Downings Tidy Towns
- Mevagh Development Association
- Downings GAA
- Downings Festival
- Downings Christmas Lights

**Town and Village Renewal Funding 2020**  
Downings €40,000



€1.2m for watersports facility in Downings from Failte Ireland.



€200,000 funding and Pontoon onsite at Meevagh Boatyard.

Below is a list of the Community and Sporting Groups I have helped as a Councillor.

**Fanad, Kerrykeel, Glenvar and Rathmullan areas**

- Fanad Lighthouse
- Lough Swilly Ferry
- Kerrykeel Park Development
- Fanad Lakes Angling
- Ray Community Group
- Fanad Ju Jitsu
- Fanad United FC
- Fanad Active Group
- Portsalon Development Association
- Kerrykeel Tidy Towns
- Kerrykeel Presbyterian Church
- Whitstrand Utd FC
- Rathmullan & District Resource Centre
- St. Davaddog's NS
- Rathmullan Community Festival
- Swilly Mulroy Community Development
- Gaeil Fhanada
- Naoinra Fhanada
- Fanad Youth Club
- Mulroy Underage Soccer Academy
- Swilly Mulroy Community Health Forum
- Otway Golf Club
- Fanad Day Centre
- RDRC The Way Forward, Rathmullan

**Ramelton, Milford and Ballyare areas**

- Ramelton Care of the Aged
- Milford Tidier for all
- Ballyare Text Alert Committee
- Lennon Festival, Ramelton
- Ramelton Table Tennis Group
- Ayrhill National School
- Ramelton Tennis Club
- Ramelton Georgian Society
- Milford United FC
- Milford GAA Club
- RDRC The Way Forward, Rathmullan
- Ray Community Group
- Milford & District Fly Angling Club
- Scoil Mhuire NS, Milford
- Ramelton Community Centre
- Milford Athletic Club
- Milford Ju Jitsu Club
- Ramelton Community First Responders
- Ramelton Community Playgroup
- Ramelton Town Hall Development
- Swilly Rovers FC
- Dave Gallaher Park, Ramelton

Not on the list? Reach out and give me a call and get on the list for the next time!

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# New online radio supports emerging singers

A passion for helping new talent to get more airplays has prompted a Churchill woman to launch her own radio station. Well known singer/songwriter Maria McCormick is going to do exactly that with the official unveiling of Over the West Online Radio this Saturday at the A.O.H Youth and Community Club aka the Devlin Hall on Letterkenny's Lower Main Street. It was back in 2019 that Maria first had the idea after listening to the RTE's recommended playlist for emerging talent. She felt there was much more that could be done. A year later Maria was researching what was involved in opening her own radio station. That had to get a back seat for a while when her mother became ill and caring for her took priority until she sadly passed away. But, Maria's mission to set up her station was still on her radar and she completed all the formalities including obtain-



ing the necessary license last year. "I had been getting frustrated with the lack of opportunities for emerging talent trying to get airplays. Lots of them were getting frustrated and dropping out after spending money in studios. It was in 2020 that I first got the idea of radio to help these people and give them a chance" Maria said.

The official launch of Over the West Online Radio takes place on Saturday at the Devlin Hall with a 3pm start. "This is much more than just a radio station. It is a platform for the emerging artists of Ireland. Our motto is "If You Create It, We Will Play It". As you know I am a singer/songwriter myself and I have been releasing music since 2019. I have been one of the lucky ones when it comes to radio plays and as the old saying goes "right place, right time. Unfortunately this is not the story for so many, if not the majority of emerging artists in Ireland and because of this there was a massive need for what I have created."

Already there are 350 artistes that are featuring on her online dukebox every day. They also get the opportunity to be played live on air by Maria's 12 D.J.s who are behind mic at nighttime for live shows. "A woman from Downings contacted me who had started writing a song three years ago. She heard what I was doing. Now she has it finished and the song is out of this world. So far I have had ten good news stories" Maria said. She had special praise for the Ramelton man Paul Mooney who tragically lost his life in road traffic collision earlier this year. "Paul Mooney was a very good friend of mine. He helped me get up and running with the radio. Paul created the jingle and organised the software. It's also fitting that the launch is taking place in the Devlin Hall which first opened in 1939 and where people came to the dances and listen to the music. We will have 20 of the artistes present for the launch. I have D.J.s covering the Munster, Connacht and Leinster areas and hope to have one in Ulster shortly" Maria said. She has a great personal love of the airwaves and



Maria McCormick on air.

has been a D.J. herself on Strabane Radio. Maria says she wants to work in harmony with other radio outlets including Highland. "The Monday Night Sessions on Highland Radio with Paul McDevitt and Jimmy Stafford is good. I am not in competition and want to work with like minded people to help emerging talent." Maria hopes that in time the Devlin Hall will be permanent base for the Over the West Online Radio. It is where the Letterkenny Youth and Community Club is providing much needed facilities for young people with great work being done there. Among the D.J.s that are signing up are the late Brendan Maxwell's son Jamie. The current timetable schedule for Over the West Online Radio

includes.  
 Monday - The Monday Club with Paddy G  
 Tuesday - The Original Music Maker and Listeners Show - Keith Eastwood (Dublin)  
 Wednesdays - Diggin the 70's with Donna Mease (Philadelphia)  
 Fridays - The David Dee Moore Radio Show (Westport); The Irish Show Maria McCormick, The Ben McCormack Show (Galway) and Blas with Aine Duffy (Cork)  
 Saturdays - Franks Big Bazaar, Staish with DJ Dano  
 Sundays - The Late Shift with Frankie McGreevy, Other DJ's joining shortly include Diane Cannon, Jamie Maxwell, Carol Wilson, John Muldowney and Orla Crilly.



The late Paul Mooney, Ramelton who helped Maria with the software and created the jingle for her Over the West Online Radio

## Bursaries available for Home with The Henry Girls Residency

The Earagail Arts Festival is offering a select number of inclusive arts bursaries for the annual 'Home with The Henry Girls' (pictured right) residency.

The Home with The Henry Girls residency takes place from Monday 22nd July - Friday 26th July, 10am - 4pm (Daily), in Malin at Malin Presbyterian Church.

The aim of the bursaries, funded by Optum Ireland, is to enhance access to the arts and is offered to participants for whom there may be barriers to participation - physical, economic, social, emotional or cultural. Join The Henry Girls - Karen, Lorna and Jolene - in the stunning surroundings of Ireland's northernmost

village of Malin, where they will explore the necessary tools and skills for inspiring and facilitating the craft of song writing, arranging and performing. The Home with The Henry Girls - Optum Inclusive Arts Bursaries include 5-day workshop fees, lunch each day and admission to The Henry Girls and the Inishowen Traditional Music Project concerts during Earagail Arts Festival 2024. The bursary does not include accommodation, evening meals and other optional activities.

Earagail Arts Festival is committed to supporting the inclusion and skills development of people from different ethnic backgrounds, people with a disability and those from rural com-

munities.

If you would like to apply for a Home with The Henry Girls - Optum Inclusive Arts Bursary, visit [www.eaf.ie](http://www.eaf.ie) to download the application form and submit to email [info@eaf.ie](mailto:info@eaf.ie) by 5pm on Friday 31st May. Applicants must be aged 18+. For further information e-mail [info@eaf.ie](mailto:info@eaf.ie)



## 'I Am Creative' launched

A new initiative by the Department of Education 'I Am Creative' was launched in the Little Angels School, Letterkenny last Friday. 'I am Creative' is a pilot initiative of the Government of Ireland's Department of Education (DE). The initiative is designed to explore ways in which teachers, artists, school leaders and Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) can collaborate towards enhancing the provision for arts education in Special Education (SE) settings.

**Pictured right are** Ms Ailbhe Dunne (Principal), Gosia Blaszyk (SNA), Mrs Margaret Rowland (Artist in Residence), Julie Griffiths (Artist in Residence), Mr Kieran McTaggart (Director of Donegal Education Support Centre), Kathleen Kelly (Teacher) and Christine Ramsey (Teacher).

The Principal and Staff of the Little Angels Special School said "They are honoured to be a part of the 'I Am Creative' initiative, which was awarded to them by the Donegal Education Support Centre".

Within this initiative, two Artists in Residence, Julie Griffiths and Mrs Margaret Rowland will collaborate with the pupils and staff to support creative engagement in the special educational setting. Throughout the residency, Julie and Margaret will employ and experiment with a wide variety of materials and methodologies to enhance the students' creativity and self-expression. Together they will facilitate the creation of a series of art works which will be incorporated into the new school premises and will be enjoyed by all for many years to come.





# Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Dia dhaoibh gach duine agus an aimsir ag imirt go maith linn. Soineann i ndiaidh doineann agus arís eile. Níl amhras ar bith ann go n'athraíonn an aimsir gach rud. Agus tagann tormán cúlra eile go dtí an domhan, tormán an lomaire léana, rud a thaitníonn go mór liom, le gach duine amach ag cuir slacht ar na gairdíní le bród agus díograis. An seachtain seo caite bhí muid ag caint faoi an-lann sailéide agus chuir mé ceann le chéile ag úsáid finéagar seirise agus caithfidh mé a rá go raibh sé iontach deas ar fad. Chuir mé stéig chaoldhroma ar an fulacht agus chuir mé amach é le sailéad simplí, le leitís LITTLE GEM, gearrtha go garbh, trátaí, oinniún dearg gearrtha go mín, scailliúin agus raidisí slísithe agus an an-lann déanta le finéagar seirise agus ola olóige úrion, méideanna 1-4. Bhí sé foirfe leis an stéig agus deas éadrom fosta. Le bheith macánta bhí iontas orm cad é chomh blasta agus úr agus a bhí an sailéad agus an t-anlann in éineacht leis. Gealltanas dom féin don Samhradh seo go bhfuil mé ag gabháil béim a chuir ar shailéidí agus miasanna a leithhead. Tá siad eadar éadrom agus so-bhlasta, agus suntasach ag an am céanna agus líonann siad thú mar ní bhíonn an méid sin calraí ann fosta, mar sin níos slaintiúla. Rud eile, tá siad iadaite agus iad curtha amach ar an tábla. Tá siad comhroinnte amach as babhla mór le gach duine ag glacadh páirt



a chuid féin a fháil agus daoine i bhfocair a chéile. Mar atá a fhios againn, tá cuid mhór sailéidí claiseacha ann - SALADE NIÇOISE, GRÉAGACH, CAESAR, WALDORF, agus FATTOUSH ón Liobáin. Thioctadh leat a rá fosta go bhfuil sailéad Éireannach ann fosta - biatas, leitís, ubh chruabhruite agus scailliúin; is rud é a chuireann tae an Dhomhnaigh i dteach mo mhathair mhór i gcuimhne dom agus mé óg. An YIN YANG ar leith sin eadar suaimhneas a bheith i dteach mo mhathair mhór agus imní faoi gabháil ar ais ar scoil an maidin ina dhiaidh, agus b'fheidir nach raibh an obair bhaile déanta go fóill! Tá cairde agam a deireann go fóill faoin imní a thainig orthu nuair a chuala siad an ceol teidil GLEN-ROE! Ba bhreá liom caint faoi cúpla sailéad claiseach le feiceáil cad é mar a chuirtear le chéile iad agus cé hiad na comhábhair éagsúla atá ann. Is deas a bheith ábalta cúpla eagrán a chuir le chéile don chlann agus cairde. Ar na laethanta seo bíonn gach rud atá de dhíth ort le fáil gan mórán stró, Cáis FETA mar shampla agus ológ de achán sort le SAILÉAD GRÉAGACH a dhéanamh. Agus mar a deirim i gcónaí, déan do thaighde féin ar na hearraí atá le fáil. ADH MÓR!

## SAILÉAD FATTOUSH LIOBÁNACH Lebanese Fattoush Salad



# EUROPE MATTERS

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# BLANEY

**VOTE No.1** **7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**

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 25g peirsil  
 15g mionta  
 100g raidisí  
 MODH  
 Cuir oigheann ar 200C, cuir braon beag ola ar an arán

pitta agus san oigheann le 15bom le déanamh brioscach, ansin bris suas é i bpiosaí beaga. Cuir gairleoig i gcrúca le sú, finéagar agus ola olóige, blastaigh agus croith le meascán a dhéanamh. Gearr go garbh gach rud eile agus cuir i mbabhla mhór. Suaigh an sailéad sa bhlastán agus cníochnaigh leis an arán ar bharr.

## SAILÉAD le CÁIS FETA agus TRÁTAÍ Salad with Tomatoes and Feta

**Comhábhair**  
 900g trátaí aibí  
 200g cáis Feta  
 120ml ola olóige



12 ológ dubh  
 4 craobhóg basail  
 Piobar dubh úrgh-rátáilte  
 MODH:  
 Gearr amach an croí righin as na trátaí le scian ghéar. Slisigh go tiubh iad agus socraigh i mias éadrom. Bris an cháis ina piosaí beaga agus cuir ar na trátaí, croith an ola air ansin agus spréigh na hlogaí agus basal agus piobar dubh. Cuir amach ag teocht an seomra.

- Ag imirt. Playing
- Soineann. Good weather
- Doineann. Bad weather
- Tormán cúlra. Background noise
- Lomaire léana. Lawnmower
- Ag cuir slacht. Tidying
- Bród. Pride
- Díograis. Zeal, fervour
- Anlann sailéide. Salad dressing
- Finéagar seirise. Sherry vinegar
- Stéig caoldhroma. Striploin steak
- Leitis. Lettuce
- Raidis. Radish
- Slísithe. Sliced
- In éineacht leis. Accompanying it
- Gealltanas. Promise
- Béim. Emphasis
- Éadrom. Light (in weight)
- Ag líonadh. Filling
- Suntasach. Substantial
- Méid. Amount
- Calraí. Calories
- Biatas. Beetroot
- Cruabhruite. Hard boiled
- Ceol teidil. Title music





# Milford Presbyterian Church Tractor Run



Annie Harkin and Grace Ella Buchanan, Cranford in their electric tractors with friends.



Bob Simms, Ramelton with cousins Zack and Callum McKeague, Culdaff at the Tractor Run.



Daniel Gallagher with his parents Ian and Maeve from Milford.



Groups enjoying the Milford Presbyterian Church Tractor and Vintage Car Run on Bank Holiday Monday.









# KERNANS Carrigart

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## Sainsbury: Unions to confront NWHB

Sainsbury: the reform programme for mental health in the north west is back in the news again this week after John Hayes the regional manager of the service said it is planned to go ahead with the proposals.

The statement from Hayes is presented through an 'inter office memorandum' which has not even been circulated to the nursing staff or their unions. However the Tribune has been handed three copies of the document in recent days.

The memo, for some inexplicable reason manages to avoid any mention of Sainsbury and nursing staff say this has become the latest policy with the Board. Instead the memo refers to the proposals as 'health board reform'.

This decision to plough ahead with the implementation of Sainsbury comes against strong opposition from the Unions and many of the elected members of the health board executive committee and a vote on the proposals has already been deferred twice.

It would now appear that the NWHB is embarking on a collision course with the unions since it is already well known that the SIPTU head office in Dublin will instruct its members 'not to lift a single finger' to implement Sainsbury.

The reasons given is that such a strategy will have major implications for the rest of the country and that there are ongoing concerns that these proposals will mean serious job losses especially at nursing levels.

At the same time nursing staff say that SIPTU officials have been mandated to ask Dr. Sharkey, the Clinical Director at Letterkenny to withdraw comments he made during a board meeting in March purporting to represent a point of view that a majority of staff supported Sainsbury.

Staff members in the mental health sector say they have their own representative on the board and they are totally opposed to the new proposals and the views expressed by Dr. Sharkey are in direct conflict with the facts. And they have pointed out this week that no member of the medical profession has any right or authority to speak on behalf of the nursing staff.

'If we as nurses took it upon ourselves to represent the medical staff and psychiatrists the Irish Medical Council would come down on us like a ton of bricks,' commented staff members last night.

At the same time Dr. Sharkey has posted a further opinion in a com-

ment to the media asking Cllr. Liam Blaney to apologise to the staff of St. Conal's Hospital over remarks he made at the board meeting in April. Dr. Sharkey is reported as saying that he was shocked and outraged at Blaney's 'unfounded allegations against the staff at St. Conal's'.

He has described the Blaney comments as 'totally outrageous and unfounded' and says these remarks 'not only calls into question the professional integrity, but also the ethical and caring qualities of the staff at St. Conal's Hospital'.

Union members again said that Dr. Sharkey does not have any mandate to speak on behalf of the staff and he should not presume to do so. And it is pointed out that all unions in the region have totally opposed the implementation of Sainsbury.

Responding to Dr. Sharkey's comments Liam Blaney said last night that he had no apology to make to anyone and that he stood four square over the comments he had made.

Cllr. Blaney said: "It is disingenuous for Dr. Sharkey to use his position as a highly paid member of the medical profession to selectively attack me and he must already know that as an elected member of the board's executive committee that politicians have a very broad mandate to express the concerns of the general public.

Since Dr. Sharkey does not have any such mandate he has not stated if he is expressing his own personal view rather than that of the Board in Manorhamilton. In these circumstances he should clearly state if he is merely being used to roll out the administrative point of view and if this is a part of his remit as a clinical director."

Cllr. Blaney has also emphasised that at no time did he make any reference to staff at St. Conal's and to suggest otherwise is completely untrue and without any foundation whatsoever.

And according to nurses their unions have not been given the upgraded version of the Sainsbury Report which was debated at last month's health board meeting.

In his comments Hayes says that following discussion at a board meeting the matter was deferred and 'is unlikely to be addressed further by the health board prior to its abolition in June 2004'. He also claims the reform programme is supported by the vast majority of staff: voluntary and advocacy groups: the Mental Health Commission, GP's and is consistent with best international practices.



Mary Crumlish pictured with Fine Gael Leader Enda Kenny at the Radisson Hotel on Thursday evening. The FG Letterkenny office is located in accommodation provided by Mary at 62 Lower Main St. Also included are County Council candidates Paddy Gildea and Doreen Sheridan-Kennedy.

## Rousing welcome for President at Rossnakill

The communities in Manor and Rossnakill were en fete on last Thursday when President Mary McAleese opened important new facilities in both locations. Earlier in the day she visited several places in south Donegal and was greeted by cheering crowds: bands and children on her seventh visit to the county.

The President and her husband Dr. Martin McAleese captivated the throngs everywhere they went with their easy going style and rapport with their audiences. It was obvious in Manor and Rossnakill that the President is deeply loved and she left behind precious memories of a memorable day for these rural areas in north Donegal.

The Resource Centres at Manor and Rossnakill have each cost €700,000: but the work and efforts put in the sports hall in the building to greet her. The Fanad youth band was on hand to lend a musical welcome and inside the sports hall the legendary balladeer John Kerr and You're A Star group Cladach provided their own brand of entertainment.

The President was greeted on arrival by Bridgeen Gibbons and Eddie Carr from the Rossnakill Community Development Group and she stepped forward to unveil the plaque she had a special welcome from Harry Blaney and Lawrence Blaney. These two men provided the site of an acre on which the building sits.

Funding and support for the Rossnakill centre has come from a series of agencies including IFI



Six weeks old Lorcan Blaney and his dad Anthony have a special welcome for President Mary McAleese at Rossnakill on last Thursday.

with an input of 222,204 Euro: 135,230 from the Sports Capital Fund. Finance and support also from Peace and Reconciliation: Donegal County Council's Development Fund: The Millennium Fund: DLDC: Peace 2: and FAS.

The local contribution including site value is estimated at more than one hundred thousand Euro. Presentations were made to President McAleese by Bridgeen Gibbons and Patricia Robinson. The President stressed the sense of community participation: involvement and being engaged actively in the promotion of rural life. She paid particular thanks to the hard working members of each community who had made these centres possible and she hoped they would now become a true focal point of life in these localities.

President McAleese also visited the Donegal Hospice Letterkenny as she ended her trip to Donegal late on Thursday evening.



The President and Dr. Martin McAleese pictured with the Committee of the Rossnakill Resource Centre at the official opening.



The President and Dr. Martin McAleese pupils and teachers from Tamney National School at the opening of the Centre.



# Sean designs new VEC logo

Donegal VEC has decided to update its logo as a part of their modernisation programme. The current crest has been in use for the past 28 years and a recent competition was held among students in the VEC's educational establishments to assist with the new design. With 7500 for the winner there was a total of 313 entries received. The winning entry may be used as the basis for the new modern updated logo. Co. Donegal VEC has thanked all competition participants. The winning entry was submitted by Sean J Bryceland, Mulroy College, Milford.



The following entries were highly commended and received a prize of 750 each. Diarmuid Englishby, Adult Education & Training Centre, Letterkenny; Caroline Gallagher, Abbey Vocational School, Donegal Town; Rosalynn Kane, Abbey Vocational School, Donegal Town; Kathleen O'Doherty, Crana College, Bun-

crana; Debra Jordan, Abbey Vocational School, Donegal Town and Shaun Gallagher, Carrick Vocational School. The following entrants were commended. Caroline Bradley, Crana College, Bunrana; Dean Hutchinson, Crana College, Bunrana; Emma Sinclair, Abbey Vocational School, Donegal Town; Joseph Gibson, Letterkenny Vocational School; Orla Mongan, Abbey Vocational School, Donegal Town; Daniel Byrne, Abbey Vocational School, Donegal Town; Andrew Begley, Abbey Vocational School, Donegal Town and Ann Marie McGinty, Letterkenny Vocational School.

# New fishing vessel for Fanad man

Best wishes are extended to Rinboy man Charlie Friel on the purchase of a new fishing vessel. The new boat measuring 14.9 metres by 6.2 has been constructed in Eyemouth in England and it is called 'Mary Ellen' after Charlie's late mother. The new boat can accommodate a crew of five and the main

engine is 360 horse power and it will be fish out of Fanad with seven full time men employed. Charlie graduated from the Greencastle Fishery School with his Skipper's Certificate has been in the business for twenty years. The 'Mary Ellen' will be used mainly for potting and gill netting.



Rising Sun Shotokan Karate Club head instructor Paul McCrossan seated centre at a surprise party in the family home to mark his 25 years of involvement with marital arts. Also seated are Paul's parents Kathleen and Malachy and family members at Saturday night's celebration.



At the Barmans Leg Wax and Head Shave in aid of Childline in Saldies Bar, Kerrykeel on Sunday were participants John Shiels, Hughie Walsh, Andrew Friel, PJ Dorrian, Eugene McFadden, Stephen Ward, Enda Logue and Joe Dorrian. They raised €2,650 and wish to thank everyone who contributed and Tara Quinlivan and Marie McAteer who did the headshave and Patricia Orsi for the leg waxing.. Below - Hughie Walsh feels the pain as Patricia Orsi waxes his legs on Sunday.



# Election: Devenney under pressure to run

As the local election campaign moves up a gear this week it has emerged that the former Newtoncunningham councillor Jim Devenney may be about to enter the fray. Jim lost his seat last time out as a consequence of the Letterkenny area being sliced apart and he lost out heavily because a huge part of his natural hinterland in the Convoy area was transferred into the new Stranorlar electoral area. Devenney is currently Vice-Chair of the prestigious Scots-Gaelic Agency appointed under the terms of the Good Friday Agreement. Between '91 and the last local elections in '99 Jim Devenney represented the Donegal Progressive Party and he was the virtual lone voice for farming concerns on Donegal County Council and he made a very powerful contribution. He now says he's coming under intense pressure once again to represent the agriculture lobby since the role of local authorities in the future will have much more relevance insofar as the EU farm agenda is concerned, At the '99 election Devenney polled very strongly on the first count. The electorate was 19,658 and there was

a poor turnout of 58%. The valid poll was 11,319 and the quota was 1,887. On the first count Devenney polled a credible 11% and was on 1,229 votes. However he lost out on the sixth and final count when Jimmy Harte FG on 1840; Dessie Larkin with 1,713 and Sean Maloney on 1,656 were deemed elected without reaching the quota. In fact Devenney's vote including transfers had reached a total of 1,462; he was a mere 194 votes behind Maloney at that stage. However he had reached the end of the road and he would have needed a much stronger share of the transfers to be in real contention. In fact Maloney had a transfer of 291 as against 126 for Devenney. With Maloney opting out of the equation it is possible the Devenney could pick up some of his votes but as yet that situation is much too fluid to call. Devenney said last night that he would be meeting with supporters and friends over the weekend before he would announce a final decision. However it would seem that with a groundswell of opinion favouring his name on the ballot paper he will find it difficult to stay out of the race.



Teachers Gerard Logue and Anita Sweeney and students from Loreto Community School, Milford were treated to a performance of The Burial at Thebes in the Abbey Theatre last week as part of the National Lottery's 'Act Up' initiative. Students and teachers were treated a special pre-performance talk in the Abbey auditorium followed by a performance of The Burial at Thebes by Seamus Heaney. The visit by Loreto CS is one of 147 school visits that will provide over 5,000 secondary students from all over Ireland with a special cultural experience at a designated Abbey Theatre performance during 2004 to celebrate abbeyonehundred, The Abbey Theatre's centenary year. Ray Bates, National Lottery Director said: "It's extremely exciting for us to welcome students and teachers from Loreto Community School to The National Lottery and The Abbey Theatre for the first 'Act Up' schools visit. We hope that the experience will be memorable as well as enriching for everyone involved. The Abbey Theatre's centenary is a milestone in the development of Irish drama we look forward to welcoming all of the selected schools to join the celebrations during the coming year."

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# Darkness into Light in Rathmullan



Ann Marie Millar, Joan Merrit, Sally Sheridan, Brid Barr, Anne McGeehan and Anne Marie Darmody.



Michelle and Abbie Patterson with Aine Peoples from Ramelton.



Eimer Rogers, Ellen and Carmel Griffin and Ann Sheridan at the Rath-



Aidan Boyce, Brendan Donnelly, Sharon and Ella Black in Rathmullan.



Brendan Little, Kerrykeel with Janette and Brian Murray, Letterkenny.



Cathie Gallagher and Tony Hall, Ramelton.



Breda and Eamonn Jackson from Milford.



Seamus Gavaghan, Enda McElhinney and Lorriane McGarvey from Rathmullan.



Sinead Coyle and Kay McNulty, Manor in Rathmullan.



Anna Gallagher, Vera McElhinney and Donal McGettigan.



Catriona and Noreen Kavanagh with Sharon McGarvey in Rathmullan.



Patricia Gallagher and Jackie Kilpatrick, Milford.



# Busy Week for Cranford AC

It's been an action-packed week for Cranford AC, with our athletes showcasing remarkable talent and dedication across various competitions. Kicking off on Monday, May 6th, five of our senior team members ran the North



Megan Logue and Oisín Giles.

West 10k. Congratulations to Declan and Ann McBride, Claire McGee, Liam Doherty and Hugh Duffy for their outstanding performances.

Wednesday saw our promising young athletes shine at the Open Athletics Event hosted by Finn Valley. Ethan Logue displayed promising form in the Under 7 60m, while Erin McGee demonstrated growing strength and commitment in the Under 8 long jump and turbo javelin events.

Sadhbh McBride impressed in the Under 10 category, securing commendable placements earning herself 2nd place in both the long jump and 60m and 3rd place in the 500m.

Our talented roster continued to excel Megan Logue showcased growing prowess in the Under 12 80m and long jump.

While our Under 13 boys Tarlach Duggan, Matthew Giles, Oisín Giles and Ben McGee displayed exceptional skills in their respective events. Tarlach came 3rd in the long jump and Ben came 1st in long jump, 2nd in the 600m and 3rd in the 80m, one to watch out for in the future. Matthew Giles proved his mettle

by dominating the competition across multiple events, a feat not easily accomplished first in the 80m, high jump and 600m. Oisín Giles continues to improve each week.

Oisín McBride also left his mark, demonstrating his prowess in his favoured events, winning both the 80m and 600m. Saturday brought further triumphs in the Irish Miler Meet in Mary Peters Track, Belfast. Oisín Kelly achieved a remarkable victory in the 800m race, setting a new personal best, while Caolán McFadden surpassed expectations with a stellar performance in the 1500m, securing the European standard.

The weekend wrapped up with three of our senior men making waves at the Donegal Masters track and field event. Declan McBride, Seamus Kelly and Liam Doherty showcased their skill and determination, earning commendable placements in their respective races.

Declan won both the 800m and 1500m. Seamus Kelly came 2nd in his category in the 3k while Liam Doherty came 1st in his category in the 3k. These men are only starting out after taking a long break from



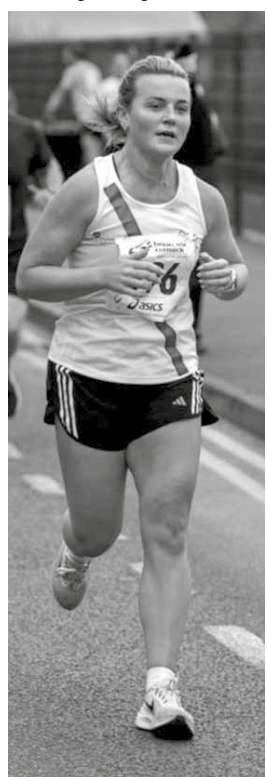
Liam Doherty, Declan McBride and Seamus Kelly all who competed at the Donegal Senior Masters Donegal Championships in Lifford.



Caolán McFadden and Oisín Kelly with Eamon Giles who competed at the Irish milers competition in Belfast. Oisín won Gold in the 800m with a new PB and Caolán got a new PB in 1500m



Tarlach Duggan, Ben McGee, Oisín McBride, Matthew Giles, Megan Logue and Sadhbh McBride all took part at the athletics meet in Finn Valley.

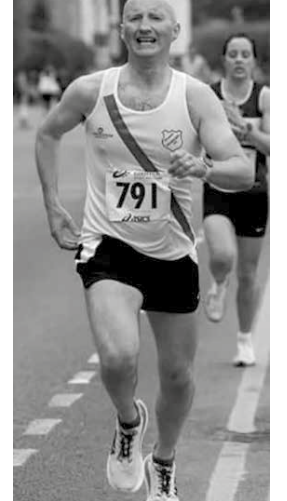


Clare McGee in the NW 10k.

Cranford AC of over 20 years, great to have you back to the club. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated coaches and supportive parents for their unwavering encouragement and guidance. With such remarkable talent and dedication, the future looks bright for Cranford AC.



Erin McGee who took part in FV at the Meet



Hugh Duffy in the NW 10k

## Letterkenny AC

LAC members were out in numbers to compete in the Ballyshannon 5km road race and club athletes claimed both first and second place in challenging heat.

First to cross the line and win the race was Danny Mooney in a fantastic time of 14:56 followed by fellow LAC athlete Ciaran Doherty in 15.48 thereby securing second place.

Dessie Shiels ran 17:44, Callum Keaveney ran 18:49, Fintan Smith ran 18:53 earning a personal best, Ciaran O'Donnell ran 20:17.

Well done to Claire Price of LAC Fit for life who along with Denise Gallagher ran the Raphoe Town FC 5km in 30.33.

Congratulations to Frank and Noreen Pinder on completing the Drumlin 10km race in Monaghan, Frank ran 51:12 while Noreen ran 01:09:30.

### Inter Firms

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

LAC meets Tuesday 5.15pm and at 6.30pm for an interval running session, Thursday evening for a hill run at 6pm, Saturday morning at 9.30am for a tempo run and Sunday morning at 8am for a long run.

All runs start at the Aura. All levels catered for and encouraged.



LAC members at the Ballyshannon 5k on Friday evening.

## National Sheepdog championship for Clonmany



At the launch of the Irish National Sheep Dog Trials 2024 which will take place in Clonmany on the 22nd to 24th August are front left James McCloskey, Fly, Denis Mullaney, Philip McLaughlin, Cllr. John Shéamus Ó Fearraigh, Cllr. Rena Donaghy, James McGee, Chairperson, Karen McGee, Cllr. Albert Doherty, Cllr. Michael McClafferty, Cllr. Johnny McGuinness, Bernard Doherty, Nell and James Pat McDaid. Photo Clive Wasson

The Donegal National committee have launched the Irish National Sheepdogs Trials 2024 which will be held on Clonmany show grounds from 22nd to 24th August by kind permission of Sean and Mary Doherty. Both Sean and Mary have been very supportive and accommodating from day one.

It is both an honour and a privilege that we can bring the Irish National Sheepdog Trials back to Donegal. Especially, back to Clonmany, the last National held in Clonmany was in 1979. This

three day event will see the top Irish 150 dogs and their handlers qualify for the Irish team for the International in September 2024.

This event is a real boost to the local economy as it will attract competitors, their families, the wider sheepdog community and farming community from all over Ireland. It will attract local, national and overseas spectators. The International Sheepdog Society Live-streaming will showcase the event to a global audience.

Hosting this event would not have been possible without the main sponsors SSE Renewables, local sponsorship, donations and the support of Donegal County Council. We have been overwhelmed by the support of Councillors who have come onboard with vital DFI funding which has been instrumental in enabling the running of the three day national event. The committee wish all Councillors the best of luck in the upcoming elections and best wishes to any retiring Councillors.



# Darkness into Light in Letterkenny



Marion, Sandra and Charlene Haughey with Brian and their dogs Ruben and Luna.



Linda O'Connell, Donna, Catriona and Oisín Brogan from Letterkenny.



Dearbhla Conaghan, Milford, Josh and Noeleen O'Neill and Lucy McGettigan, Milford.



Rachael Derrig, Mary Lyons, Afric and Mary Patton and Brid Gallagher from Letterkenny.



Amy Grant and Brendan McDaid, Letterkenny with their dog Suki.



Jackie Kelly, Sharon Ferguson and Mary Callaghan.



Rachael, Alastair and Sophie Moore, Lurgybrack.



Louisa Tonna, Malta and Michelle Boyle, Australia at the Letterkenny walk.



Kathy and Issac O'Neill, Letterkenny.



Linda Mulhern, Falcarragh and Letterkenny and Faith Leigh Mulhern.



Stephen Sheridan with Terence Diver.



John Peoples and his daughter April from Milford.





Morgan Reid, Illistrin with Nicole, Margaret and Charlene McTaggart, Ballyare at the Letterkenny walk.



Aishling Hannigan, Joanne McGinley, Lara Byrne, Naoime Fisher and Leanne Burke from TCS.



Elaine, Saoirse, Louise and Eimer McKeague from Letterkenny at the walk.



The O'Donnells from The Glebe in Letterkenny, Leslie, Sandra, Stella and Zach at the Letterkenny walk.



Scenes from the Darkness Into Light at the Boardwalk in Carrigart last Saturday. Photos by Martin Fleming.



# 11th Ulster title for Donegal

Donegal 0-20 Armagh 0-20 (Donegal won 6-5 on penalties aet)



Fanad's Ciaran McElwaine at the Ulster Final.



St. Eunan's Adrian Shields and Charlie McAteer at the final.



Michael Langan leads the Donegal celebrations on Sunday.



Jason McGee with members of the Doohan family from Falcarragh.

On Sunday in Clones, Jim McGuinness guided Donegal to Ulster Senior Football Championship glory just nine months after returning as manager. It completed a double for the Glenties native in 2024 having already won the Division 2 league title. And as he said afterwards there is only one other trophy left to play for this summer. Full focus on the All-Ireland Series began this week with the first group game on Sunday week against Tyrone in Ballybofey. Sunday's decider against Armagh came down to very fine margins with Donegal eventually getting over the line thanks to Shaun Patton's sudden death penalty save.

There was really very little to choose between the sides over the 96 plus minutes in Clones. The shakiest spell for McGuinness's outfit was in the period leading up to the 50th minute of the second half when they fell four points behind the Orchard County. But as they had done against Tyrone, the Donegal men showed real resilience notching five points courtesy of Niall O'Donnell, Oisín Gallen (free), Jason McGee and Paddy McBrearty to draw level at 0-15 each with seven minutes of normal time remaining.

Kieran McGeeney's men led 0-18 to 0-17 at the interval in extra-time including points from Andrew Murnin and Aidan Nugent. McBrearty from a free and Jaic McKelvey were on target for Donegal. On the restart Peadar Mogan drew the sides level again before Armagh went two points in front. But again that sheer tenacity allied with composure saw McGuinness's side force the decider



Donegal captain Paddy McBrearty with the Anglo Celt Cup on Sunday.



A happy Donegal Manager Jim McGuinness at the presentations on Sunday.



Michael Langan on the attack for Donegal on Sunday.



Fr. John Joe Duffy at Clones on Sunday.





Shaun Patton saves the important penalty for Donegal on Sunday. Photo by Declan Kerr.

# Time to reflect in the midst of euphoria

Donegal GAA is on a high this week after the excitement of Sunday's Ulster Final triumph. People were talking after the game success about the low ebb GAA had been in from the end of 2022 when the whole Karl Lacey Donegal Academy row erupted after the prolonged process of appointing a successor to Declan Bonner. So it's time to acknowledge the work done in very challenging circumstances by the then County Chairperson Fergus McGee to pick up the pieces and start to get Donegal back to a better place. It must have been tough for the previous senior management of Paddy Carr, Aidan O'Rourke and Paddy Bradley to hear the repeated commentary on Sunday evening and night of Donegal GAA being at a low ebb a year ago. Nonetheless there would have been nobody happier than Carr to see Paddy McBrearty lift the Anglo Celt Cup in Clones on Sunday. Carr was the man who made McBrearty captain when he took over in November 2022.

## McGuinness in sight of McEniff record

Jim McGuinness has now guided Donegal to four Ulster titles just one short of Brian McEniff's record. The previous successes for McGuinness came in 2011, 2012 and 2014. McEniff's Anglo Celt Cup triumphs came in 1972, 1974, 1983, 1990 and 1992. Declan Bonner is the other manager who has delivered the Anglo Celtic Cup twice in 2018 and 2019.

## Twelve scorers in Ulster decider

There was a fear at the start of the season that Donegal would be depending too heavily on Oisín Gallen for scores in the league and championship. And while the MacCumhalls man has delivered consistently, Jim McGuinness and his backroom team have worked wonders in regard to the variety of players who have got points so far in this campaign.

Ten men contributed the 20 points in Sunday's Ulster Final and two more Ciaran Thompson and Aaron Doherty converted spot-kicks in the penalty shoot-out. Doherty netted again in sudden death before Shaun Patton save secured the Ulster title for Donegal. In Clones Gallen was the top marksman with 0-6 followed by skipper

Paddy McBrearty; three three players with 0-2 each Peadar Mogan and the St. Eunan's brothers Niall and Shane O'Donnell. Then there were five with a point each - Michael Langan, Daire Ó Baoill, Jason McGee, Jaic MacCeallabhui and Odhran Doherty. A further demonstration of the scoring strength was the fact that McBrearty, MacCeallabhui and

Odhran Doherty came off the bench to make their contribution to the 0-20 total. Doherty got the equaliser to bring the match to penalties after McKelvey had landed a point late in the first period of extra time to draw the sides level again. Armagh had an even bigger spreader of marksmen on Sunday with 11 on target during the game before the penalty shoot-out.

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to a penalty shoot-out as Shane O'Donnell and a wonderful effort from sub Odhran Doherty who sliced the ball over with his left foot from the same wing.

Donegal's penalty taking was out of the top drawer as Ciaran Thompson, Aaron Doherty, Michael Langan, Jason McGee and Daire O'Baoill all converted with each of them being driven low to the back of the net before an attendance of close to 29,000 at St. Tiernach's Park. Likewise Armagh converted their five regulation penalties at the O'Duffy Terrace end although Patton came very close to stopping the final spot-kick from Tieran Kelly. So it was down to sudden death and up stepped Aaron Doherty to again confidently fire low past Blaine Hughes. Another Armagh sub Shane McPartlan was up next and it wasn't the best struck penalty. Patton went to his right and managed to trap the ball under his right arm.

It sparked an almighty rush of adrenaline as Patton and his teammates celebrated a dramatic victory while the stewards opened the gates to the terraces and the Stand to allow the Donegal fans to take over St. Tiernach's Park. Oisín Gallen was named Man of the Match but it was yet another impressive team performance from the starting 15 and the subs that were used. Niall O'Donnell was very prominent throughout while his brother Shane again showed his quality. Peadar Mogan chipped in with two delightful points while skipper Paddy McBrearty popped three very important efforts over the bar.

McBrearty didn't start with Eoghan Ban Gallagher who hadn't been named in the 26-man squad on Friday taking his place. Odhran Doherty, Jack McKelvey and Aaron Doherty made crucial contributions after coming on as subs. Thunderstorms were forecast for Sunday afternoon and adverse weather did arrive. There was some thunder and lightning in the half-hour before throw-in and it was back along with heavy rain midway through the first half. Thankfully it cleared at the interval and didn't return.

However, it left the grass very slippery for the players with the ball like 'a bar of soap' for a while. Donegal had led 0-5 to 0-3 after the first 15 minutes of the Ulster Final. Armagh captain Aidan Forker had opened the scoring after just 50 seconds at the O'Duffy Terrace end of the ground.

Gallen equalised before Peadar Mogan put Donegal ahead for the first time. Gallen tagged on two more with Niall O'Donnell getting the fifth point. Daire O'Baoill, Shane O'Donnell and Gallen with two completed Donegal's first half total of 0-9 that left them trailing by a point at the interval.

Scorers - Oisín Gallen 0-6 (2fs), Paddy McBrearty 0-3 (1f); Peadar Mogan, Niall O'Donnell, Shane O'Donnell 0-2 each; Daire Ó Baoill, Jason McGee, Michael Langan, Jaic Mac Ceallabhui, Odhran Doherty 0-1 each.

Conor Turbitt 0-4; Aidan Nugent 0-3 (1m); Oisín Conaty, Andrew Murnin, Stefan Campbell, Ben Crealey 0-2 (1m); Rian O'Neill 0-1 (1m); Ciaran Mackin, Rory Grugan, Aidan Forker, Oisín O'Neill 0-1 each.

Donegal - Shaun Patton; Mark Curran; Brendan McCole, Ciaran Moore; Eoghán Bán Gallagher, Caolan McGonagle, Peadar Mogan; Jason McGee, Michael Langan; Shane O'Donnell, Ciaran Thompson, Daire Ó Baoill; Ryan McHugh, Oisín Gallen, Niall O'Donnell. Subs: Caolan McColgan for Curran h-t, Patrick McBrearty for Moore 42 mins, Aaron Doherty for Ó Baoill 46 mins, Jamie Brennan for Gallagher 55 mins, Jaic MacCeallabhui for Thompson 67 mins, Odhran Doherty for Gallen 74 mins, Daire Ó Baoill for N.O'Donnell (h-t, extra time), Thompson for McBrearty (88). Subs not used: Gavin Mulreany (Gk), Kevin McGettigan, Stephen McMenamin, Donal McBride, John Ross Molloy, Charles McGuinness.

Armagh: Blaine Hughes; Paddy Burns, Aaron McKay, Peter McGrane; Joe McElroy, Ciaran Mackin, Aidan Forker; Rian O'Neill, Ben Crealey; Stefan Campbell, Rory Grugan, Greg McCabe; Oisín Conaty, Andrew Murnin, Conor Turbitt. Subs: Jarly Og Burns for McCabe (61), Oisín O'Neill for Crealey (66), Aidan Nugent for Turbitt (67), Tiernan Kelly for Forker (70), Jason Duffy for McElroy (f-t, normal time), Jemar Hall for McGrane 80 mins, Turbitt for R.O'Neill 85 mins, Shane McPartlan for Mackin 88 mins.

Ref: Martin McNally



St. Michael's Liam McElhinney with Seamus Sweeney who flew home from Philadelphia for the final.



St. Michael's fans at the final on Sunday.



Hughie and Marie McDaid from Glenswilly smiling in the rain in Clones.



St. Michael's fans at the final on Sunday.



Happy young Donegal men taking in the atmosphere in Clones Jude McElhinney and Jimmy McGuinness.





Pupils from Scoil Eoin Basite who received their First Holy Communion from Fr. Danny McBrearty pictured with their teachers Ms Duffy and Miss Montgomery.

**Oíche Cheoil & Drámaíochta**  
**Music & Drama Night**  
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**"Pionta Amháin Uisce"**  
 Fear an tí: Brian Boyce

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Pupils from the Fanad Schools who received their First Holy Communion from Fr. Anthony Briody and Monsignor Dan Carr. Photos by Martin Fleming.



Liam Peoples, Glinsk, Fanad, and a pupil of Scoil Mhuire Caiseal, was presented with an Irish Ambassador Award recently by Oifigeach Pleanála Teanga Michelle Nic Pháidín. Liam moved to Fanad two years ago from Glasgow with his family (parents Thomas and Ann Peoples) and had no Irish when he arrived. Liam is the first from Donegal to receive this award and was presented with a gift voucher. Comhghairdeas mór le Liam as an éacht iontach seo



Órla agus Sarah ag bronnadh teacht isteach a ndíolachán bÁCála ar Ionad Lae Fhánada. Órla and Sarah presenting the proceeds of their bake sale to the Fanad Day Centre. They raised €410. Maith sibh a chailíní!



# Fanad

**Death of Eamonn Geary, Salthill**  
There was much regret in Fanad with news of the death on Thursday evening of Eamonn (Noel) Geary at his home in Rockbarton Park, Salthill.

As in his life, Eamonn fought a brave battle until the end with courage and fortitude. A true Galway man, he had many interests in life, including traditional music and the Irish language and his family he held very dear to his heart.

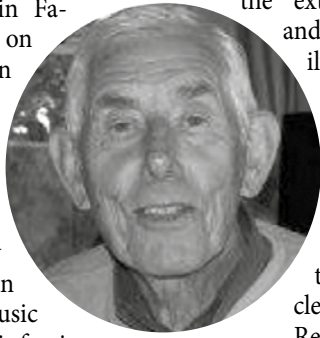
A regular visitor to Fanad, Eamonn and his family spent many happy hours in our midst in Shanagh. He made many friends here where his passing is deeply regretted.

He is deeply loved and mourned by his wife Nellie, daughters Irene and Louise and son Daniel, sons-in-law Chris and Tim, daughter-in-law Audrey, cherished grandchildren Richard,

Claire, Emily and Sarah, sisters Maura, Jane and Susan, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law and by the extended Geary and McAteer family. Fondly remembered by his life long friends.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Requiem Mass on Wednesday in the Church of Christ the King was Salthill fol-



**Country Roads Inn Rosnakill**  
**Entertainment**  
Fri 17th May - 10.30pm Live Music with **Tuscany**  
Sat 18th May - **Coffee Morning in Rosnakill Hall from 11am - 1pm in aid of Relay for Life**  
**BAR FOOD Served Friday - Sunday**

lowed by private cremation. Comhbrón Ó Chroí



Martin Kerr finished in 6th place in the Over 70's section of the European mountain running championships in Madeira, Portugal on Friday. Despite the excessive heat over the 10k course and suffering leg cramps on the run down the mountain, he teamed up with fellow Irish competitor, Matt Alexander to secure bronze team medals. He will then fly to Porto Santo to take part in the masters 0/70 European road and cross country events at the end of next week. It will be a great experience and adventure for the humble and respected Moross man. Everyone at Milford Athletic Club where he is a member and Club President wish him well in the remaining races.

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Panko Breaded Chicken Fillet - Garlic Butter / Pepper Sauce

All Dishes above served with Creamed Potato & Vegetables

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Chocolate Fudge Cake NO SPLIT BILLS

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

**Guide Dog Day concert Milford**  
The Irish Guide Dogs for the blind are holding a variety concert in the Milford Reformed Presbyterian Church, F92 PN5D, on Friday 24th May at 7:30pm. Join us for an unforgettable evening of Music and

Entertainment. Experience sensational performances while supporting a worthy cause. Tickets are 10 euro and can be bought from Milford & District Facebook Page.

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

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

**Kerrykeel '71 Cards**  
Kerrykeel '71 FC Cards continues in the Village Inn, Kerrykeel every Monday at 7.30pm.

# Fanad Utd's historic FAI Youth triumph remembered

It's hard to believe but it's been 45 years since Fanad Utd's historic FAI Youth Cup success, and their first ever national title. It was the 13th of May, 1977 when Fanad Utd became the first and so far only Donegal club to win the FAI Youth Cup. Colm McGonigle scored twice in the 3-1 victory over favourites Shelbourne at Swilly Park. John McElwaine got

the other goal. The very significant milestone came just nine years after the club was formed in 1970. The squad that day was made up of a mixture of local Fanad boys, some Milford members of that squad and others from PCC Falcar-

ragh who were also managed by Fr Mick Sweeney. Indeed that PCC Falcarragh team also won the FAI Senior Schools title around that time. A number of members of that squad went on to star at senior level for the club and play in the League of Ireland.

The squad that day managed by Fr Michael Sweeney included John McElwaine, Cathal Gavaghan, Liam O'Donnell, James Rogers, Tom Coll, Danny Kelly, Danny Friel, Hugh Blaney, Charlie McGeever, Colm McGonigle, Eddie McGinley, Johnny Martin, Jackie Murphy, Denis McBride



The Fanad Youths with the cup in Swilly Park.

# Lifford winner for McGranaghan

Letterkenny greyhound owner and trainer Ryan McGranaghan had good reason to be pleased after his Plenty of Frogs won one of the big finals at the Lifford Together Gala Night. The biggest crowd of the year was in attendance for a top quality ten race card on a night where the proceeds from various events during the week went to the Lough Swilly RNLI. McGranaghan's young dog triumphed in the Wishing You All the Luck in Life A5/A6 Dual Distance Final over 550 yards - in memory of Robert Bonner - clocking 30.23 to win by five lengths ahead of Kooga King. The Dan McCann Memorial A4 525 Final saw Dance Cooper, owned by Derry's James Logue and trained by Willie Mullan, notching up a fine 28.72 to win by a length and quarter from Easy Cara. In the feature

race, the North West Greyhound Supplies A2/A3 Tri-Distance Final, Pivatol Time obliged for Derry's Kelmores McConaghie in 31.71 over the 575 yard distance to bag the first prize of €1,500. Quivers Nando was second with Moyola MacTire in third. The other winners were: Dromrich Dingus, 17.83; Tralee Warrior, 28.93; Cahir Mall, 17.88; Dromrich Bula, 17.69; Cluen Drum, 17.46; Read the Room, 30.34; and Rossmore Sparky, 17.54.

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Legendary Finn Harps captain Jim Sheridan was in Finn Park on Friday with his son John and grandson James for the game against Longford Town. It was grandson James's first visit to Finn Park and he really enjoyed the open game of football that had five goals and plenty of goalmouth incidents. And most importantly it ended in a 3-2 win for Harps. James could be following in his grandfather's footsteps as he is captain of the Sligo-Leitrim U14 team that is going to the Kennedy Cup competition in Limerick in June.

Jim Sheridan was the Finn Harps skipper for 11 years and had the honour of lifting the FAI Senior Cup in 1974 at Dalymount. The Rathmullan native is the only Harps player to do so in the club's 55 year history. Photo by Gerard McHugh

## Planning Notices

### Donegal County Council

We, Ryan & Laura Mc Bride are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to construct new dwelling house, domestic shed and install wastewater treatment system at Cranford, Co. Donegal in the townland of Woodquarter. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority, County House, Lifford during its public opening hours. Submissions or observations in relation to the development may be made to the planning authority in writing, on payment of €20, within five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority.

### Donegal County Council

We, Gary & Ciara Mc Bride are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to construct new dwelling house, domestic garage and install wastewater treatment system at Downings, Co. Donegal in the townland of Clontallagh. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority, County House, Lifford during its public opening hours. Submissions or observations in relation to the development may be made to the planning authority in writing, on payment of €20, within five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority.

### Comhairle Contae Dún na nGall

Tá mise Eóin Ó Bróin, Cathaoirleach ar son CLG Na nDúnaibh ag lorg cead pleanála ó Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall fá choinne fiche láthair breise a sholáthar dó veain champála turasóireachta chomh maith le oibreachta láithreán gaolmhara ag Na Dúnaibh, Co. Dún na nGall, ins an baile fearainn Leargain Riabhach. Is féidir an iarrachtas seo a scrúdú nó a cheannacht ins an oifig pleanála, Teach An Contae, Leifear, i rith gnáth am oibrí poiblí. Is féidir aigheacht nó tuairimí, maidir leis an iarrachtas seo a dhéanamh í scríobhainn chuig an roinn pleanála le taill €20 a íoc taobh istigh de cúig seachtáin ón dáta á shroic an iarrachtas an Roinn Pleanála.

### Donegal County Council

#### Castleshanaghan, Letterkenny

I, Chloe Kerr am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to change the house type of the previous granted planning under Ref: 22/52084 including all other site development works at Castleshanaghan, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Castleshanaghan. 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

#### Ballyconnell, Falcarragh

I, Vincent Collum on behalf of Cumann Gaill Chloich Cheann Fhaola am applying to Donegal County Council to remove existing temporary buildings and erect a new Clubhouse which will contain a members bar, kitchen, reception area, changing facilities, toilets, office and store along with a waste water treatment system and all other associated site development works at Ballyconnell, Falcarragh in the townland of Ballyconnell. 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

We, Sonia and Peter Jones wish to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the following developments on our site at Magheraclogher, Bunbeg, Co. Donegal: 1) Change of use of approved commercial unit to use as a single dwelling house including changes to fenestration, external elevations, roof profile and finishes. 2) Provision of extension to existing commercial unit to provide small annex to dwelling along Strand Road at existing ground floor level. 3) Change of use of approved retail units at basement level to provide 1 no. 2 bedroom apartments and 2 no. Studio apartments including changes to fenestration and finishes. 4) Provision of double garage at basement level with home office over part of same at existing ground floor level and provision of roof balcony over part of proposed garage at existing ground floor level. 5) All associated site development work. 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 a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made on payment of the prescribed fee (€20) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

### 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 plantings to be imported for the purposes of filling 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.

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### Donegal County Council

#### Sandhill, Dunfanaghy

I, Deborah Hunter am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a new dwelling house with septic tank and all other associated site development works at Sandhill, Dunfanaghy, County Donegal in the townland of Sandhill. 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

## In Memoriam



**Borland**  
Anna  
Ballymagowan,  
Kerrykeel  
2nd Anniversary

Precious memories of a loving wife, mother, sister and grandmother who died 20th May 2022.

*Don't think of her as gone away her journey's just begun Life holds so many facets this earth is only one Just think of her as resting from the sorrows and the tears*

*In a place of warmth and comfort where there are no days or years*

*Think how we must be wishing that we could know today*

*How nothing but our sadness can really pass away*

*And think of her as living in the hearts of those she touched For nothing loved is ever lost and she was loved so much.*

Always loved and sadly missed by your husband James, daughters Madge, Rose and Sharon and families

*Our lives go on without you but nothing is the same We have to hide the heartache when someone speaks your name Sad are the hearts that loved you silent are the tears that fall Living life without you is the hardest part of all You did so many things for us your heart was so kind and true And when we needed someone we could always count on you*

Always loved and remembered by your sister Peggy, John and family.

observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

### Donegal County Council

#### Woodpark, Letterkenny

We, Grovefield Construction are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to make alterations to existing grant of permission 2251960, the alterations are 1. To replace 4 No dwellings with 1 No apartment block consisting of 6 No apartments, 2. Alterations to house type C, 3. Relocation of 4 No Dwellings, 4. all other associated site development works at Woodpark, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the



**Friel**  
Violet  
Cashelprehan,  
Portsalon  
22nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, grandmother who died on the 19th May 2002.

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

*A daily thought a silent tear A constant wish that you were here In our hearts you will always stay Loved and remembered every day.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your family in Portsalon, Kerrykeel, Cashelshannaghan, Letterkenny and Australia.

townland of Woodpark. 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 Planning Authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

### Donegal County Council

#### Derryreel, Falcarragh

I, Dylan Doherty am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank & domestic garage with all associated site development works at Derryreel, Falcarragh, County Donegal in the townland of Derryreel. 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,

## Acknowledgement

### O'Donnell

Annie  
Glasgow/  
Cashleenan and  
Carrownaganaghan



We the family of the late Annie O'Donnell would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who extended sympathies to us on our recent sad bereavement. Thanks to those who travelled near or far to attend Annie's removal and funeral Mass. Thanks to those who sent Mass cards, sympathy cards and messages of condolences. A special word of thanks to Fr. Chambers for celebrating a beautiful removal and funeral Mass. Thank you also to Edward Sweeney who prepared the Church and to those who controlled the traffic. Many thanks also to Phonsie McElwee, Funeral Director for his professional handling of all arrangements and to the gravediggers. Thanks to the Choir for the beautiful music at the Mass. Also we thank Mulroy Woods Hotel for the refreshments provided after the funeral. As it is impossible to thank everyone please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

Annie's Month Mind Mass will take place on Sunday 19th May at 9.30am in St. Brigid's Church, Golan.

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### Donegal County Council

#### Gortnavern, Coolboy, Letterkenny

We, John & Christopher McDaid are applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission for existing slatted cattle shed and for permission to erect a slatted sheep shed with all associated site-works at Gortnavern, Coolboy, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Gortnavern. 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.

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**In Memoriam**

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43rd Anniversary



**Johnnie**  
22nd Anniversary

*Sacred Heart of Jesus have Mercy on their Souls  
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they Rest In Peace*

Fondly remembered by their family.

**Anniversary Mass in St. Michael's Church, Creeslough on Sunday 19th May at 11am.**



**Brennan**  
Sheila

6th Anniversary

*The call it came from Heaven above  
Her farewell to bid to those she did love  
Her cross she had bore with all her might  
And like the setting sun she bade goodnight  
So remember when tears fill your eyes  
After each sunset dawns a beautiful sunrise.*

Much loved and sadly missed by husband Noel, mother Mary Ann, brother, sisters, nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

**Anniversary Mass at 7.30pm on Thursday, 23rd May in St. Michael's Church, Creeslough.**



**Gallagher**  
Charlie Dundoan, Downings  
3rd Anniversary

In memory of Charlie who died on the 13th May 2021.

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

Sadly missed by your family and friends.  
*Suaímhneas síoraí dá anam.*



**Durning**

**Mary**  
Ballyare, Ramelton  
9th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother who died on 21st May 2015.

*We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain  
To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again  
So rest in peace dear loved one and thanks for all you've done  
We pray that God has given you the crown you've truly won.*

Always loved and remembered by all your family.

**Anniversary Mass in St. Peter's Church, Milford on Tuesday 21st May at 10am.**



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

In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather who died on 15th May 2015.

*The golden gates stood open  
God saw you needed rest  
His garden must be beautiful  
He only takes the best.*

Sadly missed by your wife Frances and all your family at home and abroad.



**Bowden**  
nee Doherty  
Mary  
Murlog, Downings  
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother who died on 17th May 2021.

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

Always loved and sadly missed - fondly remembered by all your family especially your son Michael, daughters Marian and Michelle and Mona; the extended Bowden and Doherty families and numerous friends.

**Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday 18th May at 6pm in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart.**



**Doherty**  
Rosie  
Tullyhullion, New Mills  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother who died on the 19th May 2023.

*When we look back on our lives we feel such a sense of pride  
That we were blessed with a Mum who was a wise and loving guide  
We think about the laughter, good times and the fun with our truly wonderful one in a million Mum  
You've also left great memories which within our hearts we hold  
That no one can ever take away for we treasure them like gold*

Loved and missed every day by your loving family Sharon and Paddy, Donna and Declan, Pete and Martina and all your grandchildren.

**Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday the 18th May in St. Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan at 6pm.**

**Tel. 074 91 53600**



**Connor**  
Bridget  
Downings  
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother whose anniversary occurs at this time.

*We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain  
To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again  
So rest in peace dear Mother and thanks for all you've done,  
We pray that God has given you the crown you've truly won.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your sons and daughters, Caroline, Eileen, Bridget, Johnny, Andy, Seamus, Collette, Kevin, Barry.

*We keep you within our hearts,  
you are always in our thoughts and never will be forgotten.*

Always remembered by all your grandchildren Cara, Lorcan, Anna, Molly, Sophie, Lucy, Michael, Connor, Ava, Eoghan and Kate.

*A silent thought a little prayer for someone special in God's Care.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your daughters-in-law and sons-in-law

**Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday 18th May in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart at 6.00pm.**

**Tel. 074 91 53600**



**Kelly**  
Angela  
Coolboy,  
Letterkenny  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother Angela who died on 17th May 2023.

*We think of you in silence, we often speak your name  
But all we have are memories and a picture in a frame.  
But no one knows the heartache as we turn and leave you there.*

Loved and sadly missed by Roisin, Eugene and family Antoinette, Paul and family.

**Anniversary Mass in St. Columba's, Kilmacrennan on Friday 17th May at 7pm.**



**Murphy**  
Kathleen  
Drumnahoe,  
Letterkenny  
24th May 2023  
1st Anniversary

With love we remember a dear wife, Mammy, Granny and great-Granny who died on 24th May 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*

Always remembered and sadly missed by Thomas, Thomas, Mark, Caroline, John, Lorraine and their families.



**Sheridan**  
Rosemary  
Creevery,  
Rathmullan  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear aunt Rosemary who died on the 21st May 2023.

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

Always remembered and sadly missed by Kathleen and all the Sheridan family and the Hazlett family, Glasgow.

**Anniversary Mass will take place in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmullan on Saturday 18th May at 7.00pm.**



**Mallon**  
John  
Tawney,  
Kilmacrennan  
8th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father, and grandfather who died on 18th May 2016.

*You always had a smile to share  
time to give and time to care  
A loving nature kind and true, you will never be forgotten  
for we thought the world of you.  
We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain  
To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again.*

Always loved and sadly missed by your wife, Margaret; Harry, Mary and family; Breda, Frank and family; Gerry and Kathleen; Denis, Martina and family; Shaun, Kathleen and family.

**Anniversary Mass in St. Columba's Church, Kilmacrennan on Sunday 19th May at 11.00am.**

**Acknowledgement**

**Cassidy**  
Liam



Anne, together with her daughters, Lisa, Aoife and Clare and the extended Cassidy and Cullen families of the late Liam Cassidy would like most sincerely to thank all those who sympathised with us on our recent sad loss. Liam was a dearly loved husband, father, brother uncle and friend. In this life Liam was a loving, kind and heart warming human.

Heartfelt thanks to the many friends, neighbours, family members and work colleagues, old and new in Kilmacrennan, Kildare and Wexford who attended Liam's wake and funeral.

Those who travelled long distances and those who sent Mass cards, messages of condolences and flowers. Your love, support and kindness has been beyond measure.

A special word of thanks to Father Dennis McGettigan who con-celebrated Liam's funeral Mass in Celbridge with Father Joe McDonald.

Also to Danny Kerrigan a grateful thanks for all the extra support and assistance he gave during the wake and funeral.

To Oona Herraghty (Paper Lane) for her excellent work in compiling the Mass pamphlet in Liam's honour and Oona's Dad, Sam for his thoughtful reflection on Liam's life.

Cunninghams Funeral Directors were a class apart at all times. Their dignity and helpfulness truly appreciated.

It is not possible to thank everyone individually but please rest assured that we are truly grateful to all.

**Kelly**  
Margaret  
Stragraddy, Termon



We, the family of the late Margaret Kelly, who died on the 23rd April, wish to express our sincere thanks to all those who sympathised with us on our recent bereavement. Thank you to all who attended the wake and funeral and to those who travelled long distances to be with us. Thanks to all who sent Mass cards, sympathy cards, messages of condolences, we are truly grateful. A sincere word of thanks to our family, friends and neighbours who helped at the wake, brought food, made tea and helped with the car parking.

A very special thank you to Dr. Mona O'Boyle, nurses Sinead and Deirdre and all the staff of the Milford Health Centre for their great care and assistance. Thanks also to the home carers who cared for Mammy over the last number of months, we are truly grateful for the care and kindness given. Thank you to all the staff of Surgical 1 in Letterkenny University Hospital who cared for her. Thanks to Fr. Shane Gallagher for attending to her spiritual needs in hospital. Thanks to Gerard and all the staff of Magees Pharmacy, Letterkenny, for all their help over the last number of years.

Sincere thank you to Fr. Michael McKeever and Fr. Martin Chambers for their support and prayers during our loss and for celebrating the funeral Mass. Thanks to Danielle O'Flynn for the beautiful music. Thanks to An Garda Siochana for their help with traffic management on the morning of the funeral.

Thanks to John and Sheila McCafferty and Charlie McClafferty, the funeral directors, for their dignified and professional service. Thanks to the grave diggers and to the staff of the Eternal Light Chapel.

We would like to thank the Lagoon for providing the food after the funeral. As it would be impossible to thank everyone, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our gratitude, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

**Margaret's Month Mind Mass will be celebrated on Friday 24th May at 7pm in St. Columba's Church Termon.**

**Planning Notices**

**Donegal County Council**  
Cullion Td, Letterkenny

I Muriel Wylie am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to decommission existing septic tank and percolation area and install new waste water treatment system with percolation area on this site at Cullion Td, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

**Donegal County Council**  
Lisnennan, Letterkenny

We, James & Breda Ferry are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for devel-

opment at Lisnennan, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Lisnennan. The development will consist of the sub-division of existing dwelling into two separate dwellings including renovations, alterations and associ-

ated site works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority at the County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Planning Authority of the applica-



# Creeslough

Sympathy



The death took place in Letterkenny University Hospital of Connell Kelly, Meenanillar, Gweedore. Connell was a member

of the Kelly family, Massinass, Creeslough. Predeceased by his wife Norah, parents Frank and Mary, brothers; Donald, Colm, Neil and Peadar, sisters Rosemary, Betty and Ita. Sympathy is extended to his brother Brendan in Massinass, brothers Aiden, Kevin and William, sister Eithne in Sligo, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Derrybeg on Monday and he was laid to rest in Magheragallon cemetery.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to the boys and girls from the local schools who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday in St. Michael's Church, Creeslough. Mass was celebrated by Fr. John

Joe Duffy assisted by Fr. Seamus Murphy. There was glorious sunshine for the joyous occasion that it was.

### Fundraiser

A fundraiser for "Relay for Life" will take place at the shop in Creeslough on this Friday May 17th from 9 am till 4 pm. The Relay for Life takes place in ATU commencing at 4p.m. on Saturday, May 25th. Everyone welcome.

### Community Links Hub

It was "Eyes Down" on Saturday last at The Community Links Hub for the inaugural Social Saturday event. Thanks to everyone for coming along and making the day so enjoyable. Special thanks to our committee members Mairead, Ann and Celeste and to the volunteers for all the preparation.

**Independent Cllr. Michael McClafferty**  
**Derryreel, Falcarragh.**  
**Tel. 086 393 5048**  
 michaelmcclafferty@donegalcoco.ie

*Bhéinn buíoch as bhur dtacaíocht.  
 Dhéanfáidh mé mo dhícheall cuidiú leis an phobail.*

**Vote Number 1**  
 or highest preference

## McClafferty welcomes Creeslough funding

Local Cllr Michael Mc Clafferty welcomes the allocation of €12.1 million under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for Creeslough. This weeks confirmation of funding will assist the Creeslough Community and the surrounding areas on their

pathway to recovery and renewal. Creeslough is a strong, resilient and vibrant community and many people have given of their time in putting this project together.

The funding will provide for a new social, sporting and recreational centre for the very

heart of Creeslough. It will be an asset for all and a benefit for future generations.

Cllr Mc Clafferty added "even with today's announcement we are mindful of the pain of our recent past and we think and pray for those families today".



Children from the Creeslough National Schools who received their First Holy Community in St. Michael's Church in Creeslough on Saturday with Fr. John Joe Duffy P.P. Creeslough and Fr. Seamus Murphy.

# Furniture / Jumble Sale

will be held in the  
**Cope Yard Creeslough**  
**Saturday 18th May**  
**from 11am to 4pm**  
**Sunday 19th May**  
**from 1pm to 4pm**

All furniture donated  
 is of good quality

- Tables And Chairs
- Bedside Lockers
- Display Corner Units
- China Cabinet
- 3 Piece Suites
- Armchairs,
- Washhand Basins
- Wooden Cots
- And Much Much More

**Come early to avoid disappointment**

Thanks to Bingo Caller and MC extrodanaire Don Langan for giving his time also.

### St. Michael's Lotto

The numbers drawn were: 1,4,5,6,7,20. There were no match 5 winners. 19 people matched 4 and their names were drawn. The winner of the €100 was P.J. McLaughlin, Ards who bought his ticket online. This week's Jackpot will be €6500.

### Ards Retreat

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

and Fr. Philip Baxter Phone: 074 91 38909. Email: info@ardsfriary.ie.

### Day Retreat

Day Retreat for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers will take place at Ards Friary on Saturday 18th May, led by Philip McParland. This day will begin at 10.30 am and finish at 4 pm. It will include some input, silent time, social time and a full lunch. To book, phone 9138909 or email: info@ardsfriary.ie.

### Furniture & Jumble Sales

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

### 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.

### Two Hand & Line Dancing

Two hand & line dancing in Massinass Hall every Tuesday 8-10pm. Men & women welcome. No partner needed. Dance teacher is Celine.

## Toilets badly needed at foot of Muckish

- Cllr Ó Fearraigh

Sinn Féin local election candidate in the Glenties LEA, Councillor John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh, has called for toilets to be located in Creeslough at the foot of Muckish mountain where a new car park has been developed.

Cllr Ó Fearraigh said "The carpark at the foot of Muckish, developed by Donegal County Council and the local Muckish Development Committee, will require toilets being made available to visitors. A number of people have asked me to bring the issue to the attention of the council. Toilets will be a necessity given the amount of tourists already coming to the area.

"A considerable amount of people are now using this carpark and also the above car park, particularly when the weather is good. The railway walk is also being used by a great number of people, both locals and visitors. I have contacted Donegal County Council in relation to providing toilets at the carpark. I think it is very important and I want to see movement made on this issue. I think it is very important that the facilities are put in place here to fulfil the area's tourism potential and also for our local people that are using the carpark".



# Dunfanaghy

## Let's Celebrate Biodiversity

A gathering of Nature and Community will take place in Dunfanaghy on Monday, May 20th, at Holy Trinity Hall for an inspiring community event. "Let's Celebrate Biodiversity," highlighting the rich biodiversity of Dunfanaghy and surrounding areas. This celebration promises to be an enlightening and engaging day for all attendees from 1pm to 3pm and admission is free.

The event will feature a lineup of speakers dedicated to the conservation and understanding of biodiversity. Julie Corry, Biodiversity Officer with Donegal County Council, will speak on bees to celebrate World Bee Day, followed by Lisa McDaniel from LAWPRO who will be discussing the importance of our rivers and waterways; Máire Nic Fhearraigh, from LIFE on Machair; representatives from Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns; Dunfanaghy FRC; Ards Friary's New Spring Project; David McCann of The Sea Collective, representatives from Cloughaneely Anglers Association, and Josephine Kelly from the Dunlewy Biodiversity Project.

These experts will share their knowledge and experiences, focusing on the unique biodiversity of the region, current environmental challenges, and ongoing conservation efforts. Attendees will gain valuable insights into local initiatives and learn how they can contribute to preserving their natural heritage.

### Shared Reading Event

A Shared Reading Event will be held at Dunfanaghy Family Resource Centre on Friday May 17th facilitated by Rosemary Grain. The group is facilitated by a "Reader Leader", who reads a novel, short story or poem aloud. The reader stops and talks about what they have read. There is no need for group members to read aloud or speak – it's fine to just listen. The idea is to create a space where people

feel at ease, enjoy the literature, meet like-minded individuals and engage in conversation. Registration required at the Dunfanaghy Family resource centre on 9136548 or dunfresource@gmail.com.

### Community Action Group

The Directors of Dunfanaghy Community Action Group intend to transfer the ownership of the pier to Donegal County Council because they believe it is in the best interest of the committee and the community to do so.

Any member of the community who wishes to make any submissions to the directors can do so in writing by 17th May to Dunfanaghy Community Action Group, c/o The Workhouse, Figart, Dunfanaghy. The Community is defined as those residents whose names are on the local Electoral Register or those persons who have businesses established and who have premises within the following boundaries - Cottage road junction on Falcarragh road, Graveyard road junction on the Portnablagh road, Graveyard junction on the Purt Road, Cottage road and the townland of Lurgybrack, together with that part of the Townland of Muntermellán to the bottom of Muntermellán Brae.

### PCC Concert

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

### 5K Run and Walk

Local girl Niamh Corcoran from Kill is part of a group of nursing students going to Uganda from ATU St. Angelas. They are bringing much needed supplies for the BKU orphanage



Pictured are the participants who took part in the Litter Pick in Dunfanaghy on Sunday. A huge thanks to everyone who joined in the litter pick, and help make the day a great success. Also, thanks to Derek Alcorn for organising refreshments afterwards and to Casa for providing free coffees and teas.

and school, Noah's Ark and the community clinics. All donations will go directly to the source where they're most needed. As part of our fundraising Niamh is holding a 5K walk/run on this Saturday 19th May leaving St. Michael's GAA Pitch at 11am. The registration is from 10am with refreshments afterwards in the St. Michael's Clubhouse, the girls would love to see a big crowd on the day, and if you are unable to make it but would still like to donate we have a go fund me page <https://gofund.me/812cf0e2> For more information contact Tommy on 0864054343 or Marie on 0860682449 or 0838533657.

### St. Michael's Lotto

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### Prayer Meeting

Cenacolo Prayer Meeting is held every Tuesday

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

### The Workhouse

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

### Country Markets

The Dunfanaghy

## Childminder Required

To mind two children School age  
Dunfanaghy Area

For further information

please contact 086 8815884

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

### Table Quiz

There will be a Table Quiz in Mollys Bar on this Thursday night the 16th of May in aid of the Festivals Committee.



The St. Michael's Under 16 Team who took part in U15 Feile in Burt on Saturday.

## Cloughaneely

### Junior Band

There was no jackpot winner in the lotto last week and the winning numbers were 1-6-10-12-16-18. Tracy Mc Cormick won the €100 prize. This week's Jackpot will be €7400.

### Ionad Naomh Fionnán

Congratulations to Frances Doohan, Ballyconnell who won the 50/50 prize this week of €1002

Summer camp is on from 8th-26th July. Ages 4-12 years. For information contact 9165750 or email ionadnf@gmail.com

### Introduction To Pranik Healing

Learn about the 'non-touch-energy' healing system. Discover breathing techniques for wellbeing. Experience Meditation on Twin Hearts by MCKS. Book a healing and experience it for yourself. Workshop on Friday 17th May at 6.30pm at Ionad Garradh Cholmcille. Healing clinic before the

workshop by appointment only call Theresa 087 263 2204.

### Spring Covid 19 Booster Campaign

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

### Pobail Le Cheile

Free Art Club for 10-12 year olds with artist Leanne McLaughlin on Wednesdays at Ionad Garradh Cholmcille 6-7pm. Get creative and meet new people! Booking on 086 455 7519

### Thursday Café

Come in for a coffee or a cup of tea in Aras Begley 10-11.30am every Thursday.



Pictured are groups enjoying the Dance in the Ballymore Parish Centre on Friday night.





Scenes from the 10th Anniversary celebrations at the Wild Atlantic Camp in Creeslough on Saturday.



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# GAA Club News

## St. Michael's

### All County League

#### St. Michael's 5-15 Bundoran 0-6

It was the battle of the seiders at the Bridge with St. Michael's taking on Bundoran. In the end it was the Bridge Boys who recorded an empathic victory to kick start their season.

Team: Mark McGinley, Paddy McGinley, Jamie Hunter, Michael Cannon, Max Roarty, Ciaran Kelly, Chris McElhinney, Kyle McGarvey, Colin McFadden, Paul Johnston, Michael McGinley Martin Breslin Eddie O'Reilly Martin McElhinney Andrew Kelly.

Scorers. Colin McFadden 3-0, Max Roarty Max Roarty 2-3. A Kelly M McGinley 0-3 Kyle McGarvey Chris McElhinney.

Both Teams are away to Downings this Saturday at 6pm and 7.30pm.

### Mini Lotto

The numbers drawn were: 1,4,5,6,7,20. There were no Match 5 winners. 19 people matched 4 and their names were drawn. The winner of the €100 was P.J. McLaughlin, Ards who bought his ticket online. This week's Jackpot will be €6500.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Michael Langan and the rest of the Donegal Team on their victory over Armagh on Sunday.

### Under 15 Boys

On Saturday at the u15 Feile in Burt, our boys had a strong performance, winning two matches, drawing one, and losing another. Although they missed out on reaching the final, they played against tough competition including Burt, Naomh Padraig Muff, Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon, and Termon.

### Results

Mon 6th U16 Boys Na Rossa 3.8 St Michaels 5.15

Fri 10th Senior Ladies St Michaels 2.10 Malin 3.08.

### Fixtures

#### Fri 17th u14 boys

Home to Gaoth Dobhair 7pm

#### Mon 20th U16 Boys

Home to Malin 7.30pm

#### Tues 21st u10 Boys

Home to Glenswilly 6.15pm.

## St Eunan's

### County Football

Congratulations to the Donegal Senior men's team who won the Ulster Championship. We are so proud to have had Niall & Shane O'Donnell, Ciaran Moore, Shaun Patton and Caolan Ward involved.

### County Hurling

The Donegal hurlers are into this year's Nicky Rackard Cup final with a round to spare after beating Roscommon in Dr. Hyde Park last weekend. Well done to Mickey McCann, his backroom team and players. Final score Roscommon 2-10 : 1-25 Donegal.

### All County League

Naomh Adhamhnáin were at home Malin last weekend and both the reserves, and the senior games ended all square.

The reserve match finished 0-13 to 1-10.

### Senior men

On a perfect for football St Eunan's started brightly and led by 3 points before the 10-minute mark. The early scores came from Pauric Boyle (2) and Eoin Dowling. Malin then levelled matters with a well finished goal from Brendan McLaughlin. The home team then scored a goal from the fist of

James Kelly when he punched the ball into the net after and Eoin McGeehin assist.

Boyle scored another point after a mark but Malin were to goal again after a well executed shot from Josh Conlan. Eoin McGeehin tapped over a free just before the half time whistle leaving the score at the break St Eunans 1-6 : 2-00 Malin

Five minutes into the second half Malin got their third goal of the evening with a well taken finish from Terence Doherty. The impressive James Kelly then scored 2 more points as the game went end to end. An Eoin McGeehin point followed by 2 long range frees from goalkeeper Ronan McGeehin gave the home team a 1-point lead. However, Christopher McLaughlin won and scored a late free from distance to level matters up for the final time. Final score St Eunans 1-11 : 3-05 Malin Naomh Adhamhnáin scorers: James Kelly 1-2; Pauric Boyle 0-4; Eoin McGeehin 0-2, (1f); Ronan McGeehin 0-2, (2f); Eoin Dowling 0-1.

This Saturday both teams travel to Davy Brennan Memorial Park to play Naomh Conaill at 6pm and 7:30pm.

### Club Lotto

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

### Minor Board

#### Under 18 (Boys)

#### Results:

Monday May 13th NRB U18 Division 1 Naomh Adhamhnáin 3-10 : 0-11 Gaoth Dobhair

#### Under 16 (Boys)

#### Upcoming fixtures:

Monday May 20th All County U16 Division 5A Gael Fhanada v Naomh Adhamhnáin 7.30pm Pairc Ui Shaiil.

Monday May 20th All County U16 Division 1 Naomh Adhamhnáin V An Clochan Liath 7.45pm O'Donnell Park.

### Senior Ladies

Our Senior ladies played An Clochan Liath last Sunday morning in O'Donnell Park. The visitors came out on top 3-06 to 3-12.

Next up away to An Tearmainn on Sunday May 26th at 10.30am

### Senior Hurling (Men)

The senior hurlers lost at home to Burt on Friday 0-10 to 1-9.

Our Senior hurlers next match with be on Friday May 24th at 8pm when they are away to Setanta.

## Ghaeil Leitir Ceanainn

Congratulations to Ronan Frain, Niall Diver and the team on their Ulster Final victory.

The senior and reserve footballers both traveled to Convo and were defeated by the home side. This Sunday the senior lads welcome Naomh Padraig, Lifford to Páirc na nGael while the reserves have a free weekend.

The senior ladies had a challenge game against Glenswilly and are back in competitive action on Sunday 26th May with a home tie against St. Michael's.

## An Tearmainn

Congratulations to the Donegal senior team on their Ulster victory. Ticket information for the home game against Tyrone will be released in the coming days. Members, on or before the 31st March will be prioritised in the ticket order.

Good wishes to the Donegal senior ladies who play Armagh in the Ulster Final this Sunday in Clones, and in particular the Termon contingent

of Shannon McLaughlin, Evelyn McGinley, Jodie McFadden, Chelsea Gorman, Orla Corey and Jenny McGettigan.

### Men

Both senior teams were victorious on Saturday against Red Hughs. The reserve men had a 3-10 to 0-13 win. James McSharry, Ciaran Cassidy and Owen Gallagher scored Termon's goals while Marty Steel, Evan Coleman, Oisín Harkin, Oran Gallagher and Paul Mallon all chipped in with points.

The senior men won 0-12 to 0-10. Cian McMenamin starred by hitting 0-5. The other scores came from Enda McCormick, Bobby McGettigan, Jack Alcorn, Anthony Grant, Ricky Gallagher and Daire McDaid.

### Ladies

Well done to the senior ladies who beat Glenfin in their recent league game. The group are continuing their preparations for the upcoming All Ireland Gaeltacht Finals in Cork on the June Bank Holiday weekend.

Our underage teams played out competitive games in recent days, the U16's were in Milford and the U14's played St Mary's Convoy in the Fiona Doherty Memorial Tournament.

### Minor Board

Congrats and well done to our minor men on a fantastic victory over Glenswilly.

Well done to our three county representatives - Ronan Cunningham, Ciaran Conaghan and Fionn McGrenra in their recent game against Derry.

The minor board are very grateful to all individuals and businesses who sponsor our teams and this support has shone through yet again with our U16 boys who were presented with training tops courtesy of associate sponsor John Watson, Watson Hire and bags from Denis Sheridan, DS Environmental Services.

Our U14 boys also received new kits from Pete Doherty, Grovehall Renewable Services.

Well done to our U15's who recently took part in the Division 2 County Feile Tournament in Burt. The boys gave it their all but despite some excellent individual performances failed to progress to the next stage of the All Ireland competition.

### Fixtures

16/05/2024 Minor Boys V. CCF @ 7pm (Home)

17/05/2024 U12 Boys V. CCF @ 6.30pm (Away)

18/05/2024 Thirds V. Glenswilly 7pm (Away)

### Club 300

The May Club 300 lucky winners were: €1,000 ~ Terence Diver, Divers Hyundai, Letterkenny; €500 ~ Paddy Bradley, Derry. €300 ~ Tony Russell, TR taxi, Mountain Top, Letterkenny. €200 ~ Conal McGettigan, Clonkilly, Termon.

### Lotto

Lotto Results 12/5/2024 - No's drawn 1, 2, 18, 20. There was no winner of the €1850 Jackpot. There was also no Match 3 winner. Quick Pick €10 winners - Dolores Duffy, Mary Crerand, Eugene Duggan. Next week's Jackpot is €1900. Next draw on Sun 19th May.

### Bingo

Bingo this Friday continues at An Craoibhin, €4500 in prizes.

## Gaeil Fhanada

### Lotto Results 12/05/2024

Numbers: 10, 14, 15, 20, 23. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Siobhan Coyle. This week's Jackpot: €1,150

### May 'Grab a Grand'

The club will launch our May 'Grab a Grand' competition on our online platforms on Friday at midday.

### Cluichí na Seachtaine

#### Dé Sathairn, 18ú Bealtaine

Sraith Roinn 2 (Cluiche Tacaíochta)

Gaeil Fhánada v Cloich Cheann Fhaola 6:00

Sraith Roinn 2 (Sinsear)

Gaeil Fhánada v Cloich Cheann Fhaola 7:30

#### Ulster Final for Clare Friel

Best wishes to Clare Friel who will represent the county in the Ulster Ladies Final on Sunday against Monaghan in Clones at 3:30pm.

### All Ireland Series Tickets

Donegal v Tyrone - Orders for terrace tickets only can be texted to Fiona by 4 p.m. on Thursday May 16th. Prices Adults €25, Students/OAP €20, Juvenile €5

### Cloich Cheann Fhaola visit

Our senior and reserve sides are back in action on Saturday against Cloich Cheann Fhaola at 6pm and 7:30.

### Seniors lose

#### Na Ceithre Máistrí 1:11 Gaeil Fhánada 1:08

It was ultimately disappointment for Finbar O'Neill's charges on Saturday evening at Páirc Thír Chonaill, as a very positive second half



St. Eunan's club representative Andy McGranaghan who represented Donegal at the Scór Sinsear in the Gleneagles Hotel, Killarney at the weekend. Andy said it was great fun while it lasted. He said "Thanks to everyone for their kind messages of support, to St Eunan's for putting me forward and to those with the sponsorship and Fergus McGee for his support on the journey".

performance just wasn't enough to reel in Four Masters who were eight points ahead earlier in the game.

Gaeil Fhánada: Mark McConigley, Oisín McFadden, Jimmy Coyle, Calum McAteer, Brandon McClafferty, James Gallagher, Shaun Kerr, Odhrán Shiels, Paddy Carr, Mark McAteer (1:00), Liam McGrenaghan (0:04), Darren McElwaine (0:04), Paul Coyle, Alan McAteer, Paddy Heraghty. Michael Sweeney for Paddy Heraghty, Sean Carr for Paul Coyle, Paddy Heraghty for Oisín McFadden.

### Cluiche Tacaíochta

A slick and fast Four Masters reserve side were just too strong for a depleted Gaeil Fhánada outfit, who battled gamely to the end. Charlie Crerand (0:01), Patrick Shiels, Seamus Coyle, Emmet Kelly, Jamie McAteer (0:01), Aiden Heraghty, Eoghan Logue, Christy Sweeney, Declan Brougham, Brandon Friel, Fergal Friel (0:02), Joshua McAteer, Seán Friel, Dan Kerr (0:01), Aaron McConigley, Conor McConigley for Eoghan Logue, Eoghan Logue for Jamie McAteer.

### Ardara defeat the Ladies

#### Ard an Rátha 4:05 Gaeil Fhánada 1:10

Ardara struck goals at key times on Sunday at Pearse Memorial Park, and the old adage that goals win games was certainly true on this occasion, as they prevailed by four points.

Rosheen McGinley, Shauna Howe, Tori Gallagher, Méabh Duffy, Maggie Friel, Aoife Gibbons (0:01), Niamh McDevitt, Eimear Sweeney (1:01), Eiméar Gibbons, Michelle Doherty, Lauren Carr (0:04), Rachael Friel, Rachel Sweeney, Hannah Shiels (0:03), Siobhan Sweeney. Méabh McAteer (0:01) for Michelle Doherty, Olivia Friel for Tori Gallagher, Eibhlín Shiels for Rachel Friel, Erin Carlin for Hannah Shiels, Grace Begley for Siobhan Sweeney.

### Minors back to winning ways

#### Gaeil Fhánada 2:11 Gleann Finne 1:08

Well done to our minor side who recorded a victory over Glenfin at Páirc Taobhóige on Monday. They have now qualified for the Northern League Division 2 Final against Letterkenny Gaels. Killian Friel; Darragh McElwaine, Eoghan Logue; Jamie McAteer, Caolan McElwaine, Harry Blaney; Shane Carr, Cormac Dunleavy; Christian, Darragh O'Doherty, Evan McDaid; Daibhid Lynch, Ronan McVeigh.

### Cailíní Faoi 12

Well done to the U12 Girls on another great performance on Thursday.

### G4MO

The Gaelic for Mothers and Others side travelled to Páirc Naomh Columba to face Glenswilly in a friendly on Wednesday.

### Donegal U14 Girls

Well done to Aoibhinn Callaghan, Amy McAteer, Clodagh McAteer, and of course to manager Aidan McAteer as they defeated Longford on Saturday to qualify for the All Ireland semi final a couple of weeks time.

### Cúl Camp

Bookings are open for the Gaeil Fhánada Cúl Camp from the 1st - 5th July. Visit [www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/](http://www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/)



Thomas and Una McGrory from Kerrykeel at the Ulster Final in Clones on Sunday.





Cllr. John O'Donnell held a Night at the Races in Mary Macs Bar in Kilmacrennan on Friday night and pictured are groups enjoying the night.



# Ramelton Community Games

Participants at the Ramelton Area Community Games Finals last Wednesday at Moylevue, Milford.





## Cloughaneely Bridge Club



Margaret Roarty, President, Cloughaneely Bridge Club, presenting her President's Prize to Hugh McFadden and Eilish Walsh.

## Come along to the DONEGAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA

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Sunday 19th May, 5pm

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Other DMEP events in RCC this weekend - Friday 5pm - 6.30pm trad workshops with Flook! (flute, whistle, fiddle, bodhran, guitar €10) and Saturday 2pm student concert, free admission, all welcome



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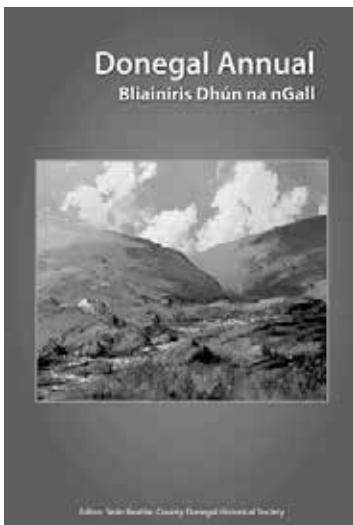
## S. G. Bayne of Ramelton in 2024 Donegal Annual

An exceptional Ramelton man, Samuel Gamble Bayne, (right), is one of those featured in the 2024 Donegal Annual, which is being launched by the county's Historical Society in Donegal Castle next Friday (24th) at 6pm. This year marks the centenary of the death of Samuel Bayne (1844-1924), who made a fortune as an oilman and banker in the US and was also a well-known author.



Martin

There are twenty articles in this year's annual, and a lot of ground covered. Dr Seosamh Ó Ceallaigh takes another look at one of the most controversial incidents in the Civil War, the executions at Drumboe Forest. Music features prominently in the 2024 annual, with the editor himself, Dr Beattie, reviewing the history of the harp in Donegal. Rev. Dr Pádraigh Ó Baoighill profiles a Donegal man regarded as one of the giants of Irish traditional music, the travelling fiddler John Simí Ó Dochartaigh (1900 - 1980).



Letterkenny features in an article from Dr William Roulston about a renowned educator born there in 1883, Emma Saxelby.

The 2024 contributors include some familiar names from past annuals, such as Brian Lacey, Hel-

en Meehan, Tomás G. Ó Canann and others.

Familiar features in the 2024 annual include a profile of the current President of the Donegal Historical Society, Joe Gatins, a native of Killybegs, former regional manager of the National Parks and Wildlife Service. Una Mathewson of the County Library service looks at books of Donegal interest published in 2023-2024. There are also book reviews.

If you'd like to go to the launch of the annual in Donegal Castle next Friday, you can reserve a place with Society secretary Hugh Devlin by emailing donegalhistoricalsociety@yahoo.ie

For more information call 087 1338572.

The 'Donegal Annual: Bliainiris Dhún na nGall' will be available in bookshops and online at www.donegalhistory.ie



The house on the Mall in Ramelton which was the childhood home of Samuel Gamble Bayne (1844-1924), oilman, banker, friend of Presidents. The road beside it is still called Bayne's Lane. Samuel features in the 2024 Donegal Annual, being launched in Donegal Castle next Friday (24th).

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## €13.5m... milestone for Creeslough



From Page One County Council.

Welcoming the funding announcement Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr. Martin Harley said "I am delighted to welcome this positive news. Much work has been accomplished over the past 12 months by community stakeholders and other agencies who have worked collaboratively with the Council's own Regeneration and Development Team to consult, design and position this community project for capital funding.

"This announcement is a welcome reward for their collective efforts and it is my sincere wish that it will be an important source of hope and support to the community as it looks to the future. I wish to thank Minister Heather Humphreys TD, Minister for Rural and Community Development for this important and merited award for the Creeslough Community and I

now look forward with great anticipation to the delivery of this ambitious and exciting project."

The Council's Chief Executive, John McLaughlin said they are committed to our rural communities and securing investment in the renewal and regeneration of our towns and villages and great progress has been made towards our regeneration ambitions under this Fund.

He said: "The Council has applied significant and experienced resources to the consent, funding, procurement and delivery stages of large scale regeneration projects and now looks forward to supporting the Creeslough Community in the delivery of this important project.

The next steps will see the Project now move through a process of due diligence, before procurement and detailed design stages lead to the capital construction stage. The

## Thank You

The Harkin family wishes to thank everyone involved in organising the recent tribute to Seamus. To Father Duffy and Father Doohan for the lovely Mass and kind words. Both the Creeslough and Dunfanaghy choirs for their uplifting singing during the Mass.

To the Creeslough Day Centre staff and volunteers for the refreshments. To Deirdre, Valerie and Rosemary for the beautiful music. To Leo, Eamon and Micky Joe for their entertainment. Thanks to the Creeslough Day Centre and St Vincent de Paul for the lovely bouquets and the crafters for their beautiful patchwork cushion. To John Daly & Sons for the work on the commemorative stone.

To Jimmy and John for presenting the evening and all who attended this wonderful tribute. Thank you.

Council is well prepared to ensure that established momentum is maintained towards the detailed design and delivery stages of this project."

The Council also acknowledged that the Rathmullan (Community & Heritage) Regeneration Project was not successful under this phase of the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. "The Council remains committed to the development and progression of this project and is confident in the strength of the project as a regeneration proposition. The Council will take some time to consider feedback from the application process together with community partners and to reappraise the options for repositioning this project towards future eligible funding opportunities," a spokesperson said.

Welcoming the news, Deputy Joe McHugh said: "The confirmation of funding will assist the Creeslough Community and the surrounding areas on their pathway to recovery and renewal. Creeslough is a strong, resilient and vibrant community and many people have given of their time in putting this project together.

The funding will provide for a new social, sporting and recreational centre for the very heart of Creeslough. It will be an asset for all and a benefit for future generations."

Minister Charlie McConalogue said: "The allocation is part of a €164 million funding package that has been announced for 30 landmark regeneration projects across the country by the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys.

A lot of work has gone into this application, and I commend all those involved. The centerpiece of the Creeslough plan is a new community centre which will include extensive sporting facilities. This Rural Regeneration and Development Fund allocation is aimed at stimulating rural economies and responding to community needs," the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine added.

Cllr. Michael McClafferty welcomed the funding and said project is one part of the healing process in the months and years ahead.

He added: "The project will create a central hub for community life that will support Creeslough well in the future and I wish to thank all those involved in their work to deliver this project."



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