



# New location proposed for Creeslough Shop

The proposal to construct a new shop in Creeslough shows the development will not be on the footprint of the original building where ten people lost their lives on October 7th 2022.

The proposed project will see an integrated development that will include a green space or a future memorial.

The architectural installation of ten lighted poles will be close to the shop door and will be in the most prominent location close to the shop. This is seen as being 'front and centre' of the overall site.

The multi-million Euro project, the biggest ever investment in Creeslough is seen as a vote of confidence in the community by the developer, Vivo Shell Ltd. In tandem with the village regeneration project, these are tentative steps for a new dawn on the long road to recovery.

Planning permission is being sought by the Company and they hope the proposals will be viewed by the Planning Authority, fam-



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ilies of the deceased, those injured and the public that significant consideration has gone into the application to respect the wishes of

all involved.

One of the major changes to the former forecourt is a proposal to implement a one-way system which will see vehicles entering on the southern or Letterkenny side of the site and exiting on the northern or Dunfanaghy side of the site. The fuel pumps will be located in a central area and will allow for up to four vehicles to refuel at any one time.

Right now the village does not have a fuel outlet and the closest location is either in Dunfanaghy or Termon: each one is 10km away. The principle of this type of development at this site has been long since established with a car sales room having been there since the 1950's.

Permission for the shop and apartments was granted in the 1990's. At the moment a stand-alone shop is sited in a temporary location, however the available space is restricted.

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An architect's view of the proposed Creeslough Shop from the N56.



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The applicants did seek alternative sites within the settlement of Creeslough, however due to the topography of sites in the area and the non-availability of another site, they were unable to acquire an alternative location for this development.

It is stated that the next of kin of all of the victims have been contacted by the applicants to advise that an application is to be made to the Local Authority for the proposed development.

The first part of the development will see the demolition of the building, some of which has been removed heretofore and the demolished material will be taken to a licenced facility which can accept such materials. The site will be cleared and the tanks which are single skinned will be removed and replaced with new bunded tanks. Petroleum Installation Solutions is proposed to undertake this work to ensure that it complies with all relevant legislation and regulation and will include a vented system.

The location of the tanks has been included on the site layout drawing and includes the point of infill for the tank(s) and the location of the pumps which will essentially be the outfall po-

sition for the fuel. The forecourt above the tanks will be finished in such a manner that any liquid which will fall on the forecourt area, such as storm water or fuel spillages, will travel through a Hydrocarbon interceptor prior to discharge. This will ensure that the storm/surface water which leaves the site and is received in the roadside drainage system will be clean and will not compromise the receiving waters.

The forecourt will be completed with a concrete finish which will provide a hardwearing surface to cater for vehicle movements within the site.

The proposed building is a portal frame with a barrel roof and will provide space for the shop, post office, storage associated with the shop, off-licence, deli and accessible toilets.

The footprint of the building has been for the most part kept off the footprint of the previous building, this has been achieved by re-orientating the building on its axis by 90° and moving the building towards the northern boundary of the site. The reason for this is to be respectful to those who passed away on this site and shows that this has been considered by the applicants.

## Forecourt one way traffic system

The one way system will see vehicles enter via one route and exit via another route, this will ensure that traffic will be in a position to enter from the roadside in an easy manner and that there will be no vehicles trying to exit at the same time a vehicle is entering at the same point. In addition to this there will be no roadside parking as all vehicles will have to enter the complex and park exclusively off the road which will add to the safety of the development.

The speed limit at the location of this site is 50km/h and the vision lines are of an adequate nature to ensure that safe stopping distances and appropriate vision lines are achievable without any obstruction.

The application description to Donegal County Council for permission includes (1) demolish the existing building (2) Planning Permission to erect a new building which will incorporate (i) A commercial space, (ii) Shop, (iii) Post office, (iv) off-licence, (v) store, (vi) deli, (vii) toilets including accessible toilets, (viii) staff welfare facilities, (ix) forecourt, (x) new underground storage tanks and pumps, (xi) external canopy,

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(xii) associated signage and (xiii) all other associated site development works including a space for a memorial garden.

The site is currently served with a storm water and waste water connection to the main network which runs along the N56 at the front of the site. It is proposed to utilise the existing services which are available insofar as the storm/surface water will be collected and will be directed to pass through a Hydro Carbon interceptor which will be located on the site and then into the main storm pipe along the N56. The wastewater will avail of the existing 100mm connection which is on site and which connects directly to the main Creeslough sewer.

In the pre-planning process the Vivo Shell application was assigned a reference No: PP/7079

The Planning Statement includes: "The social aspect which the previous shop offered to the community of Creeslough cannot be over-emphasised and it is vitally important that the Hub is re-established to allow for the social aspects associated with such an enterprise within a small rural village such as Creeslough is allowed to re-emerge, albeit in different circumstances whilst paying tribute to the victims of the event of October 7th 2022."

*The ten people who lost their lives in the Creeslough explosion on October 7th 2022 ranged in age from five to 59. They were Jessica Gallagher, Martin McGill, James O'Flaherty, Shauna Flanagan Garwe and her father Robert Garwe, Leona Harper, Hugh Kelly, Martina Martin, Catherine O'Donnell and her son James Monaghan.*



The architects views of the proposed shop.





## Illistrin Man helps raise €146,500 for Beaumont Hospital

6 years ago this month, James Maguire from Illistrin was admitted to Beaumont Hospital with a suspected head injury after having a serious ac-

cident in Dublin City. After several brain scans at Beaumont Hospital, it was discovered that James had a bleed and swelling to the left side of his



Kenny Maguire, Hannah Maguire, Kate Maguire (Nee Dunne), Johnny Maguire, James Maguire, Emmett Maguire, Molly Maguire and Celebrity Chef Nevin Maguire.

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such a positive outcome and I am now 6 years on, living a normal life. I spent 4 months in Beaumont Hospital. I will always be grateful to the staff and medical teams at Beaumont Hospital”.

Last year, James along with his parents Kenny and Kate Maguire (nee Dunne), his sisters Hannah and Molly and his two brothers Emmett and Johnny, participated in a fundraising event called “The Kitchen of Hope”, to help raise vital funds for Beaumont Hospital. James and his family really wanted to do something to give back to Beaumont in appreciation for the care that they gave to James and their family.

“The Kitchen of Hope” event involved a number of celebrity chef cooking demonstrations, including James’s uncle, Neven Maguire. Attendees at the unique event were treated to a feast of celebrity cooking demonstrations led by Neven Maguire, with TV star Grainne Seoige on hand as master of ceremonies to keep proceedings running smoothly.

Rory Morahan also organised the event as a thank you to the Beaumont Hospital and The Royal Hospital Donnybrook who had helped his son Cathal recover following a serious car crash.

James says, “The event was amazing. I got to meet members of Beaumont staff and other patients who had similar experiences to me. My family and I were so grateful to give back to such an amazing cause”.

Beaumont Hospital is The National Neurosurgical Centre for Ireland and accepts referrals from all over Ireland. The Department provides the latest in neurosurgical care, including life-saving, technically demanding procedures that help adults with complex and serious conditions such as traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, brain haemorrhage, brain and spinal cord tumour and complex spinal surgeries. Beaumont’s Neurosurgical Teams treat these brain, spine and nervous system conditions using innovative approaches such as awake brain surgery, robotics, computer assisted brain surgery, stereotactic radiosurgery and deep brain stimulation.

Patients are transferred from all four corners of Ireland to be treated for these complex conditions at Beaumont Hospital. James was fortunate enough to be in close proximity to Beaumont Hospital on the day of his accident.

James and his family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, help and support throughout that time in their lives. James also would like to thank Rory Morahan, Cathal Morahan, Nevin Maguire, Grainne Seoige and all the other Chefs who helped make the fundraiser a huge success.

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# Enforcement blunder

Donegal County Council has issued a significant number of planning enforcement notices that are not legally valid. This is because last month the High Court ruled one notice was not valid. That was due to VP McMullin, solicitors for the Council, having signed it. The Court ruled VP McMullin was an 'unincorporated body'.

In law, an 'unincorporated body' is an organisation set up through an agreement between a group of people. They come together for a reason other than to make a profit. Such a body does not have a legal personality. Thus, for example, it cannot own land in its own right. Common examples of 'unincorporated bodies' are sports clubs or voluntary groups. Apparently, in this case, it extended to a firm of solicitors.

Mr Justice Conleth Bradley delivered the judgement.

This flowed from enforcement action the Council took against Mountcharles man Conor Quinn. This was about an alleged unauthorised development at Croagh, Dunkineely. A notice was served on Quinn back in November 2017. Then, in June 2018, the Council began the court process. (This is slow. To be fair, the Covid lockdown then happened).

The matter came to hearing in the District Court in Donegal Town in July 2021. The hearing was adjourned. The Judge directed both parties to exchange written legal arguments. In its submission, the Council accepted VP McMullin was an 'unincorporated body'.

Judge Sandra Murphy had heard the case in Donegal District Court. There was no disagreement between the two parties on facts. She then referred the case to the High Court for a ruling on the point of

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law. This is known as a case stated. That process began two years ago. It finished with Mr Justice Bradley ruling: "In answering the question posed by Judge Sandra Murphy on 2nd March 2022, therefore, section 1 of the Courts (No. 3) Act 1986 (as amended) 9 does not authorise the issue of a summons on the application of "VP McMullin" being a firm of solicitors and an unincorporated body of persons."

I have asked the Council if it is going to appeal. A spokesperson said "Donegal County Council are not in a position to respond." (To be clear: that's their mis-spelling, not mine). The High Court only allows 28 days to appeal. According to Courts Service, no appeal has been lodged.

At first glance, many would say the case is about a technicality. That is because, unfortunately, 'technicality' is a word far too widely used.

This is not a mere technicality. Any enforcement notice has to be a proper legal document. Such a document must be issued by a person, persons, or a body having been properly given authority to do so.

Otherwise, any reader could copy the wording used in such a document and draw up such a notice. Then they could send it off.

All is extra important because enforcement is the key to proper planning. People can't be allowed to build whatever they want, wherever

they want. They can't be allowed to ignore planning laws. I am not making any comment on the rights or wrongs of the development that gave rise to the High Court judgement. I am making comment that, legally, the Council does not appear to have dealt with it properly.

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There have been suspicions of conflicts of interest. There has also been suspicion at the way politically connected and forceful individuals were treated. They bulldozed developments through. That has been both literally and metaphorically. There is a certain belief that some developers operate on the basis of build first. Then seek retention permission afterwards.

Whatever about corruption, though, there is great evidence of bad planning in Donegal. There is so much that example after example could be used in textbooks. Let-terkenny is appalling, in every way.

Whatever planning there was has not worked.

Bundoran is not quite as poorly planned. That, though, is only because it is a lot smaller. Poor planning also blights several small towns. There is the Dunfanaghy-Portnablagh area. That was a beautiful area. It has now been reduced to a suburban-style sprawl. It looks out of place in North Donegal. It would fit in well on the outskirts of Dublin or Belfast. Then there are the likes of Downings, Portsalon and Gweedore.

There is the issue of leakage from septic tanks in some of the holiday areas. That isn't just an issue about the view. It is a public health issue. The reasons for that are obvious.

This latest issue throws more doubts over the efficiency of the Council in dealing with planning. After all, they have caused themselves major difficulty.

The Council has clearly failed to properly do its homework. They should have made sure that any enforcement was water-tight legally. They didn't.

Alleged breaches of planning conditions are costly to whoever is



**By Anton McCabe**

involved. Large developers can afford robust defences. For the planning authority, enforcement is expensive in legal fees. But also expensive in the time involved.

Enforcement is very expensive for smaller developers and individuals. They face serious difficulties. The costs can ruin them financially. They can't afford costly legal battles. There is a feeling out there that the book is thrown at small people who are seen as breaking the rules. Bigger players are seen as getting an easier time. Be it right or wrong, that perception of two-tier enforcement further undermines the planning system.

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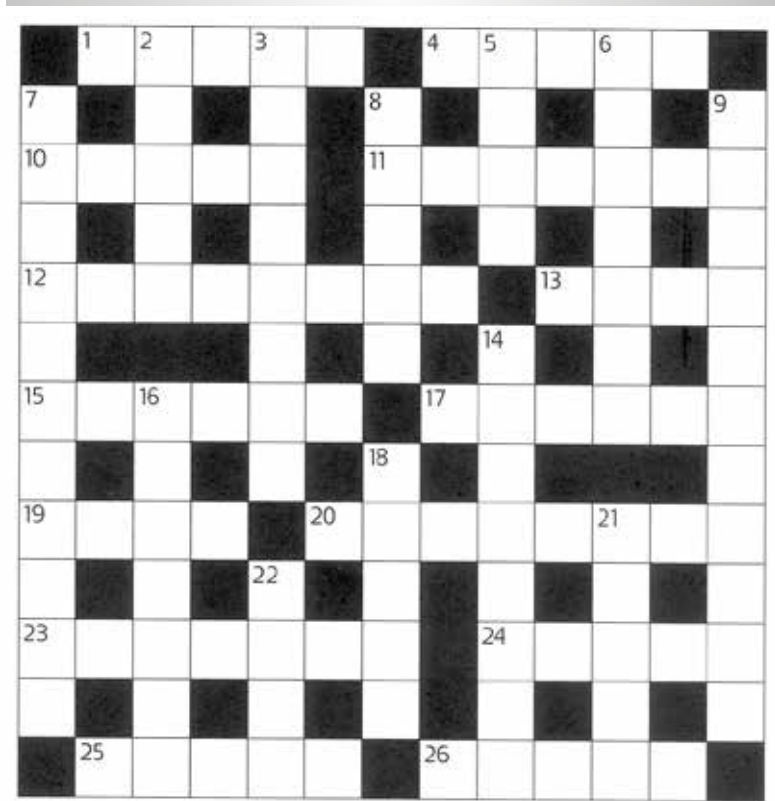
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  - 13. Famous Wimbledon champion (4)
  - 15. Capital of Texas (6)
  - 17. Heavy load (6)
  - 19. Peter \_\_\_\_, star of Columbo (4)
  - 20. Appalling (8)
  - 23. Lie down (7)
  - 24. Nincompoop (5)
- Down**
- 2. Communion table (5)
  - 3. Outline of a play (8)
  - 5. Bulge (4)
  - 6. Virility (7)
  - 7. A Manchester football ground (3,8)
  - 8. Garden flower (5)
  - 9. Inventiveness (11)
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# Jason joins Chelsea in Glór Tíre final

Ramelton's Jason McCahill has secured his place in next week's final of Tg4's Glór Tíre.

In a change of tempo from his previous appearances Jason performed the Randy Travis classic 'Three Wooden Crosses' which he said is his mum Brenda's favourite song.

He also revealed his new dance invention known as the 'JC wiggle' that would keep underwraps due to the slow tempo of his song choice this week, but he was hoping to debut on live TV next week if he got through to the final adding it might give viewers an added reason for voting him through.

He faced tough opposition from Jenny Hanlon, Alistair Fingleton and Gerard Gormely but he won through in the voting that took place through the Glór Tíre app.

A clearly delighted Jason then joined his fellow finalists including Dunfanaghy's Chelsea Evans who had already won through to the final.

The affable Ramelton man will be looking to draw on the same support of family, friends and a new legion of fans next week as he battles it out to take the Glór Tíre crown.

## New single

There was more good news this week for Jason who released a new single "Thank God I'm a Country Boy" on Friday and it has shot straight to Number One in the Irish iTunes Country Charts. Jason recorded the tune with Brian Kerrigan at Harmony Recording Studios in Letterkenny.

Jason was joined at the live show in Galway on Thursday by

his parents Paul and Brenda McCahill, his grandmother Rose McCahill, aunt Bernadette Patterson and uncle Anthony McCahill. Also spotted dancing on the show were Falcarragh's Eddie and Anne McFadden.

## Jason in Mulroy Woods Hotel

This Thursday night, the 18th, people will get a chance to congratulate Jason on reaching the final when he appears in the Mulroy Woods Hotel at the social dancing from 9 to 11pm. He will be joined onstage by his father Paul and there will be refreshments refreshments will be served and there will also be a draw with a chance to win three prizes.

## Chelsea Evans

Chelsea, who is the daughter of Paddy and Joy Evans, Horn Head in Dunfanaghy said she was looking forward to next week's grand final but found it "impossible" to figure out what her final choice of songs would be but has settled on them after much thought.

She also performed on Tuesday night's show and sang a lively version of the Dolly Parton classic 'Blue Smoke'.

Chelsea, who is the youngest in the competition, will also draw on her family, friends and many fans as she seeks to claim the title after the voting closes following next Tuesday's live final broadcast on TG4 at 9.30pm.

Voting takes place via the Glór Tíre app available through Google Play store and Apple.



Jason McCahill and Chelsea Evans along with Karl Fitzpatrick on Glor Tíre on Tuesday night.

## Ramelton

### Charity Concert

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

### Crochet class 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.

### Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.00noon this Saturday 20th April. Order from our food producers on 087-9699715. Come along, browse the market that boasts the best of local home-made 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

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### Tennis-coaching

After-school tennis-coaching sessions will resume on Wednesday next, the 24th April at Ramelton Tennis Club. 9 year olds and under from 3.30 to 4.30, and 10 year olds and over from 4.30 to 5.30. All equipment provided. The fee for the 5 one-hour lessons is €20.00 per junior. Contact Mary at 087 9773957 for further information.

### Antenatal Classes

Antenatal classes began on Wednesday last for 4 weeks, 2-4pm. Venue is the Gallowglass Centre, Milford F92 CD51.

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

### Jive with Paul

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

### Ramelton SVP

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

### Yoga with Jane

Yoga with Jane classes have restarted, call her on 086 8367776 to book or for details or visit Jane Watt yoga on FB

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Any questions or queries, please contact us in the office at 074 91 50188.

Their Rathmullan office is open every Saturday from 10am-2pm and their Kerrykeel office is open six days a week from 10am to 4pm daily except Saturday when they close at 3pm.

### Tidy Towns

The Annual Big Spring Clean will take place this Saturday, 20th April, and we look forward to your support at that time, especially

families and younger adults. Bibs, pickers, gloves & Hi Viz vests will be available at the White Harte from 10.00 am but in the interests of sustainability and the circular economy, if you have equipment from before, then please bring your own. Hopefully we'll be able to give all of the approach roads and the town a good 'spring clean' We appeal to all road users to please drive with care and respect the Volunteers as they are out and about. Refreshments will be available at The Pier Building approx. 12.30pm. weather permitting.

### Annual Sustainability Fair Postponed:

Unfortunately the long awaited Bicycle Repair Station will not be installed in time for Sunday's Sustainability Fair, so it has been decided to defer the Fair until that has been installed.

Then LK Bikes will host Maintenance Workshops as well as well our other Displays and workshops

at that time.

### Pier Works

The long awaited Pier works have commenced and despite the slight adjustment to the Car park area, Rathmullan is still open for business as usual, with all the beaches and amenities still available. The Lough Swilly Ferry will commence their summer Schedule on 1st June, and access to the slipway and Ferry will be maintained under traffic management. Drivers, please be considerate and have patience, these continuing works may be an inconvenience, but are absolutely essential to ensure the ongoing safety for all pier users.

### Post Office

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Rathmullan Post Office have now closed their doors. Many thanks and congratulations to John and Bernie on their retirement and thanks to Angela for their many years of dedicated service. Hopefully, a new Post Office will be opened in the near future but in the meantime the closest are in Ramelton, Milford or Kerrykeel.

### Rathmullan Makers Market

Congratulations to all involved in the newly formed Makers Market, which

will feature local artists and makers selling beautiful and original handmade items, arts, crafts, food and much more. The first Market will be held at the Boatyard Sheds on Saturday April 27th from 12-4, so come along to grab a bargain, and support local. Other dates include last Saturday of each month, as well as mid month dates in June, July and August.

### Clean Coasts & Litter Picks

The weekly Pier area, village and beach cleans take place every Wednesday, with equipment available outside the White Harte from 10.00am. We especially welcome our Coastal Warrior pals from the HSE TOA Community Programme every week, and delighted to have a few new faces occasionally joining us recently in helping to keep our streets and beaches litter free, we appreciate your support. Everyone welcome to join in and we usually have a sociable coffee afterwards.

### Eco Atlantic Adventure Camps Rathmullan

Eco Atlantic Adventures are now taking bookings for Beach Bootcamp Sunrise workout, starting 29th April at 6 am for Monday/Wednesday/Friday in 4 week

blocks. There are many other courses on offer during the summer months, contact Hugh 086 2250599 as booking is essential.

### Save the Date - Inch Mile 31st August

Gartan Open Waters in association with Swim Ireland and Donegal Sports Partnership are currently taking bookings for this unique event <https://eventmaster.ie/event/nGLJtpLH0v> as well as the Kinnegar 500m. More details contact Karen (087 2214988) or Keith (086 0885459).

### St Vincent De Paul

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



# Rathmullan Post Office closes



John and Bernadette Kelly pictured with postman Johnny Kelly after they closed their Post Office in Rathmullan for the final time on Friday. They have been running the Office since the 14th of February 1971 along with their assistant Angela Crerand. Pictured right - Vera McElhinney the final customer served at Rathmullan Post Office last Friday by Bernie Kelly. Also included are Jim Barker and Johnny Kelly.



# Niamh Shevlin is new Donegal Rose

Glenswilly's Irish dancing star, Niamh Shevlin, has been crowned the Donegal Rose and is set to represent the county at the annual Rose of Tralee International Festival in August. The 27-year-old, former Lord of the Dance star

was crowned at the selecting event in The Central Hotel in Donegal Town.

She is the daughter of Mick and Geryl from Bomany, and is an accomplished Irish dancer alongside her twin Gavin, and has previously taken part in Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance.

She is sponsored by Boye Construction who congratulated her and wished her all the best of the Co. Kerry event in the summer.

She and Gavin are well-known as The Shevlin Twins, and have graced stages across Ireland and beyond.

Rathmullan woman, Katie McAteer, handed over the title at Saturday night's selection event held in association with R. McCullagh Jewellers.

The Rose of Tralee International Festival is one of Ireland's largest and longest-running festivals. It features the selection of the Rose of Tralee, an international event that involves young women of Irish descent from Ireland and around the world.



Every year more than 30 International Roses come to Tralee, supported by friends and family. All eyes are on the Roses, who travel from the UK, America, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Europe, the Middle East and of course Ireland to take part in the festival, the essence of which is based on the popular song of the same name.

This year's festival takes place from August 16th to 20th.

## Kathleen and Stephen Patterson who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the weekend.



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followed by music in McGettigan's Bar from 11pm.

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# Minister hails €4.6m project at Rathmullan



Pictured at the start of the works on the Rathmullan Pier Refurbishment Project, from left, Cathal Sweeney, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Donegal County Council; Eugene Allen, Donegal County Council; Eoin Cunningham, Cunningham Civil & Marine Ltd., Charlie McConalogue, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Clionadh Campbell, Senior Engineer, Donegal County Council, John Gallagher, Rathmullan The Way Forward; Colm Grimes, Cunningham Civil & Marine; Cllr. Liam Blaney; Shane Fearon, Nicholas O'Dwyer Ltd. Consulting Engineers, and Damien Rodgers, Rathmullan Sailing Club. Photo Clive Wasson

The commencement of the €4.6 million Rathmullan Pier refurbishment project has been hailed as a 'momentous development' for Donegal by Agriculture, Food and the Marine Minister, Charlie McConalogue.

Speaking in Rathmullan on Friday, McConalogue said: "Up until now, the functionality of Rathmullan Pier has been limited. But when this overhaul is finished, it will allow Rathmullan to realise and enjoy its full potential. Small

cruise boats used the pier back in the sixties and seventies and when Rathmullan Pier reopens after the refurbishment works, more development can happen because the pier will be structurally safe. There's always a great vibe about Rathmullan and having spoken to local traders and business owners, they enjoyed a busy Easter. The local people and community groups are fully behind the project and the contractors are working extremely well with them and facilitating

them as much as possible," the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine commented.

When completed, the revamped pier will attract a larger volume of tourists to the famous seaside town and to surrounding towns and villages. The start of the project is a momentous development, not only for Rathmullan, but also for Donegal and the North-West region."

## FF nominates Tory Ireland native

Anne Marie Rodgers (*right*) has been nominated by Fianna Fáil delegates mainly from the Creeslough to Gweedore area areas to contest the local elections. Anne Marie is a native of Tory Island and is a fluent Irish speaker with a qualification in Rural Development from NUIG and additional qualifications in Sustainable Rural Tourism and Business.

She has been a resident of Dunfanaghy since 2005; where she is proud to be a member of the vibrant local community. She has been working in the community and voluntary sector for over 30 years and has a wealth of knowledge and experience of the issues that affect our communities in West Donegal.

Anne Marie is always enthusiastic and proactive in offering support and help, she likes to get things done.

Anne Marie is well known in the Glenties LEA and has experience of working to address the issues affecting our rural communities including the Gaeltacht, our off-shore islands, small fishing and farming communities, supporting employment in rural communities.



Members of the Kilmacrennan Mens Shed and friends at their Big Clean up in the area on Saturday.



## Red-throated Diver - Nest Protection Officer

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## Death of Derek Wilkinson

The death took place on Sunday of Derek Wilkinson, Creeslough and Bray, Co. Wicklow. Aged 73 Derek was a well known figure in the local community even though he had spent the biggest part of his life in Bray where he had a car dealership. When he retired after 51 years in the auto business he moved back in 2019 to the home house on Creeslough's Main Street. Derek was a regular commuter back to the village especially during his tenure as a Finn Harps



Committee member going back to the late 1970s. Derek was a Harps man through and through. His love of the Club never wavered through thick and thin when he was there. It was the late Eunan 'Busty' Blake, a Finn Harps manager at the time who invited Derek to become actively involved in the Club nearly five decades ago. He drove many of the Leinster based players to Ballybofey for the home games including Milford man John Gerard McGettigan. The Club tribute read: "Everyone at Finn Harps FC is deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Derek Wilkinson. A former chair of the club, with decades of stalwart service in various roles, Derek was a true club legend. His last Harps game was just a few weeks ago as we hosted Bray Wanderers." At 18 years of age he left Creeslough after getting a job with Easons in Dublin. That was 1968, but Easons was never where Derek Wilkinson was going to spend his whole working career. His late father John was a foreman in McMahons of Milford Garage for 40 years. The interest in cars was in his veins. After just nine months he left Easons and went to Britton's on the Naas Road. They were doing assembly for Morris Austin cars and Derek worked in the wholesale section. He moved from there in April 1970 to work in Hills Garage out in Greystones, in Co. Wicklow. In November 1976 he took a job with the Castle Garage in Bray who had the Toyota Dealership." Derek always had the ambition to run his own car sales business and it came to a stage where either he followed his dream or it would die. So in April 1984 he took the plunge and went out on his own renting a few places around Bray because he wasn't in a position to buy a property. He got the Daihatsu dealership for Wicklow in 1985. Two years later he got the Lada dealership. Derek's final move was to a premises in Ballywaltrin on Bray's Killarney Road in 1996. It was a successful business venture and he always got great satisfaction out of

getting a car sale over the line. His interest in Finn Harps began in earnest in the early 1970's and he recalls his first time to see Harps was actually in Dublin when they played St. Patrick's Athletic at Inchicore. Apart from a two-year break he was a Club Director for over four decades. As Club Chairperson, Derek Wilkinson was the man who set up the visit of Roy Keane and Ipswich Town to play Finn Harps in a pre-season friendly in July 2009. Derek was very friendly with the Chairman of Cobh Ramblers and it was through that contact that Keane came to Ballybofey. Being from Creeslough, Derek was really chuffed to have Mark Anthony McGinley from Ards in the Harps squad. And as far as Derek could recall McGinley is the only Creeslough man to have worn the Harps colours at senior level. Derek was also very proud too when Donegal won the All-Ireland in 2012 and brought Sam Maguire to Creeslough especially as the St. Michael's Club had six players in the squad. Derek Wilkinson had the honour of being FAI President in 1992 and was Chairperson of Finn Harps for seven years. He was also a long time Harps delegate to both the League of Ireland and the FAI. He was Club Vice-Chairperson until an AGM a couple of years ago. The remains of the late Mr Wilkinson arrived at St. John's Church Ballymore on Monday evening to repose overnight. Canon David Skuce officiated at the Service of Thanksgiving on Tuesday. Derek was laid to rest afterwards in the adjoining graveyard. The large numbers that came to pay their respects on Monday and at Tuesday's funeral reflected the esteem in which Derek and the Wilkinson family are held in the local community. He was predeceased by his parents John and Isobel and infant brother Ernest. He is survived by his sister Hilary (McNutt), brother-in-law William, nieces Megan and Stacey and her fiancé Keith and grand niece Robyn, relatives and friends. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.



# Shock as North West homeless charity announces closure

After 19 years the North West Simon Community that works to deal with, and prevent, homelessness have announced it is to cease operating due to a lack of funding.

It is claimed "Government inaction" and the inability to secure increased funding is among the reasons that the group has made the difficult decision to wind up operations.

The charity will go into receivership in the coming weeks.

The volunteer North West Simon Community board said its focus will be on ensuring the charity's clients and service users are taken care of during the transition, as it works to transfer its properties to another approved housing body or the relevant local authority.

Established in 2005, North West Simon Community provides social housing in Donegal and Leitrim, and early intervention and homelessness prevention services in Donegal, Leitrim and Sligo. North

West Simon Community has a staff of seven people.

Board Chairperson, Donegal TD Thomas Pringle, said: "The last three financial statements published on our website have reflected the ongoing financial insecurity North West Simon has experienced, and we have been trying to resolve this issue over these last years.

"In September of last year, we were told that the three local authorities - Donegal, Sligo and Leitrim - had been unsuccessful in their attempts to secure Departmental approval to support the maintenance of our homeless prevention services.

"Unfortunately, it has come to this point that we cannot prudently go on any longer. We have a responsibility to tenants, all service users and staff, and ultimately, following lengthy discussions and considerations, we had to take the difficult decision to wind up operations.

"The well-being of North West Simon clients and all service users has always been

our priority and will remain our priority. They are understandably very concerned about their future and we will continue to do all we can to ensure that people are taken care of during this period of transition."

He paid tribute to the North West Simon Community staff members and those who supported North West Simon Community over the past 19 years.

In 2022, North West Simon Community provided support and/or accommodation to households comprising 122 adults and 50 children in County Donegal; and to households comprising 116 adults and 113 children in County Leitrim; and provided support services to households comprising 80 adults and 98 children in County Sligo.

North West Simon Community owns 19 one and two-bed apartments in Donegal and two four-bed semi-detached houses in Leitrim, which they are working to transfer to another approved housing

body or the relevant local authority. The charity has no significant debt or long-term liabilities. The average monthly expenditures for North West Simon Community are €25,000. A variety of fundraising activities provide, on average, about 64% of its operating income.

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## Funeral of Bernadette Duffy

The funeral took place on Sunday of Bernadette Duffy, Muckish Avenue, Letterkenny. Formerly of Crieve, Letterkenny, Bernadette passed away at Letterkenny University Hospital on Friday. Aged 88, she will be sadly missed by her relations, friends and neighbours.



Bernadette had worked in the former Oatfield Sweet Factory for 47 years.

Remains reposed at The Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Mountain Top, Letterkenny on Saturday prior to removal to St. Eunan's Cathedral to repose overnight.

Requiem Mass was celebrated by Fr. Kizito Kalameera, CC. on Sunday. Readings were by James McMonagle. The Cathedral Choir provided the music and hymns. Interment took place afterwards in Conwal Cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

## Death of Elaine Cemery

The death occurred on Friday at Letterkenny University Hospital of Elaine Cemery, Goldrum, Termon. Predeceased by her husband Derek, Elaine is survived by her stepdaughter Sara,

stepson Adam and their extended family. Cremation took place in Lakeland Crematorium, Cavan on Monday.

## The late Vonnie Leyden,

The death took place on Monday at the Donegal Hospice of Catherine Veronica (Vonnice) Leyden, née Bonner, Augheygault, Drumkeen. Vonnie was predeceased by her husband Terry the well known Donegal Junior League Administrator in early February. She



was also predeceased by her sister Molly, brother Kevin and sister-in-law Mary. She is survived by her sons Derek and Paul, daughter Sharon, son-in-law Derrick and daughter-in-law Rena; grandchildren Ella, Ben, Tara and Paris. Vonnie is also survived by her sister Deirdre and the wider Leyden and Bonner families.

Remains reposed at the family residence Augheygault. Funeral leaving from there on this Thursday 18th April at 10.30am for 11am Requiem Mass in St Patrick's Church, Drumkeen followed by interment afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

## Funeral of Julia Ferry

The funeral took place on Monday in Rathmullan of Julia (Jiley) Ferry. Julia passed away on Friday in her 103rd year, at the home of her niece Mary Doherty, Ballintine, Dunmore, Co. Galway. A native of Rathmullan she had resided in Galway for the past 65 years.



Remains reposed in Grogan's Funeral Home, Barrack Street, Tuam on Saturday. Removal was from there to the residence of her late sister Rosie Loughrey, Drumhalla, Rathmullan on Sunday. Julia's nephew Fr. Neil Loughrey officiated at the Requiem Mass on Monday in St Joseph's Church, Rathmullan. Burial took place afterwards in Rathmullan Cemetery.

Julia was predeceased by her siblings Mary Farrelly, Galway, Rosie Loughrey, Drumhalla and Danny Ferry, Anney and her nephew John Loughrey, Drumhalla. She is survived by her Farrelly nieces and nephew Patrick, Evelyn, Ailish and Mary, and her Loughrey nieces and nephews Fr. Neil, Mary, Michael, Siobhán, Paddy, Daniel, Paul, Noel, Evelyn and Stella, wider family and friends. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

## Jason thanks loyal supporters as Glór Tíre final beckons

Ramelton country singer, Jason McCahill, says he is delighted to have been voted through to the grand final of TG4's Glór Tíre.

He said he wishes to say a huge "thank you" for all who helped him realise his dream of making it to the final where he joins fellow Donegal contestant, Chelsea Evans, from Dunfanaghy.



Chelsea won through directly from an earlier round and Jason faced a stiff elimination test on Tuesday that he sailed through with flying colours singing the Randy Travis song Three Wooden Crosses.

He said was very grateful to all who voted on the night and that he is now looking forward to performing in the finals next week.

The voting lines are now open for the finals and can be done via the Glór Tíre app.

The final will be broadcast live on TG4 on this Tuesday, April 23rd, at 9.30pm.

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### Mevagh pontoon urgently needed: O'Donnell

Independent Cllr John O'Donnell has called on the Council to get a pontoon installed as a matter of urgency at Mevagh in Downings. At a recent Municipal District meeting, he said that he feared that the pontoon that is in storage could be removed from Downings due to the delay in the issuing of a foreshore license. "€200,000 has been allocated for the pontoons but unfortunately it looks like the foreshore license won't be got this year. I fear they could be taken away from Downings which would be unfortunate" Cllr O'Donnell said.

The Council stated that the installation of the pontoon at Mevagh requires a foreshore license to be issued by the Dept. of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH). The Council completed an application some time ago and have provided further information where requested, however, the DHLGH have further concerns in regard to the impact of the proposed development on the environment. Cllr O'Donnell has been told that the Council is continuing to work with the DHLGH to resolve their concerns with a view to obtaining the necessary Foreshore Licence.

### Raised ramp call at Kerr's Bay

Cllr Pauric McGarvey has asked the Council to install a raised table ramp on the junction of Kerr's Bay, Pier Road, Coast Guard Station and The Beach/Pier entrance in Rathmullan as a matter of urgency. In response the Council said the section of road highlighted by Cllr McGarvey is included in the Rathmullan (Community & Heritage) Regeneration Project that obtained Part 8 planning permission in 2023. He has been told that a possible introduction of raised tables can be considered as part of the detailed design for the Regeneration Project.

### €563,281 expenditure on Trentagh Road

By the end of this year the total expenditure on the Trentagh Road will be €563,281. That's according to a reply received by Cllr Ciaran Brogan who had sought an updated report on the total monies allocated to Trentagh over the past two years and a timeframe for the works to start and be completed.

In 2023 €112,223 Climate Adaption funding and €196,058 Restoration Improvement funding were spent on the Carntrentagh Road Improvement Project. This year an allocation of €150,000 for Climate Adaption funding and €105,000 Restoration funding have been allocated for Phase 2 of the project. Phase 2 will commence before the end of April and is scheduled to be completed by the end of July.

### Leck Graveyard Road safety concerns

Speeding and lack of signage on the approach to Leck Graveyard in Letterkenny require a full safety audit by the Council. That's according to Cllr Donal Coyle.

"It's a wide road with speeding going in both directions. I don't see any signs to say that you are approaching Leck Graveyard. We did talk about ramps but that doesn't appear to be going to happen. There are issues for cars coming out from the graveyard and parked along the road. We do need traffic calming there on the Leck Road" he said.

The Council said it would carry out a safety assessment in the area of Leck Graveyard to establish if there is a safety issue and what improvements may be required or feasible.

### Accessible busses for Derry/Galway route

Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh has welcomed news that the Bus Eireann route from Derry to Galway will have accessible buses from this Summer. At a meeting with Bus Eireann last week he received a commitment from the head of expressway that there will be accessible buses available on the Derry to Galway route with a target of 1st July to be operational.

Following the meeting Cllr Kavanagh said: "At the moment there is not an accessible bus available on this route, and callers with queries are simply told it is not an accessible route, this is totally unsatisfactory given that many people need to travel for health care services to both Sligo and Galway from Letterkenny. I pointed out to the meeting that although there are stops on the route that may not be accessible the stops at Letterkenny, Sligo and Galway are accessible, so there is no reason not to provide an accessible bus on that basis, and that the other stops can be reviewed and made accessible as soon as possible, I don't think that much modification, if any, would be needed at Ballybofey or Ballyshannon for example to make those stops accessible.

In response the head of expressway Andrew Yates agreed that based on what I had said there would be an accessible service from this Summer, and the other stops would be reviewed for accessibility. I would like to thank Bus Eireann for their positive response and I look forward to this important service being made available in the coming months and I have no doubt it will be an important change for those who need it."

### Carrigart Chapel footpath

Cllr Liam Blaney has asked the Council to ensure a coordinated approach

## Blaney on the mark for Motherwell

Letterkenny man Shane Blaney's spectacular header started Motherwell's memorable fight-back from 2-0 down against St Johnstone at McDiarmid Park on Saturday. The former Finn Harps and Sligo Rovers player powered home a 69th minute header to make it 2-1 and Mika Biereth then secured the draw for Motherwell.

with improvements to the footpath from Carrigart Chapel to the village. He said that coordination is needed when construction begins on the new footpath from Downings to Carrigart.

In response the Council said the Carrigart to Downings walkway is funded under ORIS 2022 measure 3 with construction due to commence this Summer. As of yet there is no funding available for the upgrading of footpaths to Carrigart Chapel. Attempts have and will be made to obtain National Travel Authority funding through Active Travel or Safe Routes to Schools or other possible sources of funding when opportunities are available. "The coordination of these projects and the timing of construction dates is funding dependent" the Council said in response to Cllr Blaney's request.



# Milford

## Death of Susan Blaney

The death took place on Sunday 14th April in Áras Uí Dhomhnaill Nursing Home, Milford of Susan Blaney, (née Brown) Tirhomin, Milford. Her remains reposed at the home of her grandson Declan and Kosh Alcorn, Tirhomin, Milford. Susan was 92 years of age, spent many years working in Scotland before returning to Tirhomin and was predeceased by her brother Robbie and sisters Tina and Peggy.



Funeral Service took place on Wednesday in Fannett Presbyterian Church, Kerrykeel with burial afterwards in Milford Presbyterian Cemetery, officiated by Rev Susan Moore.

Deepest sympathy is extended to her daughter May Alcorn, Moyle View, Milford, son Ian, grandsons Declan and Damian, granddaughter-in-law Kosh, great-grandchildren Caoilainn and Niamh, sister Joan, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

## Death of Annie O'Donnell

The death took place in Glasgow, Scotland on Friday 12th April of Annie O'Donnell, Carrownaganonagh and Cashleenan, Milford. Annie spent a large portion of her life in Scotland and was a frequent visitor home. She was predeceased by her daughter Eileen.



Annie's remains will be received into St. Brigid's Church, Golan, Milford, this Thursday at 7.30pm



## Aaron launches campaign

**Above** - Aaron Sweeney, the Fine Gael candidate in the Local Elections in the Milford EA at the launch of his campaign on Saturday night in Logues of Cranford with his parents Dinny and Amanda and Nina Carberry who is the Fine Gael candidate in the European Elections. **Right** - Lexie Diver and Oddie Gorman, Kilmacrennan at the launch. **Pictured below**, Nina getting some canvassing advice from Milford's FG strategist Pat Finneran.



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to repose overnight. Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Friday followed by interment in Milford Cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to her son Ronan, brother Manus and Daniel, sister Margaret McClafferty, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, cousins, relatives and friends.  
**Mission Hall**  
Speakers at the Milford Mission Hall which takes place on the first

Sunday of each month at 8pm as follows Sunday 5th May - Archdeacon David Huss; 2nd June Wills Lynch; 7th July Black Mission Team.  
**50/50 Draw**  
The next draw will take place on Sunday 5th May in the Hi-da-way Bar at 6.00pm for a guaranteed Jackpot of €1000. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets can



Members of the Milford Over 65 group pictured in the Carrigart Hotel, Carrigart recently celebrating Laurence Blaney's 90th Birthday.

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## Meehan welcomes funding for Energy Master Plan

Declan Meehan, independent candidate for the Milford Electoral Area in the upcoming council elections has welcomed funding of €25,000 for an Energy Master Plan for the Milford, Kerrykeel, Ramelton and Rathmullan areas. He said: "I am delighted to have secured this funding for the area from the SEAI" Meehan said. "The Energy Master Plan is an evidence-based study that outlines the current use of energy in an area, the future

growth of energy demand and presents opportunities for decarbonising projects to achieve carbon emissions reductions, as well as cost savings for businesses, homes and communities." The funding was applied for following a successful SEAI information event held in The Gallowglass Community Centre in February. The Energy Master Plan will go out to tender in the next week or two with work commencing in the early summer.

**Milford Presbyterian Church**  
Tractor, Vintage & Classic Car Run  
**Bank Holiday Monday 6th May**

Assemble at Church car park for registration at 2pm.  
€15 Entry with proceeds to Oncology Unit in LUH, Milford Boys Brigade & Kerrykeel Girls Brigade

Run Commences  
Cars 2.30pm, Tractors 2.45pm  
Refreshments served at the Church Hall afterwards

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.

### Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society held an outing Saturday 13th April at Greencastle Golf Club and the winners were 1st Paddy McNulty 36pts, 2nd Damien O'Donnell 34pts and 3rd Cian McGettigan 33pts. 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 18th April 10.00am, Friday 19th April 10.00am; Saturday 20th April

at 7.30pm; Sunday 21st April at 11.00am.

Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 20th April at 6pm.

### Graveyard Mass Dates

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

### Confirmations

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



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### Milford Community Playgroup celebrates 40th Anniversary

Milford Community Playgroup are celebrating their 40 year anniversary this September. The organising committee are busy planning the event which will take place in the Milford Parochial Hall on Saturday 21st September. The committee are looking for old photographs / memorabilia from over the years, newspaper clippings etc. All items

submitted will be photocopied and returned. Please send these into the playschool or email milfordcommunity-playgroup@td@hotmail.com by 18th of June 2024.



### Thank You

The Gallagher family from Creevy, Carrigart would like to sincerely thank James Gibbons and everyone involved in the Milford Athletic club for holding their 6th 5k race on Friday 12th April in memory of our beloved father Hugh Gallagher. Our dad Hugh was a former club member and honorary president of the Milford Athletic club. He was also the most prolific Master athlete and a sporting legend in Irish, European and World Masters athletics. Our appreciation and thanks also go to all the participants, stewards and backroom team and the sponsorship by Mowi, in Fanad to make this event such a success. Congratulations to Declan Ferry (Rosses AC) who was the winner of the men's race and Teresa Doherty (Finn Valley) winner of the women's race.



Participants in the Walk with Julie in memory of Julie Casey last Monday in Milford. The group meet at The Gallowglass Community Centre to walk the Colmcille Trail followed by a Coffee Morning in the Centre. All proceeds from the day are going to Relay for Life.



Julie Casey's daughter Sarah and her sisters Claire and Maura with niece Caoimhe and Bridie McHugh at the Walk With Julie on Monday.



Susan Gavaghan, Winnie Fell and Shirley Ward at the walk.



# Mariners take Division 2 title

Ballybofey United Reserves 1-1 Ramelton Mariners

The Ramelton Mariners left it late with a late goal from substitute Shay Callan-McFadden eventually securing the point that the club needed to take the Saturday Division Two League Title at Dreenan. On Saturday afternoon Ballybofey were the better of the two sides on show and deservedly took the lead through Kieran Thompson who added another goal to his season's impressive tally. Indeed, they were unlucky not to go further ahead on several occasions however it wasn't to be. Mariners for their part seemed to be struggling under the pressure of knowing will their champagne was on ice but the job not quite finished. Their cause wasn't helped by a resolute Ballybofey defence who were well backed by Daniel Crawford who produced several top drawer saves during the match. But with the final whistle looming

a goal-mouth scramble ensued and amid the chaos Kyle Callan-McFadden got the vital touch to nudge the ball over the goal line to signal party-time by the banks of the Lennon. It is over the season that matters in leagues and the Ramelton outfit deserved their crown for a consistent run of results. League Administrator Jimmy Haughey was on hand to present the Cup to a jubilant Mariners outfit.

Ramelton Mariners - Peter O'Donnell, Connor Ferguson, Kieran Black, Stephen Bryant, Eoin Roulston, Kyle Burke, Daire Sheridan, Ryan Campbell, Brandon Wilkie, Fionn Robinson, Evan Hewitt. Subs used: Aidan Connolly for Sheridan, Paul Gallagher for Burke, Shay Callan McFadden for Robinson. Subs not used: Myles Mulgrew, Oisín Sweeney, Connor Gillespie, Eddie Boyce.



Ramelton Mariners celebrating after winning the Division 2 title of the Saturday League.

## Friel delighted with the win

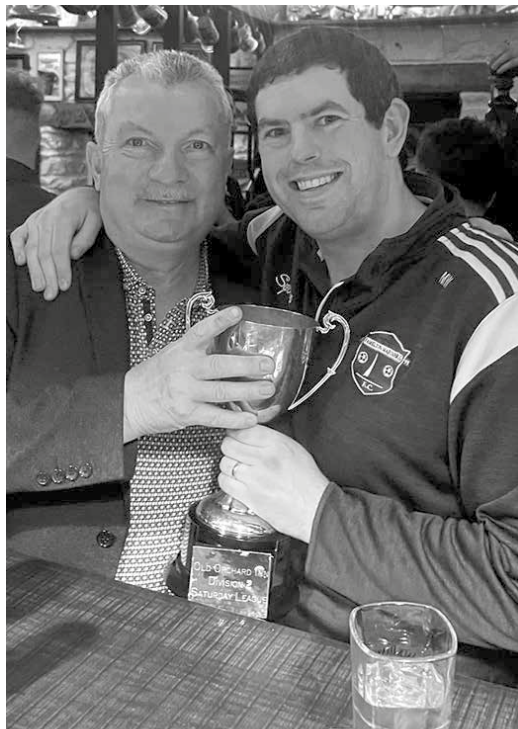
The Ramelton Mariners needed just a point from Saturday's away match against Ballybofey Utd to win the Donegal Junior League Division 2 title. With that comes pressure and it certainly affected the team's performance at Dreenan. Only a couple of weeks ago the two sides had drawn also in the league down at the Flagpole.

So to finally get over the line with the help of Shay Callan McFadden's late equaliser was a relief for manager Raymond Friel who was a happy man when the final whistle went on Saturday afternoon. Friel and his backroom team have put in a big shift all season. They assembled a big squad who were committed to the cause right throughout the campaign.

That has been rewarded with the league silverware and promotion to Division 1 next season. While the management team won't be thinking about that for a few weeks it will be a big challenge after a higher standard of opposition. The Mariners have made very good progress after just three years back in the Donegal Junior League and realistically consolidating a place in the top flight

would represent more progress at the end of the 2024/25 campaign. It's been a very good season for the Ramelton outfit who have won 14 of their 19 Saturday League matches while drawing three and losing just twice. There is now just one round of matches left with the Mariners playing Drumbar in Donegal Town on Saturday week. Going into the weekend their near neighbours Swilly Rovers were the only

other side that could have mathematically caught them but that was a long shot. Swilly had suffered a major blow the previous Saturday when losing 3-2 away to Drumbar Utd in Donegal Town. And it was only slightly better on Saturday with an away draw against Dunlewey Celtic. A victory for Swilly in their final league game on Saturday week will see them go up automatically with the Mariners.



Mariners supporters with cup, from left, Kevin Hanlon, Mark Wilson; Shay Callan McFadden, Brandon Wilkie; Anthony McFadden and Mark Wilson; Dom McFadden and Shay Callan McFadden joining the celebrations in the Lennon Lodge.

## First away loss for Murphy's men

**Athlone Town 1-0 Finn Harps**  
Darren Murphy saw his Finn Harps side lose for the first time on the road this season on Friday night as Athlone Town exacted revenge for the defeat in Ballybofey earlier in the 2024 First Division campaign. Dean Ebbie's 25th minute goal was all that separated the two sides at the final whistle but it was a disappointing performance from the visitors especially in the first half. Harps did have strong claims for a late penalty dismissed by the referee. It meant that it was the first points that Murphy's men had dropped on the road after winning the previous three games away from home. It was a much needed three points for Athlone who had been expected to be much nearer the top of the table. It was only their third win of the season as Harps missed the chance to close the gap on leaders Cork City who drew 0-0 with UCD at Belfield. A win for Murphy's outfit would have left only two points behind Cork going into this weekend's games. Murphy made three changes from the UCD game with Tim Heimer returning in goals in place of Conor Walsh while Ryan Rainey took over from the injured Stephen Doherty and Chris Lotefa was handed his

first league start in place of Patrick Ferry. The game's only goal came on 25 minutes when Brian Torre got onto Daniel McKenna's calm pass, finding the run of winger Ruben Candal who turned the ball back for Amardo Oakley. He kept the ball alive for Ebbe who steered the ball past Tim Heimer. At the other end Conor Tourish headed narrowly over from a free-kick. However, the visitors were fortunate not to go 2-0 just before the break when Rainey nicked the ball over his own bar, getting in just ahead of Aaron Connolly who was just about to shoot from only six yards out. After the restart Harps defender Noe Baba had a header brilliantly saved by Minogue. But, apart from that the visitors struggled to test the home netminder even after putting on Sean O'Donnell and Patrick Ferry. Finn Harps: -Tim Heimer; Conor Tourish, Jamie Watson (Darragh Coyle 88), Matty Makinson, Noe Baba, Chris Lotefa (Mark Mbuli 75), Shane McMonagle (Sean O'Donnell 60), Tony McNamee (Aaron McLaughlin 88), David Cawley, Ryan Rainey (Patrick Ferry 75), Success Edogun. Subs not used: Oisín Cooney (Gk), Conor Walsh (Gk), Luke O'Brien, Max Johnston. Ref: Jason Moore.

## Cork game reversed to Finn Park

Due to pitch problems at Turners Cross, Cork City's original home fixture against Finn Harps is being switched to Ballybofey on Friday week, 26th April with a provisional earlier starting time of 6pm. That time is subject to change to 7:45pm provided the floodlights have been fixed that forced Harps to play their last home match against UCD at the earlier time of 5pm. It's the second time that a match has been reversed to Finn Park this season with Cobh Ramblers being facilitated because St. Colman's Park wasn't ready to play on following the laying of a new pitch. It's ready now as Harps prepare to head there for a game on Friday night. Meanwhile, the return fixture between Cork City and Harps will take place at Turner's Cross on Friday 12th of July at 7.45. Darren Murphy and his backroom team have had a challenge this week to lift the players after a disappointing loss to Athlone Town last weekend. Murphy acknowledged that the performance in the Midlands especially in the first half wasn't good enough and he didn't have a lot of complaints about the final outcome. Cobh are struggling sitting second from bottom of the First Division with their only win being against Harps at Finn Park. In sharp contrast Harps are second from the top and four points behind leaders Cork City. Murphy's men are 11 points ahead of Cobh so will go into the game as favourites to take the three points. Harps have won three of their four away games this season with the only loss being last Friday night against Athlone Town. The Cobh tactics worked well in Ballybofey and they used the long throw-ins to good effect on the narrow pitch on Friday 8th March. It was a flat Harps performance that saw Murphy's side suffer their first league

defeat of the new 2024 season. Cobh made the long journey south with a deserved first three points of the campaign thanks to a fine 24th minute Jack Larkin strike. That has turned out to be their only victory with other points coming from four draws. There have also been four defeats. Cobh do have a game in hand on Harps. They lost 4-2 on Friday night at home to Wexford Youths. The hosts were 3-0 down at a stage but then goals in quick succession from Larkin and a Jason Abbott penalty in the 55th and 56th minutes. Wexford had led 1-0 from very early in the game and added two more in a frantic spell of goals in the 52nd and 54th minutes. However, the visitors got a fourth in the 69th minute to see out the game. When the two sides met last the Harps team was Tim-Oliver Heimer; Jamie Watson (Chris Lotefa 81), Noe Baba, Matthew Makinson, Shane McMonagle (Conor Tourish 58); Stephen Doherty (Luke O'Brien 58), David Cawley, Tony McNamee, Max Hutchinson (Sean O'Donnell 58), Patrick Ferry (Mark Mbuli 58); Success Edogun. Not used: Conor Walsh (Gk), Max Johnston, Darragh Coyle. Max Hutchinson has been ruled out in recent weeks with injury and is not expected back in the short term while Stephen Doherty was ruled out of the Athlone trip. On the plus side Aaron McLaughlin has been back in the panel for the last two games and came on as a late sub on Friday night. Murphy is likely to look at a couple of changes for St. Colman's Park with Sean O'Donnell and Patrick Ferry likely to be considered as possible starters. Following their 3-0 home defeat to Bray Wanderers on Saturday night, Longford Town have announced that they have parted ways with manager Stephen Henderson and Gavin Peers.



## Letterkenny Comhaltas reschedule Turas Ceoil Traidisiúnta

Letterkenny Comhaltas, have rescheduled their Turas Ceoil Traidisiúnta, (traditional Music Trail), to Saturday the 27th April from 11am to 5pm. The Branch held this event for the first time in August 2021 and it proved a great success. It had originally been planned for Saturday 6th April, but had to be abandoned due to Storm Kathleen.

There will be free entertainment on the street during the day including musicians, dancers, actors, street performers from Northwest Events, and face painters.

There will also be an opportunity to learn how to make toys and crosses using rushes with Steffi Otto, and you may even see a few miniature animals around the square.

Local historian, Kieran Kelly, will lead an historical tour of the town, commencing at 2:30pm at St. Eunan's Cathedral. Letterkenny is a town steeped in history, dating back to Plantation times and before and this guided walk will be a fantastic opportunity to learn about the history of Letterkenny for both locals and visitors alike.

As mentioned previously this is a free event and all musicians are most welcome to join any of the sessions that they come across. Tá turas ceoil traidisiúnta ar ais, Dé Sathairn 27ú Aibreán. Bain sult as an atmaisféar i Leitir Ceanainn, le ceoltóirí, damhsóirí, aisteoirí, siúlóidí stairiúla agus go leor eile. Bígí linn!





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## Health Care can't wait - Doherty



Maria Doherty outside the Kilmacrennan Health Centre.

Sinn Féin Local Election Candidate Maria Doherty has highlighted that our local health services are under pressure and that the people of Donegal and the Milford LEA deserve better.

She said "Communities are suffering as a result of the Government's failed approach to health services. Take for example the dreadful decision to close Kilmacrennan Health Centre without any consultation with the community, leaving people without GP services in their own community."

She highlighted Government and the HSE arrogance regarding how they have handled this situation. Pádraig Mac Lochlainn TD has raised a parliamentary question in relation to this issue and is currently awaiting a reply.

Ms Doherty said "The issues in health appear to be getting worse rather than better under this government across the board, decision like closure of a vital service in Kilmacrennan illustrate this."

Letterkenny University Hospital is under resourced with regard to the size of population it serves - it is 6th in the country in terms of footfall but 12th with regard to funding".

Ms Doherty said that Sinn Féin has a plan to improve local health services, "we will provide the resources, reform and investment needed to tackle waiting lists and provide proper healthcare for our communities. Our ambition is to deliver a comprehensive national health service that is free at the point of use, delivers services based on equity and need, not ability to pay, and which performs at a level that diminishes the need for private health insurance to get the care you need when you need it. Sinn Féin want to end unfair charges, reduce the Drug Payment Scheme threshold, and increase eligibility thresholds for Medical Cards and GP visit cards on the path to universal healthcare. Almost every aspect of the health system is attempting to muddle through with no overarching strategic plan. This is just the tip of the iceberg, and major structural reform and a re-orientation of care into the community is needed, we can not wait any longer."



# We Celebrated Too Soon

*Food for thought*

A ripple of applause travelled through the cabin as the announcement was made. "Ladies and gentlemen, we will be landing in Dublin in five minutes." For the last twenty minutes or so, the flight's eventual destination had been something of a mystery. Would it land on Irish soil? Would it return from whence it came? Or would it end up somewhere else entirely? With one short message over the intercom the pilot put over two hundred minds at ease.

Let me rewind. A couple of Saturdays ago I was on a flight from Stansted to Dublin having spent a few days in London. The flight was due to touch down just in time to pick up a spot of lunch before getting back up the road to Donegal. Yet my Saturday didn't work

out how I had planned. It was all down to Kathleen.

The latest storm of the season caused havoc in the air as planes were turned away from Irish skies due to the ferocity of the wind and others simply didn't take off in the first place. Of course, safety comes first, but many a person's travel plans lay unexpectedly in tatters.

There were rugby fans travelling to see their team play at the RDS. They missed the match. There were conferees planning to attend an event in Wicklow. The conference started without them. There were teenagers making their way back after their Easter holidays. They got an extra few days off.

You see, the pilot's announcement was ultimately both premature and overly optimistic. With great skill he wrestled with the controls as we descended into the howling gale, but ultimately the weather won. After circling some more we began a great tour of England's airports: an unforeseen stop off in Manchester before an eventual return to where we began, five and a half hours after take off.

Throughout this great and ultimately circuitous journey, a well worn phrase kept coming into my head: man proposes but God disposes. In a nutshell, it describes how we can make all sorts of plans but ultimately their success or otherwise lies in the hands of God.

Some passengers found the situation traumatic, others simply laughed as the journey had descended into farce. Some desperately sought an alternative way across the sea, others booked into a hotel for the next few nights. Yet each of us were given a truly precious reminder that we're not actually in control.

God puts it like this in his word: "Do not boast about tomorrow for you do not know what a day may bring." (Proverbs 27:1)

A diverted flight is an inconvenience; a tragic accident or traumatic diagnosis is something else entirely. Therefore we need to be ready for when the worst thing happens. We may not know what tomorrow brings but there is a God who



Jonny McCollum

does - a God who is stronger than the storm and whose plans can never be upended. What a comfort it is when we make our plans and then leave them in his hands.



## Hughie Gallagher Memorial 5k



Runners in the MOWI sponsored Hughie Gallagher Memorial 5k on Friday evening in Milford.



Rosemarie Gallagher presenting the Hughie Gallagher Memorial Shield to Declan McGarvey winner of the 5k in Milford on Friday night with members of the Gallagher family and Milford AC Chairman James Gibbons.



Members of the Milford AC Couch to 5k Group before the 5k on Friday evening with James Gibbons.





# Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Tá fáire na fáilte ar ais agaibh uilig, a chairde Ghaeil, agus tá súil agam go bhfuil achán duine maith agus ag súil go mór leis feabhas aimsire i ndiaidh an fhearrthainn gan stad a d'fhulaing muid go léir ar feadh cúpla mí anuas. Cluintear scéaltaí tubáisteacha faoi na feirmeoirí bochta, ag iarraidh plandáil a dhéanamh agus ainmhithe a chothú.



agus prátaí úra agus im! Sin béile Éireannach duit!

Béidh sin againn i mí Mheithimh, go séasúrach arís. Thiofadh leat a rá go bhfuil muid millte anseo in Éirinn- an méid sin earraí deasa, séasúra-cha atá againn. Mar oidis an seachtain seo tá muid ag gabháil a fhanacht leis an uaineoil. Tá a fhios agam go bhfuil daoine ann nach bhfuil dúil acu ann, ach thiofadh liom é a ithe gach lá, gan amhras da laghad. Béidh gearrthóga uaineola againn agus, mar thionlacan, cúpla anlainn bhlasta.

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Tá sé i gcónaí éasca gabháil go dtí an ollmhargadh agus earraí a cheannacht go simplí agus go nadúrach gan a bheith ag smaointiú faoin foinse a bhaineann leo, an méid oibre atá i gcéist agus an dúthracht agus díograis atá de dhíth ag an tionscal feirmeoireachta sa dóigh is go dtig linn béile a chuir ar an tábla. Rud an-mhór a thug mé faoi deara nuair a bhog mé go buan go dtí an ceantar seo ón chathair, is é an tionchar bunúsach agus domhain atá ag an fheirmeoireacht ins an saol thart timpeall orainn uilig sa chontae galánta seo. Lá amháin chuaigh mé féin agus mo mhac go dtí an Margadh i mBaile na nGallóglach leis an beostoc a fheiceáil agus cad a tharlaíonn ag an ceant.

Caithfidh mé a admháil gur bhain muid an-sult as an táithí a bhí againn. Don duine aineolach bhí cuma spreagtheach air; an radharc, tormán agus boladh, iad uilig san áireamh don eispéireas iomlán. Agus cupán tae laidir le fáil ann fosta! Is saol thar a bheith difriúil ón saol sa chathair, agus, ar m'anam, is fearr liom é go mór. Níl radharc ar bith le fáil anseo nach bhfuil cnoc nó gleann nó beach nó crann le feiceáil, agus tugann sé sin draíocht agus maorgacht don áit iomlán. Agus mé ag tiomáint ar na cúlboithre an tráthnóna faoi dheireadh, bhí mé ag amharc ar na caoraí ag cothú na huain óga nuabheirthe agus ag smaointiú ar goidé chomh suaimhneach agus galánta a bhí achán rud. Tá mé sasta fánacht i dTír Chonaill.

Ag gabháil ar ais go dtí cúrsaí bidh, bhí mé ag smaointiú fosta faoin rogha éisc atá ann ag an am seo de bhliain. Mar a luaigh mé roimhe tá iasc úr den chéad scoth le fáil ó JACK, a thagann sa Van go dtí na bailte éagsúla. Duine íontach deas agus eolach é, agus is cainteoir ó dhúchais é agus Gaeilge bhlasta bhinn aige. Bíonn rogha galánta éisc i gcónaí aige. Bíonn hadóg deataithe atá go hiontach agus é foirfe agus tú ag déanamh anraith nó seadar éisc. Agus tá mé ag súil go mór leis an ronnach

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## Downings woman new Chair of GAA committee

Tanya Roberts Browne, a member of the Na Dunai- bh GAA Club, has been appointed Chairperson of the National Wheelchair Hurling/Camogie committee. Tanya has been very active in her local Club

in recent years and currently holds the post of PRO. She has also joined the Donegal PR



& Marketing committee working alongside current County Board PRO Sinead Breen. Tanya was in charge of PR and Media affairs last month's Donegal/Louth league game in Ballyshannon.

Wheelchair Hurling and Camogie is an inclusive activity that is a six-a-side team sport suitable for all ages, genders, and abilities. The game encompasses a range of fundamental skills that exist in hurling and camogie. The rules have been modified to adapt these skills to suit the individuals involved and their capabilities. It aims to enable individuals to grow and maintain optimum participation across the full diversity of Irish community life.

Tanya has been chairperson of Bord na nÓg in Downings, demonstrating exceptional leadership skills, strategic vision, and a deep understanding of the issues pertinent to the organisation's objectives.

"We are delighted to have Tanya assume the role," said Geraldine McTavish, GAA Diversity and Inclusion Manager. "Her leadership will steer the working groups towards accomplishing our strategic objectives and advancing our mission to increase awareness and the wide brief of the Diversity and Inclusion initiatives."





# First Responders fundraising to get started

A new First Responders group for Kilmacrennan, Churchill, Gartan, Termon and Trentagh hopes to be up and running this summer to help give people who cardiac arrest the best chance of survival. 70% of these incidents occur in the home so early intervention from trained personnel using CPR and AED equipment is vital before the patient is transferred to hospital. Sarah McGinley a nurse at Letterkenny University Hospital's Emergency Department is Chairperson of the new group who are in the midst of a fundraising campaign to have all the equipment in place and training completed for a summer start. They had a successful Christmas event in Glenveagh and are currently working hard on a range of fundraisers in association with the North West 10k on Monday 6th of May. Sarah McGinley is passionate about the importance of early intervention and knows all about the much increased chance of survival where there are teams of first responders attending the person at the scene of cardiac arrest. "Pre-hospital care is so important. I am an ED nurse so I see the

difference that first responders make. It was Dr. Gerry Lane who suggested that I look about setting up a group in the area. I did join a group in Kilmacrennan pre-Covid and did a course that was delivered by the Red Cross. So my idea was to expand that to other areas" Sarah said.

A meeting was advertised with the objective of covering a number of areas including Kilmacrennan, Churchill, Gartan, Termon and Trentagh. The response was hugely encouraging. 26 volunteers are undergoing the training with around 20 others involved as backup in the group. "Around 50 people turned up at the An Craobhin in Termon who I must say have been amazing to us. We then formed the Committee" Sarah said.

Every minute matters in a health emergency, and trained Community First Responders aim to preserve life by responding to potentially life-threatening emergencies before the arrival of an ambulance crew. Volunteers are undergoing weekly training with Damien O'Connell to be ready to respond to calls for

cardiac arrest, choking, adult chest pain and stroke calls.

Sarah McGinley said: "Due to the success of other CFR groups, we anticipate the volunteer service will help preserve life, meeting the needs of members of the community that require emergency services intervention." Fundraising coordinator Claire McDaid said: "We've successfully raised funds and coordinated highly successful charity gatherings, including the Santa Experience at Glenveagh Castle in December 2023, a breakfast brunch in Wilkins Churchill and a pub quiz night in Nora's Bar Kilmacrennan. Local businessmen and councilors have also lent us their support, which we greatly appreciate.

"The funds raised will allow us to purchase AEDs for our locality and these will be strategically situated in areas without an AED. We were able to buy a small quantity of equipment to help us initiate the training process. Once we are at an approved level to go live, we will require responder bags, which will carry an AED and other equipment required."



possible. We would like to take this opportunity as a group to thank everyone who has helped us out this far in our efforts to get the group up and running. Including The Craobhin Community Enterprise Centre, Termon, Co Donegal, who have kindly offered their facilities free of charge due to the voluntary effort that will benefit the community."

The North West 10k which takes place on Monday, 6th of May in Letterkenny. This coming Saturday, 20th of April there will be teams of volunteers selling tickets for a draw at Dunnes Stores and Simpsons. On Saturday week, 27th of April there is a 'Night at the Races' in the Swilly Inn.

Enter online for 10k at [www.njuko.net/nw\\_10k\\_2024](http://www.njuko.net/nw_10k_2024)

The Group was chosen as one of the benefactors of this year's Northwest 10k. "We have organised a number of fundraising events to raise some much needed funds to get this service up and functional as quickly as



Members of the Kilmacrennan, Termon, Gartan, Churchill and Trentagh First Responders at a training event in An Craobhin, Termon



## Horse Racing News

# Winners for Dylan and Luke

Dylan Browne McMonagle and Joseph O'Brien shared two winners on the annual student day at Leopardstown on Wednesday and went on to have a double success in Dundalk on Friday. While Luke McAteer won for the second time in eights at Dundalk on Saturday.

At Leopardstown a crowd of 12,883 was on hand as Letterkenny jockey McMonagle and trainer O'Brien made a winning start to the afternoon with Galileo Dame racing to an impressive success in the 10-furlong fillies' maiden.

The Letterkenny jockey had to work far harder for his success on the O'Brien-trained Goldana in the Listed Irish Stallion Farms EBF Heritage Stakes. A 4/9 favourite,

she was all out to get the better of Ger Lyons' 11/2 chance Power Under Me by half a length.

Browne McMonagle was again a winner on the double when taking the final two races at Dundalk on Friday. Both horses were trained by Paul Flynn and the wins came in two divisions of the same 10-furlong handicap. For good measure, the Colehill trainer landed a 1-2 in the first leg of the race as the nine-year-old Power Surge recorded his fourth win for current connections and his seven win in all. At odds of 7/1, he made every yard of the running and raced clear inside the final furlong to score by an easy four lengths from his own stable companion Dromore Lad which was ridden by Robert

Whearty. Two and a quarter lengths was the winning margin as Jazz Forever completed a double for the jockey and trainer. Leading early in the straight, the 11/1 chance had plenty in hand as he came home clear of the Peter Lawlor-trained Numidia, a first win for the four-year-old.

Rathmullan jockey Luke McAteer is another enjoying a fine run of form and he partnered Jered Maddox to his second win at the track in the space of just eight days in the five-furlong handicap at Dundalk on Saturday. Trained by David Marnane, the 6/1 chance came from a little off the pace to lead early inside the final furlong and he raced clear to beat Willie Browne's 7/2 shot Pro Bono Alexander by two and a quarter lengths.

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# Halloween Poll: Every cow promised a black bale

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*Micheál Martin at FF Ard Fheis: "No community is being harder hit by climate change than our farmers and the wider agri-food industry. They are not only our largest indigenous industry, they are also custodian of our nature and our food security. We need our farming community. We need sustainable food production." So, not one red cent for you boys at the Milford Mart on a Monday night. Martin went on to say the extreme weather changes are a direct impact of climate change. Cue his support for the EU's derogation policy*

That was some embarrassment of a week. Simon Harris bottled out of his first major decision as Taoiseach. After failing to show up for Leaders Questions it seemed he'd suspended any clarification on what he proposes to do for the farmers. And in his first Uturn as Taoiseach, there will not be a referendum on June 7th to protect patent legislation that has been proposed by the EU... whenever Ireland votes to agree. Harris has now got less than 56 days to build a single one of the 250,000 houses he promised. And perhaps his granny already told him "There'll be days like this," and there will be many more. Harris drove nobody into any real flight of fancy with his bewildering outpouring at the party Ard Fheis. There would be a new Cabinet but no carpenter and if he had any mettle, Helen McEntee would have been gone from Justice. Because it is obvious that the Garda rank and file officers are totally opposed to Drew Harris and confidence is at an all time low. No harm to McEntee, she cannot go on forever claiming these issues are outside her remit. So on Tuesday and with the appointment of the new Taoiseach, Harris had real space to shine and he failed to deliver because he may be in charge but he's not the boss within the party. And thereby the Taoiseach bottled a tough decision, so he set a low bar for his leadership until the General Election. And the new Cabinet was even worse than the original one with Simon Coveney leaving.

Unlike the empty rhetoric to win back the traditional farm vote in recent elections, that bandwagon then rolled into the FF field when their Ard Fhies in Dublin was, I suspect, more underwhelming than they'd imagined. Not to be outdone by Fine Gael, Micheál Martin signalled a Halloween Election with his own raft of promises. The reality of 'political promises' comes with a huge health warning. These promises point only to past failures to deliver by FF and FG; so, be aware of reality here. Listen only to the dull clap-trap from Micheal McGrath delivering the October budget only six months ago. So no big FF headlines apart from Martin's concerns for the farmers. If he can stretch his mind back to Budget Day, the farmers were disappointed and they still are. But in fairness, Martin promised the farmers nothing apart from sympathy: it's the last thing they need right now and not a bale of fodder in the yard. "No community is being harder hit by climate change than our farmers and the wider agri-food industry. They are not only our largest indigenous industry, they are also custodian of our nature and our food security. We need our farming community. We need sustainable food production." End of quote: not one red cent for you boys at the Milford Mart on a Monday night. But it's good to know that at least one EU candidate for this constituency has a finger on the pulse of the problems in farming. Ciaran Mullooly formerly of RTE said he went to Balla Mart in County Mayo last week

- not to make a speech but to listen to the farmers because they are hurting. Now that Harris has bottled his first big challenge with the same tired old Cabinet, he has also referenced the farmers and the dire weather. Will the Taoiseach be steered towards a mart and promise he will climb every farm gate to help if rain stops. And he'll promise to move mountains and more to make it happen. Can he stop rewinding and rewetting.... of course, they are on his bucket list. Regardless of promises the two main parties are effectively guarantors of climate legislation in the Dail and that is not good news for farmers and rural Ireland. For the second Spring in a row the weather continues to cause havoc and the farm minister has suspended all non-essential farm inspections. Minister Charlie McConalogue says, "As an immediate step, I have asked my department to pause farm inspections not specifically required to support payments until next week." However the Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers Association is not as optimistic as the Minister with their President, Dermot McNamara saying that a lot of farmers are having huge difficulties sourcing the fodder they need, which is of decent quality, is at a price they can afford, and that they can afford to transport. He said the Minister's decision signals an acknowledgment from the Department regarding the significant challenges farmers are facing due to adverse weather conditions. However, we also want an assurance that any inspections that do go ahead will take these adverse conditions into account."

The INHFA's John Joe Fitzgerald said that while the pausing of these inspections is a progressive move there is more that can be done across other state bodies in relation to inspections, especially with our County Councils, the Health and Safety Authority and the NPWS. With mixed messaging coming from the Dept of Agriculture about measures to

reduce fodder shortages one senior inspector said there is no money for subsidising feed purchases or a fodder support scheme. Louis Byrne, to whom the statement is attributed was then contradicted by Minister of State, Martin Heydon who said the provision of measures has not been ruled out. So is it a case of holding your whist Daisy and by the weekend you'll be out on green grass up to your tonsils even if you're bogged up to your udder in muck? This kind of messaging from the Dept of Agriculture does nothing for farmers, many say their round bales will be running short of demand if the weather does not allow stock out of the sheds and onto pastures that have dried out. The consequence for farmers is obvious because the possibility of spring growth is long since gone and the consequences are about limiting damage to feed supplies for the start of next winter. Already the signs are ominous because non stop rains have left land soaked. The slurry spreading is slow due to the conditions underfoot and with current weather forecasts, there is a real possibility of far too much rain for the month of April. There is a serious cost involved: Perhaps a serious scarcity of money and if the Government does nothing, then who will? Because farming is our indigenous way of life and food production in this country is a huge asset, a huge employer and a way of life with greener and a clean environment. The numbers in dairy farming go to make up 17,500 of the 120,000 farmer population. However, the earning potential of dairying is enormous with a potential on-farm income of up to €60,000 last year. An EY report last autumn shows dairying as Ireland's largest indigenous industry with an economic value of €17.6 billion. That wealth generated 56,000 jobs and it is part of Ireland's traditional heartbeat for the countryside. However, at the other end of the scale, suckler farmers are hard-worked to earn ten

grand a year from their enterprises. Yet in rural Donegal, suckler is king because it is the only way of life... a tradition that dates back to famine times. For others it is more than a pastime. There's a pride and passion in calving eight or ten cows and to see the calves grow and be sold on market day next year. Farmers, like the seasons, are highly dependent on soil, growth, shelter and a fair bit of luck to keep the traditional farm going. They too, have renewed hope when the clock changes in tandem with the Spring. It is a time of hope, a time of expectation when the slurry tanks and the sheds are emptied. That has not happened this year, leading to fears of fodder shortages and it is putting a big strain on mental health as well. We tend to take farming for granted: possibly because much of that work is computer based and it is no longer employment focussed. Likewise, many farms are now run by one person. Rural Ireland, at most times of the year, is a lonely place: but somehow the signs of spring are a powerful symbol that all is well, the flock has been well-tended and that the lambs, when ready for market. Birdsong accompanies the arrival of spring: somehow the winds and the conditions have also blotted out much of that. A similar situation developed in 2018 when the fodder scarcity reached crisis point and the entire focus in the national media is a one issue agenda on agriculture: blame the farmers in Ireland for creating global warming. That is far from the truth when measured against the world's worst polluters. After all our emissions footprint is less than one tenth of 1% and in the world of reality, if the country was vaped into the outer reaches of the galaxy tonight, nobody in the EU, the UN or those at the Fine Gael Ard Fheis would be aware. In the context of climate change, emissions from the agriculture sector dropped by just over one per cent according to the EPA, but still have to reduce by 25% by 2030. Another challenge is the nitrates derogation. Just over 2,000 dairy farmers discovered they would be in breach of stricter limits on their herd size due to a reduction to the nitrates derogation from 250kg nitrogen per hectare to 220kg nitrogen per hectare from January 1st this year. More gloom and doom is on the way as the entire industry is facing the same regulation because farmers are blamed for the poor water quality. However, this has not diminished the drive within the dairy industry, with cow numbers expected to grow and the opening of the Kilkenny Cheese plant in Belview which will be one of the largest and most advanced cheese plants in the world. The Minister called for a "focus on adaptation and protecting ourselves against climate impact, not just trying to reduce emissions". So, there you have it... plan to move to higher ground if it's not been rewetted.

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Fine Gael election candidates Aaron Sweeney, local election and Nina Carberry, European elections in Logues of Cranford on Saturday night.



Aaron Sweeney at the launch of his campaign for the Milford Electoral Area in Logues of Cranford on Saturday night with Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh, Noel McBride, Nina Carberry and Paddy Rooney.

# It's time to sow the seeds of change - FG's Aaron Sweeney

**Fine Gael's Aaron Sweeney launched his campaign for the Milford LEA in Logues of Cranford on Saturday with a big crowd of supporters present. He is one of Ireland's youngest candidates and is battling to win back the local seat after a ten years absence.**

Among the attendance was the Fine Gael candidate in the European Elections Nina Carberry who was campaigning in the county. She was joined by the Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Martin Harley and Letterkenny's Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh.

Chair of Donegal Fine Gael Doreen Sheridan Kennedy said it was a wonderful evening for Aaron and his family describing him as a young diligent and hard working member who has done a lot of work in Young Fine Gael. She said that every vote is important and it is not going to be won on Number 1's alone but its Number 2's and 3's that are important. "Good luck Aaron, I know you will do well and we are very proud of you," she concluded.

Cllr. Martin Harley said he was delighted to be present and it is great to see young people putting their name forward to be either elected or not. The first time he ran was in 2004 and he said he thought he was more popular than he was. He didn't get elected but he worked very hard in the

community for the next five years and was successful on his second try.

"I know the work Aaron is doing in the constituency and local politics is not about parties, it's about what you do in your community. If you're a community person and work in your local area you will get elected. Get stuck in there Aaron and I know you will be a massive benefit to the people of the area," he said.

### Nina shocked in Killybegs

EU candidate, Nina Carberry said she was thrilled to be here to give her support to Aaron, a young person so passionate about about politics and he's going to fight hard for the area.

She said: "I got a shock in Killybegs to see how the fishermen were being neglected and I'm going to do my best for them if I get elected. I'm delighted to be here tonight for Aaron, it's so important to have young people in politics and I introduce Aaron Sweeney..." she concluded.

Aaron Sweeney thanked Carberry for her presence: he also paid tribute to everyone involved in his campaign including Oisín Cannon, Shane McBride, Gerard Higgins and Ryan Diver, Eimer Friel and Pat Finneran, his parents, brother Adam and the extended family.

Aaron said, "I'd like to thank two of my biggest

political influences, Noel McBride and Deputy Joe McHugh.

He said: "I am running in this election to offer a new outlook, a new perspective and a new energy to Donegal County Council. I want to be an advocate for projects that drive this district forward. Fine Gael has a track record already of this in Milford I want to build on these achievements.

I want to be a voice for our young people and the next generation

As a councillor, I also want to be a strong voice and advocate for our disability groups and services and see them achieve the funding they need to keep essential services in operation. Disability should not be a hindrance. I have first hand experience of how disability can affect the lives of a family. However my mother has shown us all that there is much more to the lives of people with disabilities than the issue they suffer with. Mum is one of the most positive forward looking people I know and she's an inspiration to us all.

Fine Gael is the party of law and order. And so I want to be a voice for continued law and order in the Milford area by being an advocate and lobbying government to ensure that Milford Garda Station keeps its status as a divisional headquarters and that we move away from this idea of centralisation. Centralisation is not good for Milford and not good for rural Ireland.

As a Councillor I also want to be a voice for increased housing support in the Milford area. I want to advocate on the Council for more co-operation with developers to see the necessary acquisition of housing developments, to provide more housing options for the people. This can be done in tangent with providing supports for people fleeing the brutality and devastation of war in other countries.

However, the system by which we house these people needs to be re-examined and a new system put in place that doesn't see profits for landlords soar. Yes, we need good members of the community to help provide this type of housing however it is my belief that no politician should be a financial benefactor of this and so I can tell you that as a Councillor I will be putting down a motion that calls for a ban on elected officials profiting from the housing of people fleeing war.

### FF gone silent on Mica...

I have said from the start that I want to be an

advocate for a Mica scheme that delivers 100% redress. I want to continue to lobby the government to re-examine the current scheme and make the improvements needed to stop the suffering of Mica families. I have already spoken with the Taoiseach twice on this matter and have spent time discussing the issue with Ministers Paschal Donoghue, Helen McEntee and government chief whip Hildegard Naughton.

Fine Gael is a member of a 3 party coalition government that can make the necessary changes to the scheme. Unfortunately our Fianna Fail colleagues in Donegal have gone silent on this matter, but I believe that by working with my fellow Fine Gael Councillors in Donegal we can advocate and see real change delivered to this scheme in a way in which single issue party candidates cannot.

With the poor weather conditions we have seen recently means we are well aware of the issues facing farm families at the moment around cattle turnout and spring fielding. I am delighted that my friend and colleague at the Dept of Agriculture Minister Martin Heydon continues to work on this by pausing all farm inspections and announcing a fodder support scheme. There is another Minister in that department but he appears to be missing in action. While these supports are a help I know that more is needed and so I want to advocate and lobby to see every support necessary made available by our council and government to ensure our farmers are successful.

This election gives us a chance to see a change to the representation we have here in Milford. It's time to bring an end to the generation game politics being played by our current councillors.

It's time to sow the seeds of change in this election. And so folks I think it's safe to say this campaign is officially launched. Enough of the same old names - Give Sweeney a Chance," he finished to a standing ovation for the one hundred people there.

Singer Keelan Prichard warmed up the crowd with some lovely music before Director of Elections Oisín Cannon welcomed everyone to Cranford joking that some people got lost on the way.

### Editorial Note:-

*Comments in relation to Cllrs. that are not corroborated are not reported for legal reasons.*



Aaron Sweeney at the launch of his local election campaign with Doreen Sheridan Kennedy, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh, Nina Carberry and Cllr. Martin Harley.



John Friel, Termon with FG Euro Candidate Nina Carberry and FG local election Aaron Sweeney and left a section of the crowd at the launch of Aaron's campaign on Saturday night in Logues of Cranford.



# New electric wheelchair at Glenveagh

Grass routes bikes at Glenveagh National Park have expanded their services again with the addition of an electric wheelchair to their range of bikes. They began with two and three wheeled bicycles and buggies and have expanded with the times adding hybrid and electric bikes to their range.

Over the years thousands of people from all over the world have enjoyed exploring the various walking and cycling routes from the Visitors Centre at Glenveagh up to the castle and around the park.

The service is run by An Craoibhin in Termon and based at the visitors Centre where their staff are available seven days a week and to book phone 087 6655599 or 074 9119988 or email them at info@grassroutes.ie

Mairead Giles thanked everyone for coming along to the official launch of their new electric wheelchair at the Park on Friday afternoon.

She said "a very warm welcome to our guest of honour, Conor McCormack and his family. I have to say I have found it a humbling experience speaking to the different families, school groups and organisations who will benefit from this wheelchair here at Glenveagh National Park. We hear the term 'inclusive' regularly but many of us do not fully comprehend the difficulties that those with mobility issues face in every day life. And how excluded

they actually can be.

One school I talked to were really excited that now they can plan a day out and no child was going to be left behind. They said they are really limited to what they can do as a group. The child in their class with mobility issues was going to be able to experience the beautiful in parts of the park the same as everyone else. That is what inclusivity is!

Grassroutes are hoping that this wheelchair will remove one of those barriers which people may face when they visit the Park. This wheelchair compliments the ability bikes which have been available through the bike rental for some time. And we hope to develop this service over the coming years. Grassroutes aim is to become fully inclusive.

I would also like to thank Tres, Grace and the Glenveagh staff for accommodating the bike rental service. We are extremely lucky to be able to operate in such a safe and stunning location," Mairead said.

Caroline McNally from Little Angels School in Letterkenny thanked everyone at Grassroutes for their help every time the school visited the Park.

Deirdre McCormack, Conor's mother speaking on behalf of her family of Malcolm, Conor, Enda and Ciaran said that they regularly visit the Park to walk and she thanked Grassroutes for this new elec-



Conor McCormack launching the new electric wheelchair for Grass Routes Bikes at Glenveagh National Park on Friday with his family, Deirdre, Malcolm, Enda and Ciaran with Pat Muldowney, Eugene Trearty, Mairead Giles, Majella Orr, Fred Gallagher and Noreen Trearty from Grass Routes Bikes and An Craoibhin Termon.

Noreen Trearty on behalf of An Craoibhin Centre in Termon thanked Mairead Giles, Majella Orr, Eugene Trearty and all the staff at Grassroutes for their dedication and work.

Mairead Giles then introduced their first passenger Conor McCormack from Kilmacrennan who along with Eugene and Malcolm demonstrated the new Electric Mountain Trike and its ease of use.

The chair which when prebooked

through Grassroutes is free of charge and will be ideal for exploring the many walks and cycle ways around the Park and it is on the hills that the value of the electric motor will be appreciated for the person pushing the chair.

Conor McCormack with his grandmother Kathleen, parents Malcolm and Deirdre and brothers Enda and Ciaran at the launch.



Rionach Giles, Caroline McNally and Triona Kelly from Little Angels School, Fred Gallagher and Noreen Trearty from An Craoibhin Termon at the launch.



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## Donegal has 20,000 illegal voters - Blaney

Deputy Niall Blaney has claimed this week that urgent reform of the electoral registers is needed since the county may have 20,000 voters included that can only be deemed as illegal.

His remarks in the Dail on Tuesday come against unconfirmed reports that at one recent revision court a candidate seeking election submitted over two hundred new names for inclusion on the register and no questions were asked.

Concerns have been expressed over recent elections about the make-up of the registers amid claims that if we're not careful the county will end up with more voters than our actual population base.

Niall Blaney addressed a number of issues when he spoke on the Electoral Register Bill in the Dail on Tuesday night and he said the time had come to deal with concerns about impersonation at polling stations. He says that photo ID is the only way around this problem and he contends the practice of illegal voting is widespread.

The IFF Deputy has also called on the County Registrar to reverse an earlier decision not to reappoint a number

of presiding officers whom he says are accused of breaking with protocol at the polling stations at the general election of 2002.

He said that an order was sent out that no ballot box should leave a polling station without a garda escort.

"This order was not passed down the line by the relevant garda authorities and on the night in question presiding officers were left with no choice but to bring the ballot boxes to a collection point on their own accord since no garda escorts were available. In fact in many instances local garda districts were never informed that the Returning Officer, Josephine Duffy had issued such an order," says Blaney.

It now appears that those presiding officers who were not provided with a garda escort have been removed from their posts. Blaney says this is completely over the top and he's called on the new Returning Officer, Geraldine O'Connor to reverse this decision.

"At best she is ill-informed and the real facts must be checked out before issuing such an order," said Blaney. He had already complained that in the general election a bundle of ballots many giving him a number one



The Fine Gael leader Enda Kenny make a whirlwind visit to Donegal North East at the weekend. In Milford he opened the party's Electoral Area Office and later he visited the Tribune office where he met everybody on the staff. He is pictured with Tribune Editor John McAteer and Bouncer along with Charlie McClafferty, Tommy Ryan, Madeline Taylor-Quinn, Senator Joe McHugh, Hugh McClafferty, Deputy Dinny McGinley, Lexie Diver, Noel McBride and Seimi McBride.

vote were not stamped at the polling stations and were declared void. He says at least the security of electronic voting will remove that kind of sham-bolic abuse of the system.

As the Dail debate on the Electoral Bill continues Niall Blaney has called for the removal of the rule where it is necessary for independent candidates at the general elections to bring along thirty party members to fulfil the regulations of nomination in regard to their bona-fide. The numbers who must trundle along for the signing of nominations at the local elections is a mere fifteen persons.

## Udaras owes me ten grand: Avipaint employee

A Burtonport woman believes Údarás na Gaeltachta is morally responsible for debts of €10,169.88 owed to her. Liz Baikie worked for Avipaint in Gweedore: this was a subsidiary of Primary Holdings, a British-registered company owned by a convicted Swedish fraudster.

Údarás paid between £250,000 and £500,000 in grants and other financial assistance to Avipaint and Digisonic, another Primary Holdings subsidiary. It is on public record in Sweden that Dick Høglund, who controlled Primary Holdings, had been convicted of fraud and been declared bankrupt in Sweden before he offered his projects to the Údarás.

"If the Údarás gave them that money, they are responsible for what happened" said Baikie. "The Údarás was set up in the first place to look after the local community."

The debt owned to Baikie consists of a month's pay: three months pay in lieu of notice, as part of her contract: holiday pay: and bank charges, which were levied on her as a result of Avipaint's failure to pay this debt.

Baikie says she was given no notice when Avipaint closed without warning at the end of September 2001, and has been unable to find a permanent job since. She had initially been secretary to Roy Clevholm, Avipaint's Managing Director.

Letterkenny Drugs Scourge

## Gibbons demands mandatory jail terms

The Letterkenny Progressive Democrats county council candidate John Gibbons has called for mandatory sentencing for those caught in possession of drugs. He said that he's shocked at the information emerging on the campaign trail about the problems of the misuse of drugs on the streets of Letterkenny.

Gibbons was speaking this week after the Justice Minister said he would be insisting that the ju-

dicial system adopt a different approach to sentencing of drug dealers.

He's now saying that all those caught with drugs should be confronted with a mandatory jail term of three months. A further 1200 prison spaces are to be created as a part of the Minister's plans to deal with the increase in crime and violence.

John Gibbons said that one of the biggest issues he's being confronted with on the doorsteps in Letterkenny is the drugs problem. Parents are being challenged as never before by drugs peddlers selling dope to minors and it would appear the county is awash with the problem, he comments.

## Yankee praise for Portsalon GC

Portsalon's recently refurbished golf course has been heaped with praise by one of the world's most prestigious golf publications. American-based Golf Magazine - which sells half-a-million copies in the States every month singled out the Donegal course in a long article about golf in the north-west published this week, describing the new Pat Ruddy layout as "stunning".

The article's author, Connecticut-based Brian Callen, says in his story that Portsalon "was my most joyful discovery" during his trip to the region. He tells his American audience, "The club was founded in 1891 and occupies a stunning location on the shore of Ballymastrock Bay. "The great opening holes cross an inlet and skirt the tawny strand. The 6th hole is a perfect emblem of the new Portsalon, which reopened in 2002. A tiny ribbon of fairway snakes through a cleft in the dunes and curves gently left to a platform green surrounded by swales and hollows."



The pre-Easter American Tournament held at Letterkenny Tennis Club on Sunday was very well supported. As the weather remained fairly kind, play was almost continuous from 2 to 5pm. Overall winner was Rosemary O'Keeffe, joint 2nds were Bernie Gunn and Anne McGowan. Sharing a three-way tie for 3rd place were, Tamik Komae, Sharon Gallagher and Stacey Coyle. Thanks are extended to organisers Hazel Couse and Mary Barry and to all who sponsored prizes. Pictured at the American Tournament were, front l to r, Regina Gibson, Stacy Coyle (joint 3rd), Bernie Gunn (joint 2nd), Anne McGowan (joint 2nd), Rosemary O'Keeffe (winner), Sharon Gallagher (Joint 3rd), Hazel Couse (organiser) and Sabine Voordeckers. Back l to r, Cliff & Shannon Malone, Cyril Kennedy, Tamik Komae (joint 3rd), Corinne Lynch and Elizabeth Birney.



The Old Ballyboe Youth Club, Letterkenny presented funds which they raised down the years to various local charities on Monday night in the Letterkenny General Hospital. Over €7,000 was presented to nine charities including Glencar Soccer Club €1,000, Iona Soccer Club €1,000, Cairde Le Chéile €1,000, Letterkenny CDP €1,000, St. Eunan's GAA Club €1,000, Oncology Ward Letterkenny General Hospital €800, Donegal Hospice €800, Children's Ward at Letterkenny General Hospital €500 and Letterkenny Scouts €500. Members of the former Ballvboe Committee included Tony Cannina, Josephine Lynch, Ellen McDaid, Kevin McFeely, Stephen and Kathleen Patterson and Elizabeth McCormack.





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## McDaid signs European Charter on Road Safety

Dr. James McDaid, Minister of State at the Department of Transport participated in the signing of the European Charter on Road Safety, on behalf of the Irish Government, in Dublin Castle.

The event was also witnessed by Ministers of Transport from the EU and the

10 accession countries, the Commissioner

for Transport, the President of the European Parliament, Mr. Pat Cox and special guest of honour, six times Formula One World Champion, Michael Schumacher.

Dr. McDaid said, "This formal signing of the European Charter on Road Safety represents a massive commitment and investment in cutting road fatalities and serious injuries on our roads. The Charter is a key element of the European Road Safety Action Programme, with the aim of reducing the number of roads deaths in Europe by at least 50% by 2010. Each year 40,000 people die as a result of traffic accidents on the 15 EU countries roads."

"A new three-year Irish Road Safety Strategy that



Formula One champion Michael Schumacher with Minister for State for Transport Dr. James McDaid at the historic signing of European Charter on Road Safety in Dublin Castle on Tuesday.

will target speeding, drink-driving, seat-belt wearing and pedestrian safety has been prepared for the period 2004 - 2006. Over the period of the new Strategy the following major road safety policy initiatives will be pursued: Random preliminary breath testing for drink driving will be introduced. A new speed limit structure to be expressed in metric values will be introduced. A network of

speed cameras to be operated by private sector. The full system of penalty points will be rolled out. In addition and in recognition of the importance of enforcement the Irish policy force, the Gardai have established commitments to the achievement of specific levels of enforcement across the three key areas of seat belt wearing, speed limits and drink driving.

Concluding he said, "The number of fatalities resulting from road collisions in Ireland since the start of this year is a cause of particular concern. This difficult start to 2004 gives added focus to ensuring that the measures recommended in the new Strategy will be implemented as quickly as possible."



Seamus Sweeney Presenting a new kit to St. Michaels Chairman Liam McElhinney and other committee members on behalf of his firm Kildarragh Construction, Philidelphia. From left-right Brigid Sweeney, Seamus Sweeney, Liam McElhinney, Danny Lafferty, Andrew Alcorn

## Blaney meets Tanaiste on jobs crux

As Donegal waits and wonders what ever happened to the much hyped Task Force Report aimed at creating as many as 10,000 jobs back more than five years ago, Deputy Niall Blaney met with the Enterprise Minister Mary

Harney in Dublin for discussions on a range of topics related to the jobs crisis. And he wanted to know if the great one who is Leader of the Progressive Democrats might have even the smallest notion to get the finger out and do something about the problem. This meeting was attended by some big-wigs from Enterprise Ireland and the IDA and Blaney said this was an indication that the Tanaiste had taken the problem seriously. And while there were promising vibes and some news that several industrialists are due to visit Letterkenny soon the Tanaiste has offered feck all by way of explaining why her government has sat on their arses and done nothing about funding the Task Force Report. But money was needed to drive the plan forward: in fact they only asked for less than three quarters of a billion Euro but of course we got sweet f\*\*k all. At the moment the national job-

less figures are running below five per cent: our situation here in Donegal is a snip short of 15% and that has been a constant problem for our Oireachtas members for the past quarter of a century: according to all opposition parties.

Niall Blaney has already threatened to have Harney shifted if she continues to do nothing for Donegal. However I'd have to assume that shifting a PD Minister might be a step beyond Bertie Ahern at this crucial stage of government. However Blaney said that if she continued to ignore Donegal's demands he would be repeating his demand to Bertie later in the year. He said that she told him that progress was being made. Harney indicated that the position at Unifi should now stabilise with 300 permanent jobs on the workforce: however not all the workers left in the plant will concur with that notion.



At the Youth Reach presentation awards in St. Fiachra's Centre, Letterkenny on Monday were Fiona Flynn, tutor, Shauna Doherty, Tina McGrath, Louise Robinson, Sharon Ward, Chris McGee, Fas, Antoinette Clayton, Youth Reach Co-Ordinator, Breda Rodden, tutor, Andy Dowds, Stephen Gallagher, Philip McArt, John Gallagher and Donal Gillespie, instructor.

## Hills of Donegal Walking Festival

The Hills of Donegal Walking Festival is only a couple of weeks away now and the number of enquiries is up on last year and the location of the walks this year will make for a very enjoyable weekend. On Saturday 24th April the Moderate walk will be, the lovely Muckish Mountain and the light walk will be the Falcarragh Railway Line. Both walks will begin at 11.30a.m. with registration taking place in the Village Court Hotel, Kilmacrennan between 9.30-10.30a.m. All walkers will travel by bus from Kilmacrennan to the start of the walks and again by bus back to Kilmacrennan after the walk, where refreshments will be served. Sunday 25th April, sees the walkers tackle the Lough Salt Mountain in the Moderate walk and Ards Forest Park as the Light walk. Both walks will begin at 10am and registration in the Village Court, Kilmacrennan between 8.30 and 9.30a.m. Accommodation is also available here. For enquiries contact Kenneth Bradley at the IRD Office in Milford, Phone Number 9153682.



The late Fr. Peadar Arnold, PP Tamney was a great lover of trees and spent a lot of time planting saplings with his friend Tony Gallinagh, Stranorlar. It was decided that it would be a nice way to remember Fr. Arnold by planting a number of trees in Fanad. So on Friday afternoon Tony and Fr. James Friel PP along with some neighbours and friends gathered to plant some oak trees at Ballymaghey in a garden which was donated by Danny and Phyllis Gibbons. The Remembrance Garden will eventually be fenced off and a plaque erected in memory of Fr. Arnold. Photo by Jerry Carr

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# “I’m The One For You” in Creeslough

The Muckish Drama Group will perform their three act comedy “I’m The One For You” in the Massinass Hall on Thursday the 25th of April for three nights.

Written by Jimmy Keary this three act comedy is a scream and the cast has put a lot of work into the show under the production of Ellen Druce.

The show is on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7.30pm and the doors open at 7pm with tickets now on sale in Kernans Carrigart (Mickey Joes), Creeslough Post Office and Boyce’s Centra Dunfanaghy or from any of the cast. They are great

each and all proceeds will go to local charities.

The action takes place over a few weeks in a room off the kitchen of Gerry O’Malley’s farmhouse.

Gerry O’Malley is a widower and farmer living alone. Dorrie Sinnott is a widow, who comes in to clean for him once a week. Dorrie fancies Gerry and

has high hopes that wedding bells will ring for them both some day. But local bachelor farmer, Jack O’Dowd fancies Dorrie, having courted her some years previously before she was married. However, Dorrie has no time for Jack and dismisses his advances every chance she gets. Then Gerry meets Ruth Hickey, a newly-arrived divorcee in the area, when she approaches him to hire his lorry for a forthcoming ICA event. There is an instant rapport between them. Matters are further complicated by Gerry’s son-in-law, Hugo Carter, who helps in the theft of Gerry’s farm machinery to pay off his debts to some very unsavoury characters. As Dorrie’s advances become more amorous and Jack becomes more jealous, Gerry realises he will have to do something about the situation but his colour-blindness and some mixed-up invitations only make matters ten times worse. Who will end up with the partner of their dreams?



Gerry O’Malley (John McClafferty) in a scene from the play... does he go further? You will need to go to the play to find out!!!



The cast of “I’m The One For You” which the Muckish Drama Group are performing for three nights starting on Thursday 25th of April in the Massinass Hall with director Ellen Druce. Seated are John McClafferty and Marjorie Rodden. At back Ellen Druce, Annette McCafferty, Declan Breslin, John Doak, Gerald Duffy, Hester McCorkell, Bridget Doak, Sylvia McCorkell and Margaret Rose McFadden.

The characters are  
**Gerry O’Malley**:- A widowed farmer in his early fifties, who lives alone is played by John McClafferty  
**Dorrie Sinnott**:- A widow, also in her early fifties, who house-keeps for Gerry and sees a future for them together is played by Marjorie Rodden  
**Jack O’Dowd**:- A hot-tempered bachelor farmer in his late forties, who fancies Dorrie is played by John Doak  
**Ruth Hickey**:- A well-to-do divorcee, who has recently moved into the area and who catches Gerry’s eye is played by Margaret Rose McFadden

**Eleanor Carter**:- Gerry’s daughter, who has forgotten her roots is played by Annette McCafferty  
**Hugo Carter**:- Eleanor’s shady husband, who has an opinion of himself is played by Declan Breslin  
**Mona McMahon**:- A good friend of Dorrie’s, always ready with advice is played by Bridget Doak  
**Nell Moody**:- A humourless member of the local ICA guild is played by Hester McCorkell  
**ICA Member**:- Sylvia McCorkell  
**Frankie Deane**:- A thug, who likes pushing people around is played by

Gerald Duffy  
 Writer Jimmy Keary said the “the gem of the idea for ‘I’m The One For You’ came from a conversation with a friend of mine. He has a housekeeper, who comes in once a week, but he has to tidy the house before she comes in to make it presentable for her. That struck me as so funny and set me thinking. And once I start thinking, anything is possible. I thought the idea of a man living on his own and a housekeeper coming in had plenty of story and comedic possibilities.”



Married couple Hugo and Eleanor Carter (Declan Breslin and Annette McCafferty) having a squabble of her handbag.



Nell Moody (Hester McCorkell) and her ICA colleague (Sylvia McCorkell) with Ruth Hickey (Margaret Rose McFadden).

## Muckish Drama Circle

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# I'M THE ONE FOR YOU

A 3-ACT COMEDY BY JIMMY KEARY

**Thurs. 25th, Fri. 26th  
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**in the Massinass Hall, Creeslough**

**at 7.30pm**

**Adm. €10                      Tickets now on sale**

**Tickets on sale in Kernans Carrigart (Mickey Joes), Creeslough Post Office and Boyce’s Centra Dunfanaghy or from any of the cast.**



# McGinley Motors Rosapenna Scratch Cups

The annual Rosapenna Senior & Junior Scratch Cups both took place on Saturday April 13th over the Old Tom Morris Links & Sandy Hills Links. Both events had full fields with 66 players competing for each coveted trophy. Many thanks to the main sponsor McGinley Motors of Letterkenny for their continued support of the event. During an extremely testing day where there was a consistent westerly gale with frequent showers of rain & hail the results were as follows:

**Senior Scratch Cup:** 1st Ruairi O'Connor, Co Sligo with 152 (+9); 2nd Luke Harris, Hermitage with 157 (+14); 3rd Gabriel Considine, Lahinch with 158 (+15) bot; 4th Thomas Neenan, Lahinch with 158 (+15) bot; 5th Declan Beirne, Carrick On Shannon with 158 (+15); 6th Second 18 Lewis Gowdy, Bangor with 78 (+7).

**Junior Scratch Cup:** 1st Barry Connor, Rosapenna with 161 (+18); 2nd Pdraig Porter, Ballyliffin with 165 (+22); 3rd Mark Burke, Tubbercurry with 167 (+24); 1st Nett Joe Roche, Palmerstown with 161 nett; 2nd Nett Evan Maher, Mountrath with 163 nett; 3rd Second 18 Joseph O'Sullivan, Malone with 86.

A huge congratulations to local member Barry Connor who claimed the Rosapenna Junior Scratch Cup with rounds of 78 (+7) on the Old Tom Morris Links and 83 (+11) on the Sandy Hills Links for an impressive total of +18 for the 36 holes on an "extremely" tough day.

### Gents Section Results

On Sunday the 14th of April the Club Singles Competition was contested over the Old Tom Morris Links with the results as follows - Cat A (<12) - Gary McClafferty (9) with 37pts; Cat B (13-18) - Charlie McBride (18) with 38pts; Cat C (19+) - Denis Boyce (20) with 36pts; Gross - Michael Bradley Snr (1) with 30 gross pts. Two's - Seamus Herraghty, Gary McClafferty, Martin McBride, Drew Duncan, Gerry Driver, Barney Boyce

### Golfer of the Year 2024

This coming Sunday the 21st of April will see the first 2024 Golfer of the Year event sponsored by Raymond Doody Truck Parts. This will be a Strokeplay event with a 1st 2nd Gross & 3rd prize format and G.o.Y points awarded to all qualifying entrants.

Golfer of the Year will consist of 7 Strokeplay competitions running from April to October. Attempts will be made to ensure that they occur once a month in that period but on some occasions there might be two in a single month due to clashes with other competitions, e.g. majors. To be eligible to win GOY you must play a minimum of 2 GOY competitions. Points will be awarded to the top 50 entrants on a sliding scale from 100 to 1. All entrants will also receive 5 points for participating and submitting their card at the end of the competition.

Individual event winners will automatically qualify to play in the final day event, but overall points scored will determine final position.

The top nine(9) players by points total, plus the 7 event winners will then compete in a final day playoff

Strokeplay will be used to determine the champion of the season-long points race. To recognise players for their Regular Season performance, there will be a staggered start to the playoff utilising Starting Strokes. The GoY leaders will begin the event with a head start on the competition. The lowest score on the day, including their starting strokes, will be the 2024 Golfer of the Year winner.

Note the entry fee is capped at €8.00 for all 2024 Golfer of the Year events and €2.00 mandatory Two's = €10.00 total fee on the day. There will be a No Max Index. Where players have the same total, normal break of tie rules apply. Players are ordered by best last 9 holes (summed using the players' best scores). If there is still a tie, the best last 6 holes are matched (then last 3 holes and finally best last hole, as required).

**Gents Section Competition Prizes 2024**  
2024 Competition Prizes will take the form of Golf Ireland Vouchers or other retail vouchers. Regular competition placing payout will take place quarterly. Two's payout will take place every six months unless you have been a competition winner, when it will be added to your quarterly payout. Payout can be requested at any stage from the competition secretary David Ladley, either by text message 083-867-4416 or email competitions@rosapenna.ie.

The above vouchers will be emailed to all prize winners unless requested otherwise.

Golf Ireland Vouchers can be redeemed in a number of local outlets such as the Pavilion Golf Shop, Boyce's Centra Carrigart, Kernan's Carrigart etc and most golf retail shops. Golf Ireland Vouchers can also be redeemed against annual Resort Golf Fees.

Competition payout will be 60% of entrance money on that days competition, broken down into the various placings on the day. Two's payout will be 100% of money collected, divided equally depending on the number of twos scored on that days competition.

### Team News

The Jimmy Bruen were in action against Buncrana on Sunday last and while they secured one of the two matches at home, both pairings away were defeated. Many thanks to team captain Peadar Boyce and to his panel for their efforts.

### Upcoming Inter Club Fixtures

Fri 19th April - Donegal Over 55's vs Porthlone @ 3.00pm; Sat 20th April - Junior Cup vs Dunfanaghy @ 3.30pm; Fri 26th April - JB Carr vs Ballybofey & Stranorlar @ 3.20pm April - Sunday 21st - First Golfer of the Year event - sponsored by Raymond Doody; Sunday 28th - Club Competition. May - Club Competition on Sunday 5th; Sunday 12th; Sunday 19th and Sunday 26th.

## Portsalon

### Bar & Waiting Staff required

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

### Team News

Portsalon's Pierce Purcell team under the guidance of Daniel Shields suffered a narrow defeat against Roe Valley on Sunday. The new format this season sees two home games and two away ties playing simultaneously, with the designated home team having advantage if a playoff is needed.

Portsalon pairing of Dean Shields and Alistair Rodger were handsome 7&5 winners on home soil, while Shane Sandilands and Brian Haughey recovered from being four down after nine to tie their match.

In Roe Valley, Jonathan and Mark Gallagher landed a half match, while John McGettigan and Gary Sheehan were defeated by a strong home pairing. In the playoff, the Gallagher boys were denied on the second hole by a par, as they lipped out to keep the match going. A tough defeat to swallow. Thanks to John Shields, who was overseeing events in Portsalon and relaying the news to Roe Valley.

### Results

Saturday 13th April - Winner: Ronan McAteer (13) - 35 pts BOT; Runner-up: Brian Devlin (12) - 35 pts.

Sunday 14th April - Winner: Ollie O'Dowd (14) - 40 pts; Runner-up: Joe Hensley (16) - 39 pts; Gross: Eamonn McConigley (5) - 31 gross pts; Third: Ciaran Conaghan (36) - 38 pts.

Ladies Sunday Members - April 14th - Winner: Deirdre Hensley - 39 pts; Runner-up: Sarah Nicholl - 34 pts.

### Portsalon Ladies

#### Donegal Shield Team

Congratulations and best wishes to the ladies representing Portsalon on the Donegal Shield Team. Letterkenny Golf Club is hosting the event on Saturday 20th April. While the club qualifiers had quite a bit of rain, the weather was a bit warmer and drier!

The team are as follows: Iris Condon, Deirdre Hensley, Sarah Nicholl, Roseanne Logue, Aedeen Conway, Frances Shannon, Vera Kearney, Deirdre O'Toole, Karen McGlinchey.

**Club Matchplay**  
Please ensure names are on the list in the ladies locker room before the end of April for entries in the ladies club matchplay. Last year's winner Deirdre Hensley will be looking



Mr. Noel McGinley, McGinley Motors presenting Barry Connor with the Junior Scratch Cup following his victory at Rosapenna last weekend.



Mr. Noel McGinley, McGinley Motors presenting Ruairi O'Connor, Co. Sligo the winner of the McGinley Motors Senior Scratch Cup played at Rosapenna last weekend. Also included is John Casey, Rosapenna Golf Resort.

to retain her title, and will face strong opponents once again in 2024!

### Ladies Open

Friday 26th April is the date of the first Ladies Open in 2024. Please book on BRS or call the PRO shop 074 915 9459.

Results Sunday 14th April - Winner Deirdre Hensley 39 pts; Runner-Up Sarah Nicholl 34pts.

## Letterkenny Golf Club

Prize-giving was held at Hunters Bar & Grill upstairs at Letterkenny Golf Club for the following competitions: The Wednesday Open on 20th March was won by Kevin Halpin (39) 44 points BOT, Runner-up was Bill Doherty (21) 44 points, Dave McGowan (6) won the Gross prize with 32 points. On Saturday the 23rd March the Open Competition was won by Niall McClafferty (31) 45points 2nd Paul Carr (14) 39 points. Philip Friel (9) won the Sunday Open on 24th March with 42 points, Runner-up was Fergal Finn (25) 41 points, 3rd place Seamus Lynch (17) 40 points, Kieran Sweeney (5) had 33 points and best Gross on the day.

The Saturday Open 30th March was won by Matthew Carlin (21) 45 points, Runner-up Adrian Daly (15) 42 points, 3rd JP Clarke (10) 41 points, Cat 1 winner Eamonn McGlinchey (7) 41 points, Cat 2 Gerry O'Sullivan (26) 40 points, Gross Kevin Rafferty (2) 34 points.

The Easter Sunday Open on 31st March was won by Faughen Valley Golf Club member John Paul McFeely (19) with 42 points, 2nd Dermot Rainey (25) 41 points, Gross Shane Blake (6) 33 points.

(6) 33 points.

On 1st April the Bank Holiday was won by Dermot Higgins (16) 38 points, 2nd Eamonn O'Carroll (19) 37 points, Gross prize Shane Scanlan (3) 31 points.

The Wednesday Open on 3rd March 1st Kevin Kiely (6) 38 points, 2nd Kenny King (8) 38 points.

The Saturday Open on 6th April 1st Shane Scanlan (3) 36 points and also having a hole in 1 at the 5th. Congratulations Shane! Dermot Rainey (22) claimed the Runner-up spot with 32 points.

Adrian Daly (12) was the winner of the Sunday Open on 7th April.

\* A Mixed Champagne Scramble was played on 14th April and the winning team was G. Donnell, R. Brown, R. TJ Brown, A. McGrath with 144 points. Runners-up were D. Carr, S. Blake, G. McNern, D. Rainey with 139 points. In 3rd place were S. Kelly, R. Tyrell, D. McGowan, M. Sneddon on 137 points

### Letterkenny Ladies

The winner of the 9-hole competition on Thursday 4th April was Laura Crawford (22) with 18 pts and the runner up was Deirdre McCarron (16) with 17 pts.

Team News  
Well done to the ladies Challenge Trophy Team who played against Castlerock on Sunday 14th April in very wet conditions. The format of this competition was a little different than in previous years, played over 9 holes with individual scores and best 3 cards out of 5. The overall result was 48pts to Letterkenny and 45pts to Castlerock - a close encounter!! The return leg is Sunday 21st at Castlerock so hopefully a good result will be the outcome. Well done to Captain Mary Fowley, ably assisted by Kay Kelly, and all who played in the challenging conditions!!

The mixed foursomes' team had a tough encounter against Moyola with Moyola winning by a small margin. Well done to the team members who fought to the end and represented the club so well. Thanks to team captains Cynthia and Bobby.

### Donegal Shield

The date for the Donegal Shield is fast approaching and the Letterkenny Ladies are looking forward to hosting the Donegal Shield Competition on Saturday 20th April. Here's looking forward to the long awaited positive change in the weather for the busy weekend ahead in Barnhill!



Shane Scanlan receiving his prize for his hole in one from Club Captain, Paul Carr at the presentation night at Letterkenny Golf Club.



Prizewinners at the presentation night at Letterkenny Golf Club are back row L-R: Eamonn McGlinchey, Bill Doherty, Dermot Higgins, Gerry O'Sullivan, Philip Friel, Kenny King. Front Row L-R: Kevin Kiely, Paul Carr (Club Captain), Shane Scanlan, Robert Brown.



The Challenge Trophy Team, pictured with Team Captain, Mary Fowley and Assistant Captain, Kay Kelly at Letterkenny Golf Club





Scoil Cholmille Drumman is delighted that Letterkenny Skip Hire has sponsored the school's Athletic team new running vests. A special word of thanks to the Parent's Association for their help organising the vests. We are extremely grateful to have them and cannot wait to wear them in competition! Pictured is Christina McDaid presenting the vests on behalf of Letterkenny Skip Hire to Miss McGeehan and the Drumman students along with Karen Burke of the Parent's Association.



Megan Logue and Chloe McGettigan who completed at the Donegal Championships.



Ben McGee and Matthew Giles both winning Gold medals at the Donegal Champs in Finn Valley.

## Great day for Cranford AC at Children's Games

Thanks to Finn Valley for hosting the Children's Games on Sunday and as always it was a well arranged and organised event. The weather was very changeable with sunshine followed by rain.

First up were our Under 9 girls who did a few events Aibhe Gallagher competed in the 60m coming 16th place, 3rd in javelin and 11th the long jump. Sarah Jane competed in the 60m coming in 8th place, 13th 100M and in the 6th long jump.

Our Under 10 girls were Sadbh McBride who competed in the 60m and got herself a bronze medal, she came 8th in the 500m and 4th in the long jump. Alanna Curran competed in the 60m and came in 9th place and also competed in the long jumping and came 14th, keep up the great work girls.

Our under 10 boys Dara Gallagher competed in the turbo javelin, 500m and the long jump. Gavin Boyce competed in the 60m and long jump and Connell McCloskey competed in the 500m and long jump. It is great to see these young boys competing in more than one event.

Our Under 11 girls were Rose O'Toole competed in the 60m and the long jump and Aisling Toner competed in the 60m.

Our Under 12 girls were Megan Logue who competed in the 60m, 600m and the long jump and Chloe McGettigan competed in the 60m and long jump.

Our Under 12 boys were Charlie Rodgers who

came 1st in the 600m well deserved Charlie. Oscar Kerr competed in the 60m, 600m and long jump. Faolan Caldwell competed in the high jump earning himself 3rd place, he came 4th in the long jump and did the 60m race.

Oisín Gallagher competed in the 60m and the long jump. Harry McHugh competed in the 60m and the long jump and Seamus McCloskey competed in the 60m race and the long jump.

We had a Under 12 girls relay team which is always very exciting well done to Chloe McGettigan, Aisling Toner, Tose O'Toole and Megan Logue who all ran very well after competing in other events and earned themselves a well deserved 5th place.

We had two teams in the Under 12 boys relay congratulations to Charlie Rodgers, Faolan Caldwell, Oisín Giles and Seamus McCloskey who all ran well earning themselves 4th place. Our other team consisted of Oscar Kerr, Harry McHugh, Gavin Boyce and John Thompson who earned themselves a well deserved 2nd place.

Thank you to all the boys and girls who took part in the events, to their parents for all the support and as always to the coaches who work so hard training all our young athletes.

Our next outing is Sunday in the Donegal Championships hosted by Letterkenny Athletics Club, best of luck to all taking part.



Aibhe Gallagher who came 3rd in the Turbo Javelin U9 Girls

## Letterkenny AC news

Congratulations to Claire McGuigan who won the women's race at the Larne 10 miler with a superb time of 60:48.

On a day of wind and rain it was a comprehensive victory, with the 2nd place finisher Elisoa Crawford finishing in 63:51.

LAC meets Tuesday 5.15pm and at 6.30pm for an

interval running session, Thursday evening for a hill run at 6pm, Saturday morning at 9.30am for a tempo run and Sunday morning at 8am for a long run.

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

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



Rose O Tool and Aisling Toner.



Cranford AC athletes who competed at the Donegal track and Field championships.



Cranford AC Boys U12 relay team B who won silver Oscar Kerr, Gavin Boyce, James Thompson and Harry McHugh.



Donegal Junior Football League

# Kilmac in McCormick Cup semi

There should be a good contest on Friday at the Letterkenny Community Centre where Kilmacrennan Celtic host Keadue Rovers in a Brian McCormick Cup Gweedore Area semi-final (8.15p.m.). While Sean 'Budgie' Sandilands side has home advantage this won't be an easy contest against Keadue who finished the Premier Division strongly and above Kilmac.

On Sunday in Ramelton there is a McCormick Cup Letterkenny Area semi-final between Swilly Rovers and Milford United. Swilly had a poor second of the season while Milford suffered relegation to Division 1 after Sunday's defeat away to Gweedore Celtic. The hosts will be favourites to advance to the Area Final.

In Division the season is drawing to a finale with Bonagee United only needing a point at home against Letterbarrow Celtic to secure promotion. If that happens Donegal Town will be in promotion play-off spot regardless of the home result against Convoys Arsenal. Cappry Rovers host newly crowned champions Letterkenny Rovers. All games kick-off at 1.00.

## Glencar Inn Saturday Division One

### Dropped points could be costly for Kilmac

**Kilmacrennan Cel Res 1-1 Donegal Town Res**  
The Kilmac Reserves secured a home draw which leaves them in the Division 1 relegation play-off spot going into the final round of matches for the 2024 league season. They are just above Glenea Utd Reserves on goal difference. Cappry Reserves are already relegated. There are no matches this weekend. Kilmac's last match is away to Arranmore on Saturday week 27th April.  
**Kilmacrennan Celtic Reserves - Eoin McGettigan, Owen Browne, Mark Gallagher, Eddie Doherty, Ruben Grimes, Oran Gallagher, Eoghan Quinn, Danny Sandilands, Oisín Langan, Michael McLaughlin, Sam Harvey.** Subs used: Paul Bradley, Gerard McGranaghan. Not used: Toby Taylor, Seamus Ferry, Cian McCabe, Ciaran McCormick, Kevin Mallon.

### Swilly need win for promotion

#### Dunlewey Celtic 2-2 Swilly Rovers Res

After this draw Swilly Rovers now need to win at home to Gweedore to get promotion. Dunlewey started the game well and pushed for an early opener but in the conditions, it proved difficult to find that final pass to open up the opposing defence. Nothing of note occurred until 20 minutes in when Chris Cannon scrambled the ball home in the 6-yard box to put Dunlewey ahead. The hosts pushed on for a second and created another couple of half chances and went 2 up on 35 minutes when Darren Gallagher broke through the defence and finished well into the bottom corner. 2-0 to the hosts at half time. Swilly started the second half well and started to put the pressure on the Dunlewey backline and began creating chances with Marty Mc Daid proving a handful for Dunlewey, picking the ball up in space.

Christopher Barrett was unlucky when he struck the post with a fine effort for Dunlewey. The hosts had another few chances but Swilly's keeper stopped them well. Swilly won a free kick for on the edge of the Dunlewey box on 64 minutes and Ryan McDaid stepped up and curled the ball inside the far post with a fine effort. Swilly continued their pressure to get back onto level terms and their perseverance paid off when Marty Mc Daid scored with a header into the top corner from a set piece on 77 minutes. Both sides pushed for a winner late on but to no avail. Referee: Con McLaughlin

Swilly Rovers - Jamie Blaney, Daire Fennell, Michael Kerr, Tony Gallagher, Darragh McDaid, Ryan McDaid, Jordan McDaid, Dathi Cavanagh, David Lockart, Ryan Moore, Marty McDaid.

Brian McCormick Sports Premier Division

### Seasiders defeat champions

#### Fanad Utd 0-3 Rathmullan Cel

Goals from Oisín McMenamin and the cousins Charlie McAteer and Mark McAteer saw Rathmullan Celtic bag the three points against



The Letterkenny Rovers senior team secured the Donegal League Division One title on Sunday with a 3-1 win over Donegal Town at Leckview Park with goals coming from Caolan McConnell, Lee McMonagle and Joel Gorman.

new Premier Division champions Fanad Utd in Traighaloch last Wednesday night. The post-match celebrations on Sunday after the win over Swilly Rovers certainly had an impact on Arthur Lynch's side who was missing the injured Eddie O'Reilly and Eoin Logue.

**Fanad Utd - Mark McConigley, Declan McGarvey, James Gallagher, Oisín Langan, Patrick Moffitt, Paddy McGinley, Paddy Carr, Peter Carr, Darren McElwaine, Keelin McElwaine, Odhran Grant.** Subs used: Darren Lynch, Daibhid Lynch. Unused: Caolan Gibbons, Paul Nash, Michael Herrity.

**Rathmullan Celtic - Shaun Gallagher, Kevin O'Donnell, Peter Curran, David Miller, Alan Boal, Eoin Sheridan, Conor Temple, Oisín McMenamin, Charlie McAteer, Mark McAteer, David Edwards.** Subs: Dara Patton for M McAteer, Paul Friel for Miller.

### Milford relegated after Gweedore loss

#### Gweedore Cel 2-0 Milford Utd

The home team relegated Milford Utd, at An Screabán with two second half goals and will now face a play off in a few weeks time to see if they can maintain their Premier status for next season. Na Ceiltigh put Milford under pressure from the start and could have been ahead on five minutes when Martin Coyle just failed to get on the end of Aidan Breathnach's cross. Gweedore were dominating possession but the Milford defence restricted them to long range efforts and veteran goalkeeper, Caolan McGettigan, dealt with crosses and corners that posed any threats to Milford. The first goal was going to prove crucial for either side and it was the home side who struck after ten minutes to eventually break Milford's resistance. Ciaran McHugh sent Martin Coyle free on the left and his cross was volleyed to the net by Jamie Doherty from the corner of the box for a well taken goal. Gweedore Celtic went in search of a second and had opportunities through Crónán McFadden, Aidan Breathnach, and Martin Coyle but they failed to extend their lead. Sensing a chance of an equaliser Milford threw players forward and almost snatched it when a free kick from the left was missed at the back post by Killian McBride. With time almost up Gweedore secured the points when Coyle's reverse pass set up Ciaran McHugh to squeeze the ball past McGettigan at the far post. The win sees them leapfrog Milford into the play-off position. Referee: Mick Lagan

### Kilmac claim Flagpole points

#### Rathmullan Cel 0-3 Kilmacrennan Cel

The Hoops season came to a listless end tonight at the Flagpole, as Kilmac ran out 3-0 winners on a sunny but blustery evening thanks to a Chris Flanagan double and one from Sam Harvey.

Very much a case of playing out the campaign, as the Hoops saw their chances of Intertoto Cup qualification go up in smoke.

We'd like to thank each and every person that came along to watch our games this season. Your support is so very much appreciated.

To our management, players and committee - a massive thanks. You make the wheel turn continually.

On a day when our wee village lost a hub, our Post Office, it's important that we all remember

the role this club plays in the community. It's a whole lot more than just 90 minutes.

**Rathmullan Celtic - Shaun Gallagher, Kevin O'Donnell, Kieran Gorman, Peter Curran, Alan Boal, Eoin Sheridan, Conor Temple, Kevin Doran, Oisín McMenamin, Charlie McAteer, David Edwards.** Subs: Dara Patton for Doran, Gareth Temple for McAteer.

**Kilmacrennan Celtic - Niall O'Regan, Owen Browne, Danny Sandilands, James Doherty, John Sandilands, Toby Taylor, Paul Bradley, Gerard McGrenaghan, Odhran Gallagher, Chris Flanagan, Jack O'Neill, Mark Gallagher, Sam Harvey, Cian McCabe**

### End of season draw for Swilly

#### Swilly Rovers 2-2 Keadue Rovers

Swilly Rovers and Keadue Rovers shared the spoils in this battle. Chris Greene's attempt was thwarted by Barry Gallagher in the Swilly goal at 21 minutes. Swilly took the lead at 31 minutes when Brad Patterson's pass found Laurence Toland who stylishly fired home. Keadue equalised at 47 minutes with Aiden Brennan's close-range shot. Chris Greene put the visitors ahead at 56 minutes from the spot, but Matthew McLaughlin levelled for Swilly at 70 minutes from a penalty. Keadue pressed hard in the final 20 minutes with the wind advantage but Barry Gallagher's excellent goalkeeping denied them thrice. Keadue couldn't find a winner and the match ended in a draw.  
**Swilly Rovers - Barry Gallagher, Darragh McDaid, Brad Patterson, Damien Friel, Ciaran Kelly, Michael Kerr, Jordan McDaid, Marty McDaid, Matthew McLaughlin, Shane McNamee, Laurence Toland.** Sub used: Ryan Moore. Unused: Daithi Cavanagh, Tony Gallagher, Jamie Lee Blaney, Darragh Fennell.

### Match abandoned due to serious injury

#### Kildrum Tigers - Fanad Utd

Sunday's match in St. Johnston was abandoned following a serious leg injury sustained by a home player Johnny McGinty.

Despite the windy conditions both teams settled into the game well playing nice football. Fanad playing with the wind at their back for the first half created the first real chance of note on 15 minutes when a free kick from Darragh O'Doherty wide on the left was whipped across the Kildrum six yard box to the inrushing James Gallagher at the back post who headed back across goal to Dylan McGlone who rose well to head the ball off the crossbar and was eventually cleared by the Kildrum defence. Shortly after this referee Michael Connolly called a halt to proceedings after an unfortunate leg injury to Kildrum Tigers and former Fanad United player Johnny McGinty, which led to the player being taken to hospital by ambulance. It was an unfortunate end to what was another successful season for Fanad United and for Kildrum who have yet to play the Brian McCormick Cup semi-final in mid May and without their highly experienced defender. Brett McGinty playing.

**Fanad Utd - Darran Nash, Declan McGarvey, Oisín Langan, James Gallagher, Darren Lynch, Dylan McGlone, Odhran Grant, Caolan McElwaine, Peter Carr, Darragh O'Doherty, Keelin McElwaine.** Subs: Eoin Logue, Alex Gerwadowski, Daibhid Lynch, Paul Nash

## DONEGAL JUNIOR LEAGUE Fixtures

Wednesday 17th April

**Temple Domestic Appliances Division One**  
Gweedore Utd v Letterkenny Rovers (6.30p.m.)  
Lagan Harps v Donegal Town (7.30p.m.)

**Glencar Inn Saturday Division One**  
Glencar Celtic v Keadue Rovers Res (7.30p.m.)

Friday 19th April

**Brian McCormick Cup - Gweedore Area**  
Kilmacrennan Celtic v Keadue Rovers (8.15p.m.)

**Saturday 20th K.O. 1p.m.**  
**Glencar Inn Saturday Division One**  
Glencar Celtic v Arranmore Utd

**Old Orchard Saturday Division Two**  
Milford Utd Res v Drumbar Utd

**Sunday 21st April 1p.m.**  
**Temple Domestic Appliances Division One**  
Bonagee United v Letterbarrow Celtic  
Cappry Rovers v Letterkenny Rovers  
Donegal Town v Convoys Arsenal  
Glenea United v Gweedore United  
Lagan Harps v Cranford United  
**Brian McCormick Cup - Letterkenny Area**  
Swilly Rovers v Milford United

## Results

Wednesday 10th April  
**Brian McCormick Sports Premier Division**  
Fanad Utd 0-3 Rathmullan Celtic

**Saturday 13th**  
**Glencar Inn Saturday Division One**  
Arranmore Utd 3-0 Glencar Celtic  
Fintown Harps AFC 3-0 Kildrum Tigers Res  
Keadue Rovers Res 3-0 Cappry Rovers Res  
Kilmacrennan Cel Res 1-1 Donegal Town Res  
St. Catherines Res 0-2 Oldtown Celtic  
Strand Rovers 2-1 Glenea Utd Res

**Old Orchard Saturday Division Two**  
Ballybofey Utd Res 1-1 Ramelton Mariners  
Copany Rovers 2-3 Gweedore Celtic Res  
Cranford Utd Res 2-4 Castlefin Celtic Res  
Drumbar Utd 5-0 Drumoghill F.C. Res  
Dunlewey Cel 2-2 Swilly Rovers Res

**Sunday 14th April**  
**Brian McCormick Sports Premier Division**  
Castlefin Celtic 1-0 St. Catherines  
Gweedore Celtic 2-0 Milford Utd  
Kildrum Tigers A-A Fanad United  
Rathmullan Celtic 0-3 Kilmacrennan Celtic  
Swilly Rovers 2-2 Keadue Rovers

**Temple Domestic Appliances Division One**  
Cranford United 2-2 Bonagee United  
Letterkenny Rovers 3-1 Donegal Town

**Temple Domestic Appliances Division One**  
**McGeever**  
**equaliser for Cranford**

**Cranford Utd 2-2 Bonagee Utd**  
The points were shared on a windy day in Cranford Park. Bonagee had a lot of the ball but were frustrated by the Cranford game plan that was successful throughout. Cranford took the lead after 20 minutes when Paddy Shiels was released and beat his man and finished well. Bonagee responded quickly and went 2-1 up in the space of 5 minutes. The second half was the same with Bonagee having a lot of the ball but couldn't get the goal to put them 2 clear and were punished when Cathair Sweeney crossed in to Paddy McGeever who headed home. Jason Hegarty pulled off some great saves at the end to ensure the points were shared.

### League title for Rovers

#### Letterkenny Rovers 3-1 Donegal Town

In a thrilling encounter at Leckview, Letterkenny Rovers secured the league title with a hard-fought 3-1 victory over Donegal Town. Despite an evenly matched first half, Rovers showcased their dominance in the second half, scoring the necessary goals to seal their triumph. The game began with both sides struggling to gain control. Donegal Town threatened early on, with Ronan Mc Hugh's effort from a throw-in causing some nervous moments in the Rovers' defence. However, Blake Forkan stood tall to deny the visitors. Donegal Town took the lead in the 9th minute through a stunning free-kick from Oisín Gorrell, but Rovers responded swiftly, with Caolan McConnell levelling the score just a minute later, courtesy of a Gareth Doherty cross. The first half continued with both teams creating chances but failing to capitalise. As the second half unfolded, Rovers began to assert their dominance but had to weather a stormy spell as Donegal applied pressure. In the 68th minute, Lee Mc Monagle put Rovers ahead with a composed finish, sparking jubilant celebrations among the home supporters. Just five minutes later, Joel Gorman extended their lead with a superbly drilled free-kick from the edge of the box. Despite several further chances from

Donegal Town, Rovers held firm to secure the victory and the league title. The final whistle confirmed Letterkenny Rovers as deserving champions, capping off a remarkable season with a well-deserved victory and 2 games in hand.



# McGinley Coach Travel arrive in style with new €4m fleet



Saturday afternoon saw many people turn out along the route home to welcome McGinley Coach Travel's fleet of ten new custom made coaches worth over €4m.

by Eamonn McFadden

With their distinctive orange branding the Volvo coaches cut an impressive sight as they travelled in convoy from Naas, Co. Kildare back to the company's headquarters in Magheroarty. It seemed that at every turn in the road from Lifford Bridge to their base, well-wishers and bus spotters turned out in great numbers to welcome the drivers home.

Indeed, the numbers grew the closer to home they got with larger crowds gathering on the westward trail from Letterkenny, Kilmacrennan, Creeslough, Dunfanaghy, Falcarragh and Gortahork.

There was also a large crowd of family, friends, neighbours and employees gathered at McGinley Travel's headquarters in Magheroarty to greet the new fleet as it arrived safely at around 5pm and among the first to welcome them was company

founder John McGinley. Once all ten coaches were parked uniformly across the front of the building and everyone was invited into the building for food and refreshments and were also afforded the opportunity to check out the new vehicles.

One of Ireland's best-known independent transport companies placed their major order for 10 new state-of-the-art coaches from Volvo last year in what was one of the largest individual custom orders Volvo had in 2023.

Founded in 1968, McGinley Coach Travel is a family-run coach hire business that provides travel for corporate, holiday and tour groups of all sizes as well as operate a daily coach services between Co. Donegal and Dublin City and Airport. The new additions will also help McGinley's expand their services.

Offering the latest in style, safety and comfort, these new vehicles will also be a greener way to travel with significantly less emissions thanks to the modern technology used.

Speaking from their company headquarters,

Managing Director James McGinley said the deal shows their ongoing commitment to offering the very best in travel luxury and service.

"Donegal might be the forgotten county in some aspects but we want to make sure it's not when it comes to the best in public transport. We regularly invest in new technology and want to ensure we play our role in road safety and helping protect our environment," he said.

He added: "Passenger comfort and safety is the priority for us, and Volvo's vehicles have proven to us that we can rely on vehicles being of a very high quality. We get excellent reviews of our coaches from not only customers, but also our drivers who are also very important."

He also thanked everyone for the great homecoming reception that included a garda escort through Letterkenny from the Manorcunningham roundabout.

Indeed, many eagle eye bus spotters were on the ball well before they arrived back in the hills of Donegal with many video clips appearing on social media showing the fleet passing at various

points along the route home including the M50 and M1, as they passed.

Built on Volvo's new B13R chassis to add fuel savings of up to 9%, the order comprises seven 13.1m 4x2 and three 14m 6x2 models, with 55 and 61 passenger seats respectively. The 9700's are powered by the fuel-efficient Euro-6 D13K engine, producing up to 500 hp and a peak torque of 1,585 Nm, reducing running costs and CO2 emissions. The 12-speed I-Shift automated transmission combines smooth and precise gearshifts with high average speeds and outstanding driveability.

All vehicles are Public Service Vehicles Accessibility Regulations (PSVA) compliant and specified to include Volvo's premium coach seats, headrests, and footrests for maximum all-day passenger comfort, as well as on-board luggage racks and USB charging points to keep passengers connected on the go. Each was also finished with the familiar orange, white and blue McGinley Coach Travel livery that made sure this €4m convoy got noticed on the drive home as they made a unique bit of Donegal transport history.

## New Patsy Sheridan Memorial Cup

Rathmullan Celtic F.C. are set to pay a fitting tribute to the late Patsy Sheridan one of the town's best ever footballers and a hugely respected member of the local community. The Club have announced that the new Patsy Sheridan Memorial Cup will be presented to the Players 'Player of the Year' at the annual Rathmullan F.C. Awards event.



In a post the Club said "Just a few short months ago Rathmullan said a sad farewell to Patsy Sheridan, a much-loved member

of our community and in the eyes of so many, our greatest footballer. To those that played with him, Patsy was undoubtedly the best. The best of his era, the best of any era. He was revered by those that played with and against him in equal measure.

His mark on our Club was indelible and since his passing we have been looking for a fitting way to remember him.

We are delighted to present The Patsy

Sheridan Memorial Trophy, which will be awarded to Rathmullan Celtic's Players' Player of the Year annually.

There is no finer accolade for a footballer than to be recognised by their own peers. It carries across all levels of the game.

For any player that pulls on the green and white hoops of Rathmullan Celtic, there can be no greater honour than to have their name linked to Patsy in being inscribed on the trophy carrying his name.

We know that this trophy will take a proud place within our club and, in doing so, will help to preserve the legacy of one of our greatest ever sons of Rathmullan."



## Fanad Utd remember Patsy Sheridan



At half-time last Wednesday evening Fanad Utd F.C. members Sean Canning and Kevin Cairns made a presentation to Rathmullan Celtic of a jersey in the famous red and black in memory of the late Patsy Sheridan - a much missed Rathmullan great that also represented the Kingdom with distinction in his playing career. The jersey was accepted by Patsy's sons Eamonn, Paul and Patrick and his grandson, Paul. Rathmullan Celtic F.C. have expressed their gratitude to Fanad for the kind, and thoughtful gesture.



Adrienne McGlinchey, Port Road, Letterkenny with Bishop Alan at his Installation as Bishop of Down and Connor.



Pictured at the Installation of Bishop Alan McGuckian in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast on Sunday - Mary McGarvey, Fr Brendan McManus SJ, Anne McGowan and Brian McGarvey.



# Fanad

## Memorial Garden at Massmount

Work is now taking place at Massmount to restore the Children's Memorial Garden (pictured below). Anyone who wishes to help in any way or bring along flowers or plants is asked to contact Jerry or any of the graveyard workers. More details will be announced when the project is complete.

## Fanad Health Centre Phone Line Issues

Apologies for any inconvenience caused due to phone line disruption at the Fanad Health Centre in Tamney this past week. We are aware it caused issues contacting us. The issue is now resolved, and we are contactable on the usual number 074 91 59060. Please note, the phone lines will be off every day from 12.30pm - 2.30pm. There is an emergency number to contact for during this time.



## Kerrykeel Clean Up

The annual Kerrykeel Community Clean Up Day will take place on Saturday 20th April. All litter pickers and bags can be collected from the Old School, Kerrykeel from 10am on Saturday Morning. Everyone welcome to get involved.

## Drumhalla film show

Short Film by Arthur Lynch on the life of Nurse Kate McConlogue, Binn, Rathmullan will be shown on Thursday the 25th of April at 8pm in St Garvan's NS, Drumhalla.

She was mother to the late May Deeney, Inniskill, and Rosene McConlogue, Binn.

A jubilee nurse who gave her life tending to the Spanish Flu victims in Glencolmille where she herself succumbed to the flu and died in 1918 at the age of 31.

## St. Garvan's NS Draw

St. Garvan's National School Parents Association in Drumhalla organised an Easter Fundraising Draw and the winners were €200 cash donated by A1 Construction, Eamonn Gallagher was won by Christopher Barrett; €100 cash donated by Anthony Gallagher of Gallagher Lawn Services was won by Zara-Rose Sheridan; €100 cash donated by Gary Canning Construction was won by Betty Morrison; €100 cash donated by James and Karen Lynch of Lynch Plumbing was won by Claire McGrory; box of cookies donated by Marie Barty Gallagher of the Mixing Bowl was won by Tessie Hannigan; €50 donated by John Coyle was won by Hannah Shields; €50 Shop Letterkenny Voucher donated by Swilly Mulroy Credit Union was won by Louise Hannigan; €50 voucher donated by Arena 7 won by John McClafferty; €30 voucher donated by Gibson Farm Services won by Edward McDevitt; €30 voucher for Otway Golf Club won by Sasha McClafferty; €20 voucher donated by The Pier Coffee Van, Rathmullan won by Sarah Ferry; Hamper donated by The Brew Box Rossnowlough was won by Sarah Ferry; Tablet donated by Village Kitchens won by Damien Lynch; Set of glasses/bottle of wine donated by Donegal Shores won by Sarah Gallagher; €20 voucher donated by The Magic Bean, Rathmullan was

won by Lee McLaughlin; €20 voucher for Debbie's Hair Salon was by Siobhan Canning; Hamper donated by Donegal Stationary won by Le-lagh Crain; Hamper donated by Whoriskey's of Ramelton won by Zoe Lynch; 7inch Amazon Tablet donated by Martin Sheridan won by Dillon Gallagher; 7inch Amazon Tablet donated by Martin Sheridan won by Darcey-Leigh; 2 sets of Toshiba Triple Speakers donated by Martin Sheridan were won by Tommy McCool and Lacey Lynch. The organisers wish to thank everyone who donated and help make the draw a success. Kerrykeel Yoga Gentle Yoga Class with Jane - new 6 week block of classes every Thurs-

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## 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.

## Cards in Glenvar

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

## Crochet and Needlework

Crochet and Needlework classes continue in the Old School Community Centre Kerrykeel on Wednesday evenings from 8-10pm. Contact Kathleen 086 3486684.



Gaeil Fhánada senior team who defeated Bunrana on Sunday.

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Dr. Margaret Gilligan and Ms. Maria Howard as they embark on their journey to Zambia to volunteer on programmes to improve infrastructure, healthcare and education systems for the orphanages held a very successful coffee morning hosted by Tamney Health Centre in the Rosstown Community Hub and pictured are groups enjoying the event.



# Moya Brennan to start NW 10k

The North West 10k Committee has confirmed that Donegal Person of the Year, Moya Brennan will be their Special Guest to officially fire the starting gun for the runners and walkers taking part in the charity event on Bank Holiday Monday the 6th of May. Earlier this month Moya, a member of the internationally acclaimed music group Clannad was the County's 45th recipient of the prestigious honour at the Donegal Association Dublin's Gala Dinner in the Burlington Hotel.

The Gweedore woman said she is delighted to accept the invitation from the North West 10k Committee to officially start the run on the 6th May in support of the three charities and is very much looking forward to the 27th staging of an event that has been running since 1996. "I am thrilled to have been invited to perform the honour of starting the run and walk. I am very much looking forward to being in Letterkenny to support the charities and meeting those involved." The three benefitting charities this year are the Kilmacrennan, Termon, Gartan, Churchill and Trentagh Community First Responders, Cara

House Family Resource Centre and the Letterkenny Community Childcare Centre. North West 10k Chairperson Neil Martin said that having Moya Brennan as the special guest was very fitting as one of Donegal's best known and most successful entertainers. "First of all the Committee is delighted that Moya has accepted our invitation to fire the starting gun on the May Bank Monday in Letterkenny. Moya and Clannad have been great ambassadors for Donegal all over the world. So it's great that Moya is able to be with us to start the race for the North West Committee and it's a boost for our three charities as well. It's been a tradition for the past number of years to invite the Donegal Person of the Year to be our special guest," Mr Martin said. The next fundraising initiative is this Saturday 20th April in Letterkenny with ticket selling at the Old Dunnes Stores (9-5pm) and Simpsons Shop, Circular Road, Glencar (10-5pm). Sponsorship cards are still available from committee members and the benefitting charities. Online entries are now being taken at [www.nju-ko.net/nw\\_10k\\_2024](http://www.nju-ko.net/nw_10k_2024)

## Planning Notices

### Donegal County Council

Upper Main Street, Letterkenny, Letterkenny Urban, Letterkenny M.D.

We, Michael and Mark Blaney of Central Bar, are applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission to 1) Renovate and Refurbish Existing Ground Floor Area of Existing Building, formerly used as Commercial Premises and last known use as 'Betting Office', 2) Demolish Rear Flat Roof Area, Lower the Floor Level and surrounding Ground Level of Existing Ground Floor Area of Existing Building, formerly used as Commercial Premises and last known use as 'Betting Office', 3) Erect New Rear Extension to Existing Ground Floor Area of Existing Building, formerly used as Commercial Premises and last known use as 'Betting Office', 4) Convert Entire Ground Floor Area of Existing Building, formerly used as Commercial Premises and last known use as 'Betting Office', including proposed New Rear Extension into New Side Extension of Existing Central Bar and Lounge to form New Bar, Lounge, Kitchen, Accessible Toilet Facilities, 5) Convert Existing Ground Floor Office Space into Off Licence Area, 6) Construct External Smoking Area, 7) Connection to Main Public Sewer and all Associated Site Works @ Upper Main Street, Letterkenny, Letterkenny Urban, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant Permission.

### Donegal County Council

Devlinmore, Cranford, Letterkenny M.D.

We, Brian and Thressa Gallagher, are applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission to Erect New Dwelling House, Domestic Garage and Sewage Treatment Plant @ Devlinmore, Cranford, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the

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

### Donegal County Council

Woodpark, Letterkenny

We, Grovefield Construction are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to replace 4 No dwellings with 1 No apartment block consisting of 6 No apartments to grant of permission 2251960, all other associated site development works at Woodpark, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the 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

Creeslough, Co Donegal.

We, Vivo Shell Limited are applying to Donegal County Council for permission for the following, (1) demolish the existing building (2) Planning Permission to erect a new building which will incorporate (i) A Class 1 Commercial building, (ii) Shop, (iii) Post office, (iv) off-licence, (v) store, (vi) deli, (vii) toilets including accessible toilets, (viii) staff welfare facilities, (ix) forecourt, (x) replacement of underground storage tanks and pumps, (xi) external canopy, (xii) associated signage and (xiii) all other associated site development works including a space for a memorial garden at Creeslough, Co. Donegal in the townland of Creeslough. 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

Massreagh, Kilmacrennan

I, Hugh Fields am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission to retain & complete dwelling house under construction at Massreagh, Kilmacrennan, County Donegal in the townland of Massreagh. 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

Glassan, Creeslough

We, Sean Duffy & Erin Doohan are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house and domestic garage with septic tank including all other site development works at Glassan, Creeslough, County Done-

## In Memoriam



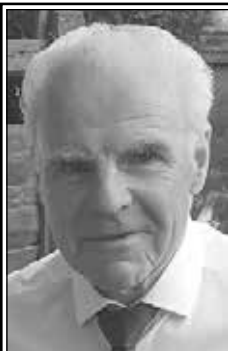
**Duffy**  
Mary  
Gortnacor,  
Portsallon  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother who died on 20th April 2023.

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

Always remembered by the family in Portsallon and Manchester.

**Anniversary Mass on Saturday 20th April in St. Mary's Church, Fanavolty at 7.00pm.**



**O'Hagan**  
Danny  
Fortstewart,  
Ramelton  
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father, and grand father who died on 21st April 2022.

*Your life was a blessing  
Your memory a treasure  
You are loved beyond words  
And missed beyond measure*

Deeply loved and missed by your wife Nora, daughters, son, grandchildren and extended family.

**Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday 20th April at 6:30pm in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton.**

gal in the townland of Glassan. 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,



**Friel**  
May  
Ladden, Fanad  
10th Anniversary

Treasured memories of a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and sister-in-law, May who sadly passed away on 21st April 2014.

*Our lives go on without you, but nothing is the same  
We have to hide our 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.*

Sadly missed by your sons John Edward, Martin, Hugh and Fergal along with their families and grand children.

*No matter how life changes, no matter what we do  
A special place within our hearts is always kept for you.*

Loved and missed by Sweeney and Reilly families.

**Anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Church Fanavolty on Sunday 21st April at 11a.m.**

**O'Hagan**  
Danny  
Fortstewart,  
Ramelton  
2nd Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear Danny who died on 21st April 2022.

*Sadly gone but not forgotten.*

Always remembered by Maura, Lorna, Sharon and families.

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

Rinclevan, Dunfanaghy

I, Tracey O'Flaherty am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect an auxiliary extension to the side of my existing dwelling house at Rinclevan, Dunfanaghy, County Donegal in the townland of Rinclevan. The planning application may be inspected



**McBride**  
Frances  
Clontallagh,  
Downings  
8th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother who died 19th April 2016.

*Your memory is a keepsake from which I will never part  
God has you in His arms and I have you in my heart.*

Sadly missed by your daughter Teresa, Paul and family.

**McNulty**  
Máiread  
Carolina Park,  
Letterkenny  
10th Anniversary

In loving memory of my beloved Mum and our much loved and missed friend Máiread who died on the 18th of April 2014

*Memories have such lovely ways of bringing back our yesterdays  
A heart of gold a life so true, loved and respected by all you knew  
Always willing, helpful and kind, these are the memories you left behind.*

*We thought the world of you Máiread*

Always loved and remembered by your son Eoghan Jordan, Letterkenny, John, Jacqueline, Tabatha, Julie, Anna and Emily Jordan - Ramelton X

## Memoriam Cards & Thank You Cards

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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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**Sweeney**  
Julia  
Golan, Milford  
21st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother Julia who died on 24th April 2003 R.I.P.

*No matter how life changes  
No matter what we do  
A special place within our hearts is always kept for you.*

Sadly missed and always remembered by your family.

**Anniversary Mass will take place in Coole Chapel on Sunday 21st April at 9.30am.**



**Toye**  
Margaret  
16th Anniversary  
22nd April 2008

*Your life was love and labour  
Your love for your family true  
You did your best for all of us  
We will always remember you.  
Quietly today your memory is kept  
No need for words we will never forget.*

Always loved and missed by Tara, Seamus, Amy, Brandon, Corey and Daithí.



**Toye**  
Margaret  
16th Anniversary

Cherished memories of a dear Granny who died on 22nd April 2008.

*Those special years will not return when we were all together  
But loving memories that are left remain with us forever.*

Your loving grandson Steven, Tracy and family xx

*Silent memories keep you near  
As time unfolds another year*

Roísín.

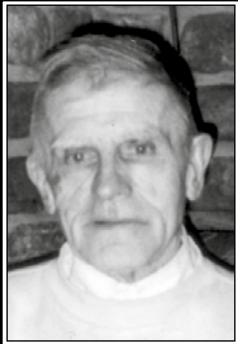
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**In Memoriam**



**Boyle**

**Willie  
Drimeflough,  
Creelough  
1st Anniversary**

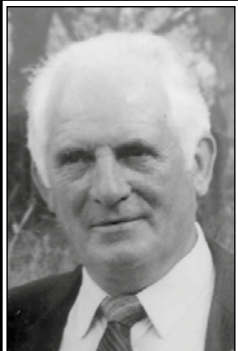
In loving memory of a dear brother and uncle Willie Boyle who died on the 14th April 2023.

*No matter how  
life changes  
No matter what  
we do  
A special place  
within our hearts  
Is always kept for  
you.*

Sadly missed by his sister Kathleen, nephews and niece Rose and all the in-laws and friends.

*Sacred Heart of  
Jesus pray for him.*

**Anniversary Mass  
in St. Michael's  
Church, Creelough  
on Saturday 27th  
April at 7.30pm.**



**Heraghty**

**Joe  
Coshia, Fanad  
1st Anniversary**

In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather who died on April 23rd 2023.

*Along the road of  
suffering you found  
a little lane  
That took you up  
to Heaven and  
ended all your pain  
You may be worlds  
apart; but you are  
always in our  
prayers and forever  
in our hearts.*

Loved and sadly missed by your sons Patrick, Manus, Charles and Joseph, daughters Grace, Kathleen and Julie, sons-in-law John and Brian, daughters-in-law Grainne, Linda and Bebhinn and all your grandchildren.

**First Anniversary  
Mass will take place  
on Saturday 20th  
April at 7.00 p.m. in  
St. Mary's Church,  
Fanavolt, Fanad.**

**Planning  
Notices**

**Donegal County  
Council  
Sentry Hill Road,  
Letterkenny**

I, Johnny Dorrian on behalf of The Board of Management of Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal, here-



**McGinley**

**Mary  
Aughalatty,  
Carrigart  
1st Anniversary**

In loving memory of our dear mother who died on 18th April 2023.

*Along the road  
of suffering you  
found a little lane  
That took you up  
to Heaven and  
ended all your pain  
You may be out of  
sight we may be  
worlds apart  
But you are always  
in our prayers  
and forever in  
our hearts.*

Sadly missed by husband Dominic, son Noel, daughters Sheila, Ann Marie, Eileen, Grainne, grandchildren, great grandchild and sister Ann and family.

**Anniversary Mass  
will be held in  
Church of St. John  
the Baptist, Carrigart  
on Saturday  
27th April at 6pm.**



**McLaughlin**

**Thomas  
Olde Glen Bar,  
Carrigart  
14th Anniversary**

In loving memory of Thomas who died on 15th April 2010.

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

Loved and remembered by your wife Maretta, children and all your family.

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

by apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission at a site at Sentry Hill Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. The development relates to the construction of an all weather pitch, 2.4m

high perimeter fencing, 6 No. lighting poles and ancillary site works. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public open hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.



**Fisher**

**Helena  
Aughnish,  
Ramelton  
30th Anniversary**

In loving memory of our dear mother Helena who died on 19th April 1994.

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

Always remembered by your daughter Linda, Chris and family.

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

Dearly loved and missed by your son Alan, AnnMarie and family.

*If roses grow in  
Heaven Lord please  
pick a bunch for me  
Place them in my  
mother's arms  
and tell her  
they're from me  
Tell her they're from  
me, tell her I love  
and miss her  
And when she turns  
to smile  
place a kiss upon  
her cheek  
And hold her for  
a while because  
remembering her  
is easy I do it  
every day  
But there's an ache  
within my heart that  
will never go away.*

Dearly loved and missed by your daughter Lorna, Patrick and family.



**O'Donnell**

**Enda  
13th Anniversary  
28/01/1981 -  
17/04/2011**

*A ray of sunshine  
came and went  
My beautiful  
treasure only lent  
In God's keeping  
quietly sleeps  
My beautiful son  
Enda but could  
not keep.*

Forever in my heart, love you Mum xxx

Sadly missed by your loving daughter Yvonne, Peter, Terri, Nicole, Peter and Anthony xx

**Anniversary Mass  
in St John the  
Baptist Church,  
Carrigart on Sat-  
urday 20th April at  
6.00pm.**



**McLaughlin**

**Kathleen  
High Glen,  
Carrigart  
5th Anniversary**

In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother Kathleen who died on the 20th April 2019.

*I wish so much that  
life could be the way  
it was before  
That you'd be in  
your favourite chair  
when I walk in the  
door.*

*I miss your smile,  
your joking way  
I miss the things  
you used to say  
And when old times  
I do recall, it's when  
I miss you most  
of all*

*Those special years  
will not return when  
we were all together  
But with all the love  
that is in my heart  
you will stay with  
me forever.*

Sadly missed and forever in my heart love your husband Bernie xx.

*I remember your  
laugh and the things  
you would say  
I treasured the  
hours that we  
shared every day  
Your resting place  
I visit and put  
flowers there  
with care  
But no one knows  
the heartache as  
I turn and leave  
you there.*

Loved always and missed everyday your daughter Maretta.

*The moment that  
you died our hearts  
were torn in two  
One side filled with  
heartache the other  
died with you  
Remembering you is  
easy we do it every  
day but missing you  
is the heartache that  
will never go away.*

Always remembered and loved for the wonderful mother and Granny you were by your son Seamus, Amanda, Shannon, Amy and Caoimhe.

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

Sadly missed by your loving daughter Yvonne, Peter, Terri, Nicole, Peter and Anthony xx

**Anniversary Mass  
in St John the  
Baptist Church,  
Carrigart on Sat-  
urday 20th April at  
6.00pm.**

**Acknowledgement**

**Dunworth**

The family of the late Anthony Dunworth wish to sincerely thank everyone who sympathised with us on our sad loss. We offer heartfelt thanks to our family, many friends, great neighbours, well wishers and Anthony's army colleagues who visited our home, attended the wake, funeral Mass and burial. Also, those who kindly gave donations for the Oncology Dept, thank you so much.

To those who brought food, served refreshments, managed the traffic throughout the wake and funeral; and those who prepared Anthony's final resting place with such care, our grateful thanks.

Thank you to Fr Declan Boyce, Fr Carney, Fr Sweeney, Fr Finnegan and Fr Gallagher for their spiritual guidance and support. To the medical teams in Oncology, ED and ICU who treated Anthony with the utmost care and attention, we thank you most sincerely.

To Patrick Sweeney, funeral director and Paul for their sensitive and professional handling of all arrangements we express our genuine appreciation.

To Fr. Declan who made the funeral Mass a true celebration of Anthony's life, and to Patrick Shields for the beautiful music and to our readers our sincere thanks.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our deepest gratitude. The sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

*"May his gentle soul rest in peace"*

**Anthony's Months Mind Mass will take place in St Mary's Church Ramelton on Friday 19th April at 7pm.**



**Rogers**

**Edward  
Aughalatty, Carrigart**

We, the family of the late Edward Rogers, would like to thank most sincerely, all those who sympathised with us on our recent sad loss.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to family, our many friends, great neighbours and well-wishers who visited our home, attended the wake, funeral Mass and burial. Thank you to those who travelled long distances and to those who brought food and made tea during the wake. We offer sincere thanks for your support.

To those who sent messages of condolences, beautiful cards and those who kindly gave donations for the Donegal Hospice, thank you all so much.

Thank you to the doctors, nurses, and staff of the Donegal Hospice for their loving care of Edward, and their support and kindness towards our family.

Thank you to Fr. Eamonn for making the funeral Mass a true celebration of Edward's life, and to St. John the Baptist Church Choir for their beautiful hymns and to the readers who took part in the Mass.

Thank you to the volunteers in the Parochial Hall, together with Logue's of Cranford for their service after Edward's funeral. Thank you to Seamus Gallagher for his professional service with Edward's funeral arrangements.

It is impossible to thank everyone individually, so to all who supported our family during Edward's illness and passing, please accept this acknowledgment as a heartfelt expression of our deepest gratitude.

**Edward's Month's Mind Mass will be held on Saturday 27th April at 6pm in St. John The Baptist Church, Carrigart.**

**Kelly**

**John  
Gortnalaragh, Termon**

We, the family of the late John Kelly, Gortnalaragh, Termon would like to express our deepest gratitude for the overwhelming support and condolences extended to us on our recent sad loss. We mourned the sad loss of our beloved husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law and dear uncle, who left us on the 21st March 2024.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to our family, friends and dear neighbours who helped us in every way possible. Thank you to the well-wishers who called to our home, who attended the wake, funeral Mass and burial, and to those who sent Mass cards, flowers, lit candles and sent messages of condolences. Your support at this difficult time has been invaluable, and we are truly grateful for the compassion you have shown us.

A special thank you to all those who provided food and refreshments and who helped make tea on both nights of the wake. Thank you to those who helped with traffic during the wake and funeral and helped with parking on both nights of the wake also.

Thank you to the doctors, nurses and staff of Letterkenny University Hospital. We offer a heartfelt thank you to the Community Intervention team nurses for their loving care of John. We sincerely thank Fr. Michael McGeever, and Fr. Martin Chambers for his spiritual support during the wake and for making John's funeral Mass a true celebration of his life.

Thank you to the O'Flynn sisters for their beautiful music and singing and to all the readers who took part in the Mass. We want to extend our deepest appreciation to The Kilmacrennan and District Sheep show committee, CLG An Tearmainn Ladies and Pobalscoil Chloich Cheann Fhaola school for providing guards of honour at John's funeral.

To McCafferty Funeral directors, Termon for their sensitive and professional handling of the arrangements and for their guidance and support. Thank you also to the gravediggers. Also, we thank The Lagoon Bar and Restaurant Termon for the refreshments provided after the funeral.

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

**John's Month's Mind Mass will be held on Friday the 19th April at 7pm in St. Columba's Church, Termon.**



**McFadden**

**Cecily  
Cashel, Creelough**

We, the family of the late Cecily McFadden would like to thank all those who sympathised with us on our recent and sudden loss.

We offer our thanks to all those who visited our home, attended the wake, funeral Mass and burial. Thank you to all of those who travelled long distances and those who sent their condolences to the family. We are so grateful for your kindness at this difficult time.

Thank you to those who generously provided food and assisted with preparations for the wake. Thanks to the Carrigart Parochial Hall committee for their services.

Thank you to Fr. Duffy for delivering a beautiful funeral Mass and for providing support to the family and to Fr. Doohan for his assistance. Thank you to Susan Gallagher for the moving music provided during the ceremony and to Seamus Gallagher Undertaker, for his professional and compassionate handling of arrangements.

A special thank you to the wider McFadden family for their help during this difficult time. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you also to the O'Reilly family.

**Cecily's Month's Mind Mass will be held on Friday, 26th April at 7pm in the Church of St John the Baptist, Carrigart.**



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**Planning Notice**

**Donegal County Council  
Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal.**

We, Aisling Arnold & Aidan Kelly are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for development at Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal, in the townland of Dunfanaghy. The development will consist of the construction of a part single storey, part one and a half storey dwelling house with attached domestic garage, a sewage treatment system and all associated site development 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 obser-

vation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Planning Authority of the application.



# Creeslough

## Sympathy

The death has taken place in Glasgow of Michael McNulty, formerly of Feymore, son of the late John and Rose McNulty. Mass was celebrated in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Cardonald, Glasgow by his son, Fr. Joseph McNulty, assisted by a large number of his fellow Priests and the Archbishop of Glasgow Most Reverend William Nolan.

A large congregation was present showing the esteem in which Michael, his wife Margaret and their family are held. Sympathy is extended to Margaret and family, brothers Jim and Barney, sister Brigid, nephews, nieces, extended family and relatives.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to local crew

Donal Connolly and Danny McLaughlin who won Class 12 at the Carrick On Suir Forestry Rally at the weekend in their Mk 2 Escort.

## Creeslough Community Association

Thanks to Erin, the association are running another Creative Workshop. This will start next Friday morning, 19th April from 11am to 12.30pm. If you would like to join up call/text 0872923102 or email info@creesloughcommunity.com.

## Remembrance Service

Letterkenny University Hospital will host their annual Remembrance Service for all those who have suffered the loss of their much wanted babies through Miscarriage, Still Birth, Neo-Natal death or the death of their deeply loved children will take place on Sunday April 28th at 4p.m. in Conwal



Jimmy Wilkinson who won €330 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

Parish Church (Church of Ireland), Letterkenny. A warm welcome is extended to all families grieving the loss of their babies and children.

## Mothers Union

### Spring Walk

Mothers Union Spring walk followed by a soup lunch on Saturday 20th April at 12 midday at the Ballymore Parish Centre. Come along and bring a friend. Your support would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds going to Mother's Union overseas literacy funds. Should you not wish to join in the walk you are most welcome to come and have lunch which will be served at 12.30pm.

## Dance in the Ballymore

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

## Muckish Drama Circle

Muckish Drama Circle will present their recent production "I Am the One For You" a 3 Act Comedy by Jimmy Keary in the Massinass Hall on Thursday 25th, Friday 26th and Saturday 27th April in the Massinass Hall in Creeslough with the curtain up each night at 7.30pm. Admission is €10 and tickets are on sale now. These promises to be three nights of great entertainment and everyone is welcome and see photos on Page 22.

## 50/50

Congratulations to Jimmy Wilkinson who won €330 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week

## Two Hand & Line Dancing

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



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Pictured after the Manchester Marathon on Sunday were Darren Murray who completed the 26 miles in 3 hours 20minutes and 5 seconds or 4min 45 seconds per km and Noel McGarvey, Creeslough 3:33:46 or 5mins 4 seconds per km.



Local Showjumper Ailish McBride qualified her horse Tek Time Captain Cruise for the "Star of the future" championship that takes place at the Balmoral show. This is a great achievement for Ailish and Tek Time Captain Cruise who qualified at Gransha Equestrian centre in Bangor, Co. Down. They also won the class overall on the day. There are 4 in total, in which 3 horses qualify at each qualifier. Each competitor has to showcase their horse's ability over a jumping course consisting of showjumps and solid cross country type fences. They are also judged on the horse's ability to walk, trot, canter and gallop. The Balmoral show takes place from 15th-18th May. The Star of the future class is for 5 year old Irish bred horses that have the potential to become a "Star of the future" in either show jumping or eventing. I have owned Tek Time Captain Cruise since he was 3 year old so Ailish is delighted to qualify and get a chance to ride in the main arena at the Balmoral show.

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

## 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.

## Shop and Coffee Dock

The shop and coffee shop at Ards Friary are closed for renovations. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.



### Invite Tenders for Painting

1. Exterior of Carrigart Office
2. Exterior of Creeslough Office

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or by email to  
[John.mcbride@sheephavencu.ie](mailto:John.mcbride@sheephavencu.ie)

**Closing date for receipt of tenders**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 5.00pm**



The St. Michael's U12 girls who played Naomh Mhuire on Friday.



The St. Michael's U12 team who played St. Eunan's on Friday.



# Dunfanaghy

## Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Trevor and Geraldine Stewart and family Faugher, Portnablagh on the death recently of Geraldine's father Peadar Duffy, Cappry, Ballybofey.

## Good Luck Chelsea

Good luck to local Country Singer Chelsea Evans who will take part in the final of Glór Tíre this Tuesday evening the 24th April on TG4 at 9.30pm. Chelsea has impressed the Judges and viewers so far with her performances on the show. Now though it's down to the public vote which opens during the programme on this Tuesday evening.

Download the Glór Tíre App and vote for Chelsea and bring the title back to Dunfanaghy.

Chelsea has been very busy in recent weeks promoting her appearance on the programme. The Workhouse

The Dunfanaghy Workhouse is open every day from 10am until 4pm at Figart featuring the Gift

Shop, Wee Hannah Tour and Coffee Shop and Playground and the team welcome everyone over the coming months.

## Learn to use a Sewing Machine

Do you have a sewing machine at home? Never use it and don't know how? Then bring your machine along to the Dunfanaghy Family Resource centre on Monday 29th April from 2.15 - 4.15pm for 6 weeks. Cost €30.

## Mothers Union Spring Walk

Mother's Union Spring walk followed by a soup lunch on Saturday 20th April at 12 mid-day at the Ballymore Parish Centre. Come along and bring a friend. Your support would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds going to Mother's Union overseas literacy funds. Should you not wish to join in the walk you are most welcome to come and have lunch which will be served at 12.30pm.

## Dance in the Ballymore Centre

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

one Welcome.

## Dunfanaghy Country Markets

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

## 50/50 Draw

Congratulations to Ian Capbell who won €360 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

## St. Michael's Mini Lotto

The numbers drawn were: 6,8,9,14,17,19. The match 5 winners were Geri Doohan and Marie Carton, Dunmore Lane, Falcarragh who won €50 each. Marie bought her ticket online. This week's Jackpot will be €6000.

## Dunfanaghy Youths Golf Classic

The results of the recent Dunfanaghy Youths FC Golf Classic which was played at Dunfanaghy Golf Club recently were as follows:

1st Mary McGrath, Darragh McGrath, John Gallagher and Anthony McGrath 98pts, 2nd Pat Bonner, Gerard Dunleavy, Tommy Friel and Neil Gallagher 92pts BOT, 3rd Deborah Moore, Margaret Witherow, Mary Lafferty and Grace O'Neil 92pts, 4th Martin Terry, Mark McGinley, Shaun McGarvey and Joe McGarvey 89pts, 5th James McMullan, Patrick McMullan, Oisín Langan and Charles McBride, 7th Jack Robinson, Mark Witherow, Cairns Witherow and Boyd Robinson 87pts BOT, 7th Neil McGinley, James McCorkell, Eamon Hunter and Danny McColgan 87pts, 8th Tim Ryan, Daniel Devine, Raymond Shiels and Michael Murray 86pts.

Ladies Team Mary McColgan, Daphne Tease, June T. Nelson and Theresa Farrell. Non-Qual-

ifier: Michael Kelly, James McFadden, Terry Doherty and Michael Doyle 75pts.

Gents Nearest The Pin: Roger Green, Ladies Nearest The Pin Gillian Robinson. Gents Longest Drive Eoghan Kelly, Ladies Longest Drive Olivia Moore.

Raffle Winner Keelin McGee.

Dunfanaghy Youths would like to thank Dunfanaghy Golf Club for hosting the event, all those who sponsored the event and the Raffle Prizes and everyone who played in the event or helped in any way to make it so successful.



James McKinley presenting the runner up of the Bill McKinley Open Singles Bowls Competition Daniel O'Kane, St Eunan's, Raphoe, with his prize.

## Bill McKinley Open Bowling Singles

The Bill McKinley Open Bowling Singles was completed in the Ozanam Centre in Dunfanaghy on Saturday night following three nights of qualifying. The Qualifiers were Kyle Gallagher, Burtonport, Mark Beattie, Fintona Pearses, Daniel O'Kane, St Eunan's, Raphoe, Bertie Cole, St Johnston BC, Thomas McClintock, St Johnston BC, Nixon Alexander, Ballylennon, David Bonner, Raphoe & Ballindrait BC and Joe Coll.

Following some tight matches, the final was played by Daniel and Mark with Mark coming out victorious.

The Club appreciated the support of James McKinley, School of Motoring, Arnolds Hotel, Lizzies Diner, Sheephaven Credit Union, An Chistin, Muckish Sand & Gravel, Boyce's Centra, McCarron's Butchers, Moore's Garage & Shop, Nixon Alexander Financial Services, Muck & Muffins and CMG Stone. They also thank the Committee and Staff from the Ozanam Centre for their help. A raffle run during the qualifying, generated €550 and this was presented to Leslie and Rebecca Sterritt as part of the Sterritt family's fundraiser for Motor Neurone Disease.



Spectators enjoying the Bill McKinley Open Bowling Singles in the Ozanam Centre in Dunfanaghy on Saturday night



Robert Robinson the Secretary of Holy Trinity Bowling Club presenting a cheque for €550 to Leslie and Rebecca Sterritt at the Bill McKinley Open Singles Bowling as part of the Sterritt family's fundraiser for Motor Neurone Disease.



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Prize winners receiving their prizes at the Bill McKinley Open Bowling Singles in the Ozanam Centre in Dunfanaghy on Saturday night



Spectators enjoying the Bill McKinley Open Bowling Singles in the Ozanam Centre in Dunfanaghy on Saturday night



James McKinley presenting the winner of the Bill McKinley Open Singles Bowls Competition Mark Beattie from Strabane Cricket Club with his trophy.



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## Cloughaneely

### Junior Band

Cloughaneely Band Lotto winning numbers last week were 1-2-3-10-16-18. Caitlín Cullen won €100. This week's jackpot is €7200.

### Pobail Le Cheile

Drama Group for children with Nora Kavanagh on Mondays from 6-7pm.

To celebrate Bealtaine Arts Festive there will be a special Cumann Cairdeas trip on Tuesday 7th May with traditional music at the Leabharlann Gweodre followed by a two course meal at the Waterfront Hotel in Dungloe. €25 PP includes bus and meal. To book call/text 086 455 7519

Slaintecare Healthy Communities FREE Healthy Food made Easy Course starting on Wednesday 24th April 10.30am-1pm at Garradh Cholmille. During this 5 week programme, participants will learn a variety of healthy recipes suitable for all the family. The Healthy Food Made Easy (HFME) Programme is a basic nutrition and cookery programme that helps people change to a healthy diet, plan meals on a budget and make easy to cook meals. The course content is based on the most up-to-date healthy eating guidelines from the Department of Health and created by community dietitians. There will also be a session on Healthy Air Frying. Booking essential call/text Pobail Le Cheile 086 455 7519

Singing Group with Candy from the Song House on Tuesdays at Garradh Cholmille 7pm-9pm.

The Donegal Parent and Family Support Service can help on issues that are affecting home life through a listening ear, one-to-one support and a drop-in clinic at Garradh Cholm Cille on Wednesdays. For further information please call Josephine Meehan, the local Parent Support Worker 086 067 5184. Josephine.meehan@finnvalleyfrc.ie

Paistí Le Chéile Parent and Toddler Group on Thursdays at Garradh Cholm Cille from 10.30am-12pm.

IT SERVICES: If you need any IT assistance our IT Worker Willie will assist you Monday - Friday 12noon-4pm.

### Falcarragh Summer Cup

The beneficiaries of the 2024 Falcarragh CSC Summer Cup were announced at the weekend and will be both the Gortahork and Falcarragh National Schools. All monies raised will go to both schools to help them with their continuous process of developing and improving their Additional Sensory Resources. Please see below a joint statement, from both schools, detailing what the monies raised will be used for.

We are extremely grateful to be considered as beneficiaries of this worthy fundraising event, in memory of both John Harley and Joe Kelly.



The St. Michael's Under 14 Girls who had a comprehensive victory over Letterkenny Gaels in very tough conditions on Saturday.

In our schools, funding is required for additional sensory resources that continue to be updated each year to meet the changing educational needs of children under our care in our ASD classrooms. We are now in a fortunate position to be able to welcome all children with Autism into our schools. These new ASD classes have given children the opportunity to learn with their peers in their local national schools. Additional funds are always welcomed to provide adequate resources for these children.

While we welcome capitulation from the Department of Education and support from NCSE, due to our rural location, we struggle to find funding for transport for essential activities for these classes. This includes library visits, swimming lessons, educational sensory tours and social skills building activities.

Unfortunately, supports are not always sufficient to meet the needs of our children. This funding will also help children to avail of services such as, play therapy and specialised activities to enhance the learning of our children.

We would like to wholeheartedly thank the organising committee for their work and support. We would be delighted to receive this support and we look forward to spending any monies raised on the children in our ASD classes.

### Pobal Eascarrach

Alzheimer's tea party in the Resource Centre on Thursday May 2nd, from 10.30a.m. until 2.30 p.m.

Cruinniú Cinn Bliana 2024 ar 14 Bealtaine ar 7in in Ionad Acmhainne Bhéal an Átha, F92 XH70 - Fáilte roimh an phobaluilig!

The annual general meeting will take place on the 14th of May at 7pm in the Ballina Resource Centre, F92 XH70 - All the community is welcome.

### Thursday Café

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

### Autism Support Morning

An Autism Parents Support Morning will be held in Halla Naomh Fhionnain on Friday 26th April from 9.30am until 11am. Cupán agus Comhrá. Eolas/Info from 0879742689.

### Diolachán Plandaí - ar siúl anois!

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

### Plant Sale - Now On!

Cill Ulta are now selling vegetable and bedding plants in our annual plant sale. Purchase online in our shop at <https://cillulta.ie/collections/diolachan-plantai-plant-sale> or call in to the glasshouse (F92WF60) 9am to 4pm Mon-Thurs, 9am to 12pm Fri. Open Day for Plant Sale will be Saturday 4th May 10am to 2pm. Beidh fáilte romhat!

## Memoriam Cards



Contact  
Tirconail Tribune  
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## Cloughaneely Darts Singles Champions

Ryan Flood, captain of Shield winning Billies D, overcame the 49 man field to claim his first CDDL Singles title on Saturday night in Teac Mhicí, Derrybeg. Despite almost missing the registration, Ryan powered through the early rounds by beating Damien Whoriskey, Jamie McGeever and Jordan Duggan to make his way to the quarter final. There he faced Tony Mulhern with the game going the distance to an edgy final leg with both players missing ample opportunities to win before Ryan put the game to bed on double one. Ryan easily white washed the poor scoring of James Doohan in the semi-final 4-0 before taking

on the Strand Roads top man and runner up from two years ago, Sean Gallagher. Ryan punished Sean's slow start to build a formidable lead before Sean started to make a comeback, but he had left to much to do as Ryan clinched the title on a scoreline of 5-2. Congratulations Ryan.

Congratulations also to Ollie McGeady of the Shamrock A who became the inaugural CDDL Singles shield champion. Ollie overcame a disappointing defeat in the main event to rally past Martin Ferry, Eugene Coyle, Ryan Quinn and Joe Gallagher before sealing the title with victory over Mike Naulty in the final.



Ollie McGeady winner of the Cloughaneely and District Darts League Singles Shield 2024



Milford's Ryan Flood winner of the Cloughaneely and District Darts League Singles Champion 2024

## Cloughaneely Community Awards Celebration

The Cloughaneely Community Awards Celebration evening takes place in Óstán Loch Altan, Gort an Chiorce this Friday 19th April at 7pm. The efforts of community volunteers, together with their groups and clubs, are being celebrated at this appreciation event, which is being funded by Donegal County Council, Udarás na Gaeltachta and Donegal Volunteer Centre. Invited nominees from each group represent all who have contributed to Cloughaneely life in a voluntary capacity, past and present.

There will be up to 55 groups attending, who are looking forward to networking and attracting new members. Some organisations represented are cultural, others charitable, as well as many sports clubs who mentor new players and coach

young people. Additionally, there are community organisations, whose governing boards are entirely made up of volunteers. This is an opportunity to raise awareness of the variety of voluntary groups, clubs and societies active in the community and to give recognition to the work carried out by community volunteers.



Pictured at the launch of the Cloughaneely Community Awards Celebration are: Stiofán Ó Canainn, Murt Ó Coilín, Helena Nic Laifearaigh, Edel Ní Chuireáin, Bearnaí Ó Galchóir, Seosamh Ó Frighil, Caitriona Uí Cheallaigh agus Paul A. Mac Pháidín.



Five local artists Seamus Doohan, Aoibheann Meenan, Nóirín Ní Mhianain, Kathleen Sharkey and John Connaghan at the launch of the ARTSPACE-Pobail Le Chéile Spring Exhibition recently in Falcarragh.



# Donegal underdogs for Derry derby

Since Easter Sunday evening Jim McGuinness and his backroom team have been focusing exclusively on a plan that they hope will topple favourites Derry in this weekend's Ulster Senior Football Championship quarter-final at Celtic Park (throw-in 6.00). It's going to be a big ask on Saturday evening but if anyone can successfully mastermind such an objective then it is McGuinness. The biggest example of that was the 2014 All-Ireland semi-final win over Jim Gavin's all-conquering Dublin outfit.

A lot of the pressure is on the shoulders of Mickey Harte to deliver as the Derry fans have eyes this year on the dream of bringing Sam Maguire back to the County for only the second time with the previous maiden triumph being in 1993. Over the past couple of years the momentum has been building with back-to-back Ulster Championship titles and on Easter Sunday they defeated Dublin in the Division 1 league final. On top of that earlier this year a number of their players were on the Glen that won the All-Ireland Senior Club Championship. Their midfielder Conor Glass was named 'Club Player of the Year'. McGuinness has been able to carry out his plans for the local derby a bit under the radar compared to the spotlight that is on their opponents. Donegal are in good shape physically and mentally ahead of the big test. Obviously there will be a lot of speculation about the final pieces of the jigsaw in terms of the team that he will put out at Celtic Park. There are injury concerns over Brendan McCole, Eoghan Ban Gallagher, Daire O Baoill, Paddy McBrearty and Ryan McHugh. While McGuinness has strength in depth as demonstrated in the Division 2 final he



will be hoping to have at least three of those players back for Saturday evening.

Aaron Doherty, Caolan McColgan, Niall O'Donnell, Jason McGee, Stephen McMenamin, Jack McKelvey and Jamie Brennan are others that will surely be considered for the big championship clash in the event that some or all of those injured players remain out. Certain starters are keeper Shaun Patton, Caolan McGonagle, Michael Langan, Oisín

Gallen, Peadar Mogan, Ciaran Thompson, while Mark Curran, Ciaran Moore and Shane O'Donnell are likely to get the nod also. McGuinness could also spring a complete surprise and that's something that Mickey Harte's backroom staff will be factoring into their tactical planning. The team that started the league final on Easter Sunday was Shaun Patton; Mark Curran, Ciaran Moore, Caolan McColgan; Kevin McGettigan, Caolan McGonagle, Shane O'Donnell; Jason McGee, Michael Langan; Peadar Mogan, Ciaran Thompson, Luke McGlynn; Aaron Doherty, Oisín Gallen, Niall O'Donnell. Subs used: Odhran Doherty and Jamie Brennan; Hugh McFadden; Jeaic MacCeallabhuí and Charles McGuinness.

McGuinness's renowned work on the psychological approach of players will be all needed if Donegal is to clear the Derry hurdle. These amateur players and management deserve great credit for the effort they are putting into the mission to get Donegal back to the top table. McGuinness won't be under any illusions about the challenge that Derry presents as the back-to-back Ulster champions. He got a glimpse of that when Harte's men won comfortably against Donegal in the McKenna Cup Final in January.

## Rare Ramelton link with Donegal team

On the sporting front Ramelton is best known for its production of soccer players over the years but for a change the area has a man on the Donegal Senior GAA team this year. Ciaran Moore is in his first season and has been regular since the McKenna Cup and on Easter Sunday he won a National League Division 2 medal after the win over Armagh at Croke Park. Ciaran will be hoping to be on the starting 15 for Saturday evening's eagerly awaited Ulster Senior Football Championship quarter-final clash with Derry at Celtic Park.

The family lives at Moorefield. Ciaran is the son of Laurence and Naula Moore. He plays his club football with St. Eunan's and has previously featured on Donegal teams at underage level. GAA is certainly in the family genes as Ciaran's uncle Jim McLaughlin played for St. Eunan's and also for Four Masters with whom he won a senior club championship. Ciaran is a past student of Loreto Community School, Milford and was a nominee in the Secondary School Boy category at the 2017 Donegal Sports Star awards Ciaran Moore along with Cody Dunnion, Loreto Community School, Milford

Conor Campbell, Abbey Vocational School, Conor O'Donnell, Carndonagh CS, Jude McCrossan, Deele College, Raphoe and Oisín Toye, Deele College, Raphoe. In December 2017 Ciaran received an 'Ulster Future Star' award in Belfast along with Termon's Jamie Grant who was a St. Eunan's student at the time. He was also part of a Rory Kavanagh managed side that defeated Tyrone to win the 2018 Buncrana Cup. Moore has also played in the



Sigerson Cup for Ulster University.

He won the Senior Football Championship with St. Eunan's in 2021. Ciaran plays mainly in defence although he has been listed a few times at midfield by Jim McGuinness. Moore is renowned for his athleticism and certainly fits the bill for a McGuinness team. He has featured at full-back in the absence of the injured Brendan McCole and did well in those matches. Barring injury

Moore very much appears to be a shoe-in to start against Derry.

The only competitive game that he hasn't won with Donegal this year is that McKenna Cup Final against Derry in late January which ended 0-12 to 0-6 for Mickey Harte's side. Moore had played in the big semi-final over Monaghan (4-14 to 0-11). He also started in six of Donegal's seven league games only missing the Cavan match.

At the end of January Ciaran made his league debut in the 1-20 to 2-6 win over Cork in Ballybofey. There were four more wins 2-16 to 0-8 against Fermanagh at the O'Donnell Park; 1-17 to 0-14 against Louth in Ballyshannon; 0-17 to 1-8 against Kildare in Carlow and 1-18 to 1-10 over Meath at MacCumhaill Park. The only point dropped by Moore and Donegal was against Armagh at the Athletic Grounds where the hosts posted 1-9 to 0-12 for McGuinness's side. Then Moore started and finished the Division 2 League Final as Donegal defeated Armagh 0-15 to 0-14 in an exciting finale at Croke Park on Easter Sunday. Not a bad start to his first year at senior inter-county level and he will hope there is much more to come starting at Celtic Park.

# GAA Club News

## Glenswilly

It was a mixed bag for the men's teams on Saturday evening as we hosted Gaoth Dobhair in the 3rd round of the division 1 league. The seniors continued their unbeaten run with a 2-6 to 1-7 victory. The reserves suffered their first defeat of the league on a scoreline of 2-5 to 6 points. Well done to Mikey Toner who made his Senior debut on Saturday evening!

Next up is a short trip to O'Donnell Park on Sunday the 21st April at 1.30pm and 3pm.

Thank you to Cllr. Donal 'Mandy' Kelly for his sponsorship towards the Senior team for the season, it is very much appreciated!

## Minor Board

U12 boys will begin their Division 3 campaign this Friday (19th April) with an away trip to Convooy, throw in is 6.30pm

## Ladies Board

The Senior Ladies suffered their first defeat of the league to Urris on Sunday. The ladies will be hoping to get back on track on Sunday the 21st when they travel to Muff, throw in 10.30am.

Well done to Sarah McGinley and the Donegal Minor Ladies on their win over Antrim on Saturday past. They now look forward to an Ulster Final in a fortnights time.

## Ciorcal Comhrá Ghleann tSúilí

Ciorcal Comhrá Ghleann tSúilí our Irish Language conversation group in Glenswilly GAA Club continues every Tuesday night at 8.15pm in the clubhouse. No need to be fluent, it's just a chance to casually practice your Irish.

## Bingo and 50/50

Bingo continues every Wednesday in the hall, 8.30pm start! Over €2000 in prizes guaranteed every week. Congratulations to last week's winner Gary McDaid who won €250.

## St. Michael's

### All County Leagues

Both the Men's Senior teams travelled to Ballyshannon on Sunday to play Aodh Rua in the Leagues losing in very close matches.

The Seniors lost 3-5 to 0-12. The St. Michael's scorers were: Eoghan Kelly 0-4,2f; Michael McGinley 0-4,2f; Paddy McGinley, Michael Cannon, Colin McFadden, Martin McElhinney 0-1 each. St. Michael's Team: Packie O'Neill; Jamie Hunter, Paddy McGinley, Antoin McFadden; Michael Cannon, Ciaran Kelly, Chris McElhinney; Kyle McGarvey, Colin McFadden; Eoghan Kelly, Martin McElhinney, Ethan Ferry; Calvin Murray, Michael McGinley, Max Roarty.

The Reserves lost 5-7 to 5-6. The St. Michael's Team was: Dylan O Toole, Brandon McColgan, Tomas O'Donnell, Thomas Gribben, Peter Sweeney, Seamus Ferry, Brian McLoughlin, Andy Ward, Callum Finnegan, Conor Carroll, Stephen Coyle, Packie O'Neill.

Subs: Mark Stewart for Andy Ward John Flynn for Packie O'Neill and Dano Sweeney for Brandon McColgan. Scorers: Thomas Gribben 0-1 Seamus Ferry 0-1 Stephen Coyle 0-1 Andy Ward 2-1 Conor Carroll 1-1 Dean Fleming 1-1 John Flynn 1-0.

Both teams are at home to Malin this Sunday at 1.30pm and 3pm.

### Good Luck

Good luck to our Clubman Michael Langan and the rest of the Donegal Team and Management including Jim McGuinness, Colm McFadden and Antoin McFadden in their Ulster Senior Championship Quarter Final match against Derry in Celtic Park on this Saturday.

### Glor Tíre

Congratulations and good luck to Chelsea Evans who is now through to the final of Glór Tíre. Voting opens next Tuesday during the live final, please support and vote so we can have one big push and try take the title back home to Donegal and The Bridge.

### Boys Under 14's

Well done to our u14 boys who travelled to The Banks on Monday. In tough conditions the boys finished the stronger winning 1-09 to 1-06.

In a thrilling match on Sunday, they played Aodh Rua Ballyshannon, clinching a hard-earned victory. A special shoutout to the hosts, Aodh Rua, for their warm hospitality, making the experience truly enjoyable for all involved.

### Boys Under 12's

In a thrilling debut in Division 1, the U12s clinched victory against St. Eunan's at O'Donnell Park. Team: Rory Boyce, Adam Murray, Luke Gallagher, Myles Byrne, Michael McHugh, Oisín Sweeney, Matthew McFadden, Odhran Sweeney, Anthony Dawson, James Hartigan, Caolan Sweeney, Alfie Roarty, Oisín Neilis, Seve Roarty, Anthony Wilkinson, Cian Langan.

## Girls Under 12's

The U12 girls kick-started the year on Friday with a friendly against Naomh Mhuire. It was a great team performance with Cassie Sheridan playing exceptionally well at full back. Emily Black and Fiadh McGinley made a fine duo in mid-field. Maisie McFadden also had a strong performance and led a number of the St Michael's attacks from centre half-back. The girls next game is against Gaoth Dobhair this Friday at 6:30 at the bridge.

Team: Maisie McFadden, Cassie Sheridan, Sinead McGee, Roisin Browne, Aibhlin Gallagher, Emily Black, Amy Rose McDaid, Cara Sweeney, Donna Moore, Fiadh McGinley, Riona Gallagher, Aisling Alcorn, Sarah Louise Toye, Clodagh Stewart, Michaela Gallagher, Bonnie McGuinness, Aoibh McGuinness and Lucy Moore.

## Under 14 Girls

Well done to our u14 Girls, on a comprehensive victory over Letterkenny Gaels last Saturday.

## Fixtures

Friday 19th u12 Girls v Gweedore home at 6pm  
U12 Boys Gweedore Away at 6.30pm  
Saturday 20th u10 Boys St Eunan's away at 10am.  
Under 8s v Cloughaneely at home at 10.30am.  
Sunday 21st Senior Ladies v St Mary's Convooy away at 10.30am.

## Chloich Cheann Fhaola

Sraith Faoi 14 an Tuaiscirt - Roinn 1

CCF: 5-6 Gaoth Dobhair 4-8

## Buíochoas

We would like to thank Caolán Ferry, Denise Ní Laoire Uí Cheallaigh and Seamus Ó Domhnaill who were out selling lotto tickets at the weekend.

## Lotto

The numbers drawn were 1,2,3,4,5,9. We had 1 match 5. Congratulations to Dympna McElhinney who wins €100. The jackpot is now €6,600.

## An Tearmainn

### Senior Men

The Termon senior men bounced back to winning ways in Division 2 on Saturday with a 3-7 to 0-9 win over Naomh Muire. The foundation of the victory was in the first half as they hit the visitors with three goals. The opening goal came with just two minutes on the clock from Enda McCormick who contributed 1-3. Jack Alcorn bagged the other two goals and ended the game with 2-2. They will look to build on the win next Sunday as Caolan McDaid takes his side to Donegal Town to face Four Masters.

Termon: Emmett McGuire, Conor Cassidy, Ricky Gallagher, Emmet McGettigan, Patrick Feagan, James McSharry, Caolan Gallagher, Bobby McGettigan, Ryan McFadden (0-1), Evan Coleman, Jack Alcorn (2-2), Anthony Grant, Gary McGettigan, Enda McCormick (1-3), Steve McDaid. Subs: Mark Gallagher (0-1), Stephen Black (0-1), Steve McElwaine, John James Sweeney, Ciaran Cassidy.

### Senior Men B

The reserve men also put the disappointment of the previous outing behind them as they won 5-9 to 0-4 against Naomh Muire. The lively Ciaran Cassidy scored 2-1. JR McDaid, Marty Steel and John James Sweeney netted the other goals. Paul Mallons hit 0-3 and Oisín Harkin scored 0-2. Luke McGarvey, Ben Harkin and Mark Gallagher were also on the scoresheet.

### Senior Ladies

The senior ladies continued their winning form by beating Naomh Conaill 4-11 to 2-9. Sophie Curran, Geraldine McLaughlin, Cayla McFadden, Roisin McCafferty and Roisin Friel all contributed to the scoresheet.

The senior ladies are currently preparing for the county Gaeltacht finals on the May Bank Holiday weekend in Cloughaneely. If they win there, they will progress to the All Ireland's in Cork on the June Bank Holiday weekend.

### Minor Board

The minor men took a super win on Monday at the O'Donnell Park beating St Eunan's 3-5 to 0-5. Oran Gallagher bagged himself two goals and Ciaran Cassidy netted the other. Dylan McFadden produced a masterclass in fielding kickouts while Nathan Grant and Michael Boyle were superb in the full back line.

Well done to our U12 boys who won their league opener against Glenswilly on Friday night.

Our U10 boys took part in a blitz at MacCumhaills on Saturday with lots of lovely football being played.

### Ladies Board

Well done to the Termon girls, Niamh Boner and Meave Brady who were involved with the county minor panel that secured a place in the Ulster



# GAA Club News

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## Championship Platinum Final.

In recent underage girls fixtures, the U16 girls won at home last week against Moville.

U14 girls will take part in the Letterkenny's Gaels hosted Fiona Doherty Memorial Tournament starting on the 20th April.

The U15 feile team are through to all county finals. There was a good turn out at the Mothers and Others last Friday, it continues this Friday 7-8pm.

### Fixtures

17/04/2024 U14 Boys V. St. Eunans @ 6pm (Away)

17/04/2024 U16 Boys V. Sean McCumhalls @ 6.30pm (Away)

19/04/2024 U12 Boys V. St. Eunans @ 6.00pm (Away)

21/04/2024 Reserve Men V. Four Masters @ 1.30pm (Away)

21/04/2024 Senior Men V. Four Masters @ 3.00pm (Away)

21/04/2024 Senior Ladies V. Dungloe @ 10.30am (Home)

### Club 300

The April draw for the Club 300 took place last Friday and the winners were: €1,000 ~ Maeve Sweeney Gortnaskeagh Kilmacrennan. €500 ~ Nicola McCafferty, Drumbrick Termon. €300 ~ Patrick Gildea, Hairdressing, Letterkenny, €200 ~ Dairean Gibson, Trentagh.

### Thanks

The Club would like to thank Minister Charlie McConalogue for his continued support on the Clubhouse Development. Charlie was a welcomed visitor to the Burn Road last week when he met with the development committee who outlined the next phase of the build.

### Defibrillator

The club Defibrillator has been installed at the entrance to the Burn Road pitch area. Thanks to O'Hara and Harrison Electrical for their continued support and to James People's for installing.

### Lotto

Lotto Results 14/4/2024 - No's drawn 1,17,26,28. There was no winner of the €1650 Jackpot. There were three Match 3 €30 winners - Paddy McMennamin, Niall Mac E and Amanda Ferry. Donna Moore was the €10 Quick Pick winner. Next week's Jackpot is €1700.

### Bingo

Termon Bingo held their charity bingo last Friday night in aid of the Relay for Life and our local Community First Responders group. Many thanks to the Kernans Stores Group and especially Cathal Curran for their help selling, and of course to Kevin and all the staff in Gracies Stores. Bingo is back again this Friday night with €4500 in prizes on the night.

## Ghaeil Leitir Ceanainn

The senior footballers picked up their first point of the season with an away draw against Burt while the reserves were defeated. They are free this weekend and welcome Naomh Brid to Páirc na nGael the following weekend.

The senior ladies made it two wins from two games in the Division 3 Donegal LGFA League with victory over St. Mary's Convoy, on Sunday at Páirc na nGael. This Sunday they travel to Hibernian Park to take on Burt at 10.30am.

The senior hurlers are still competing in the Ulster Junior League with fixtures to be announced.

## Gaeil Fhanada

### Lotto Results 14/04/2024

Numbers: 9, 14, 15, 17, 24. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Seán Friel. This week's Jackpot: €6,000.

### April 'Grab a Grand'

The club will launch our April 'Grab a Grand' competition on our online platforms on Friday at midday. There will be a limited amount of tickets on sale with a great cash prize of €1000 for the winner.

### Cluichí na Seachtaine

#### Dé Céadaoin, 17ú Aibreán

#### Buachaillí Faoi 14

Gaeil Fhánada v Cloich Cheann Fhaola @ 6:30

#### Dé Domhnaigh, 21ú Aibreán

#### Peil na mBan - Sraith Roinn 1

Gaeil Fhánada v Bun an Phobail @ 10:30

#### Sraith Roinn 2 - Cluiche Tacaíochta

Gaeil Fhánada v Naomh Náille @ 1:30

#### Sraith Roinn 2 - Sinséar

Gaeil Fhánada v Naomh Náille @ 3:00

#### Dé Luain, 22ú Aibreán

#### Buachaillí Faoi 16

Gaeil Fhánada v Na Dúnaibh @ 7:15

#### Ladies host Moville

The Senior ladies are back on home soil this Sunday when they host Bun an Phobail in Round 4 of the Division 1 league at 10:30am at Páirc Uí Shadhail.

#### Seniors host St. Naul's

Best of luck to our senior and reserve sides who host St. Naul's in the third round of the league on Sunday in Porthsalon at 1:30 and 3pm.

#### Seniors win in Buncrana

## Gaeil Fhánada 2:06 Bun Cranncha 0:11

Gaeil Fhánada got their first points of the new league season on the board on Sunday, recording a one point victory over Buncrana. We showed four changes from their previous outing against Termon, with Brandon McClafferty, Paul Coyle, Darren McElwaine and Liam McGrenaghan coming in for Michael Sweeney, Odhrán Shiels, Alan McAteer and Declan Brougham. Gaeil Fhánada: Mark McConigley, Paddy Heraghty, Jimmy Coyle, Oisín McFadden, Calum Mc Ateer, Shaun Kerr, Conor Heraghty, Paddy Carr, Liam McGrenaghan (0:02), Brandon McClafferty (1:00), Mark McAteer, Darren McElwaine (0:03), Mark Friel, James Kerr (1:01), Paul Coyle. Eoghan Carr for Paul Coyle.

### Good victory for ladies

Gaeil Fhánada took the points at the Banks on Sunday, recording a comfortable victory over a depleted Naomh Muire side. Gaeil Fhánada: Rosheen McGinley, Shauna Howe, Tori Gallagher, Méabh Duffy, Maggie Friel, Aoife Gibbons (0:01), Niamh McDevitt, Eimear Sweeney, Iseult Ní Mhathúna (1:02), Jessica Coll, Lauren Carr (2:04), Siobhan Sweeney (0:01), Eibhlín Shiels (0:01), Clare Friel (0:03), Mairead Coll (1:01). Rachael Friel for Jessica Coll, Michelle Doherty for Mairead Coll, Grace Begley for Clare Friel, Erin Carlin for Siobhan Sweeney.

### Buncrana Reserve win

#### Bun Cranncha 2:08 Gaeil Fhánada 0:04

A strong first half performance, with the aid of the breeze gave Buncrana the perfect platform on Sunday, and although a depleted Gaels side battled well in the second half, there was only going to be one winner. The Gaels were missing several men from the previous outing, and made six changes from that clash. We wish Stephen McGonigle well in his recovery from injury. Stephen sustained a very nasty injury to his arm in our first reserve game against Termon a fortnight ago. Brian Gallagher, Seamus Coyle, Aidan Heraghty, Patrick Shiels, Jamie McAteer, Kevin McGonigle, Emmet Kelly, Michael McDevitt, Declan Brougham, Rudi Feenstra, Charlie Crerand, Seán Friel, Aaron McConigley, Eoin McGonigle (0:04), Dan Kerr. Eoghan Logue for Seán Friel, Seán Friel for Kevin McGonigle, Conor McConigley for Aidan Heraghty.

### Letterkenny Gaels prevail in minor clash

Letterkenny Gaels for too strong at Páirc na nGael on Monday. Killian Friel, Darragh McElwaine, Eoghan Logue, Jamie McAteer, Caolan McElwaine, Adam Ward, Shane Carr, Declan Brougham, Niall Toland, Darragh O'Doherty, Cormac Dunleavy, Daibhid Lynch, Shane Orsi. Sub used: Evan McDaid for Caolan McElwaine.

### Cailíní Faoi 15

Congratulations to our u15 girls who are through to the next round of the Féile competition after their victory in the Northwest B section played in Downings on Saturday.

### U14 Festival of Football

All three Gaeil Fhánada girls had fine displays against Cavan and Monaghan at the County U14 Festival of Football in Downings.

They have qualified for the Ulster Silver Final, which has been scheduled for Saturday, April 20th at 3pm in Augher.

## CLG Naomh Adhamhnáin

### County

Best of luck the Donegal Senior men's Football team, to Jim and his management team who take on Derry in their Ulster Championship opener in Celtic Park on Saturday at 6.15pm. Best wishes to the St Eunans players on the team and panel along with the rest of the players.

### Senior Football (Men)

It was a mixed set of results for St Eunans men who were away to Sean Mac Cumhalls in the League on Sunday. In Div. 1B our reserves lost out 3-8 to 1-11.

### Senior Men

St Eunans got on the scoreboard early in the game and ran out winners 1:13 to 0:7.

St Eunans scorers; Kevin Kealy 1-1; Conor O'Donnell 0-3 (1f); Eoin McGeehin 0-2 (1f); Oran Winston 0-2; Eoin Dowling 0:2(1f); Anthony Gallagher 0-1; Noah Barrett 0-1; Paucic Boyle 0-1.

This weekend our Seniors and Reserves play neighbours Glenswilly in O'Donnell Park on Sunday April 21st at 1.30 pm and 3pm.

### Club Lotto

The Club Lotto draw takes place each Monday evening. Tickets can be purchased online through

our Club website or from Adrian Shields.

### Under 18 (Boys)

#### Results:

Monday April 15th Division 1 Round 3 - St Eunans 0:5 - Termon 3:5

Friday April 12th Div 3 Round 1 - Downing's 3:4 - St Eunans 0:3

#### Upcoming fixtures Under 18s:

Wednesday April 24th Div 3 - St Eunans V St Michaels 6.30pm in O'Donnell Park.

### Under 16 (Boys)

#### Results:

Tuesday April 9th All County U16 Div 5A Round 1 - Downing's 2-4 St Eunans 3-7

#### Upcoming fixtures Under 16s

All County U16 Div 1 - Naomh Conaill v St Eunans - Tuesday April 23rd at 7.15pm in Glenties.

All County U16 Div 5A - St Eunans v Four Masters - Tuesday April 23rd at 7.15pm in O'Donnell Park.

### Sunday Morning Skills Academy

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

### Senior Hurling (Men)

St Eunans Senior men's played their first league home game of the year and drew with Carndonagh drawing 1-11. St Eunans scorers; Russell Forde 1-2; Brendan Gaffey 0-3(2f); Matt Ahern 0-3; Kevin Kealy 0-3. This Friday April 19th our Senior Hurlers are at home at O'Donnell Park to Buncrana starting at 7pm.

### Minor Hurling

St Eunans are away to Dungloe/Gweedore on Thursday April 25th in Dungloe at 7pm.

### Underage Hurling Academy

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

### Ladies

St Eunans senior ladies are away to Downing's this Sunday April 21st at 10.30am - Best of luck.

### Contact

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

## Milford

### Lotto: 9/4/24

Numbers: 4-13-19-25. No Jackpot winner. €50 Lucky Dip winner is Laura Condrón, Rathmullan.

### LOTTO ROTA:

Sat 20th April, Maple, Milford - Joe McNulty and Anne Marie Hannigan.

### RESULTS AND FIXTURES

#### Senior Men

Our Seniors had a heavy defeat away to St Nauls on Sunday on a scoreline of 2-10 to 7 points. The Reserves secured their first win of the season against St Nauls on a scoreline of 0-8 to 0-6.

They now host Killybegs on Sunday (21st) at 1.30pm and 3pm.

#### Under 18 Boys

#### Glenfin 2-11 Baile Na nGalloglach 2 - 06

The lads just fell short against Glenfin on Monday. Despite being short a number of players they put in an excellent 1st half performance against a strong breeze and led by 3 at the interval. However they never really got going in the 2nd half and two Glenfin goals early in the half swung the game in their favour and they ran out deserving winners. Excellent performances on the night from Charlie Wheeler, Sean Black, Ryan Mc Elhinney, Declan Moran and Joey Barrett.

Rory O'Brien 0-05 (3f); Oisín McHugh 1-00;

Charlie Wheeler 1-00 and Jacob Campbell 0-01

#### U16 Boys

Our U16 boys had a win over Sean Mac Cumhalls on Friday last on a scoreline of 2-9 to 2-6. Their next game is away to Ardara on Monday 22nd April.

#### U16 Girls

Our U16 girls had a good win against St Eunans last Thursday - they now host Moville on Tuesday (16th) and St Eunans the following Tuesday (23rd) at home with throw-in both days at 7pm.

#### U14 Boys

The boys travelled to Gweedore on Wednesday to play in the Gaeltacht semi-final but were beaten by a strong Gweedore side. The U14 Red team have a home fixture against Convoy, while the Blue team are away to Buncrana - both on Wednesday at 6.30pm.

#### U12 Boys

Our U12 boys got their league campaign started this week with the Blue, Division 2 team recording a good victory in a tight match at home to Mac Cumhalls on Friday on a scoreline of 0-6 to 0-5. The Red, Division 4, team are at home to Red Hughs on Friday (19th) at 6.30pm.

Training continues in Ray Astro on Mondays from 5.45-7pm.

#### U12 Girls

Well done to our U12 girls who played against Glenswilly on Sunday.

#### U10 Girls

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

#### U8 Girls

The U8 girls are training on Fridays from 5.45 to 6.45. New Players Welcome.

#### U8 Boys

Our U8 boys had their first game of the season away to Downings last week with brilliant performances from everyone.

## Na nDúnaibh

### Torthaí Lotto.

Torthaí lotto ó oíche Luain is chuaigh thart. Na huimhreacha a tarraingíodh ná: 3 13 22 agus 26. Char bhain duine ar bith an pota óir agus cha raibh na trí uimhir ach ag an bheirt seo: John Doak agus Des Mac Lochlainn. Gheobhann siad €75 an duine. Tá €6,200 sa phota óir don chéad tarraingt eile.

### Peil na Sinsir.

#### Foireann na mBan

Thaisteal foireann na mban go Béal Atha Seannaigh dá gluiche inéadan Aodh Ruadh. Bhí na Dúnaibh pointe 'un tosaigh ag leatham ach lámh in uachtar ag Aodh Ruadh sa dara leath agus bhí siad 7 bpointe 'un tosaigh ag deireadh an chluiche.

#### Foireann na bhFear.

Bhí a mhacasamhail de scéal ag foireann na bhfear áit ar imir siad Nh Conail ar na Gleanntai. Bhí siad pointe 'un tosaigh ag leatham ach tháinig Naomh Conail go láidir sa dara leath agus chríochnaigh siad an cluiche 7 bpointe 'un tosaigh. Buíochas mór don lucht tacaíochta a thaistil chuig na cluichí seo.

### Traenáil.

Liosta iomlán de laetha traenála agus amanna le fáil ar líne: <https://nadunaibh.ie/amchlár/>

### Floodlights Fundraiser.

On 26th of October we will be dropping 5 footballs from a helicopter and you might become €25,000 richer! Buy a ticket for the Helicopter Drop and you will get a square on our pitch. If the ball lands in your square, you're the winner!

Funds raised will be going towards floodlights so our youth teams can play and train. A total of 10 prizes are up for grabs with a total value of €35,000. The top prize is €25,000 cash! The website is now live and open for orders.

### Ulster GAA.

Beimid ar ais sna Dúnaibh i mbliana! Cúrsa De Faoite, our Gaeltacht residential returns this July. Cláraigh anseo: <https://forms.office.com/e/zM4Ear-AbkX>

### Socráithe do na Cluichí.

#### Dé hAoine 19ú Aibreán 6.30pm

Giirseacháí Faoi-12 Na Dúnaibh i.e An Tearmann. 6.30pm Gasúraí Faoi-12 Na Dúnaibh i.e Naomh Muire.

#### Dé Domhnaigh 21ú Aibreán. 10.30

Peil na mBan: Na Dúnaibh i.e Naomh Adhamhnáin 13.30pm. Fir Tacaíochta: Na Dúnaibh i.e Réalt na Mara.

3pm Fir Sinsir: Na Dúnaibh i.e Réalt na Mara.

#### Dún na nGall Faoi -20.

Comhghairdeas leis na stócaigh uilig atá ar phainéal Faoi- 20 Dhún na nGall agus do Phaidí Mac Giolla Bhuidhe, go háirithe, atá fríd go cluiche leath cheannais Uladh. Maith sibh a ghasúraí.



Milford U8 boys who played away to Downings last week.



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Wed 24th April - **Cattle Sale** 12noon  
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## Planning Notices

Donegal County Council  
Crossogs, Glenswilly

I, Stephen Brennan am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a new agricultural shed and all other associated site development works at Crossogs, Glenswilly, County Donegal in the townland of Crossogs. 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 ap-

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

## Fiona Doherty Memorial Cup launched



Club Coaches and players with the Fiona Doherty Memorial Cup at the launch.

Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn launched their annual U14 girls football competition, the Fiona Doherty Memorial Cup, at their clubhouse at Pairc na nGael recently.

Coaches and players from the participating clubs Termon, Convooy and Glenfin attended the launch of the annual inter-club U14 Girls football memorial cup. Fiona's mother Margaret Gallagher and her sister Leoine Gallagher were also in attendance.

Fiona Doherty was a valued member of Ghaeil Leitir Ceanainn and played for the club's senior ladies' team before she lost her life tragically in 2016. The Club have hosted the memorial cup in her memory since 2019. The tournament, which has been a great success over the last 5 years, has been supported by Fiona's husband Ciaran Doherty and the Gallagher family. Previous winners include Sean MacCumhailis, Termon and Cloughaneely.

This year, the cup will be run in an expanded format to include group and play-off stages. Joining the host club the three invited clubs involved this year will be Termon, Convooy and Glenfin. The first games will take place on Saturday 20th April. Over the succeeding five weeks each team will play three round robin group games hosted at the participating club grounds. This group stage will be followed by two semifinals and a finals day played at Pairc na nGael on the weekend of 25th/26th of May.

At the launch, chairperson of the Ladies Board

Michael O'Connor, spoke fondly of Fiona and her involvement in the senior ladies' team as a player and also as a valued member of the first Ladies Football sub-committee. Fiona's sister Leoine Gallagher thanked the club for continuing to host the competition in her memory and said that the family were very appreciative. Particularly, now that Fiona's daughters were playing football for the underage girls' teams.

Club chairperson Danny Cahill thanked the coaches and players from the three participating clubs and wished the teams well in the competition. He also thanked the Gallagher and Doherty families for their continued support.

Cup coordinator Brian Sweeney conducted the draw which produced two very tasty opening games with Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn hosting Termon at Pairc na nGael and Convooy hosting Glenfin at St Mary's on the opening Saturday 20th April.

In attendance from the four clubs were Clara and Amy Carroll (Glenfin), Barry and Niamh Moore (Convooy), Naimh Friel, Stephen Sweeney and Beth Sweeney (Termon) and Annmarie and Ciara Patton (Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn). Danny Cahill (Club Chairperson), Michael O'Connor (Ladies Board Chairperson), Laura Walker (Ladies Board Chairperson) Paul Cullen (Girls Football Coach) and Brian Sweeney (Girls Football Coach) were also in attendance. Margaret and Leoine Gallagher were in attendance representing the Gallagher and Doherty families.

Donagall County Council  
Ballyrairie, Letterkenny

I Sylvia Lockhart on behalf of the Errigal Motor Cycle Club Ltd am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission to retain a motor cycle race track with observation office / container including the installation of speakers with all associated site development works at Ballyrairie, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the townland of Ballyrairie. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority at the County House, The Diamond, 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 €20, within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application received by the Authority and such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

Donagall County Council  
Kilavee, Portsalon

I, Myles Mc Veigh am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a new dwelling house and detached domestic garage with wastewater treatment system and all other associated site development works at Kilavee, Portsalon, County Donegal in the townland of Kilavee. 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.

Donagall County Council  
Devlinmore Td, Carrigart

We Eamonn and Victoria Coll are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to erect dwelling house, garage and installation of waste water treatment system and percolation area on this site at Devlinmore Td, Carrigart County 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

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Donagall County Council  
Gortnatraw South Td, Kerrykeel

I Roch Crozier am applying to Donegal County Council for permission for retention of existing dwelling house with septic tank and percolation area on this site at Gortnatraw South Td, Kerrykeel, County 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.

Donagall County Council  
Ballynalost, Ballylar

I Denise Friel am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for installation of waste water treatment system and percolation area on this site at Ballynalost, Ballylar, Fanad, County 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.



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