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“Milford Cllrs must buy-in to attend meetings”

That's the startling opinion of Fian-na Fail's Cllr Liam Blaney this week as the local elections campaign moves into top gear across the north west - it's the most adversarial place for politics in Ireland.

By John McAteer

Cllr. Blaney has claimed that the Milford electoral area urgently needs the participation of their three Councillors in all meetings in Lifford and at MD levels over the next five years.

Seemingly, the campaign has finally taken off!

Cllr. Blaney told the Tribune: “The Milford district is always at a disadvantage with only three Members out of ten in the Municipal District. Added to the problem is that for the last five years we've only had two Cllrs at meetings most of the time. That has left us in a

weak position because we do not have strength in numbers and that is a fact,” he contends.

He's also referenced another one of the nine candidates in the Milford area who he says has made a habit of claiming 'trophy prizes' for big ticket projects that are the preserve of elected Members only to source and deliver.

“These include the Milford Town First Project and that is something that only the Councillors can get over the line and we have delivered €100,000 for a start,” he stated.

With reference to meetings in Lifford, Liam Blaney said: “As a result of one Member not likely to be in the Council Chamber, we've been left facing an uphill battle in fighting our corner. And we are losing out because that is how things work and we do not have the necessary



Cllr. Liam Blaney.

support to bring about the results that are badly needed.

Proof of this is that in the foreseeable future there are only ten social houses planned for the Milford area.

This electoral area is left with a serious loss of revenue, be it in housing, roads, infrastructure or in project delivery and we've also lost a Board Member on DLDC,” he stated.

He said he does not understand why any Cllr. would be absent from meetings on so many occasions.

“I do not have answers, but there has to be a better way. We

need to get a 'signed commitment' from the three new Councillors that they will attend all our Council meetings. What's been happening is ridiculous. While almost all the electoral areas have a strong presence in meetings, I cannot say the same for Milford. We are the smallest area and that needs three very strong voices at all our meetings.”

Whilst not naming any representative, Cllr. Blaney presumes the process of elimination should inform the electorate. He points to his own strong presence at Council meetings and he wishes that all others could do likewise.

Cllr. Blaney has also moved to clarify the Council works on the new footpath from Milford's main street out the Kilmacrennan Road where €365,000 has been spent.

Cllr. Blaney said: “Part of a field in-

volved in the construction of the new footpath had earlier been donated by a private landowner to the SVP to build social housing. However, since this was not suitable ground, it was then handed over to a subcommittee of the original Milford IRD which became the current MDRC.

First of all I got a motion through the MD meeting and that was accepted by the plenary meeting in Lifford. And we were lucky in that Milford was then chosen as the 'location of choice' for the Town First Project.

Along the way, two government Ministers, Joe McHugh and Charlie McConalogue were instrumental in negotiations with Social Protection Minister Heather Humphreys in the provision of €100,000 as the first phase of the project. And the Council

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Cllrs kept the Cardiac Cath Lab at LUH

... April 2022 - The Fight for the Cath Lab in LUH. The Donegal Cllrs. on the Western Health Forum played a key role. Ciaran Brogan was the first politician to back the Tribune story.... He was also the only one to recognise the campaign in the paper when a successful outcome was confirmed.

Behind the scenes there was a massive battle to recognise the rights of LUH and the people of Donegal to have this vital service close to home. Let us never forget that this means life for so many. Page 19.

ICSA set to quiz EU candidates

The Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers' Association is to hold an election forum in the Clanree Hotel at Letterkenny on Monday evening at 7.30 and all candidates in the Midlands-North-West constituency have been invited to participate.

Malcolm Thompson, Chair of the ICSA in Donegal said the forum will give the farming community an opportunity to hear the candidates explain their strategy for the five years ahead as the new parliament takes office from next month.

Confirming that the panel will be quizzed about the need for Ireland to be exempt from the EU Nitrates Directive given that our national footprint is one tenth of one percent of the global population, Mr. Thomp-



son says that the country will have to elect the right candidates to Brussels to ensure that the voice and demands of rural Ireland are a primary objective.

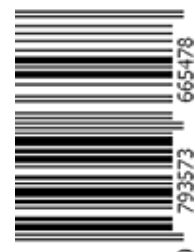
Mr. Thompson said “Farming and its related food production interests are going to face many crucial decisions in the new EU Parliament and many of the ongoing changes are not in our best interests. Ireland's farm sector raises the best livestock and sheep on a predominantly grass fed diet: we've never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

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Relay for Life weekend

Siobhan Montgomery of Northern Lights Glass presenting the Ray Walkers with a commissioned glass sculpture which will be one of the prizes in their raffle at Relay for Life which takes place this Saturday the 25th and Sunday the 26th May in the ATU. The group would like to thank Bernie Boyce Ramelton for organising and designing the team Banner.



Relay for Life this weekend

Hundreds are expected to take part in this year's Donegal Relay for Life which runs over twenty-four hours from Saturday afternoon helping to raise funds and awareness in the battle against cancer.

Singer Daniel O'Donnell will spearhead the entertainment element of an event that is both inspirational and emotional and literally spells out hope for those affected.

Survivors, carers and those who have passed away will all be remembered and honoured this weekend with the event commencing at 4 p.m. on Saturday and running through to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the A.T.U. campus in Letterkenny.

"We have thirty-eight teams taking part compared to twenty-nine last year and the input and enthusiasm from all of them has been amazing. There was a fantastic turnout at the three team captains' meeting we've held over the past couple of months," says new chairman, Seamus Devine. "All of them have been organising different fund-raising events since entering their teams – just brilliant to see and obviously a great boost to Relay for Life."

The entertainments team, led by Ena Barrett, and enthusiastically assisted by Davy Cowan and Sophia Whoriskey, have been busy preparing for both the Saturday and Sunday slots.

The first act will take to the stage on Saturday at the A.T.U. campus at 2 p.m. followed by a whole array of talented musicians and artists while Sunday will be no different.

Well, slightly different for from 1.30 p.m. through to 3.30 p.m. the one and only Daniel O'Donnell will be performing alongside special guests.

Both the Kincasslagh singer and his wife Majella have been heavily involved in Relay for Life since its inception and the new chairman is keen to spell out their contribution to the event.

"Daniel and Majella are joint patrons of Donegal Relay for Life and do so much to promote it," Seamus insists.

The singer's initial involvement came about in his eagerness to support the Irish Cancer Society – a year later his wife was diagnosed with breast cancer adding a truly personal dimension to his connection to the cause and the event.

"They are wonderful ambassadors for Relay for Life and we look forward to seeing them over the weekend."

Another internationally acclaimed performer in the music world, Maire Brennan, will also be lending her voice and musicianship to the event when she participates in the hugely moving Luminaria ceremony on Saturday night – this time out wearing the crown of Donegal Person of the Year.

Many more singers and musicians will be performing over the weekend – not least of which is the Relay for Life Survivors Choir which has been an inspirational part of the annual event under the enthusiasm and expertise of Donal Kavanagh.

"The Survivors Choir is such an important part of Relay – not just because of the great songs they perform but also because of the fun element they bring."

That fun element will be in evidence throughout the twenty-four hours as laughter mixes with the emotional features of Donegal Relay for Life.

Virtually coinciding with this year's Relay will be another twenty-four event being staged at Oakfield Park in Raphoe where patrons will be able to avail of the Diffin Lake Railway which will run throughout the night from 6 p.m. on Saturday to 6 p.m. on Sunday with all proceeds going to the Relay initiative.

The by now traditional Gospel Hour and Ecumenical Service will be broadcast on Highland Radio from the An Danlann hall on Sunday morning from 9 a.m. – another stirring feature of Relay for Life.

The Relay chairman acknowledges all those involved in helping to organise and promote the event at the A.T.U. campus and credits the local media for the 'incredible coverage' they provide and the "amazing committee" who are, he says, a testimony to the legacy inspired by his predecessor, Robert O'Connor.

"Robert helped put this event on the map and on behalf of the committee, I congratulate him on receiving the Civic Reception from Donegal County Council for all he has done. It was so well deserved."

Calls reiterated for N56 access - McClafferty

The failure to allow access to potential home builders along the N56 is helping drive emigration and negatively impacting local employment opportunities, it has been claimed.

Cllr McClafferty said many people are being denied the right to live near their home area and is creating "a negative atmosphere" across the region.

He said he is calling, yet again, for access for those local people seeking to build homes along the roadway.

He stated: "I am renewing my efforts to lobby for access to the N56 to be granted. It is critical that the N56 retains its planning status and remains accessible without any

imposed restrictions. Such restrictions are creating a negative atmosphere in the county and are contributing to the emigration of our residents to distant places. This has a major impact on our local economy, as it means we are losing many of our skilled residents.

He added: "The County Development Plan seeks a population growth to 183,500 people by 2031 and upwards of 200,000 by 2040. How are these targets achievable when current restrictions are encouraging Donegal residents to emigrate?"

He said those wishing to build in areas along the N56 can strengthen family ties and also retain a skilled

workforce.

He stated: "The government is denying people the opportunity to live on their own land and near their families, which is eroding family ties to certain areas. It adds additional pressure on home builders, as they cannot use their own sites and face the financial burden of having to purchase new sites. The construction of local houses is crucial for the construction sector in Donegal, which is a significant source of employment for us. By denying the right to build houses on their land and encouraging emigration, people are opting to construction their homes elsewhere and we are losing employment opportunities"



Council spends €15.2m extra

Last year the Council spent €15.2 million more than was agreed in the annual Revenue Budget which was adopted in 2022. The amended figures were revealed during a Council meeting in Lifford on Monday.

So the actual spend in 2023 was €192,882,000 compared to €175,555,907 which was agreed at the Budget meeting in November 2023. Cllrs were told that the increase is accounted for by the ex-

tra money the Council were in the position to draw down in grants.

Over €9 million of that figure was spent on maintaining and improving roads, while over €1.5 million was allocated to housing.

Head of Finance Richard Gibson also told Monday's meeting that the Local Authority ran a surplus of €1.2m in 2023. That surplus allowed the Council to do additional extra capital works in

the county.

Cllrs were also told that €1 million was transferred from Revenue to Capital last year to co-fund energy efficiency works at Council buildings, €500,000 was transferred from Revenue to provide additional funding for Public Conveniences capital works and €100,000 was transferred from Revenue to provide extra resources for Disability Access works.



Minister Neale Richmond, Department of Finance, has responsibility for Financial Services, Credit Unions and Insurance visited Letterkenny on Monday and he is pictured with Eimer Friel, Doreen Sheridan-Kennedy, Paul Byrne Radisson LK, Troy Gallagher, Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh, Paddy Gildea, Paschal Blake and Claire McDonough, President of Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce.

Letterkenny Memories

The next Letterkenny Memories night in the Station House Hotel takes place on this Monday the 27th of May with another packed lineup of entertainment. Admission free, 7:30 sharp.

Ramelton Tennis

A further 5 weeks of junior tennis coaching will commence on Wed 29th May at Ramelton Tennis Club. 9-year olds and under from 3.30 to 4.30 and 10's and over at 4.30 to 5.30 pm. The total fee for 5 one-hour lessons is €20. All equipment provided. Contact Mary at 087 9773957 for further information.

Irish Guide Dogs for Blind fundraiser

A fundraiser Coffee Morning in aid of the very important Irish Guide Dogs for Blind service will take place in the Station House Hotel, Letterkenny on this Thursday 23rd of May from 10.45 to 11.45 am. Meet the puppies and learn more about volunteering. Also there will be an opportunity to win a prize in the raffle.

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Local winners taste success at Irish Restaurant Awards



Des Gallen and Cormac Walsh

Two local popular eateries were among the winners at the Irish Restaurant Awards.

There was double success for the Olde Glen Bar who were one of the national winners of the night.

Run by Cormac Walsh, they were crowned as the Best Gastropub in Ireland and local Downings Chef, Ciarán Sweeney, was also crowned the Best Chef in Ulster at the awards.

The Blue Goat artisan store and cafe in Ramelton, owned by Des Gallen, claimed an award for "Innovator of the Year" in the Ulster region.

They said they were "delighted to have picked up the award for Innovator of the year" and also gave their congratulations to all the other Ulster winners on the night.

Anne Cannon of La Bella Donna Restaurant in Donegal Town took home the Best Restaurant Manager in Ulster award, while Chandpur Indian Restaurant was named Ulster's Best World Cuisine.

The 15th All-Ireland final of the Irish Restaurant Awards 2024 took place in the Clayton Hotel, Burlington Road on Monday where almost 1,200 of the Irish hospitality industry's owners, chefs, managers and staff gathered to crown the best establishments from across the country.



Letterkenny man Tony Duffy who had a 'Hole in One' at the par three 6th at Ballybofey Stranorlar Golf Club during the Relay for Life Golf Classic on Saturday.

Donegal retains 12 Blue Flag beaches

Donegal has retained all 12 of its Blue Flag beaches, it has been announced. They are Killahoe, Marble Hill, Downings, Portsalon, Bundoran, Rossnowlough, Murvagh, Fintra, Naran/Portnoo, Carrickfinn, Culdaff and Stroove.

In total 85 Beaches and nine marinas were awarded the Blue Flag for 2024. The Blue Flag awarded to Greencastle Marina in 2023 was withdrawn by Donegal County Council in July 2023 as construction works at the harbour on a breakwater necessitated closure of the seasonal marina there. There was no application for Greencastle Marina for 2024, it was stated.

Disability day service charge being reviewed

A query over a €4 daily charge for disability day service users in the HSE area that includes Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo has been raised by Cllr Ciaran Brogan.

He raised the matter at a recent Regional Health Forum West meeting.

He asked: "Can the HSE remove the €4 daily charge for service users who attend their disability day service in CHO 1 area? This charge is not formally charged to all disability day service users in the CHO 1 area nor is it applied to disability users outside of this area."

Dermot Monaghan, Chief Officer, Community Healthcare Organisation, for Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo responded saying the matter was under review.

He stated: "The Chief Officer of Community Healthcare, Cavan Donegal Leitrim Monaghan Sligo (CH CDLMS) attended a meeting on the 3rd May with Disability service users, an Advocacy Liaison person and senior HSE Disability Service Managers. An in-depth and forthright discussion took place and the points raised are now subject to further discussion within the HSE. The matter of the charge is currently under review by CH CDLMS."

"Self Care with Claire"

Claire Coughlan, "Self Care with Claire" is hosting her second annual self care and wellness event in the Silver Tassie Hotel on this Sunday May 26th from 1 to 4pm, and the event will be MC'd by made up mummy and Donegal Daddy

Raffle tickets will be on sale for some great prizes donated by all local businesses that will be in attendance and all money raised is for Claire's colleague and friend Olivia Robb who was diagnosed with motor neurone disease.

There are in around 30 businesses showcasing their services and Claire aim is to help educate everyone on what's available in Donegal that can help with self care, self esteem and over all their mental health. There is still room for more businesses if you are interested you'll find Claire on Instagram "selfcare_withclaire"

Last year was a great family day out and €1500 was raised for jigsaw ireland.

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Covid enquiry: Red faces in the North

There have been some red faces in the DUP over the past week. Embarrassing WhatsApp messages between DUP Ministers and advisors were published. This was not the best way to mark 100 days of the Executive. I have to say they have been excellent on presentation. Unfortunately, delivery has been less excellent. The messages got below the surface. They show the parties still don't get on.

Sinn Féin has not suffered quite so much embarrassment. I would advise them, though, not to congratulate themselves too much. Michelle O'Neill wiped her phone. This was against legal advice.

All is coming out at the Northern leg of the British Government's inquiry into Covid.

While Sinn Féin avoided embarrassing messages coming out, unprecedented events happened.

Michelle O'Neill and former Culture, Arts and Leisure Minister Cearál Ní Chuilín both gave abject apologies. Clearly, that was a party decision.

As we know, apologising is not in the nature of Sinn Féin. One of their advantages has been confidence.

That was the big advantage over their Nationalist rivals, the SDLP. The SDLP didn't seem to know what it was doing.

Sometimes Sinn Féin confidence becomes a problem. They forget the central rule. When in a hole, stop digging.

O'Neill and Ní Chuilín's apologies were for attending the funeral of senior IRA member Bobby Storey. Storey died four years ago. Thus his funeral was at the height of the Covid pandemic. There were strict restrictions on attending funerals. However, mainstream Republicans organised a large funeral. Part of this

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was the arrogance, which bursts out from time to time. As significant, though was politics. The funeral was a message to dissident Republicans. If they challenged the IRA and Sinn Féin they would be crushed. The mainstream still had the numbers to do so.

At the time of the funeral, O'Neill was firm. She said: "I will never apologise for attending the funeral of a friend." Last week was different. She said: "My actions compounded the hurt, my actions also angered families. I am sorry for going and I am sorry for the hurt that's been caused." The Chair of the Inquiry asked her if she was aware of the hurt and anger she had caused. O'Neil replied: "I didn't and I ought to have."

Ní Chuilín had also apologised the previous week. She said: "I attended the funeral of my dear friend Bobby Storey in a personal capacity, and I accept that in doing so I caused hurt to families who lost a loved one during the pandemic. I apologise for the hurt caused by my actions."

O'Neill and Ní Chuilín are both seen as very careful. Neither is likely to speak carelessly. Obviously, Sinn Féin strategists had realised defending the Storey funeral was untenable. Yes, a hard core of true believers would defend anything. But many of the voters were unhappy.

Those weren't the only dramatic events. Arlene Foster did her best to upstage them. She showed her famous temper. The barrister for the inquiry asked if she had sleepwalked into Covid. Then the barrister pressed for a straight answer. Foster's reply was: "Well, it is an answer. It's the answer I'm giving to the inquiry." She was asked about the famous statement from Agriculture Minister Edwin Poots. Poots infamously said Covid was more common in Catholic areas. Her tone about Poots was more dismissal than praise. She said: "Edwin is very much his own person in terms of his opinions, however it's not a view I shared and he knew it was not a view I shared - and indeed it wasn't a view shared by the other DUP ministers either."

Poots was later to lead a coup against her. Then he was to be himself dumped within weeks. This gave just another interesting look into the DUP. Like Sinn Féin, the DUP likes to present itself as united. Foster's answer showed divisions existed. It also showed that Poots was too powerful to be sacked.

Then we come to the various messages. They prove the North's Chief Medical Officer, Michael McBride, had the Executive summed up. He called them "dysfunctional b*****s". Then Education Minister Peter Weir is seen as a DUP moderniser. In a

message he said: "I see on (Press Association) Archbishop Eamonn Martin is writing to me urging me to close all the schools. Wasn't aware of his qualifications in virology." An adviser, whose name is blanked out, replied: "Write back and tell him we don't live in the South and that his institution hasn't the best record of looking out for the welfare of kids." He was very disparaging about Alliance Party leader and Justice Minister Naomi Long. He was attending an Executive meeting by Zoom. He posted: "While initially joking I have been able to cook and completely eat a cottage pie while Naomi was speaking." He made other very personalised remarks about Long. These are unpleasant, and I will not repeat them.

Weir also noted solicitor Kevin Winters had launched a judicial review of the decision not to close schools. An advisor, whose name is blanked out, wrote: "Read SF for KW." Weir's response was short: "Indeed."

In his messages, Poots was just as he seems. After an Executive meeting he posted: "My aim at that meeting



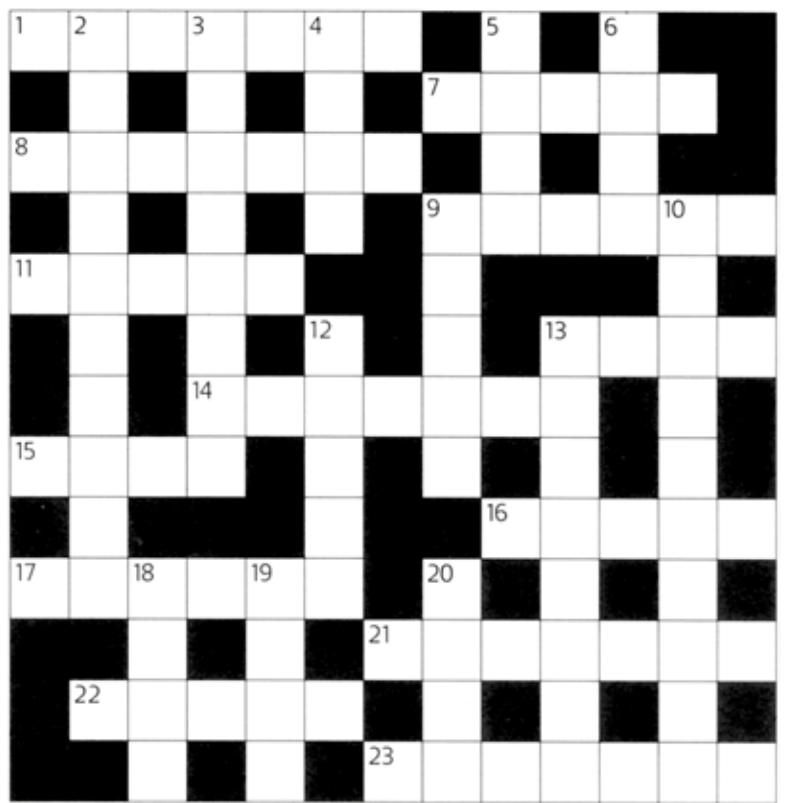
By Anton McCabe

was to tell them 'nuthin'. The less repetitive Miss Prim and motor mouth know the better." He said of SDLP Minister Nichola Mallon: "Enjoying the sour bake on her face now." He later called her: "Mad Mallon".

The Inquiry also brought out the problem with the North's political structures. The DUP used the cross-community veto to stop some Covid restrictions. The cross-community veto was seen as a strength of the Good Friday Agreement. Nationalists particularly welcomed it. They felt it gave protection from Unionist misrule.

But it has been completely abused. Covid restrictions in no way disadvantaged Protestants. They were advantaged, like everybody else. And the political paralysis disadvantaged all.

Tribune Crossword No. 1065



- Across**
 1. See 7 Across
 7. & 1 Across - Missing You singer (5,2,5)
 8. Ball game (7)
 9. Early sailors' illness (6)
 11. Hit hard (5)
 13. Edible palm pith (4)
 14. River in Venezuela (7)
 15. Farm building (4)
 16. German submarine (1-4)
 17. Pungent condiment (6)
 21. Vast region in Russia (7)
 22. Crinkly-leaved cabbage (5)
- Down**
 2. Geological shock wave (10)
 3. Rare (8)
 4. Neutral tint (4)
 5. Stylish (4)
 6. German for 'four' (4)
 9. Reporter's exclusive story (5)
 10. Type of diet (10)
 12. Tobacco product (5)
 13. Mexican hat (8)
 18. Stage drama (4)
 19. Black (4)
 20. Drastic (4)

Solutions to Crossword No. 1064

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- 172 Citroen C4 Cactus
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Tributes paid to retiring Cllrs

At the last plenary meeting of Donegal County Council on Monday in Lifford ahead of the local elections on June 7th tributes paid to Cllrs Rena Donaghey, Tom Conaghan, Nicholas Crossan and Liam Doherty who are retiring from their roles as public representatives. Tributes were also paid to Cllrs Manus Kelly, Noreen McGarvey and Bernard McGuinness who have passed since the 2019 Council elections.

Templedouglas Graveyard Mass

The Temple Douglas Graveyard Mass will be taken place on Sunday 2nd of June 2024 at 3pm.

Relay Cycle

Relay for Life fixed bike 24hr cycle takes place this year on the Saturday and Sunday the 25th and 26th May. Anyone who would be interested in taking part to do an hour cycle please contact Paddy on 0863859696






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Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh

Candidate in the Council Election June 2024

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Working for you on Donegal County Council



Kilmacrennan and District Sheep Show and Dog Trials AGM

The Kilmacrennan and District Sheep Show and Dog Trials had their AGM on the 15th of May in the Glenveagh Inn in Termon.


The following are the elected officers -
 President Eamon Gallagher; Chairman Seami Robinson; Assistant Chairman Kevin Mc Elwaine; Secretary Barry Nelis; Assistant Secretary Paul Mallon; Treasurer Shane Callaghan; Assistant Treasurer John Murray; PRO Sean Gallagher.



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Country Sundays
Sun. 26th May -

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It's time for common sense

Ramelton Hospital due "major refurbishment"

- Brogan told

Ramelton Community Hospital is in line for a major refurbishment in 2025, a meeting of the Regional Health Forum heard recently. The news came in answer to a question by Cllr Ciaran Brogan.

He asked: "Can I have an updated report on the current status of the proposed new community nursing units of the the following hospitals and what plan's / services we envisage having and the numbers of staff provided to meet the needs of their respective patients and communities Ballyshannon, Stranolar, Lifford and Ramelton and a timeframe to the programme?"

Dermot Monaghan, Chief Officer, Community Healthcare Organisation, for Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo, explained the work is planned for next year.

He stated: "Ramelton Community Hospital has undergone fire upgrade works/refurbishment

works in 2023 and plans are progressing in order to provide a major refurbishment in 2025. Staffing numbers in all locations are aligned to residents assessed care needs and in line with safe staffing guidelines."

He also outlined in Ballyshannon Community Hospital their new building was officially opened this April, and 26 residents relocated from the Rock Nursing Unit in February. It is envisaged that a 20 bed short stay unit and an additional 13 bed long term care bed unit will open in Quarter 3 2024. Staff recruitment is ongoing at present for these units.

When fully operational this new hospital will have capacity for 80 beds, which consist of 52 long-stay beds and 20 short stay beds providing convalescence, rehabilitation, respite and palliative care beds, and a further eight

Dementia specific assessment beds and a Day Hospital Service.

In relation to St. Joseph's Community Hospital he said it remains a 63 bedded Unit and provides the same services as provided in Ballyshannon Community Hospital for all residents. Staffing numbers are dependent on residents assessed needs and in line with safe staffing guidelines.

He added, "HSE Estates have received Capital approval for a new 25 short stay bed Community Hospital, alongside a New Primary Care building on a greenfield site in Lifford, which is currently owned by Donegal County Council (DCC). First stage tenders have been received for the full design team for both these new builds and now await second stage tender documents to be prepared for issue to the Design teams".

Walk Run Jog...GET INVOLVED!

RAMELTON FUN RUN

In aid of Ayr Hill N.S.

Annual 5km Fun Run/Walk on Thursday 23rd May 2024

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

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

Irish Restaurant Award for Blue Goat



Congratulations to the Blue Goat Artisan Store and Cafe, the Quay, Ramelton and its proprietor Des Gallen who enjoyed success at the weekend. The Blue Goat won the Innovator of the Year for Ulster at the Irish Restaurant Awards in Dublin.

bring your current project or start something new. Enjoy the craic company and a cuppa. All queries to Myrtle on 0876825387.

Little Ballers

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

Trocaire School Volunteers

Are you a retired teacher who has experience present-

Ramelton

Relay for Life - Candles of Hope

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

A very special time is always the Candle of Hope Ceremony around 10pm on the Saturday night, and anyone wishing to remember someone for the ceremony.

Relay for Life thanks

Relay for Life Candle Sales in Ramelton on Friday last raised a magnificent sum of €1,728. Thanks for your generosity and also to the volunteers who helped out on the day. The money raised will be spent in Co Donegal on Cancer Services and the Candles will all be laid out at the Relay Luminaria Service at ATU on Saturday night.

Ayr Hill 5k

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

Quiz Night

St. Paul's Church Ramelton are holding a quiz night in the Robertson School, Church Street, Ramelton on Friday the 31st May at 8.15pm. Entry is €5 per person which will include a light supper. Come along and bring your friends

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Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.00noon this Saturday 25th May.

Get your orders in for the weekend from our food producers on 087 9699715. Come along, browse the market that boasts the best of local homemade food with our wholesome soups, cottage pies, lasagne, quiche, meat pasties, seasonal vegetables, breads, scones, sweet treats and also beautiful local made crafts, cards, natural soap, knitwear, woodturning and more.

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

Swilly Rovers Lotto draw

Numbers drawn in the Swilly Rovers Lotto on Sunday were 1, 6, 17 and 20. There was no jackpot winner. One 3 number winner: Aoife Diver. This week's jackpot is €555. Thanks for your continued support.

New Yoga Class for beginners

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

Crochet class started

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

Ramelton 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.

Crochet and knitting craft group

Crochet and knitting craft group has begun again and continues every Monday 10.30am to 12.30pm in St Mary's Parish Centre behind the chapel. Everyone is welcome to come along and

Garda Award for Lucy



Lucy Trearty who was commended at the Donegal Garda Awards for her volunteering at the Termon Bingo. She is pictured with Garda McGlynn JLO Letterkenny, Maureen Gallagher, James Trearty, Orlaigh Trearty, Lucy Trearty, C/Supt Goretti Sheridan and Brian Trearty Lucy above with her father Brian at the awards in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town.

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

The Ramelton Girls Brigade continues on Mondays from 6.45-8pm.

Yoga Class

Yoga Class for Beginners/Intermediate continues on Monday nights upstairs in the Town Hall Ramelton. The classes run weekly at 7pm and the cost is €10 per person with everyone welcome. Contact Nuala 087 6807850 or email yoga_n22@yahoo.com

Milford Electoral Area - Local Elections 2024

Vote Cllr Liam
BLANEY No. 1



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Below are some of the many Projects that I have secured funding for over the last 5 years:

Piers:

- Rathmullan Pier - €4.5 million
- Portsalon Pier - €1.5 million

I commend Fáilte Ireland for allocating €1.2 million towards The Watersport Facility in Downings including toilets and changing facilities.

Pontoons:

- Mevagh - €400,000
- Ballywhoriskey - €200,000

Portsalon

- Replace the bridge at Portsalon Golf Course - €7,500
- Minor tourism works Portsalon - €30,000
- Portsalon Car Park - €160,000
- Car Park & Access to The Great Arch - €260,000

Fanad / Kerrykeel

- Fanad Day Centre Trialough - €10,000
- Trialough - Car Park & Access (Clár) Funding - €60,000
- Rosnakill & Tamney (Town and Village Renewal) - €250,000
- Rosnakill - Footpath - €40,000
- Tamney N.S. - (Clár) Funding for Car Park - €45,000
- Rosnakill Community Hub (Clár) - €55,000
- Kerrykeel Old School (Town & Village Renewal) - €100,000
- Kerrykeel - Footpath & Public Lighting - €150,000
- Kerrykeel - Crash Barrier Assessment of existing safety barrier along the Kerrykeel to Milford Rd. - €6,115

Milford

- Milford -Town & Village Renewal - €100,000
- Milford -Town Centre First Plan - €100,000
- Milford - Street Enhancement Scheme - €44,000
- Milford Footpath, Kilmacrennan Rd. & The link to Moyle View Park - €365,000
- Low Cost Accident Scheme on junction at Old Tech Milford - €50,000
- Footpath from E.S.B. Sub Station Milford towards the Town - €25,000
- Part 8 Planning secured for Footpath on Coopers Rd. & Grey Rocks to Old Tech Milford.

I allocated €10,000 to various groups in Milford area to purchase 10 Defibrillators and I would like to commend these groups for the great work they do in this regard.

Ray

- Rocks Armour at Ray - €250,000

Cranford / Carrigart / Downings

- The Pans, Cranford Crash Barriers - €400,000
- Carrigart Main Street - New Bridge - €400,000
- Glen (Clár) Funding - €25,000

I identified ORIS as a source of funding and requested D.C.C. to apply for €500,000 to ORIS for the Footpath from Carrigart to Downings which we secured and I have also requested that we apply for a further €500,000 under ORIS for 2024 to complete the project.

Ramelton

I was delighted to be in a position to help source the €7.8 million awarded under the Rural Regeneration & Development for the Ramelton Re-Imagined Project.



Rocks Armour at Ray Bridge



Work and renovations ongoing at Portsalon Pier



Low Cost Accident Scheme on Junction at Old Tech Milford



New bridge and footpath in Carrigart Main Street.



The new walkway to Moyle View Park at Kilmacrennan Road



The walk way to the Great Arch, Fanad



Crash barriers at The Pans Cranford.



Newly renovated car park at Portsalon

I wish to thank you all for your support over the past 21 years and I am asking for your continued support on JUNE 7th.

VOTE BLANEY NO. 1

The language of tears

I came across a set of photographs of tears taken using a microscope. They are fascinating to look at; vastly different in their detail and patterns, like looking down at changing landscapes from an aeroplane. The photographer, Rose-Lynn Fisher, has pictures of tears from all sorts of circumstances: tears of happiness, grief, pain, reminiscing, tears caused by irritation or for lubrication, and many other sorts - each like a unique work of art.

Some are jagged and angular, some are densely detailed, like an aerial view of the Amazon rainforest. Others pictures are sparse in their detail, yet others square and block-like like a city plan. I love how she describes them as "aerial views of emotion terrain." Our tears are mostly salt water but contain a variety of substances - including enzymes, oils, antibodies, hormones, and even natural painkillers the body releases under stress. Each of these seems to impact the detail.

All this brought to mind a verse in Psalm 6. The songwriter is at the end of his tether, he says his "I flood my bed with weeping... my eyes grow weak with sorrow". Perhaps you know that feeling. But what really struck me was what he said next: "the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping". The Hebrew language is picturesque. The word translated 'sound' also means 'voice' - the Lord heard the voice of my weeping. God understands the language of tears. He is fluent in it. Of course, as God, he knows all things instantly, but there is something richer, closer, more personal about this way of putting it. And perhaps we need to be reminded of that. Sometimes people think of God as unapproachable, cold, distant. Perhaps like that detached and pristine parent who when their child comes with tears running down their cheeks pushes them away so they don't mess up their own clothes. As if God isn't interested in the mess and messiness of our lives.

But Psalm 6 paints a different picture. It's the picture of a God we can come to, tears and all - a soggy mess of emotion and pain - and he won't push us away. We should let our pain bring us to God, rather than push us away. When we go to God with our pain, we'll find that he offers a much richer, deeper answer than simply wiping our tears away, patting us on the head and telling us to run on. He offers us a place in his family, to be our Father who will work all things for the good of his children so that even our most tear-filled moments will work out for good. In order to make that offer, God the Son had to become a "man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" (Isaiah 53:3). That's why he knows the language of tears. And it's to God the Son, Jesus Christ, that we must go for this richer deeper answer to our tears. Let your tears bring you to Christ, and the God who heals the broken-hearted and makes the wounded live. Mark Loughridge is one of the ministers in Milford

Food for thought



Mark Loughridge

Reformed Presbyterian Church. He can be contacted on 086 3907726 or jmarkloughridge@gmail.com.

New benches in Rathmullan

Tidy Towns

Community Spirit is very much alive and glowing in Rathmullan and huge thanks to all of the Community Associations who sponsored the newly acquired colourful benches which were constructed by the Oaktree workshop attendees at St. Conal's Hospital under the guidance of Danny McLaughlin.

Many thanks to Paul Doherty for the special delivery and the benches are now placed along the sea front and up at Pier Road. Signal signs designed the lovely plaques.

Thanks Denis, Damian and especially Seamus who ensured they are firmly affixed and undoubtedly will be greatly enjoyed by locals and visitors alike now during the summer months.

The Lá Bealtaine decorations and Fairy Trail in Batts Walks a few weeks ago was absolutely magical, so it was decided to leave the 'décor' for a while longer to let more people enjoy the experience.

However, it is most disappointing to discover the amount of pilferage that has occurred in the interim, while a lot of damage has also been caused

over the past weekend to other items! This wanton disrespect for a community event that brought joy to so many of our younger members in the locality is just reprehensible and spoils the fun for everyone.

Sustainability Fair

The Annual Sustainability Fair will take place next Saturday 1st June at the Boathouse Sheds in the Car Park from 11 -3pm. The Mixing Bowl will have a Sustainable Cooking Display with Free Taster Sessions and recipes.

There will also be a 'Sewing Repair Workshop', so if you want to know how to hem your trousers, or change a zip, then drop in and see how it's all done.

A 'Small Tools' repair workshop will also be in operation, while there will be stalls with Preloved Clothing, Books and toys, and live music by Mick Russell. As part of National Food Waste Recycling Week, Donegal County Council are providing Free packs which consists of a 7 litre kitchen caddy, a starter pack of compostable liners and an information leaflet.

The Boatyard Sheds is the place to be with some-



Pupils from St. Joseph's NS Rathmullan getting ready to cycle to school on National Cycle Day.



Staff at the Oaktree workshop at St. Conal's Hospital with the benches they made.

thing for everyone and kindly supported by DLDC / SICAP.

Bike Week Celebrations 17th May

The cycle to School event on Friday last for the pupils of St Joseph's National School was absolutely fantastic and thanks to the Tidy Towns Team, along with the Teaching staff for this amazing event once again. Cycling is so good for the environment with zero emissions and hopefully events like this will encourage more young cyclists as summer approaches.

Rathmullan Makers Markets

Saturday 25th May

The Makers Markets at the Boathouse Sheds takes place this coming Saturday 25th May with a wide variety of new stunning arts, crafts and food on sale as well as amazing live music by Carol Wilson. Many new stall holders will be displaying their wares, with recycled Art Workshops for both adults and children facilitated by local artist Moira McHugh. She will be running a mixed media collage 1 hour workshop for younger people 8-12 years of age from 12 noon and a Paper Roses a feathers workshop for the arty adults from 2pm. All the materials used on the day will be recycled items. Booking is essential on Eventbrite.co.uk. (Mixed media Collage or Paper Roses & feathers).

The Swilly Ferry

The Ferry link with Bunrana will resume on Saturday 1st June with first morning departure

from Rathmullan at 10.40am followed by regular trips throughout the day, and final departure at 6.40pm. See swillyferry.com for full timetable and costs.

With the ongoing works at the pier, please follow road signs and be patient with other road users, as undoubtedly there will be times of congestion as the season gets busier.

Blue Flag Status / Beach Lifeguards

Rathmullan Marina has once again been awarded Blue Flag Status and the Beach Lifeguards hut is now in position on the beach.

Lifeguards will be on cover for weekends going forward with full coverage in place from July onwards. Please adhere to restricted bathing areas and control of dogs and horses.

St Vincent De Paul

Many times of the year can be difficult and challenging for people especially with family occasions and unexpected household costs, so don't forget the local St Vincent de Paul are always available to help out in times of need, so feel free to contact any member of the Chapter when confidential assistance is needed on 087 698 2822.

Remember 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.

Cloughaneely News

The late Bobby Sayers

There was widespread regret in the local community recently on hearing of the death in Letterkenny University Hospital recently of Bobby Sayers, Earrooey, Falcarragh. He was predeceased by his wife Jennie.

Bobby was a highly respected member of the local community who worked in construction for many years and he also had farming interests. He was also very much involved in the parish life of Ray and Killult Churches serving in a number of posts in the Select Vestry and he also worked on a Community Employment Scheme at the Churches a number of years ago.

Sympathy is extended to his son David, daughters Irene, Isobel and Annemarie, nephew James, sisters May and Bella, daughter-in-law Valerie, sons-in-law Paddy, Trevor and Patrick, beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren and extended family and friends.

His remains were removed to his home in Earrooey for waking and his Funeral Service in St. Paul's Church in Ray on Friday was conducted by Rev. David Skuce assisted by Canon John Merrick. The Organist was Hazel Alcorn and the Solist was Bobby's granddaughter Mari Claire. Burial took place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

The late Nellie McLean

There was widespread regret in the community recently on

hearing of the death in Letterkenny University Hospital of Nellie McLean, Ray, Falcarragh. She was a highly respected member of the local community. She was predeceased by her husband Dan.

Sympathy is extended to her son Daniel, daughter Eileen, son-in-law Stewart, grandson Jamie, sister Julie, nephew Joe and wife Susan, nephew Chick, his wife Helen and boys and extended family and friends. Her remains were removed from her home on Friday for Requiem Mass in St Fionan's Church, Falcarragh with burial taking place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

Junior Band Notes

Lotto Results and there was no jackpot winner. Winning numbers 3-6-8-9-11-13 Patrick Bonar €100. This week's Jackpot will be €7450.

Ionad Naomh Fionnán

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

Summer camp from 8th-26th July. Ages 4-12 years

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Coiste Glan agus Glas

Falcarragh Tidy Towns Committee have submitted their entry for this year's Tidy Towns Competition - judging can take place any time from June until August. Every help in presenting our town at its best is appreciated. Go raibh maith agaibh as bhur gcomhoibriú.

Oscailt oifigiúil

Oscailt oifigiúil seomraí úra Scoil Cholmille, Toraigh, 24/05/2024 Aifreann 11.00 r.n. a cheiliúradh ag an tAth Donnchadh Ó Baoill.

Oscailt oifigiúil na seomraí úra tar éis an Aifrin ag an tOll. Lillis Ó Laoire Tamall ceol le Martin agus John 'na dhiaidh. Fáilte roimh an phobal.

Daffodil Day

Mary and the Irish Cancer Society would like to thank all the helpers and businesses who made Daffodil Day a success in Falcarragh this year. €1930 was raised on the day, thanks to the generosity of the public.

Dates for your Diary

Ballina Estate Mass - Sunday 2nd June, 11am.

Graveyard Sunday - Sunday 4th August, 1pm.

Pobail Le Cheile

Come and get creative on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June at Garradh Cholmille Falcarragh. These workshops will consist of directed exercises and free style work using different materials and techniques. Collage is a fun and playful creative way of doing art through cutting and pasting mainly paper but also other materials. On Saturday the workshop runs from 10am-2.30pm with a lunch break. On both days kids will need to bring their own packed lunch. On Sunday at 1.30pm families are welcome to come, have tea and coffee and have a look at the work that has been created.

Autism Parents Support Morning

An Autism Parents Support Morning will be held in Halla Naomh Fhionnán on Friday 24th March from 9.30am until 11am. Cupán agus Comhrá. Eolas/Info from 0879742689. This will be our last gathering before the summer Break.

27 objections lodged over Creeslough Supermarket

Donegal County Council have detailed 27 submissions objecting to the proposed redevelopment of the Creeslough Supermarket. The owners of the shop recently unveiled plans to redevelop the petrol station and shop at the site where 10 people died tragically in an explosion in October 2022. Planning permission was lodged by Vivo Shell Limited with Donegal County Council seeking the demolition of existing building and erection of new building which will incorporate a class 1 commercial building including shop, post office, off-licence, store, deli, toilets including accessible toilets, staff welfare facilities and forecourt. It also sought the replacement of under-

ground storage tanks and pumps, external canopy, associated signage and all other associated site development works at the site along the N56 on the Letterkenny beside the village. Their application added that they plan to include a space for a memorial garden and well as a memorial structure at the location. Wednesday, May 22nd, was the last day submissions were being received by the council's planning department and, at the time of press, 27 submissions were listed on the council website. The application was lodged by the owners on April 18th last. Among the submissions received was correspondence from bereaved fam-

ily members, members of the public, those living next to the proposed development location, a member of the Duntally Woods Apartments Owners Management Company and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). Several cited the possible negative effects on public health including retraumatism, the ongoing investigation into the tragedy, the character and scale of the proposed development and road safety concerns. Many of the submissions were calling on the area to be designated as a memorial garden for those who died and were injured in the tragic explosion. The listed planning decision date from Donegal County Council is June 12th.

The late Sheila McGrath

The death occurred on Saturday of Sheila McGrath, Glencar Road, Letterkenny. Sheila was formerly a member of the Coll family of Massinass, Creeslough. She passed away peacefully at Beaumont Hospital, Dublin. Sheila was a well-known member of the local community. She was the proprietor of a Bed & Breakfast at her home, Ardeen House. She hosted visiting entertainment groups during the Letterkenny International Folk Festivals and guests attending the big Donegal Rally motorsport weekends. One of Sheila's favourite ways of getting a break was to go travelling. Sheila is survived by her family Marian (Hogan), Una (Dunne), Shaun and Brenda. She was predeceased by her husband Sean and daughter Noreen (Grant). She is also survived by her sons-in-law Sean, Colm, Charlie and Ronan, daughter-in-law Monica; grandchildren Nicola, Paul, John, Michelle, David, Darragh, Aifric, Laura, Karen and John; nine great-grandchildren, brother Paddy, sisters-in-law Mary, Mamie and Sheila, brother-in-law Bill, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.



Remains reposed at the family residence in Glencar from Tuesday. Funeral was from there to St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny on Wednesday for Requiem Mass which was celebrated by Monsignor Kevin Gillespie. Readings, Prayers of the Faithful were by family members. Music and hymns were by Clann Uí Domhnaill. Burial took place afterwards in

Conwal Cemetery. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Death of Frances McAtasney

The peaceful death has taken place at her home in Fairfield, California, USA. of Frances McAtasney (nee McBride) formerly of Murlog, Downings. Frances was the wife of John, mother of Michael (deceased), daughter Kathleen O'Gara and her son Sean. She is survived by her brother Charlie and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Frances's remains are reposing at, Neptune Society, 2750 North Texas Street, Fairfield, CA. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Julie McElroy

The funeral took place on Sunday of Julie McElroy, Coolnagard Drive, Omagh and formerly of New York. Julie was formerly a member of the Gallagher family of Kirkneedy, Glenwilly. She passed away on Wednesday, May 8th in Nashville, Tennessee. Remains reposed at the family residence in Coolnagard Drive from Friday until removal on Sunday for Requiem Mass in the Sacred Heart Church, Omagh. Interment took place afterwards in Drumragh Cemetery. Julie is survived by her husband Seamus; children Tara, Alana, Ciaran and Gillian; grandchildren Grace, Maeve, Declan and Nora. She is also survived by her siblings Ellen, Margaret, Annie, Tony, Frank and the late Susan, Patrick and Kitty RIP. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle.

Funeral of Mary Gallagher

The funeral took place on Sunday of Mary Gallagher, Gortlee,

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removal to St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny, to repose overnight. Requiem Mass took place on Sunday where the celebrant was Fr Kevin Gillespie. Music and hymns were by the Cathedral Choir. Mary was laid to rest afterwards in Conwal Cemetery. Mary will be sadly missed by her neighbours and friends to whom deepest condolences are extended.

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- Ray Outdoor Play Area
- Swilly Mulroy Mobility Bus
- Streetscape Enhancement - Milford
- Colmcille Trail Upgrades
- The Standing Man Trail Upgrades
- Ray Astro Pitch
- The Gallowglass Community Centre
- MYE (Mulroy Youth Engagement) Future Youth Project
- Ray Community Garden
- The Milford Development Fund
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- Plans for Town Park for Milford
- Link Footpath to Moyle View Park
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- Heritage Council Investment



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€25,000 Heritage Council Funding for Milford

Declan Meehan, independent candidate in the Milford Electoral Area, has welcomed an allocation of €25,000 from the Heritage Council for repair and conservation work on the Gallowglass Community Centre, formerly the Reformed Presbyterian Church building.

"I am delighted to have secured this funding, which builds on previous work carried out on the Gallowglass Community Centre to ensure its development into a modern, fit-for-purpose community facility for the locality" Meehan said.

The money will go towards vital work being carried out on the roof, which



began this week. The Heritage Council commenting on the funding said "This project represents good value. The proposed repairs will arrest decay of

the building and allow for a variety of well-considered community uses."

"The need for additional community space in Milford was something I highlighted back in 2019, and since then I have been working on that for the people in the area" Meehan said. "The Gallowglass Community Centre is already a hive of activity with something for everyone – all activities that wouldn't be taking place in Milford otherwise, from the Baby & Toddler Group to the Active Retirement Group. To date I have secured almost a quarter of a million euro for this facility, with big plans for its future development."

Variety Concert

Milford Reformed Presbyterian Church will host a Variety Concert on Friday 24th May at 7.30pm at Unit 1&2 Milford Business Park F92PN5D. All proceeds are in aid of the Donegal Branch of the Irish Guide Dogs. Among those performing are Colmcille Harp Ensemble, Irish Dancer, Ian Smith, Martin Crossin on Uilleann Pipes, Fionnalla McMenamin and Emma Burns. Book your tickets on Milford & District Resource Centre Facebook page for the Klubfunder link or pay at the Door. Tickets cost €10 all welcome.

Table Quiz

Milford Community Playgroup will host a table quiz in the Travellers Inn, Milford on Thursday 30th May at 8.00pm. Table of four is €20, fun night with raffle and prizes, everyone welcome.

50/50 Draw

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

Playgroup celebrates 40 Years

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

returned. Please leave these into the playschool or email milfordcommunityplaygroup@hotmail.com by 18th of June 2024.

Mission Hall

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

Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society will hold their next outing on Saturday 22nd June to Foyle Golf Club, Derry. Contact Captain David Bonner 085 8320260 or Eugene McCafferty 087 7704149 for further details.

Milford Over 65's

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

Cash for Clobber

Scoil Mhuire National School, Milford will host their Cash for Clobber Fundraiser from Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd May. All items are to be left at the Morning Drop Off between 9.15am – 9.30am. Parents / guardians and people in the community are encouraged to contribute their used or unwanted clothing items and place items in a strong bin bag. All items of general clothing, Old schoolbags, Shoes (tied in pairs), Hats and Belts, Towels and Curtains. "For hygiene reasons pillows and duvets are not accepted: If these items do not suit, please contact the school office on 0749153736 or Emma



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Medals for Martin Kerr at European Masters

Great news from Porto Santo, Portugal, is that Martin Kerr has won a bronze individual medal 0/70 at the European Masters non stadia event last Friday.

In hot blustery conditions he ran a fantastic 45.31 to claim bronze.. 38 seconds away from silver.

He did have the honour of leading his Irish team to silver team medals.

In the 3 x 2km cross country relay the next day, his 0/70 team finished 3rd.

A great haul of medals for Martin over the 2 weeks.... 3 bronze and a silver.

Kilmacrennan NS 5km

The Kilmacrennan NS 5km was held on Friday evening last and the Club results included - Damian McBride 19.59; George Grier 19.59; Michael McHugh 20.47; Shaun Boyce 20.47; Danny McLaughlin 21.04; Christopher Murray 22.26; John Ward 23.57; Theodore Neilis (Juvenile), 25.36.

Lifford Strabane Half

Lifford Strabane Half Marathon on Sunday saw a stellar run from Marty Lynch to finish 2nd overall in 1.13.10; Joe Gibbons was 15th overall in 1.18.25; John Whoriskey with 1.19.56 in 18th place;



Martin Kerr (centre) with Irish colleagues in the 3x2km relay.

Stephen Devlin ran 1.24.05 in 25th place; Johnny O Doherty ran a pb of 1.25.20 for 31st place; Danny McLaughlin ran 1.33.06; Barry Coyle on 1.33.21.

A remarkable run from club newcomer, Karen McAteer as she ran a pb of 1.44.23 and finished 9th in the ladies 0/40 category. Christopher Doherty also took a big chunk off his previous pb to run 1.56.15 and Patrick Shiels was 1.55.50.

Ayrhill NS Ramelton 5k

This Thursday the 23rd the Ayrhill NS Ramelton 5k takes place at 7.30pm with registration from 6pm at the Mackemie Hall, Church Street.



The Kelly Property Management Ltd. team who won the Inter-Firms 5k Road Race in Letterkenny where the presentation of the trophy was made by LAC Chairperson Raymond Birch.

An Appreciation Mary Gallagher RIP

I was shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden and untimely passing of Mary Gallagher, Gortlee, Letterkenny at her home recently. She was a well known member of the community both in Letterkenny and surrounding areas. Mary was a familiar face at a lot of functions around the town and further afield. She loved the company of people and interacted with everyone. The last function I met her at was in the Arena 7 on the 16th April last. She went on the Ramelton Care of the Aged trip to Donegal Town, Killybegs and Glenties last June and thoroughly enjoyed the day. She will always be remembered by all her friends and everyone who knew her. May her gentle soul rest in peace

Yours sincerely - Mary Durning New Mills, Ramelton
(Member of the Ramelton Care of the Aged Committee).



Barrett included for Sweden games

Milford woman Amber Barrett has been named in the Republic of Ireland squad of 26 for the double header of European Championship qualifiers against Sweden. Barrett is currently playing her club football with Standard Liège in Belgium. She is joined in the squad by St. Johnston's Tyler Toland, and Erin McLaughlin (Greencastle) while Anna Patton who has strong family ties in the Falcarragh area is also included. The Donegal women will be linking up with manager Eileen Gleeson's squad this weekend ahead of the first Sweden game at the Aviva Stadium on Friday May 31st, before travelling to Stockholm for the return game the following Tuesday.

Lou on emmalou@mdrc.ie.

QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 30th May at 8pm
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In aid of the Milford Community Playgroup

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Car Park at Milford School



Cllr. John O'Donnell pictured at the car park at Scoil Mhuire in Milford. Up to twelve cars can park across from the main entrance to the school and Cllr. O'Donnell sourced the land and provided the funding to construct the carpark from his Council funding. He is delighted with the way it turned out providing for safe park for teachers, staff and visitors.



Milford Utd. 50/50

Mark Sweeney accepting the Milford United 50/50 Jackpot prize of €1000 for his sister Orla Sweeney, The Ross, Fanad from Martin Roarty following the April 50/50 Draw. The next draw will take place on Sunday 2nd June for a guaranteed jackpot of €1000.



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 <p>Tree Top Orange Squash €1.50</p> <p>AVAILABLE AT MAPLE MILFORD THUR 23RD - WED 5TH JUNE</p>	 <p>Lyon's Tea Bags 160's €5</p> <p>AVAILABLE AT MAPLE MILFORD THUR 23RD - WED 5TH JUNE</p>	 <p>DULCESOL BUNS 6PK €1.95</p> <p>AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME</p>	 <p>LYONS VISCOUNT TWIN PACK €1.50</p> <p>AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME</p>



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ROADS ACT 1993 SECTION 75,
ROADS REGULATIONS 1994, ARTICLE 12

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROAD
(DONEGAL INTERNATIONAL RALLY)

21st, 22nd & 23rd June 2024

Notice is hereby given that Donegal County Council intends to make an Order to have the following roads closed to traffic on the dates and times indicated for the purpose of holding a Motor Rally:

Friday 21st June 2024

STAGES 1 & 4 (Malin Head)
09.45AM – 17.30PM

Roads for Closure:

Bree, Ballygorman, Ardmalin, Culoort, Knockamany, Knockglass

The road numbers involved are:

L-1031-2, L-1031-1, L-1021-1, R-242-8, L-1011-4, L-1011-3, L-1011-2, L-1011-1, R-242-8, L-1001-4, L-1001-3, L-1001-1

Alternative Routes: No alternative route

STAGES 2 & 5 (Mamore Gap)
10.45AM – 18.30PM

Roads for Closure:

Kinnea, Dunaff, Letter, Urrismenagh, Lenan, Lederg, Tonduff, Dunree

The road numbers involved are:

L-1531-1, L-1531-2, L-1571-1, L-1581-1, L-1531-4, L-1531-5, L-1591-2, L-1591-1

Alternative Routes: No alternative route

STAGES 3 & 6 (Coolcross)
11.45AM – 19.15PM

Roads for Closure:

Glaspalt / Treanfas, Altashane, Camdoagh, Tullynabratilly, Cloontagh, Rashenny

The road numbers involved are:

L-5511-1, L-5551-1, L-55511-0, L-11712-2, L-1171-1, L-5481-1, L-1181-1, L-5471-1, L-5461-1, L-1161-2, L-11611-0

Alternative Routes: No alternative route

SERVICE AREA
(CARDONAGH)
09.30am – 22.00pm

The R244-10 will be closed from Supervalu, Camdonagh to Simpson's Co-op, Camdonagh

The Townlands involved are: Camdonagh and Tullanree

The road numbers involved are: R-244-10

Alternative Route: Via R-240-1, L-1271-1, L-1261-1 and L-12611-0

SATURDAY 22nd JUNE 2024

STAGES 7 & 9 (KNOCKALLA) -
08AM to 15.30PM

Roads for Closure:

Carran Lower, Carran Upper, Magherawarden, Bunnaton, Tirevlin, Lurganbrack, Tirlaydan, Carrowreagh, Creeveoughter, Inniskill, Killycolman, Drumhallagh Upper, Drumhallagh Lower, Bin, Clondallon, Newtown Carrowdoan, Legland, Oughterlinn, Lurganboy

The road numbers involved are:

R-268-5, R-268-4, L-1172-4, L-1172-5, L-5472-1, R-247-12, L-11824-1, L-54624-0, L-5462-2, L-11826-0, R-268-1, R-247-10, L-5462-1, L-5432-2, L-5432-3

Alternative Route: R246 Portsalon – Kerrykeel – Milford, R245 Ramelton and R247 Rathmullan.

STAGES 8 & 10 (GARRYGORT) -
09.15AM to 16.00PM

Roads for Closure:

Carrowkeel, Gortally, Drumatrumman, Dunmore, Gortnavern, Garrymore, Tirhomin, Garrygort, Glenalla, Ray, Ballyconnelly, Glentidally, Drumacloghan, Longhill, Cam High

The road numbers involved are:

L5492/3, L-5492-2, L-5512-4, L-5512-3, L-5512-1, L-5582-1, L-5592-1

Alternative Route: R247 Rathmullan to Ramelton road, R245 Ramelton to Milford road and the R246 Milford to Kerrykeel road

STAGES 11 & 13 (HIGH GLEN)
13.45PM to 19.30 PM

Roads for Closure:

Coolupper, CoolLower, Islandroy Barr and Drumfin, Glenkeo, Glengillagrana High, Glenmenagh, Glenineeny, Glenieraragh, Derriscleigh

The road numbers involved are:

L-1212-7, L-1216-6, L-1212-5, L-1212-4, L-1192-2, L-1192-3, L-1212-3, L-1212-2, L-1212-1

Alternative Route: N56 Kilmacrennan – Creeslough, R245 Creeslough – Carrigart-Milford.

STAGES 12 & 14 (LOUGH KEEL)
14.15PM to 20.00 PM

Roads for Closure:

Curran, Knocknabollan, Goldrum, Casheleenan, Letterfad, Gortmaskeagh, Meenreagh, Carrownasaul, Skerry, Tawny Upper, Ballynascanlan Upper, Ballynascanlan Lower,

The road numbers involved are:

L-5542-1, L-1192-7, L-11922-0, L-1232-1, L-11921-0, L-1192-7, L-1302-1, L-62123-0, L-6212-1, L-6192-1

Alternative Route: R246 Kilmacrennan to Milford Road, N-56 Kilmacrennan to Termon Road, R-245 Creeslough to Carrigart Road.

SUNDAY 23rd JUNE 2024

STAGES 15 & 18 (GARTAN)
- 10.00AM to 17.45PM

Roads for Closure:

Procklis, Clonkillymore, Drumbrick, Doon, Tirkillin, Clonamey, Boheolan, Tirargus, Glebe, Roshin, Lacknacoo, Churchtown, Carrownatrasna, Whitehill, Lossett, Kilmore, Ballybuninabber, Drumoghill, Drumdeevin

The road numbers involved are:

L-1442-1, L-6282-1, L-6292-1, L-1512-2, L-1512-1, L-15121-0, R-251-6, L-1462-2, L-1462-1, R-251-7 and L-6262-2, L-6262-1

Alternative Route

R255 Glenveigh to Termon and R251 Churchill to the R250 to Letterkenny.

STAGES 16 & 19 (ATLANTIC DRIVE)
11.00AM to 18.45PM

Roads for Closure:

Kinnalargy, Mevagh, Clontallagh, Dundooan Upper, Glebe, Glenoory, Doagh, Ardbane, Derrycassin, Downies, Cnoc na Mtuirleog, Larganreagh, Magherabeg

The road numbers involved are:

L-1032-2, L-1032-3, L-1022-1, L-1012-3, L-1012-2, L-5092-1, L-50922-0, L-1012-1, L-5112-2, L-5112-5

Alternative Route: No Alternative Route.

STAGES 17 & 20 (FANAD HEAD) -
From 11.45AM to 19.45PM

Roads for Closure:

Ballyhieman, Fallaneas, Cachel Glebe, Tonbane Glebe, Rinboy, Ballyhieman, Rinmore, Kinnalough, Magheradrumman, Cooladerry, Shannaghdoe, Ballinacrick, Ballynabrocky, Ballynalost, Ballymichael, Ballure, Doaghbeg, Drummacraig, Carryblagh, Doaghcrabbin, Lurganboy, Croaghross

The road numbers involved are:

L-50621-1, L-50622-1, L-50623-0, L-1072-1, R-247-22, R-247-23, L-1112-1, L-5022-1, L-5012-1, R-247-24, L-1072-5, L-1072-6, L-1072-7, L-5042-1, L-50322-2, L-10724-0, L-1072-9

Alternative Route:

R247 Kindrum to Ballymagowan and R246 Portsalon to Kerrykeel

All public roads connecting to the roads listed shall be closed for a distance of 300m from their junction with the listed roads.

Persons wishing to object to the closure should submit objections in writing to the Roads & Transportation Section, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford before 4.00pm on Tuesday 28th May 2024.

In the event of objections to the granting of any of the proposed roads closures, the Council reserves the right to make details of the objections available to the licence applicant where it considers this necessary in order to fully consider the validity of any of the objections received.

Bryan Cannon
Director of Service, Roads & Transportation

In Memoriam

Crerand

P.J.

Kilmacrennan Road,
Milford
14th Anniversary

In loving memory of a precious son, brother and uncle who died on 24th May 2010.



*A place in my heart is yours alone, a piece of love no one else can own
Deep in my heart your memory is kept for a son I loved and will never forget.
I long for face and voice that is gone, we think of your sayings and picture your smile
You left behind some aching hearts that loved you most sincere,
we will never forget you PJ Dear xxx*

Loved and sadly missed every day Mum xxx.

PJ

*If we could visit Heaven, even for a day maybe for a moment the pain would go away
I'd put my arms around you and whisper words so true that living my life without you is the hardest thing to do
No matter how we spend our days no matter what we do
No morning dawns or evening falls when we don't think of you.*

Sadly missed and loved by brother Gary and Tanya xx

To uncle P.J.

*Ever since you left me I've always thought of you, and forever in my heart
I'll always think of you
Hugs and kisses sent to Heaven above.*

Love always Ellen and Odhrán xxx.

*In secret we weep, in silence we cry
As each lonely hour and day pass by
There's only one thought that eases our pain
And it's knowing that one day we'll be together again.*

Missed everyday and loved by your brother Shaun and Elisha, Michaela, Kodie, Caolin, Tiernan, Kayden and Kacie Leigh xxx

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

Sadly missed by Eddie, Eilish and family xxx.

*A date that's filled with sadness returns to us each May,
To mark the day you left us in such a sudden way,
No matter how life changes no matter what we do,
A special place within our hearts is always kept for you.*

Love always Deirdre, Kieran, Roisin and Jacqueline xxx

Anniversary Mass on Sunday 26th May at 11.00am in St. Peter's Church, Milford.

Remembering in our prayers the McBride family at this time.

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Altaheeran, Downings



Michael 27th Anniversary **Mary Anne** 23rd Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear father who died on the 11th May 1996 and our dear mother who died on the 9th May 2000.

A silent thought, a little prayer for special parents now in God's care.

Always remembered by your loving family Sophia, Mary, Stephen, Eddie and families

Anniversary Mass in St John the Baptist Church Carrigart at 6pm on Saturday the 25th May.

Planning Notice

Donegal County Council

The Racecourse, Kilmacrennan, Letterkenny PO
I, Stephen O'Donnell am applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission for the construction

McGinley

Frances
Moylehill, Milford
2nd Anniversary



In loving memory of a dear wife, mother and grandmother who died on the 25th May 2022

Today's the anniversary of the day that I lost you

*And for a time it felt as though my life had ended too
But loss has taught me many things and now I face each day
With hope and happy memories to help me on my way
And though I'm full of sadness that you're no longer here
Your influence still guides me and I still feel you near
What we shared will never die it lives within my heart
Bringing strength and comfort while we are apart.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your husband Gerald

*God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be
So he put His arms around you and whispered "Come with me"
With tearful eyes we watched you and saw you pass away
Although we loved you dearly we could not make you stay
A golden heart stopped beating hard working hands to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.*

Loved and missed everyday by Lorraine and Shane, Paul and Shauna, Ciaran and Fiona, Gerald and Ceara, and Veronica.

*We're so grateful that you were our Granny
You filled our lives with so much love and precious memories
You will always be loved and forever missed.*

Love from your grandchildren and great grandchildren

In loving memory of a dear sister Frances.

*The most wonderful sister that ever lived
Whatever she had she was willing to give
Always happy, so kind and content
Loved and respected where ever she went
Treasure her Lord as she takes a rest
For she was our sister and one of the best.*

Loved and sadly missed by your brother Gerard, sister-in-law Kathleen, nephew Gary, niece Gemma, Jason and Jake, Ramelton.

In loving memory of a dear sister Frances.

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

Always loved and missed by your brother Pat, Bernie and family.

In loving memory of a dear sister Frances.

*Your life was a blessing
your memory a treasure
You're loved beyond words
and missed beyond measure.*

Deeply missed by your brother Joe and Olive.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 25th May in St Peter's Church, Milford at 7.30pm.

Meehan

Gerry
Letterkenny

In loving memory of Gerry who died on 26th of May, 2021.


*A silent thought
A little prayer
For someone special
in God's care.*

Fondly remembered by your sister-in-law Nora and family.

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Jiu Jitsu success in European Masters



A group of Donegal competitors claimed a haul of medals at the annual European Jiu Jitsu Championships held in Barcelona last weekend. They claimed a total of five podium finishes including three gold medals. Four of these competitors train out of Rilion Gracie Ireland headquarters in Letterkenny under head coach Brian 'Barney' Coyle from Ramelton and one out of Rilion Gracie Ireland Donegal Town under coach Bryan Gorman. Among the gold medal winners was Tony Davidson took gold in the blue belt master 2 featherweight division. Tony is the well-known chef who runs Fisk in Downings and this was his second time to claim gold at European level. Valentin Ciobanu took gold in the blue belt master 3 lightweight division. Ardara based Igors Dedovs took gold in the brown belt master 2 featherweight division. Ramelton-based Bernie Coyle, the only female competitor of the group, secured silver in her bracket. Her husband Brian Coyle took Bronze in Black belt master 2 light feather division.

Speaking after the event Barney stated: "This past weekend, we had five Rilion Gracie Ireland competitors take home five European medals at the IBJJF International European masters that took place in Barcelona. I'm very happy with everyone's performance over the two day event and it is nice to see that we can take home medals at this level as there was competitors from all over the globe at this event."

He added that anyone looking to start their journey in Jiu-jitsu for self-defense or the sporting element to get in touch as new members are always welcome.

For more information you can follow Rilion Gracie Ireland on Facebook and Instagram.

Mevagh Car Wash and Coffee Morning

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

VOTE No. 1

JACKSON EAMONN





It's time for a New Political Party

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- Secure a true 100% Redress Scheme for everyone affected by defective concrete products.

If elected to represent the Milford electoral area I will:

- **Fight for Justice:** I've dedicated myself to the cause of raising awareness for those impacted by defective concrete products. For a decade, families like ours have endured crumbling homes without a 100% redress scheme. It's time for change and a genuine end-to-end Scheme.
- **A Strong Political Voice:** I'll be your advocate in the Council chamber, challenging the failures of the Government parties and demanding action for our community and for Donegal.
- **Serving Our Community:** While my primary focus is on defective concrete issues, I'm also committed to addressing the ongoing wider concerns and needs of our community.
- **Your Support Matters:** I ask for your support in both helping me understand the community concerns and needs. Together, we can bring about impactful change and build a better future for all of Donegal.

EAMONN JACKSON: Your Voice for Our Community

CONTACT ME TODAY! #eamonnforchange

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Kilmacrennan, Termon & Gartan areas

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

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

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- Fanad Lighthouse
- Fanad Lakes Angling
- Fanad Ju Jitsu
- St. Davaddog's NS
- Swilly Mulroy Community Development
- Gaeil Fhanada
- Naoinra Fhanada
- Fanad Youth Club
- Swilly Mulroy Community Health Forum

ORSI Scheme Funding

The Great Arch at Pollaid	€22,000
Clar Funding 2021	
St. Davaddog's NS	€45,000
Clar Funding 2022	
Rosnakill Community Hub	€50,000
Clar Funding 2023	
Triallough Community Centre	€50,000



The Great Arch Walkway



The proposed new centre at Fanad Lighthouse which has been granted planning.

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- Portsalon Development Association
- Kerrykeel Tidy Towns
- Kerrykeel Presbyterian Church
- Swilly Mulroy Community Development
- Mulroy Underage Soccer Academy
- Swilly Mulroy Community Health Forum



Work in progress on Portsalon Pier which is costing over €1.5m

Kerrykeel Town Sewerage Plant has been upgraded and I'm delighted it will eliminate raw sewerage going into Mulroy Bay.



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Cranford, Carrigart, Glen and Downings areas

- Carrigart Development Association
- Naoinra na nDunaibh
- Mevagh Family Resource Centre
- Cranford Defibrillator
- Coiste Comhneachain Rosguill
- Cranford Community Games
- Mulroy Underage Soccer Academy
- Swilly Mulroy Health Forum
- Glenree Soccer Academy
- Glenree United
- Fanad Lighthouse
- Scoil Naomh Brid, Na Dunaibh
- Downings Tidy Towns
- Mevagh Development Association
- Mevagh Playgroup Group
- Glenree United Ladies Team
- Downings GAA
- Swilly Mulroy Community Development
- Cranford Athletic Club
- Cranford FC
- Downings Festival
- Downings Christmas Lights
- Visit Downings

Ramelton, Milford and Ballyare areas

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

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A Rathmullan Woman in exile...

The Garden of Eden has vanished they say...

The two horses that I sent to the sales on the bank hollier Monday were successfully sold, thanks entirely to Rachel and Ed. It's a relief to be down in the numbers and down in the workload that they entail.

I'm looking forward to doing work with my single remaining young horse and to enjoying my time with the pensioners. It's a pleasure to see the old horses and Jenny the jinnet relaxing and basking in the warm sunshine after the long winter. They have all given long lives of loyal service and pleasure to many people and I'm proud to be able to allow them to have a safe, comfortable end to their days.

When the weather did finally give in and brighten up I dedicated the business end of a week to getting the gardening in order. I cleared out beds and planted in about a hundred strawberry cuttings, I suppose there'll be a deluge of fruit all at the same time, but sure I can give them to friends and freeze the rest. I'm setting no cabbages this year because I'm fed up to the tonsils (if I had any) doing endless losing battle with the slugs and caterpillars. Himself can buy a cabbage if he wants it and I'll plant bug proof flowers in the soil that will give pleasure for months. The only veggies I planted this year are spuds, tomatoes and lettuces; every other nook and cranny has handfuls of mixed flower seeds thrown in to take their chances. Everything is so late this year that I couldn't be bothered with many veggies; I hope we get a good back end to lengthen the season at the other end.

I had Himself in Newry with the dentist a couple of weeks ago. His few remaining teeth and his falsies were giving bother and as he was due for a sojourn in the Bon Secour the following week it was essential that he get the gob in order. Thankfully the rain let up and it was a grand trip both ways, although there was no noticeable improvement in the teeth department afterwards.

I left him into the Bons on the Monday and collected him the Friday afternoon after a week's poking and prodding. It was great to have the place to myself for a while. I could eat when I liked, not tied to dinner at one o'clock and tea at six. I could leave the front door open till I went to bed without any complaints about draughts. I got the range cleaned out and the floors swept and hoovered and they stayed clean for the week.

The third last cow calved safely one of the nights, producing a fine heifer calf. I noticed that for all her sucking the calf wasn't filling out and didn't seem satisfied. When I got the cow into the calving gate it turned out that she only had two spins in working order (a two titter) and needless to say, the calf was sucking the blind ones.

The telly plug was pulled out of the socket and didn't go in again till Himself returned. I read and listened to music, and this time I also got quite a bit of wood carving done. I love to work away to the smell of timber and the sound of music; I find it very absorbing and relaxing, sort of like meditation or mindfulness. It was a lovely oasis of peace and quiet. Jim had a rare four hour block of care for Himself a couple of weeks ago so we headed to Tullyally Castle and Gardens outside Castlepollard. It's quite a big castle or fortified house, the home of Thomas Pakenham (Earl of Longford) and the guided tour was fascinating, if somewhat chilly in parts. He is the author of many books, including The Scramble for Africa, which I remember from home. One of the other guests on the tour spotted a piece of equipment on a mantelpiece in the great hall and asked our guide Joe if it was for some Morse code type communication. Joe had no idea what it was and promised to find out. I was quite chuffed with my little old self because I recognised it as a barograph for measuring barometric pressure. There used to be one in my grandfather's study when I was knee high to a grasshopper. Come to think of it, I haven't seen or heard a grasshopper in about 40 years. Are they extinct?

The day was perfect; hot, dry and breezy and it was lovely to stroll through the castle gardens before adjourning to the tea rooms in the stable yard for refreshments. We thoroughly enjoyed our few hours respite from the daily grind and hope for more outings if Jim can get care for Himself. It was only fifteen miles from Mountnugent, practically on the doorstep, but it took me 26 years to get there. We're planning our next trip to Loughcrew Gardens, just up the road outside Oldcastle. I think I

was there about 25 years ago but I have almost no recollection of it so I could be imagining things. That happens with age.

I was very lucky for the week Himself was away; there were no farming mishaps or disasters. There was a near miss alright one of the mornings, when 32 bullocks rambled into his sister's garden and lawn. She rang me shortly after 6.30am and I flew over and got them turned on the lane and back into the field before they hit the road. That would have been a real disaster, but thankfully there was no lasting damage done to woman, beast or property.

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I was gone to work at 7.30 the following morning so didn't see him before he left, but I intend going up to Rathmullan next week, so I'll see him again then. Himself is murmuring



Kate Carton

about venturing north as soon as the weather remains warm enough for him. That will officially herald the start of summer, though if last Saturday's cold, northerly breeze was anything to go by, he may sit tight for a while yet. There's a great whim of work taking place on my house build these weeks. The domestic water pipes and the floor insulation are being fitted before the under-floor heating goes down and the floors are poured. I must have the best team of tradesmen in Ireland; I couldn't fault one of them. They come when they say they will and do their work quickly and efficiently and, above all, they communicate with each other and co-ordinate the work perfectly.

Last Sunday was a pet day with the sun belting down at 22 degrees and not a wisp of a cloud in the sky. I had the garden up to scratch, my latest wood carving was at a stage that I was happy with, there was nothing pressing to do so I snared Jim for an hour and we had an ice-cream and a lovely stroll along the river Inny in Finea. It's a nice little village just seven or eight miles away in Westmeath, with the claim to fame that it is mentioned in the Percy French song, "Come Back Paddy Reilly to Ballyjamesduff."

"The Garden of Eden has vanished they say But I know the lie of it still

Just turn to the left at the bridge of Finea And stop when halfway to Cootehill."

The only slight difficulty there is that there is no turn to the left at the bridge except for an old bog lane some distance from the bridge. Maybe in Percy French's day it was a well travelled highway, but I wouldn't fancy my chances now in much more than an ass and cart. Did you know that donkeys are asinine creatures; like dogs are canine and horses are equine? That's where the name "ass" comes from. Just another bit of useless information!

Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter prepares for the National Street Feast



The vibrant community of Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter is excited to announce the return of its much-anticipated annual Street Feast, set to take place on Sunday, 26 May. This festive event promises a day filled with food, fun, and entertainment for all ages, running from 1-4pm on the Church Lane.

The historic area behind Church Street Cycles will be transformed with street decorations, dining tables and a host of street food for the unique event. Throughout the afternoon, there will be games, food and live music and a DJ.

Local cafes and restaurants in the town are supporting the event through sponsorship of tasty dishes and Cathedral Quarter are asking people to come join in the event on Sunday, May 26.

A spokesperson said "There has been fantastic weather over the past month and we hope it remain on Sunday so people will be able to enjoy each others' company. Our Street Feast is a great excuse to eat good food, meet new people and have lots of fun. It's all about community, diversity and bringing people together, so if you love to cook or play music we'd love

everyone to join in the fun, bring a dish too or perform in what's sure to be one of the great outdoor parties of the Summer. We certainly hope that many new people who are now living in Letterkenny will be able to join us".

The Cathedral Quarter are extremely grateful to the volunteers from Letterkenny Tidy Towns who helped to get the area prepared for this occasion by cleaning up the area. For further information on the Cathedral Quarter Street Feast or to get involved contact Secretary Donnan Harvey on 086 345 2457.

Altan star to guest at Shorelines show

A new musical project led by Ennis-based singer and flutist Nuala Kennedy will see her joined by one of Donegal's leading musicians for a special show this Saturday.

Nuala has invited a special guest in each venue she plays on this national tour, and for her Balor Theatre show on Saturday night she will be joined by renowned Donegal fiddler & founder of Altan, Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh.

Shorelines is a new thematic recording by Nuala, which has received acclaim in national press at home and abroad. She is originally from County Louth, but living in Ennis for several years, grew up playing traditional music in Dundalk often steps outside of that genre - she works with the well known American Bonnie Prince Billy, with whom she will tour Ireland/UK later this year, Norman Blake from Teenage Fanclub and Mike Scott of The Waterboys, amongst



others.

Speaking about the tour Nuala says "I can't wait to bring the music of Shorelines to The Balor Arts Centre. It has been a long time brewing in my mind, and now the music is out there and alive, and developing further as we perform it. The theme delves into the role of women in traditional song, and by extension examines their place in society. With this tour we can shine a light on the work of some of our foremothers while also playing some great live music".

The show gets underway at 8pm.

For more information see www.balorartscentre.com

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Fergus McGee onstage.

MC for the evening Brian Boyce.

Gemma Nic Congail.

Katie McBride and Caoimhe Doherty on stage.



Suzanne McDevitt.

Caolagh and PJ Giles at the show.

Robin McFadden.

Aoibhe Boyce with her father Brian performing.



Anna and Astasia from Ukraine with their teacher entertaining.

Ultan Boyce.

School principal Sarah Kelly. Below Seamus McGrory.



6th Class pupils who performed their drama "Pionta Amháin Uisce".

Junior pupils on stage.

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Errigal College, Letterkenny Student Of The Year Michael Kelly after receiving his award on Friday.



Student prizes winners Andrea Bernice Noonan J Amelie Carla, Klamroth PG.



Mr. McMenemy with 5th Year Awardees.



Mrs. McGowan with 2nd Year Awardees



Mrs. Margaret Russell with First Year Awardees at Errigal College, Letterkenny.



Dr. Niall Muldoon with prizewinners at the Errigal College, Letterkenny awards.



Errigal College Prize Giving

Errigal College hosted its annual Prize Giving Ceremony last Friday, in what was a vibrant celebration of achievements in academics, sports, arts, and community service. The event was attended by Dr. Niall Muldoon, Ombudsman for Children, and Donegal ETB representatives Ms. Anne McHugh, Chief Executive, and Dr. Martin Gormley, Director of Schools.

Students were acknowledged for their exceptional academic performances, reflecting the school's dedication to excellence in education. Athletes received recognition for their triumphs on the field and around the track, showcasing teamwork and sportsmanship. Artistic talents were celebrated across various creative disciplines, from music and drama to art. Additionally, students' contributions to the community through volunteer work and social initiatives were commended and recognised at the ceremony.

Guest of Honour, Dr. Niall Muldoon, inspired students with his insightful words, encouraging them to pursue their aspirations with empathy and resilience. Dr. Muldoon thanked the staff at Errigal College for their fantastic work, "Thank you for all your wonderful work in protecting and promoting the rights of young people, ensuring equal access to education for all in your school".

Mr. Danny McFadden, Principal of Errigal College, expressed his pride, saying, "Our students have shown incredible dedication and passion in all areas, and it is a privilege to celebrate their achievements. They are a testament to the strength and spirit of our school community."



Cllr Donal Coyle presenting student JoAnn with her award.

Swilly Rovers to mark 1974 youth title triumph

Saturday 25th May 1974 turned out to be yet another very memorable match in the checkered history of Swilly Rovers Football Club. Their U16s had reached the final of the first ever official Donegal junior competition.

by Declan Kerr

It was a decider against near neighbours Letterkenny Rovers and to add much prestige to occasion the game was staged at Finn Park the home of Harps who the previous month had won the FAI Senior Cup for the first and as it turns out the only time in the club's history to date. Now both Swilly and Harps are celebrating the 50th anniversaries of their respective successes.

Church Street native Dessie Diver who was the team captain is the man that has literally got the ball rolling for this trip down memory lane and the response from the 14 players and management has been very encouraging meaning a reunion is being planned with a date to be confirmed shortly. It was the very first year of the Donegal Youth League so the winners in the inaugural year wrote themselves into the history books. Swilly managed by Hugh Diver and assisted by the late Brendan Duffy

were the winners of the U16 age category after an epic battle with Letterkenny Rovers that went to extra-time with the decider tied at 2-2. John McDaid had given Swilly a 2-0 lead but Rovers roared back.

The Ramelton outfit turned on the turbo in the early stages of extra-time with McDaid completing his hat-trick with a wonder strike from the left wing at the clubhouse end of the ground. Back came Letterkenny with an equaliser from captain Joe Devine. However, just when it seemed it was going to take penalty kicks to decide the outcome a 14-year-old boy beat the off-side trap to race clear and slot home what proved to be the winner.

That boy was none other Con McLaughlin who would go on to score over a 100 goals at Finn Park during a stellar senior career for Harps in the League of Ireland. Castle Street native Con was one of three brothers along with his older sibling Denis and youngest of them Liam also went on to play for Harps. There were also two Sweeney brothers Sean and Gary from Castle Street in the squad while another set of siblings were Dessie Diver who played and his brother Hugh who was the manager.

Sean Boyle from St. Mary's Terrace

also went to play for Finn Harps. The goalkeeper was John Bryant from Ballylin now resident in Shannon, Co. Clare. Castle Street was very well represented with Hugh McCahill, Hugo Doherty, Sean Logan and Dessie Diver all on the team. The hat-trick hero John McDaid hailed from Swilly Park and is now resident in Milford. John McBride and Joe McHugh were the two Milford boys in the squad.

Hugh Diver was the manager while still playing at senior level with Swilly. The late Brendan Duffy of Aughnish Road was the assistant manager, a man who played his part in the successful history of Swilly Rovers F.C. having been a member of the first team from the County to win the FAI Junior Cup in 1962 and he repeated that achievement in 1967. Brendan went on to play senior soccer for Sligo Rovers. Duffy and Hugh Diver had the team well prepared for the U16 Final and they got off to a good start with John McDaid putting Swilly ahead midway through the first half after being set up by Con McLaughlin. It got even better early in the second-half when McDaid doubled the Ramelton side's advantage when he raced onto a Sean Logan through ball to shoot past Letterkenny keeper Jim

Carrigy.

But, Letterkenny got a lifeline when Brian Patterson scored following an assist from Mick Gallagher. Swilly then came mighty close to making sure of the silverware in normal time when McDaid's fine strike was cleared off the line by Letterkenny defender George Cullen. There was a frantic climax to the final at Finn Park as the boys from the Cathedral Town equalised seven minutes from the end of normal time when Kevin Kennedy headed home a George Cullen corner to make it 2-2. There was almost another twist just before the final whistle when Sean Sweeney headed wide from a corner.

The Swilly Rovers that won the Donegal Youth League on 25th of May, 1974 were John Bryant, Denis McLaughlin, Sean Boyle, Hugh McCahill, John McBride, Hugo Doherty, Sean Logan, Sean Sweeney, Con McLaughlin, Dessie Diver, John McDaid. Subs: Gary Sweeney, Liam McLaughlin, Joe McHugh.

The Letterkenny Rovers team was Jim Carrigy, George Cullen, Joe Devine, Ricky Blake, Sean McIntyre, Mick Gallagher, Michael Blake, Terry Monaghan, Michael Gibbons, Brian Patterson, Derek Hunter. Sub: Kevin Kennedy for Gibbons. Ref: Wilfred Wallace (Raphoe).

Dessie Diver looking forward to reunion



Dessie Diver who was the Swilly Rovers team captain on the 25th of May 1974 and is now organising the reunion

50 years after captaining Swilly Rovers to that Donegal Youth League U16 title, Dessie Diver is very much looking forward to meeting up with the 1974 team some of whom he has rarely seen in the intervening years. A date for the reunion is set to be confirmed shortly.

"It will be nice to meet up again after all those years. Some of the lads I haven't met in a long time. I have been away for 40 years myself. After going to college in Coleraine I moved to Dublin and then Kildare. It was a big thing for Swilly to win that final in the first year of the league. We had grown up listening to the stories of the FAI Junior Cup successes. Ramelton was a soccer mad town with the summer cups so as young boys we were part of that" Diver said.

To win that decider and defeat their arch rivals from the big town of Letterkenny was extra special. "There was always a big rivalry between us so it was a nice one to win. The nucleus of the team was from the town of Ramelton mostly from Church Street where I was born and Castle Street. Just John McBride and Joe McHugh were from Milford. To play the final at Finn Park was just great a month after Harps won the FAI Senior Cup. And for me and a couple of the other players we actually played twice there in the one week. On the Wednesday we won the U16 Donegal Schools Final with Loreto Milford and then on the Saturday it was the Donegal Youth title with Swilly. We used to go up most Sundays to watch Harps play in the League of Ireland" Diver said.

That Swilly Rovers team produced players who went to play at youth level for Ulster and win a national title with Donegal under the management of Killea native Richie Kelly who had strong ties with the Ramelton club for many years. Recalling the build-up to the final on the 25th May 1974, Dessie Diver said there was a big excitement as Swilly successfully negotiated the group stages to reach the first ever Donegal U16 Youth Final.

"There was big support for us with families and neighbours all getting behind us and a big crowd went to the final from the town. My brother Hugh was the manager and the late Brendan Duffy was assisting him. It was a great feeling to be captain and pick up the cup for the team. There was a nice homecoming in Ramelton and a drive around the town with the cup. We all then went off to the Lagoon to celebrate" Dessie said.

He says there are huge changes in the way football is played now compared to five decades ago. "It was much more spontaneous back then. There was very little in the way of tactics. You just went out and played. As little boys we had started to play on the streets and then at U10 and U12 our coach was the late Charlie 'Chuck' Doherty but again it wasn't tactical. Later in the 1970s coaching did come in a bit more with the likes of Richie Kelly coming down and John Jarman who used to be involved with Wolves used to take us for coaching weekends in Letterkenny. Those were great times in Ramelton with the Summer Cups at Swilly Park. We had big games with the likes of Fanad Utd and the Derry sides" Diver said.



This photo of the winning team was taken the following week at Swilly Park before the last game of the 1974 season - Back row: John McBride, Hugh McCahill, John Bryant, Denis McLaughlin, Hugo Doherty, John McDaid. Front row: Gary Sweeney, Dessie Diver (captain), Sean Sweeney, Joe McHugh, Con McLaughlin, Sean Boyle and Sean Logan. Missing from the photo Liam McLaughlin (pictured inset).

The double winners

Three days earlier on Wednesday 22nd May 1974 a number of that Swilly team had played on the Loreto Convent Milford side that won the County Schools U16 title after a 4-2 win over St. Eunan's College. So it was two County medals in the one week for John Bryant, John McBride, Dessie Diver and Sean Sweeney. Martin McBride (Portsalon), two from Seamus McHugh (Mount Marian) and the final goal was netted by Ramelton lad Dessie Diver. P.J. Sweeney and Jimmy Harte were the Eunan's scorers. The cup was presented to the winning team by Finn Harps manager Patsy McGowan.

The winning team was John Bryant, John Friel, Mickey Ferry, John McBride, Dan Herrity, Declan McAteer, Dessie Diver, Martin McBride, Seamus McHugh, Sean Sweeney, Bernard McBride. Sub: H. Doherty.

St. Eunan's College - Ray Guthrie, Gerry Blaine, Pat O'Donnell, Joe Devine, Joe Gallagher, Michael Gallagher, Jimmy Harte, P.J. Sweeney, Charlie Keeney, Tom Boylan, Kevin Kennedy. Sub: Pat Begley for O'Donnell.

Ref: Packie Tourish, Manorcunningham.

Army Cup

Afterwards the cup donated by the Defence Forces Western Command was presented to victorious captain Dessie Diver by Lieutenant Pat O'Sullivan. Fr. Leo Mohan was the MC afterwards and he thanked the Army for donating the cup as well as Paul's Palace Donegal Town and Liam Hyland of the Central Hotel, Donegal Town for sponsoring the medals for the winners and runners-up.



Hugh Diver manager of the winning team who was assisted by the late Brendan Duffy



Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Dia dhaoibh uilig a chairde Ghaeil agus tá súil agam go bhfuil achán duine maith agus folláin agus ag baint sult as an Samhradh. Labhair cúpla daoine liom i rith na seachtaine faoi na sailéid agus na hainn na bhí againn an seachtain seo caite- gur bhain siad sult astu agus go raibh cuma galánta orthu. Fosta, bhí mé ag éisteach le Rory O'Connell, cócaire mór le rá, ar an Ráidíó agus bhí sé ag plé sailéad agus anann. Dúirt sé gur anann simplí agus galánta ná sú líomóide agus ola olóige úrion, méid amháin sú agus trí chinn ola, le pionsa salainn leis, meascaithe go maith. Smaoinigh mé fosta gur rud maith a choimhead in aice lámha ná próca suibhe. Tig leat gach rud a chuir isteach ann agus é a chroitheadh go maith go ndéanann sé eibleacht deas, agus tá tú réidh le himeacht. Sin comhairle maith.



saigh sé ag cruinniú le chéile cibé earraí a bhí ann agus rugadh an sailéad atá a fhios againn air inniu! Bhí leitís ROMAINE, ola olóige úrion, gairleog meilte, salann, mostard DIJON, piobar dubh, anann WORCESTER-SHIRE, uibheacha cruabhruite, cáis PARMESAN, ainseabhaí agus CROUTON aige agus chuir sé iad uilig le chéile agus bshin é! Agus an t-ainm a bhí air? CAESAR CARDINI. Cuirtear amach é fosta le brollach sicine griosctha. Tá sé go híontach blasta ar fad. Tá tú ábalta an oideas seo a mhionathrú, le maonais, mar shampla. Mar sin, a chairde Ghaeil, bainigí triall as go sibh cad é mar a théann sé duit.

Mar a deirim, níl tú ag gabháil duine ar bith a nimhigh! Tá sé soiléir go bhfuil éagsúlacht mhór ann maidir le sailéad, áfach tá an cuid is mó de na bunearraí mar an gcéanna, bunaithe ar leitís, trátaí, oinniún dearg, cúcumar agus mar sin de. Agus tá na hearraí uilig i gcónaí ar fáil agus, mar sin, níl cosc ar bith air am ar bith sa bhliain. Tig leat é a bheith agat mar bhéile é féin nó mar mhias tionlacain.

Mar a luaigh mé roimhe tá sé foirfe le stéig, agus níos éadroime ná prátaí de achán chinéal, scallógaí, mar shampla. Níl an méid cealraí ann agus tá sin i gcónaí maith. Mar a deirim, déan do thaighde féin ar seo, agus bí misniúil ag déanamh turgnamh le hearraí éagsúla. Lean-aigí ar aghaidh, a Chairde Ghaeil!

SAILÉAD NIÇOISE Niçoise Salad

Comhábhair don anann:
90ml ola olóige úrion
2 ionga gairleoga, meilte
15 ml finéagar fion geal
Salann agus piobar
Don sailéad:

Fosta bhí mé ag smaointiú faoi na sailéid claise-acha eile atá ann agus chuimhnigh mé an ceann is deise, dar liom féin, SAILÉAD CAESAR. Leis an ceann seo is é an rud is tábhachtaí na anann. Tá scéal suimiúil faoi cad é mar a cheapadh é. Tuigtear gur cheap fear Iodálach é i TIJUANA, i Meicsiceo sa bhliain 1920. Bhí bialann aige agus ar an 4ú IÚIL thainig scaifte daoine ó California lé seachaint ón Cosc ar Alcól a bhí ann ins na Stáit Aontaithe le linn an tréimhse sin.

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ANLANN SAILÉAD CAESAR FOIRFE Perfect Caesar Salad Dressing

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1 ubh mhór
240ml ola glasraí
30g Parmesan grátaíthe
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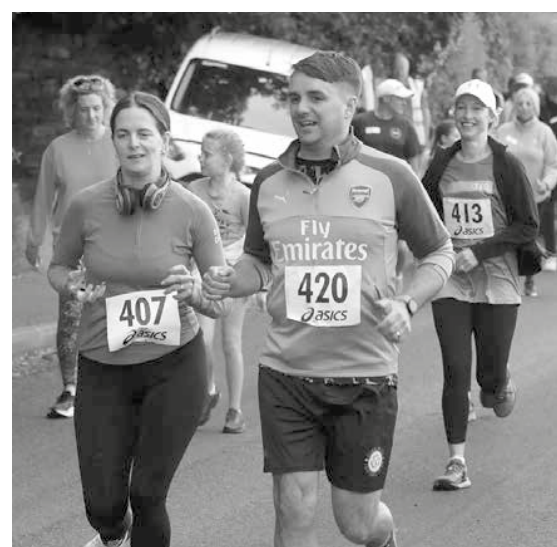
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| Réidh le himeacht. | Ready to go |
| Cleas úsáideach. | Useful trick |
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| Cosc ar Alcól. | Prohibition |
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Kilmacrennan National School 5km



Scenes from the Kilmacrennan NS annual 5km road race and walk on Friday evening.



Kernans Spar Store & Seating Area opening



Ian McGarvey with Sammy and Sally Stewart.



Store manager Pauric McGarvey with his family at the official opening of Kernans Spar Ramelton last Thursday. Photo Clive Wasson



Rona Marley, Eleanor Marley, John Tinney, Anthony Kernan, Bridin Moore and Patrick McBride at the opening of Kernans Ramelton. Photo Clive Wasson



Special Guests Tony McNamee and Jason McCahill with Anthony Kernan and management staff Sharon Hunter, Pauric McGarvey and Damian Daly at the grand opening of the new Kernan's Spar Store and Seating Area at Moorfield, Ramelton on Thursday



Teb Lane, Mary Lane, Kit Lane, Mary Bond and Paddy Bond at the official opening of Kernans Spar Ramelton last Thursday. Photo Clive Wasson



Deli staff - Leanne McGettigan, Fiona Duffy-Toland, Michelle O'Kane, Aisling Gallagher, Ursula Ponsonby and Lucy McGettigan



Andy, Rachel and Pamela McGranaghan



Peter Doherty, Trisia O'Donnell and Derek Doyle at the official opening of Kernans Spar Ramelton. Photo Clive Wasson



Ian McGarvey with Kathleen and Orla Stevenson



Mary and Danny Cullen



Staff and suppliers with Anthony Kernan as he cuts the ribbon at the official opening of Kernans Spar Ramelton last Thursday. Photo Clive Wasson



Maura Muire and Sharon Hunter at the official opening. Photo Clive Wasson



Frances O'Donnell and daughter Eileen McLaughlin



Isaac and Grace Pyper with their grandchildren Shay and Sarah



Maria Coyle with her sister Eileen McGarvey



John Barbour with Derek Doyle.



Siobhan Cullen, Megan Coonan, Jack Coonan and Johnny Coonan at the official opening of Kernans Spar Ramelton last Thursday. Photo Clive Wasson



Eimear Friel with her aunt Marjorie and mother Sally



John and Denis Giannoplos Rosemary and Caoimhe Begley.



Mary Toner, Margaret McNutt, Mary Sweeney and Kathleen Duffy

Tractor Pulling at Cranford



Kevin Gallagher taking part in the event getting to 75.8metres on this pull with Jack Hunter.



Sarah Thompson, Rathmullan, Lorraine Stevenson, Ramelton and Eimer Thompson, Rathmullan in Cranford.

Kenneth Hegarty from Cranford organised the charity Tractor Pulling for Letterkenny A&E and St. Gabriel's Ward in Temple Street in Cranford on Saturday and Sunday. Large crowds came along and the results are :-

2WD 5t - 1st. Monty, 2nd. Alex Hegarty, 3rd. Kyle Hegarty, 4th. Hughie Boyce, 5th. Seamus O'Toole, 6th. Damien O'Connor.

2WD 5.5t - 1st. Robert Smyth, 2nd. Kyle Hegarty, 3rd. PJ McGrath, 4th. Eoin Smyth, 5th. Ken Cooke, 6th. Vincent Kealey.

7.5t - 1st. John Gallagher, 2nd. Barry Brolly, 3rd. Marc Gallagher, 4th. Francis McKeamey, 5th. Gerard McCarron, 6th. Brendan Boyle.

8.5t - 1st. Barry Brolly, 2nd. Kevin Gallagher, 3rd. Mark Gallagher, 4th. Chris Friel, 5th. Jason Flanagan, 6th. Ryan Hegarty.

9.5t - 1st. Barry Brolly, 2nd. Ken Cooke, 3rd. Johnny Hegarty, 4th. Allister Cooke, 5th. Brian Doherty, 6th. Ryan Hegarty.

11.5t - 1st. Ken Cooke, 2nd. Barry Read.

14t - 1st. Allister Cooke, 2nd. Johnny Hegarty, 3rd Barry Read.

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Christopher Friel Plant Hire; THG Contracts; William Peoples Timber Haulage and Shields Agri Spares.

Thank you for all donations that was received during the event and to all the locals that helped organise the setting up of the field and also organised parking and security through out the event.



Alaistair Grier, Ramelton enjoying an ice cream at the event.



Groups enjoying the Tractor Pulling Event in Cranford on Sunday.



Cllr. John O'Donnell with his daughter Molly and nephew Cillian in Cranford.



Long Kerry trip for Harps

Finn Harps face a long trip to Tralee this Friday for their second meeting of the season with bottom of the table Kerry F.C. Harps were in Dublin last Friday night to play UCD so with the Kerry journey all being done in the one day it's going to be a serious test of the physical and mental strength of a part-time squad.

Harps will be minus captain Tony McNamee, arguably their best player so far in the campaign. The Ramelton man is getting this Saturday so Murphy has a big gap to fill in the middle of the park as McNamee has posed the team's most lethal attacking threat with five goals so far in 2024. David Crawley and Ryan Rainey will have to take on the big responsibility of ensuring that the visitors are well organised in the middle of the park and hope that the likes of Success Edogun, Sean O'Donnell and Max Johnston can finish the chances created.

Harps will see this as a potential chance to get

another three away points but equally Kerry will sense some vulnerability in the visitors with McNamee absent as he has started every game this season.

If fit Conor Tourish is likely to come back into the reckoning for a starting place. Tourish had been introduced in the second half of the Longford game a fortnight ago but then missed the UCD match. The central defender had missed the previous three games due to injury. It's timely with Mattie Matkinson facing a suspension.

When the two sides met in Ballybofey on Friday 23rd, manager Murphy certainly wasn't happy with the 0-0 draw against second from bottom Kerry. While the hosts had their fair share of possession the performance in the final third of the field was poor. The visitors did have chances and could easily have left Finn Park with their first win of the season. Kerry came north with just two draws from their opening five games.

Draw against Students



Success Edogun in action for Harps in Belfield on Friday.

UCD 3-3 Finn Harps

Finn Harps had to settle for a draw on Friday at the Belfield Bowl after taking the lead three times in the game which included an 86th minute penalty converted by Success Edogun that looked to have sealed a big win for the visitors against the side second in the table. But two minutes into injury Eanna Clancy headed home to secure the hosts a share of the spoils. In an overall context a draw was probably a fair result but Darren Murphy will be disappointed that his men didn't hold out for a victory that would have made their place in the top five more comfortable as the halfway stage of the season approaches.

Murphy made three personnel changes from the Longford win with Tim Heimer replaced in goals by Conor Walsh, Darragh Coyle came in for Jamie Watson in the right side of defence and Sean O'Donnell was preferred to Patrick Ferry in a wide midfield role. Heimer and Watson were out due to a bug while Conor Tourish wasn't fit to travel either and it left the manager with just five subs which included 15-year-old Gavin McAteer on his first away trip.

Harps got off to a dream start with O'Donnell finding the back of the net in the first minute. However it was short lived as Donal Higgins got the Students back on level terms for the first time

Brian McCormick Cup Final Keadue and Letterkenny Rovers in McCormick Final

The Brian McCormick Cup Final will take place this Sunday and will see Letterkenny Rovers take on Keadue Rovers at Diamond Park with a 1pm start. Extra-time and penalties will be on standby to decide the outcome if necessary.

On paper Keadue will be the slight favourites by virtue of finishing third in the Premier while Letterkenny won Division and will be joining the Central Park outfit in the top flight next season. However, it must be factored in that Rovers were an Ulster Senior League side only two years ago and when they made an application to join the Donegal Junior they were given a place in Division 1.

So Stephen McConnell's men will fancy their chances of completing a double after the heartbreak of losing the Ulster Junior Cup Final last month against Buncrana Hearts. They have experience and quality in the form of Chris Malseed, Dean McCarry, Christy Conaghan, Joel Gorman, Nathan Plumb and Lee McMonagle. Keadue had a decent league campaign and will be looking to build on that now. The likes of Paul 'Yank' Boyle, Brendan McCafferty, Martin Ferry, Chris Greene, Peter McGee and former Finn Harps player Mark Forker provides the team with a strong backbone to go for McCormick Cup glory on Sunday.

McMonagle's extra late winner Letterkenny Rovers booked their place in the decider eventually overcoming Kildrum Tigers in Ballyare last Sunday. It took a late Lee McMonagle

goal in the second period of extra-time to secure the win for Stephen McConnell's side. The Tigers had to go into extra-time with just ten men after Frankie McBrearty was sent off just before the final whistle. Letterkenny Rovers - Mark Anthony McGinley; David O'Donnell (Nathan Bonner), Chris Malseed, Dean McCarry, Caolan McConnell (Ryan Lonergan); Joel Gorman, Henry Welles (Adam Murphy), Christy Conaghan, Lee McMonagle, Nathan Plumb (Tim Callaghan), Gareth Doherty. Ref: Mick Lagan

Keadue quality sees off Tigers

Keadue Rovers had a 3-0 win over Cappry Rovers in the second semi-final also played at Diamond Park on Sunday. The scorers were Brendan McCafferty, Chris Greene and Mark Forker. Brendan McCafferty who was a member of the Donegal Junior League side that reached the Oscar Traynor Cup semi-final put the Rosses outfit in front from an early free-kick. Another free-kick early in the second half converted by Chris Greene gave Keadue a nice cushion. Veteran Forker, another member of the Donegal Oscar Traynor team rounded off the scoring, Cappry played the final few minutes with ten men following a sending-off.

Keadue Rovers - Caolon Bonner; Matthew Smith, Martin Ferry, Paul Boyle, Brendan McCafferty; Maurice McGee, Aidan Brennan, Michael Greene, Mark Forker, Peter McGee, Chris Greene. Subs used: David Ward, Matthew Comiskey, Jordan Saville.

on the night from a free-kick. Edogun put the visitors in front again on 35 minutes, latching onto a ball down the left wing before cutting in to shoot low across Kian Moore to the far corner of the goal. UCD with former Dundalk and Shamrock Rovers star Ronan Finn playing his first match of the season dominated the territorial stakes in the early stages of the second half and got their reward just before the hour mark when Ciaran Behan's low shot crept past Walsh with the aid of a deflection. Harps came a little more into the game after that and they also got the sniff of a scoring opportunity on 76 minutes when impressive central defender Noe Babe made a good interception inside his own half and while his pass was good it was just long enough for keeper Moore to race from his goal and clear ahead of the imposing presence of big Edogun.

At the other end on 81 minutes the home side missed two decent chances in quick succession following a corner. Then on 86 minutes the visitors regained the lead for a third time when the referee after a bit of a delay pointed to the penalty spot somewhat controversially following what he judged was a foul on Baba. Edogun confidently

converted the spot-kick, sending the keeper the wrong way.

So it was all looking good for a big victory for the visitors against the side second in the table. But, there was to be another twist on 92 minutes Eanna Clancy got the end of a free-kick from the halfway line to loop a header over Walsh to salvage a draw for William O'Connor's side. The result keeps Harps fourth in the stable ahead of the long journey to Tralee this Friday to take on Kerry F.C. Finn Harps - Conor Walsh; Darragh Coyle, Matthew Makinson, Noe Baba, Luke O'Brien; David Cawley, Ryan Rainey (Stephen Doherty 65); Success Edogun, Tony McNamee, Sean O'Donnell; Max Johnston (Patrick Ferry 57). Not used: Oisín Cooney (Gk), Gavin McAteer, Shane McMonagle.

Harps Lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for 16th May. The numbers drawn were 1, 7, 26, 27. The next draw takes place on Thursday 23rd May and the jackpot is €10,000. There were two match 3 winners this week each winning €100 each - Danny McLaughlin, Creeslough; Phil Cahill, Convooy.

Jim Sheridan guest at FAI Cup 50th event

Rathmullan native Jim Sheridan was one of the guests at an event in Dublin on Friday evening celebrating 50 years since the historic Finn Harps FAI Cup triumph in 1974. Sheridan was captain of the team managed by Patsy McGowan that defeated St. Patrick's Athletic in the final. Other guests included former Republic of Ireland star Shay Given and current senior women's international player Tyler Toland. The event was compered by Tommy Martin. It was hosted by the Donegal Dublin Business Network and the Finn Harps Supporters Club Dublin Branch and took place in the O'Neill Lounge in the UCD Student Centre before the Harps game at the Belfield Bowl which ended 3-3.

The club also gave an update on the new stadium and again details of the funding arrangements for €7.3 million development were outlined but the need to sell the current Finn Park barely barely got a mention.

That was surprising considering that earlier in the week legendary Finn Harps manager Patsy McGowan said that the trustees of Finn Park cannot be pressured into selling the ground in order to help complete the building of the new stadium in Stranorlar.

At a public meeting in Ballybofey last month Finn Harps F.C. said that the current ground had to be sold to complete the funding of the new development. McGowan was responding to that news

when he told the Tribune that Finn Park is the home of senior football in Donegal and that's where the money should be spent in upgrading the current stadium with a new all-seater stand replacing the current corrugated tin structure.

"It's a no-brainer to do an upgrade job on the current Finn Park which has been home to Harps since they entered the League of Ireland in 1969. The Stranorlar site is not fit for purpose. It's wet ground and doesn't have the infrastructure around it that Finn Park has with the car parks right beside it. The reason the club is trying now to sell Finn Park is because they can't raise the money to help build the new stadium" McGowan told the Tribune last week.



Swilly Rovers players receiving awards at the Club Presentations - Ciaran Kelly Player of the Year; Darragh McDaid Young Player of the Year and Shane McNamee Players Player of the Year, Top Scorer, Best Goal with Paul Callan and Laurence Toland.

First Minister O'Neill launches Sinn Féin's election campaign



Maria Doherty who is contesting the Local Elections for Sinn Féin in the Milford Electoral Area pictured with Michelle O'Neill, Deputies Pádraig MacLochlainn and Pearse Doherty, Chris McManus MEP and friends and family at the launch.

At the Radisson Blu Hotel in Letterkenny on Sunday, First Minister Michelle O'Neill officially launched Donegal Sinn Féin's local election campaign.

Sinn Féin will be running the biggest team ever for the elections to Donegal County Council with 18 candidates across the county.

With 19 days to go before the local and European elections on June 7th, hundreds gathered to hear the First Minister give a keynote speech.

European election candidate Chris Mac Manus also gave a speech outlining, among other things, his

desire to address rural decline and regional imbalance.

Also in attendance were Deputies Pearse Doherty and Pádraig Mac Lochlainn.

Maria Doherty Sinn Féin candidate in the Milford LEA said that it was an honour to be standing for the party with 17 other fellow candidates, who all hope to get elected to Donegal County Council.

"This election is hugely important as rural Ireland needs to see investment in so many areas, social housing, health services, roads, community facilities, childcare and the only way this is going to hap-

pen is if SF are elected so that we have the strongest possible representation in local councils who will then work with a SF government".

She said that this is what being ready to deliver change is about, it means building homes, tackling the cost of living, delivering a better health service, making child care affordable and delivery of a real and accessible 100% redress scheme for defective block home owners.

If elected Maria committed to working hard for her community to deliver on housing, health and investment for rural communities.

Death of Michael McAteer Doncaster and Carland

The death took place the 15th of January of Michael Daniel McAteer in Doncaster. Mick was born in Doncaster on the 29th of April 1950 to parents Doreen and Patrick. He was one of five children with siblings, Julie, John, Bernadette and Maria. Mick grew up in Edlington and lived there all his life.



Mick spent as many weeks as he could on holidays in his beloved Carland, Kerrykeel. He visited his cousins, Martin and Danny McVey and their families. He loved it there and it became his second home. He was a well-known character in the Kerrykeel area, he enjoyed meeting friends from the village and got to know so many of the locals over the past 40 years.

Mick loved attending a Donegal game whenever he was here on holiday. Mick was football mad, he just loved the game and has been a Liverpool supporter all of his life. He was also a very passionate Ireland supporter.

Mick was a kind, considerate and loving man, who would do anything for his family and friends. Mick was looking forward to returning to Ireland and had the boat booked for his next trip in January but unfortunately it was not to be. Sadly, Mick passed away, on the 15th of January, aged 73.

He will be greatly missed by all who loved him. Mick is now reunited with those gone before him and although he has left a big hole in the heart of those who love him, he has also left many cherished memories and a legacy that will last a lifetime.

Mass will be offered in Mick's memory in St. Columba's Church, Massmount on Saturday 25th of May at 7 p.m. with interment of ashes in the family plot in the adjoining cemetery afterwards.

Letterkenny Athletic Club Notes

The Hickey, Clarke & Langan Inter Firms 5km took place on Tuesday the 14th May from Diver's Hyundai on Canal Road, Letterkenny.

LAC's Mark McPaul ran an excellent time of 15.43 to win the race. Mark was running with Enterprise Rent a Car while Noleen Scanlon was the first member to cross the line in 17:04 followed by Michael Harkin in 17:14 running with St. Eunan's. Enda McLaughlin ran 17:56 with Zeus, Cian Friel ran 17:58 with Donegal County Council, Dessie Sheils ran 18:09, Luke Daly 18:38, Luke Sweeney ran 19:05 with St. Eunan's, Callum Keaveny ran 19:12, Caolan Spratt ran 19:14 with St. Eunan's, Aidan McKenna ran 19:24, Barry Mackey ran 19:53, Colly O'Donnell ran 20:05 with Sweeney's Spar, Paul Toner ran 20:21 with the ATU, Mark McFadden ran 20:54 with Glenveagh, Frances Judge ran 21:56, Frank Pinder ran 23:32 with TCS, Denis Gallagher ran 29:46 and Claire Price ran 29:47.

Congratulations to LAC's Ann Marie McGlynn who raced in London in the Highgate "Night of 10,000m PBs". Ann Marie crossed the line in 33:17.

Well done to club members who competed in the Strabane half marathon. Philip McHugh ran an outstanding time of 1:14:01, Kieran Crawford 1:23:02,

Alvaro Azpetitia 1.31.04, Ciaran O'Donnell 1:36:46, Margaret Shiels 1:49:51, Ray McDermott 1:52:25, Conor McDaid 1:56:31, while Diane Bustard ran 2:10:03.

LAC Fit 4 Life ran super times of 1.50.22 and 2:07:19 in the relays.

In the National 5k which was held in the Phoenix Park Dublin LAC's senior men's team were crowned National Senior 5k silver medallists.

There was a clean sweep in the over 35's category in the National 5k championships with Danny Mooney, Mark Greenan and Eoghain McGinley taking 1st, 2nd & 3rd place respectively. Also, congratulations to Ciaran Doherty who was the winner of the over 45's category.

Kilmacrennan National School hosted a 5km road race and Paul Toner was the first LAC member to cross the line in a time of 20:17 while Monica McGranaghan was first female home in 20:38. Stephen Shiels ran 20:45, Gary Price 21:33 and Samuel Rankin ran 24:10.

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 at 8am for a long run.

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

More playgrounds needed for children in the Milford LEA - Aaron Sweeney

An increase in funding is needed to deliver more playgrounds that will benefit communities within the Milford LEA, Fine Gael candidate Aaron Sweeney has said.

Mr. Sweeney is calling for more funding from Government to help Donegal County Council meet the cost of large-scale new playground projects and also to expand and upgrade existing playgrounds.

Sweeney said: "I know how important these spaces are in terms of physical and mental well-being for the whole family. The Department of Rural

and Community Development provides significant funding towards the establishment and improvement of playgrounds through various schemes that it operates.

"The Capital Grant and Play Recreation scheme operated by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability and Youth, supports Local Authorities in improving access to quality play and recreation facilities within our communities.

"It offers funding of up to €18,000 per project, with a total of €450,000 awarded to 29 councils

last year.

"However, this funding is contingent on Donegal County Council matching funding of at least 25% of the amount provided by the department, which could be a barrier particularly as construction and material costs are on the rise.

"This is why more funding is required from Government with an increased cap for project awards to ensure Donegal County Council can deliver playgrounds and play spaces where they are needed.

"Concerns have been expressed regarding equip-

ment in some public playgrounds falling into disrepair and upgrading or replacing these pieces can be challenging and some councils can find it difficult getting projects off the ground.

"This is why a boost in funding and a change to the criteria for the Play and Recreation Scheme would be ideal.

"Playgrounds are vital spaces for our children and families in the wider Milford LEA and Fine Gael is committed to their future development and to delivering stronger and safer communities," Aaron Sweeney said.



Aaron Sweeney with his grandfather Manus Sweeney handing in nomination papers at county house in Lifford to Returning Officer Paul McGill.

Fine Gaels Aaron Sweeney buying a ticket in the Downings GAA Club Helicopter Ball Drop Draw at the launch on Saturday with officials Eoin Byrne, Hugo McClafferty and Kevin Gallagher.



Fanad Festival - Save The Date

Fanad Festival 2024 will take place from Friday 2nd August to Sunday 4th August.

We would like to say a massive thank you to all the volunteers who helped us over last year's festival weekend. It was much appreciated.

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Fanad

Funeral of Roseanne McBride

The funeral took place on Sunday of Roseann McBride, Ardglass, Portsalon. Aged 95, Roseann passed away on Friday at Letterkenny University Hospital. She will be sadly missed by all her family, neighbours and many friends. Removal of the remains was from The Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Mountain Top, Letterkenny on Friday to her late residence at Ardglass.



Fr Anthony Briody officiated at the Requiem Mass on Sunday at St. Columba's Church, Massmount. Burial took place afterwards in the adjoining graveyard. Deepest sympathies are extended to the family circle

OLD SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTRE, KERRYKEEL

Gentle Yoga with Jane - new 5-week block starts this Thursday 23rd May from 10-11am - €50 (with HSE Sports & Social Club members also facilitated). Suits all levels, just bring a mat. Contact 086 836 7776 for enquiries and booking. Pilates with Caitriona - new 4-week block starts this Thursday 23rd May - 2 classes - either 5.30-

6.30pm OR 6.45-7.45pm. €45. Contact 083 042 7887 for enquiries and booking.

Kerrykeel Yoga

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

Fanad SVP

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

Kerrykeel '71 Cards

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

Guide Dog Day concert Milford

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

Spring Schedule at the Old School Community Centre Kerrykeel:

MONDAYS: Fanad Ju-Jitsu Club: 7.30-8.30pm (7-12 year olds); and 8.30-9.30pm (teens & adults) Contact Pól on 086 363 5623

Sewing Group: (Re-starting on Mon 4th Mar): 7-9.30pm. Contact Eileen on 086 851 3870

TUESDAYS: Slimming World: 5.15-6.45pm.

Contact Catherine on 083 830 0989 Unwind Your Mind Meditation Class: 7-8pm.

Contact Claire on 087 298 9545

WEDNESDAYS: Crochet & Needlework Class: 8-10pm. Contact Kathleen on 086 348 6684.

THURSDAYS: Gentle Yoga: 10-11am. Contact Jane on 086 836 7776 Pilates Class: 5.30-6.30pm and 6.45-7.45pm.

Contact Caitriona on 083 042 7887 Mulroy Jivers: (Re-starting Thurs 14 Mar): 8-10pm. Contact Niall on 086 233 1174.

SUNDAYS: Let's Mess Donegal (Sensory Play Sessions): Run monthly, as advertised. Contact Maggie on 086 061 5598.

Further details & updates on Facebook at The Old School Community Centre, Kerrykeel.

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.

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 Panko Breaded Chicken Fillet - Garlic Butter / Pepper Sauce

All Dishes above served with Creamed Potato & Vegetables

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

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| Apple Crumble Tartlet...Ice | Pavlova |
| Cream & Cream & Custard | Ice Cream...Butter Scotch Sauce |
| Carageen...Cream & Ice Cream | |
| Jelly & Ice Cream | Tea / Coffee |
| Chocolate Fudge Cake | NO SPLIT BILLS |

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Brendan Devenney's charity ball raises €17,000

The second "DV Charity Ball" held by former Donegal footballer, Brendan Devenney, in November raised €17,000 for three charity organisations. The proceeds of the fundraiser will go to Plan International, Donegal Hospice and Ep-

ilepsy Ireland.

Extending his thanks to everyone who supported the event, Brendan said: "I am extremely grateful to all those who were so kind and generous with their time, money, and sponsorship. I

held the first charity ball in 2021 which raised €24,000, and I decided to organise a second at the end of last year. So, we've managed to raise €41,000 for charity and I have been blown away by the goodness of people."

"On the back of the success of the first ball in 2021, Plan was able to sponsor 21 children and make a real and lasting difference to their lives. And I'm delighted that we are still carrying on that good work.

"We had a great night's crack in the Mount Errigal Hotel at the ball and I'm thrilled that we raised another significant sum for three worthy causes. During my trip to Togo last year, I saw first-hand the great work that Plan Inter-

national does," the GAA pundit added.

Plan International work tirelessly on girls' rights and equality in the most disadvantaged and marginalised communities and regions of the world. Plan also facilitates the sponsoring boys and girls to give them education, a future with hope and at the same time helping their entire community.

"I started helping with Plan in 2018 by sponsoring children myself and then I wanted to help the charity itself in some way. I'd fast a day and sponsor a child and showed ways of how €22 could be saved in a month and used to sponsor a child. Closer to home, Donegal Hospice and Epilepsy Ireland continue to do such fantastic work and I am glad that they are benefiting from the ball, too," he added.



Brendan Devenney who raised €17,000 through his second charity ball in November, pictured with his sisters, Arlene and Maria. Also included are Aidan Cannon, organising committee, Conor McEniff, Mount Errigal Hotel, and Alan Foley, organising committee.

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McGarvey calls for Elm Court footpath funding

Independent Cllr Pauric McGarvey has called on the Council to apply to the National Transport Authority for urgent funding to construct a footpath from Elm Court to Ramelton.

He raised the matter at last week's Municipal District meeting highlighting the fact that the footpath had been promised when the estate was initially built and was needed for the safety of families and pedestrians. Elm Court is located on the Letterkenny Road near the 'Cup and Saucer' junction.

However, he was told that currently there is no funding for the footpath.

The Council said the original design and Part 8 planning for the Ramelton Safe Routes to School project included a footpath linking to Elm Court. "But due to the level of funding required the NTA scaled back the project and the link to Elm Court was removed from the scheme. Further applications will be submitted to the NTA seeking additional funding to complete this link. The advancement of this project will be dependent on the ability to procure the necessary land" the Council said in a written reply to Cllr McGarvey.

Death of Margaret Ann Wilkinson

The death took place on Tuesday of Margaret Ann Wilkinson, Townparks, Raphoe and formerly a member of the McGinley family from Gortnalake, Creeslough.

She is survived by her husband Neil Joseph, sons Paul and Niall and daughter Anne, daughters-in-law Samantha and Brenda, grandchildren Aine, Cara, Mark, Clíodhna and Conor to whom deepest sympathy is extended. Her remains will be reposing at her late residence and Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Eunan's Church, Raphoe this Friday at 11.00am with burial afterwards in Doe Cemetery, Creeslough. Funeral Mass can be viewed live on www.mcn.live/Camera/st-eunans-church.



Planning Notices

Donegal County Council Fanad, Co Donegal

We, Hugh & Marie McGinley are applying to Donegal County Council for planning permission to extend and renovate existing cottage including installing a waste water treatment system and all associated site works at Ballymichael, Fanad, Co Donegal in the townland of Ballymichael. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the Authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of five weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application.

Donegal County Council Gortnatraw South, Kerrykeel

I, Lynda Strain am applying to Donegal County Council for retention planning permission for the following at Gortnatraw South, Kerrykeel, Co. Donegal. 1. Retention of the existing orientation of the existing dwelling from that previously granted under planning permission Ref. No. 04/7242. 2. Retention of existing bay window at ground floor & 2 No. dormer windows at first floor on front elevation of existing dwelling. 3. Retention of existing garage & temporary planning permission for retention of existing beautician's studio. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

Donegal County Council Ballaghderg, Letterkenny

I, Stephen Coyle am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a domestic shed to the rear of my dwelling including with all other site development works at Ballaghderg, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Ballaghderg. 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 Aghalattive, Creeslough

I, John Sweeney am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission of an existing Sun-room extension to my dwelling house and also a detached domestic garage at Aghalattive, Creeslough, County Donegal in the townland of Aghalattive. 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 Ballaghderg, Letterkenny

I, Martin McBride am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a new dwelling house with septic tank and domestic garage including all other associated site works at Ballaghderg, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Ballaghderg. 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 Trimragh, Letterkenny

I, Sean Harris intend to apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission to change the use of my existing dwelling house and ancillary domestic garage to guesthouse accommodation with all other associated site development works at Trimragh, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Trimragh. 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 Skerry, Loughkeel, Kilmacrennan, Letterkenny M.D.

We, Darren and Sarah Mc Ginley, are applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission for 1) Demolition of Existing (Defective/MICA) Dwelling House, 2) Reconstruction of a New Replacement Dwelling House and Connection to Existing Sewage Treatment Plant on Site and all associated Site works @ Skerry, Loughkeel, Kilmacrennan, 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 condi-

In Memoriam



**Hagan
Cassie
Glenvar
25th Anniversary**

In loving memory of a cherished mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend who died on 25th May 1999.

When we look back upon our lives we feel such a sense of pride

That we were blessed with a Mum who was a wise and loving guide

A loving nature, kind and true, you will never be forgotten for we thought the world of you

We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain

To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again.

Loved and missed every day by your family in Glenvar, Longford and Limerick and extended family in Ireland, Scotland, and further afield.

Moore

**Jim
Drumherrie,
Ray, Ramelton
13th Anniversary**

In loving memory of a dear friend Jim who died on the 27th May 2011.

Silent memories keep you near As time unfolds another year.

Always remembered by Davy, Kathleen and family.



**McBride
Seamus**

**Glencheo,
Carrigart
14th Anniversary**

In loving memory of Seamus who died on the 24th of May 2010

Time cannot steal the treasures that we carry in our hearts Nor ever dim the shining thoughts our cherished past imparts

For the memories of the ones we love still cast a gentle glow To grace our days and light our paths wherever we may go

Always loved and remembered by Dad, Denis, Anthony, Maria and Kelly.

PJ Crerand and his family are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

You may be out of sight, we may be world's apart But you are always in our prayers And forever in our hearts

Sadly missed the Doherty and Boyce families Glencheo and Gortnabrade xx

Sadly missed along life's way quietly remembered every day no longer in our life to share but in our heart you're always there

Always remembered Denise, Robert and Erin xx

McFadden

**Joseph
Kill Carrigart
26th Anniversary**

In loving memory of our son, brother and uncle who died 23rd May 1998.

Memories are something no one steal Death is a heartache no one can heal Some may forget you now that you are gone But we will remember you no matter how long

Always loved Mum and Dad

~~~~~  
Joe

*Time and years may slip away as we remember you on this day*

Never forgotten by your brothers James and John Joseph.

*How very much you're missed I think you somehow know cause I feel you beside me no matter where I go.*

Always remembered your sister Evelyn.

~~~~~  
Joe

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

Always remembered by Carol, Shane and family

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Joseph

*Our thoughts are ever with you though you have passed away And we who loved you dearly think of you each day.*

Danny, Seamus, Rose and Marie.

~~~~~  
Joseph

Saint Anthony think of Joseph today and always.

Always remembered by Martin and Liz

~~~~~  
Joseph

*Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.*

Bridie.

*Silent memories keep you near, as time unfolds another year, from our lives you have gone, and in our hearts you still live on.*

Always remembered by Romie and family.

*Goodbyes are not forever goodbyes are not the end They simply mean we'll miss you until we meet again.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your Aunty Noreen and family, Creeslough.

*The years may pass but still you stay as near and dear as yesterday.*

Always remembered by Charlie, Mary and family.

tions, or may refuse to Grant Permission.

#### Donegal County Council Craigmaddyeroe Far, Rathmullan, Letterkenny M.D.

We, Gerard and Charlotte Black, are applying to Donegal County Council for Retention Planning Permission for 1) Alterations and Amendments to Dwelling House Granted under Planning Application Ref. No: 19/51167 to form New Dwelling House Construction on Site, 2) Retention Permission for the importation of Rock and Fill and the creation of a new roadway to the East of the Dwelling House and for 3) Planning Permission to put Surface Water measures in place to prevent the discharge of Surface Water onto the Public Road and all associated site works @ Craigmaddyeroe Far, Rathmullan, 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 Figart, Dunfanaghy

We, Shane McHugh and Maura McHugh intend to apply to Donegal County Council for retention permission to retain and complete our dwelling house currently under construction including all other associated site development works at Figart, Dunfanaghy, County Donegal

in the townland of Figart. 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 Faymore, Creeslough

We, Aidan & Brenda Kennedy are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect an extension to the side of our existing dwelling with all associated siteworks at Faymore, Creeslough, County Donegal in the townland of Faymore. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.



**In Memoriam**



**Boyce**  
Jimmy  
Tullagh, Carrigart  
7th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather who died on 28th May 2017.

*I hear your voice floating on the wind  
Catch your scent upon the breeze  
I wish I had you here to guide me  
Through mourning's stormy seas  
I miss your smile  
I miss your laugh  
I miss the times we'd share  
I even miss the times we cried  
just because you were there  
The ache I feel inside my chest is so deep and so profound  
That I feel as though I've lost my hold  
Upon the solid ground  
But in my darkest moments I can feel that you are near  
Keeping your watch over me always and forever here.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your loving wife Winnie and all the family.

Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday 25th May at 6pm in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart. The Mass can be viewed on the Mevagh Parish Facebook page.



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

In loving memory of a dear sister and aunt who died on 20th May 2022.

*Quietly today your memory is kept  
No need for words, we will never forget  
As thoughts go back, as they often do  
We treasure the memories we have of you.*

Loved and missed by your brother Shaun, Bernadette and family and always remembered by your brother Patrick, Frances and family.



**Curran**  
Seamus

2 Ard Greine Court  
Stranorlar and  
The Roughan  
Ramelton  
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear Seamus who died on the 24th of May 2023.

*Of all the gifts of life however great to small  
To have you as our brother was the greatest gift of all  
A special time, a special place  
A special brother we can't replace  
With aching hearts we whisper low  
We miss you Seamus and love you so  
Just a prayer from the family who love you  
Just a memory fond and true  
In our hearts you will live forever  
Because we thought the world of you.*

Sorely missed by all your family in Don-egal, Birmingham, Kildare and Australia.

Anniversary Mass will be held in St Mary's Church, Ramelton on Saturday the 25th of May at 6.30pm.

Mass can be viewed on webcam at churchservices.tv.



**McGrenaghan**  
Bridget  
Gortnatra,  
Fanad

In loving memory of Bridget McGrenaghan who died on the 26th May 2022.

*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 and missed by Harry, Edel and Finn.

Anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday 26th May at 9am in St Columba's Massmount.



**Gallagher**  
Paddy  
1 Mulroy View,  
Carrigart  
5th Anniversary

In loving memory of Paddy who died on 30th May 2019.

*God looked around His garden  
and found an empty place  
He then looked down upon the earth  
and saw your tired face  
He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
and the hills were hard to climb  
So He closed your weary eyelids and whispered  
"Peace be thine".  
It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone  
For part of us went with you the day God called you home.*

Always loved and missed by your wife Lorraine, grandchildren and great-grandchild.

*Softly in that May morning you heard a gentle call  
You took the hand of God and quietly left us all.*

Always remembered by brother Seamus, sisters Grace and Kathleen, sister-in-law Tina, nieces, nephews and all the family.  
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**Crerand**  
Eamon  
Moyle View, Milford  
28th May 2021  
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of a wonderful husband, father and grandfather.

*Remembrance is a golden chain  
death tries to break but all in vain,  
to have, to love and then to part  
is the greatest sorrow of one's heart.  
The years may wipe out many things  
but this they wipe out never  
The memory of those happy days  
when we were all together.*

Sadly missed by your wife, Mary.

*Dad, An empty house, an empty chair,  
father's love no longer there  
A broken heart, tear filled eye  
Another soul in the sky  
From Heaven you're still giving  
The love you always had  
I know you hear me talk to you  
I will always miss you Dad.*

Dearly loved and sadly missed by Catherine, Ian, Nicole, Laura, Ross, Molly and Erin.

*Dad, Softly the leaves of memory fall,  
gently we gather and treasure them all  
Silent thoughts of time together  
Hold previous memories that last forever.*

Sadly missed by your son Patrick, Trish and Paddy.

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

Loved always Elaine and Anthony.

In loving memory Dad

*These words are just for you  
and come with love to say  
We think about you constantly  
and miss you more and more each day  
To lose you left us devastated,  
but when we feel the pain*

*We only have to close our eyes  
and you're with us once again  
A special smile, a special face,  
a special DAD we can't replace...  
Memories are a gift to treasure...  
And ours of you, DAD,  
will last FOREVER x*

Loved and sadly missed Marie, Declan, Lauryn, Gemma and Shay.

*I once had something special  
that money couldn't buy  
I had a special person but  
I had to say goodbye  
If I were asked one question  
why I thought the world of you  
I could give a million answers  
and they would all be true  
The heartache and the sadness  
may not always show  
People say it lessens  
but little do they know.  
Meet me in my dreams  
and talk to me once more  
And ease this everlasting pain  
that makes my heart so sore  
The road without you is so long,  
a tear for every mile  
But I know one day when  
I reach the end you will be waiting  
for me with a smile.*

Loved and sadly missed by Andrea, Rory and Cameron.

*Dad,  
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 daughter Josephine, son-in-law Barney and granddaughter Ruby.

*Dad,  
I remember your laugh  
and 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.*

Sadly missed by your daughter Eileen and grandchildren Andrea and Ed.

In memory of a wonderful Grandad

*We had a wonderful Grandad  
One who never really grew old  
His smile was made of sunshine  
And his heart was solid gold  
His eyes were as bright as shining stars  
And in his cheeks fair roses you see  
We have a wonderful Grandad  
And that's the way it will always be.  
But take heed, because He's still keeping an eye on all of us  
So, let's make sure He will like what he sees.*

Loved and sadly missed by all your wee Chicks XXX

Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday 1st June at 7.30pm in St. Peter's Church, Milford.

**McDaid**

William  
Rossreagh, Ramelton  
2nd Anniversary



In loving memory of a dear husband, Dad and Grandad William who died 27th May 2022 R.I.P.

*Husband...  
Those special years will not return when we were both together  
but the loving memories that are left remain with me forever  
No matter how I spend my days or whatever I may do,  
no morning dawns or evening falls without a thought of you  
Now it's your anniversary, my gift to you a Mass,  
God has you in his keeping I have you in my heart.*

Sadly missed by your wife Kathleen xxx.

*Of all the greatest gifts, however great or small  
to have you as my father was the greatest gift of all  
So those who have their father, love him while you may  
for I wish with all my heart that I had mine today.*

Loved always and sadly missed by your son Peter and daughter-in-law Siobhán xxx.

*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 and sadly missed by your daughter Lorraine and Declan.

*We think of you as living in the hearts of those you touched  
for nothing loved is ever lost and you were loved so much.*

Forever loved, never forgotten your son Gary and daughter-in-law Kirsty xxx.

*No special day is needed for us to think of you,  
you are always in our thoughts no matter what we do.  
Your resting place we visit and say a little prayer,  
but no one knows the heartache as we turn and leave you there.*

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by your son Pearse and daughter-in-law Caroline xxx

*Little angels dressed in white  
Kiss our Grandad every night*

From your grandchildren xxx.

Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 26th May at 6.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Ramelton.

**McDaid**

William  
Rossreagh, Ramelton  
2nd Anniversary



*You were so special; you had the nicest ways  
You did so much in life and you never asked for praise  
You had a smile for everyone;*

*you had a heart of gold  
You left the sweetest memories  
this world could ever hold.*

Always remembered and sadly missed by your sister Jean and husband Brian.

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

Sadly, missed by brother Dominic, Kathleen and family.

*Our hearts still ache with sadness  
and many tears still flow  
What it meant to lose you  
no one will ever know  
We hold you close within our hearts  
and there you will remain  
To walk with us throughout our lives  
until we meet again.*

Sadly, missed and always remembered by sister Catriona and husband Eamon.

**St. Finian's & St. Mark's**  
Church of Ireland, Kilmacrennan

**Church Fair**

On Saturday 1st June 2-5pm  
At the Church Grounds & Hall, Kilmacrennan

Cake, Bric-a-Brac, Plant and Produce stalls, Barbeque

As well as Fun Activities and lots of refreshments

EVERYONE WELCOME

**Acknowledgement**

**Canning**  
Patsy

John, Brigena, Martin, and families would like to thank sincerely all who sympathised with us during the unexpected passing of Patsy. Thank you to all our extended family and friends who supported us throughout. To those who helped over the course of the wake, prepared food, the house and grave, we thank you all. To the staff at Tamney and Letterkenny Hospital, thank you. Our sincere thanks to Fr. Briody, who celebrated the funeral Mass and your spiritual support. We would also like to thank Colin McAteer, Undertakers who carried out the funeral arrangements effortlessly. We are so thankful to many, and we will get around to you as Patsy would want.

**Patsy's Month Mind Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 1st June at 7pm in Fanavolty.**

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# Moore's XL Store Dunfanaghy



## Grand Opening Friday 24th May - from 12pm - 2.30pm



Highland Radio  
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on the day.

Chance to win an  
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Butchers Counter



- Free Teas, Coffees & selection of Hot Food
- Spot Prizes to be won
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Special Guest  
Glór Tíre Finalist  
Chelsea Evans





# Creeslough

## Sympathy

The death took place recently of Stanley Hammant, Magherablade, Creeslough and formerly London. Sympathy is extended to Stanley's wife Isobelle, daughters Sharon, Brenda and Natasha and son Quentin, grandchildren Sean, Jenny, Ella, Alfie, Zoe and Bodhi. A Memorial Service was held in the family home on Saturday. Stanley was laid to rest in Doe Cemetery.

## Glassan NS Tractor Run

A Tractor Run in aid of Glassan NS will be held on Sunday 26th May with Registration from 12 noon and the Tractor Run starting at 1pm from the school. The Run will be followed by Tea and a Barbeque at the school with the Burgers kindly sponsored by McGettigens Butchers in Milford. All proceeds are in aid of Glassan NS and everyone (and tractors!) are welcome.

## St. Michael's Lotto

The numbers drawn were: 1,4,5,6,7,20. There were no match 5 winners. 19 people matched 4 and their names were drawn. The winner of the €100 was P.J. McLaughlin, Ards who

bought his ticket online. This week's Jackpot will be €6500.

## Retreat

5-Day Silent Guided Biospiritual Focusing Retreat (Friday 31st May - Wednesday 5th June) - In this guided retreat, based on the work of Eugene Gendlin and Fr. Pete Campbell and Fr. Ed McMahon. There will be evening sessions for discussions, providing observations and opportunities for questions. Facilitators: John Keane and Fr. Philip Baxter Phone: 074 91 38909. Email: info@ardsfriary.ie.

## 50/50

Congratulations to Maisie Ferry who won €400 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

## Creeslough Community Links Hub

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

## Two Hand & Line Dancing

Two hand & line dancing in Massinass Hall every Tuesday 8-10pm. Dance teacher is Celine.



Fianna Fáil local Election Candidate Ann Marie Rodgers (centre) pictured following her Campaign Launch in the Magheraroary Community Centre with David Alcorn, Cllr Ciaran Brogan, John Reilly, Niall Blaney and Pat the Cope Gallagher.

# Dunfanaghy Bowling Club annual Presentation evening



Kevin Carolan receiving the Mens Singles Trophy from Rev. David Skuce. Also included is the Runner Up Fred McKinley.



The Prizewinners in the Ida Robinson Singles, the winner Robert Robinson pictured with the Runner up Kevin Carolan.



The winner of the Ladies Competition Kathleen Duggan receiving her trophy from the Rev. David Skuce. Also in the Picture is the Runner up Phyllis Lyttle.



The winners of the Family Cup Kathleen and Joe Duggan receiving their Cup from Rev. David Skuce.



Prizewinners in the James Hayes Scramble pictured with Rev David Skuce, winner Fred McKinley and Runner up Kathleen Duggan.



Rev David Skuce presenting the Bill Arnold Cup to Fred McKinley also in the photo is the Runner Up Robert Robinson.



The Rinks Winners at the Dunfanaghy Bowling Club Presentations which were held Lizzies Diner Monty Alcorn, Kevin Carolan, and Andrew Alcorn pictured with Rev. David Skuce who made the Presentations.



Prizewinners in the Bill McKinley Triples pictured with Rev. David Skuce. Winners Monty Alcorn, Phyllis Lyttle and Robert Robinson, Runner Up Joe Duggan. Missing from the photo is Paul Smyth and Bryan Hanlon.



Pictured are the group who took part in the Darkness into light Walk at The Log Cabin Bar in Creeslough recently.



# Dunfanaghy

### Visitors

Among the visitors to the Dunfanaghy area last week was the Canadian Musician and Songwriter Ashley MacIsaac. Ashley is a Fiddle Player who has in the past opened shows for the Chieftains. Timmy Mallet also stayed in the area recently as part of his cycling trip around Ireland.

### St. Michael's Lotto

The numbers drawn were: 2,3,8,13,14,18. There were no match 5 winners. 17 people matched 4 and their names were drawn. The winner of the €100 was Ann Langan, Breaghy, Portnablagh.

### 50/50

Congratulations to Maise Ferry who won €360 in the Dunfanaghy Youths 50/50 last week.

### Prayer Meeting

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

### The Workhouse

The Dunfanaghy Workhouse is open every day from

## Childminder Required

To mind two children School age  
Dunfanaghy Area

For further information  
please contact 086 8815884

10am until 5pm featuring the Gift Shop, Wee Hannah Tour and Coffee Shop and Playground and the team welcome everyone over the coming months.

### Country Markets

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

### Table Quiz

There will be a Table Quiz in The Oyster Bar on this Thursday night the 23rd of May in aid of the Festivals Committee.

## Dunfanaghy Darkness into Light



Thank you to everyone who joined Darkness into Light in Dunfanaghy on Saturday morning and it was a truly special morning and everyone was blessed with the weather and had the most beautiful sunrise. Thank you to Darren from Second Edition Coffee and Shane from ItSaunatrailer for getting involved again this year. It was great to have you both there at the beach. Thank you to Moores Shop Dunfanaghy for donating the bananas and Corinne for the home baked treats.


A special thank you to Corinne McGinley and Tommy Mc Ginley who do a lot more than they take credit for, especially

when it comes to setting up before anyone else arrives. And also to those of you who helped take down the lights afterwards, it was much appreciated.

The amount of €1050 was raised for Pieta House and will help fund the supports in place for those affected by suicide or self-harm.



Pictured are groups who took part in the Darkness into Light at Killahoey Beach

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

**Vote Number 1**  
 or highest preference



# GAA Club News

## Chloich Cheann Fhaola

An tSraith Roinn 2 - Sinsir

Cloich Cheann Fhaola: 1-13 Gaeil Fhánada: 1-6

An tSraith Roinn 2 - Foinne Tacaíochta

CCF: 2-5 Gaeil Fhánada: 1-9

### Guess the Score

Congratulations to Luke Butler who won Bord na nÓg's Guess the Score for the Ulster Final. Luke had the correct score at full time. Congratulations to who won vouchers: Daithí agus Danann Ó hÍcí; Darragh Doogan; Daniel Mullaney; Cian McFadden, Ruby McElhinney.

### Lotto

The numbers drawn were 6,9,11,14,16,19. We had 1 match 5. Congratulations to Eamonn Sweeney who wins €100. The jackpot is now €6,850.

Sraith Faoi 16 an Chontae - Roinn 4

### Cluiche Ceathrú Ceannais

CCF: 1-9 Naomh Ultan: 1-5

## An Tearmainn

Commiserations to the Donegal senior ladies who came so close to taking an Ulster title on Sunday. Hard luck to the Termon contingent of Shannon McLaughlin, Evelyn McGinley, Jodie McFadden, Orla Corey and Jenny McGettigan.

### Men

The Thirds were on the only men's side in action last weekend. In their first league game of the year they lost to Glenswilly 2.08 to 2.07. Adam McElwaine and Joe O'Donnell scored the goals. Mark Gallagher, Daniel O'Donnell and Sean McNulty also scored the points while veterans Joe O'Donnell and Johnny McCafferty made an impact off the bench and Owen Browne also played well.

### Ladies

The senior ladies are continuing their preparations for the upcoming All Ireland Gaeltacht Finals in Cork. The girls are putting a lot of work in and are thankful for their continued support.

Congratulations to Jodie McFadden who was named as an ATU Donegal Sports Scholar in Ladies Gaelic Football.

### Minor Board

Our minor lads had a win over Cloughaneely cementing their unbeaten Division 1 league run.

Well done to our U12b boys who showed fantastic skills in their match versus Cloughaneely on Friday. The U12 boys have been lucky enough to be invited to Croke Park on June 3rd to take part in Go Games Activity Day. A fundraiser is scheduled this Saturday from 10-6pm in Kellys Centra.

### Fixtures

24/05/2024 U12 Boys V. St. Michaels @ 6.30pm (Home)

26/05/2024 Senior Ladies V. St. Eunans @ 10.30am (Home)

26/05/2024 Reserves V. Milford @ 1.30pm (Away)

26/05/2024 Seniors V. Milford @ 3pm (Away)

### Lotto

Lotto Results 19/5/2024 - No's drawn were 8, 10, 14, 27. There was no winner of the €1900 Jackpot. There were two Match 3 winners of €40 each - Caolan McDaid and Francis McFadden. Two Quick Pick €10 winners - Pauline Galagher and Mary Carr. Next week's is Jackpot €1950.

## Glenswilly

### Senior Men

The Senior and Reserve men hosted Sean MacCumhail on Sunday. The reserves suffered a 2-13 to 0-7 defeat while the senior game finished at 1-10 apiece. Both teams are back in action on Saturday 8th June when they travel to Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon.

### Minor Board

Commiserations to Pauric Devine and Paddy Ward as the Donegal U17 team bowed out of the Ulster Champ on Saturday after a defeat to Armagh.

### Underage Fixtures

Thursday 23rd May U16 Girls

Sean MacCumhail v Glenswilly 7pm

### Ladies Board

The Senior Ladies are back in league action this Sunday in Buncrana at 10.30am. Good luck to Cara McFadden and Ellie Bonner as the U14 County team play in the All Ireland Semi Final on Saturday 25th May!

### Bingo and 50/50

Bingo continues every Wednesday in the hall, 8.30pm start. Congrats to last week's winners Josephina and Caroline (Bingo) who won €255.

## St. Michael's

### Sympathy

The Club extends sympathy to the McNeela Family in Dublin on the death of Martin McNeela Donaghmede, Dublin, formerly of Creeslough. Martin's late father Sgt McNeela was instrumental in the setting up of St. Michael's when he was stationed in the area and he always maintained an interest in the Club throughout his life. Martin continued this interest and was a regular visitor to the area and the

family donated the McNeela Cup to be played for at the Parish League.

Sympathy is extended to his wife Linda, daughter Elaine and son Kevin, son-in-law Brian, grandson Con, brothers and sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, extended family, a large circle of friends and neighbours.

The Club also extends sympathy to the Hunter Family on the death of Josie Hunter in London recently and formerly from Massinass in Creeslough. Josie was a former player with the club.

### All County League

The Seniors travelled to Downings on Saturday and despite a strong second half comeback it was Downings who emerged victorious 2-10 to 1-10. Scorers: Christopher McElhinney 1-1; Michael McGinley 0-4, 4f; Edward O'Reilly 0-3; Carlos O'Reilly, Max Roarty 0-1 each. Team: Mark Anthony McGinley; Paddy McGinley, Liam Paul Ferry, Jamie Hunter; Max Roarty, Ciaran Kelly, Antoin McFadden, Chris McElhinney; Kyle McGarvey, Colin McFadden; Paul Johnson, Michael McGinley, Edward O'Reilly, Martin McElhinney, Andrew Kelly. Subs: Stephen Doak for P Johnson (36), Paul Johnson for M Roarty (51).

### Mini Lotto

The numbers drawn were: 2,3,8,13,14,18. There were no Match 5 winners. 17 people matched 4 and their names were drawn. The winner of the €100 was Ann Langan, Breaghy, Portnablagh.

This week's Jackpot will be €6600.

### Under 16's

The Under 16's had a good 1-17 to 3-2 victory over Malin at The Bridge on Monday.

### Under 8 Girls

Our U8 girls' team traveled to Milford to participate in their blitz. Under the guidance Collette Alcorn and Mairead McGee, the girls put in strong performances in each game.

### Results

#### Mon 13th

U12 Boys D3 St Eunan's 0.1 St Michaels 0.0

U18 Boys Downings 6.09 St Michaels 3.05

#### Tues 14th

U16 Girls Robert Emmets 0.13 St Michaels 6.04

#### Wed 15th

U14 Boys St Michaels 1.09 Naomh Mhuire 6.14.

### Fixtures

#### Fri 24th

U12 Boys D1 Away v Termon @ 6.30pm

U12 Girls Away v Glenswilly @ 7pm

#### Sun 26th

U10 Girls Home v Termon @ 10.30am

Senior Ladies Away v Letterkenny Gaels @ 10.30am

#### Mon 27th

U18 Boys NRB Semi Final Home v St Mary's Convoy @ 7.30pm.

#### Wed 29th

U14 Boys Away v Downings @ 6.30pm.

The U8s Boys are playing against Downings at the Bridge on Saturday at 11am.

## Ghaeil Leitir Ceanainn

The senior footballers recorded a victory over Naomh Padraig, Lifford last Sunday while the reserves had a free weekend. This Sunday the seniors welcome Pettigo while the reserves play Bundoran. The senior ladies welcome St. Michael's to the Glebe this Sunday at 10.30am.

Thanks to our Club volunteers who assisted last Saturday with the setting up for the Relay for Life at the ATU.

We will be hosting our annual 5k road race and fun run on Wednesday 5th June. This is always a great community event in our club calendar and we are looking for volunteers to assist with the smooth hosting of the race. Contact Sean on (085) 246 1101 if you can lend some support.

## Fanad Gaels

### Lotto Results 19/05/2024

Numbers: 2, 14, 16, 21, 24. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: Seán Friel, Gort na Trá. This week's Jackpot: €1,200

### May Grab a Grand

Tickets are currently on sale for our May Grab a Grand. Check our online platforms to buy.

### Cluichí na Seachtaine

Dé Domhnaigh, 26ú Bealtaine

Peil na mBan - Roinn 1 Gaeil Fhánada v Gleann Fhinne 10:30

Roinn 2 (Cluiche Tacaíochta)

Aodh Ruadh v Gaeil Fhánada 1:30

Sraith Roinn 2

Aodh Ruadh v Gaeil Fhánada 3:00

Dé Luain, 27ú Bealtaine

Buachaillí Faoi 18 - Cluiche Ceannais

Gaeil Fhánada v Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn 6:30 Páirc na nDúnaibh

Healthy Clubs - Smoke & Vape Free Grounds

The Club will be introducing their new Smoke & Vape free grounds on World No-Tobacco Day on

# Tyrone will test McGuinness machine

Donegal will be favourites to win their opening All-Ireland Series clash with Tyrone on Saturday evening at MacCumhail Park (throw-in 7.15). But, there is no doubt that Tyrone will test that tag as Brian Dooher's men seek revenge for the Ulster semi-final loss to Jim McGuinness's side last month at Celtic Park. Apart from the shock margin of the Derry win, the Donegal victories over both Tyrone and Armagh in the Ulster Final were very close. Extra-time was needed against the Red Hand County and it was the same again in the provincial decider when it took penalties to decide the outcome.

The ability to stay in the last two games in the latter stages and edge over the line in the end has been a hugely impressive trait displayed by the Ulster champions. It may take the same again against Tyrone on Saturday night. Dooher is going to have to find a way of convincing his players to try and push on and win the game in normal time. They were in that position against Donegal in the Ulster semi-final but tried to sit on a narrow advantage. While resolute defending is still part of the McGuinness game plan the attacking end of the strategy allied to the magnificent scoring statistics is a huge change from the early period of his first time in charge of the County seniors in 2011.

The problem for opposition teams is that closing down a couple of danger men like Armagh

31st of May at 7:30pm

### Well Done Clare Friel

Although it was ultimately disappointment for the Donegal ladies after their extra time defeat at the hands of Armagh in Clones, it's a great source of pride for Gaeil Fhánada to see Clare Friel line out for Donegal and continuously give such excellent performances in big games.

### Reserves edge tight battle by a point

Gaeil Fhánada 1:09 Cloich Cheann Fhaola 2:05

Debutant Darragh O'Doherty struck the game's most important score in the twentieth minute of the second half, a three pointer which moved Gaeil Fhánada four points clear, and although Cloich Cheann Fhaola fired the kitchen sink at it for the remainder, the Gaels held firm to secure their first league victory of the season. Finally, we'd like to extend our best wishes to Aiden Heraghty for a speedy recovery after he sustained a bad injury at training during the week.

Gaeil Fhánada: Brian Gallagher, Aaron McConigley, Ciarán Sweeney, Emmet Kelly (0:02), Jamie McAteer, Michael McDevitt (0:01), Shaun Coyle, Christy Sweeney, Eoin McGonigle (0:02), Charlie Crerand, Bernard McGettigan (0:01), Darragh O'Doherty (1:00), Dan Kerr, Fergal Friel (0:02), Seán Friel (0:01). Eoghan Logue for Bernard McGettigan.

### Senior Men

Cloich Cheann Fhaola 1:13 Gaeil Fhánada 1:06

A goal, seven minutes into the second half from full forward John Fitzgerald, was somewhat fortuitous in its nature, but it gave Cloich Cheann Fhaola the perfect springboard in Saturday's league encounter against Gaeil Fhánada, and from there they went on to secure a relatively comfortable victory. Gaeil Fhánada: Mark McConigley, Oisín McFadden, Odhrán Shiels, Calum McAteer, Brandon McClafferty, Shaun Kerr, Seán Carr, Paddy Carr, Mark McAteer (0:02), Liam McGrenaghan (0:01), Darren McElwaine (0:02), Paul Coyle (1:00), Alan McAteer (0:01), Paddy Heraghty. Michael Sweeney for Paul Coyle, James Kerr for Alan McAteer, Eoghan Carr for Paddy Heraghty, Alan McAteer for Brandon McClafferty.

### Cailíní Faoi 16

Well done to our U16 girls who defeated St. Mary's Convoy in the county quarter final. They now progress to play Cloich Cheann Fhaola in the last four.

### U15 Girls Féile

We had a fantastic performance from our U15 Girls at the County Féile Finals in Convoy on Saturday.

### Cailíní Faoi 10

The U10 girls hosted Gaoth Dobhair on Wednesday in their first game of the season and put on a fantastic display of football.



Jim McGuinness with Milford man Luke Barrett after the recent Ulster GAA Senior Football Championship triumph. Luke, a teacher at Erris College, Letterkenny is a member of the County backroom team. He previously managed the Donegal Minors for a couple of seasons.

did with Ryan McHugh and Ciaran Thompson in the Ulster Final just paved the way for others like Niall O'Donnell and Peadar Mogan to deliver on the day. There is little chat now of Oisín Gallen being the only threat and he scored six points in the provincial decider. Will there be any personnel changes for Saturday evening? A trend has been developing of skipper Paddy McBrearty not starting but that could be reversed while Eoghan Ban Gallagher is likely to be in again after not being named in the official list of 26 but was drafted in late to start the Ulster Final. Will Mark Curran and

Ciaran Moore start the Tyrone game after being replaced at half-time and early in the second half respectively? It's likely that McGuinness will select the two defenders for the starting 15. And another unknown will be any possible injuries picked up in the Armagh game or at training will be kept under wraps when it comes to making changes. Again there is always the chance of another player being sprung from outside the 26. The other two teams in Group 3 are Cork and Clare who met at Cusack Park on Saturday evening. Cork won by 1-13 to 1-11 to take an early lead in Group 3. After Tyrone the next game for Donegal is away to Cork on the June Bank Holiday weekend while Tyrone will host Clare. The final series of matches take place a week later with McGuinness's outfit playing Clare and in while Tyrone will be up against Cork.

### Buachaillí Faoi 10

Well done to our u10 side who faced off against Downings on Friday.

### Cailíní Faoi 8

Our U8 girls travelled to Termon on Sunday to take part in a blitz with Downings and Termon.

## Naomh Adhamhnáin

### County Senior Hurling

The Donegal Senior hurlers maintained their unbeaten record in the Nicky Rackard Cup when four second-half goals saw them get past Louth at St Brigid's Park, Dowdallshill last weekend. Scorers: R Campbell 2-2, D O Maoileidigh 0-5 (4fs), R McDermott 1-2, P Kelly 1-1, G Browne 0-1, J Monagle 0-1, D Harvey 0-1, R Hiltferty 0-1, S Gillespie 0-1, B McIntyre 0-1. L White 0-1 (f), L Mc Kinney 0-1, D Cullen 0-1

Next up is a place in the Nicky Rackard final at Croke Park, where they will take on Mayo on the June Bank Holiday weekend.

### All County League

Naomh Adhamhnáin were away to Naomh Conaill on Saturday at Davy Memorial Park.

The reserve match finished in victory for the home team 3-11 : 2-05.

### Senior men

Naomh Conaill started well with an early Leo Dunphy goal, while Oran Winston got the opening point for the visitors a few minutes later.

The match finished Naomh Conaill 2-07 : 1-11 Naomh Adhamhnáin.

Naomh Adhamhnáin scorers: Eoin McGeehin 1-5,2m,2f; Oran Winston 0-2; Conor O'Donnell Jnr 0-1; Anthony Gallagher 0-1; Conor O'Donnell Snr 0-1; Jordan O'Dowd 0-1.

This upcoming Sunday St Eunans welcome Bundoran to O'Donnell Park with throw in at 3pm.

Please note that there will be no reserve game.

### Club Lotto

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

### Minor Board

#### Under 18 (Boys)

Monday May 27th NRB Division 1 Semi Final Gleann tSuil v Nh Adhamhnáin 7.30pm

#### Under 16 (Boys)

Monday May 20th All County U16 Division 1 - Nh Adhamhnáin 1-11 : 2-9 An Clochan Liath

### Senior Ladies

Our Senior ladies are away to An Tearmainn on Sunday May 26th at 10.30am.

### Senior Hurling (Men)

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



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Draw will take place on 26th October 2024  
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Private members draw

# Helicopter Ball Drop Draw launched

Downings GAA Club launched their fundraising draw on Saturday before their local derby with St. Michaels.

They hope to raise enough money from the draw to provide floodlights for one of their pitches and also a walking track around the perimeter



Tanya Roberts, Club Chairperson Eoin Byrne, Kevin Cookie Gallagher and Danni Shevlin with at back Hugo McClafferty, Catriona Friel and Buster Gallagher at the ticket launch.



Pictured at the launch of the CLG Na nDúnaibh Helicopter Drop are Club Officials with members of the mens and ladies senior and junior teams.

of the complex. The Helicopter Ball Drop Draw will have €35,000 in prizes with first prize of €25,000. The novel draw will take place on the 26th of October weather permitting and the Club members are putting in a big effort between now and the draw date to sell as many tickets as possible. They cost €50 each or three for €100 and are available from Club members, Comittee or online at [www.helicopterdrop.ie](http://www.helicopterdrop.ie)

Downings currently have two full size pitches and a training pitch and they cater for 15 teams from Under 4 up to senior in both mens and ladies so their facilities are well used and the walking track will provide a safe space away from traffic for everyone of all ages to exercise. For the draw there will be a digital map drawn of the pitch with each square given a number and it will be posted online on the morning of the draw so people can see where their squares are in the hope the balls falls there to win €25,000 or one of the other 4 cash prizes.





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## “Milford Cllrs must buy-in to attend meetings”

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contribution was also welcome. All of this funding had to be signed off by the local Councillors.

All we want is recognition and respect for the role of the elected Members and in Milford, we've stayed quiet far too long.”

He said he recently clarified funding of €950,000 for two projects in Downings.

“The new footpath has been grant-aided with €500,000 for the first phase from the Rosapenna Golf Pavilion towards the town. Next year I hope that another €500,000 will be allocated to complete the project.

With the inclusion of the pontoon, there is now €950,000 to be spent and Downings is assured that delays will be resolved soon. Insofar as the new pontoon on Mevagh Pier is concerned, the Council sought a foreshore licence at the end of 2019 and that is ongoing,” he added.

Here's the local runners...

Letterkenny:

Tomás Seán Devine 100% Redress Party: Kevin Bradley N/P: Gerry McMonagle SF: Sandra Haughey SF: Ulick Hughes SF: Selina O'Donnell: Jimmy Kavanagh FG. Declan Jordan N/P: Michael McLaughlin Lab: Nuala Carr Green Party: Donal Coyle FF: Thoiba Ahmed N/P: Donal Mandy Kelly FF:Ciaran

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Milford

Éamonn Jackson 100% Redress Party: John O'Donnell N/P: Maria Doherty SF: Declan Meehan N/P: Aaron Sweeney FG: Liam Blaney FF: Vincent J Bradley N/P: Pauric McGarvey N/P: Kathleen Deeney Aontú.

Glenties

Michael McClafferty N/P: Anthony Matthew Doohan N/P: Kevin O'Donnell N/P: Kellie Rodgers SF: John Shéamais Ó Fearraigh SF: Denis McGee 100% Redress: Joseph Molloy FG; Jonathan Stewart N/P: Brian Carr SF: Ann Sweeney N/P: Anthony Molloy FF: Anne Marie Rodgers FF: John Reilly FF: Micheál Choilm Mac Giolla Éasbuig N/P: Jimmy Duffy N/P: Michael Harkin Aontú.

This field of 91 runners beats the 2019 number of 85. However with 37 Cllrs being elected on June 7th over 40% will lose out. The party make-up in the race sees 27 non-party candidates: SF 18: FF 15: FG 9: Aontú 6: 100% Mica Redress Party 6: The Irish People 4: Labour 3: Greens 3.



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## ICSA set to quiz EU candidates

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

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

destroying Ireland's most important industry.

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

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

Mr. Thompson blames the government for driving the blame game for emissions on the agriculture sector. He believes the Government is quite

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

## Extra-time agony for Donegal Ladies

Armagh 0-17 Donegal 1-13

Hopes of back-to-back Ulster Senior Championship titles for the Donegal Ladies ended in heartbreak as they lost by a single point to Armagh after extra time on Sunday in Clones. Donegal had upset the odds by winning last year's Ulster Final against Armagh. So they came into this decider as favourites and it looked good for them in the closing stages as they led by four points but then a Katy Herron goal and a Susanne White equalising free sent the match to extra-time. Niamh Reel was the Armagh hero as the sub only on a couple of minutes slotted over the winning free with the final hooter sound looming. McNulty's side played a very defensive game with the hope of using quick counter attacks to get their own scores.

Donegal were on the back foot in the

early stages of the second half as Niamh Coleman, Aoife McCoy, and Mackin gave the opposition a four-point lead.

Derbhla Coleman made it 0-12 to 0-8 with three minutes of normal time remaining.

There didn't seem any back for Donegal who had missed a couple of decent goal scoring chances. But when it really mattered a goal did come when skipper Niamh McLaughlin's long ball broke to Kathy Herron who found the back of the net to make it a one-point game. The equaliser came just seconds before the end as White kept her composure to convert and bring the final to extra-time. So the first period started with the two sides tied at 1-9 to 0-12. White landed two more frees but Armagh matched that. In the second period it was all square again at 1-13 to 0-16 with the

Donegal scores coming from Amy Boyle Carr and sub Lezza Cunningham. Then Armagh sub Reel with her first kick of the ball got what proved to be the winning score with over a minute left. Donegal did have one chance of an equaliser but heartbreakingly Carr's 45' kick didn't go over the bar.

Donegal - Claire Friel; Shannon McLaughlin, Abigail Temple Asoko, Evelyn McGinley; Katie Dowds, Niamh Boyle, Tara Hegarty; Roisin Rodgers, Niamh Carr; Caoimhe Keon, Niamh McLaughlin 0-1, Amy Boyle Carr 0-2; Susanne White 0-8, Kathy Herron 1-0, Katie Long. Subs: Eva Gallagher 0-1 for Long (43 mins); Lezza Cunningham 0-1 for Carr (58 mins); Katie O'Donnell for Rodgers (58); Jodie McFadden for Keon (60); Niamh Carr for O'Donnell (72); Roisin Rodgers for Herron (75 mins).



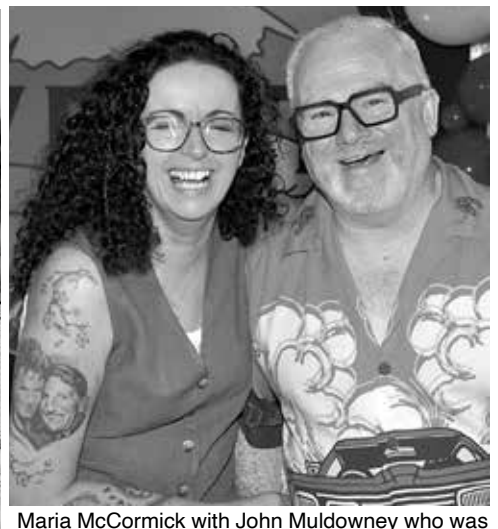
Gwen and Morgan Mooney with Maria McCormack and her daughter Tara the Brigid. Gwen and Morgan's son Paul helped Maria with the software setup for the online radio as well as creating the jingle.



Maria McCormack at the launch of the online radio with Cllr. Donal Mandy Kelly.



Maeve Brady and Jemma McCormick



Maria McCormick with John Muldowney who was MC for Saturday's launch of her new Over The West online radio station at the Devlin Hall home of the Letterkenny Youth and Community Club.



Caroline and Jennifer McGee, Falcarragh



Peter and Sophie Doherty, Kilmacrennan with their sons Harry and Jamie and daughter Sophie



Odhran McGinley, Finlay Sheridan, Dillion Gallagher and Tony Gallagher members of the Odyssey band from Rathmullan who had the honour of officially launching the Over The West online radio station on Saturday



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